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Inyoung Merchant, aka Spicy She-Ra Cha Cha, from Spitfire Sallies greets the opposing Reguladies during a bout at the rink behind Meersheidt Recreation Center Saturday, July 21. Sponsored by Crossroads City Derby, the top women's flat track roller derby league in Las Cruces, the game was won by the Reguladies. Charity for the evening was Toys for Kids.

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Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'

Judy Price Memorial Blood Drive underway today

Doña Ana County employees and the general public will have the opportunity on Friday, July 27, to give blood in honor of the late Judy Price, who died Sept. 4, 2001, after a long battle with cancer.

Since 2001, Doña Ana County employees have donated more than 830 pints of blood in her memory.

The drive will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to noon at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Walk-ins are welcome.

Price began her employment with Doña Ana County on April 15, 1991, as director of planning. She was appointed acting county manager while a seven-month



JUDY PRICE

The 2018 blood drive will be coordinated by Ja-

search for a permanent manager was underway. In July of 2000, she was again named acting county manager, and she remained in the position until Jan. 22, 2001.

In 1994, under her leadership, the department was renamed the Department of Community Development to indicate the wide range of services provided.

nine Divyak, who has coordinated the event since its inception.

Each donor is screened prior to donating blood. All materials used are sterile, and all donations stay in the local area.

Each donor will receive a free t-shirt and a snack. To schedule a time to donate, call (575) 525-6130.



Summer time is danger time for children, pets left in hot cars

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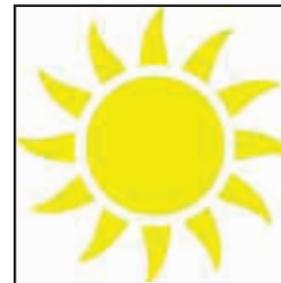
The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department is participating in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's campaign to make parents, caregivers and pet owners aware of how quickly children and pets can die when they are accidentally left in hot cars.

Since 1998, more than 700 children and untold companion animals in America died from heatstroke – more than half of the human deaths were 100-percent preventable and were due to children being forgotten in vehicles.

Parents, caregivers, babysitters, daycare workers, pet owners and even bystanders are the target of the "Look Before You Lock" campaign.

The educational outreach effort outlines how heatstroke death and injuries often occur after a child gets into an unlocked vehicle to play without a parent or caregiver's knowledge.

Other incidents occur when a person who is not used to transporting a child or pet as part of their daily routine inadvertently forgets a sleeping infant in a rear-facing seat that is placed in the back of the vehicle.



When outside temperatures are in the low 80s, temperatures inside a vehicle can reach deadly levels in only 10 minutes, even with a window rolled down to two inches. According to health experts, children's and pets' bodies overheat easily.

NHTSA is urging parents, caregivers and pet owners to take the following precautions to prevent

heatstroke incidents from happening:

- 1) Never leave a child or companion animal unattended in a vehicle – even if the windows are partially open or the engine is on.
- 2) Make a habit of looking in the vehicle – front and back – before locking your car and walking away.
- 3) Ask your childcare provider to call if the child is late or absent.
- 4) Do things that serve as a reminder that a child or pet is in the vehicle, such as placing a purse or briefcase in the back seat to ensure no child or companion animal is accidentally left in the vehicle.
- 5) Teach children that a vehicle is not a play area, and store keys out of reach.

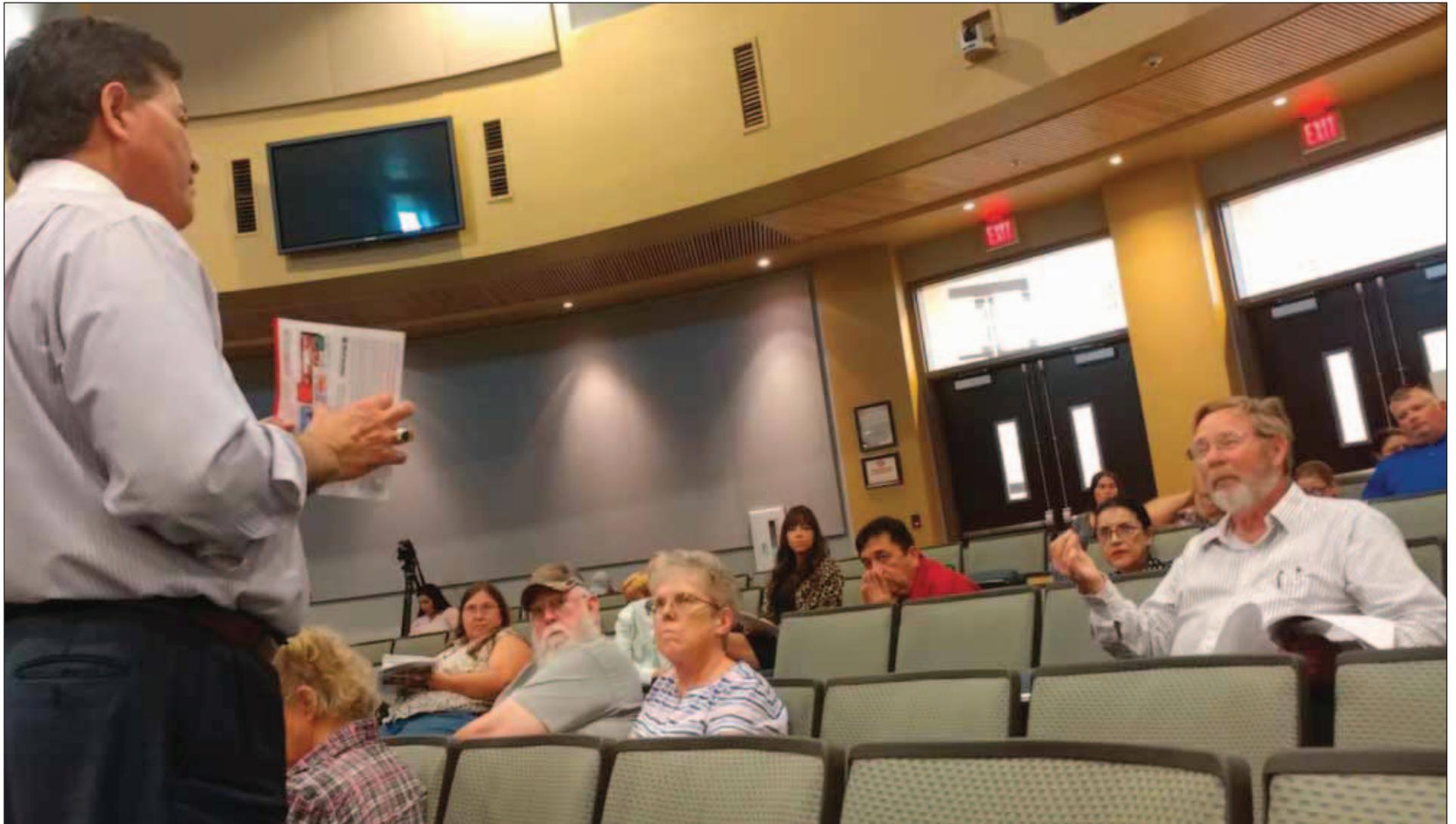
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GO BOND ELECTION



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Mayor Ken Miyagishima, left, responds to a question from a person attending a July 18 meeting at City Hall that the mayor held to discuss the city's vote-at-home general obligation bond election. The ballot includes four bond questions and six proposed amendments to the city charter. City Councilor Yvonne Flores is in the fourth row to the mayor's right, wearing glasses.

The ballot is in the mail; voting begins

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The city's biggest-ever vote-at-home election is all about the numbers: Four general obligation bond questions totaling \$35.6 million in spending if all four pass; an increase of 2.1 mills of local property tax (\$105 per year on a house valued at \$150,000); and six proposed amendments to the city charter.

City officials hope the numbers add up to a new fire station, a new animal services center and new and improved parks, sports fields and trails.

Ballots were mailed to all qualified voters in the city beginning Tuesday, July 24, and must be returned by 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21.

The election is being conducted entirely by mail – there are no in-person voting locations. Ballots include postage-

paid return envelopes, or voters can drop off their sealed ballot at the Doña Ana County Clerk's office in the county government building, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Hand-delivered ballots must be delivered by the registered voter or his or her legal caretaker or an immediate family member, according to the county clerk's office. Ballots, mailed or hand-delivered, must be signed.

"We're really excited about

this election," County Clerk Scott Krahling said at a July 23 news conference at City Hall.

Informing voters about elections is a challenge for election officials, Krahling said, especially for a special election like the GO bond. But, because it's a mail ballot, he said, "every eligible voter will be notified."

And, Krahling said, voting at home gives voters "time to think about the election" and decide how to vote on each

question and amendment.

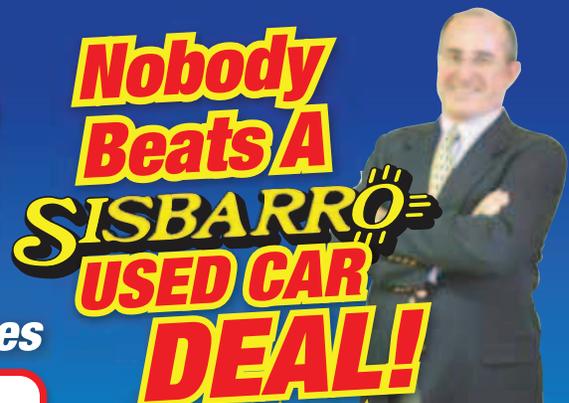
After July 24, Krahling said the county clerk's office will conduct a second mailing to people who registered on or just before the registration deadline, which also was July 24.

"People should have the same expectations they would have with any other mailing," Krahling said. "If they haven't received (the ballot) within a

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Doña Ana County Clerk Scott Krahling talks about the city's general obligation bond vote-at-home election at a July 23 news conference. With him are, left to right, Las Cruces Fire Chief Eric Enriquez, city Parks and Recreation Department Director Sonya Delgado, Las Cruces soccer and T-ball coach Summer Rose Nolen, Las Cruces business owner and bond blue ribbon committee chair Marci Dickerson, Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley Kennel Supervisor Paul Richardson.

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week they can call our office to check.”

Passing the bond is “essential to the quality of life in Las Cruces,” bond blue ribbon citizens committee chair Marci Dickerson said at the July 23 news conference.

“Please watch your mail, fill out your ballot, (sign it) and send it back in,” Dickerson said. “There really is no reason you can’t open your mail and vote ‘Yes.’”

Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) Kennel Supervisor Paul Richardson said voters should pass the bond question that would approve \$9.8 million to build a new city animal shelter.

“We’re doing what we can with what we have,” Richardson said. A new facility “allows us to reach our potential.”

Las Cruces Fire Chief Eric Enriquez said one bond question would allocate \$6.2 to construct a new fire station to replace station 3, 390 N. Valley Drive.

Station 3, built in 1967,

is “in dire need of a lot of maintenance and repairs from the roof to the foundation,” Enriquez said.

Building a new station, he said, would also allow the fire department to expand service in “an area that receives a lot of calls.”

Another bond question asks voters to approve spending \$16.9 million on new and upgraded park and sports fields, which would have a “significant impact on our facilities,” city Parks and Recreation Department Director Sonya Delgado said at the news conference.

A fourth bond question would allocate \$2.7 million to construct and improve recreational walking, jogging and biking trails in the city.

Delgado also reminded voters that they must sign their ballots before mailing or hand delivering them.

For more information, call the county clerk’s office at 575-647-7428. Specific information about the GO bond can be found at clcbond.org.

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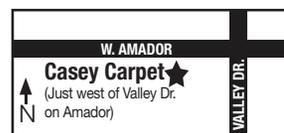
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Bond questions provide opportunity for Las Cruces

In a few weeks, we will be delivering the annual publication, Life is Good in Las Cruces, the community and visitors' guide.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

If you've read this column more than once or twice, you've probably gathered I believe that, indeed, Life is Good in Las Cruces. In the coming weeks, you will have a say in a series of general obligation bonds that, I believe, will make life even better in Las Cruces.

Economic developers often say a community's quality of life is a big reason companies choose to locate in one place over another.

Parents and grandparents often say it's important to have good opportunities for children.

Insurance companies give lower premiums if a community has better safety ratings.

Many people believe pets are an important part of living a full, happy life.

I agree with all of those statements.

In the coming weeks, citizens of Las Cruces can vote for obligation bonds to improve all of those areas and more. A unique ballot will be arriving in your mailbox very soon, if it hasn't already, and you'll have until

Aug. 21 to return the ballot.

The ballot will have four general obligation bond questions and six questions about the city charter.

Here are the G.O. bond questions.

1. Shall the City issue general obligation bonds, payable from property taxes, in an amount up to \$16,900,000 to construct improvements to parks, including sports fields and other related facilities?

2. Shall the City issue general obligation bonds, payable from property taxes, in an amount up to \$9,800,000 to construct a new animal shelter facility and related improvements?

3. Shall the City issue general obligation bonds, payable from property taxes, in an amount up to \$6,200,000 to construct replacement fire station facilities for Fire Station 3 (at 390 N. Valley Drive), including acquisition of necessary land?

4. Shall the City issue general obligation bonds, payable from property taxes, in an amount up to \$2,700,000 to construct and improve recreational walking, jogging and biking trails, including acquisition of necessary land?

Passage of these bonds would enable our city to make dramatic steps forward in a relatively short period. The concept is similar to a homeowner securing a home improvement loan to renovate and remodel a kitchen. The loan enables the homeowner to have the kitchen done more or less at once, as opposed to piecemealing the

"As our population continues to age, exercise becomes more important than ever. Bond question 4 will enable the City to finally complete the planned Loop of exercise trails that will circle the city, a landmark destination for runners, walkers and bicyclists."

project over five or 10 years.

It does not come without a price, of course. If you own a home valued at \$150,000, you'll pay approximately \$105 a year in additional taxes if all four G.O. bonds pass. Chances are good, though, that additional \$8.75 a month will help you realize a greater value for your home, as Las Cruces will be a more attractive and safer city if the proposed projects pass and are completed.

If you are over 35, you have likely uttered something like this: "You kids need to get off your phones and your video games and go outside. When I was your age, I rode my bike and played outside all day long!"

If you are a kid, you're likely sick of hearing that.

G.O. bond questions 1 and 4 will make a big difference in expanding opportunities for youth activities both organized and informal. That's a limiting way to describe it, though, because it will expand opportunities for all ages. As our population continues to age, exercise becomes more important than ever. Bond question 4 will enable the City to finally

complete the planned Loop of exercise trails that will circle the city, a landmark destination for runners, walkers and bicyclists.

G.O. bond question 2 will create an animal shelter facility that can further help us with the ongoing struggle with a growing dog and cat population. If, like me, you have ever adopted a shelter pet, you fully understand the meaning of the bumper sticker "Who rescued who?"

G.O. bond question 3 is certainly a no-brainer. We've got to upgrade and update the 51-year-old fire station on Valley Drive for safety's sake.

You've already been reading about details of these questions here in the Las Cruces Bulletin and will be reading more in the coming weeks. I'll take a look at the city charter questions in a future column.

In the meantime, be on the lookout for the ballot in your mailbox and learn as much as you can about each of the G.O. bond and charter questions.

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Las Cruces (NM)- Atrium Physical Therapy introduces a new cutting edge rehab tool. A patient, "D.E." had both knees replaced over a period of 2 years. Since the surgeries, he was unable to get the strength back in his legs due to pain. He said "My knees hurt so much . . . I couldn't push hard enough to get stronger." He is now using a technique that's getting a lot of attention in the physical therapy community.

"It feels like I'm lifting more than I've ever lifted. My legs feel like they will explode - like I've walked 500 flights of stairs. But then I feel fine and now so much stronger" said D.E., a Las Cruces resident who is going through Blood Flow Restriction rehab at Atrium Physical Therapy.

Johnny Owens PT, of San Antonio Texas researched and applied this technique on Wounded Warriors at the Center for the Intrepid, at the San Antonio Military Medical Center Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation. Owens is published extensively in peer-reviewed literature. His work has been reported in 60 Minutes, Time magazine, NPR, Discovery Channel and ESPN. In addition to the clinical staff at Atrium, Owens has trained and certified Physical Therapists in professional sports teams, universities, rehab facilities, and private clinics.

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difference quickly, and are eager to continue with the treatment in their next session. "I have strength in my quads that I haven't felt since long before my knee replacements." said "D.E.", a BFR patient at Atrium Physical Therapy. "What's more, I had a previous injury to one of my legs before, which left me with a very weak calf muscle. I'm now using that calf with much more strength."

A large and growing body of scientific evidence supports BFR effectiveness and safety. "We are careful to caution that BFR is not for everyone" said Dennis Prickett, Physical Therapist and co-owner at Atrium Physical Therapy. A trained therapist reviews the risks, and a physician is consulted when necessary. "This is not as simple as putting a strap around the limb and making it tight. If done incorrectly or using improper equipment, injury may result. That's why we use the only FDA approved personalized tourniquet system for BFR available." Atrium is the only certified physical therapy clinic in the state of New Mexico to use the this system.

"We are so excited to offer this to our patients. This is a treatment modality with a very large amount of scientific literature to support it. Its potential to transform many people's lives - to get them stronger and back to normal - is tremendous."

Atrium Physical Therapy is offering a free seminar for people who want to learn if this cutting edge treatment is right for them. The seminar will be 10:00 AM, February 10, 2018 at Atrium Physical Therapy.

Call (575) 323-9601 to reserve a spot.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GO bond concerns

To the editor:

To help ensure that this is an uncontested election, I hope the county clerk has put in place double blind metrics to validate all returned ballots. Since all cast ballots must be returned from a very specific geographic area, we have to [be confident] that the returned ballot was filled out by the addressee at that physical location, since no oath of affirmation (signature) is required to return it.

The face of the public relations campaign for the city is the blue ribbon committee chaired by Marci Dickerson, focused on pulling at the heart-strings and emotions: children, puppies and fire trucks. I don't know if Ms. Dickerson lives in Las

Cruces city limits but a number of her businesses are here. As an astute business leader, she has to know that each business will be separately taxed if the bond passes.

During the mayor's GO bond speaking engagements this past week, he had three clear talking points: (1) the meeting was informational and the views expressed did not represent the city council; (2) the city has been exceptional stewards of revenue bonds and taxpayer money; (3) the increase in water and recycling utilities bills was not caused by the city but by a separate entity on paper called the Las Cruces Utility Board.

A general obligation bond known as a GO bond or property tax bond is a type of spiral economics. Since the bond cost to the

property owner is based on local assessment and reassessments are done annually, it is rare that property taxes do not increase each year the bond is in effect. And there is no likelihood of early bond termination because another election is necessary to end it.

*Gregory Shervanick
Las Cruces*

GO bond helps animals

To the editor:

Please vote "Yes" on the GO bond mail-in ballot for a new animal shelter! There are many reasons to support it. The current facility, built in 1982, is sorely inadequate and in dire need of replacement to meet industry standards, care and capacity needs to handle 10,000 animals entering the shelter every year.

To become a "no kill community" and sustain that status will be an uphill battle without a new animal shelter. Let's invest in our community and support our new shelter director, Clinton Thacker, and local animal welfare organizations working collectively to increase lifesaving and positive outcomes for animals in need.

*Jean Gilbert
Member, board of directors, Humane Society of Southern NM
Secretary, Coalition for Pets & People
Las Cruces*

Downtown launches Facebook page

To the editor:

The Las Cruces Main Street Facebook page is a central location for all events being held in

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Downtown Las Cruces.

We have all heard the complaints that there is nothing to do in Las Cruces. We all know that is not the case. The issue is the events are not known by enough people. This is the reason we decided to start the Las Cruces Main Street Facebook page. We will be adding every event we know of that occurs in Downtown Las Cruces. More importantly, we are going to allow the Downtown business owners to add their own events on the fly. If a business decides to throw an impromptu event, sale, etc. they will have the capability to post that event to the Main Street Facebook page. This will be a much more efficient and quicker way of getting the event out to the public.

This is only good if there are a lot of eyes on the Facebook page. We will be doing some promotion for the page over the next few months to get more likes.

The more people that share the page, the more exposure, the more likes. For this reason we ask for everyone's support in getting this page off the ground and running. This will be a great opportunity to spread the word about Downtown events at no cost.

Troy Stegner

Las Cruces Main Street

Immigrants make good Americans

To the editor:

I respectfully offer the following observations to folks who expressed concerns regarding immigration to the south border. Separating young children from parents is

morally reprehensible, period.

America's immigration history includes waves of migrants fleeing persecution, poverty, and natural and manmade disasters. The Pilgrims seeking religious freedom and the Irish escaping the potato famine are examples. The Irish and other refugees from Southern and Eastern Europe were destitute, uneducated, and many did not enter legally. They were labeled "rapists and criminals" by some. The Central American migrants share some of these characteristics, except that they are not from Europe.

In the great state of Nuevo Mexico, where Spanish is used as an official language and has been spoken for 400 years, I suggest that [opponents of border crossing] take a valid course in history, learn Spanish, and embrace our beautiful bicultural heritage.

Miguel A. Escobedo, MD
Las Cruces

Refugees do assimilate

To the editor:

Regarding Mary Fuller's 20 July letter and her lack of sympathy for recent immigrants, especially those separated from their families:

The Irish coming to America in the 1840s and

1850s during and after a great famine were impoverished, illiterate, uneducated and unskilled. Germans immigrating in the 19th century, especially in the 1850s after the Revolution of 1848, and in the 1880s, were better suited to make the transition to American life. Italian and Eastern European Slavs after the 1880s, like the Irish, were impoverished, illiterate, uneducated and unskilled. All aspired to a better life. Most required public assistance of all kinds: food, clothing, housing, medical attention, schooling and job training.

Many young males formed street gangs for self-help. Adult immigrants were less likely to assimilate than their children, who went to public schools and learned English as their primary language.

In these respects, Hispanic immigrants from Mexico and Central America are little different. With help from those before them or government programs, they have assimilated in a generation. Most of the 11 million have gone to school, joined the military, worked jobs, started businesses and contributed to their com-

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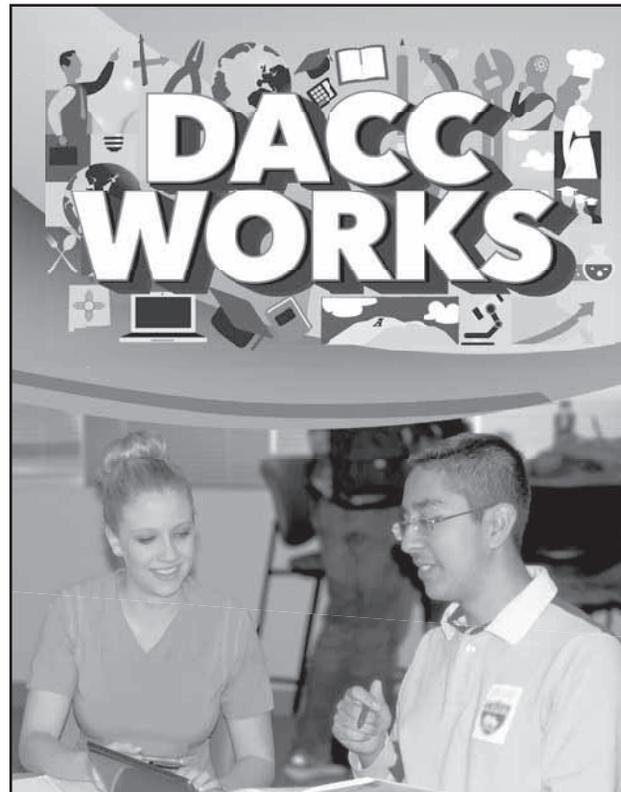
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munities. More recent immigrants are doing what their predecessors have

done and will assimilate within a generation. Hatred and harassment will not help. We need to Make America Good Again.

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Immigrant rights are human rights

To the editor:
Thirty-eight years ago I applied for permanent residency at the Canadian border. At that time I was told that I could either become a nurse or get married. I laughed it off replying I already have

a job (not in the medical field) and plans were in place for marriage. I did get my green card.

I always believed that my permanent resident card and upholding the law of the land was what allowed me to live peacefully in the U.S. but how naïve I have been. Guess, what? I am embarrassed

to say – it's the color of my skin. With the power that ICE has been given I am now also realizing that I could also experience having a knock on my door or pulled over and handcuffed for no other reason than not being a citizen. What has happened to America, and how can so many

American not realize that we are all in this together?

Come on Americans, you are better than this. I urge you not to buy into the fear of the unknown. Fear only divides and isolates. Stand up united to show the world that immigrant rights are human rights.

*Britt Nielsen
Las Cruces*

It's good to engage the enemy

To the editor:

Russia is our enemy. They, along with every other adversarial regime, are working constantly at destabilizing us whether it be by hacking, posting false narratives, printing counterfeit U.S. currency or imbedding agents (we do, also). How naïve can our populous be?

