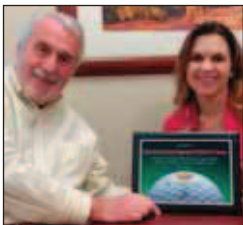


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## **PROUD GRADUATES**

**Magistrate Judge Jose Cano swears in the graduates of the 20th Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department Firefighter Academy. The graduation ceremony was held earlier this month in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center.**

**PHOTO: Corrie Stone-Fielder**

## Detention academy graduation ceremony set for 1:30 p.m. today

Twenty-one new detention center officers will be sworn in today at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center after having successfully completed the seven-week Basic Detention Officers' Academy.

District 4 Doña Ana County Commissioner Isabella Solis will deliver the commencement address, and Doña Ana County Magistrate Judge William Kinsella will ad-

minister the oaths of service.

Graduating detention officers are: Veronica Arias, Dylan Beck, Jonathan Campoverde, Edgar Castañeda, Carlos Diaz, Jesus Garcia, Robert Garcia, Xavier Gonzalez, Irvin Hernandez, Orlando Leung, Laura Lopez, Luis Medina, Andres Molina, Yvette Molina, Bladymir Muniz, Rudy Muñoz, Jaime Olguin, Angel Ornelas, Elizabeth Perez, Brian Valle and Angel Villarreal.

## Roads initiative showing progress

Progress is coming fast with the county's \$10.2 million roads initiative, which was green-lighted by the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners on March 27.

The initiative targets significant improvements to 19 roads in the county's road inventory, as well as a mechanism by which the commission can bring private roads into its maintenance inventory.

Doña Ana County Manager Fernando R. Macias reported to the commissioners this week that Nike Avenue and Found Avenue were both reconstruction projects and are complete. Butte Drive and Esslinger Road are also reconstruction projects that have been tasked out and should be finished before the end of the month. Desert Aire Drive is a new construction project which has started and should be complete by the end of the month. Berry Patch Lane has been tasked out for right-of-way acquisition, and work has started.

The projects are being paid for from the county's cash reserves.

Additional roads targeted for improvement under the initiative are as follows: District 1) Corpening Avenue, Missionary Ridge Road, Three Saints Road, Flower Road, Estancia Road, Singh Road, Teak Lane and Ward Road; District 2) Lisa Drive, San Jacinto Road, Chamberino Secondary Access and Koogle Road; District 3) Dripping Springs Road; District 4) Charolais Drive, Thorpe Road, Balsam Road, Chiricahua Trail and Corona Road; and District 5) Calle de Oro, Fossil View Road, Horseshoe Circle, Hurt Road, King Edward Avenue, Mantooth Lane, Shalem Colony Trail and Blazing Trails Road.

"This initiative is important and comprehensive, and we're making progress," Macias said.

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# Women are big winners in statewide, local races

BY MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Women candidates in New Mexico claimed nominations in statewide races for governor, lieutenant governor, land commissioner and two U.S. House of Representatives seats. Closer to home, Democrats nominated a woman for Doña Ana County sheriff.

Las Cruces water lawyer Xochitl Torres Small received 25,220 votes (72.61 percent) in unofficial returns from the New Mexico Secretary of State's office to win the Democratic primary for the U.S. House District 2 seat against adjunct college professor Madelyn Hildebrandt of Socorro.

Torres Small will face state Rep. Yvette Herrell of Alamogordo, who collected 15,868 (49 percent) to win the Republican primary over Hobbs Mayor Monte Newman (32 percent) and two other challengers.

Whichever candidate wins in November will be the first woman to hold the seat. Torres Small would be the first Las Crucean to hold it since Ed Foreman, a Republican, won it when the seat was created in 1968.

Incumbent Republican Steve Pearce of Hobbs is relinquishing the seat up to run for governor. He had no opponent in the Republican primary.

Pearce's opponent will be U.S. Rep. Michelle Lujan-Grisham of Albuquerque, who collected 116,311 votes (66.4 percent) to 38,779 (22.14) for Albuquerque business-

man Jeff Apodaca and 20,092 (11.47 percent) for state Sen. Joseph Cervantes of Las Cruces, in the Democratic gubernatorial primary.

Bob Walsh, a write-in candidate, won the Libertarian nomination for governor.

State Sen. Howie Morales of Silver City won the Democratic primary for lieutenant governor with 47 percent of the vote. Former State Rep. Rick Miera of Albuquerque received 32 percent and Doña Ana County Commissioner Billy Garrett collected 21 percent. Morales will face Republican Michelle Garcia Holmes and Libertarian Robin Dunn in November. Both were unopposed in their primaries.

In the Democratic primary for land commissioner, state Rep. Stephanie Garcia-Richard of White Rock received 40 percent of the vote to defeat New Mexico Wildlife Federation Executive Director Garrett VeneKlasen (37 percent) and state Sen. George Muñoz of Gallup (23 percent). Current state Public Regulation (PRC) commissioner and former land commissioner Patrick Lyons had no opponent in the Republican primary and Michael G. Lucero had no opponent in the Libertarian primary. Incumbent Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn, elected as a Republican, switched parties to Libertarian and is running for the U.S. Senate.

In the Democratic primary for state auditor, former state party



Las Cruces resident Heather Stein votes Tuesday afternoon at the Frank O'Brien Papen Center in Mesilla Park.

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chair Brian Colon of Albuquerque defeated State Rep. Bill McCamley of Las Cruces with 63 percent of the vote. Colon will face Republican Wayne Johnson in November.

Former state senator Steve Fischmann of Las Cruces won the Democratic primary for PRC District 5, which includes Doña Ana County. He defeated incumbent Sandy Jones of Truth or Consequences 52.3-47.6 percent. Fischmann faces former PRC Commissioner Ben Hall of Ruidoso in November. Hall won the Republican primary by 30 votes over Chris Mathys of Las Cruces. Joseph Bizzell of Los Lunas was third.

In locally contested primaries, former Doña Ana County internal affairs investigator Kim

Stewart got 31.7 percent of the vote to win the Democratic nomination for county sheriff. Former undersheriff Eddie Lerma was second with 28 percent. Incumbent Enrique "Kiki" Vigil finished third with 26 percent. Carlos Preciado got 8 percent and Larry Roybal 6 percent. In November, Stewart will face Republican Todd Garrison, who previously served 10 years as sheriff. Garrison had no primary opposition.

In the race for county assessor, former County Commissioner Leticia Duarte-Benavidez received almost 53 percent of the vote to defeat current chief deputy Paul Ponce. Incumbent Andy Segovia is term limited.

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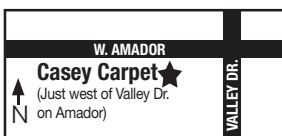
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**Candidate for U.S. Congress Xochitl Torres Small gets a hug from her friend Russell Hernandez Tuesday night at Amaro Winery during her watch party.**

## VOTE

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mission District 1 race, former county clerk Lynn Ellins received 37 percent of the vote to defeat four challengers. In November, Ellins will face John L. Zimmerman, a former state representative, who defeated Roberto Martinez 81-19 percent in the Republican primary. Incumbent Commissioner Billy Garrett is term limited.

In the District 5 county commission Democrat primary, Karen Trujillo had 54 percent of the vote to defeat former commissioner Oscar Butler and two others. In November, she will face Republican Kim Hakes, who was appointed to the seat earlier this year when Democrat John Vasquez resigned.

Micaela Lara Cadena won the state House of Representatives District 33 Democratic primary with almost 54 percent of the vote. Mary Martinez White received 25.5 percent and Guenevere McMahon had 21 percent. Charles Wendler was unopposed in the Republican primary. Incumbent

Bill McCamley ran for state auditor.

In the District 34 state House Democratic primary, Raymundo Lara of Anthony received 51.5 percent of the vote to oust incumbent Bill Gomez. Lara will have no Republican opponent in November.

In House District 52, incumbent Doreen Gallegos, the House Democratic whip, received 79 percent of the vote against Jaime Gonzalez Castillo. Gallegos will face Republican David Cheek in November.

In House District 53, Willie Madrid received 69 percent of the vote to defeat Javier Gonzales in the Democratic primary. Madrid will face Republican incumbent Ricky Little in the general. Both are from Chaparral.

In the Democratic primary for Third Judicial District judge, Division 8, Las Cruces attorney Grace Duran won with 38 percent of the vote. Current Magistrate Judge Richard Jacquez was second with 24.3 percent. Incumbent Jeanne H. Quintero received 11.3 percent to place fourth in the race.

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Denten Park's wife, Valerie, and their children listen to the speakers at a farewell event for outgoing MountainView Regional Medical Center CEO Denten Park, who is moving to Arkansas to take another position within the company system.

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**Finding rainbow connections among faiths**

**E**ditor's note: This column is a continuation of the column that ran in this space May 11. It is based on conversations over lunch about religion among Syed Ashraf, a Muslim; Daniel Payne, a Mormon; Leora Zeitlin, a Jew; and Richard Coltharp, a Catholic.

**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

The spire rises high in the sky at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Venus Street. I've walked under it a hundred times going in to play basketball in the church's gym.

But there's something unusual about the spire I never noticed until I sat down and talked religion with Payne, Zeitlin and Ashraf.

Payne, a member of the LDS church, enlightened me.

Unlike most churches, the spire does not feature a cross.

"We don't use the cross, focusing on the resurrection rather than the crucifixion," Payne said, adding the LDS church uses few symbols at all. "A symbol of our faith is the lives of our people. Their example is one of the best symbols we could have."

For Zeitlin, an important symbol of her Jewish faith is also very personal. To demonstrate, she holds up a blue-and-

white tapestry with knotted fringe.

"My grandfather died at 97," she said. "He and I were very close, and I have his prayer shawl. It's called a Tallit. My husband and I used it as a canopy at our wedding, and over our son's circumcision. We've used it for many happy occasions."

Continuing the discussion of faith symbols, Ashraf fished a necklace out from under his shirt. Instead of a chain, it was a leather strand, holding a simple, metal locket of sorts, a small rectangular box resembling a book.

"It's called a Tafeez," Ashraf said. "It contains Qu'uranic verses."

My own faith, Catholicism, makes use of a well-known symbol, the Rosary beads. I mentioned to the group I've used the Rosary to pray often during my 22 years as a Catholic. There is comfort, consistency and a meditative quality to praying the Rosary. Many Catholics pray the Rosary daily, but prayer takes many forms, individual and group settings. Every mass, the entire congregation rises, clasps hands and recites the Lord's Prayer.

Prayer is less formalized for Payne and fellow members of the LDS church.

"For us, prayer is a personal, individual thing," Payne said. "We do 'ordinances' at baptisms and sacraments. But otherwise, it's very informal. We have no prayer book."

For Islam, prayer is essential, and forms one of the five

pillars of the faith.

Ashraf described the five pillars: prayer, fasting, charity, the hajj and the fact there is only one God. The hajj is the pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca, a trip all Muslims strive to achieve at least once during their lifetime.

"We pray up to five times a day, and then go for group prayers at the Mosque on Friday, which is like Sunday for other religions," Ashraf said. "I try to pray at least two times a day, on a rug, facing Mecca (east), ranging from 10 to 20 minutes."

In Jewish tradition, sons pray daily for 11 months after the death of a parent. Though female, Zeitlin followed the tradition.

"I believe women can all pray and I said, 'I'm going to say Kaddish for my Dad every week,' which I did unfailingly for 11 months," Zeitlin said. "But I am always saying blessings. See that rainbow? That's an opportunity for affirmatives, which you can do by yourself. There is also formal prayer, but you need 10 people to help stay an active community. So prayer is everywhere, in different forms."

Ashraf believes his one God, Allah, is also the god of Judaism and Christianity.

"He is the God of Abraham," Ashraf said.

And if, as all these faiths believe, God made the world, is there opportunity to discern the sacred in the secular?

Zeitlin said she finds secular support for her faith in science.

"The unfolding of knowledge

through science is positive," she said. "It's often seen as counter to religion, but I gain hope from science."

Payne added comment, paraphrasing Carl Sagan: "When religion and science disagree, it comes from a limited understanding of both."

For Ashraf, his spiritual world was augmented by education at an unexpected place.

"I'm the son of a father who prayed five times a day, but was also very progressive," Ashraf said. "He sent me to a Catholic missionary school, and that was something in the 1960s in Pakistan. But if not for that, I would not be able to converse in English. It was an expensive school, but he knew it was going to help me."

I've always found great spiritual support in music, whether it is an operatic classic such as "Ave Maria," traditional African-American spirituals or the positive gospel messages in the music of my all-time favorite band, Earth, Wind and Fire.

Payne cited the "good of humanity" as inspiration in the world.

It is easy to dwell on the world's negativity, Payne said, but we still see, on a daily basis, people of all faiths and no faiths helping each other, whether it's lending a hand to a homeless person, rescuing a dog or simply doing a favor for a friend.

For me, it was inspiring to break bread with four people of divergent faiths and not only have pleasant conversation, but learn something along the way.

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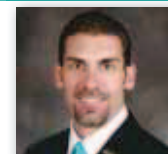
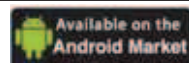


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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Violating sacred ground

To the editor:

The Vietnam Memorial at Veteran's park, recently vandalized, was a violation of sacred ground and a stab in the heart of this community that had come together to build this tribute to our Armed Forces who had given so much during this bloody conflict.

The New Mexico Legislature provided the seed money to start the memorial, and Doña Ana County also contributed to the funding. A commit-

tee was formed to make the memorial happen, consisting of veterans and civilians who labored long hours and worked on their hands and knees in hot and cold weather to put bricks in the ground and sell memorials to raise the rest of the money needed. Businesses contributed their labor and materials at no cost, the City of Las Cruces provided assistance and guidance, White Sands Missile Range provided the Huey, along with three other Helicopters.

Project Manager Jim Harbison was able to trade one of those helicopters at the Air Museum in Santa Teresa for the Huey which hovers over the memorial. This Huey was the Angel of Mercy that flew into battlegrounds, under heavy fire to save the lives of those who had fallen in the field of battle. The plop, plop, plop of the rotor blades was music to those waiting to be picked up and flown to field hospitals. They were the Angels of Mercy.

I was working as a

volunteer at the 24th Evacuation Hospital in Long Binh, when TET hit, and suddenly they were swamped with bodies that needed medical attention, young men, in the flower of their lives as well as the experienced older career combat veterans, bleeding, crying for help, the frenetic pace of the operating rooms and the doctors and nurses working around the clock to save them. When I heard that the Vietnam Memorial had been vandalized, I had that moment of PTSD taking me back to those scenes at the hospital that will never be erased from my mind. And I thought about the labor, devotion and love that this community demonstrated as the memorial was being built and after its completion.

No words of con-

demnation are strong enough for those who violated this sacred ground. Maybe God can forgive this despicable act, but I can't.

*Frances F. Williams  
Las Cruces*

### Chatter is not music to the ears

To the editor:

My husband and I thoroughly enjoyed the Mayor's Jazz Concert in Plaza de Las Cruces May 27 and hope this wonderful tradition will continue to be funded.

The audience, however, left much to be desired. A group of people between 40 and 60 years old seated near the picnic table talked incessantly, and we moved away from them three times before we were far enough away to just hear the music. This was after

we asked them to tone it down. Why in the world do people attend these events when all they want to do is talk? Please, we implore you to stay home and let the rest of us enjoy the performance.

*Barbara Heavens and  
John Cole  
Las Cruces*

### Ranked Choice Voting is the choice

To the editor:

It is very exciting to see the City of Las Cruces consider adoption of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). RCV is a simple but powerful reform that gives voters more choice and a stronger voice at the polls. With RCV, also known as Instant Runoff Voting, voters can rank the candidates in order of preference. You get to choose who your favorite candidate is, and then provide your back up choices in case your favorite does not win the election.

RCV gives voters more power, because even when your favorite candidate don't win, you are still able to have a say in who ultimately gets to represent you. With RCV, you have the freedom to actually vote for the candidate you like best without having to worry that you will help elect the candidate you like the least.

If the city of Las Cruces adopts this great reform, it will join others across the nation that have already implemented RCV for their local elections. These include San Francisco, Oakland, Minneapolis, Cambridge, and most re-



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cently Santa Fe. RCV will be implemented at the state level in Maine and at the county level in Benton County, Oregon, later this year. Additionally, RCV is used for military and overseas voters in South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

Ranked Choice Voting changes the dynamics of the campaigning season. It creates a need for candidates to appeal to all voters, not just their base of support. As a voter, you are less likely to rank, as your second choice, a candidate who has issued personal attacks against your favorite candidate. With RCV, candidates are incentivized to keep a civil tone to their campaigns, and to focus on the vision they have for their city and the policies they support. Voters benefit from candidates focusing on

the issues and refraining from negative campaign tactics.

Santa Fe recently had their first Ranked Choice Voting election, which had a 10 percent increase in voter turnout from the previous mayoral election in 2014. An exit poll conducted by FairVote NM to gauge voter experience with RCV found that 94 percent of voters were satisfied with their voting experience, and over 84 percent of voters did not find it confusing. Additionally, more than 76 percent of voters said they had a candidate or campaign ask to be a second or third choice on their ballot.

RCV is the right choice for Las Cruces. It will make our democratic process stronger and campaigns more positive and focused on the issues important to the community. It will give voters more power and therefore more incentive to be civically engaged.

*Ashley Beyer  
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## Celebrate race unity

To the editor:

Members of the Baha'i Community of Las Cruces will celebrate Race Unity Day on Sunday, June 10, at Sparkys in Hatch. Community members plan to gather there after 12:30 p.m. and enjoy the music of the Desperado Band. Gordon Butler, a Baha'i and member "emeritus" of the Desperadoes, said, "It took Einstein to figure out the theory of relativity, but even I can see that we are all equal in the sight of God. However, generally, humanity is still struggling with the concept of racial equality."

Race Unity Day (called "Race Amity Day" until

1965) was inaugurated in 1957 by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States, the annually elected governing council of the American Baha'i community, to promote racial harmony and understanding. While it is a Baha'i-sponsored occasion, it is not a "religious" event. It has been observed worldwide by people of all faiths and backgrounds and symbolizes the spread of Baha'i principles of interracial harmony and unity in diversity.

The Baha'i community invites all those who would like to enjoy good music and good food and help celebrate the oneness of mankind on Race Unity Day to join them at Sparky's, 115 Franklin St.

*Gordon Butler  
Las Cruces*

## Send chalk

To the editor:

I am extremely concerned about the issue of a newsprint tariff. Why?

Because, years ago, I took a journalism class in International Communications at NMSU taught by the late Professor Charles Eberhardt. He had started Voice of America in Italy, in the 1940s, and I remember him telling us that one way some governments control citizens is to withhold newsprint. Many newspapers are barely keeping their heads above water as it is, (especially) smaller and rural newspapers.

I urge everyone to contact our two New Mexico Senators Martin Heinrich and Tom Udall and our Representative Steve Pearce, and let them know how important this issue is. I come from a small town, Gonzales, Texas, and the original newspaper, the Gonzales Inquirer, has had to cut its publication to twice a week.

The radio station in my

home county was going out of business and now operates as a National Public Radio station. There is very little local programming on the station. I understand they no longer broadcast the cattle auction, the local deaths and funerals, and other programming, such as "Polka Parade," which have been of great interest to the Czech, German, Austrian, Polish and other immigrants who settled there, my family included.

I recently saw a story in which a young man (in Nigeria, I believe) was writing the news in chalk on a public board, where the indigenous people gathered around to read or have it read to them. He was running out of chalk, and made an appeal for people to send chalk.

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# Senator: Proposed waste site is 'radioactive hot potato'

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

A proposal to build a high-level nuclear waste storage facility in eastern New Mexico is a "radioactive hot potato" for Las Cruces and the entire state, said state Sen. Jeff Steinborn, D-Doña Ana.

The consolidated interim storage facility (CISF), which would be located on 1,000 acres of private land between Hobbs and Carlsbad about 250 miles east of Las Cruces, is "a very big proposal that no one knows much about," said Steinborn, who chairs the New Mexico Legislature's Interim Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee.

Steinborn chaired a committee hearing on the CISF May 18 in Santa Fe to put the "facts on the table," he said, and to "hear from a broader range of stakeholders."

Steinborn said he is in "fact-finding mode" about the proposal. "It's critical to learn more," he said.

If approved by the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), the site would store high-level nuclear waste from around the country, Steinborn said, and could house "as many as 10,000 canisters of spent high-level nuclear waste."

Waste would be transported to the site by rail, he said, with some of it passing through Las Cruces and El Paso on the way to the CISF.

And, while the CISF would be an interim site, Steinborn said there is no permanent site designated for the waste it would store, so once it's in New

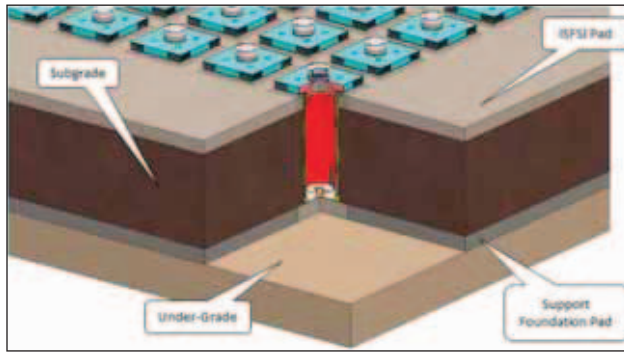


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**Conceptual Drawing of Deployed Storage Cask Systems at the Proposed CISF Header**



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**ELEA stands for Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance, LLC and is the proposed site for an interim, high-level nuclear waste storage site in Lea County.**

Mexico, it could stay here. And, he said, designating an interim site for the waste may not be legal unless a permanent destination is also designated.

In March 2017, Holtec International, a New Jersey-based company that provides nuclear fuel and waste-management services, petitioned the NRC for a license to construct and operate the CISF for spent fuel from commercial nuclear power reactors, according to [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov). Holtec wants to initially store "up to 8,680 metric tons (500 canisters) of uranium in commercial spent fuel" at the site for a "40-year license term," the NRC said, and total storage at the site could reach 10,000 canisters.

The NRC has been conducting hearings on the proposal and has extended the public comment period until July 30.

The CISF "will provide a significant step on the path to resolve the nation's long-standing used nuclear fuel storage issue by providing a safe, secure, temporary, retrievable, and centralized facility for storage of used nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste," according to [holtecinternational.com](http://holtecinternational.com).

The CISF "seeks to fulfill the goal to aggregate the used nuclear fuel canisters presently scattered across the country at dozens of independent used fuel storage installations into one suitable location, in preparation

## Site-Specific License Timeline for Holtec's HI-STORE CISF Project



- Application submitted to USNRC: March 2017
- Application accepted by USNRC: March 2018
- NRC Request for additional information: March 2018 – Mid 2019
- NRC Public Meetings: April – May 2018
- NRC Completes Review: July 2020
- Pending Agreement with DoE and/or Nuclear Utilities:
- ✓ Construction Could Start: 2020
- ✓ Construction Complete: 2023
- ✓ Accept First Shipment: 2023



for future relocation to a final repository," the website said. "The facility is being developed by Holtec with strong support from local counties and cities in southeastern New Mexico."

"A fact-based discussion concerning Holtec's transportation technology and our nation's experience in incident free transportation of spent nuclear fuel affirms that the (CISF) is an executable solution to solve the nation's issue with storage of spent nuclear fuel," Holtec Project Director Ed Mayer said on the website.

Transporting nuclear waste to the CISF is "a huge issue of concern," Steinborn said, and is just one of the public safety issues and policy questions raised by Holtec's application that were brought out during Steinborn's committee hearing.

Do the proposed rail routes have the capacity to handle the rail traffic

the CISF would generate? Steinborn asked. What about first responders if there is an accident during transport? If something goes wrong with a shipment of waste, what impact might that have on the oil and gas industry in eastern New Mexico? What if Holtec goes out of business?

"It's important to think about worst-case scenarios," Steinborn said.

Being a repository for high-level nuclear waste could also damage New Mexico's reputation, he said, and impact sustainable economic development statewide.

The CISF would be located just north of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, which is 26 miles east of Carlsbad. WIPP became operational in 1999 and houses "transuranic waste left over from nuclear weapons research and testing," according to [www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov). That waste is housed in salt formations more

2,000 feet below ground.

The CISF would be "very different from the WIPP site," Steinborn said. CISF would hold high-level waste that would be stored above ground, he said, and the site would be much larger than anything previously managed by Holtec.

See a webcast of the Legislative Interim Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee's hearing about the proposed CISF at [sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00293/Harmony/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20180528/-1/47501](http://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00293/Harmony/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20180528/-1/47501).

Submit comments about the CISF at [www.regulations.gov/DocketID/NRC-2018-0052](http://www.regulations.gov/DocketID/NRC-2018-0052).

Also visit [www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/cis/holtec-international.html](http://www.nrc.gov/waste/spent-fuel-storage/cis/holtec-international.html) and [holtecinternational.com/productsand-services/hi-store-cis](http://holtecinternational.com/productsand-services/hi-store-cis).

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# JUNE EVENTS

## JUNE 1

### Downtown Art Ramble

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

## JUNE 1 - 2

### Storyland: A Trip Through Childhood Favorites from MN Children's Museum

Branigan Cultural Center. Tues - Fri 10am - 4:30pm, Sat 9am - 4:30pm. Free. 575-541-2154. las-cruces.org/museums

### Play: With Love, Marilyn

Rio Grande Theatre. 6/1: 6:30pm., 6/2: 5pm. \$27.50. riograndetheatre.org

## JUNE 1 - 9

### Life Along the Rio Grande Exhibit

Branigan Cultural Center. Tues - Fri 10am - 4:30pm, Sat 9am - 4:30pm. Free. las-cruces.org/museums

## JUNE 1 - 10

### Play: The Rivals

Black Box Theatre. Fri, Sat 8pm, Sun 2:30pm. \$10-15. no-strings.org

## JUNE 1 - 18

### Play: Legally Blonde - The Musical

Las Cruces Community Theatre. Fri/Sat: 8pm, Sun: 2pm. \$10-15. lcctnm.org

## JUNE 1 - JUNE 30

### Living Art by Carl Coker Exhibit

Rio Grande Theatre. Mon - Fri 8am - 5pm. riograndetheatre.org

## JUNE 1 - JULY 14

### Here & Now Regional Juried Exhibition

NMSU Art Gallery. Art Gallery Hours: Tues - Sat 10am-4pm. Free

## JUNE 1 - MARCH 3

### Dressed for the Occasion Exhibit

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. \$2-5. Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 12-5pm. frhm.org

## JUNE 2

### Movies in the Park - Wonder Woman

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

### Homeward Bound: Country on the Plaza

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. \$15-20. 7pm. downtownLC.com

### 3rd Annual Pachanga 2018

Klein Park. 3-10pm. Free

## JUNE 2 - 3

### Singing Out Las Cruces Spring Concert

Peace Lutheran Church. Sat 7pm & Sun 3pm. \$10. singingoutlascruces.org

### St. Genevieve's Annual Summer Antique and Collectible Show and Sale

St. Genevieve's Parish Hall. Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4 pm. \$2

## JUNE 3

### Sunday Funday at the Plaza

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

### Sunday Night Music in the Park -

#### The Abe Mac Band, and Las Cruces Gents.

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

## JUNE 7

### Thursday Nights Music in the Park - Folk Night

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 7pm. Free. 575-541-2550

### The Reunion Beatles Fantasy Tribute

Rio Grande Theatre. \$29 advance, \$32 door. 7:30pm. riograndetheatre.org

## JUNE 8

### Zoltan and the Fortune Tellers

Rio Grande Theatre. 7:30pm. \$5. riograndetheatre.org

### Luke's Wings Golf Tournament

Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. To register call: Felix Cordero 575-496-9146

## JUNE 9

### Classic Film: The Wizard of Oz

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

### Luke's Wings - Music Explosion

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. Tickets at Pic Quiks. \$20/\$25

## JUNE 9

### Movie: Monster's Inc.

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

## JUNE 10

### Sunday Night Music in the Park

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

### Bumps, Babies & Beyond

Las Cruces Convention Center. 1am-4pm. bumpsbabiesbeyondexpo.com

## JUNE 12

### Movie: The Andromeda Strain

Rio Grande Theatre. 7pm. riograndetheatre.org

## JUNE 13

### Wednesday Nights on Main - Mexican Fiesta

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 6-10pm. Free. lascruceseventplanning.com

## JUNE 14

### Thursday Night - Jonathan Maynes

Rio Grande Theatre. 5 (cash only). 7:30-9:30pm. riograndetheatre.org

## JUNE 16

### Battle of the Badges

Las Cruces Convention Center. \$20. 7pm. 575-202-0823

### Annual "Raft the River Rio"

La Llorona Park. 10am. \$5-30 (to participate) free to watch

### Movies in the Park - Jumanji (2017)

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

## JUNE 17

### Sunday Night Music in the Park

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

## JUNE 21

### Thursday Nights Music in the Park - Ryan Montano

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. 7pm. 575-541-2550

## JUNE 22-24

### Annual San Juan Turtle Fiesta

Friday, all day - Tortugas Open Golf Tournament. Sat: San Juan Fiesta Tardeada. Sun: Annual Tortugas Turtle Races. 575-526-8171

## JUNE 23

### Kid's Night Out: Summer Splash

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces. Free. 5-9pm

## JUNE 24

### Sunday Night Music in the Park - Smokin' Mirrors, and Geni & The Starliners

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

## JUNE 26

### Movie: Big Hero 6

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

## JUNE 27

### Full Moon Hikes

Park entrance fees apply. Program is free. White Sands National Monument. \$4-8. Register at nps.gov/whsa

### Wednesday Nights on Main - Country Western

Downtown Plaza de Las Cruces, 100 N. Main St. 6-10pm. Free. 575-522-1232. lascruceseventplanning.com

## JUNE 28

### Full Moon Nights

Park entrance fees apply. Program is free. White Sands National Monument. 8:30pm. \$4-8. Register at nps.gov/whsa

### Thursday Night - Vince Alten

Rio Grande Theatre. 7:30pm. \$5 (cash only). riograndetheatre.org

## JUNE 29

### Mesilla Summer Music Series - Chris Baker Band

Old Mesilla Plaza, south on highway 28. 6-9pm. Free

## JUNE 30

### Classic Movie: James Dean

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

### Movies in the Park - Despicable Me 3

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

### Southwest Brawl 8

Las Cruces Convention Center. 6-10pm \$30/\$50/\$75. americanfightleaguemma.com

## COMING UP

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

**Enchilada fundraiser:** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, June 8, Good Samaritan Society - Las Cruces Village. Choice of red or green (cheese) enchiladas, rice, beans, a drink and a desert to help provide school supplies to some local students for the fall school start. Cost: \$6 donation. Info: Joe Gutierrez 575-556-2119 or jgutie16@good-sam.com.