I hope [Trump and Putin] talked intently behind closed doors about the new SALT agreement and disarmament. Trump did make a serious blunder in the open press conference with him and Putin but who criticizing him has stood toe-to-toe with the second most powerful person in the world who also has a button he can push? Definitely none I can think of in recent history (Obama and his Red Line). I am glad Trump has the personal confidence to meet face-to-face with the enemy.

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Soccer to City: Show us a plan to upgrade

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Soccer is the “largest sports community in the city,” Las Cruces Youth Soccer League (LCYSL) Vice President Steve Hanson said. But, he added, local soccer facilities “are in poor shape and in dire need of renovation or replacement.”

LCYSL represents more than 3,000 youth, plus high school and adult soccer players, Hanson said, and some young players, coaches and referees attended the Las Cruces City Council’s July 16 meeting to hand over more than 1,000 signatures on petitions asking the city to upgrade soccer facilities.

In a July 19 text, Mayor Ken Miyagishima said the city council will include a discussion about soccer facilities in its Aug. 13 work session.

“What they’re asking for makes a lot of sense,” Miyagishima said at a July 18 public meeting he held to discuss the city’s general obligation (GO) bond election, which includes a question asking voters to approve millions of dollars in improvements to local parks and sports facilities.

“I think we will do some type of upgrade (to local soccer facilities) with the bond money if passed,” the mayor said in a July 19 text. He has met with Hanson and has visited local soccer fields.

Soccer has “100 percent support” from her, Councilor Yvonne Flores said July 18. “Whatever I



As Las Cruces Youth Soccer League Vice President Steve Hanson looks on, young Las Cruces soccer players deliver petitions requesting improvements to local soccer facilities to Mayor Ken Miyagishima at the city council’s July 16 meeting.

BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

can do,” she said.

Interest and participation in soccer has “just grown and grown and grown” in Las Cruces, Flores said. “It’s the one sport a poor kid can play.”

Flores has also met with Hanson, she said, and admires his “persistence and tenacity” in pursuing improvements to local soccer facilities.

Hanson said he has been coaching soccer since he moved to Las Cruces 16-17 years ago, has been LCYSL vice president for the past several years and has been an advocate for improvements to local soccer fields for more than a decade.

“You are being listened to,” Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg told Hanson and soccer players and supporters at the July 16 council meeting.

Hanson said the league is encouraged because “the mayor and city council have engaged with us.”

But he said the soc-

cer community remains “a little bit skeptical” about the bond issue and league members haven’t decided if they will support it.

At a July 23 news conference about the bond election, Las Cruces parent and coach Summer Rose Nolen, who described herself as a soccer mom and a T-ball mom, called for using bond funds to improve soccer and T-ball fields in the Hadley Sports Complex.

The city-owned Provenco-Van Dame soccer complex (PVD)

at Walnut and Hadley includes 15 small fields for young soccer players, Hanson said. It has three portable toilets, no drinking water, no lights and poorly maintained fields, he said. About 200 feet away, Hanson said, are city baseball and softball fields which have those amenities, along with concession stands and shaded seating.

Hanson said he has “pointed out the disparity” to the city council and city Parks and Recreation Department staff.

Hanson said the city has talked for years

about entering into a long-term lease with Las Cruces Public Schools for use of the High Noon soccer complex located behind Mayfield High School.

Currently, he said, the city has a joint use agreement with the school district, which owns the complex, for the use of the High Noon fields by soccer players aged 10 and above, including adults.

The city is responsible for maintenance of the High Noon fields, Hanson said, but they are “infested with weeds,” which makes the fields lumpy and chokes out grass.

Those fields, Hanson said, are “substandard and deteriorating.” And, like the PVD facilities, lack lights, restrooms and drinking fountains.

Hanson said two of three soccer fields the city owns at Burn Lake have been taken out of service because of the poor quality of the fields, which Hanson said have a “lumpy uneven surface.”

“I’ve never heard of a baseball field being taken out of service because of

unsafe (conditions) and yet this is a recurring problem for soccer,” he said.

Hanson estimated it would cost about \$20 million to build brand new soccer fields on 15-20 acres of land. But, he said, “I would love to see how far \$4 million would go toward renovating High Noon.”

LCYSL paid \$25,000 of its own money to purchase soccer goals to be used at local fields, and ultimately donated them to the city, Hanson said.

“Las Cruces is a soccer hotbed,” Hanson said. Both the Portland Timbers and the Colorado Rapids professional soccer teams have youth-affiliated soccer programs in Las Cruces, he said, and the city has generated a number of professional soccer players.

“You can’t change history,” Hanson said. “You can only learn from it. Let’s figure out how to fix it and let’s move forward.”

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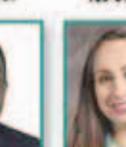
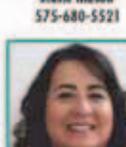
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Funds to benefit from building sale

The former First Step Women's Health and Pediatrics Center building, located at 390 Calle de Alegria, has been sold to a local children's services company.



APRIL ANAYA

Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

Funds from the sale of the building will be invested into multiple funds at the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM). One fund that will see a \$1 million influx is the Wellness Fund, which serves to provide grant funding to nonprofit organizations impacting maternal and child health and wellness outcomes in southern New Mexico.

"The Community Foundation Board of Directors is grateful for the opportunity to go from serving our community through the First Step Center, to now taking the next steps to help meet community needs and provide Wellness grant funds and community impact funds for those nonprofits providing direct services," said CFSNM Board President, Abel Covarrubias.

Since 2005, the First Step Women's Health and Pediatrics Center was owned by the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, established through one of the largest capital campaigns in our community's history. Private donors, businesses, corporations, and foundations collectively raised \$6 million to erect a facility to provide maternal

healthcare services and pediatric patients in the community.

The First Step campaign was launched in response to community needs at the time. With a higher than average teenage pregnancy rate,

and a lack of healthcare providers offering low to no cost services for women and children, the facility was built to offer a space to provide these services.

While the First Step facility was owned by the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, the actual healthcare services were provided by a nonprofit team from the First Step Women's Health and Pediatrics Center, which was supported by Memorial Medical Center. With a shift in community needs, the services were phased out and the building was used by La Clinica de Familia to continue serving the maternal and pediatric patient population.

Although the building is now owned by a private business, the center will still serve the children of Las Cruces. Amistad Family Services, an agency offering infant mental health, behavioral health, family counseling and parenting classes, will be housed at the Calle de Alegria building. With 25 licensed therapists, the agency has been serving the community for the past seven years.



First Step Center donors and CFSNM board members gather to celebrate the next steps for the center and the community.

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Other businesses that will also be housed at the center are Charlotte's Place Preschool & Early Head Start and Amistad

Children's Clinic.

For more information on the First Step Center and the Community Foundation of Southern

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NMSU scholarship rewards rural students

By ANGEL MENDEZ

For the Bulletin

A new scholarship inspired by a rural New Mexico native works to unveil student potential and keep young talent in the state.

Ermelinda Quintela never dreamed of going to college while growing up in Loving – a “village where everyone knows everyone” she says of roughly 1,400 people.

“[College] was not a topic of discussion in my home,” Quintela said. “My father was raised the old-fashioned way at a time when finding a job to support his family was the priority. I had the grades, but not plans to attend college, and I don’t recall discussions with guidance counselors regarding college opportunities.”

She later graduated from NMSU three times, earning an associate’s degree from NMSU Carlsbad in 1986, two bachelor’s degrees in 1988 and a master’s degree in 1993.

It all started when Quintela enrolled in a program permitting her to work part-time as a local bank’s file room clerk while finishing her senior year of high school.



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Ermelinda Quintela started an NMSU scholarship serving Loving High School graduates. On the left, she’s graduating from high school in May 1983 and, at the time, was unsure of her academic future. By 1994, she had earned her fourth degree from NMSU – a master’s degree – pictured on the right.

The Chairman and CEO of Western Commerce Bank, Don Kidd, also a former state senator, NMSU regent and strong advocate of higher education, asked about her plans for college. Quintela’s answer of uncertainty started a lifelong mentorship from Kidd, who at the start of their friendship encouraged her to

further her education. With his help, Quintela found the financial means through full-time employment and scholarship opportunities to continue her studies that began at the NMSU Carlsbad campus.

“I couldn’t go to college on my own,” Quintela said. “He is the reason I started thinking about college, then a

scholarship I received and the ability to work full-time made a college education financially possible.”

It is this mentorship and belief in a student’s value that’s stayed with Quintela for years, ultimately shaping her decision to start her third endowment on NMSU’s Giving Tuesday last November. The scholarship for Loving High School graduating seniors supports students who wish to attend any campus within the NMSU system. Because of generous donors to the NMSU Foundation, Quintela’s investment will be matched to fully endow the scholarship.

“We’re small, but what we do is great,” said Catherine Bass, principal of Loving High School. “It’s fantastic of Ermelinda to give back to her community in this way. The cost of education is high, and it is opportunities like these that truly help our students decide on whether or not they attend college. We’re very appreciative.”

Enrollment at Loving High School is about 175. In the recent graduating class of roughly 30 students, about one-third plan to attend an NMSU campus this fall.

“This scholarship helps us bring awareness of the importance of a secondary education to some of New Mexico’s brightest students in the communities that are hardest for us to reach,” said Andrea Tawney, president of the NMSU Foundation. “We’re incredibly grateful for passionate community leaders and alumni like Ermelinda. She is ultimately giving back to the hometown that raised her, and in turn, is leading them to a world-class education at any NMSU campus.”

Although Ermelinda now works at NMSU and lives in Las Cruces, she visits Loving periodically as the oldest of six daughters in her family.

“I challenge everyone in Loving or those who grew up in Loving to donate what you can to the scholarship,” Quintela said. “This is an opportunity for the entire community to come together and support our students.”

To make a gift of any amount to the scholarship, visit giving.nmsu.edu/LovingQuintela.html.

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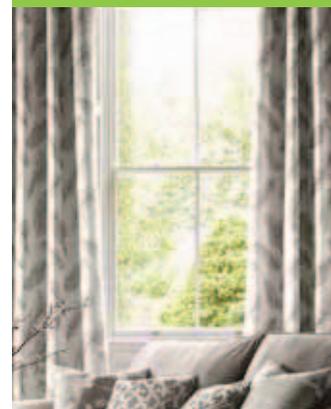
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Community efforts save clothing project

BULLETIN REPORT

The annual back-to-school clothing event presented by the Gospel Rescue Mission Clothing Room will go on as usual, despite being threatened by fire.

The Clothing Room, at 1416 S. Solano Ave., will be open by appointment Monday, July 30, thanks to a generous community. Wylene Saunders, the Clothing Room manager, expects once again 600 to 700 children in need will receive back-to-school clothes.

When a June 22 fire overtook the Clothing Room's next-door-neighbor, the Gospel Rescue Mission Thrift Store, it was feared the Clothing Room's back-to-school clothes would be ruined.

The charitable organiza-



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American Linen and Uniform Supply cleaned smoke and chemical odors from clothing stored in the Gospel Rescue Mission Thrift Store, damaged by fire June 22. The cleaning was done at no cost in a community-wide effort to help the mission's annual back-to-school clothing event.

tion Revolution 120 leapt into action, helping raise \$11,000 in one afternoon.

While the Clothing Room's

back-to-school clothes were inundated with smoke and chemical odors, American Linen and Uniform Supply

cleaned them at no cost, and the supply was salvaged.

Revolution 120 used the \$11,000 to purchase additional new clothes at a 10 percent discount from the Walmart on South Valley Drive.

Each year, Saunders registers applicants for the clothes at the Clothing Room, but this year has been a challenge due to being displaced. She has been registering people at the Las Montañas Charter High School at 1405 S. Solano Ave., and she will also be doing it by phone, 575-642-9619, in advance of the July 30 distribution.

"I'm so honored we were able to help," said Marci Dickerson, a founding board member of Revolution 120. "I'm excited how fast the community came together to

solve this problem and make sure these 700 kids can have back-to-school clothes."

"I call Marci a shining star for the community," Saunders said. "She just does so much."

Oscar Andrade and Pic Quik stores contributed \$2,500 to the effort, and also donated temporary retail space on Missouri Avenue near Gladys Drive to the Gospel Rescue Mission Thrift Store. The Thrift Store was extensively damaged during the fire.

Other contributors included: Angelcare, Steinborn & Associates Real Estate, The Home Lending Group, Dr. John and Laura Conniff, Burger Time, Anedele Restaurant, Dick's Café, Red Mesa Construction, Kristi Valeriano-Bower, and anonymous.

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City council opposes nuclear waste proposal

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

After more than two hours of discussion, the Las Cruces City Council voted to oppose the transportation and storage of high-level nuclear waste in New Mexico.

In March 2017, Holtec International, a New Jersey-based company that provides nuclear fuel and waste-management services, petitioned the National Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a license to construct and operate a consolidated interim storage facility (CISF) in southeast New Mexico for spent fuel from commercial nuclear power reactors, according to www.nrc.gov. Holtec wants to initially store “up to 8,680 metric tons (500 cannisters) of uranium in commercial spent fuel” at the site for a “40-year license term,” the NRC said.

The NRC’s public comment period on Holtec’s licensing request ends July 31.

Voting for the resolution, which “opposes the transport of high level nuclear waste or the licensing and operation of a CISF in New Mexico,” were Mayor Ken Miyagishima, Mayor Pro Tem Gill Sorg and Councilors Gabe Vasquez and Yvonne Flores.

Voting against were councilors Greg Smith, Jack Eakman and Kasandra Gandara.

“New Mexico should not have to shoulder the [country’s] entire nuclear waste storage,” Sorg said.

“Poor little New Mexico gets dumped on,” Flores said. “I’m not a scientist,



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Southeastern New Mexico’s nuclear corridor, as depicted by Holtec International.



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Gerges Scott, left, senior vice president of Agenda, and John Heaton, vice president of the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance, LLC talk about Holtec International’s proposal to temporarily store high-level nuclear waste at a facility in southeast New Mexico. Scott attended the meeting as a representative of Holtec International, which is petitioning the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a license to store nuclear waste.

but I do have a brain and a heart. It would be immoral for me to support this project.”

The project offers “no upside for Las Cruces,” Miyagishima said. “The downside could be huge.”

Vasquez said he was concerned about the possibility of human error in the transportation and

storage of nuclear waste.

“I am deeply concerned about the transportation of this waste,” said Gandara, who still voted against the resolution. She recommended that more feedback be obtained from New Mexico State University in the study of transporting and storing nuclear waste.

People are willing to use the energy generated by nuclear power plants, Smith said, “but then don’t want to store the waste here. If we have these concerns and they’re well founded, we’re approaching it from the wrong direction.”

“In my mind, I question this more than I support or oppose it,” Eakman said. “We are not as informed as we ought to be before we make this kind of recommendation.”

Eakman proposed an amendment to the resolution to change it from “opposing” to “questioning.” Seconded by Smith, the amendment was defeated 5-2.

The adopted resolution calls for “a thorough analysis of all parties’ responsibilities, costs, and potential cumulative impacts” of the proposed CISF; written approval of the CISF licensing by the state and affected local entities; and “a committed federal strategy in identifying a long-term equitable solution to the continued use, manage-

ment, and storage of nuclear waste.”

“There’s a lot of hyperbole going on and there’s a lot of misinformation,” said John Heaton, vice chairman of the Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance (ELEA), which formed in 2006 and owns the 1,000 acres of land approximately halfway between Carlsbad and Hobbs proposed for the CISF.

If approved, the site would have 215 full-time employees, he said. “We see it as an economic development opportunity.”

“We have a great location,” said Heaton, who lives in Carlsbad and represented Eddy County in the New Mexico House of Representatives, 1997-2010.

“A resolution is a little bit premature,” Heaton told the city council. “The process of licensing the facility is just in the beginning stages.”

If Holtec’s proposal is approved, he said, the CISF could be operational by 2023.

Heaton said waste shipped there would be in the form of solid pellets that cannot escape from the canisters they are stored in. Shipping casks, he said, include four barriers and are “virtually indestructible.”

To date, Heaton said, “1,300 used fuel transports have occurred in U.S. without incident or release.”

Holtec was selected by ELEA through an RFP process, he said, because it offered “the safest, most robust system” for nuclear waste storage, handles 60 percent of the spent nuclear fuel storage in the U.S. and has a

“strong record of safety.”

Although the type of transportation used would not be determined until the site is licensed, Heaton said, waste likely will get there by rail. Although he said he couldn’t guarantee it, Heaton said he was not aware of any rail route that would bring waste bound for the CISF through Las Cruces.

“This is a very complex issue” that needs a great deal of additional study, said state Sen. Jeff Steinborn, D-Doña Ana, chair of the New Mexico Legislature’s Interim Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee.

“We’re seemingly the only element of state government trying to get answers” about the ELEA-Holtec proposal, Steinborn said. The state, he said, needs to do serious analysis.

“This issue demands a massive statewide conversation about whether or not we want to become Yucca Mountain,” Steinborn said, referring to a Nevada site proposed for the permanent storage of high-level nuclear waste.

If high-level waste is brought to New Mexico for temporary storage and the federal government has not designated any other permanent storage site, Steinborn said, the ELEA site “will be a permanent home.”

The city’s resolution, he said, “asks serious questions ... it’s not appropriate going forward without answers.”

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GREEN CONNECTIONS

Toolkit designed to promote sustainability

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

The Sustainable Schools Challenge aims to inspire and cultivate environmental advocates and motivate students and teachers to think both locally and globally about how taking simple actions today can have a huge impact on tomorrow.

Its toolkit is the S² Challenge, a 30-day program funded through a New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) grant to promote, encourage and engage students in sustainability, says Tarkeysha Burton, South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) Recycling Coordinator.

Burton designed the Sustainable Schools (S²) Challenge Toolkit, which is geared for the classroom and free to all public, private and charter schools.

From cooking hot dogs with solar power to calculating formulas to determine the weight of gas pollutants, the curriculum can blend seamlessly into existing lesson plans where teachers can engage students in a variety of topics pertaining to environmental issues: climate change, solar energy and energy efficiency, solid waste and recycling management, and consumption.

"The activities in the guide are intended to meet both New Mexico English and Language Arts and Science standards," Burton said. "This gives teachers a way to



Tarkeysha Burton, SCSWA Recycling Coordinator, shows off the new S² Challenge Toolkit, a free resource for New Mexico teachers to integrate sustainability into their lesson plans and win prizes for the most sustainable school.

integrate activities into their regular lesson plans without compromising the quality of education for their students.

"With the students' leadership on different projects, the S² Challenge can foster a new environmentally savvy generation."

The S² Challenge runs from Oct. 1-31. The school with the most teachers participating from Las Cruces Public Schools, Gadsden ISD or Hatch Val-

ley Public School District wins the challenge and receives recognition from the SCSWA, a banner and plaque for the school.

The teacher who accepts the challenge for their students is asked to take the Sustainability Promise that asks for "understanding and implementing practical strategies that can help to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and other greenhouse gas emissions, reduce solid waste and consumption and to help encourage recycling and other environmentally sound behaviors."

The S² Challenge toolkit can be picked up at the SCSWA offices, 2865 N. Motel Blvd., during regular business hours, can be delivered to schools, or found online as a .pdf file at scswa.net/s2challenge.

Green Connections is submitted by the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) managing solid waste, recyclables, and working to stop illegal dumping for residents and businesses throughout Doña Ana County. Contact the SCSWA at 575-528-3800 or visit www.SCSWA.net.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Little daily habits build up to a large impact on the environment, Tarkeysha Burton, SCSWA Recycling Coordinator, tells students at Desert Hills Elementary.

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LOOKING BACK | THIS WEEK IN MESILLA VALLEY HISTORY

100 YEARS AGO 1918

• “The harvesting of the pear crop in the Mesilla Valley started Monday and the yield is unusually large, thirty cars being considered a conservative estimate. The quality



MICHAEL SCANLON

Looking Back

of the fruit is excellent,” the Rio Grande Republic reported on July 26, 1918. “There are 700 acres in the valley planted to cantaloupes, and preparations for shipment will start the first of August.” In separate but related news, the newspaper reported, “The new fruit sorting machine for the fruit association is in operation at the Fair grounds and big piles of pear boxes are stacked up filled with the choice fruit of the Mesilla Valley.”

• “Leah Baird makes an alluring and fascinating adventure in the sensational photodrama “Moral Suicide,” which has scored in New York and is to be released throughout the country by Pathe at an early date,” says an article in the Republic. “She has starred in many dramatic productions during her first five years’ experience on the stage. She will appear at the Airdome (Las Cruces theater), Monday, July 29.”

75 YEARS AGO 1943

• “By the end of 1944, a first class highway will connect Mexico City with Nome, Alaska, coming through Las Cruces, Max Hood predicted today, following conferences in Mexico City with Gen. Manuel Avila Camacho, the Mexican president, and other officials ...” the Las Cruces Sun-News reported July 29, 1943. Hood was manager of the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

• “Lieut. Hayden Wiley surprised his wife by arriving this morning for a week’s leave,” the Sun-News reported. “Lieut. Wiley has been stationed in Fort McClellan, Ala., and is being transferred to Fort Benning, where he will be in infantry school. Mrs. Wiley makes her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams.” In 1960, Hayden Wiley and his wife, Elnora Wiley, opened Hayden’s Hardware store, which continues as a family business today on Foster Road just west of Solano Drive. Elnora Wiley was a longtime registrar at New Mexico State University.

• “George Ashcraft of Sheridan, Ark., who is now employed with the Sun-News, is the nephew of Mr. Herbert Humphrey and will make his home

with Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey for the time being,” the Sun-News reported. “En route to Las Cruces, he stopped at the Roswell army air base to visit his brother, Lieut. James Ashcraft, who recently received his wings when he graduated with his class at the Douglas, Ariz., air base.”

50 YEARS AGO 1968

• “Police are searching for thieves who took \$680 worth of watches and pistols from three Las Cruces businesses Friday,” the Sun-News reported on July 28, 1968. “The largest haul was made at F.W. Woolworth Co., 401 N. Mail, where 27 watches, most of them Timex brand, were taken. Just a block away, at Dawes Drug Store, 555 N. Main, thieves also took two Timex watches from a display case, leaving the closed boxes behind. ... At the J.C. Penney Co. in Loretto Shopping Center, someone broke into a gun case and took three pistols.”

• “White Sands Missile Range’s Spaceflight Support Coordination Office tracked an OV3-6 scientific satellite for 10 minutes Friday,” says a Sun-News article. “The tracking mission was designed to test the reliability of the ultra-high

frequency S-Band antenna system that is expected to go into general use for satellites by 1970.”

25 YEARS AGO 1993

• “Supermarkets in New Mexico are monitoring their produce bins for weevil-infested chiles in an effort to keep the pest from spreading into chile fields via lunchboxes and garbage,” says the Las Cruces Bulletin’s top story on July 29, 1993. “The state Department of Agriculture has taken 6,400 pounds of the peppers from stores in all parts of New Mexico this season ... All the infested produce was traced through wholesalers to Mexico imports.”

• “City Council Monday decided on the final issue for a November bond election – a \$4 million indoor swimming pool that comes with a combination wading pool and therapy pool,” the Bulletin reported. “Council also will ask voters if they want a multi-purpose festival park, improvements to the Branigan Cultural Center and improved social services.

“The issues will appear separately on the November general election ballot, which also will see three council seats up for grabs.”

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COMING UP

Gymnastics, tumbling registration: Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department registration for gymnastics and tumbling classes in four sessions this summer and fall. Registration will continue until the classes are filled. Each session consists of eight classes to be held at the East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Drive. Cost: \$30 for beginning and intermediate, \$45 for advanced. Info: 575-541-2455. Register online at www.las-cruces.org/play or at these locations:

- Parks and Recreation office, 1501 E. Hadley Ave., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday.

- Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

- Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Saturday, noon-7:30 p.m. Sunday.

- Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

Judy Price Blood Drive: 8:30 a.m.-noon Friday, July 27, Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

The annual blood drive honors Price, a former county manager who died in 2001. Each donor receives a T-shirt and a snack. Info or to schedule a donation: 575-525-6130.

Adult coloring: 10 a.m.-noon, Friday, July 27, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Socialize with other adults while expressing creativity. Bring supplies or use the museum's coloring pages and colored pencils. Cost: Free. Info: 575-528-3444 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Breast Cancer support: 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 28, Memorial Medical Center West Side Annex Building, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Deborah Albo-Madigan, MS, CBBA Certified Breathing Behavior Analyst, on Enhancement through Respiratory Biofeedback." Cost: Free. Info: 575-524-4373.

Animal Encounters: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 28, Museum of Nature & Science, 411 North Main St. Animal camouflage. Meet the animals of the Chihuahuan Desert and gain a close up perspective into the lives of Chihuahuan Desert animals.