**Country Club neighborhood:** 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 8, Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid Ave. Country Club Neighborhood Association Community meeting to discuss Apodaca Blueprint, status of Las Cruces Country Club property, neighborhood activities and concerns. Cost: Free. Info: 575-528-9112 or eva.nevarezst-

john@yahoo.com.

**Music in the Plaza:** 8-10 p.m. Fridays, June 8-29, Mesilla Plaza. Town of Mesilla presents its Summer Music Series with food trucks and vendors. Cost: Free. Info: www.mesillanm.gov.

- June 8: Nikki Lee May.
- June 15: Smokin' Mirrors.
- June 22: Pure Magic.
- June 29: Chris Baker Band.

**Literacy Tutor Training:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, Doña Ana Community College campus, Gregg and Espina streets. Bring a lunch. Beverages provided. Hands-on training will give necessary practice and knowledge to tutor an adult learner one-to-one, or to tutor a small group of adults. Cost: Free. Info and registration: Yolanda at 575-527-7544.

**Geography Club:** 10 a.m.-noon, Saturdays in June, 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.

- June 9: Rhode Island
- June 16: Connecticut
- June 23: New York
- June 30: Pennsylvania

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

**Apple users:** 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 9, NMSU Barnes and Noble North Living Room. Cruces Apple User Group agenda includes a "What's New with Apple" discussion and several tutorials on virtual private networks.

**Pickleball Basics:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 9, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Las Cruces Pickleball community will have Pickleball nets set up in the parking lot during the Mountain View Health & Fitness Expo. Info: Laura Smart, at 425-233-9082 or lauralsmart@comcast.net.

**Republican women:** 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 9, Hacienda de Mesilla, 1891 Avenida de Mesilla. Republican Women of Mesilla Valley will hear Todd Garrison, candidate for Doña Ana County sheriff. Info: 575-647-1300 or tscooper@qwestoffice.net.

**Summer Zumbini:** Early childhood education program for kids ages 1-4 and their caregivers. Info: Amy Richards 941-705-0800, zumbini.com or Facebook, Zumbini with Amy Las Cruces.

- 11:30 a.m. Saturdays, June 9-July 7, Morning Star United Methodist Church, 2941 Morning Star Drive.

- 11:15 a.m. Wednesdays, June 27-Aug. 15, Jazzercise Las Cruces, 3217 El Camino.

**Native American Citizenship:** 1 p.m. Saturday, June 9, Branigan Cultural Center Swartz Room, 501 North Main St. Panel will discuss current relationships with government, forced relocations (both historic and modern), and what it is like to be Native American in today's world. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

**Junior Ranger Day:** 5-10 p.m. Saturday, June 9, La Cueva Group Site, Dripping Springs Natural Area. Bureau of Land Management invites children ages 5-12 and their families for birdwatching, plant-pressing, animal identification and hiking, concluding with a sing-along and s'mores beside a campfire. A special Junior Ranger badge will be given to the children for completing the various activities. Cost: Free. Info: 575-525-4300.

**FC Grande soccer:** 7 p.m. Saturday, June 9, High Noon Soccer Field No. 1 behind Mayfield High School. Semi-pro soccer club's final home game. Cost: \$5.

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

individual. Info: www.Astro-NPO.org.

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

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

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

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

**Tennis tournament:** Deadline to register is 11:59 p.m. Sunday, June 10, for Adult Tennis Tournament at NMSU June 14-17. Sanctioned events include men's, women's and mixed open divisions and age group divisions and unsanctioned NTRP division play. Info: www.usta.com/tennislink/tournaments/759500118.

**Democratic women:** 6 p.m. Monday, June 11, Lion's Club Event Center at 1502 N. Solano. Rescheduled monthly meeting of Federation of Democratic Women of Doña Ana County. Info: Rosemarie 575-650-3545 or Connie

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**GriefShare Support**

**Groups:** 6-8 p.m. Mondays, June 11-Sept. 3, Mesilla Park Community Church Classroom B, 1040 El Paseo Road. For anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Info: 575-524-7658, info@getrealchurch.org or www.getrealchurch.org.

**Gardening Fun:** 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday-Thursday, June 12-14, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children, ages 5-8, will go on a scavenger hunt in the museum greenhouse, make their compost, and plant their own seeds to take home and watch grow. Register by June 8. Cost: \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members. Info: LuAnn Kilday 575-522-4100 or luannr.kilday@state.nm.us.

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

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

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

**Brown Bag Lecture:** Noon, Tuesday, June 12, Las Cruces Railroad

Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Fred Friedman will discuss "Native American Steel Gangs." Info: 575-528-3444 or museums.las-cruces.org.

**Organizing genealogy:** 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room. Doña Ana County Genealogical Society member Georgie McDougle will speak on organizing genealogy papers and computer files.

**Archaeological Society:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Doña Ana Archaeological Society member LeRoy Unglaub will give a presentation titled "Apache Iconography of Southern New Mexico and Far West Texas." Info: 575-524-9497.

**Book Talk:** 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room. Friends of the Library welcome David Lee Summers to talk about his Clockwork Legion 4 series of novels, which combine science fiction and history.

**Adult Summer Reading:** 2 p.m. Wednesdays, June 13-July 25, Branigan Memorial Library Road-

runner Room. Try something new: listen to new music, read a new book, try a new craft, meet new people and more. Cost: Free. Info: 575-528-4005, or library.reference@las-cruces.org.

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

• June 20: "Rocking Ukuleles" Ukuleles will be provided so participants can learn to play music from the 1950s to the present day. A short concert will be performed after the presentation. Presented by the Las Cruces Ukles.

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

• July 3 (Tuesday): "Recycled CD Coasters." Turn old compact discs into beverage coasters. Bring unused squares of fabric to use for the workshop or to share with others. Presented by a Branigan Library librarian.

• July 11: "Musical Medley." Learn the histories of instruments and how to play them. Presented by local musician Frank Lovato.

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

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

**Mobile summer rec:** 4-6 p.m. Wednesdays. Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Summer Recreation Mobile Unit will visit city parks with family fun and games. Registration not required. Cost: Free. Info: 575-541-2550 or RecPrograms@las-cruces.org.

• June 13: Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave.

• June 20: Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave.

• June 27: Mesilla Park (Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center), 304 W. Bell Ave.

• July 11: Pioneer

Woman's Park, 500 W. Las Cruces Ave.

• July 18: Metro Verde Splash Pad Park, 7125 Metro Park Drive.

• July 25: Jason Giron Park, 355 Three Crosses Ave.

**Healthy Assembly:** 10:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, 3501 Arrowhead Drive. Presentations by Amazon Web Services, IBM Watson Health, Cardinal Health, Presbyterian Healthcare, TriCore Reference Labs, Ultrahealth, and Electronic Caregiver. Cost: \$35. Info and tickets: eventbrite.com/e/healthassembly-tickets.

**Culture series:** 7 p.m. Thursday, June 14, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Theater, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Dr. Deborah Dennis, vice president of Amador

Hotel Foundation Inc., presents "Breathing New Life into The Pioneer Hotel of the Southwest: A Brief Tale of the Historic Amador Hotel and its Preservation." Cost: Free.

**Prehistoric Trackways hike:** 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 16, second parking lot from the Monument entrance. A Bureau of Land Management paleontologist will lead a guided hike to the Trackways' Discovery Site, 2.5 miles on rough and rocky terrain. Learn about the climate, organisms and marine life that inhabited the area 280 million years ago. Cost: Free. Info: 575-525-4300.

**Fort honors fathers:** 9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 16, Fort Selden Historic Site at Radium Springs. Family day in honor of

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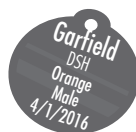


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fathers includes continental breakfast served outside by the fire. Family games and activities until 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Museum of NM Foundation. Cost: \$5 for adults, free for children 16 and under. Cash or check only.

**Dine to Donate:** 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, June 16, Texas Roadhouse, 2200 E Lohman Ave. N.M. Lions Operation KidSight fundraiser. Order anything on the menu, the club will receive a portion of the price to help children receive eye exams and glasses. Info: www.NMLionsKidSight.com.

**Quail Call:** 1 p.m. Saturday, June 16, Wild Birds Unlimited Nature

Education Center, 2001 E. Lohman Ave. Suite 130. Facts about quail, such as behavior, identifying different species, ways to attract them, and other details. Cost: Free. Info: lascruces.wbu.com.

**Las Colcheras Quilt Guild:** 6:30 p.m. June 18, American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 E Madrid. Evening meetings will continue until daytime meeting resume in November. The guild offers quilt lessons, community service opportunities, sew-ins, an active outreach program and a biennial quilt show. Info: 575-521-0521, LasColcherasQG@gmail.com or www.lcgg.org.

**Spaceport America Cup:** Tuesday-Saturday, June 19-23, various locations. 2nd annual Spaceport America Cup Intercollegiate Rocket Engineering

Competition for student rocketry teams. Teams come from American and international colleges and universities, with more than 130 teams registered. Info: www.spaceportamericacup.com.

**Green Thumb Greenhouse:** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, June 19-20, N.M. Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children, ages 9-12, learn about plants, soils, and gardening. They get to know plants in the museum greenhouse, test soils, and plant seeds. Students will get to build a mini-greenhouse. Register by June 15. Please bring a lunch every day. Cost: \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members. Info: LuAnn Kilday 575-522-4100 or luannr.kilday@state.nm.us.

**Photo club event:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Doña Ana Photography Club's second-quarter print competition, plus how to photograph fireworks. Submission for the monthly theme "The Blues" will be shown. Cost: Free. Info: www.daphotoclub.org.

**Minnesota Club:** 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 20, St.

Clair's Winery and Bistro on 1720 Avenida de Mesilla. Monthly luncheon for people from Minnesota or people who have lived in Minnesota. Info: Kris 575-323-3624.

**Fort Selden classes:** 9 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, June 22 and 29, July 13 and 27, Fort Selden Historic Site, Radium Springs. Classes for children. Registration is required at least a week before the class. All activities are outdoors. Snacks will be provided. Cost: \$5, cash or check only. Info and registration: 575-202-1638.

- June 22: Building with Dirt, ages 8-12. Learn about adobe construction and make and take an adobe building.

- June 29: Soap-making, ages 8-12. Making soap was part of daily life in the past. Make molded soaps to take home.

- July 13: Bats of the Chihuahua Desert, ages 6-10. Learn to appreciate the furry animals.

- July 27: Games & Toys of the Past, ages 6-10. Learn about the games and toys of the 1800s.

**Medical cannabis education:** 9 a.m. June 23-24, N.M. Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Free introductory yoga classes, on site massage

therapy, food and drinks, affordable medical cannabis certifications, local vendors, professional public talks on wellness and medical cannabis, live local music. Info: 575-343-5133 or www.continualgrowthnm.com.

**Hummingbird photography:** 8-10 a.m. Saturday, June 23, Dripping Springs Natural Area. Workshop, tips and techniques on how to attract and photograph hummingbirds. Open to intermediate and advanced photographers with required equipment. The workshop is limited to the first 10 people who register with BLM. Cost: \$5 vehicle parking fee. Info: 575-525-4300.

**Can you dig it?:** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, June 26-28, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children, ages 9-12, will excavate a dig site looking for artifacts and explore the ways in which archeologists learn about ancient people. Register by June 22. Please bring a lunch every day. Cost: \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members. Info: LuAnn Kilday 575-522-4100 or luannr.kilday@state.nm.us.

**Boba Book Club:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, Boba Cafe, 1900 S. Espina St. This club is for ladies of all ages. This month's theme is People of the Book. Optional dinner at 5:30 p.m. Info: 575-202-2288 or Gail.delong@yahoo.com.

**Electric 5K:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, Meerscheidt Recreation Center. Las Cruces Running Club sponsors a 5K and mile run before the Electric Light Parade following

the parade route. Cost: Starts at \$15, free for children 14 and under. Registration at 7 p.m., mile race at 7:45 p.m., 5K at 8 p.m. Info and registration: lascrucesrunningclub.com.

**Electric Light Parade:** 9 p.m. Monday, July 3, Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave., traveling south on Solano Drive, east on Hadley Avenue, and ending at the Maag Softball Complex. This year's parade theme is "Illuminate the Sky."

**CARE volunteers needed:** Friday-Sunday, Sept. 21-23, Plaza de Las Cruces. CARE, an organization that helps local cancer patients, needs volunteers for its third annual La Gran Fiesta fundraiser. Info: Yoli Diaz 575-649-0598 or yoli@carelascruces.org.

**LCHS Class of 1958:** 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, Los Mariachis, 754 N. Motel Blvd. Classmates celebrate 60 years with dinner and no-host beer and wine bar. Cost: Free for classmates and significant others, \$15 for other guests. Info: Nora Lcnmclass58@gmail.com or Sally Sutherlin 575-650-7209.

## ONGOING

**Back Country Horsemen:** 6:30 p.m. first Monday of each month, Delicias Café 1413 E. Amador Ave. Lower Rio Grande Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico meets. Info: Lisa Lparshall@brandyourbusiness.com.

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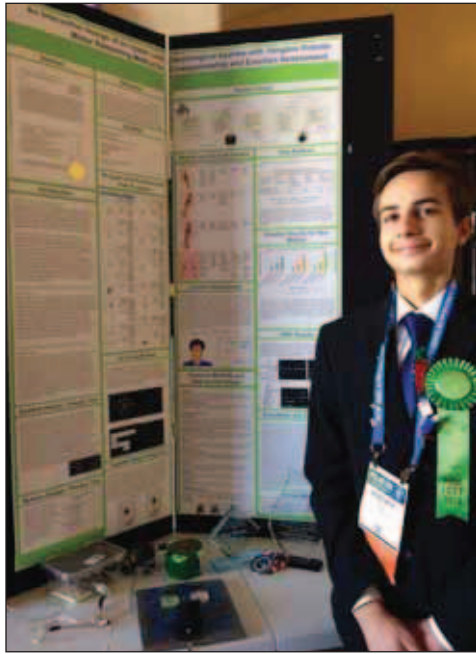
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Las Cruces High School junior Mustafa Muhyi shows off his research abstract that earned him two awards at the 2018 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.



## LCHS student wins awards

### BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces High School junior Mustafa Muhyi earned two awards at the 2018 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF) May 13-18 in Pittsburgh. Muhyi was selected based on an abstract of his independent research that studied the effectiveness of interactive rehabilitation methods for people affected by neurological injuries.

Muhyi's research abstract, "An Interactive Design of an Upper Limb Motor Relearning Method for Neurological Injuries with Tangible Robotic Companionship and Emotion Assessment," was awarded the Air Force Research Laboratory First Award of \$750 in the Behavioral and Social Sciences category, and the Fourth Award of \$500

in the Grand Awards category.

To qualify for the international competition, Muhyi earned first place in his competition category at the 2018 Southwestern New Mexico Regional Science and Engineering Fair at New Mexico State University.

This is the second year in a row that Muhyi has qualified for the international competition. In 2017, Muhyi's research abstract, "EZsleep: A Wearable Device to Help Diagnose Obstructive Sleep Apnea," won first place in the Computer Science category of the regional competition.

According to a news release, the Science and Engineering Fair, a program of Society for Science & the Public, is the world's largest international pre-college science competi-

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# How to meet a need worth \$125 million

When the New Mexico State University system publicly announced its largest cash campaign in partnership with the University Founda-



**ANDREA TAWNEY**  
Foundation of Support

tion one year ago, it strived to draw attention to a need. But this need, worth \$125 million, involves more than money – it's about our students.

It's a need for life-changing scholarships. Thousands of our students survive on the private support that comes from businesses, foundations, alumni and friends who chip in what they can to make a student's education possible. NMSU has a proven track record of success in equipping our students with the tools and skillsets they need to overcome socioeconomic

barriers, ultimately changing the course of their lives and the lives of their families for generations to come. It's a joy for us to watch how one scholarship raises a student out of financially challenging circumstances into

a newly earned prosperity that impacts everyone in the path of that student's career. Imagine if every student at NMSU enjoyed the benefit of a scholarship – how many lives could we change across the world?

It's also a need for expanding community impact. As a land-grant research institution, NMSU has the proud duty of researching today's issues – local and worldwide – and finding solutions. Hundreds of our researchers, including students, have

already started investigating problems like the Zika virus, obesity, food production, water and natural resource availability and more. Improving our facilities and equipment keeps NMSU at the helm of some of the world's greatest discoveries and critical innovations.

The true need of this campaign is to create a better future, a stronger state and a promising world. This is NMSU's public way of showing those around us that we, as an Aggie family, have the passion and belief in the work we do together. In just five years, you have helped raise more than \$90 million toward the campaign goal, including \$25 million for students and \$39 million in program and research support. An additional \$24 million exists in new endowments that will continue to grow in

perpetuity and provide sustainable funding for future NMSU students from each of our campuses.

While this deluge of support is already at work making a difference, we still have an opportunity to achieve the campaign goal and meet this collective need. From our students and our faculty to our researchers and our community, the impact \$125 million will make is almost unimaginable – but we can't wait to show you.

Learn more about "Ignite Aggie Discovery" and how you can give or help spread the word at [ignite.nmsu.edu](http://ignite.nmsu.edu).

*Andrea Tawney is president of the New Mexico State University Foundation. She may be reached at [atawney@nmsu.edu](mailto:atawney@nmsu.edu), 575-646-1613.*

# NMSU ranks high in global performance survey

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**

For the Bulletin

According to the 2018/19 Center for World University Rankings, New Mexico State University has been ranked in the top 4.3 percent of institutions of higher education worldwide. With 18,000 degree-granting institutions of higher education worldwide evaluated, NMSU ranked 770th and earned a national rank of 184th this year.

The Center for World University Rankings distributes the only global university performance tables that gauge both the quality of education and training of students along with prestige of faculty members and the quality of their research without the use of surveys and university data submissions.

Seven factors are used to base the Center for World University Rankings, including quality of education (15 percent), measured by the number of a university's alumni who have won major international awards, prizes and medals relative to the university's size.

Other factors include alumni employment (15 percent), measured by the number of a university's alumni who have held CEO positions at the world's top companies relative to the university's size; quality of faculty (15 percent), measured by the number of academics who have won major international awards, prizes and medals; research output (15 percent), measured by the total number of research papers; quality publications (15 percent), measured by the number of research papers appearing in top-tier journals; influence (15 percent), measured by the number of research papers appearing in highly influential journals; and citations (10 percent), measured by the number of highly cited research papers.

See a complete list of the rankings, along with the methodology used, at [cwur.org/2018-19.php](http://cwur.org/2018-19.php).

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# NMSU Homecoming dates

New Mexico State University will hold Homecoming 2018 celebrations Oct. 4-6, when the NMSU alumni association hosts various events, ending with the Homecoming football game Saturday, Oct. 6, against the Liberty University Flames. Homecoming activities will include reunions for the classes of 1958 and 1968, along with the Homecoming game day parade, the Celebration of Traditions Memorial Ceremony event honoring fallen Aggie military veterans, the Golden A's luncheon and the Alumni Association Homecoming Tailgate. The alumni association's annual dinner will be Friday, Oct. 5, honoring 2018 recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award and James F. Cole Memorial Award for Service. Pictured is the 2017 homecoming parade.



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# City places items on special election ballot

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

*Editor's note: See page 26 for Aug. 21 ballot language.*

The Las Cruces City Council passed three ordinances at its June 4 meeting designed to make changes to the city charter regarding 1) initiatives and referendums; 2) recall of locally elected officials; and 3) city elections.

## Initiative, referendum and recall

"The elections, petitions and litigation from recent years identified the need for changes in the petition and recall provisions of the city charter to make them more efficient, save taxpayer money and mitigate the risk of litigation," according to city documents.

The proposed changes include a provision mandating that a hearing be held in district court to determine if the allegations contained in a petition to recall the mayor or a city councilor "constitute misconduct which violates local or state laws governing elected officials, or if the elected

official has been disciplined or suspended from a professional licensing body recognized by the state."

That change is "there to protect the integrity of the process," City Attorney Jennifer Vega-Brown said at the meeting. It "affords more protection for the person being targeted."

Other proposed changes to initiative, referendum and recall provisions of city code include:

- Giving the city clerk 25 working days instead of 20 to certify recall petitions;
  - Beginning the recall process when the city clerk issues petition forms and giving petitioners 60 days from that date to collect sufficient signatures;
  - Barring the opportunity to amend a petition if it is found to be insufficient;
  - Giving petition signatories seven working days after the petition is submitted to the city clerk to withdraw their signatures via notarized letter.
- The ability to recall elected officials is important, said Don Kurtz,

a member of the county Progressive Voters Alliance executive committee. But, he said, the recall process "has been weaponized to subvert, not enhance, the democratic process."

An attempt to recall three city councilors in 2014-15 was "a do-over of the previous election," Kurtz said.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg said he felt that "fraud was committed" during the petition-gathering process in that failed recall effort.

Ranked choice runoff elections

Changes to the municipal code were proposed to bring it into compliance with the new Local Election Act (LEA), adopted by the 2018 state

legislature and signed into law by Gov. Susana Martinez.

The LEA "is a comprehensive election reform intended to simplify elections" by standardizing procedures for most local elections, according to city documents. Because the city opted into the LEA, the city charter no longer controls procedures for initiative and referendum, nominating candidates and special elections.

The council adopted an ordinance amending the municipal code to choose a "ranked-choice runoff election" in compliance with the LEA instead of a separate and more costly runoff election between the top two vote getters in a city election

if no candidate gets at least 40 percent of the vote.

According to the LEA, a ranked-choice runoff election is conducted on the same ballot as the regular local election and allows the voter "to rank the candidates for an office in the order of preference for the voter."

Senior Assistant City Attorney Robert Cabello said the New Mexico secretary of state will "promulgate language" to implement the ranked-choice runoff election.

The first city elections to be impacted by the LEA will be held in November 2019.

## Aug. 21 special election

The council voted to hold an Aug. 21 special

election to consider the proposed changes to the city charter, plus four general obligation (GO) bond questions.

The GO bonds, if passed, would generate \$35.6 million for park and sports field improvements (\$16.9 million), a new animal shelter (\$9.8 million), a new fire station #3, 390 N. Valley Drive (\$6.2 million), and new and improved recreational trails (\$2.7 million).

The election will be for all qualified voters in the city and will be by mail-in ballot only.

For more information, visit [www.clcbond.org](http://www.clcbond.org).

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Fifteen new Las Cruces police officers, recent graduates of the police academy, were recognized at the June 4 city council meeting.

## City recognizes 15 new police officers

The 15 newest members of the Las Cruces Police Department were introduced at the June 4 city council meeting. One, Officer Israel Castruita, sang the Star-Spangled Banner prior to the meeting.

The officers are ages 19-32, 14 male and one female. Eight are college graduates.

Among their reasons for joining LCPD in their applications to the academy were, "I want to make my family proud." "I pride myself in service to my country." (Being a police officer is) "a career that can have the biggest impact on our society." "To be a police officer in the community I was raised

in is an honor." "Growing up, my role models were Las Cruces police officers."

LCPD's next police training academy is accepting applications through Sunday, June 24. Visit [www.las-cruces.org/departments/police-department/recruiting-and-training-academy](http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/police-department/recruiting-and-training-academy).

## Spanning Las Cruces



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Ashley Hill, a community relations representative for C-SPAN, speaks at Las Cruces City Hall June 4, announcing a visit by the cable network to document Las Cruces for C-SPAN's non-fiction book channel, Book TV (C-SPAN2), and history channel, American History TV (C-SPAN3). Also speaking were Mayor Ken Miyagishima, right, and Comcast area Vice President Chris Dunkeson. Hill said C-SPAN will interview local authors during its visit, which will also include White Sands Missile Range, Fort Selden, NMSU's Chile Pepper Institute and other locations. "We hope to introduce America to cities like Las Cruces and what it has to offer," Hill said. Programs recorded June 3-6 will air Aug. 18-19 during a special Las Cruces weekend.

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# New DACC degree programs up for approval

## BULLETIN REPORT

Four new degree programs are before the New Mexico Higher Education Department and when approved will be offered at Doña Ana Community College (DACC). The Associate of Applied Science degrees are in Building Construction Technology, Cybersecurity, Game Development and Medical Assisting.

“This will be a great opportunity for students looking for jobs in health care, creative media, construction and information technology,” said DACC President Renay Scott. “These degrees have been called for by the business community and by our students to help Doña Ana County and the state meet employment needs. These degrees offer additional exciting career options for our students.”

Students seeking the Building Construction Technology degree will receive necessary training to enter the workforce in various areas of construction, including basic solar, plumbing and energy auditing. The required technical training provides expertise in the industry, as well as the needed soft skills, which are highly valued in the workplace. Program enrollment is expected to grow annually for the next 10 years.

The Cybersecurity degree was created in response to the specialized needs of technology in the work place. Three options allow students to earn a certificate in cybersecurity or to specialize in Cisco networking

or system administration. Jobs are available locally, regionally and nationally with thousands of new job openings in information technology (IT) fields like cybersecurity. The average IT job pays 50 percent higher than the average private-sector job.

The Game Develop-

ment degree is designed to allow students to get necessary training as a game developer, continue on to a variety of four-year programs, or enter the fields of virtual reality (VR), app development or augmented reality. VR is currently being explored in the fields of

architecture, engineering, military, medicine and entertainment. The skills students become proficient in are easily transferable to the film industry including the Film Las Cruces soundstage to enhance film production.

As part of the Allied

Health offerings, the Medical Assisting program will train health care professionals to provide medical office administrative services and perform a variety of clinical duties under the supervision of a physician. The degree will provide instruction on advanced skills needed and a 180-hour intern experience in a medical office so

students can demonstrate skill competencies. Several certificates of completion are built into the major. Wage and job data suggest strong potential for graduates.

Students can talk to DACC advisors to start on these options or the other 41 degree offerings and the more than 50 certificate programs at the community college.



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Doña Ana Community College students stand outside DACC's East Mesa campus.



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# City goes blue for recycling

By SUZANNE MICHAELS  
AND CASSIE MCCLURE

For the Bulletin

Do you have a plastic bottle or aluminum can to recycle as you walk or ride along a local trail? Now you can.

Twenty blue bins are popping up across town and even along some of the Las Cruces walking trails, placed next to regular trash bins. Their appearance is due to a joint effort of the City of Las Cruces Sustainability Section, Parks and Recreation Department, Keep Las Cruces Beautiful initiative, along with the Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) Solid Waste Section.

The bins were awarded by the Coca-Cola Public Space Recycling Bin



Welcome the new blue recycling bins to places around town, as at the Triviz Trail. Conveniently located next to the regular trash bin, the bins keep your plastic bottles separate to help reduce waste in the landfill.

Grant to the City of Las Cruces. As the bins arrived, they were first mounted with specially fabricated installation hardware designed by LCU Solid Waste staff.

Then, Parks and Recreation placed the bins in strategic spots throughout the city.

“This grant demonstrates the City’s commitment to community recycling, by providing permanent recycling bins adjacent to trash bins at high-use areas and multi-use trails,” explains Robin Lawrence, LCU Solid Waste administrator. “With the new blue bins placed next to the existing trash bins, it limits additional maintenance and provides residents with an easy way to recycle right.”

Citizens will see the bins in places like Young

Park, Apodaca Park, Veteran’s Park, and along some of the walking trails. Now walkers and runners will be able to easily dispose of their recyclable water bottles during their trip instead of carrying them home.

A survey by city maintenance staff estimated that over half of the garbage thrown in the well-used trash bins could actually have been recycled. With the grant, citizens of Las Cruces will have an easier way to access recycling when they are out and about.

The 32-gallon blue bins are quick to spot, with the Keep America Beautiful logo, and a round opening reminding citizens that only bottles and cans are allowed for recycling at that location. Weekly pickups will support a continued effort of keeping Las Cruces citizens recycling right and Keeping Las Cruces Beautiful.

*Las Cruces Utilities provides gas, water, wastewater and solid waste services to approximately 100,000 Las Cruces residents and businesses. Reach them at 575-528-3500 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.*



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Blue recycling bins are lined up for placement around Las Cruces.