Native Plant Society: 8 a.m. Saturday, July 28, east end of the old K-Mart parking lot. Meet up for an all-day trip to Bridal Veil Falls in the Sacramento Mountains. Bring lunch/snacks, water, sun protection, and good walking shoes. Info: Leave a message at 575-523-8413.

Mulligans fore Mutts: 10 a.m. Saturday, July 28, Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre. Fundraiser four-person scramble benefits ACTION Programs for Animals in its effort to rescue dogs and cats. Also \$10,000 putting contest. Teams must register by Wednesday, July 25. Sign up as a golfer, volunteer or sponsor. Cost: \$500 for a four-member team or \$125 for an individual. Info:

Fisher at 575-373-0159 or fishyankees@sbcglobal.net.

Geography Club: 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 North Main St. Each week families learn about different U.S. states through free arts and crafts. Fill the Geography Club passport with a stamp for each new state visited. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

- July 28: West Virginia
- Aug. 4: Virginia
- Aug. 11: North Carolina
- Aug. 18: South Carolina
- Aug. 25: Georgia

Conversations with Democrats: 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28, Holy Family American National Cath-

olic Church, 702 Parker Road. Kim Stewart will lead a conversation on "Keeping our communities safe." Sponsored by the Federation of Democratic Women of Doña Ana County. Info: Connie 575-521-0096.

Soccer facilities meeting: 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28, Council Chambers at City Hall, 700 N. Main St. Presentation on the

current state of soccer fields, plans for improvements, opportunities for stakeholder input, and specific plans for soccer in the General Obligation Bond plan. Info: Ceci Vasconcellos, 575-528-4551 or cvasconcellos@las-cruces.org.

Cat's Meow fundraiser: 6-10 p.m. Saturday, July

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IN THE NEWS

Road closure

Las Cruces motorists are advised that Miranda Street from Parker Road to Palmer Road will be closed to through traffic for approximately five months. The closure will not affect RoadRUNNER Transit Routes.

For everyone's safety, officials ask motorists to obey posted signs in the construction zone. Speeding fines are doubled in this area.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department, Contracts Administration section at 575-528-3098. The TTY for the hearing impaired is 575-541-2182.

Lane closure

There is a lane closure scheduled on the southbound, or west side, of

South Telshor Boulevard for up to 20 days. Highland Enterprises Inc. began work Wednesday, July 25, on sidewalk and ADA ramp improvements from Terrace Drive to Huntington Drive.

The lane closure will affect RoadRUNNER Transit route 2 bus stop 43. Motorists wanting to avoid possible delays should seek an alternative route. Access to residents and businesses will be maintained during the construction.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department, Contracts Administration section, at 575-528-3098.

Gun buyback

The Las Cruces Police Department and the organization New Mexicans to

Prevent Gun Violence will co-host a gun buyback event Saturday, July 28.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the East Mesa Public Safety Complex, 550 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

LCPD officers will be on hand to accept handguns, shotguns and rifles in exchange for gift cards provided by New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence. Gift cards range in value from \$100 to \$250.

No questions will be asked, and no identification is necessary. No photography or video. No private transactions or sales.

If possible, handguns should be delivered in a sealed and clear plastic bag, placed in another container such as a gym bag, backpack or gun

sheath that is not see-through. Shotguns and rifles should be transported in a proper case, sheath or wrapped in a blanket or tarp.

Firearms must be delivered unloaded, with clips or magazines removed and carried separately. Ammunition will not be accepted.

The packaged firearm can be left in vehicles, and an officer will retrieve the weapon from the vehicle.

Eligible firearms collected during the event will be destroyed in compliance with state statutes.

Parking structure

The city hopes to create a public-private partnership to construct a downtown parking structure, City Manager Stuart Ed

said at a Tax Increment Development District meeting July 23.

A multi-use facility could include both parking and retail sites, he said.

There are currently about 2,000 parking spaces in the downtown area, said Mandy Guss of the city's Economic Development Department. That's adequate for current needs, she said, but a parking structure should be considered as downtown development occurs in existing parking lots.

A parking structure needs to be considered sooner rather than later, Councilor Greg Smith said.

If the city waits to build it, he said, it could be cut-

ting itself off from development opportunities.

To avoid creating more "negative air quality," the city also needs to conduct a "visionary session" about downtown parking, Councilor Jack Eakman said, to find creative incentives to access downtown without driving vehicles to get there.

Restroom facilities

The city will continue with the design and construction of public restroom facilities in the city parking lot behind Rio Grande Theatre, 311 N. Main St., according to Mandy Guss of the city's Economic Development Department.

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New America School-Las Cruces is among the 10 highest-performing state charters in terms of growth, New Mexico Secretary of Education Christopher Ruszkowski announced July 19. "I'm so proud of our students and all the faculty and staff who have had an impact of their efforts," said New America principal Margarita Leza Porter. "This is wonderful affirmation of the education we provide." The school for English language learners, located at 207 S. Main St., is accepting applications from new students for fall 2018. Registration takes place 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2. Classes begin Monday, Aug. 6. Call 575-527-9085.

Welcome distribution



BULLETIN PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Doña Ana County residents will benefit from a \$126,740 federal contribution to help emergency food and shelter programs. Representing organizations that will help distribute the funds are, pictured, Amanda Morales, Christina Fierro, Suzette Goodman, Andrea Tawney, Nicole Martinez, Sara Armijo, David Chayer, Lorenzo Alba, Ann Sanchez, Gary Henderson, Capt. Mike Evans, Bill Connor, Brien Murphy and Kevin Glenn. The selection was made by a national board chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of Churches of Christ, Protestant Council of Churches, Jewish Federations of North America, Salvation Army and United Way of Southwest New Mexico. Organizations benefiting from the distributions are Calvary Baptist Church, Casa de Peregrinos, La Casa Inc., Lighthouse Food and Clothing Pantry, New Mexico State University Aggie Cupboard, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope and El Caldito Soup Kitchen.

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Induction ceremony



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United States Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sgt. (ret.) Andrew Lyngar of Las Cruces has been inducted as a vice president general of the Rocky Mountain District and trustee of the Sons of the American Revolution national society. The induction ceremony took place July 17 at the national SAR meeting in Houston. Lyngar is past president of the New Mexico SAR and a member of the Gadsden Chapter of the NMSSAR in Las Cruces. SAR was chartered by an Act of Congress in 1906 and is the largest male lineage organization in the United States, according to www.sar.org. It consists of 50 societies with more than 500 local chapters, several international societies, and more than 34,000 members.

Veterans' donation



COURTESY PHOTO

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 10 has donated \$12,000 to the Community of Hope veterans program for the third year in a row. "With the help of the DAV, we will be able to continue serving veterans, but as we see continued cuts from several sources, we know that we continue to see challenges in helping to quickly house veterans," said Community of Hope Executive Director Nicole Martinez. "We are so grateful for all that you do and implore you to continue to help us end homelessness for those who served honorably." Last year the Community of Hope served 329 veterans; veterans account for nearly 15 percent of the homeless population in Doña Ana County. Chapter 10 raises money through various programs. A new program, "Pets for Vets," assists veterans with financial assistance to adopt animals from local shelters, as research indicates pets help those suffering from PTSD. Veterans interested in joining the chapter or volunteering can call 575-202-1872 or email Nathancote46@gmail.com.

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The parking lot will be reconfigured to give the restrooms greater visibility and provide better access to the theatre's loading dock, she said at a July 23 city council meeting.

"We want to catch up with the rest of downtown as it pertains to our restroom infrastructure," City Councilor Gabe Vasquez said at the meeting.

Invoicing scam

State Auditor Wayne Johnson warns government entities about an invoicing scam that cost the City of Alamogordo \$250,000 to a fake vendor.

Johnson said recovery of the public money will be difficult if not impossible.

A staff member with the City of Alamogordo received an email request to change banking information from someone who appeared to be a representative of Cooperative Education Services (CES), a New Mexico purchasing cooperative for New Mexico schools and other government entities. The City accepted the change and paid all invoices, only to discover that the email was fraudulent.

City leaders immediately notified law enforcement, including the FBI.

Alamogordo officials have acknowledged that the amount owed to the company was correct, so the request for payment was not unusual. The email appeared to come from an agent the procurement officer knew and had worked with in the past.

Later, representatives from CES called requesting payment on the still-outstanding invoices. Only then did managers realize they had transferred money to a fraudulent entity.

"Those who handle public dollars need to pay attention and realize these scams can happen at any time and they are constantly evolving," Johnson said. "These thieves are creative and effective."

Teacher awarded

The NEA Foundation has announced that Cheryl Carreon, a teacher at East Picacho Elementary School, is among 46 public school educators who will receive the prestigious California Casualty Award for Teaching Excellence at the NEA Foundation's Salute to Excellence in Education



CARREON

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their peers for their "dedication to the profession, community engagement, professional development, attention to diversity and advocacy for fellow educators," according to a news release.

"We are delighted that during our 50th anniversary next year, we will celebrate the largest number of awardees in our history," says Harriet Sanford, NEA Foundation President and CEO.

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AUGUST EVENTS

AUGUST 1

Get Artrageous! Art Class with Judy Licht

Doña Ana Arts Council. 5:30pm-7:30pm. \$30 includes supplies
575-523-6403. daarts.org

AUGUST 1 - 25

League of Women Voters 50 Years of Study, Action, and Service

Branigan Cultural Center. Tues-Sat, 10am-4:30pm
Free. las-cruces.org/museums

AUGUST 1 - 31

Sunset Stroll at White Sands National Monument

White Sands National Monument. \$4-8. 575-479-6124

AUGUST 1 - SEPTEMBER 15

Flamenco: From Spain to New Mexico Exhibition

Branigan Cultural Center. Tues-Sat, 10am-4:30pm
Free. las-cruces.org/museums

AUGUST 1 - SEPTEMBER 26

Jenny Morgan: A HIGHER GROUND Exhibit

NMSU University Art Gallery at New Mexico State University
5:30pm-7pm. Free. 575-646-2545

AUGUST 1 - OCTOBER 13

Braceros Exhibit

Branigan Cultural Center. Tues-Sat 10am-4:30pm
Free. 575-541-2154. las-cruces.org/museums

JULY 3 - OCTOBER 30

Swing on the Plaza

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

AUGUST 1 - MARCH 3, 2019

Dressed for the Occasion Exhibit

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. \$2-5
Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun12-5pm. 575-522-4100. frhm.org

AUGUST 3

Downtown Ramble

Downtown MainSt. 5-8pm. Free
575-525-1955. downtownlascruces.org

AUGUST 5

Sunday Night Music in the Park: Remember Then...

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

AUGUST 5

Sunday Funday at the Plaza

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 3-6pm
Free. 575-649-0598. CareLasCruces.org

AUGUST 7

National Night Out

National Night out is a fun, free event for families to encourage positive interaction with Law Enforcement and First Responders. Downtown Main St. 6-9pm. las-cruces.org

AUGUST 10

Mexican Cultural Series - Tango for a Piano

Rio Grande Theatre. 7-9 pm. Free. RioGrandeTheatre.org

AUGUST 10 - 26

Play: The Laramie Project

Las Cruces Community Theatre. \$11-50. 575-523-1200. lcctnm.org

AUGUST 11

Mesilla Valley Hospice - Men Who Cook

Las Cruces Convention Center. 6-10pm. \$75. mvhospice.org

Movies in the Park - Beauty & the Beast (2017)

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

AUGUST 12

Sunday Night Music in the Park:

Tequila Nights and Johnny Hernandez Band

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

AUGUST 14

Movie: JAWS

Rio Grande Theatre. \$8. RioGrandeTheatre.org

AUGUST 17 - SEPTEMBER 2

Play: Indoor/Outdoor

Black Box Theatre. \$10-15. 575-523-1223. no-strings.org

AUGUST 18

SalsaFest & Summer Beer Fest

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. \$20, under 12 free
\$25 at the gate. 575-525-1955. lcbbeerfest.com

Classic Film: Breakfast at Tiffany's

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

AUGUST 18

Movie: Mary Poppins

Rio Grande Theatre. Noon. \$1 per person (cash only)
575-541-2290. RioGrandeTheatre.org

AUGUST 19

Sunday Night Music in the Park: Reviva and Bubba Kush Band

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

AUGUST 25

Classic Films: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Rio Grande Theatre. 7:30pm. \$8. 575-541-2290. RioGrandeTheatre.org

Community Appreciation Day

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. 9am-4pm
Free Admission for event. 575-522-4100. frhm.org

Movies in the Park - Wonder

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

Movie: The Little Mermaid

Rio Grande Theatre. Noon. \$1 per person (cash only)
575-541-2290. RioGrandeTheatre.org

New Mexico State University Aggies vs. Wyoming

NMSU Aggie Memorial Stadium. www.nnmsports.org

Full Moon Hikes

White Sands National Monument. 7:30pm. \$4-8. 575-479-6124, ext. 236.
Reservations required. Park entrance and program fee apply.
Register at www.nps.gov/whsa

AUGUST 25 - 26

Belles Artes Artisan Market

Doña Arts Council & Cultural Center. 575-523-6403. daarts.org

AUGUST 26

Sunday Night Music in the Park: CJ Chenier & the Red Hot Louisiana and Joseph General Band

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

Full Moon Nights

White Sands National Monument. 8pm. \$4-8
575-479-6124, ext. 236. nps.gov/whsa

AUGUST 30

Jenny Morgan Lecture & Artist Reception

NMSU University Art Gallery at New Mexico State University
5:30 - 7pm. Free. 575-646-2545

Movie: Animal House

Rio Grande Theatre. \$8. 575-541-2290. RioGrandeTheatre.org

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ing learning opportunities for their students that are relevant and rigorous.”

Of the 46 state award-ees nominated by their National Education Association state affiliate, five finalists will be announced at the beginning of the school year and receive \$10,000 at the gala. The nation's top educator will be revealed at the gala on Feb. 8, 2019, and receive an additional \$25,000.

Head Start

Free early learning, health and family well-being support services are available for more than 400 preschool students and their families who qualify for the LCPS Head Start program for the 2018-19 school year.

Registration will take

place at 12 elementary schools offering the program from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, said Dr. Christina Freeman, LCPS Head Start director.

The schools are Booker T. Washington, César E. Chávez, Columbia, Conlee, Doña Ana, Hermosa Heights, Loma Heights, MacArthur, Mesilla Park, Tombaugh, University Hills and Valley View.

All Head Start students must be accepted into the program prior to registering for classes.

“Registration is only for families who have been approved by the Head Start program,” Freeman said. “To get pre-approved, parents need to come to the Head Start office as soon as possible since preschool classes begin on August 15.”

To apply for the program, parents or guardians must bring their

child's original birth certificate, their 2017 tax return and documentation of any other income received by the family, such as child support, to the Head Start Office at Booker T. Washington Elementary, 755 E. Chestnut Ave.

Head Start is an optional early childhood program funded by the federal government that provides services to children and families who fall within federal poverty guidelines. It is for 3- and 4-year-olds as of Aug. 31.

“The Head Start program promotes school readiness by enhancing student's social, emotional, language, cognitive, and physical development,” Freeman said. “The program also works collaboratively with families to offer additional support services and resources.”

For more information, contact Freeman at 575-527-6020 or cfreeman@lcps.net.

Pre-K program

Free early learning, health and family well-being support services are available for 124 New Mexico Pre-K students and their families who were accepted for the LCPS-New Mexico PreK program for the 2018-19 school year.

Registration for the program takes place at seven elementary schools offering the program from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, said Dr. Maria Artiaga, LCPS executive director of federal programs.

The elementary schools are Desert Hills, Hillrise, Jornada, Mesilla, Sonoma, Tombaugh and Valley View. Preschool classes begin Aug. 15.

“Registration is only

for families who have been approved by the New Mexico PreK program,” Artiaga said.

New Mexico Pre-K is an optional early childhood program funded by the state that provides services to children who are 4-years-old by Aug. 31.

LULAC award

Melanie Altuna Vigil, a member of Las Cruces League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council 120, received the 2018 National Woman of the Year Award

at the 89th National LULAC Convention in Phoenix over the weekend of July 20-22.

According to a press release, Vigil was recognized for her “tireless efforts in charity and volunteerism in her community.”

Also, Paul “Pablo” Martinez, a member of Las Cruces LULAC Council 120, was elected national LULAC treasurer. Martinez was NM LULAC state director from 2006-2010.

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Dental work



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Delta Dental New Mexico CEO Edward Lopez, left, presents Doña Ana Community College a check for \$30,000 Tuesday with DACC Dental Hygiene Program students and, at right of the check, DACC Dental Hygiene Program Director Elmer Gonzalez and Delta Dental board member Ralph McElmurry (without coat). Delta Dental New Mexico and Doña Ana Community College are collaborating with community partners in an attempt to improve the oral health of the region's most vulnerable residents.

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28, 2211 N. Mesquite St. Las Cruces' only Feline Adoption and Resource Center will host its second annual Bellissimi Gattini (Beautiful Kitten) fundraiser. See page 61 this issue.

Space Science Fair: 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, July 31, Las Cruces City Hall. NASA In-flight Education Downlink, a 20-minute live connection with astronauts aboard the International Space Station and a live Q&A with astronauts. Info and RSVP: Stephanie Hawkins at 575-532-3372 or shawkins@las-cruces.org.

Stamp Club: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2, and the first Thursday of each month at Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid Ave. Open to anyone interested in stamp collecting. Info: 575-202-1937.

Rummage sale: 7 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 4, Finley Hall, next to Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina St. Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of America Court Santa Cruz No. 1298.

Alzheimer's fundraiser: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, Michele's Dance Academy, 1195 E. Madrid Ave. Free line dance classes and free family treats and games. Benefits Alzheimer's Association.

Elk Foundation banquet: 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, Las Cruces Convention Center, 608 East University Ave. Prizes, auctions, food, camaraderie for the benefit of elk country.

Info: Charles Tharp, 575-644-0080, or www.events.rmef.org.

GSK Summer Science: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 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 session starts.

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

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

Head Start, Pre-K: 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9. Registration for families who qualify or have been accepted for the early learning programs. Classes start Aug. 15.

• Pre-K: Families who have been approved can register at seven elementary schools: Desert Hills, Hillrise, Jornada, Mesilla, Sonoma, Tombaugh and Valley View. To get pre-approved, call 575-527-6624.

• Head Start: Register at one of 12 LCPS elementary schools: Booker T. Washington, César E. Chávez, Columbia, Conlee, Doña Ana, Hermosa

Heights, Loma Heights, MacArthur, Mesilla Park, Tombaugh, University Hills and Valley View.

Culture series: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. "The Churro and the Navajo: One Family's Journey to Save the Sacred Sheep," presented by photographer Stacia Spragg-Braude.

Pecan weevil hearing: 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 10, NM Department of Agriculture, 3190 S. Espina St. Hearing to receive public input on the new rule regarding the pecan weevil interior quarantine. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14. Early submission of written comments is encouraged. Individuals providing written comments in person at the meeting must provide two copies for the hearing officer. Info: www.nmda.nmsu.edu.

Mobile spay, neuter: Monday, Aug. 13, Sept. 24 and Oct. 15, 2405 W. Picacho Ave. No. 103. Spay & Neuter Action Program low cost spay/neuter surgery for pets of low-income households. Financial help available. Cost: \$40 for dogs, \$30 for cats, cash

only. Info and appointments: 575-524-9265 or snapnewmexico.org.

Native Plant Society: Two events are planned for August. Info: 575-523-8413.
• 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, Good Samaritan Village Conference Room, 3025 Terrace Drive. Dr. Dawn Browning who will present "Southwest Season Trackers: Citizen Science fills gap for desert plant phenology," the study of periodic plant and animal life-cycle events and how seasonal or climatic variation, such as flowering time, elevation and climate changes affect plants & animals.

• 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, east end of the former Kmart parking lot. Meet up for a field trip to Aguirre Springs.

Appreciation Day: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug.

25, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Free admission. Demonstrations such as blacksmithing, milking, wool spinning, sewing, weaving and wood-carving. Also pony rides, living history, children's games, a plant sale, and more.

Stars-N-Parks: Learn about the night sky at NM state parks. Arrive at sunset to become familiar with surroundings before nightfall. Formal presentation followed by telescope observations. Cost: \$5 park day-use fee. Suggested donation for the program, \$5 per couple, or \$3 per individual. Info: John Gilkison 575-635-0982 or National Public Observatory on Facebook public groups.

• Saturday, Sept. 1: Rockhound State Park. Sunset: 7:32 p.m. Program Start: 8:45 p.m., Program

End: 10:15 p.m. Saturn transiting, Mars following and Jupiter setting in the west. The Summer Milky Way is past the meridian and Andromeda is rising in the east. Presenter: Mike Nuss

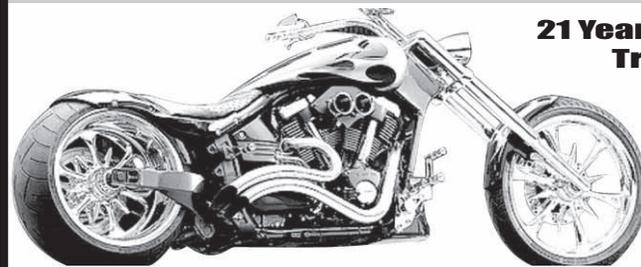
• Saturday, Sept. 8: City of Rocks State Park. Sunset: 7:23 p.m. Program Start: 8:35 p.m., Program End: 10:05 p.m. Saturn transiting, Mars following and Jupiter setting in the west. The Summer Milky Way is past the meridian and Andromeda is rising in the east.

Santa Teresa Charity Golf: 1-6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, Vista Hills Country Club, 2210 Trawood Drive, El Paso. Organized by Santa Teresa Charitable Foundation, a tax-deductible, non-profit organization, supports the Honors Programs in the Sunland Park, Desert View, and Riverside Elementary

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Founded in 1929, LULAC bills itself as the nation's oldest and largest Latino organization. Its 2021 national convention

will be held in Albuquerque.

Astronaut Q&A

Selected students from kindergarten through 12th grade will participate in a live question-and-answer session with

astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS) on Tuesday, July 31.

The live downlink with astronauts Alex Gerst, Drew Feustel and Dr. Serena Aunon-Chancellor is part of a Space Science Fair sponsored by the Mu-

seum of Nature & Science taking place from 9 a.m. to noon at Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St.

The NASA In-flight Education Downlink will last for 20 minutes and include students' questions submitted to the museum.

The exchange will be simulcast on KTAL 101.5 FM, Las Cruces community radio. The tentative time for the live connection is 9:55 a.m., but is subject to change.

School groups, camps and other groups planning to attend the question-and-answer event should make reservations by contacting Stephanie

Hawkins at 575-532-3372 or shawkins@las-cruces.org. ISS In-flight Education Downlinks support NASA's efforts to encourage K-12 students to study and pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) – and ultimately to advance American achievements in discovery, invention and exploration.

Media day



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

New Mexico Mounted Patrol Troop 10 members, from left, Sgt. Fernando Ravessoud, Capt. Todd Gregory and Lt. Matt Huebert, held a media day at the Rinconada Walmart on Saturday, July 21, for the purpose of announcing new recruitment opportunities. The troop's headquarters is located at 4055 Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Call 575-323-1180.

Costume party



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Las Cruces Community Theatre staged a costume and clothing sale Saturday morning, July 21, from garb used in past productions. Here, Reanna Gonzalez checks out the merchandise from the racks.

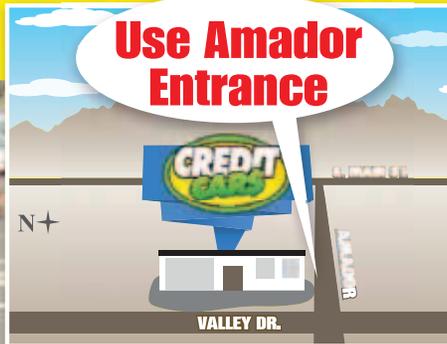
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NMSU Chancellor Dan Arvizu speaks to about 60 middle school students at the NMSU Verizon Innovative Learning program July 24 at NMSU's O'Donnell Hall.

NMSU STEM camp trains future leaders

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

The leaders of New Mexico State University and the City of Las Cruces were on hand Tuesday morning, July 24, to meet the community's future leaders at NMSU's Verizon Innovative Learning camp.

About 100 minority male middle school students in the Las Cruces and Gadsden school districts, a number of whom are likely to one day enroll at NMSU, participated in the three-week camp at NMSU. About 60 of them took the opportunity July 24 to meet NMSU Chancellor Dan Arvizu, Engineering Dean Lakshmi Reddi, Arts and Sciences Dean Enrico Pontelli and other university leaders,



More than 100 middle school boys from Las Cruces and Gadsden spent three weeks on the NMSU campus during the NMSU Verizon Innovative Learning summer camp. Most of them were visited July 24 by NMSU Chancellor Dan Arvizu, Dean of Arts and Sciences Enrico Pontelli, Engineering Dean Lakshmi Reddi and other university leaders, along with Mayor Ken Miyagishima.

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A \$300,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation has paid for the camp each of the past two years, welcoming minority males in grades six-through-eight, and

immersing them in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects such as coding and an introduction to computer languages, social entrepreneurship, 3D printers and augmented reality tools. The program

also offered "exposure to minority male mentors and role models," according to NMSU.

"For jobs in the future, you really need higher education," Arvizu said. An Alamogordo native and NMSU graduate, Arvizu

was the first in his family to attend college.

"I learned a lot because I applied myself in school," Arvizu said. "Study hard," he advised the students, and "look at those opportunities you'll have here at NMSU."

The mayor saw many hands raised among the approximately 60 middle schoolers who attended the July 24 event as he asked how many had attended his stay-in-school initiative and fitness and nutrition challenge as third graders. Miyagishima has presented the program to about 20,000 third graders at every Las Cruces elementary school during the past 11 years.

The goal of the grant is to "empower opportunities and solutions," said

Verizon Business Account Manager Gerardo Carcamo.

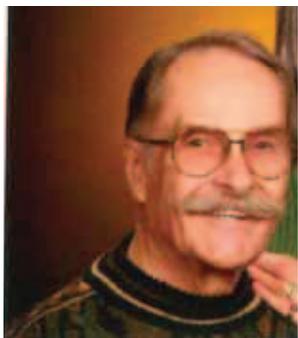
Also attending the July 24 event were NMSU Vice President of Research Luis Cifuentes and STEM camp director Raena Cota.

The camp was July 9-26 at NMSU.

"STEM is key to the growth and stability of the U.S. economy," according to NMSU. "But, as STEM jobs increase at double the rate of non-STEM jobs, it's critical that all students are exposed to these skills to grow the next generation of innovators."

For more information, visit stem.nmsu.edu.

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



CLINTON H. BELLOWES ("CLINT")

September 22, 1927
- July 4, 2018

Our beloved Clint passed away on July 4 at the age of 90 in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He was born on Sept. 11, 1927 to Harold and Hazel Bellows in Walla Walla, WA. Clint grew up in Halfway, Oregon, graduated from Baker High School, and attended University of Oregon and Capital University. He enlisted in the US Marine Corp at the age of 17 and was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant. He then joined the OR/WA National Guard and served 26 years. Clint was also a Patron Member of the National Rifle Association. Clint was an active member of the Episcopal church and Wellspring church.

Clint owned KYET Radio in Payette, ID which he sold when he became a news reporter and anchor on KTVB in Boise, ID. He also served as Mayor of Ontario, OR. He had two daughters,

Julie and Lynda with Nita Bellows.

Clint was a Limited Partner and Financial Advisor at Edward Jones in Ontario and Baker, OR. During his years in Ontario, he was involved in numerous musical productions and sang for many weddings and funerals. One of his favorite roles was as Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof" and he was still able to enthrall audiences singing many songs acappella or with accompaniment. Clint and Sara (Sally) Bellows were married 38 years and moved from Baker to Las Cruces, NM to retire.

Clint is survived by his wife Sara Bellows, daughters Julie Koyama (Tom) of Seal Rock, OR and Lynda Ekstrom of Naples, OR, Sara's daughter Tracy Leonard of Fruitland, ID, and son Jeffrey Seiler of Gresham, OR, and grandchildren Stacy, Jarred, and Justine (Lynda's children), Morgan, Alexis, and Tobias (Julie's children), Toby Leonard, Hillary Seiler, Colton Seiler, and several great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later time. We were all blessed by his musical talents and his gorgeous voice. He will always remain in our memories.

BESSIE OROSCO GARCIA

Bessie Orosco Garcia, age 91, passed away Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at Mesilla Valley Hospice.

Survivors include four daughters, Ginger Thompson, Dorothy Dalton, Jeanette Garcia, and Cynthia Daniels.

At her request cremation was taken place and Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held at 9:30 AM Monday, July 23, 2018 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart where the Memorial Mass was celebrated immediately thereafter. Inurnment of cremains will be held at a later date.

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GARY K. GOODGER

Gary K. Goodger, age 76 of Las Cruces passed away July 14, 2018.

Survived by his wife Nancy, two sons: Mark and Rodney.

A Memorial Service was held at 2 PM on Friday, July 20, 2018 at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust

Street.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to Friends of The Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum or University United Methodist Church.

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GILBERT CAMUÑEZ

Gilbert Camuñez, age 82, of Vado, passed from this life on Monday, July 16, 2018.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Sanchez Camuñez; children, Dino Camuñez, Kevin Camuñez, Jocelyn Bartz and step-children, Felipe, Blanca Gonzalez, Rosa Rivera, Filemon, Jose Luis Sanchez, and Patrick Rivera, three sisters, Sylvia Camuñez, Irene Oliver-Lewis, and Elizabeth DiMatteo, and a brother, David Camuñez.

The Prayer Vigil was scheduled for 10:30 AM at St. Genevieve's Catholic Church The Funeral Mass was celebrated immediately thereafter. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed at Masonic Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.

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SANTIAGO L. MARTINEZ

Santiago L. Martinez, 79 of Chamberino, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 following a courageous battle with ALS.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Julia Martinez of the family home; a daughter, Esther Martinez-Carrillo, sons, Santiago Martinez, Jr., Jaime Martinez, Diego Martinez, and, Damian Martinez.

Visitation was held at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 with recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 pm. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. All services will be held at San Luis Rey Church, 244 S. San Luis Ave, Chamberino, NM. His final resting place will be at Chamberino Cemetery.

NICANDRA "NICA" REYES RODRIGUEZ

Nicandra "Nica" Reyes Rodriguez, age 81, of Mesquite left her dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life on Saturday, July 7, 2018.

Survivors include her loving husband of fifty-nine years, Frank "Cúate" Rodriguez, three sons, Frank "Panchito", David "Happy Days", and Edward "Tenga" Rodriguez, four brothers, Isabel Jr., Ramon, Frankie Reyes, and Albert Reyes, a sister, Petra Barela.

A prayer Vigil was held at 6 PM Thursday, July 12, 2018 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 125 W. Mesquite Street in Mesquite where the Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 AM Friday, July 13, 2018. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in Missionary Ridge Cemetery in Mesquite where she will be laid to rest in the family plot.

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DONALD RISINGER

Donald Risinger, age 90, passed away Wednesday, July 11, 2018. Cremation will take place and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.

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IN THE PROBATE
COURT
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
STATE OF
NEW MEXICO

NO. 18-0140

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
HARRY E. HELLMUTH,
a/k/a
HARRY EDWARD
HELLMUTH, JR.
DECEASED

NOTICE TO CRED-
ITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN THAT VINCENT
PETER GUTSCHICK has
been appointed personal re-
presentative of this estate. All
persons having claims
against this estate are re-

quired 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. Rm. 1-201,
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88007.

DATED: June 5, 2018

VINCENT PETER GUT-
SCHICK
4904 Calabazilla Drive
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88011

Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH
New Mexico Bar #14980
2455 East Missouri, Suite A
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88001
Telephone: (575) 556-8449
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 07/13, 07/20, 07/27,
2018

NOTICE is hereby given
that on April 10, 2018,
Duval Family Revocable
Trust Dated April 18, 2000,
Thomas and Linda Duval,
Trustees, 8406 Rocky Acres
Trail, Las Cruces, NM
88001, together with Doña
Ana Mutual Domestic Water
Consumers Association, re-
presented by Joshua L. Smith,
Watson Smith Law, PO Box
2183, Mesilla Park, NM
88047, filed application
numbered LRG-31-1 and
LRG-31-2 into LRG-80,
OSE File Numbers
LRG-31-1 and LRG-31-2,
with the State Engineer for
Permit to Change Location
of Well and Place and
Purpose of Use within the
Lower Rio Grande Under-
ground Water Basin in Doña
Ana County by transferring
24.78 acre-feet per annum
consumptive use from 9.53
acres of land, located within
the SE 1/4 of projected
Section 6, Township 22
South, Range 1 East,
NMPM, owned by Duval
Family Revocable Trust
Dated April 18, 2000, histor-
ically irrigated with ground-
water from well LRG-31
located within the SE 1/4 NE
1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 6,
Township 22 South, Range 1
East, NMPM, and more
specifically described where
Latitude and Longitude in-
tersect at 32° 25' 13.24"N,
106° 52' 18.38"W (WGS84),
on land owned by the Duval
Family Revocable Trust

Dated April 18, 2000. Said
24.78 acre-feet per annum is
instead to be diverted from
existing well LRG-80-S-2
located within the SW 1/4
NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section
14, Township 21 South,
Range 1 West, NMPM, and
more specifically described
where Latitude and Longi-
tude intersect at 32° 29'
15"N, 106° 55' 18.3"W
(WGS84), on land owned by
Doña Ana Mutual Domestic
Water Consumers Associa-
tion, from existing well
LRG-80-S-4 located within
the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of
Section 14, Township 21
South, Range 1 West, NMPM,
and more specifically de-
scribed where Latitude and
Longitude intersect at 32° 29'
20.1"N, 106° 55' 18.0"W
(WGS84), on land owned by
Doña Ana Mutual Domestic
Water Consumers Associa-
tion, for Mutual Domestic
and related purposes within
the Dona Ana Mutual Dom-
estic Water Consumers
Association service area,
located within Sections 11
through 14, Township 21
South, Range 1 West,
NMPM, formerly known as
the Fort Selden Water Com-
pany Service Area serving
the communities of Radium
Springs and Fort Selden,
New Mexico. Wells
LRG-80-S-2 and
LRG-80-S-4 are located
within Radium Springs, NM
and may be found at the
physical address of 12695
State Park Road No. SP4.
Well LRG-80 POD7 is
located within Radium
Springs, NM and may be
found approximately 0.3
mile west of the intersection
of Leasburg State Park Road
and Tres Amigos Road.

Any person, firm or corpora-
tion 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 ad-
dress, and mailing address).
The objection to the appro-
val 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: 07/20, 07/27, 08/03,
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 irriga-
ted. The request is made by
HATCH LAND NO 1 LLC
who requests that the Board
suspend a total of 2.00 acres
of water rights from lands
located in Section 8, Twp.
19S, Range 3W NMPM.,
and being a part of USRS
Map G1-60E LT 1 and
transfer them to lands owned
by **BOBREN FARMS LLC**
located in Section 11, Twp.
19S, Range 3W, NMPM,
being a part of USRS Map
G-39A, 97, 98, 161. 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
**August 8, 2018 at 11:30
a.m.** Protest or protests from
any person or persons inter-
ested may be heard at the
hearing. At the end of the
hearing, the Board of Direc-

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tors 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: 07/27, 2018

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

CV-2018-1253
JUDGE MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF HENRY FIBIAN MAR- QUEZ, FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **HENRY FIBIAN MARQUEZ**, a resident of Mesilla Park, 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 he seeks to change his name from **HENRY FIBIAN MARQUEZ** to **HENRY FABIAN ADAME**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 14th day of August, 2018, 3:00 p.m., Doña Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(seal)

HENRY FIBIAN MAR-
QUEZ
4801 S. Main St. #128
Mesilla Park, New Mexico
880047
(505) 206-2486

Dates: 07/27, 08/03, 2018

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

NO. CV-2018-1477
MARCI E. BEYERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF GUADALUPE BENAVIDEZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Guadalupe Benavidez, 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 Guadalupe Benavidez to Pita Benavidez, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge on the 13th day of September, 2018, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Guadalupe Benavidez
Guadalupe Benavidez
1811 View Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
575-522-7705

Dates: 07/27, 08/03, 2018

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

NO. CV-2018-1516

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF MARY COW- LEY

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Section 40-8-1 through Section 40-8-3 NMSA 1978 Comp., the Petitioner Katherine Hadrian will apply to the Honorable Marci E. Beyer District Judge of the Third Judicial District at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico at 9:00 a.m. on Sept. 13, 2018 for an Order for Change of Name for her minor child from Mary Cowley to Mary Hadrian.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Grace B. Duran
Grace B. Duran
Attorney for the Petitioner
230 S. Alameda Blvd. Bldg.
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Las Cruces, N.M. 88005
(575) 541-0329

Dates: 07/27, 08/03, 2018

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

NO. CV-2018-1424
MARCI E. BEYERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF TERRELL JAMES RUSHMORE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Terrell James Rushmore, 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 he seeks to change his name from Terrell James Rushmore to Slavno Extortion Usetorchabebe, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge on the 14th day of August, 2018, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM.

(seal)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Terrell James Rushmore
Terrell James Rushmore
3260 Venus St. #52
Las Cruces, NM 88012
575-201-9522

Dates: 07/27, 08/03, 2018

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

No.D-307-PB-2018-00081
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BESSIE O. GARCIA, De- ceased.

NOTICE TO CRED- ITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this

Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: July 20, 2018

/s/ Virginia Alice Thompson
Virginia Alice Thompson,
Personal Representative
of the Estate of Bessie O.
Garcia

PREPARED & SUBMIT-
TED BY:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
PO Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
holmespa@zianet.com

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

Dates: 07/27, 08/03, 08/10,
2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-02644

DEUTSCHE BANK NATION- AL TRUST COM- PANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET- BACKED PASS- THROUGH CERTIFI- CATES, SERIES 2003-8, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROSALIE VALDEZ, JERRY VALDEZ; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; BOB G. SELBY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLO- SURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 305 Tortugas Dr., Mesilla Park, NM 88047, and more particularly descri-

bed as follows:

LOT A, TOWN OF SAN JUAN (TORTUGAS) REPLAT NO. 4, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 2633, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 3, 1995, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 18, PAGE 209, 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 August 2, 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 September 29, 2017, in the total amount of \$92,445.23, with interest at the rate of 3.2500% per annum from July 31, 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. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee For Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-8, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER

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

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

By: Robert Doyle
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181 2

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2018-00892

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND LEGATEES OF RUDOLPH DAVIS, JR., DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO DEFENDANTS THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND LEGATEES OF RUDOLPH DAVIS, JR., DECEASED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the above Court on April 24, 2018, against the above named Defendants. The general object of the Complaint is to foreclose a lien of Plaintiff against certain real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4124 Gila Trail, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 27, BLOCK D, ARROWHEAD ESTATES 4, 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 ON PLAT NO. 3778 ON JUNE 20, 2003, IN BOOK 20, PAGES 361-362 OF PLAT RECORDS,

and to foreclose the interests of the above named Defendants and any other parties bound by the Notice of Lis Pendens in the Property, all as more specifically stated in the Complaint filed in this cause of action.

FURTHER, the above-named Defendants The Unknown Heirs, Devises and Legatees of Rudolph Davis, Jr., Deceased, are hereby notified that they have until thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice in which to file an answer or other pleading responsive to the Complaint and should said Defendants choose not to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment or other appropriate relief may be rendered against the above-named Defendants.

Richard M. Leverick of the law firm of Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C., whose address and phone number is 5120 San Francisco Rd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 858-3303 is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

WITNESS the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the Seal of the District Court of said County, on July 02, 2018.

(seal)

David S. Borunda
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:/s/ Victor A. Eres
Victor A. Eres, Judicial Specialist

Dates: 07/13, 07/20, 07/27,
2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXIST-

ING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS COOK, OLGA COOK; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant, Thomas Cook

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The United States Of America has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 5065 Pueblo Trl., Las Cruces, NM 88012-7371. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

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

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

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP
Karen Weaver
Jason Hoggard
6501 Eagle Rock NE, Suite

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Dates: 07/27, 08/03, 08/10,
2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2018-01176
Beyer, Marci

**WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

THE ESTATE OF ALFONSO M. MARTINEZ, DECEASED; ALFREDO MARTINEZ, Individually and as Personal Representative of The Estate of Alfonso M. Martinez, Deceased; WHITE SANDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF ALFONSO M. MARTINEZ, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Alfonso M. Martinez, Deceased

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 7632 Shannon Road, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

A tract of land situate in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 19, T.22S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod found on the centerline of Shannon Road for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described; whence the Northwest corner of Section 19, T.22S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears the following two courses and distances: N.89

Deg.10'57"W., 233.45 feet; thence N.55 Deg.47'16"W., 1696.27 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning and along the centerline of Shannon Road, S.89 Deg.10'57"E., 233.45 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the centerline of Caraway Drive for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the centerline of Caraway Drive, S.00 Deg.07'22"E., 466.80 feet to a nail set on the centerline of a 50 foot wide road and utility easement for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the centerline of said easement, N.89 Deg.10'47"W., 232.78 feet to a nail set for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the centerline of said easement, N.00 Deg. 12'18"W., 466.80 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.500 acres of land, more or less.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Little, Bradley & Nesbitt, P.A., P.O. Box 3509, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509, 505-248-2400.

WITNESS the Honorable MARCI E. BEYER, District Judge of the Third Judicial

District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 17th day of July, 2018

(seal)

David S. Borunda
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Victor A. Eres
Victor A. Eres, Judicial Specialist

Dates: 07/27, 08/03, 08/10,
2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 18-0182
Judge Diana A. Bustamante,
PhD

IN THE MATTER OF

**THE
ESTATE OF:
FRED A. LEHMAN, DE-
CEASED.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

DATED this 13th day of July, 2018.

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

SHANE A. ENGLISH
Attorney for Rhonda L. Lehman,
Personal Representative
N.M. State Bar No. 4854
Post Office Drawer 1329
Anthony, NM 88021
(575) 882-4500
(575) 882-5000 [FAX]
kne1329@aol.com

Dates: 07/20, 07/27, 08/23,
2018

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

NO. 18-0176

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
JAMES J. JOSEPH
GARTHWAIT,
DECEASED**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **CAROLYN SWEENEY** 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

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BRENT MCCANN and
MELANIE MCCANN,
Individually, Defendants.**

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The cause of action does not involve real property.

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New arts fair planned for Mesquite Historic District

BULLETIN REPORT

A group of local art enthusiasts, spearheaded by artist and collector Michael Ponce, have announced the Affordable Art Fair (AAF) to be held in Klein Park on Oct. 13, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

The event will showcase at least 50 local and regional curated artists with the aim of connecting artists to both new

and established collectors.

“The Affordable Art Fair was established to fill a void in southern New Mexico,” Ponce said. “The event will be a comfortable friendly atmosphere to welcome the public and emerging contemporary artists. The main goal is to keep this simple and affordable for both artists and collectors.”

“The [AAF] is dedicated to creating dialogue and providing educational opportunities for anyone who is interested in discovering local artists and better understanding contemporary art,” says Chris Bardey, one of the event organizers. “Not only is the event participation cost affordable, all of the art and collectibles will be priced at levels that will be at-

tractive to most individuals looking to start or add to their collection.”

In addition to the art fair on Oct. 13, a series of discussions will be held with area collectors and artists each Thursday evening during the month of September. “We are looking to demystify art collecting by showcasing local collectors and artists,” says Arianna Parsons,

another event organizer. “We are interested in showing how different individuals approach collecting and how the collection transforms their homes.”

Regional artists interested in participating in the event should review the guidelines on the Affordable Art Fair Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/AAF.lcnm/), and should then

submit samples of their work to Michael Ponce at michaelponce@hotmail.com.

The mission of AAF is to reach out to those that have not considered buying original art as well as a venue for new art collectors. Affordable Art Fairs are a growing trend internationally, with large fairs held in New York, Amsterdam, Hong Kong and Oslo.

Historical theatres



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Film critic Jeff Berg signed and discussed his latest book, “Historic Movie Theatres of New Mexico,” Saturday, July 21, at COAS bookstore downtown Las Cruces. Berg, a former Las Crucean and current resident of Santa Fe, reviews films showing at Mesilla’s Fountain Theatre for the Bulletin.

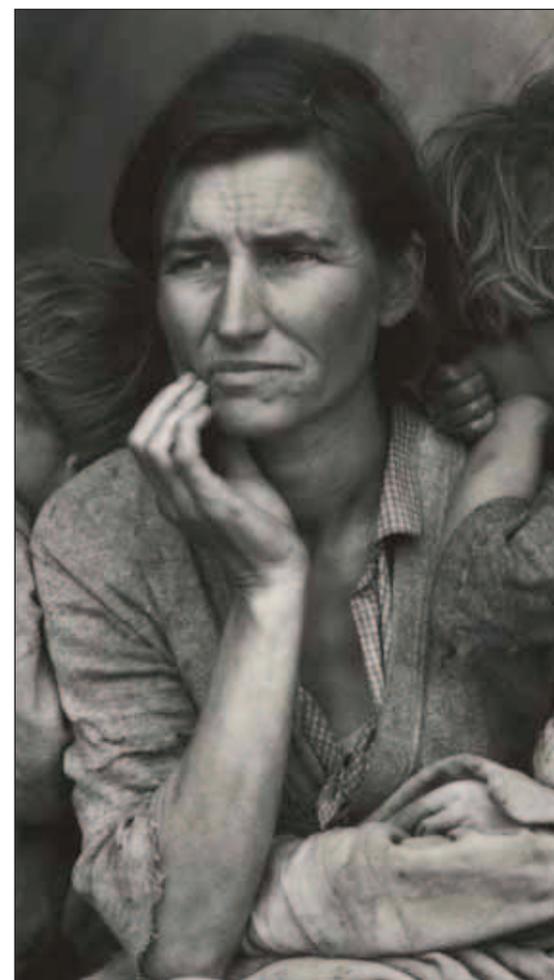
Light Works: A Century of Photography

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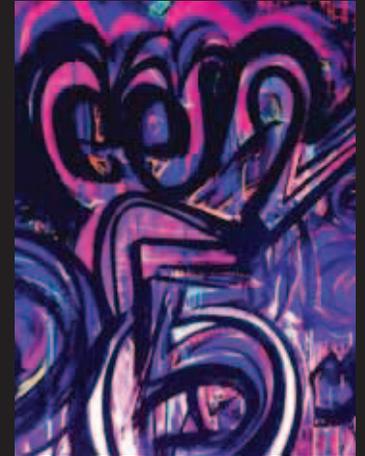
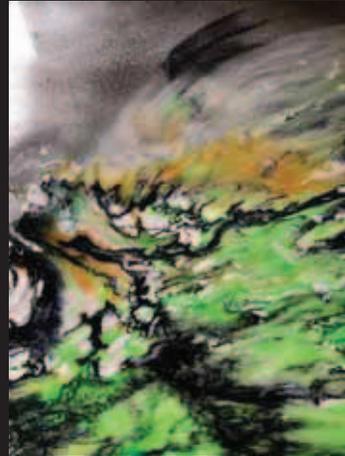
“Light Works: A Century of Photography,” opens with a reception during the Downtown Ramble on Friday, Aug. 3, from 5-8 p.m. in the Las Cruces Museum of Art. All works on view are drawn from the collection of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, Michigan, which also organized this exhibition. The exhibition will continue through Saturday, Oct. 27.

From Eadweard Muybridge’s 19th-century photographic studies of animal locomotion to Richard Misrach’s contemporary chromogenic prints, this exhibition spans the history of photography. Included are such trailblazing and iconic masters as Alfred Stieglitz, Edward Curtis, Ansel Adams, Dorothea Lange, Diane Arbus, Richard Avedon and many other celebrated photographers.

The museum is located at 491 N. Main Street and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For additional information, visit the website at las-cruces.org/museums or call 575-541-2137.



This Depression-era photo by Dorothea Lange, “Migrant Mother, Nipomo, California 1936,” is a gelatin silver print included in “Light Works: A Century of Photography,” opening Friday, Aug. 3 at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.



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The swirling abstract designs of Tiffany Figueroa.

TIFFANY FIGUEROA:

Layering impulse over intention



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Abstract artist and production designer Tiffany Figueroa in her Las Cruces studio.

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Tiffany Figueroa's first attempt at art began when she discovered leftover paint in the shed at her family's cottage in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Now 44, Figueroa is a unique and successful Las Cruces abstract artist and production designer.

She began working more seriously as an artist in 2015, Figueroa said, starting "on the journey of everything you're surrounded by."

Figueroa said she never has a pre-conceived idea of what she's going to create when she approaches a canvas.

"I just start painting,"

Figueroa said. "I let it take me. It kind of guides me where my imagination is going to. It's how you felt at that moment and that will always change."

Sometimes, she'll begin a piece, work on it for a while and then put it away for several months or a year before working on it again.

"It inspires me in its own time," Figueroa said. "It calls to you when it does and when it does that's all you're thinking about at the time – the journey you're taking with the canvas."

"How do you know that you know that you know' is something that I've explored with art for a very long time in my life," Figueroa said.

Figueroa draws inspira-

tion for her paintings from childhood memories and life in Las Cruces the past two decades, including desert plants and animals.