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## IN THE NEWS

### Fire restrictions

The Bureau of Land Management Las Cruces District is implementing fire restrictions in order to reduce the risk of wildfire on public land in Doña Ana, Otero, Luna, Sierra, Grant and Hidalgo counties.

Due to extreme fire conditions, the restrictions went into effect June 7 and will remain in effect until further notice. There is little rain in the Las Cruces forecast for the next two weeks except for a 20 percent chance Saturday, June 9, and Tuesday, June 12.

Prohibited acts in the restrictions include:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal or wood stove other than in developed sites and areas. The use of stoves fueled by pressurized liquid or gas (can be turned off) within areas cleared of flammable materials at least 10 feet in diameter is allowed.

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Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and imprisonment for up to 12 months, or both. Restitution for total costs of fire suppression or damage will be borne by the violator.

For more information, contact the BLM Las Cruces Office at 575-525-4300 or visit [www.nmfireinfo.com](http://www.nmfireinfo.com).

### Court schedule

The Third Judicial District Court is changing the hours of operation of the Court Clerk's office to improve customer service.

Beginning July 2, the Court will remain open during the noon hour from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. This change will provide public access to the Clerk's office, where visitors may obtain court records, file docu-

ments and conduct other business.

The Jury Division and Self-Help Division also will be open to the public.

The Court's Self-Help Center provides general information – not legal advice – for people representing themselves in civil cases and offers assistance with court forms.

The business hours of the Doña Ana County Courthouse will remain 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. But to accommodate the change in hours, the Clerk's office will close to the public at 4 p.m. to allow court workers to complete daily administrative duties. However, the Court will make arrangements to accept emergency filings after 4 p.m.

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## Illegal dumping

To further public education and to promote correct trash disposal behaviors, the Doña Ana County Illegal Dumping Partnership (IDP) has released a "Do This, Not That" list detailing the proper disposal for a variety of items that are commonly disposed of illegally.

"We've delved into the most common instances of illegal dumping we see throughout the county and the causation for these behaviors," said Vicki Lusk, Manager of Doña Ana County Animal Control & Codes. "As part of our mission to educate individuals throughout the county, we've created a simple 'Do This, Not That' list to remind people of not only the dangers of illegal dumping, but also

the quick fixes to ensure they're getting rid of their trash in a manner that does not harm their community."

## • Trash Dumping

**Do This** – Hire a reputable business to dispose of your trash.

**Not That** – Avoid hiring someone you don't know. Too often, individuals who are hired for trash disposal are taking trash to the desert and illegally dumping it, instead of taking it to the landfill or transfer station to properly dispose of the trash. Ensure that whoever you hire has a reputation for proper disposal, and refrain from final payment until they bring you the receipt confirming that they responsibly disposed of the items. In the event that you hire someone who dumps your trash in the desert, you will be responsible for paying the fine and for its cleanup.

## • Transfer Station

**Do This** – Check the South Central Solid Waste Authority website for hours and locations of transfer stations.

**Not That** – Don't drive all the way to the transfer station and, upon finding it closed, dump your trash at its gates, or worse, in the desert. The IDP has found that a large number of people do not know the hours (The Chaparral station, Amador TTS and Chaparral TTS are open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., which leads to frustration and illegal dumping. NOTE: the last customer is accepted 15 minutes before close at each location.

## • Hauling Trash

**Do This** – Tarp your trash to ensure items are not blowing out as you drive, and to ensure the safety of the environment and those

around you.

**Not That** – Don't haul a load of trash off without tarping it. Not only is it illegal to transport solid waste in any matter that will allow for scatter, but it can also cause accidents, obstruct traffic and harm the environment. Violators can face the consequences of their illegal dumping – fines ranging from \$300 to \$5,000 or up to 90 days in jail.

## • Yard Waste

**Do This** – Take your yard waste to the transfer station.

**Not That** – Don't make the mistake in assuming that, because yard waste is natural, it's OK to dispose of it however you please. It is still considered illegal dumping unless it is disposed of at the transfer station.

## • Target Practice

**Do This** – In an effort to leave open spaces clean, when conducting target practice, leave spaces as you found them and collect all trigger trash and any other debris before leaving.

**Not That** – Avoid leaving behind spent casing, glass bottles, appliances, targets and other items. Doing so can cause damage to tires, pollute the desert, and ruin the open spaces for others.

In addition to these mea-

sures, the IDP encourages individuals throughout the county to take action in cleaning up their communities by coordinating a cleanup day through the Animal Control and Environmental Survey (ACES) program.

The Doña Ana County Illegal Dumping Partnership (IDP) is a multi-agency task force founded to help combat illegal dumping throughout Doña Ana County. IDP is active in communities and schools throughout the County, providing public education to increase awareness about environmental responsibility and resources needed for community cleanup days.

For more information on cleanup days and roadside cleanups or to schedule one in your area, contact the Doña Ana County Animal Control and Codes Enforcement Department at 575-525-8846. For more information on the IDP, visit [CleanupWithCarlos.org](http://CleanupWithCarlos.org).

## Saturation patrols

Las Cruces police plan to conduct at least two sobriety checkpoints and two saturation patrols within city limits during the month of June.

Sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols held

by LCPD are intended to reduce and eliminate the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated.

Officers will also be on the lookout for other traffic safety violations such as drivers using cell phones, and those who fail to properly utilize seatbelts and child safety seats.

Las Cruces Police encourage those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages to use a designated driver for their transportation needs.

## LCPS hours

The LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Suite 249, will observe alternate hours of operation during the summer. During this time, the building will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The building will be closed on Fridays.

The traditional Monday-through-Friday hours of operation, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., will resume Monday, July 30. For more information, contact the LCPS Communications Office at 575-527-5811.

## ADA Committee

The Doña Ana County Americans with Disabili-

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# Taking flight



PHOTO COURTESY JULIA RUIZ

The City of Las Cruces issued a proclamation honoring the Luke's Wings program, an organization that raises money to help reunite families of veterans and wounded warriors through airline flights. The Luke's Wings project in Las Cruces has its annual golf tournament Friday, June 8, and there will be a Music Explosion concert at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at the Plaza de Las Cruces. Performers include La Sombra de Tony Guerrero, Jaime y Los Chamacos, Cuatavo Norteño and Ram Herrera and the Outlaws. Pictured are City Councilor Yvonne Flores, Andrea Ferrales-Narvaez, Sonia Saldana, Felix Cordero and Mayor Ken Miyagishima.

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ties Act (ADA) Advisory Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, in room 1-117 at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 North Motel Blvd.

The advisory committee is focusing its efforts on planning and executing a self-evaluation of Doña Ana County programs, activities, and services in accordance with the requirements of the ADA. The purpose of the self-evaluation is to identify barriers to accessibility and establish a plan to remove the identified barriers. Public input is encouraged.

The full agenda for the June 12 meeting can be viewed on the Doña Ana County website under Agendas.

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## LOOKING BACK | THIS WEEK IN MESILLA VALLEY HISTORY

### 100 YEARS AGO 1918

• “The directors of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District have passed a resolution pledging reimbursement to land owners for damage to their property caused by the drainage ditch after allowances have been made for benefits conferred to the land by the



**MICHAEL  
SCANLON**  
Looking Back

who will give a quit claim deed to the government for the land needed for the ditch will be compen-

sated by deduction from the annual assessments until the amount of damage has been cleared up.”

• The Central Printing Company, publisher of the Albuquerque Evening Herald, took out a quarter-page ad in the June 7, 1918, Rio Grande Republican to promote a new newspaper, The New Mexico Ruralist. It offered subscriptions by mail for \$2 a year, paid in advance. It called itself as, “First of All, a Livestock and Ranch Paper.” Just so people wouldn’t think its appeal too narrow, it promised, “And then there is a whole page for mother and the girls. The latest styles illustrated, but best of all, articles about what other women are doing in different parts of New Mexico. You women will like this page.”

reported in its June 6, 1943, edition. “The market will be conducted on the vacant lot north of Schenk’s Bakery two hours weekly, each Thursday morning from 8 to 10. It’s a Kiwanis Club cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce’s garden contest.”

• “An Associated Press dispatch from San Juan, Puerto Rico, revealed last night that Brig. Gen. Edwin B. Lyon, 50, a native of Las Cruces, has assumed command of the Antilles air task force,” the Sun-News reported. “Brig. Gen. Lyon was born here, a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. W.B. Lyon. ... Both parents died when the children were very small, and the late Henry D. Bowman adopted the children, whom he reared.” Bowman was an uncle of the boy and his sister.

David F. Cargo to be effective at the end of this month,” the Las Cruces Sun-News reported on June 9, 1968. “Triviz intends to resume private practice July 1. He had announced his intentions earlier, citing the need to fulfill certain obligations incurred when he was a practicing attorney.”

• “A 12-year-old boy was released to the custody of his father Saturday, after admitting to two officers of the Las Cruces Police Department that he fired six .22 caliber bullets at tin can targets in the yard of his home at 550 West Brown Road,” a Sun-News article says. “There were no personal injuries reported.”

June 3, 1968. “Texas won the first round during amateur chile competitions Saturday, but New Mexicans rallied Sunday and Monday to win the overall competition and the honor of keeping the giant bronze chile statue firmly on New Mexico soil.”

• “The fate of the long-awaited and long-debated new district court complex will be in the hands of the people June 8, when more than 58,000 registered county voters will have the opportunity to say “yea” or “nay” on the \$7 million bond issue,” the Bulletin reported. “The bond money, if approved by the voters, will finance the purchase and conversion of the former Alameda Junior High School building into a court complex that will house the district judges, the district attorney and possibly some county offices.”

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### 25 YEARS AGO 1993

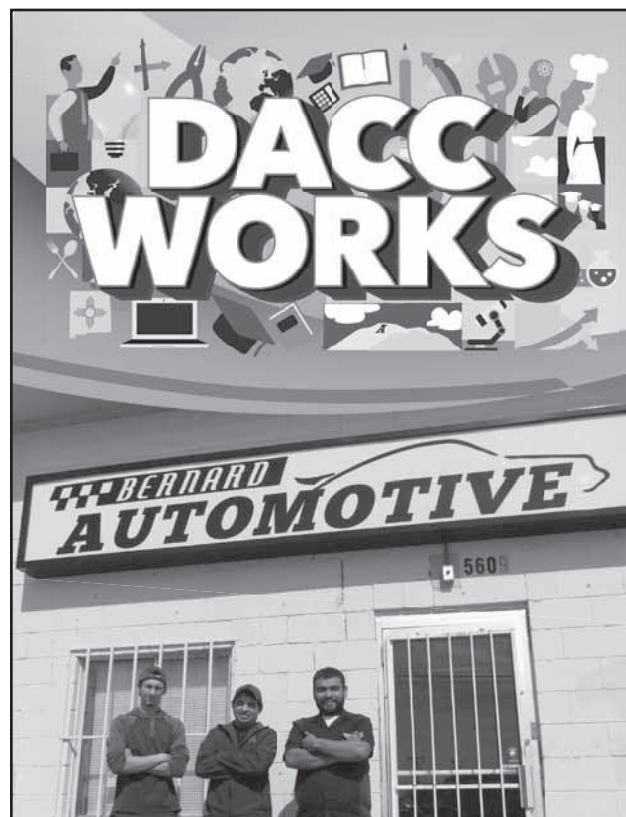
• “New Mexico came out on top this weekend after a three-day “war” with Texas over who has the best chile during the New Mexico Wine and Chile Festival at the Doña Ana County Fairgrounds,” the Las Cruces Bulletin reported

### 75 YEARS AGO 1943

• “A victory garden market is being opened in Las Cruces Starting June 10, L.N. Berry announced Saturday,” the Las Cruces Sun-News

### 50 YEARS AGO 1968

• “District Judge Edward E. Triviz has submitted his formal resignation to Gov.



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## LOOKING BACK | THIS WEEK IN MESILLA VALLEY HISTORY

Three unidentified boys come back from a rabbit hunt near Las Cruces, during the early 1900s.

Rabbit hunting was a popular pastime in that era, both as a sport and a task to protect agriculture. The Rio Grande Republican newspaper regularly carried advertisements for paints and other products intended to protect sapling trees and crops from gnawing rabbits.

The newspaper reported in early March 1907 that a Las Cruces-area trapper had caught, since the beginning of the season, "381 coyotes, 15 bobcats and 500 jack rabbits." But there also were human dangers associated with the activity. Pablo Salcido, 19, of Mesilla was killed in December 1896 while he and his younger brother were shooting at rabbits across the river at Picacho.

"Seeing a rabbit, he cocked both barrels of his muzzle-loading shotgun and fired one shot," the Rio Grande Republican reported. "After killing the rabbit, he proceeded to reload the gun and forgot to uncock the other trigger. While loading one barrel, the other one went off, the contents entering the left breast and killing him instantly."

In another case, Octaviano Portillo was on his way home from Anthony in December 1898 with a load of corn, when the accident happened near Ascarate's Ranch. "His little boy, who was with him, called his attention to a rabbit by the roadside, and he prepared to kill it. Somehow, in lifting the gun, the trigger caught and caused a premature discharge of the weapon, the shot taking effect in his heart and causing almost instant death."

Still, most rabbit hunts in the Mesilla Valley probably were successful for the hunters, if not for the rabbits.



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# Police presence

The Las Cruces Police Department will deploy its Mobile Operations Command (MOC) at Young Park, 1905 Nevada Ave., over the weekend through Sunday, June 10, so residents can stop by and visit with officers to discuss community safety or any law enforcement concerns they may have. On Saturday at the MOC, LCPD will host a free Ident-A-Child from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Codes Enforcement will host a Bicycle Rodeo and will have Little Libby, a yellow Labrador that serves as its newest mascot. Representatives from LCPD's Victims' Assistance Unit and staff from several City of Las Cruces departments will be on hand to meet residents and share information on services they provide.

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# The City of Las Cruces special election ballot

## BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces City Council adopted a resolution June 4 (see Bulletin page 17) that calls for a \$35.6 million general obligation bond election and proposed amendments to the Las Cruces City Charter regarding recall provisions.

The special municipal election will be Tuesday, Aug. 21, and will be conducted by mail-in ballot. A change in state statutes, approved earlier this year by the New Mexico Legislature, requires the election to be conducted by mail.

The election will be open to all registered voters living within the Las Cruces city limits. City residents who are not registered and want to vote in the special election have until 5 p.m. July

24 to register at the Doña County Clerk's Office in the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

• Four general obligation bond questions will be on the ballot. The questions adopted by City Council include:

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?

General obligation bonds are a funding source for basic infrastructure. Information about the general obligation bond election can be found at [clcbond.org](http://clcbond.org).

• The ballot will also have six questions regarding proposed amendments to the Las Cruces City Charter. Those ques-

tions include:

1. Shall Section 8.02 of the City Charter be changed to give petitioners sixty (60) days to collect sufficient signatures?