At the Las Cruces studio she shares with two other artists, Figueroa often paints in black light and even in the dark. Using black light is not an art school technique, Figueroa says. It's just something she started doing and fell in love with. It can make certain colors seem three dimensional, and makes whatever piece she's working on "scream even louder."

"You see some things in black light you won't see again in regular light," she said.



UPCOMING EVENTS

THU JULY 26 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
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FRI JULY 27 • 10:30 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
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FRI JULY 27 • 2:00 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Teen End of Summer Reading Program Party

FRI JULY 27 • 3:30 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Library lab (Activities/Stories for ages 6-10)

FRI JULY 27 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Moulin Rouge Shadow Cast - \$10

SAT JULY 28 • 12:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
The Princess Bride - \$1

SAT JULY 28 • 1:00 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Sound Session (Guitar Instruction for Teens)

SAT JULY 28 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Raiders of the Lost Ark - \$8

TUE JULY 31 • 10:30 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
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TUE JULY 31 • 3:00 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
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TUE+THU JULY 31+ AUGUST 2 • 4:00 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Teen Game Night

WED+THU AUGUST 1+2 • 10:00 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Toddler Time (Stories/Activities for ages 1-3)

WED AUGUST 1 • 11:00 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
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She sometimes covers a part of her canvas to isolate another part she's working on.

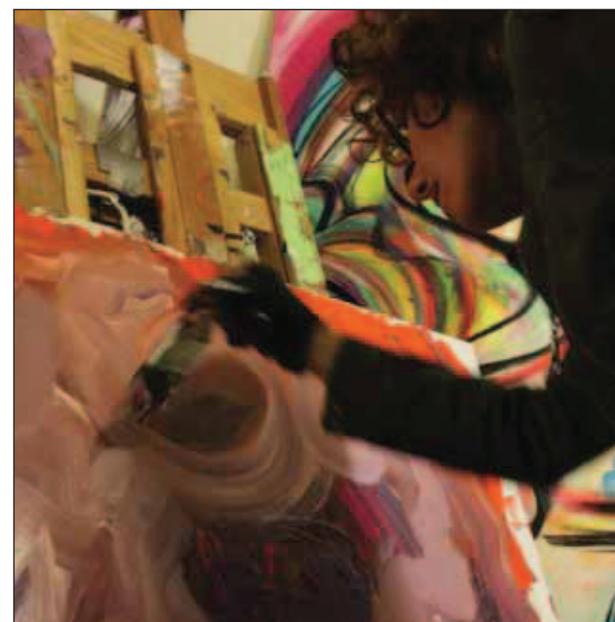
She even rotates the canvas as she works (making it difficult to decide where to sign the piece) to avoid giving it a "pre-determined perspective."

"Concepts lean into each other," Figueroa said. "When you look at it differently it takes you on a different adventure. It's a very impulsive act with a lot of intention."

Growing up in Canada, Figueroa had visited Europe, but she had never been to the desert until she drove across the New Mexico state line into Tucumcari in 1997.

"The colors of the desert profoundly affected me," Figueroa said.

"I was pulled into the sunset. The flowers that



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Abstract artist and production designer Tiffany Figueroa tries to avoid a pre-determined perspective while painting.

grow in a desert topography are mind blowing."

Desert features have remained a "massive influence" in her work, she said, including cactus, mountains and even the trademark spring winds.

Figueroa uses acrylic

paints for much of her work, and sometimes uses ink (black molotow or white zefo) over acrylic, she said. She uses different-sized brushes and sometimes applies the paint to the canvas directly from the

bottle.

Figueroa never washes the jeans she wears when she paints – she has them dry cleaned and wears them as a sort of designer art. She's even been known to borrow other people's clothes to paint in and then give them back.

A painting Figueroa did on commission hangs in a Las Cruces elementary school art teacher's classroom to help students explore jungle concepts.

She's also worked as a club artist, painting murals – she calls it "rushing the wall" – in the Top 40 room at Boots and Bourbon nightclub in Loretto Towne Center. That work was inspired by "the energy of the crowd," she said.

"I love painting life," Figueroa says.

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Left to right are Mark Medoff, Ross Marks, Joe Bullock and John Hunner.

Where God plays the lead: New film to be shot in Cruces

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It shouldn't surprise anyone that a powerful foursome is behind a movie being made in Las Cruces about a spiritual golf journey.

Longtime Las Cruces banker Joe Bullock wrote the semi-autographical novel the movie is based on, Tony-winning playwright Mark Medoff wrote the screenplay from the book, award-winning director and NMSU Creative Media Institute professor Ross Marks signed on as director, and businessman Jon Hunner was a driving force in raising \$3 million to finance the film.

Stars Edward James Olmos, George Lopez and Mary McDonnell will be in Las Cruces to shoot the film in September, Marks said.

The entire journey began a couple of years



LOPEZ **MCDONNELL** **OLMOS**

ago when Bullock "called me up and asked me, 'How do you write a book?'" Medoff said.

With advice from Medoff and others, Bullock wrote "Walking with Herb: A Spiritual Journey to the Masters,"

which he self-published in 2016.

Bullock knew most self-published books sell only a few hundred copies.

"I was very fortunate that Mark (Medoff) liked the book," he said.

It was also endorsed

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by two-time Masters champion Bernhard Langer, former NMSU and NFL quarterback Charley Johnson, former NMSU basketball coach Lou Henson and Emmy-winning actor Craig T. Nelson.

While driving to El Paso one day, Marks heard something spiritual on the car radio and decided he wanted to “do something spiritual, uplifting.”

He put together a draft of Bullock’s book and showed it to Medoff, who told Marks, “I’m the writer. You’re fired.”

Medoff liked Marks’ idea – and Bullock’s book – so much, he spent three months writing a screenplay based on the book, telling Bullock, “no matter how good the book

is, the movie will be different.”

Medoff’s changes included making the story “not so much a Christian journey as an ecumenical one,” Medoff said, “a faith-based move for people of all faiths.”

He also made the lead character, Joe Goodman, Hispanic.

Nearly a quarter of U.S. movie goers are Hispanic, Marks said, but less than 2 percent of movies made in the U.S. have Hispanic leads.

After a first draft of the screenplay was completed, Medoff decided it needed more drama. So, lead character Joe Goodman (who will be played by actor Edward James Olmos) and his wife, Sheila (played by Oscar nominee Mary McDonnell), have lost their grandchild. At the cemetery with their daughter as the child is being laid

to rest next to her father, Goodman becomes very angry.

“He sends his voice to heaven in fury to God for taking good people and innocent children,” Medoff said.

A cloud of dust appears, assumes the shape of a man (comedian and TV star George Lopez) and takes a place at the back of the funeral.

Lopez’s character later contacts Goodman at his bank and says God has a mission for him: to show the world that “no matter what age, you can set goals and achieve them,” Medoff said.

Goodman winds up playing in the “Golf Championship of the Entire World” (the Majors and other tournaments wouldn’t allow their names to be used in the film, Marks said).

“When I got into it I would talk to Ross (Marks) every day,” Medoff said, telling him, “I love this thing.”

Sometimes, Medoff said, Bullock’s book even moved him to tears.

“I have a real affinity with Joe,” Medoff said. “My goal with this endeavor was really to please Joe. It’s just been a lovely journey.”

Medoff and Marks were also drawn to the project because of their love of sports, Medoff said. Both are also “maniacally dedicated to filming here.”

Bullock said he was delighted with the final draft of Medoff’s screenplay.

“The book written by Joe Bullock, the movie written by Mark Medoff,” Bullock said. “Which would you bet on?”

Once the screenplay was completed, Bullock,

Medoff, Marks and others, including Hunner, began raising money to make their movie.

Ninety percent of the funding is local money, Marks said, and all of it was raised in New Mexico. With a \$3.1 million budget, he said, “Walking with Herb” will be “the largest independent film that’s ever been done in New Mexico.”

More than 30 backers of the film invested \$50,000 to \$200,000 each, Hunner said.

“It’s all tied to Joe (Bullock),” Hunner said.

When he and his wife moved to Las Cruces 18 years ago,

Hunner said, “the first person that greeted us was Joe Bullock. He welcomed us to the community. He’s a great friend.”

Hunner said he also has “a great amount of respect” for Medoff. “He’s one of the people everybody’s proud to have here.”

And, he called Marks, “a bright young talent.” Marks’ directing credits include “The Twilight of the Golds,” “Showdown on Rio Road,” “Homage” and “The Heart Outright.”

“You can’t lose on this deal,” Bullock said he told potential investors: “God’s the main charac-

ter.”

Olmos was his and Medoff’s first choice to play Goodman, Marks said. He knew Olmos from the Las Cruces International Film Festival, Marks said, and received an enthusiastic response when the part was offered to him.

Lopez was also the first choice to play the supernatural Herb.

The film will be shot over 21 days in Las Cruces and four days in Artesia, which is Bullock’s home town. His father, Bill, won numerous city golf championships there and figures prominently in the book.

More than 40 Las Cruces – including CMI students – will be employed as crew on the film, Marks said, and more than 80 local actors will be used in featured and background parts. The film likely will bring about \$2 million to Las Cruces in direct spending, he said.

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The book by Joe Bullock upon which the independent film “Walking with Herb” is based.

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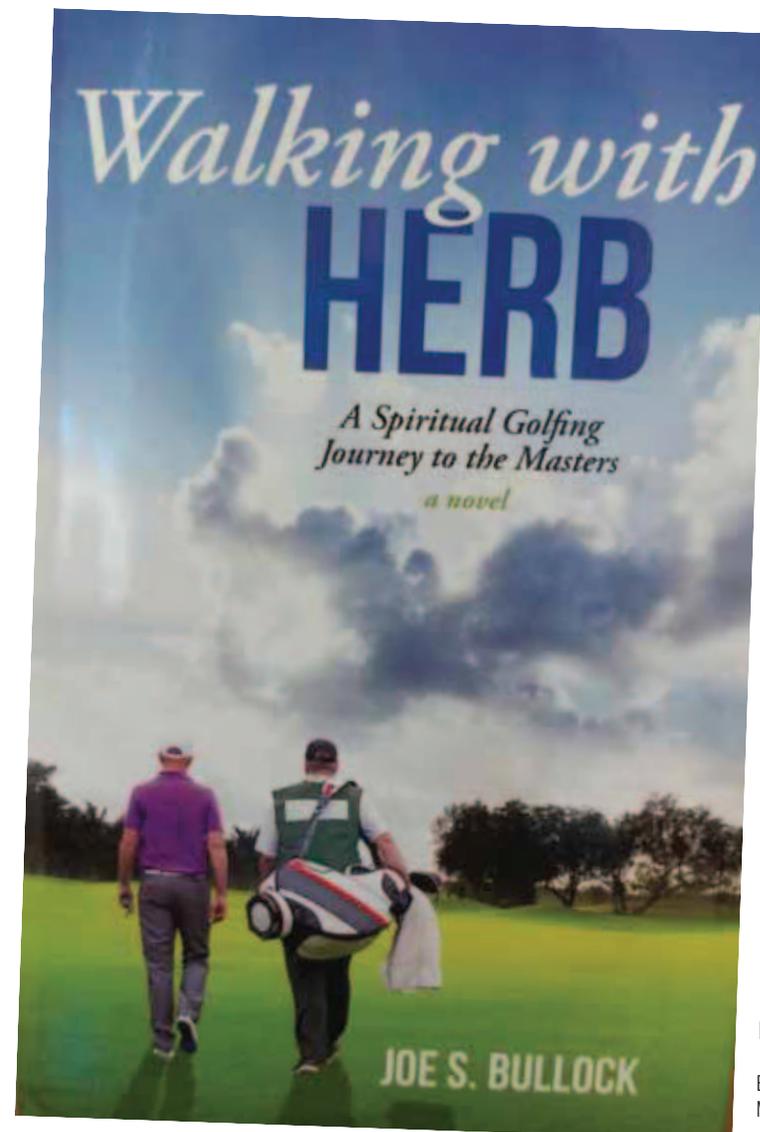
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BULLETIN REPORT

"And the Winner Is ..." features Tony award-winning music from the 1950s like "Kiss me Kate," and even the 2018 winner, "The Band's Visit."

Performances are Friday-Saturday, July 27-28 and Aug. 3-4 at Boba Café and Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St.

There are two shows each night. The dinner show seats at 6 p.m. and tickets are \$27.50. The cocktail show seats at 8:15, and tickets are \$12:50.

Performers are Juan Apodaca, Mark Klett, Taylor Rey and Melisa Derya White.

Rey, Boba's artistic director, choreographed and produced the show. She is a graduate of Las Cruces High School and graduated from Oklahoma City University with a music degree. She has starred in various Cruces productions including Scaffolding Theatre Company's "Nine" and "Chicago." Her most recent performance was in Boba's "The Ladybugs."

Apodaca just completed a performance in Scaffolding's production of "Othello: The Remix" and played Roger in NMSU's production of "Rent" this year. He also starred in Scaffolding's "Five Course Love."

White has performed in a number of recent NMSU Theatre Arts Department productions, including "Rent," "The Odyssey," "Urinetown" and "Broadway Today," along with Las Cruces Commu-



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Taylor Rey



Mark Klett



Juan Apodaca

nity Theatre's "Legally Blonde."

Klett will accompany the trio on piano. He has performed in numerous shows at Boba, NMSU and other Las Cruces venues.

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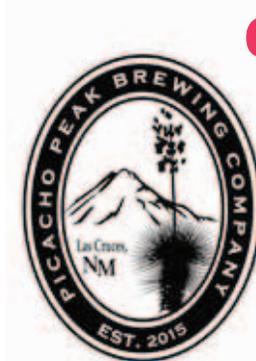
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Perchance, to dream

Starlight Theatre Company of Las Cruces' production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" closes July 28. Final performances of the production will be a 10 a.m. children's matinee on Friday, July 27 and 7 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, July 27-28, at Atkinson Recital Hall, NMSU Music Center, 1075 N. Horseshoe. The production includes the music of German composer Felix Mendelssohn. Tickets are \$5 students and children, \$10 adults. Group rates are also available. Starlight Theatre Company is now in its 12th year in Las Cruces. For tickets and more information, contact Cheryl Carreon at 575-644-8567 and happybunie2@aol.com, or Barbara Gamillo at 575-649-1794 and barlugo@gmail.com. Visit starlightonstage.org.

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The writing life: dreams and nightmares for all to read

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: Fourth in a series.

Who knew there were so many published authors in Las Cruces!

The numbers continue to climb for the fifth annual Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Celebrate Authors event, to be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, in the Roadrunner Room of Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Last year's event drew 24 authors, and the count so far this year is 15, with a few days remaining before the July 31 application deadline.

To participate, authors must be residents of southern New Mexico with a book published in 2013 or later, says Librarian Carmella Lee.

Books submitted for inclusion in the event can be of all genres: fiction, non-fiction, poetry, science-fiction, romance

novels, short-story collections and children's books.

Submissions include an application form. Contact Sue Fletcher at 575-521-8507. Leave a message with your name, phone number and mention that you're calling about Celebrate Authors. Or email her at sjfletch1940@yahoo.com and drop "Celebrate Authors" in the subject line.

Here are four more authors taking part in this year's event:

• **David Lee Summers** has lived in Las Cruces for 23 years and is the author of nine books currently in print: "The Solar Sea," "Revolution of Air and Rust," "Owl Dance," "Lightning Wolves," "The Brazen Shark," "Owl Riders," "Vampires of the Scarlet Order," "Dragon's Fall: Rise of the Scarlet Order" and "The Astronomer's Crypt."

Summers' genres are mainly science fiction, steampunk and horror.

"Writing is magic," Summers said. "There's no other way I know to share my innermost dreams and nightmares so completely as I can through the written word. I am humbled and blessed that so many have read my words and I'm delighted every time I have the honor of reading another author's hopes and fears as well."

• **William J. Beerman Sr.** has lived in Las Cruces for 10 years and is the author of "Mary Regina's Nursing Home," which he describes as a "journalistic novel hybrid."

"Over 40 years as a full-time writer or editor, I never reached a point where I found writing had become easy," Beerman said. "I noted that the recently deceased distinguished columnist Charles Krauthammer said that he went over each of his own articles about 15 times, made many changes, left them to sit overnight and made

more changes before he turned them in for publishing. He said he discovered many errors and opportunities for improvement that way. I also worked like that when possible, but I am sure I found many more errors in my work than Mr. Krauthammer found in his."

• **George R. Matthews** of Las Cruces has lived in New Mexico since 1992 and is the author of four published books of narrative nonfiction: "Zebulon Pike: Thomas Jefferson's Agent for Empire" (2016), which tells the story of Pike's 1806-07 spy mission to Santa Fe, as a prelude to a planned American invasion of Spanish New Mexico; "When the Cubs Won It All" (2009), the story of the 1908 Chicago Cubs World Series championship season; "America's First Olympics" (2005), the story of the 1904 St. Louis Olympic Games; and "St. Louis Olympics, 1904" (2003), a

collection of photographs from the 1904 Olympic Games.

Matthews' favorite quote for writers comes from Stephen King: "If you want to be a writer you must do two things above all others: read a lot and write a lot."

• **Alice B. Davenport** came to Las Cruces 26 years ago for her health. She has a master's degree from NMSU and is a certified family life educator. Davenport owns and operates Moonbow Alterations and Gift Shop, "where she gets to talk to people from all over the world and from many walks of life," she said. Her shop includes space for books written by local authors.

Davenport, who has been writing since age 18, has been a ghost writer, written political speeches, and now writes short self-help books, including "Don't Stop the Love: For Mother and Others Who Love an Addict"; a light romance novel, "Love

Doesn't Come Easy"; a memoir about how money was spent to help others have a great day, "The Thousand Dollar Christmas"; and books for youth, "The Adventures of a Squirrel Named Frisky" and "A Birthday Kenny Wouldn't Forget."

"Write what you enjoy," is Davenport's advice to other writers and would-be writers. "We may be unique, but there is someone out there that wants to read what YOU write. Always read; read everything. If you do not have time to read, then listen to audio books. I can listen to four to six books a week while I sew late at night. And write, always write. What you do not know, research. Research is great fun, a lot more fun than the actual writing. Today, anybody can write and publish a book. Go for it."

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BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces artist Storm Sermay returns to Tombaugh Gallery for a solo show, "Oceans and Deserts," in August.

The exhibit opens at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, with an artist's talk beginning at noon at the gallery, inside the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive.

Sermay, who has lived in the Southwest for 40 years, started this proj-

ect in 2010, photographing in the California desert and on the Pacific Coast, discovering the connections between these apparently disparate ecosystems.

Color detracts

"Photographed in black and white, the outward appearances become even more similar with relatively even planes, bordering mountains, comparable edging vegetation, and an abstract nature," Sermay

says on her website.

Sermay favors black-and-white photography, she says, "because I think color can detract from the basic elements both in people and in landscapes. Black and white, emphasizing shadow, light, and texture, brings out the essence of a subject."

Sermay is a member of Border Artists, founded in the 1980s to "increase visibility and recognition" for southern New Mexico artists,"

according to www.borderartists.org.

Sermay previously had a solo show at Tombaugh Gallery in 2011. She has also had solo shows at several other Las Cruces galleries and has participated in group juried shows in El Paso and Albuquerque.

"Oceans and Desert" continues at Tombaugh Gallery through August.

The gallery is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Call 575-522-7281.



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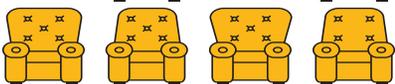
You can build a cool fort indoors. You can create a quiet place to read or draw with some blankets and tables or furniture. Invite a friend or family member to visit your fort!

The Compound Fort

This fort is constructed out of pieces of furniture and cushions, providing little "rooms" within the fort.

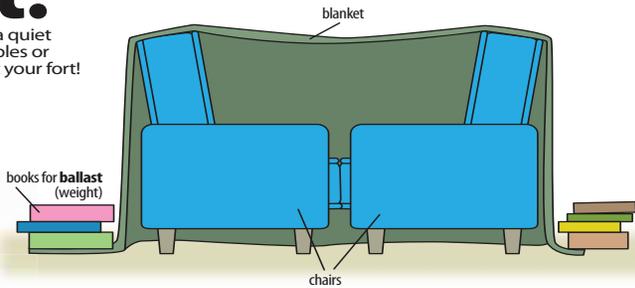


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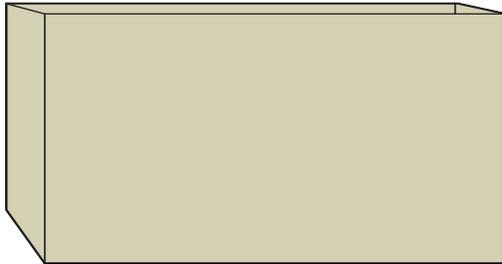
The Terrific Tunnel Fort

This fort is easy to make. And it's a super comfy place to read or watch a movie on a rainy day.



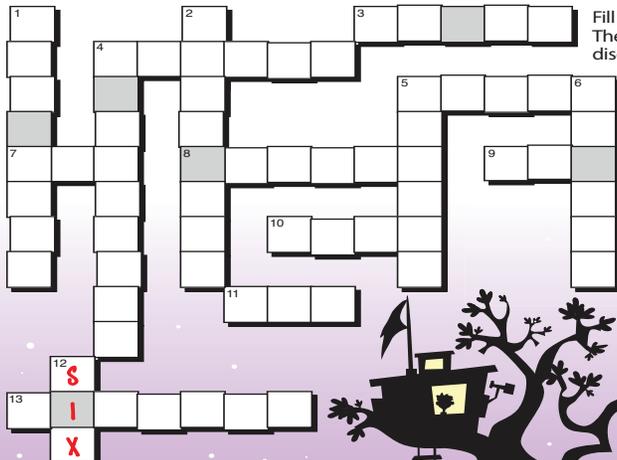
Cardboard Box Fort

A classic! Get an adult's help to cut doors and windows in a big box. What would you make the front of your box fort look like? Design it here!



Tree Fort Secret Code

The Backyard Tree Fort Club is having a meeting. To get in, you have to know the Secret Code Word.



Fill in the missing letters in this math crossword puzzle. Then, unscramble the letters in the shaded boxes to discover the Secret Code Word.

Across

- 3. 35 + 5
- 4. 51 - 21
- 5. 3 + 5
- 7. 19 - 9
- 8. 54 - 42
- 9. 32 - 31
- 10. 28 - 23
- 11. 19 - 13
- 13. 9 + 7

Down

- 1. 21 - 7
- 2. 36 - 18
- 4. 12 + 10
- 5. 6 + 5
- 6. 36 - 16
- 12. 3 + 3

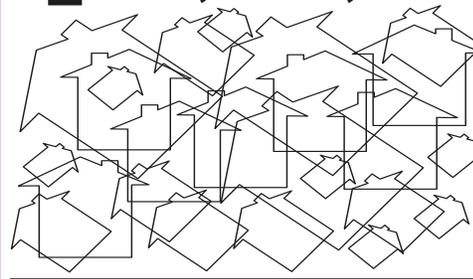
Fort for Sale

Imagine you were selling a fort. Look at the house for sale classified ads in the newspaper. Using them as a model, write a classified ad for an amazing fort.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many houses can you see?

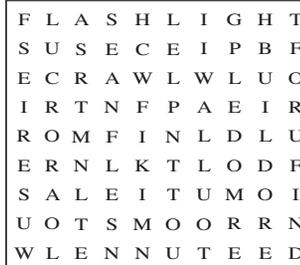


Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

- FLASHLIGHT
- FURNITURE
- BLANKET
- PILLOW
- SERIES
- PIECES
- TUNNEL
- BUILD
- ROOMS
- MODEL
- CRAWL
- FORT
- SALE
- WALL
- FIND

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



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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Build a Sentence

Many newspaper headlines are not complete sentences. Find a headline and rewrite it as a complete sentence. Then start adding words to see how long you can make the sentence, and still have it be a complete sentence.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate info.

Write On!

I BUILT MY HOUSE ...

Finish this sentence and then write five details about your home.

Kid Scoop Together: Fort Funnies

Ask a parent for each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then, climb into your fort together and read it aloud!

My Nutty Fort

I had just finished building a cool fort out of _____ PLURAL NOUN _____ and _____ PLURAL NOUN _____ in my living room, when I heard a knock on our _____ NOUN _____.

"I have a _____ VERB _____ package for you," said the delivery guy. He handed me a large, _____ ADJECTIVE _____ box.

When I opened the box, it was filled with _____ ADJECTIVE _____ PLURAL NOUN _____. But it was the cardboard box that I really wanted. I cut some doors and windows with a _____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN _____. I added the box to my fort and now it was a _____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN _____ in our home.

I began collecting all the _____ ADJECTIVE _____ boxes I could find to add to my fort. Soon, the fort was so big I had to _____ VERB _____ it to the backyard.