2. Shall Sections 8.02, 8.03, 8.07, 8.08, and 8.09 of the City Charter be amended to change the recall provisions for elected officials and create a new Section 8.10, which would require a written notice of intention to recall to be filed with the City Clerk, along with 50 signatures from qualified electors, the petition to recall shall include facts that support grounds of misconduct or violation of the oath of office and a district court judge shall determine if misconduct which violates local or state laws governing elected officials has occurred or if the elected official

had been disciplined or suspended from a professional licensing body before the petition is circulated?

3. Shall Section 8.04 of the City Charter be changed to provide the City Clerk (to) have an additional five (5) working days for a total of twenty-five (25) working days to determine the sufficiency of a petition under Section 8.04 of the City Charter?

4. Shall Section 8.04 of the City Charter be changed to eliminate the amended petition process?

5. Shall Section 8.04 of the City Charter be changed to allow the Las Cruces City Council to review insufficient and sufficient petition on certificates for compliance with the City Charter?

6. Shall Section 8.04

of the City Charter be changed to allow petition signatories seven (7) working days after the petition is submitted to the City Clerk to withdraw their signatures by notarized letter received through certified mail or delivery in-person to the City Clerk?

The Las Cruces City Charter was initially adopted by City Council on Jan. 7, 1985. It has been amended four times: Nov. 7, 1989; Nov. 2, 1993; Nov. 10, 2005, and in December 2006. The current version is available on the City's website. Copies of the City Charter are also available at City Hall, 700 N. Main St.

All ballots must be returned to the County Clerk by 7 p.m. Aug. 21, either by mailing the ballot or delivering it to the County Clerk's office.

## OBITUARIES

### JACK GOVAN STROMAN

Jack Govan Stroman, 90, passed on to our Lord on Friday, May 25, 2018. He was also a veteran of the Armed Forces and served in the Navy, Army, and National Guard. Jack spent the majority of his career as the Executive Vice President of American National Bank in Silver City.

Jack is survived by his children, Leon Stroman; Gail Altuna; Bill Stroman and Christine Medina. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Frances and two sisters, Jeane Ann Reding and Dorothy Shaw.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, June 4, 2018 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, with the Reverend Richard Catanach, Celebrant. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow at Masonic Cemetery, 760 S. Compress Road with military honors accorded by a U.S. Army Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League - El Perro Diablo Detachment.

The Stroman Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com)

### MANUELA A. VAZQUEZ

Manuela A. Vazquez, age 93, of Lovington and formerly of Las Cruces passed from this life on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at her home. She was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Oscar and Rodrigo Vazquez; four daughters, Oralia and Socorro Vazquez, Velia De La Rosa and Velia Mendoza; two brothers, Trini and Jose de Jesus "Queta" Aranda; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will begin at 6 PM Thursday, June 7, 2018 in Baca's Funeral Chapel where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 7 PM. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, June 8, 2018 in Our Lady of Health Catholic Church. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in Masonic Cemetery where she will be laid to rest.

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### SERGIO IGNACIO "NACHO" GONZALEZ

Sergio Ignacio "Nacho" Gonzalez, age 62, passed away Friday May 25, 2018 at his Fairacres home. Nacho was an electrician with Las

Cruces Public Schools. He enjoyed being out on his tractor, playing with his dogs, and time spent with his numerous family and friends.

Survivors include his loving wife of twenty eight years, Paula R. Hoff Gonzalez; a son, Tyrel P. Zamora and a daughter, Christy R. Zamora; his father, Ignacio T. Gonzalez; five brothers, David, Gerardo, George, Francisco and Juan Diego; eight sisters, Valentina Hernandez, Carmen Cardon Jackie Galvan, Lupe Garcia, Terrie Corral, Fatima Rey, Blanca Gonzalez-Pryor and Ester Gonzalez. Nacho was preceded in death by his son, Army Cpl., Jesse M. Zamora and his mother, Patrocinio Gonzalez.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held Wednesday, May 30, 2018 in the Basilica of San Albino, where the Funeral Mass was celebrated with the Reverend Christopher Williams Celebrant. At Nacho's request cremation will follow and inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date.

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New Mexico State University was ranked 19th as one of the most affordable online universities by College Choice.

# NMSU named among top online colleges

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

New Mexico State University has been ranked in the top 20 as one of the most affordable online universities according to College Choice. With 50 universities nationwide being recognized, NMSU ranked 19th and is the only university in the Southwest to place in the top 20.

"We're always excited when the rest of the nation learns about what we know, that NMSU has a great education at an affordable price. That's one of our key strengths," said Greg Fant, NMSU's deputy provost. "It shows that NMSU's recent efforts collaborating with the NMSU Alamogordo Community College to better align 100 percent 2+2 bachelor's degrees are paying off."

College Choice is a na-

tional voice on university rankings and resources. They used their own proprietary methodology based on combined stats from reliable national databases with metadata aggregation from a wide array of other university ranking and review sites. College Choice does not accept payment to bump up a university or change a ranking.

College Choice looked at the average net price for schools along with program features and attention-grabbing features.

NMSU's average net price was listed at \$10,213. College Choice discussed the university's 2+2 online bachelor's degree, along with master's and doctorate programs as well as several graduate certificate programs.

NMSU offers programs such as online bachelor's degrees in Sociology, Business Administration,

Criminal Justice; online master's degrees in Education Administration and Agriculture and Extension Education as well as several graduate certificate and K-12 educator licensure and endorsement programs.

Susie Bussmann, director of Distance Education, said when people are planning to go to school cost factors a lot into what school they are choosing.

"When people are searching for an online degree one of the things they consider is affordability. They want to get the most value for their dollar," Bussmann said. For a complete list of the rankings visit [www.collegechoice.net/rankings/most-affordable-online-colleges](http://www.collegechoice.net/rankings/most-affordable-online-colleges).

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Application was made by Jobe Materials, L.P., 1150 Southview Drive, El Paso, TX 79928 on May 15, 2018 for Permit to Change Location of Well and Place and Purpose of Use LRG-14010 into LRG-15814, by transferring 7.0 acre-feet per annum, historically diverted for quarry, concrete batching, dust control, construction support and compaction on public works projects within 148.34 acres of land located within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 16, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, owned by the State of New Mexico and leased to the applicant, from well LRG-14010 POD1, located within the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 16, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 7' 36.69"N, 106° 38' 4.63"W (WGS84), on land owned by the State of New Mexico and leased to the applicant, to be exercised from well LRG-15814 POD1 located within the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 15, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 3' 10.84"N, 106° 37' 43.81"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for domestic, industrial, and commercial purposes associated with a concrete batch plant, dust control, and rail yard operation within 29.4 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Section 15, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, as well as sale of water to be used for dust control, construction support, and compaction on public works projects within the vicinity of move-to well LRG-15814 POD1. Move-from well LRG-14010 POD1 is located northeast of Vado, NM and may be found approximately 1/4-mile east of the intersection of Interstate 25 and High Valley Road. Move-to well LRG-15814 POD1 is located southwest of Berino, NM and may be found at the physical address of 115 Harding Road.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include

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

Dates: 06/01, 06/08, 06/15, 2018

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on December 04, 2017, Gubanski Properties, LLLP, PO BOX 3599 Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered

LRG-17050-POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of wells LRG-17050-POD1 located at X=1,527,366 Y=373,799.3 and LRG-17050-POD2 located at X=1,527,318 Y=373,768.7ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, and drilling replacement well LRG-17050-POD3 to a depth of 140 feet with 4-inch casing to be located at approximately X=1,527,366 Y=373,808, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic purposes as described by the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey Subfile No.: LRS-28-014-0120-B. Proposed replacement well LRG-17050-POD3 is located west of Anthony, NM at the physical address of 1760

Bighorn Street. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

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

Dates: 06/08, 06/15, 06/22, 2018

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on April 20, 2018, Fernando Lara, 708 Casad Rd., La Union, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-11780, OSE File No. LRG-17400-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by proposing the use of existing well LRG-11780, drilled to 120 feet with a 4-inch casing, in the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of projected Section 29, Township 27S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31°55'39.3"N & 106°38'59.3"W (WGS84), on land owned by Mr. Lara, and discontinued the use of well LRG-17400-POD1, lo-

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cated on land owned by Mr. Lara located within the NE 1/4SE1/4 of said projected Section 29 (NMPM) and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31°55'38.6"N & 106°38'59"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow ground-water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 1.23 acres of land, owned by Mr. Lara, located within the SE1/4 of said projected Section 29 (NMPM) as described in Subfile No. LRS 280180112 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. Well LRG-11780 is located in La Union, NM and may be found approximately 0.24 miles southeast of the intersection of Casad Rd. & Salgado Rd. Existing well LRG-17400-POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State

Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on March 29, 2018, Salopek Tree Service LLC, 4915 Snow RD. Las Cruces NM 88005, filed application numbered

LRG-14166-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-14166-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling new supplemental well LRG-14166-POD2 to be located at approximately X=1497032, Y=406969 (NAD 83, feet) with 18" casing to an approximate depth of 600 ft. for the continued irrigation of 107.02 acres owned by the applicant located within the NW1/4 NE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 23, Township 25S, Range 2E, NMPM and a continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by May 24, 1999 order of the third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, State of NM, located to be supplemental to existing well LRG-14166-POD1, located at X=1497769 Y=407240, on land owned by the applicant. The wells can be generally described as being located approximately 2500ft southwest of the intersection of W. San Miguel ST. and county RD. B-010. Well LRG-14066-POD1 will continue to be in use for irrigation use.

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

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

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

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on May 17, 2018, Benjamin R. Archuleta, P.O. Box 754 Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application numbered

LRG-01080-POD4, OSE File No. LRG-1080-3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-01080, located within the SE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 49.31" N, 106° 48' 11.08" W (WGS84), on land owned by Baltazar Flores, and by drilling proposed well LRG-01080-POD4 to a depth of 250 ft. with a 6 in. casing, located within the SE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 43.55" N, 106° 48' 13.69" W (WGS84), located on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provision contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte

Irrigation District for the irrigation of 5.94 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM) and the SW 1/4 of projected Section 36, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM), as described by

Subfile No. : LRG-28-013-0117 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23 Old well LRG-01080 will be retained for other rights. The site of proposed well LRG-01080-POD4 is located in Mesilla, NM, approximately 883 feet southeast of the intersection of Snow Road and Calle del Sur.

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

Dates: 06/01, 06/08, 06/15, 2018

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on May 11th, 2018, Eric S. and Danielle C. Hamilton, P.O. Box 98 Mesilla, NM filed application numbered LRG-17432-POD1, OSE File Number LRG-17432-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling replacement well LRG-17432-POD1 with a 6-inch casing to a depth of

200 feet, on land owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 NE1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 26, Township 23 South, Range 01 East (NMPM) and more specifically located near the intersection of X = 1,466,156 ft. & Y = 467,117 ft., (NMSF, Central, NAD83 feet), and discontinue the use of the existing well, LRG-14017-POD1, located on land owned by Natalie Aranda, located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of said projected section 26, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provision contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 4.76 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW 1/4 of said Section 26, as described as part of Subfile Order No. LRG-28-012-0197(A) of the Lower Rio Grande Adjudication. The proposed replacement well, LRG-17432-POD1, will be located approximately 1000 ft SW of the intersection at Paisano Rd., and Glass Rd. in Mesilla, NM. Existing well, LRG-14017-POD1, will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the

24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 06/08, 06/15, 06/22, 2018

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on May 23, 2018, Benjamin R. Archuleta, PO Box 754 Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application numbered

LRG-12698-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-12687-A, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-12698, located within the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 36, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM), and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 51.83" N, 106° 48' 8.48" W (WGS84), on land owned by Micaela A. Cadena, and by drilling proposed well LRG-12698-POD2 to a depth of 250 ft. with a 6 in. casing, located within the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of projected Section 36, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 50.57" N, 106° 48' 7.57" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provision contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 4.0 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE 1/4 of projected Section 35, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM), and the SW 1/4 of projected Section 36, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM), as described by Subfile No. LRG-28-013-0122-A, Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under

NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. Old well LRG-12698 will be retained for other rights. The site of proposed well LRG-12698-POD2 is located in Mesilla, NM, approximately 1,230 feet east of the intersection of Snow Road and Calle del Sur.

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

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## NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on June 4, 2018:

**(1) Council Bill No. 18-032; Ordinance No. 2856:** An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing in Its Entirety Section 27-12-6-17, Parking Restrictions for Recreational Vehicles, of the Las Cruces Municipal Code 1997, as Amended.

**(2) Council Bill No. 18-034; Ordinance No. 2858:** An

Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from R-1A (Single-Family Medium Density) to R-3/O-2 (Multi-Dwelling Medium Density/Office, Professional-Limited Retail Service) on a 1.76±Acre Parcel Located at 2701 Spitz Street. Submitted by Ted Scanlon, Representative, on Behalf of Irene Havens Living Trust, Property Owner (71641).

**(3) Council Bill No. 18-035; Ordinance No. 2859:** An Ordinance Proposing Amendments to the Petition and Recall Provisions of Article VIII of the Las Cruces City Charter.

**(4) Council Bill No. 18-036; Ordinance No. 2860:** An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code to Include Chapter 8, Article I, Section 16, by Conforming Article II, Article VII, Article VIII, and Article X, Section 10.08 of the Las Cruces Charter as Amended Through 2005 and the Las Cruces Municipal Code 1997, Sections 8.1 and 8.3 Through 8.13 of the City's Election Code to Conform the City's Election Schedule with the Requirements of Section 35B. of House Bill 98 from the 2018 New Mexico Regular Legislative Session.

**(5) Council Bill No. 18-037; Ordinance No. 2861:** An Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code to Include Chapter 8, Article I, Section 15, to Choose a Ranked-Choice Runoff Election Pursuant to Section 29 D. of House Bill 98 from the 2018 New Mexico Regular Legislative Session.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 5th day of June, 2018.