One evening, some squirrels moved into the fort. They filled it with _____ ADJECTIVE _____ PLURAL NOUN _____. But they seemed so happy there, I couldn't think of making them leave it. But my mom and dad had to buy new furniture, including a _____ NOUN _____ to sit on, a _____ NOUN _____ for the floor, and some decorative _____ PLURAL NOUN _____ for our new sofa. My fort turned out to be very expensive! I think next time I'll build a _____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN _____ instead.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Fire and Fiber United

Through July 27
Potters' Guild of Las Cruces biennial show at Tombaugh Gallery, Unitarian Universalist Church at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Artworks in the exhibit are collaborations between members of the Potters' Guild and fiber artists.

Student art show

Through July
MAS Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St., presents Mary Zawacki's Third Annual Student Art Show. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays. Info: 526-9113.

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.

Contemporary Abstract Art

Through Aug. 9
Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road, features

Lawrence Kupferman, Leo Doheman, Marc Chagall, Victor Vasarely, Matisse, Ernest Trova, Victor Carneiro, Delmas Howe and others.

Otero Mesa Photo Exhibit

Through Aug. 24
Photo exhibit featuring local photographers whose works highlight the grasslands and wildlife of the Otero Mesa. Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St.

League of Women Voters: Celebrating 50 Years

Through Aug. 25
Exhibit highlights the chapter's mission, positions, and advocacy from its founding through current activities. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

Flamenco: From Spain to New Mexico

Through Sept. 15
Exhibit from the Museum of International Folk Art traces flamenco to its arrival in the U.S. and its rise as an international art form. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

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.

Jenny Morgan: A Higher Ground

Through Sept. 21
Exhibit tracks the development of Morgan's body of work from graduate school at the School of Visual Arts to her more recent paintings exploring the individual. University Art Gallery, D.W. Williams Hall, 1390 E. University Ave.

Braceros: 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. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N.

Main St.

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.

Light Works: A Century of Photography

Through Oct. 27
Exhibit from the collection of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts includes Alfred Stieglitz, Edward Curtis, Ansel Adams, Dorothea Lange, Diane Arbus, Richard Avedon and others. Opening reception 5-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St.

Dressed for the Occasion

Through March 3, 2019
Women's everyday 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.

CALL TO ARTISTS

Book space

Moonbow Alterations and Gift Shop, 225 E. Idaho No. 32, has space available to display and sell local books that have been published any time. Info: 575-527-1411 or alicebdavenport@gmail.com.

Dia de los Muertos

Calavera Coalition is looking for artists to submit original artwork for the 2018 event. Artwork must be in black-and-white pen-and-ink reflecting the spirit and celebration of El Dia del los Muertos. Winner gets one free booth space for Mesilla's Dia de los Muertos on the Plaza valued at \$175. Submissions must be received by Aug. 1. Email digital files to calaveracoalition@gmail.com, CDs to P.O. Box 1308, Mesilla, NM 88046.

Exhibit space

One or two private rooms, approximately 12-by-15-feet with common greeting area, available in the Gallery on Mesquite Street in the Arts & Cultural District and on the Art Ramble route. Hours are determined by exhibiting artists. Cost: \$175 a month per room for LCAA members, \$200 a month for non-members. No commission charged on sales. Info:

Jack LeSage 575-532-1046 or jacklsg1@gmail.com.

Native Plant Photo Contest

Native Plant Society of New Mexico calls on photographers to submit native plant images in gardens or in the wild. Selected photographs can win prizes and will be featured in NPSNM publications and social media. Submit photos by Sept. 30 at www.npsnm.org/summer-photo-contest.

New Horizons Symphony

The orchestra seeks cello, violin and percussion players. Weekly rehearsals start at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, in the band room at the NMSU Music Center. Membership is \$50 for the year. Concerts for the 2018-2019 season are Nov. 11, Feb. 24, and May 19. The symphony is a member of the New Horizons International Music Association. Info: 575-522-1498, kenmar4@comcast.net or www.nhsocruces.com.

St. Andrews' Arts and Crafts Fair

Artists and crafters needed to participate in St. Andrews' Episcopal Church Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair, Oct. 26-27. Info: Trish 575-993-4928.



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A&E EVENTS

Promoting art: Noon, Friday, July 27, DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado. Learning Action Buffet with Michelle Valverde and Armando Arellano. The LAB nurtures youth leadership and purpose through the arts, communication, and action. Cost: Free. Info: 575-523-6403 or www.daarts.org.

'Moulin Rouge!': 7 p.m. Friday, July 27, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Arrive in costume. Las Cruces Shadow Cast will perform alongside the movie. Cost: \$10.

Dance Las Cruces: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, July 27, NMSU Golf Course Clubhouse, 300 Herb Wimberly Drive. Free dance lesson at 6:45 p.m. Cost: \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members, \$5 for students. Beginners, singles, couple welcome. Info: 575-496-2761.

Music in the Plaza: 8-10 p.m. Friday, July 27, Mesilla Plaza. Town of Mesilla presents Smokin' Blues Band as part of its Summer Music Series with food trucks and vendors. Cost: Free. Info: www.mesillanm.gov.

N.M. Vintage Wines: 8-10 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 3-5 p.m. Sundays, 2461 Calle Principal in Mesilla. Live music.

• Friday, July 27: Orlando Madrid-Carlos Barba Duo, selections of jazz standards to popular music and original compositions.

• Saturday, July 28: Smokin' Blues, guitars, vocals, drums and more.

• Sunday, July 29: C.L. Smith, solo performer

with styles ranging from folk to country and blues to rock.

Artrageous: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 28, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. "Pop Collage." Info: 575-541-2137 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Storytellers at Coas: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 28, at Coas Bookstores. Storytellers of Las Cruces at both locations. Children attending receive coupons for discounted books.

• Downtown, 317 N. Main St.
Judith Ames.
• 1101 S. Solano Drive
Jean Gilbert.

Saturday matinee: Noon Saturday, July 28, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. "The Princess Bride." Tickets \$1.

Children's dance performance: 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28, Rentfrow Hall, 3165 Williams Ave. Children and teens 9-18 participating in NMSU dance program's summer dance camp will be featured in a final performance, "A Hero's Journey Through Dance." Cost: \$10 general admission, \$5 for children 12 and younger. Info: 575-646-4067 or kind.nmsu.edu/dance-main/summerprog.

Songwriting Showcase: 6-9 p.m. Saturday, July 28, Cruces Creatives, 205 E Lohman Ave. Discussion and Q&A about songwriting in the classic country and folk traditions. Cost: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Info and tickets: www.crucescreatives.org.

Movie of the 1980s: 7 p.m. Saturday, July 28, Rio

Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. "Raiders of the Lost Ark." Cost: \$8.

High Desert Brewing: Live music 8-11 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays, 1201 W. Hadley Ave.

• Saturday, July 28: Southwest Orchestra, Americana desert ballads.
• Thursday, Aug. 2: Sage GentleWing, solo singer/songwriter.

• Saturday, Aug. 4: CW Ayon, blues.

• Thursday, Aug. 9: Derrick Harris, blues.

• Saturday, Aug. 11: Rio Grande Bluegrass Band.

• Thursday, Aug. 16: Benji Rivas, solo guitar.

• Saturday, Aug. 18: Double Clutchers, rockabilly.

Grace Marks: 4-7 p.m. Sunday, July 29, Dragonfly, 139 N. Main St. Las Cruces High School student Grace Marks, 16, will perform. Marks also performs regularly at Farmers & Crafts Market.

Music in the Park: 7 p.m. Sundays at Young Park. Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department's 2018 Music in the Park Series. Cost: Free. Info: 575-541-2550.

July 29: Latin Funktion Project, Las Cruces, Latin

jazz, funk and rock; and Ray Anthony & Power-slyde, Corrales, N.M., jazz, funk and rock.

Aug. 5: Remember Then ... A Class Act, Las Cruces, oldies music; and Soul Shine, Las Cruces, rock, folk, soul, and country.

Aug. 12: Tequila Nights, Las Cruces, variety; and the Johnny Hernandez Band, Las Cruces, variety.

Aug. 19: Reviva, Albuquerque, original ska, reggae and world music; and the Bubba Kush Band, Las Cruces, classic rock music.

Aug. 26: C. J. Chenier & the Red Hot Louisiana Band, Port Arthur, Texas, Zydeco music; and Joseph General Band, Albuquerque, reggae.

Feed Your Mind: 5:30-7 p.m. Mondays, DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado. Summer short courses with art historian Kathleen Key. Cost: \$50 for the four-part series, \$20 per seminar. Proceeds benefit Arts Council programs for children. Info: 575-523-6403 or www.daarts.org. The series:

• July 30: John Singer Sargent (American, 1856-1925).

• Aug. 6: Joaquin Sorolla (Spanish, 1863-1923).

• Aug. 20: NC Wyeth (1882-1945), Andrew Wyeth (1917-2009) and other Wyeth family members (American).

Little Toad Creek: Live music featured at Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery, 119 N. Main St.

• 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 31: Calista, singer-songwriter.

• 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1: Dustin Hamman, singer-songwriter.

• 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5: Jazz brunch with Derrick Lee Band.

• 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7: Open mic night with Danny Graves.

• 8-11 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8: The Moves Collective, funk.

• 8-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10: Jim Dixon, singer-songwriter.

• 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug.

11: Three Rivers, Americana, bluegrass, country.

• 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12: Jazz brunch with Derrick Lee Band.

Flamenco dance: 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Join NMSU professor and flamenco dancer Paco Antonio for an evening of dancing and music. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

Family Art Night: 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 North Main St. Indulge the inner artist while creating a masterpiece as a family. Supplies provided. The museum is open until 8 p.m. every Wednesday through the summer. Info: 575-541-2137 or museums.las-cruces.org.

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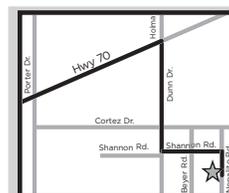
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Conning a way out of broken, post-war Germany



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David Bermann (rear, center) and his cast of ne'er-do-wells hatch a plan to escape Germany.

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Bulletin

A film that opens with a three-legged dog approaching the camera (not to worry; the dog is fine and there are many tripod pooches in the world) is an interesting set up for the film “Bye Bye Germany.”

The dog reappears to add even a bit of comic relief to this clever but sometimes chin-rubbing picture.

The dog is perhaps a metaphor for the time frame in which the film is set – a broken post-World War II Germany. But the picture seems to have a hard time deciding whether it wants to be a unique comedy or unusual drama.

The lead character is David Bermann, a Jewish man who has survived his ordeal in a concentration camp. Prior to the war, his family owned and operated an upscale linen shop in Germany. He, along with every other surviving Jewish person after the war, wants out of Germany and he has a plan to emigrate to the U.S.

He recruits a team of fellow ne'er-do-wells, with the plan to raise the money to head to the U.S., involving selling linens, door to door, at inflated prices, mostly to those who were part of or supported the National Socialist movement, none of whom can believe that such a “normal” activity would take place so soon after the end of the war.

The second part of the story revolves around



Sara, the American Army officer, suspects Bermann, a Jew, actually collaborated with the Nazis

GRADE: B

Say adieu to Germany at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla beginning tonight, July 27, for a week's run.

the interrogation of Bermann by an American Army officer, Sara, who suspects that he collaborated with the Nazis himself.

His protestations aside, it seems at first that she has enough information on him to make the charges stick, as we are shown in flashback what has happened, which only hints at the truth and features a corpulent Nazi officer who “trusts” Bermann.

So, the film has two distinct edges to it: the one where Bermann and his fellow con men smooth talk their way into homes, albeit briefly, to scam their customers; and the second, that shows the horrid side of the war, featuring the bloated Nazi double-

speak.

The better of the two, I felt, was the lighter side, while the interrogation part felt rather stagey and even more so when Sara falls for David in a rather intimate way. Neither Bermann nor Sara have delusions of everlasting love, but it still didn't feel like the chemistry between the two was very realistic.

It is also unclear (unless I missed something) just where the “salesmen” are accumulating their wares.

Nonetheless, even as the film roams aimlessly sometimes and Bermann and cohorts are impeccably dressed in a totally bombed-out city, it is an interesting concept, one that at the end announces that it is a true, if rather ambiguous, story.

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

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Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery previews August

BULLETIN REPORT

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe across from Mesilla's Fountain Theatre, features two artists, Hetty Smith and Richard Spellenberg, for the month of August and welcomes its newest member, Kerry O'Neill.

Hetty Smith was born and educated in Amsterdam, Holland, where she developed a love for stained glass windows found in many homes and churches in Europe. She has worked with stained glass since 1998 and fused glass since 2006, after taking classes at Doña Ana Community College.

A retired secretary, loan officer and dress-maker, Smith has been a member of the fine arts gallery for about 14 years and has served as a board member.

Richard Spellenberg, a retired biology professor from New Mexico State University, first used a small lathe in his father's shop as a teenager, but didn't become active in woodturning until after retirement.

His source for the material is mostly "found" wood

Kerry O'Neill creates pottery using a variety of materials.



Hetty Smith has worked in stained glass since 1998.

given by friends and family from trees removed from landscaping; from winter-fallen trees on forested family land in California; and wherever else an interesting piece of wood might be found – such as along an ocean beach. Each of his pieces includes a description of the species of tree

that provided the wood, and its source.

Kerry O'Neill is a life-long fiber artist and also creates pottery using a variety of materials including hemp and wool combined with textures and glaze.

She earned a bachelor's of science degree in Fashion/Costume Design from Incarnate Word University in San Antonio, Texas. An elementary school teacher, O'Neill moved to Las Cruces five years ago and enjoys being part of the area's art community.

The 30 artists of the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery offer art in various media, including paintings in oil, acrylic, pastels and watercolors; fused glass, jewelry,

woodturning, stained glass, photography, ceramics, mixed media, decorated gourds, handmade textile weavings, tile, gemstone jewelry, hand-crafted basket weavings, pencil, charcoal-and-ink



Richard Spellenberg became active in woodturning after his retirement from NMSU.

drawings, prints, cards and miniature paintings.

Members rotate their artwork at First American Bank, Mesilla, on a

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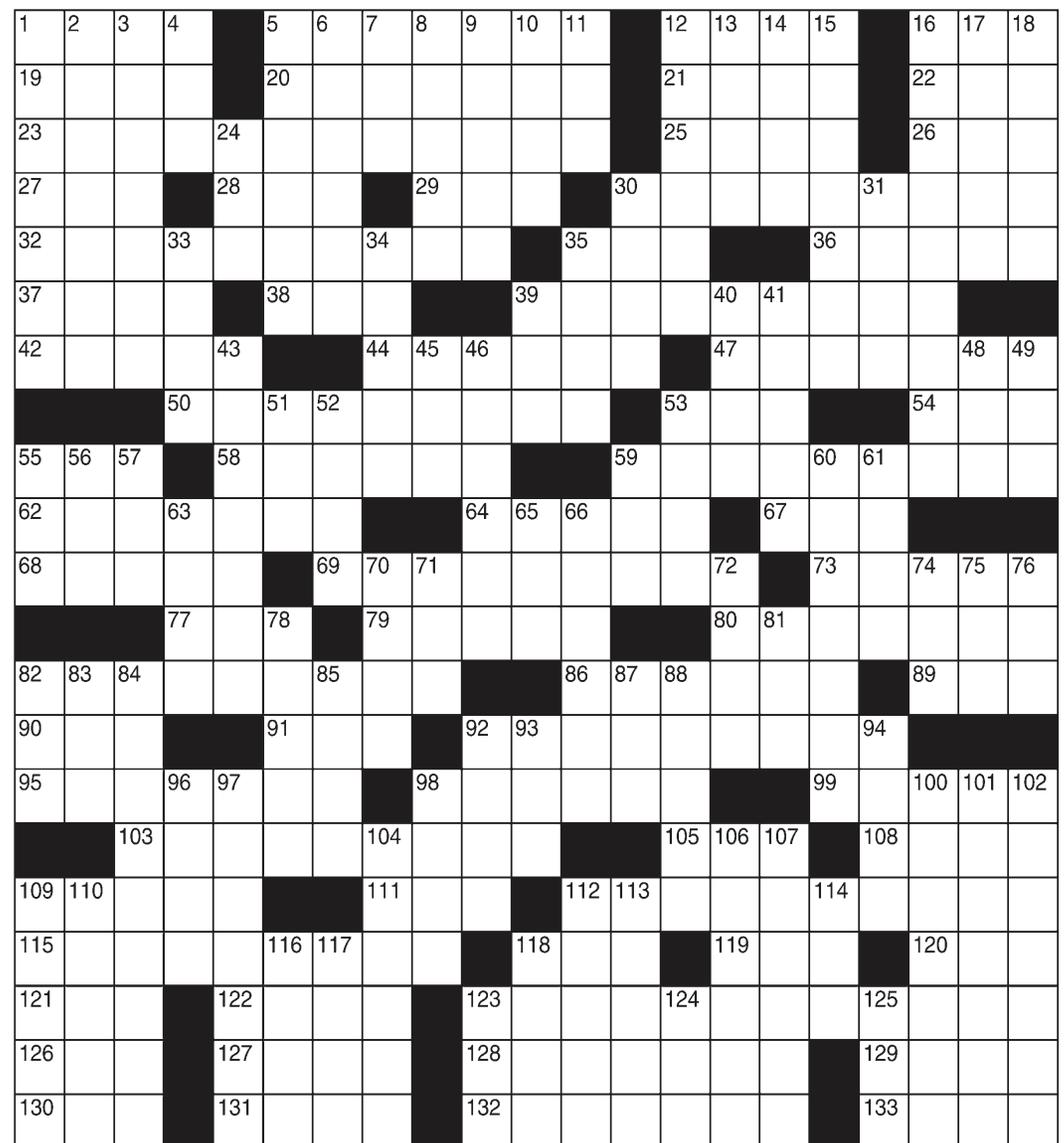
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 25 Law firm aide, in brief
 26 Mutt's threat
 27 Stuff making a big bang
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 29 45s' cousins
 30 Average desert drainage basin?
 32 Reaction to inhaling element #2?
 35 Without a -- (very poor)
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 37 They may hold gold
 38 Big blue body
 39 Goldfish doing a funny circus act?
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 47 Accept an insult humbly
 50 Paunch from overdoing it on Mexican food?
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 58 Jersey's largest city
 59 Mink coat taken

by a thief?
 62 Vamoose
 64 Actor Mueller-Stahl
 67 Vast time span
 68 Plains home
 69 One given a water shaft as a gift?
 73 Sports show summary
 77 Jackie's Onassis
 79 Waterfall nymph
 80 Tasty bits
 82 Steers a ship's front right or left?
 86 Otter cousin
 89 Yalie's nickname
 90 '50s prez
 91 Grafton's "-- for Alibi"
 92 Twisted wit used by a film's actors?
 95 Character
 98 Dressed like many a Scot
 99 Small ducks
 103 Forward thrust in water polo?
 105 U.S. soldiers
 108 "I cannot tell --"
 109 "Need --?" (driver's query)
 111 Dads
 112 Fine dishes that have been split?
 115 Brush off a bishop's hat?
 118 Nanny's cry
 119 Gold, in Peru
 120 Chill (out)
 121 Pal, to Pierre
 122 Norse god
 123 Message spelled out by the 12 added letters in this puzzle
 126 Mil. rank
 127 Feat of skill

128 Winds off a spool
 129 "-- boy!" ("All right!")
 130 H.S. subject
 131 See 75-Down
 132 Brand of Irish cream
 133 Sonnet, e.g.

DOWN

1 After this, to a logician
 2 Set design
 3 Country's -- Brothers
 4 Black gunk
 5 Little candies with shells
 6 Hold the interest of
 7 One "A" of NCAA: Abbr.
 8 Festive 53-Downs
 9 Like many smartphone game purchases
 10 Tiny peeves
 11 Exclamation of frustration
 12 Indiana university
 13 Jai follower
 14 Comic Roseanne
 15 Is testy with
 16 Many a placebo
 17 One way to eat pastrami
 18 Former Italian coins
 24 Debtor's slip
 30 Hoodwink
 31 Byron, e.g.
 33 "That so?"
 34 Limerick's rhyme scheme
 35 Do in
 39 Mil. rank
 40 In the vicinity



41 Reason
 43 Advice-giving Ann
 45 Perpetually, in verse
 46 Acid's counterpart
 48 Small deer
 49 Boatload
 51 Co. biggie
 52 Repetitive cry of pain
 53 Song
 55 Prez elected in '48
 56 Wring (out)
 57 Puppy's bark
 59 Bill with Abe
 60 Major rainfall

61 Bills with Washington
 63 College VIP
 65 Nutrition amt.
 66 Unassuming
 70 Seth's eldest son
 71 Edict
 72 Islamic chief
 74 Third letter
 75 With 131-Across, listening intently
 76 Tire inflation abbr.
 78 Toothpaste brand of old
 81 Yoko --
 82 Advice tidbit
 83 Short guitar, for short

84 Lifting again
 85 Iranian cash
 87 U.S. 10, e.g.
 88 Gnat relative
 92 Smokes
 93 Heady quaff
 94 "You betcha"
 96 Carpet area meas.
 97 Make obsolete
 98 Trunk knot
 100 Aware of and interested in
 101 Striped
 102 Big name in whiskey
 104 Topples
 106 "I wish that

were true!"
 107 Accent
 109 Maxim
 110 Unit of light
 112 Island off the Italian coast
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7 p.m.
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Remembering a wise and wonderful creature

Every so often I remember Ruffian with deep appreciation. Unbidden tears well up in my old eyes. She died way too young; she was only 3 and I guarantee that there were few dry eyes that day so long ago. Ten races, 10 wins, most by big margins.

For those not old enough to remember, Ruffian may have been the greatest thoroughbred filly in American racehorse history. And the most popular.

Ruffian became, odd though it may seem, the darling of the nascent women's movement. She was muscular, and she



GABRIEL ROCHELLE

Tales from the Cassock

broke fast out of the gate. She wanted to lead, and she always got her way. She was sleek and had beautiful lines and there was a regal bearing about her that you could not miss, a bearing that we often recognize only in male thoroughbreds like Secretariat or the latest Triple Crown winner, Justify.

Millions of people watched Ruffian's last race. It was a stakes race between Ruffian and Kentucky Derby winner Foolish Pleasure. It was like the celebrated battle of the sexes in 1973 that pitted Billie Jean King

against Bobby Riggs on the tennis court, or like the stakes race that pitted War Admiral against the "little horse" Seabiscuit two generations before. Everybody wanted to see if this spirited filly could beat a champion stallion.

It was not to be. A third of the way into the race Ruffian broke a front leg. The snap was audible. The audience went silent. Her jockey Jacinto Vasquez tried valiantly to rein her in, but she kept trying to run. Rushed to hospital she would die shortly thereafter by euthanasia, necessary because she continued to exert her strong will and competitive spirit and, sadly, damaged herself even further.

Hardened racetrack touts and bookies openly shed tears along with most of the 20 million people who watched the drama unfold on television and the fifty thousand jammed into Belmont for this extraordinary race in July of 1975.

Ruffian was a genuine cultural hero like Seabiscuit before her, and the emotions at her loss rippled like tremors of a major earthquake. Forty-three years later, I cannot write about it without choking up.

Father Gabriel, what does any of this have to do with what you usually write about: God and spirituality and stuff like that?

Only this: The recognition of spirit is not limited

to the confines of church or religion. Spirit is everywhere and, like the wind, blows where it wants to (Jesus said that). Wherever some act or person or yes even animal strikes your consciousness with a fullness and majesty that goes deeper than surface observation or thought, you've found that presence of the Spirit, if even for a brief moment – like the three short years of Ruffian's life.

Ruffian was a magnificent and marvelous creature. English veterinarian James Herriot (a pseudonym) wrote a memoir titled *All Things Bright and Beautiful*. The title is a line from a hymn:

All things bright and

beautiful

All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful

The Lord God made them all.

Ruffian fit the bill. Even if you don't believe in God you can recognize beauty in a wonderful creature. And maybe, just maybe, because of such creatures – the dog at your feet or the cat purring on your shoulder – you catch a glimpse of eternity in time, a whiff of the spirit.

Fr. Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces. Visit the church web site at <http://stanthonylc.org>

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New online service delivers groceries to customers' homes

BY MICHAEL SCANLON

For the Bulletin

A nationwide retail delivery service launched its operation in Las Cruces Thursday, July 12, saying it had hired 100 people to shop for and deliver groceries for a handful of national chain stores and is looking to add local, independent retailers to its service.

"We get the biggest retailers first and then we launch, and then we continue our conversations with the independents and mom-and-pop stores," said David Holyoak, Instacart's general manager for Texas and surrounding states.

Instacart's Las Cruces retailers at launch are Albertsons, Sprouts Farmers Market, Natural Grocers, CVS Pharmacy and Petco.