Linda Lewis, CMC  
City Clerk

Date: 06/08, 2018

## NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER THE VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION ISSUED BY THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXICO DATED FEBRUARY 6TH, 2018 IN THE MATTER OF:

AMERICAN REDI MIX, LLC, PLAINTIFF VS. ROGELIO JUAREZ D/B/A R

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& R CONCRETE, INCORPORATED, DEFENDANT CAUSE NUMBER: D-307-CV-2015-00403 AND JUDGEMENT RENDERED AGAINST THE DEFENDANT IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$336,078.76

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT ON SATURDAY JUNE 30TH, 2018 AT THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE, LOCATED AT 845 N. MOTEL BLVD. LAS CRUCES, NM 88007 AT 11:00 A.M. I WILL BE IN OBEDIENCE OF SAID WRIT OF EXECUTION TO SELL THE FOLLOWING:

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/s/ ENRIQUE KIKI VIGIL

SHERIFF OF DONA ANA COUNTY NM

/s/ EDUARDO FLORES  
DEPUTY SHERIFF

Dates: 06/01, 06/08, 06/15, 06/22, 2018

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

NO. CV-2018-644

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE PETITION OF  
SARA ANN VERDUGO  
FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that Sara Ann Verdugo, 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 Sara Ann Verdugo to Sara Dominguez Verdugo, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I Arrieta District Judge, on the 15th Day of June, 2018, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Sara Verdugo  
Sara Ann Verdugo  
12260 Ft. McRae Rd.  
Las Cruces, NM 88007  
575-642-5191

Dates: 06/01, 06/08, 2018

STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-01888

DITECH FINANCIAL  
LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

PHILIP B. MONIZ AKA PHILIP BELCHIOR MONIZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PHILIP B. MONIZ; AKA PHILIP BELCHIOR MONIZ; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE ; OAKWOOD ACCEPTANCE CORP.; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 11771 Buffalo Estates Road, Radium Springs, NM 88054, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 15, BUFFALO ESTATES SUBDIVISION, 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 JANUARY 12, 1999, RECORDED IN BOOK 19, PAGE(S) 221, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, INCLUDING A 1999 GOLDEN WEST MANUFACTURED HOME, VIN: GWCA21L26069A.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 2:00pm on July 5, 2018, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 24, 2018, in the total amount of \$112,980.79, with interest at the rate of 2.875% per annum from September 06, 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. Ditech Financial Llc, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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No. D-307-PB 2016-00073  
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IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
JOE DARRELL HOOD,  
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING  
ON PETITION FOR ORDER  
OF COMPLETE  
SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE  
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Betty L. Barnett, Personal Representative, by and through Kenneth L. Beal, the attorney of the Estate of Joe Darrell Hood, deceased, gives the following Notice:

1. Betty L. Barnett, has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Joe Darrell Hood, deceased.

2. A hearing on the Petition of Betty L. Barnett has been set for July 2, 2018, at 10:00 AM at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta.

KENNETH L. BEAL, P.C.  
KENNETH L. BEAL  
Attorney for the Estate P.O.  
Box 725  
Las Cruces, NM 88004

Dates: 06/08, 06/15, 2018

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

NO. CV-2018-989  
MARCI E. BEYER

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE PETITION OF  
CATALINA CONTRERAS  
AKA CATHY CONTRERAS  
FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Catalina Contreras, AKA Cathy Contreras, a resident of the City of Anthony, 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 Catalina Contreras AKA Cathy Contreras to Catalina Ramos, and that this Petition will be heard before Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the 24th day of July 2018, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. at the Third Judicial District County Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Catalina Contreras  
Catalina Contreras  
1281 N. Fourth St.  
Anthony, NM 88021  
915-760-0224

Dates: 06/01, 06/08, 2018

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

NO. CV-2018-1007  
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE PETITION OF  
WALTER JAMES GRIFFIN  
FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Walter James Griffin, 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 Walter James Griffin to Walter James Edwards, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I Arrieta District Judge, on the 2nd Day of

July, 2018, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Walter James Edwards  
Walter James Edwards  
2711 Bright Star Place  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
575-649-0669  
575-522-8012

Dates: 06/01, 06/08, 2018

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

NO. CV-2018-915

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE PETITION OF  
MADISON JEAN HOLMES  
FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION  
TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Madison Jean Holmes, 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 Madison Jean Holmes to Madison Jean Anthony and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta District Judge on the 2nd day of July, 2018, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Madison Jean Holmes  
Madison Jean Holmes  
1811 Bentley Drive  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
575-694-1930

Dates: 06/01, 06/08, 2018

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

NO. CV-2018-916

IN THE MATTER OF  
THE PETITION OF  
MELANIE MARIE HOLMES  
FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION

TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Melanie Marie Holmes, 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 Melanie Marie Holmes to Melanie Marie Anthony and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta District Judge on the 2nd day of July, 2018, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Melanie Holmes  
Melanie Holmes  
1811 Bentley Drive  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
575-694-1930

Dates: 06/01, 06/08, 2018

STATE OF NEW  
MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-01974

WELLS FARGO BANK,  
N.A.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

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

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 20, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 133 Meadow Vista, Sunland Park, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly

described as follows:

THE WESTERLY 30.10 FEET ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND; LOT 1, BLOCK 6, MEADOW VISTA SUBDIVISION, PLAT 1, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 479 ON APRIL 16, 1958, IN BOOK 8 PAGE (S) 15 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 31, 2018, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$78,528.15 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from November 30, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 22, 2004, IN BOOK 20 PAGES 567-571 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 2:00pm on July 19, 2018, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on May 3, 2018, in the total amount of \$381,572.49, with interest at the rate of 4.5% per annum from March 1, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

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

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

BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02835

**MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,**  
**v.**

**THE ESTATE OF IRENE A. TELLEZ, DECEASED, EDWARD A. TELLEZ, JR., JESSICA R. TELLEZ, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF IRENE A. TELLEZ, DECEASED, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

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

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

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

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

**THENCE** along the center-

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

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

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

The address of the real property is 6915 Gopher Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above,

not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on February 16, 2018 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$39,173.40 plus interest from September 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

Dates: 05/18, 05/25, 06/01, 06/08, 2018

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2015-02193

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

vs.

**RENEE MARIE SIERS; EARL TODD SIERS; RENEE MARIE SIERS, AS TRUSTEE OF THE RENEE MARIE SIERS REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JANUARY 18, 2007; OCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

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lation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

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

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

Dates: 05/18, 05/25, 06/01, 06/08, 2018

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2015-02193

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

vs.

**RENEE MARIE SIERS; EARL TODD SIERS; RENEE MARIE SIERS, AS TRUSTEE OF THE RENEE MARIE SIERS REVOCABLE TRUST DATED JANUARY 18, 2007; OCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3922 Saddle Fork Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 20, BLOCK 6, SETTLER'S RIDGE, UNIT NO. THREE, CORRECTION PLAT, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 3633, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 26, 2002, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 20, PAGES 113-115, 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 **2:00 pm on July 5, 2018**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 24, 2018 in the total amount of \$155,731.67 with interest at the rate of 6.750% per annum from January 30, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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

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

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
IN THE PROBATE COURT  
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 18-0141  
Judge Diana A. Bustamante, PhD

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MANUEL ZAMORANO, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that CARMEN ZAMORANO 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 30th day of May, 2018.

DATED this 30th day of May, 2018.

KEITHLY & ENGLISH, LLC  
/s/ Shane A. English  
SHANE A. ENGLISH  
Attorney for Carmen Zamorano, 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: 06/08, 06/15, 06/22, 2018

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

No. 18-0107

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

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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

DATED: April 25, 2018.

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

Prepared by:  
ALAN D. GLUTH

**Friday, June 8, 2018**

New Mexico Bar #14980  
Gluth Law, LLC  
2455 East Missouri, Suite A  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001  
Telephone: (575) 556-8449  
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

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

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

No. 18-0117  
JUDGE BUSTAMANTE

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLENDA LOY PRICE, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that REBECCA HORNER has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative, in the care of the Cardenas Law Firm, LLC., 602 N. Alameda Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88005, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: May 31, 2018


Rebecca Horner  
P.O. Box 2066  
Mesilla Park, NM 88047  
Prepared by:  
Cardenas Law Firm Christopher Cardenas  
602 N. Alameda Blvd.  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
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Children participating in the 2017 Missoula Children's Theatre.



Children participating in the 2017 Opera Storytellers Camp.

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## Arts Council's arts education summer camps begin

### BULLETIN REPORT

Want to sing this summer? Dance? Draw, make sets and costumes? Want to act? Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) has summer camps for area youth.

Here are the options:

#### • Career Art Path

Monday, June 11-Friday, June 22, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. each day, at Alma d'arte Charter High School, 402 W Court Ave.; \$100, with partial scholarships available.

CAP is a two-week immersion program in the visual arts for students entering grades 5-8.

The program offers hands-on experience in a range of arts, including ceramics, painting, sculpture, textiles, jewelry and print making. Participating students take field trips to local galleries, museums and businesses to explore career opportunities in the arts. The program concludes with a show of students' work. Registration is limited to 40 students. A teacher recommendation is required for the application.

#### • Opera Storytellers Summer Camp

Monday, June 18-Friday, June 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day, at

Centennial High School, 1950 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.; \$300 per student, with partial scholarships available.

This two-week camp is presented DAAC in partnership with the Santa Fe Opera and is even bigger than last year. New this year, the program includes students entering grades 3-12. Students will use elements of opera: libretto-writing, music composition and theatrical staging to compose and perform their own musical drama based on the Hero's Journey. The camp covers the technical aspects of lighting and sound, and set and costume design. No

previous experience required, only a willingness to learn and have fun.

#### • Missoula Children's Theatre

Monday-Friday, July 9-13, tryouts are 10 a.m. Monday, July 9, with pre-registration at 9:45 a.m.; rehearsals are 10 a.m.-noon and 12:30-2:30 p.m. each day; performance is 7 p.m. Friday, July 13, at the LCPS Performing Arts Center at Oñate High School, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive; \$60 (due when cast), with partial scholarships available.

This year's production of "Peter and Wendy" is for students entering grades 1-12.

"My daughter, Marisol, has participated in the theatre camp at the Rio Grande for the last couple years. This camp lasts two weeks and it's an amazing opportunity for the kids to mingle, and learn so much," said Las Cruces parent Renee Perry. "They learn how to write their own play ... be a character in it and, above all, they have to work cooperatively with each other to create a masterpiece. Mari will attend again this summer, she's beaming with excitement!"

For registration and additional information, call 575-523-6403 or email [development@daarts.org](mailto:development@daarts.org). Visit [daarts.org](http://daarts.org).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>FRI JUNE 8 • 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Rhythm Roundup-Music/Dance ages 2-5	
<b>FRI JUNE 8 • 7:30 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
Zoltan and the Fortune Tellers, with Alison Reynolds - \$5	
<b>SAT JUNE 9 • 12:00 NOON</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
Monsters Inc. - \$1	
<b>SUN JUNE 9 • 1:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Sound Session - Guitar Instruction for Teens	
<b>SAT JUNE 9 • 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
The Wizard of Oz - \$8	
<b>TUE JUNE 12 • 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Read to Me - Story time ages 3+	
<b>TUE JUNE 12 • 7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b>
Museum Science Series, The Andromeda Strain - FREE	
<b>WED JUNE 13 • 11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Mother Goose Time - Activities for Infants	
<b>WED JUNE 13 • 1:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Teen Screen - School of Rock	
<b>WED JUNE 13 • 2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Adult Summer Reading Program - Ukeleles Rock Part 2	
<b>WED JUNE 13 • 2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Thomas Branigan Summer Movies for Adults - Wind River	
<b>TUE+THU JUNE 12+14 • 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Teen Game Night	
<b>WED+THU JUNE 13+14 • 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Toddler Time - Story time ages 1-3	
<b>THU JUNE 14 • 2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>
Summer Screen - Incredibles	

### ONGOING EVENTS:

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

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# Summer Music Series



The Town of Mesilla once again hosts its annual Summer Music Series every Friday through July. On Friday, June 8, the featured performer is Nikki Lee May (pictured). Set in the historic plaza, the action begins with Mercado vendors from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Food trucks open at 7 p.m. with Green Chile Paddy Wagon, Half Baked, Donut Director and Party Animals. Concerts are 8-10 p.m. Admission is free, no alcohol allowed.

### The schedule

- **JUNE 15:** Smokin' Mirrors
- **JUNE 22:** Pure Magic
- **JUNE 29:** Chris Baker Band
- **JULY 6:** David Valenzuela
- **JULY 13:** Caribe
- **JULY 20:** Damian Luna
- **JULY 27:** Smokin' Blue Band

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# References and inside jokes fly in 'Deadpool 2'

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

Superhero comedy has found a solid home in the "Deadpool" and "Deadpool 2" movies as they take a dip into the clever and crass side of the Marvel Universe.

Wade Wilson, aka Deadpool, faces tragedy, goes on the revenge warpath, encounters a boy with special abilities whom he works to save and quips his way to redemption, shattering the fourth wall constantly as he does it all. The fourth wall is that movie screen which creates a world of its own and separates the viewer from the movie, usually constraining the characters and activity to the movie. Deadpool (played by Ryan Reynolds) hardly lets you forget you are in a movie theater. Not only does he constantly talk directly to the audience, he and other characters refer to other parts Reynolds has played, other movies not in the Marvel Universe and to Reynolds personally outside his acting profession.

The story follows Deadpool as he tries to stop a time-traveling cyborg, Cable (played by Josh Brodin), from killing a teen-aged boy, Firefist (played by Julian Dennison), who is having a hard time getting his mutant powers under control.

Full of arcane as well as straight-forward references, Deadpool 2 is Easter egg heaven. An "Easter egg" is an intentional inside joke, hidden mes-



COURTESY PHOTO

## Our hero, Deadpool

sage or image found in a movie or video game. Some expected things, like the appearance of Marvel producer/creator/writer/actor Stan Lee, are harder to spot than usual. But not all surprises are intended only for those familiar with the world of this movie. Like the face of the invisible superhero character, Vanisher, might be a cameo appearance of superstar ... oops, can't tell you.

While some details and jokes may fly by the viewer unrecognized, the overall story line and theme of this film is important and engaging, anything but boring. While some of the

campy, adolescent humor goes on too long, there is no gratuitous sex, and careful attention is paid to diverse and interesting characters.

Somehow in the midst of the bad (and hilarious) jokes, foul-mouthed language and gory violence, this movie manages to promote the positive values of learning to change, family stick-to-itiveness, and introduces us to the superheroine, Domino (played by Zazie Beetz), who has the best superpower ever.

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**ABOVE:** Starring in “Othello: The Remix” are, clockwise from the top, Josh Horton, Juan Apodaca, Julian Alexander and Mark Kitanga.

**LEFT:** “Othello: The Remix” is an energetic romp.

## ‘Othello: The Remix’: Rhythmic, rhyming rap retelling really rocks

By **MIKE COOK**  
 Las Cruces Bulletin

It’s possible that William Shakespeare (1564-1616) knew the word “rap” as it means “to utter sharply, vigorously or suddenly.” The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary says that definition dates to 1541.

As an actor, playwright and visionary who defined great theatre in a way that has endured for more than 400 years, I’m sure he would have loved the rap version of “Othello” currently in performance in Las Cruces.

Titled “Othello: The Remix,” the show is a 2012 retelling of “The

### REVIEW

Tragedy of Othello, the Moor of Venice” that Shakespeare wrote about 1603. The Bard certainly wouldn’t have minded American writers/rappers the Q Brothers’ redo, as he borrowed the story himself from “Un Capitano Moro,” written by Italian novelist and poet Giovanni Battista Giraldi about 40 years earlier.