Customers can log on to Instacart's website, instacart.com, or download the company's smart phone app for Android or iOS. On the app, they'll be able to see an aisle-by-aisle diagram of the store they want to shop and navigate through the store on their device, putting items in their shopping carts as they go.

The shopping cart then goes to one of Instacart's shoppers, who fill the order and deliver it to the customer's door.

Cost of the service is \$5.99 per delivery. Or customers can join Instacart Express, pay a yearly fee of \$149 to cover all deliveries for a year. The first delivery is free for people who want to try out the service.

"Obviously, we want people

to try our service," Holyoak said.

The delivery charge does not cover all the costs of the service, Holyoak said.

"We have multiple streams of revenue that allow us to pay our shoppers very well and also make money," he said. "The way we do that is by the delivery fee, a percentage that we take from the partner for the order, and we work with all of the large CPG (consumer packaged goods) companies to do sampling campaigns, which is an additional stream of revenue for us."

Las Cruces's small independent retailers are watching to see how the delivery service pans out in the market.

"That's definitely something we would discuss with them," said Rob Baur, manager of the home-owned Toucan Market at University Avenue and Locust Street in Las Cruces.

He said Toucan had considered launching its own delivery service but decided it was not feasible.

"We looked into it, we worked the numbers out and put it on paper," he said, adding that other third-party delivery services have not been completely successful.

"Customers were upset with it," Baur said. "Either they did not get the product or they got a substitute. We were doing e-commerce when I was in Phoenix, and they were still charging, I think, \$10 for delivery. And that was a while back. It makes more sense if they're doing it for multiple stores,



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MICHAEL SCANLON

Las Cruces shoppers got a new option to help them with their shopping as the national delivery company Instacart launched its operation in Las Cruces in July. Instacart said it hired 100 shoppers locally to fill and deliver orders from five retailers.

and they're just going to be the company that does it for them."

Nagisa Suzuki, general manager of Mountain View Market Co-op, said her store has experience with grocery delivery.

"We did a grocery delivery service for many years where we had all of our products listed on our website, and people could order online and have people pick them up in the store or deliver them. We did that for about seven or eight

years, and then we wanted to kind of take the program back and see if we could make it better," Suzuki said.

"Currently, we're not doing anything like that, but we are in talks with a couple of other local businesses that currently do delivery to see if we can work out a program that would be beneficial for the shopper and the owners of the co-op," she said.

"I actually used to work for

Instacart as a shopper for a little while when I was in San Francisco, and I am familiar with it," Suzuki said. "If we embark into something like that, we want to make sure it's something that's going to be hyperlocal and very beneficial for the customers."

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'Business dynamism' down

Situation may explain the slowdown in productivity

Business dynamism, a key feature of capitalism, refers to the process of new firms arising, dying, expanding and contracting, and is a key driver of aggregate productivity growth.

But there is growing evidence the dynamism is on the decline with all the implications of this for economic growth.

Dynamism increases productivity through a process of creative destruction. Lethargic, elderly businesses are replaced by more innovative firms. Industries rise and fall in response to these innovations. In this way, resources are re-allocated from low- to high-productivity activities. Buggy whips are gone, replaced by automobiles; landlines are replaced by smart phones.

Dynamism has declined. Older firms are holding on to market share. Entry rates of newer firms have slowed. And productivity gains have declined. The question is, why?

One idea, put forward by Northwestern University professor Robert Gordon, among others, is that we are running out of good ideas. The low hanging fruit has already been picked. Indoor plumbing, vaccines – great ideas; Angry Birds – not so great.



CHRIS ERICKSON

State of the Economy

A variation on this is the hypothesis that innovation comes in waves. Electrification that began in the 1880s resulted in tremendous increases in productivity during the 1920s but had

played out by 1940. Similarly, computerization that began in the 1960s led to major innovations in the 1990s, but is played out now. The next big source of innovation is not obvious as of now.

Another leading candidate for the cause of dynamism decline is government regulation. Regulation prevents new businesses from innovating. Regulation is also a barrier to entry as it represents a fixed cost that must be paid regardless of how large or small the firm. Complying with regulation is a major cost for small firms.

Here, the Republicans may have a point. If, in fact, excessive regulation is the cause of the decline in business dynamism, then President Trump's policies aimed at reducing regulation could help. The problem is that the dynamism downturn is not just a U.S. phenomenon, but appears to be affecting other countries, as well. How would U.S. regulations affect foreign economies?

Another potential problem is increased

intellectual property rights enforcement. Historically, an important source of innovation was diffusion of ideas among companies. But in recent years, there has been a global step-up in property rights enforcement. Increased enforcement has been a major goal of the United States in international negotiations, and there has been increased enforcement domestically. Penalties for stealing trade secrets have been beefed up in recent years, for example.

This stricter enforcement of intellectual property laws has had the positive effect of increasing the rewards to innovation by allowing innovators to suppress competition. But it also limits diffusion of ideas, thereby limiting knock-on innovation and slowing innovation. There is a balance. Many – and by many, I mean me – believe that the pendulum has swung too far toward overly strict intellectual property rights.

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Arrowhead Center's Camp Innoventure expands

By LAUREN GOLDSTEIN

For the Bulletin

More students around New Mexico and the region got a taste of what it's like to create their own business this summer as Camp Innoventure expanded its reach, introducing entrepreneurial thinking and business concepts to middle school students from 19 regional communities.

Camp Innoventure, part of the Innoventure suite of K-12 entrepreneurship education programs from Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University, offers students in sixth through eighth grade a chance to see their creative business ideas go from concept to reality and gives them a taste of real-world competition for success.

The students who participate in this week-long camp get to brainstorm business ideas, write a mission statement, put together a business model and create a product to sell at a market in their community.

With support for New Mexico camps from a grant from the Colorado-based Daniels Fund, Camp Innoventure has already hosted sessions in Los Alamos, Rio Rancho, Deming, Bernalillo, Santa Fe, Truth or Consequences, and Clovis.

The Santa Fe Camp Innoventure session was hosted by Meow Wolf, which provided space for camp participants to work, along with tickets for campers to enjoy Meow Wolf's immersive art experience.

"Hosting Camp In-



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Camp Innoventure participants in Santa Fe work on their products, preparing to sell them at the Santa Fe Flea Market at the Jackalope. Santa Fe's camp session was generously hosted by Meow Wolf, which provided space in the David Loughridge Learning Center all week and tickets for campers to enjoy Meow Wolf's unique immersive art experience.

noventure in the David Loughridge Learning Center at Meow Wolf was a true honor," said Craig Thomas McAdams, education coordinator for Meow Wolf.

"Witnessing these kids cultivate their creativity and make products to then sell at the flea market was incredible, and I think we will all remember this experience for the rest of our lives."

Camp sessions continue this month in Alamogordo, Clovis, Farmington, Mesilla and Las Cruces. Registration is still open at arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu/camp-innoventure. Tuition for the weeklong camp is \$40, including materials, and scholarships are available for a limited number of student participants.

Also new this summer,

Camp Innoventure partnered with the El Paso-based Success Through Technology Education Foundation to bring sessions to schools in El Paso and Tornillo, Texas.

Patty Hernandez, a college and career readiness teacher at William D. Slider Middle School, led the launch of the El Paso pilot program, which was fully sponsored by the STTE Foundation, allowing 14 students at the school to participate at no cost. She said the program was "awesome!"

"NMSU provided all the instructional materials and debit cards for the student projects," she said. "Our kids learned many skills and started to think like entrepreneurs. They enjoyed making their products and selling the final product at the

flea market."

In addition to the week-long camps, Innoventure partnered with the TRIO Upward Bound summer program at NMSU and the State 4-H Conference to provide summer entrepreneurship workshops to students from Hatch, Alamogordo and Doña Ana County.

Innoventure Deputy Director Lydia Hammond said she's inspired by the campers' creative ideas.

"Watching young entrepreneurs develop their product idea and take ownership of their business is part of what makes this program so special," she said. "Supporting the students to make some money really brings in a unique element."

Hammond said the partnerships with local



Persephone Saavedra and Jacob Arras show off the handcrafted fans they created for their business, FanCraft, with partner Brandon Frick. The students participated in Camp Innoventure at William D. Slider Middle School and successfully sold their products at the local flea market.

organizations and community leaders were instrumental in allowing the program to expand to serve more than three times the number of students as the previous year.

"We could not have brought this hands-on experience to more than 260 students in New Mexico and El Paso without the hard work of the teachers and community leaders who served as camp leaders," she said, "or the tremendous support and enthusiasm of our sponsors and partner organizations."

In addition to support from the Daniels Fund, the Hunt Family Foundation and STTE Foundation, Camp Innoventure's sponsors and partners included the Sandoval Economic Alliance, Luna

County Economic Development Office, Capital Power and EDF Energy, Quality Center for Business at San Juan Community College, Meow Wolf, Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails West and SBDC offices around New Mexico.

Planning is underway to continue expanding the number of Camp Innoventure locations next summer. Communities and organizations interested in hosting a session can contact Hammond at 575-646-5230 or lh@nmsu.edu.

For information about Arrowhead Center and economic development in the region, visit arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu.

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Lou Gariano has owned the museum for years, filling it with countless artifacts he's collected over the years.



The Space Murals Museum is hard to miss when driving past it on Highway 70.

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Space Murals Museum turns 25

By LEAH ROMERO
For the Bulletin

This year commemorates 25 years that the Space Murals Museum has been stopping passersby with its water tank, uniquely painted with a mural of the space program, on the side of U.S. 70 in Organ.

The museum is a privately owned museum filled with countless artifacts collected over the years by owner Lou Gariano. Next to it is a water tank that holds a million gallons.

Gariano's company, Moon-gate Water Company, built the tank in 1993. It depicts a number of landmark events in the United States space program, from the fatal Space Shuttle Challenger accident to Apollo 11, when Americans landed on the moon.

Gariano's idea behind the tank was to call attention to the

NASA and White Sands Missile Range sites in the area.

"The only thing that was here when we built the tank on Highway 70, down there near Tegmeyer's Hill, was a little sign that said '26 miles to NASA,'" Gariano said. "And everything that goes into space, for years, was put together here, flown here, tested here."

The museum and artifacts came later after a number of people were curious and showed interest while the tank was being built. Gariano said he received memorabilia from people at NASA for the museum, but he also wrote letters to about 120 astronauts. Around 60 to 70 astronauts replied and sent pictures and items they had taken into space with them.

Gariano said a majority of the items in the museum come from individual donations.

"We call this 'the people's museum', to start with, because 75, 80 percent of what we got in here, when we first started, came from individuals that retired or worked in the industry, or whatever," Gariano said.

He said people still bring them items they find or that their relatives have stored away. Other items were found or acquired by Gariano from people who did not want them. Both Gariano and museum employee Odette Bertolas have stories for practically every item on display.

"They think enough of what goes on inside here," Bertolas said. "They think that this is an important enough collection, they want their stuff put with this stuff too."

Bertolas said there is so much to view in the museum that each return visit will result in spotting something

new. The Mercury capsule on display was in a salvage yard before they acquired it. Their walls are covered in photographs of missions and equipment, there is a titanium fuel cell, astronaut gear and countless other items. The museum also houses artifacts outside surrounding the mural, including a model of the Challenger, which Gariano built with his grandchildren, and a V2 rocket.

"There is a lot of history, a lot of personal reward here from people," Gariano said.

The museum does not keep track of the number of each year. Bertolas said many visit from out of town and from the nearby NASA and WSMR sites, depending on what tests or projects are happening in those areas.

"This time of the year, it's a lot of travelers. It's a lot of folks that come to us because

they're vacationing, they're on holiday," Bertolas said. "People from Las Cruces, boy we sure could see a heck of a lot more than what we see."

Las Cruces residents Joshua and Stephanie Rios visited the museum with their two young children. They had never been to the museum and found out about it while driving by.

"I love it. There's so much, like, history here," Stephanie said. The family walked through the displays and their son enjoyed playing among the rockets outside.

The Space Murals Museum is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and group tours are welcome. Fun souvenirs and a children's area are also available for visitors.

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Excavation work at Cottonwood Spring Pueblo.

Anthropology students continue pueblo excavation

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**

For the Bulletin

Students in New Mexico State University's Department of Anthropology recently participated in a field school excavating Cottonwood Spring Pueblo north of Las Cruces.

The field school ran May 25-June 29.

The students, who commuted from Las Cruces to the pueblo each day, learned basic excavation techniques, artifact processing, and artifact analysis.

"The pueblo dates from about

1300 to 1450 A.D.," said Kristin Corl, a crew chief on the project who is working on her Ph.D. in anthropology. "I led six students in working on one part of the pueblo, a 200-room section, and our goal was to date various parts of the rooms and also determine the architecture."

Corl said they primarily use three techniques to date various aspects of the pueblo.

"By collecting ceramic sherds, we're able to get an idea of when the site was occupied and who they were trading with," Corl said. "We're also able to do carbon dating

on very tiny pieces of charcoal and tree-ring dating by examining the wooden beams from the roofs."

Corl, who earned her master's in anthropology at NMSU working with William Walker, an anthropology professor and principal investigator at Cottonwood Spring, is now working on her doctorate at the University of Texas – San Antonio.

Corl has been working on the site since it was opened in 2012 by White Sands Missile Range, which co-owns the land along with the Jornada Experimental

Range and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"After about 1150 A.D., a lot of smaller pueblos throughout southern New Mexico disbanded but there was an aggregation of people at this pueblo on the Jornada del Muerto," Corl said. "So it's a really interesting time period and one I wanted to stick with and learn more about."

The pueblo was inhabited by the Jornada Mogollon people, a sub-group of the Mogollon people, who were native to southern New Mexico and west Texas.

The pueblo was inhabited just before Spanish contact and is one of the larger pueblos in the area, with more than 400 rooms in six sections spread over a mile-long area.

Hannah Clark is another crew chief on the project and is working on her master's degree at NMSU.

"This was my second time working at Cottonwood Spring," she said. "This time around we worked in area 'A', which has about 200 rooms. We worked on 10 rooms, excavated

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It's a berry good time to embrace summer recipes

Berry lovers and fruit aficionados in general will especially embrace the recipes shared this week. It's high season for most berries and fruits so let's take advantage! At least twice a week consider preparing a recipe that underscores the goodness delivered by these sweet morsels. Paired with piquant peppers, these summer sizzlers are ideal eats on desert hot days. Concoctions are endless from spirited drinks to soups, salads, sauces, dips, and more. Tip: Adding hotter peppers to recipes will raise body temperature. Your body reacts by cooling itself with sweating. So be sure to keep a hankie handy.

Chile Infused Pineapple Vodka Cocktail

Yield: 1 serving

1 spicy red chile pepper such as cayenne but any small red pepper will do
1 ounce vodka
½ ounce mango rum
6 ounces pineapple juice
Pineapple and peppers for garnish

Slice the red chile pepper into rings and drop them into a shaker. Pour in the vodka and rum along with a bit of ice and shake them up vigorously for 1 minute. Add pineapple juice and give a few more shakes. Strain into a glass filled with ice and garnish with pineapple and peppers. Enjoy! (Thank you,



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Icy Cold Cayenne Cantaloupe Soup

Yield: 6 servings

¾ cup orange juice
1 cup (8 ounces) plain yogurt
1 medium cantaloupe, peeled, seeded and cubed
1 tablespoon honey
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¼ teaspoon or more cayenne pepper
Garnish suggestions: Mint sprigs and Greek yogurt dollops)

Place the orange juice, yogurt and cantaloupe in a blender; cover and process until pureed. Add the honey, salt, nutmeg and cayenne; cover and process until smooth. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving. Garnish with mint sprigs and/or yogurt.

Chilled Raspberry-Chile Soup

Yield: 6 servings

4 cups fresh raspberries
4 ripe bananas, peeled and cut up
1 cup fresh orange juice
16 ounce carton plain low-fat yogurt
2 tablespoons agave syrup or corn syrup
2 fresh jalapeno or serrano peppers, stemmed, seeded and minced

Garnish suggestions: whole or sliced fresh raspberries and/or sliced chile

In a blender combine the 4 cups raspberries,

the bananas, orange juice, yogurt, and syrup. Cover and blend until smooth. Stir in minced chile peppers. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Serve the soup in small bowls. Garnish with raspberries and sliced chiles if desired.

Spicy Summer Fruit Salad

Yield: 6 servings

Note: Throw in some pitted, sliced cherries if desired

2 ½ cups fresh blueberries
3 cups fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced
1-1/3 cups raspberries
1-1/3 cups blackberries
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
½ cup seedless raspberry jam
3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
2 medium peaches, pitted and sliced
2 medium plums, pitted and sliced
1 large jalapeño or serrano pepper, stemmed, seeded and chopped

Combine blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, peaches, plums, jalapeño pepper and sugar in a large bowl; mix gently.

Stir together jam, lime juice and mint in a small bowl until smooth. Pour over berry mixture and toss gently to combine. Let stand at room temperature 20-30 minutes before serving. Serve with corn bread or garlic toast.

Blackberry Sauce

Yield: 1 cup

This sauce can be

brushed over ribs as they grill or in oven as they bake. Can also be served as a dipping sauce for all varieties of meat and seafood.
2 ½ cups fresh blackberries or frozen, thawed
½ cup ketchup
½ cup honey
½ cup minced peeled fresh ginger
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce

Puree ingredients in blender until almost smooth. Strain blackberry puree into heavy medium saucepan; discard solids in sieve. Cook puree over medium-high heat until reduced to 1 cup, stirring frequently, about 5 minutes. Season sauce to taste with salt and pepper. (Recipe inspired by epicurious.com)

1 tablespoon olive oil
½ cup white onion, diced
2 teaspoons garlic, minced
2 teaspoons chipotle chiles in adobo, chopped
2 pints fresh raspberries, rinsed
½ cup raspberry vinegar
¾ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt

In a medium saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring, until they are soft and slightly caramelized, about 4 minutes. Add the garlic to the pan and sauté for 1 minute. Add the chipotle chiles and cook, stirring continuously, for 1 minute.

Add the raspberries and cook until soft, 2 to

3 minutes. Add the vinegar and stir to deglaze the pan. Add the sugar and salt and bring to a boil.

Reduce the heat to medium and simmer the sauce until it has thickened and is reduced by half, about 8 to 10 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and cool the sauce before using it.

For a clear glaze, strain the sauce through a fine mesh strainer, pressing on the solids with the back of a spoon to extract as much liquid as possible.

Note: Store any extra sauce in the refrigerator for up to two weeks. To save it for longer, you can freeze portions of it to thaw and use later. Source: Favorite

Recipes from Emeril's Restaurants by Emeril Lagasse, William Morrow, 2003.

Note: This finger-licking delicious sauce is versatile. Use as a barbecue sauce, glaze or basting sauce for poultry, shrimp, and meats or as a dipping sauce for meatballs (I recommend Trader Joe's Meatless Meatballs) or cocktail sausages. Use it as condiment for wraps and sandwiches. Smear it on generously. Yes, it's that good!

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three different layers of the floor, and uncovered 60 features, which is unprecedented; we're not really sure what that particular room was used for. Some people think it was a ritualistic room; my idea is that it was a meat-preservation room. So that's something we're still trying to determine."

Allison McCullar is an English major who recently added anthropology as a second major. This field school was her first experience in excavating a site.

"I took an anthropology class as a gen-ed requirement and really loved it, so I decided to add on anthropology," she said.

While initially nervous because she didn't know much about excavating and was worried she would destroy artifacts, McCullar worked on Clark's team and enjoyed the experience.

"I expected the excavating to be more physically challenging but, aside from the heat, it wasn't as bad as I thought," she said.

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THE OUTBACK

Parts of Montana are as close to the Outback as we 'Yanks' will ever get.

They had given me directions in the Hell's Creek Bar. Next mornin'

I was tryin' to decipher my scribbling from the back of a napkin. I turned off the paved road at Cohagen. My new friend had specifically told me to go six miles (one said seven), then turn south. "Can't miss it," they assured me, "Straight shot to Forsyth."

At six miles on the odometer there it was just like they said. The only problem was, one hundred yards south of the turn the road forked...Big Time! Both forks were well traveled, pointed south and disappeared over the horizon.

I backed up to the six mile corner to regroup and spied a contrail of dust comin' my way. I flagged the driver down. It was the Garfield County Agent. He directed me to bear right



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at the fork. We drove off in opposite directions. I didn't pass another car for fifty-three miles.

It's been a long time since I've done that. In the middle of a workin' day I drove fifty miles and never passed another car.

The layered horizons were festooned with buttes and rock formations that looked like giant teepees. The vast expanse was virtually treeless. You could spot the occasional creek by the cottonwood that followed its meandering course.

The clover was in bloom. I surfed through big lakes of yellow blossoms. Baby antelope twins bounced through the sagebrush like jack rabbits trailing their sleek moms.

Now and then I'd pass a bunch of cows. I slowed for a pair of skittery gray geldings. Disinterested sheep ignored my intrusion. Hawks, Canadian geese and killdeer circled and scattered in my path.

Jordan, Montana, was celebrating the grand opening of the Garfield County (pop. 1,500) Health Center. The festivities had been a typical community effort. Hundreds of people showed up. After all, it was their health center.

Even though the county has no medical doctor, the center maintains a medical staff including nurses and a physician's assistant.

They are in contact by phone with doctors.

It is a ranching community of people who know their ancestors and each other's kids. They can spot a pilgrim, a tourist or a government man with ease, mostly because they know everybody else who lives there. And even in a state that prides itself on its hardiness and independence, they consider themselves the keeper of the flame. Saddle bronc riders come from Jordan. Bareback riding is for pansies.

Sometimes it is easy to be overwhelmed by the continuing barrage of news stories about the homeless and helpless, the irresponsible and ignorant, the lazy and the parasitizing. I get frustrated by the well-meaning, condescending social engineers prescribing Band Aids for compound fractures of the human condition. If people are told often enough that they can't take care of themselves, they give up.

But in Jordan at the ground opening of their Health Center my faith in humans was renewed. It occurred to me as I watched these self-reliant citizens take care of their own, it's too bad Hillary couldn't be here.

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Las Cruces is just not healthy enough for this list

In the latest survey by WalletHub of the “healthiest” cities in the United States, Las Cruces ranks 153rd out of 174 on the list.

Apparently, we’re all couch potatoes; we have no hospitals, gyms or hiking paths, and our food is making us fat.

(Well, that last one might actually be true, but how can we resist?)

According to a WalletHub press release, the results are “tabulated across four key dimensions: 1) Health Care, 2) Food, 3) Fitness and 4) Green Space.”

WalletHub then “evaluated the four dimensions using 40 relevant metrics. Each metric was graded on a 100-point scale, with a score of 100 representing the most favorable conditions for a healthy lifestyle. We then determined each city’s weighted average across all metrics to calculate its total score.”

Whatever.

Naturally, the usual suspects dominate these things, most of them on the West Coast, where they all eat raw fish; the Rocky Mountains, with a bike rack on every vehicle; and New England, where you’ve got to keep moving to stay warm.

And, of course, the Deep South is just pathetic, from all that fried chicken and cream



MARTY RACINE

From the Editor

gravy, I suppose, and the fact that trends of any sort are slow to reach the cultural outback.

I’m not trying to be a homer, but I’ve got a beef (taco) with this survey. Las Cruces has two first-class

hospitals and plenty of urgent-care facilities, with top practitioners in traditional and holistic medicine. The city has more than 100 parks covering some 700 acres. We’ve got trails for your feet and your tires in a developing network through town and out in recreation areas. Our streets actually are striped with bike lanes. There are sports leagues for tykes and fitness centers for geezers. There are gyms and courts and pools and yoga studios – and, really, what’s more nutritious than chile?

To me, there’s little doubt that New Mexico in general is automatically docked in these contests for one reason alone: poverty rates. Never mind that statistics frown on rural states; that we have a significant Native American population that is never going to be respected by modern “metrics”; that we have a relatively low cost of living.

Look, I grew up in San Francisco, back when it was clean. It has always had more suicides and alcoholics than anywhere. Today they map out



Bikers in uniforms are a common sight in Las Cruces.

feces zones to warn off tourists from Des Moines. Drugs were always plentiful from the Barbary Coast to Haight-Ashbury, and now they just shoot up on the sidewalk.

The City by the Bay, I have read, has neighborhoods filthier than a Brazilian slum.

But, hey, it’s No. 1. And up the coast, Seattle and Portland are working on it.

So, I’ve got a question for all the metric-centric wonks and geeks at WalletHub: Have you ever been to Las Cruces?

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They start them young here.

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Here are the top 10 cities by total score, plus several others of interest:

Overall Rank*	City	Total Score	'Health Care' Rank	'Food' Rank	'Fitness' Rank	'Green Space' Rank
1	San Francisco, CA	72.81	30	1	9	1
2	Seattle, WA	70.16	35	7	2	2
3	Portland, OR	66.14	65	4	8	5
4	San Diego, CA	64.29	54	6	5	7
5	Washington, DC	63.01	31	13	27	3
6	Burlington, VT	62.27	5	17	6	21
7	Scottsdale, AZ	61.36	10	39	1	25
8	Honolulu, HI	61.04	16	3	59	10
9	Irvine, CA	60.86	2	18	16	13
10	Denver, CO	60.34	48	14	4	19
60	Phoenix, AZ	48.75	103	47	66	45
68	Albuquerque, NM	47.84	89	53	74	55
91	Tucson, AZ	44.76	140	61	77	72
153	Las Cruces, NM	34.89	115	173	103	169
154	El Paso, TX	34.81	154	139	150	139

NMSU's School of Nursing presents heat map

By **CARLOS ANDRES LOPEZ**
For the Bulletin

A year after five nursing students in the College of Health and Social Services at New Mexico State University developed an online story map examining the impacts of extreme heat in Las Cruces, the project was presented this month at a mapping software conference in San Diego, California.

A collaboration between NMSU's School of Nursing and the city of Las Cruces' Sustainability Office and Senior Programs, the "Extreme Heat" story map was created with ESRI Survey 123 survey tool and ArcGIS mapping software, giving users an interactive look at the health effects of extreme heat in Las Cruces, while serving as a free resource for information on how to stay safe – and cool – during hot summer months.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about 618 people in the United States die every year from extreme heat. In a three-month forecast, the National Weather Service predicts temperatures for most of New Mexico will remain above average through September.

Completed during the spring semester in 2017, the story map was the result of a 10-week, community health project spearheaded by five NMSU nursing students – Bailee Cline, Amber Harrell, Fatima Perez, Grace Perkins and Kaitlyn Wedman – all of whom have since graduated, said Rande Greenwald, a college assistant professor in the School of Nursing, who served as the lead instruc-



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New Mexico State University nursing students developed an "Extreme Heat" story map using ESRI Survey 123 survey tool and ArcGIS mapping software. The map was recently presented at a conference in San Diego, California. The map was created in 2017 by NMSU alumnae Bailee Cline, Amber Harrell, Fatima Perez, Grace Perkins, Kaitlyn Wedman, and college assistant professor Rande Greenwald, pictured, and multimedia specialist/technology coordinator Miriam Maske.

tor for the project.

"The story map allowed nursing students to explore the impact of the social determinants of health, interact with community members at risk for heat-related problems, and provide information and education to the public," Greenwald said.

Miriam Maske, a multimedia specialist and technology coordinator in the School of Nursing, also assisted in the project and presented the map at the 2018 ESRI Education Summit in San Diego July 10. The California-based ESRI is an international supplier of GIS, the program used to create the story map.

"Academia and community partnerships play a crucial role in working together to gather and map data that impact members of their community and beyond," Maske said. "The ESRI Summit allowed me to see the crucial role nursing plays

in identifying community health issues and trends that impact at-risk populations."

The map used data from the U.S. Census Bureau combined with a survey the students modified with input from the city of Las Cruces' Sustainability Office, Greenwald said. Feedback from the pilot-tested questions was then provided to the city for future use. Students surveyed senior citizens and homeless residents in Las Cruces, using the Survey 123 iOS app on an iPad. Populations most vulnerable to extreme heat include children 5 years old and younger, adults 65 years old and older and the homeless.

More than a third of the 60 individuals who participated in the survey reported that they or someone else in their household were affected by extreme heat. Eighteen participants indicated that they or a household

member had to leave their household for another place to keep cool because of heat-related weather.

These places included community centers, shopping centers and libraries.

The map also features locations of public spaces that the city of Las Cruces designates as cooling stations when temperatures exceed 100 degrees. These emergency stations also may be made available during times of extreme cold weather.

Map users also are able to download pamphlets in English and Spanish that contain detailed information from the CDC on identifying heat-related illness.

To access the map, visit <https://bit.ly/2J0KwGl>.

For information about NMSU's School of Nursing, visit schoolofnursing.nmsu.edu.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Memorial Medical Center physician John Andazola, center, receives the Physician Leadership Award, by LifePoint Health.

Memorial physician receives award

BULLETIN REPORT

Memorial Medical Center (MMC) announced July 16 that John Andazola, MD, has received the esteemed Physician Leadership Award given annually by LifePoint Health® (NASDAQ: LPNT).

LifePoint, of which MMC is a part, is a leading healthcare company dedicated to Making Communities Healthier®.

Each year, the Physician Leadership Award is presented to a deserving physician at one of LifePoint's 71 hospitals across the country. According to a Memorial press release, Dr. Andazola earned this recognition by demonstrating a commitment to quality care; effective leadership among fellow physicians; appreciation and respect for hospital employees as partners in care; dedication to community support;

and a commitment to cost-effective healthcare.

"Dr. Andazola is a talented and respected physician leader both within LifePoint and industry-wide," said Rusty Holman, MD, chief medical officer of LifePoint Health. "He is deeply passionate about serving his community, training future providers and ensuring access to high-quality care close to home. We are pleased to honor his countless contributions to Memorial Medical Center and our organization with this special recognition."

A native of Las Cruces, Dr. Andazola has practiced at MMC and served as program director for the Southern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency since 2009.

He has dedicated much of his career to training and educating the next generation of family medicine physicians.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Running Club series: 9 a.m. Saturdays, July 28 and Aug. 4. One-Mile Challenge Series, free to youths 8th grade and under. Youths collect tickets for any and all five races for chances to win prizes. Shirts will be given to all participants, and other participation awards and snacks will be given at each race. Info: register@lascruces-runningclub.com.

- July 28: Salopek/Stull Park on Salopek Boulevard in Tortugas.

- Aug. 4: Sagecrest Park on Roadrunner Parkway. This race will culminate in a free breakfast and prizes for all participants, parents and volunteers.

Breast Cancer support: 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 28, Memorial Medical Center West Side Annex Building, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Speaker is Julie Gustafson, MSPT, CLT of the Las Cruces Comprehensive Rehabilitation. Topic is "Breast Cancer and Lymphedema." Cost: Free. Info: 575-524-4373.

Junior Jazzercise Camp: Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10, Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. Dance parties, relay & fitness games, crafts, snacks and more for kids 5-12. Cost: \$90, siblings \$50 if registered by Aug. 1. Info: Amy Richards 941-705-0800, las-crucesjuniorjazzercise@yahoo.com or Facebook: Junior Jazzercise Las Cruces.

Immunization Clinics: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 9-10, and Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 13-15, Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Back-to-school immuni-

zation clinics. Parents should bring a copy of their child's shot record and their insurance card, including Medicaid with them. Info: 575-528-5001 or www.immunizenm.org for a listing of other clinic locations.

ONGOING

Alzheimer's group: 10-11 a.m., second Thursday of every month, 1155 S. Telshor Blvd., Suite 202. Early Stages Alzheimer's Support Group meets. Attend with a friend or family member.

Las Cruces Caregivers Support Group: 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Presented by Home Instead Senior Care, LCGSG offers support and information in a friendly environment for those whose family members have dementia or memory loss issues. Info: 575-522-7133.

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@ambercare.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 car-

dio, 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 each month, 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.

Christian meditation: 5:30-6:20 p.m. Tuesdays at The Bridge, northeast corner of Chaparral Street and East Mesa Avenue; Wednesdays at

Nopalito Gallery, 326 S. Mesquite St." In stillness, silence, emptiness a journey to the inner self, where the Spirit of God abides." Info: Joe Murray 860.514.0548 or joe@haid-acher.cc.

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 group meeting: 5-6:30 p.m., first Tuesday of each month, Mountainview Senior Circle Association, 3948 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 1, (behind Walgreens on Lohman). Yes Diabetes Group Meeting for children in elementary through high school. Parents or guardians must attend. Info 575-522-0289.

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 of

every month, 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 EpilepsySupportNM.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.

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

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Memorial Weight Loss Center earns accreditation

BULLETIN REPORT

Patients seeking surgical treatment for severe obesity and its related conditions can now choose a nationally accredited program that meets the highest standards for patient safety and quality of care in southern New Mexico.

Dr. Frank T. Felts, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Director at Memorial Weight Loss Center of New Mexico-Las Cruces, has announced its bariatric surgical center has been accredited as a Comprehensive Center under the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP®), a joint program of the American



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Surgery (ASMBS).

According to a Memorial press release, MBSAQIP Standards ensure that bariatric surgical patients receive a multidisciplinary program, not just a surgical procedure, which improves patient outcomes and long-term success.

“As Medical Director for the Memorial Medical Center Bariatric Program, it has been my great privilege to be associated with such an exceptional group

College of Surgeons (ACoS) and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric

of professionals during the development of our Comprehensive Bariatric Center,” Dr. Felts said. “To achieve this recognition ... in the very short time of this program’s development is a testament to the commitment of all involved. The end result of this commitment, and the professionalism it represents, will allow our patients access to the highest quality of bariatric care. It is truly our privilege to offer these services to all of southern New Mexico.”

To earn the MBSAQIP designation, Memorial Weight Loss Center met essential criteria for staffing, training and facility infrastructure and proto-

cols for care, ensuring its ability to support patients with severe obesity. The center also participates in a national data registry that yields semiannual reports on the quality of its processes and outcomes, identifying opportunities for continuous quality improvement. The standards are specified in the MBSAQIP Resources for Optimal Care of the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Patient 2016, published by the ACS and ASMBS.

John Harris, CEO, Memorial Medical Center said, “We are privileged to join together with southern New Mexico’s most experienced bariatric surgeon, Frank Felts

M.D. and our Program Director, Karla Felts RN, to create the most comprehensive program of its type in this region. This program is predicated on delivering high quality, safe care to the patient under the guidance of a truly talented surgeon and supported by a highly experienced staff.”

After submitting an application, centers seeking MBSAQIP Accreditation undergo an extensive site visit by an experienced bariatric surgeon, who reviews the center’s structure, process, and clinical outcomes data. Centers are awarded a specific designation depending on how many patients it serves annually,

the type of procedures it provides, and whether it provides care for patients under age 18.

In the United States, around 15.5 million people suffer from severe obesity, according to the National Institutes of Health. Obesity increases the risks of morbidity and mortality because of the diseases and conditions that are commonly associated with it, such as type II diabetes, hypertension, and cardiovascular disease, among other health risks. Metabolic and bariatric surgical procedures have proven to be effective in the reduction of comorbid conditions related to severe obesity.

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Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Infor: Jane at 928-897-0933 or LasCrucesI-ands@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. Thursdays, First Christian Church, 1802 El Paseo Road. 12-step

fellowship. Info: www.sca-recovery.org.

Sunday Funday: 3-6 p.m. first Sunday of each month February-October, Plaza de Las Cruces. Cancer Aid Resource and Education Inc., CARE, invites nonprofits, 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 carelas-cruces.org.

Tai Chi class: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday, Frank O’Brien Papen 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.

Zumba class: 10-11 a.m. Saturdays presented by the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department, Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Info: 575-541-2782.



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This 1952 Steinway studio piano with bench, being “played” here by Milo, will be auctioned at the Bellissimi Gattini fundraiser. It’s described as being in good condition, with a satin wood finish, and valued at \$2,500. The starting bid is \$1,800. A one-owner piano, it was donated to The Cat’s Meow by Dr. Joseph Bell. It was evaluated by Don Entsminger of White’s Music Box.

Fundraiser presents auction, dinner, entertainment

BULLETIN REPORT

The Cat’s Meow, Las Cruces’ only feline adoption and resource center at 2211 N. Mesquite St., hosts its second annual Bellissimi Gattini (Beautiful Kitten) fundraiser on Saturday, July 28, from 6 to 10 p.m.

In addition, the organization is celebrating its designation as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, a major achievement for the organization as it works toward purchasing the Cat’s Meow Building.

Tickets are \$15, \$25 for two, and include a lasagna buffet dinner – lasagna was Garfield the Cat’s favorite food – with Italian salad, Italian sodas and Italian desserts.

The venue will feature al-fresco tents on the Cat’s Meow grounds, with lights and misters provided by Enchanted Occasions Event Rentals. Tours of

The Cat’s Meow Adoption and Resource Center will be available.

Community judges will declare Lasagna contest winners in various categories including Vegan, Vegetarian, Classic and Professional Restaurant.

A silent auction will include a donated Steinway piano, Mata Ortiz pottery, signed first edition books, artwork, jewelry and items for cat and animal lovers.

Two new additions this year are the Kitty, Kitty, Kitty Photo Korner. Participants are asked to bring a 4” x 6” photo of their cute kitty to display during the evening on a poster board. The winning photo will be determined by votes and the winner will receive a “Cat-tast-ic prize.”

Another addition is the Kitty Shop and Swap Bookstore,

where participants are asked to donate books to buy or trade. Donated books and silent auction items can be delivered to Casa Camino Real Bookstore, 314 S. Tornillo St., event co-sponsor.

There will be music and entertainment, as well.

Since opening in October 2014, The Cat’s Meow has found homes for approximately 250 cats, many of them seniors and/or special needs felines. The spay/neuter program, The Big Kitty Fix, has sterilized 1,500 cats. The vast majority also received a rabies vaccination and a registered microchip.

The Cat’s Meow relies on donations to stay open – approximately \$2,500 a month. Last year’s Bellissimi Gattini raised \$5,500 from 200 guests.

Purchase tickets at www.the-catsmeowlascruces.com.

HUMANE SOCIETY NEWS

Editor’s note: From a press release

Paws ‘n’ Claws

The 5th Annual Paws ‘n’ Claws Road Rally raised nearly \$3,000 to support our programs that help animals.

The riders converged at Barnett’s Las Cruces Harley-Davidson to register and prepare for the ride, and during that time they got to meet dogs from the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley. Some of those pooches got new homes as a result! Some of the adoption fees were pre-paid; Kim Barnett paid for the additional adoption fees. The riders went on to visit several stops around town, ending up at The Game II.

Many thanks to our sponsors: All Aboards Marketing, American Classifieds/Dog Cruces, Barnett’s Las Cruces Harley-Davidson, Better Life Pet Foods, Blue Moon Bar, Citizens Bank, The Game II, Law Office of Matt Madrid, Law Offices of Samuel L. Kane, Law Tigers, Las Cruces Motor Sports and Pic Quik.

We’ll see you again in 2019!

GO bond

The City of Las Cruces will hold a vote-by-mail election starting this month that could result in a new animal shelter for the City of Las Cruces. This GO (general obligation) bond ballot contains four questions for voters, among them:

“Shall the City issue general obligation bonds, payable from property taxes, in an amount up to \$9,800,000 to construct a new animal shelter facility and related improvements?”

If the \$9,800,000 is approved, the city will build a new stray animal and adoption center and administrative offices on the site of the existing facility, the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley on High-

way 70.

The current ASCMV building, the only municipal shelter for both the city and the county, was constructed in 1982, when the population of Las Cruces was approximately 55,000, and county population was 96,000. Today, Las Cruces has 101,759 residents and the county population has grown to 215,000, more than doubling – while the shelter that has not grown.

Ten thousand animals come through the shelter’s doors each year, and it is visited by more than 44,000 people, according to ASCMV Director Clint Thacker.

The intake and adoption lobbies are cramped; the concrete floors in the facility are a worn, cracking breeding ground for disease, and the staff has only a tiny break room that is visible from the intake lobby. There is no conference space, and cages of animals often line the hallways. Outside kennels are exposed to the elements, and during past cold months the shelter has asked the public to donate dog Igloo shelters and blankets.

The new construction will free up space in the existing building that will be used to provide medical services, primarily spay/neuter surgeries. Currently, there is room for only one surgical table. The Doña Ana County Humane Society endorses the GO bond because it benefits animals. Part of the GO bond, if approved, will also result in two new dog parks.

The GO bond election started July 24 and runs through Aug. 21. Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters living within Las Cruces city limits. Residents can select the improvements they feel are best for the community and then submit that ballot by mail.



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Elizabeth Burgess (green shirt) on the way to winning 3rd place in the 1500 race walk and thus qualifying for next year's national games.

Senior class

The New Mexico Senior Olympics State Summer Games held in Albuquerque July 18-22 attracted about 2,000 athletes from around the state participating in about 90 different events. The games were particularly significant this year because those who placed in their competition qualified for the 2019 National Senior Olympics, also to be held in the Duke City.

Doña Ana County, particularly Las Cruces, sent one of the largest delegations to the games, a contingent of about 120. Among them, Dennis Diaz, who competed in shot put and discus, was one of several participants featured in the official game publication. The opening ceremony's relay team that ran in the torch to light the flame for the official start of the games, was anchored by Las Cruces Eugene Pettes. Wally Hill and Michiko Henmi, featured on the Seniors page in the July 13 Bulletin, won a gold medal in pickleball mixed doubles.

A few scenes featuring local athletes:

Eugene Pettes lights the Olympic Flame to start the games.



A row of athletes from Las Cruces attends the opening ceremonies for the state Summer Games. The nearest person is Ernest Espedal from Mesquite.



Ernest Espedal of Mesquite on the way to winning a medal in the 1500 race walk, qualifying for the national games next year.



Two Las Cruces who competed in the state Summer Games were Vincent Paul, center, wearing medals he won in air gun competitions and who later competed in archery; and Margaret Burr, right, who received a medal in the estimated time event.

Golf as we know it is at a crossroads

In May 2010 I wrote the following in this very space regarding the downturn in golf: "Tracking how the PGA Tour is doing and how golf on TV is doing isn't telling me much about the state of the game."

Nothing's changed. The talent and the game tour golfers play bears no resemblance to everyday chops playing for fun. It's like comparing backyard pick-up football to NFL teams.

Still, it's possible to pay your \$500 and play Pebble Beach and the Greenbriar – the same ground that the pros play. You and I can't take batting practice at Yankee Stadium. So, we can kinda play the



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

same golf as the pros.

But dating from 2008, we know that the number of players, rounds played, number of golf courses and even big-box retailers have all declined precipi-

tously. We can look back to the almost mindless, reckless over-building of golf courses and golf communities prior to the Great Recession as one cause. As for those sitting on their overpaid thrones, responsible for preserving, maintaining and growing the game, who were asleep at the switch, I offer a statement made by the U.S. Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission in 2011: "[It

was] key policy makers ill-prepared for the crisis, lacking full understanding of the financial system they oversaw, and the systematic breaches in accountability and ethics at all levels."

Why bother about golf as an American cultural pastime? We don't worry about tennis, bowling, fishing or baseball, since those sports don't occupy vast tracts of land, or make up entire neighborhoods of homeowners. Most folks don't have the faintest idea regarding the size and the economic impact of the golf industry.

Two stats are most important here: Nearly 2 million jobs are directly supported by the golf industry, including 1 mil-

lion from "golf facility operations"; and \$192 billion was the supportive economic impact of the golf industry in 2016.

Even though it's struggling, golf is still big! The exact number of golfers the industry counts is a suspect figure because the definition of a person who plays golf is really fuzzy. The National Golf Foundation puts it at about 20 million, accounting for 95 percent of all rounds played and money spent. More significantly, there are now 6 million "avid golfers" (down from 10 million in 2011) who account for 71 percent of all spending.

Individual golf courses, stores, products and companies may fall by the wayside, since they are not seen by our government as "too big to fail," like the financial institutions propped up at taxpayer expense. Indeed, 737 golf facilities have been lost since 2011.

If you care to gain some insight into what happens when a full-service

golf course goes under just go online to www.businessinsider.com for "Inside two abandoned golf courses," which was posted in May 2018. Golf has simply been a victim of the contraction and consolidation that largely results from the boom-and-bust tendency in our society, where greed creates a bubble and then the bubble inevitably bursts.

The dot-com bubble, the housing mortgage bubble, and on and on.

There was a time when I was dismissive of the "grow-the-game" overtures by the powers that be in the world of golf. I was overly concerned by the idea of too many players and too many bad players spoiling my golf day serenity. But not anymore. Barney Adams, retired founder of Adams Golf and the inventor of the iconic "tight lies" fairway wood, recently posted this insight: "Those who don't want any more players because their course is crowded

have it backwards. Players drop out, play less, courses close, then the ones remaining are even more crowded. Then supply and demand allows them to increase fees!" Amen, brother.

Golf today is on the horns of a dilemma: As old golfers pass along and the game isn't as popular as it used to be to young men and women, who will pay and play? What's going to happen with golf? Tune in next week for Part 3 of this "golf at the crossroads" series for more information and insights.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. He partners with coach Herb Wimberly as the principal instructors at Performance Golf Schools. Contact Blanchard at docblanchard71@gmail.com.

Shooting their age



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The El Paso/Las Cruces Old Timers Golf Group held their monthly tournament at Painted Dunes July 10. First place finishers, seated left to right, are Ernie Martinez, Lone Star; Rene Garcia, Painted Dunes; Sam Martinez, Lone Star; Paul Tarango, Lone Star. Second place, standing from left, are Lupe Mendez, Sonoma Ranch; Rob Underwood, Vista Hills; David Epperson, Painted Dunes.

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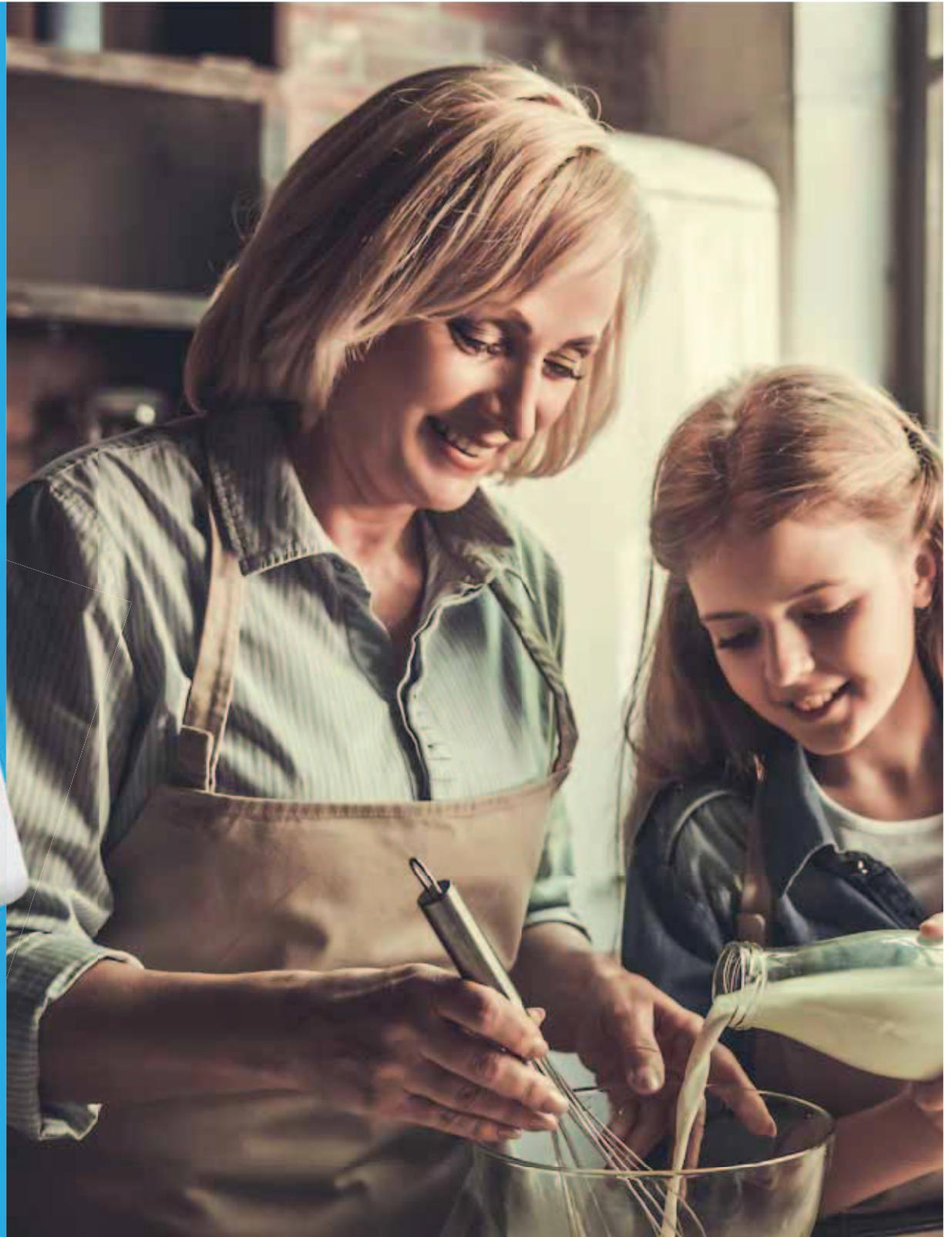
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