Shakespeare would have loved what director Megan McQueen and actors Josh Horton, Julian Alexander, Juan Apodaca and Mark Kitanga are doing in their production of “Othello: The Remix,”

which continues for six more performances in the Lavish Ultra Lounge inside the Ramada Hotel, 201 E. University Ave.

In Italian, Early Modern English and rap, the themes of racism, deception, love, jealousy and deceit in “Othello” ring loud and clear. And, as the term implies, the rap version adds an edge – a glittering sharpness and clarity – to the story, enhanced by rhyme and rhythm, flashy jewelry, a cell phone and a few other modern additions.

And, all that is built atop a foundation of great talent and creativity.

Josh, Julian, Juan and Mark are attractive and

compelling just standing still, but “Othello: The Remix” lets each one show off his skills and versatility as an actor, singer, dancer and rap artist with individual and collective grace, style and energy. But, that’s not really surprising in a Megan McQueen production. One of her many gifts is the ability to find a great cast for every show she does.

I’ve worked a bit with Julian, Josh and Mark and have the greatest respect for their talent, selflessness and guts on stage: Julian in the Q Brothers’ other production of “Bombity of Errors,” and Harold Pinter’s “The Hothouse” and

“School for Lies” that we were in together; Mark as “Donkey” in “Shrek, the Musical” and in “The Fully Monty”; Josh in “Misanthrope” and “Twelfth Night” at NMSU and a staged reading we did together. I don’t know Juan as well, but after seeing him in “Bloody, Bloody Andrew Jackson” in El Paso, in one of Megan’s shows at Boba Cabaret, in “Five Course Love” and just last month in NMSU’s “Rent,” he has become one of my favorite performers.

Josh plays Othello, Julian is Iago, Mark is Cassio and Emilia, and Juan is Roderigo and Bianca, and all four play other characters as well.

“Othello: The Remix” is another triumph for Megan’s Scaffolding Theatre Company and a great treat for audiences. Don’t miss it.

Remaining performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, June 8-9 and 15-16, and 3 p.m. Sundays, June 10 and 17. Seating is by general admission.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and will be available at the door one hour before showtime. Or, buy them online at [www.scaffoldingtheatrecompany.com/home](http://www.scaffoldingtheatrecompany.com/home).

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# Finding your feet takes a while in this film

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

Seniors! (And not the kind that attend high school or university): Start lining up at the door for the latest version of what reviewer Susan Wloszczyna with tongue sort of in cheek called the latest “senior-bait cinema” – “Finding Your Feet.”

Indeed, if anyone under 50 sees this picture, I might be surprised and pleased.

And that is not a bad thing, not a bad thing at all, because without people 50 and over attending movies at arthouse venues such as the Fountain Theatre, chances are, these films would cease to exist.

The other day I went to see “The Guardians,” a terrific but gently paced French film that was in recent release and I might have been the youngest member of the audience.

Anyway, in this picture, we are wont to meet Lady Sandra in her fine home with large English lawn as she preps a party for hubby of many years, Michael, a man she cherishes and completely relies upon.

But of course, during the doings, she happens upon him smooching and lightly petting her robust friend of many years, Pamela, in the garage. Oops! Turns out that Mike and Pamela have been snogging for about five years, unbeknownst to our heroine, Sandra.

Exit, stage right, Sandra does, to the tiny apartment of her serene and sort of hippy-dippy

## GRADE: B-

Find your footing and head to the Fountain Theatre the week of June 8 for this mmmh film.

sister, Bif. Bif, an independent sort, rides a bike, has little desire to show any taste in the décor of her apartment, which is what the sour and dour expression of Sandra indicates, and relies on a local handyman, Charlie, for many things. As we learn later, she also has an occasional lover who tends to, shall we say, more personal things. Sandra raises an eyebrow when she finds out that he is African-American. Gasp! Bif also takes daily dips in the nearby canal and stripes her hair. And she just might have a health problem.

Sandra, at a loss to know what to do or how to do it, gradually (of course) settles into Bif’s life, while accidentally commandeering a crush by Charlie, who lives on a boat nearby. Charlie (a nice turn by veteran English actor Timothy Spall), is also ready to hit the high seas in his little houseboat and, later in the film, invites the still somewhat unsure and stodgy Sandra to accompany him.

And also, to Sandra’s chagrin, Bif is involved in a local dance class with Charlie and a lot of other over 50s, who are soon invited to perform at a charity event in Rome.



COURTESY PHOTO

Sandra is unsure what to do next after discovering her hubby’s indiscretions, even as new acquaintance Charlie puts on the charm.

Wouldn’t ya know it? And of course, Charlie and Sandra are paired off at the class...

Throughout, Sandra remains unfocused on what to do with her life. Should she strike out on her own, stay with Bif, forgive the now apologetic cad Michael, or try something above and beyond all of this?

You can see where all of this is going, but in spite of the predictability and clichés of the picture, it is a warm and fuzzy, well-cast, albeit scattered little movie, one that will make you smile and tap a toe or two, especially if you are over 50.

*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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## A&amp;E EVENTS

**Art classes registration:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 8-9, Museum of Nature and Science, 411 North Main St. Must register in person for classes to be held June 11-Aug. 4 at the Museum of Art. Children, teens, adults learn a new skills or enhance existing knowledge. Info: 575-541-2137 or museums.las-cruces.org.

**Zoltan & The Fortune Tellers:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 8, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Albuquerque's and the Fortune Tellers with Alison Reynolds. Zoltan and the Fortune Tellers play ticklishly oddball original tunes about cheese, love, lemurs, sandwiches, snake oil, and much more. Alison Reynolds is a singer/songwriter, multi-instrumentalist based in Las Cruces. Cost: \$5.

**The Rivals:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 8-9, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 10, Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Cost: \$15 regular admission, 12 for students and seniors. Info: 575-523-1223 or www.no-strings.org.

**Legally Blonde The Musical:** 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, June 8-9 and 15-16, and 2 p.m. Sundays, June 10 and 17, Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. Cost: \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors, students and military; \$11 for groups of 10 or more; \$10 for children 12 and younger. Info: lctnm.org.

**Othello:** The Remix: 8 p.m. Fridays, June 8 and 15, and Saturdays, June 9 and 16; and 3 p.m. Sundays 10 and 17, Lavish Ultra Lounge inside the Ramada Hotel, 201 E. University

Ave. Megan McQueen's Scaffolding Theatre Company presents. Cost: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. Tickets at the door of on-line at www.scaffoldingtheatrecompany.com.

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

- Friday, June 8: Christopher Smith-Escarcega, singer and guitarist.

- Saturday, June 9: Orlando Madrid-Carlos Barba Duo, jazz standards, popular music and original compositions.

- Sunday, June 10: Abby & Jack, upbeat, jazzy.

- Friday, June 15: Calista & Rico, songwriting matched with soulful vocals over the tone of a Telecaster.

- Saturday, June 16: Damián Luna, Latin music with solo guitar.

- Sunday, June 17: Buddy Akin, original songs from his upcoming EP, plus re-invented melodies.

**Artrageous art-making:** 10 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, atrium between the Museum of Art and the Museum of Nature & Science. June's art appreciation theme is Layering Shades of Color. Info: 575-541-2137 or museums.las-cruces.

org.

- June 9: Purple.
- June 16: Red.
- June 23: Green.
- June 30: Orange.

**Storytellers at Coas:** 10:30 a.m. Saturdays Coas Bookstores. Storytellers of Las Cruces at both locations. Children who attend will receive coupons for discounted books.

- Downtown, 317 N. Main St.

- June 9: Nancy Banks
- June 16: Sarah Addison & Sharlene Wittern

- 1101 S. Solano Drive
- June 9: Florence Hamilton

- June 16: Judith Ames

**Children's and classic movies:** Saturday, June 9, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

- Monsters Inc. children's matinee. 11 a.m. Cost: \$1 cash-only at the door.

- The Wizard of Oz. 7 p.m. Cost: \$8. Tickets at riograndetheatre.org or at the door.

**Open Studio Tours:** Noon-5 p.m. Saturday, June 9. Colorful Trails Second Saturday Studio Tours. Info: Kathleen Deasy 828-467-9060.

- Debra Vance, 2200 W.

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## CALL TO ARTISTS

## Celebrate Authors

Friends of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library invite authors to participate in the fifth annual Celebrate Authors event. Authors must be residents of the southern New Mexico region with books published in 2013 or later. Books can be of all genres: fiction, non-fiction, poetry, a collection of short stories or children's literature. Information about the author and the book must be submitted by July 31 on the application form at libraryfriendslc.org. Info: Sue Fletcher 521-8507. Leave a message with name, phone number and message that the call is about Celebrate Authors. Ç

## Dia de los Muertos T-shirt and poster design

Calavera Coalition is looking for artists to submit original artwork for 2018. 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.

## Electric Light Parade

Commercial and non-commercial groups, and car and motorcycle clubs welcome. There are no fees, some restrictions apply. Trophies will be awarded. Pockets are available 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Parks & Recreation Department office, 1501 E. Hadley Ave. Deadline to enter: 4 p.m. Friday, June 29. Info: 575-541-2550.

## Exhibit space for artists and artist groups

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 of jacklsg1@gmail.com.

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Union Ave., self-taught watercolorist whose work reflects her love of nature. Info: 970-405-5784 or www.HaciendaVance.com.

• Roy van der Aa, behind the house at 2645 Doña Ana Road on Calle de Oro, nonobjective mixed media. Info: 575-520-8752.

• Kathleen Deasy, 625 Van Patten Ave., BFA in painting and sculpture. Info: 828-467-9060.

**Author signing:** 1 p.m. Saturday, June 9, Barnes & Noble, Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. New York Times bestselling author Ellen Hopkins, known for her teen novels, will hold a book signing and discussion. Info: 575-522-4499.

**OutsmART workshop:** 1-2 p.m. Saturdays, June 9 and 23, July 14, August 4 and 11, University Art Gallery, 1390 E. University Ave. Each workshop will be inspired by a piece in the University Art Gallery current exhibition. Info: 575-646-2545.

• June 9: Design with John Garrett.

• June 23: Monochromatic monoprints.

• July 14: Art from photography.

• Aug. 4: Jenny Morgan, color and light.

• Aug. 11: A sticky Situation, creating tape people.

**Arts Hop:** Saturday, June 9. Meet artists, visit galleries and join in art activities with the Doña Ana Arts Council Arts & Cultural Center, Rokoko Art Gallery, NMSU University Art Gallery, Cutter Gallery, Art Obscura, and the Four Points Perspective Art Gallery. The participating University-area galleries are open from 10 a.m. -4 p.m., the Mesilla Mercado-area galleries are open from 4-7 p.m., and the south Mesilla/Mesilla Park galleries are open from 7-10 p.m.

**Coffee Tasting Fund-raiser:** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 10, 205 E. Lohman Ave. Join Tyrell Thacker and Arianna Parsons of Beck's Coffee for a fun and interactive discussion and coffee tasting session, a fund-raiser for Cruces Creatives. Cost: \$25 with only 20 tickets available. Info and registration: [crucescreatives.org/event-2904574](http://crucescreatives.org/event-2904574).

**Music in the Park:** Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department's 2018

Music in the Park Series. Info: 575-541-2550.

• Sundays at Young Park, 1905 Nevada Ave.

7 p.m. June 10: The Fundraisers, Las Cruces, Late '90s, early 2000s Rock & Roll; and Rust, Las Cruces, rock and reggae music.

7 p.m. June 17: Mariachi Buena Ventura, Santa Fe, Mariachi music; and the Derrick Harris Band, Las Cruces, Motown, funk, blues and rock music.

7 p.m. June 24: Smokin' Mirrors, Las Cruces, variety music; and Geni & the Starliners, Las Cruces, oldies and variety music.

• Thursday Night Music on the Plaza, Plaza de Las Cruces

7 p.m. June 21: Ryan Montaña, Albuquerque, cool jazz music.

7 p.m. July 12: Flat Blak, Las Cruces, rock and roll music; and Wildhorse, Las Cruces, country and Western music.

7 p.m. July 26: Mexico Vive! Show, featuring Mariachis Antonio Reyna, folklórico dancers and more.

**Art Camp:** 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. June 11-22, Alma d'arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court Ave. Hands-on

ceramic, painting, sculpture, textiles, jewelry, and printmaking for children in grades 5-8. Field trips to local galleries, museums, and businesses to explore art careers. Cost: \$100 per student with partial scholarships available. The program culminates with an art show featuring the students' art work 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, at the school.

**Sci-Fi Summer Films:**

7 p.m. Tuesdays, June 12 and 26, and Aug. 14, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 North Main Street. Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science presents three films. A special guest host will discuss the science versus fiction of each film during a brief introduction. Cost: Free. Info: 575-522-3120 or [museums.las-cruces.org](http://museums.las-cruces.org).

• June 12: The Andromeda Strain.

• June 26: Big Hero 6.

• Aug. 14: Jaws.

**Get ArtRageous:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Doña Ana Arts Council Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado. Cost: \$30 includes all materials and light refreshments. Info: 575-523-6403.

• June 13: Pet portraits

in oil with Judi Martinez.

• June 20: Art Class: Acrylic painting with Luis Navarro.


• June 27: Calligraphy with Gail Lieurance.

**Smokin Blues Band:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Soulful, rock-inspired blues presented by Friends of Visit Las Cruces. Cost: \$5 cash-only at the door.

**Opera camp:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, June 18, Centennial High School Theatre Room. Opera Storytellers Camp with the Santa Fe Opera for children in grades 3-12. Students will use elements of opera to compose and perform their own musical drama based on the hero's journey. Cost: \$300 per student with partial scholarships are available. Info: 575-523-6403.

**Lowrider concert** 5:30-10:30 p.m., Friday, June 22, Doña Ana Arts Council Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado. Celebration of N.M. lowrider culture in conjunction with the photography exhibit "Lowriders, Hoppers, and Hot Rods" from the state Department of Cultural Affairs. Concert features Jarabe Mexico cumbia/salsa from Mexico City, dance exhibition by NMSU DanceSport. Paisano Café will have food, beer and wine available. Cost: \$15 per person in advance, \$20 at the door. Info and tickets in advance: 575-523-6403 or [daarts.org](http://daarts.org).

**Big Hero 6:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Rated G. Presented by the city of Las Cruces Museum System as part of the Sci-Fi Summer Film Series. Cost: Free.



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## 'Children of a Lesser God' earns Tony nomination

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The revival of Las Cruces playwright Mark Medoff's "Children of a Lesser God" earned a Tony nomination for actress Lauren Ridloff.

Ridloff, a former Miss Deaf America, played Sarah Norman in the revival, which opened at Studio 54 April 11 and continued through May 27.

When "Children of a Lesser God" premiered in 1980, it earned Tonys for



**RIDLOFF**

Medoff as playwright, Phyllis Frelich as lead actress and John Ruben-

stein as lead actor. Director Gordon Davidson was nominated for a Tony.

Ridloff, 39, is a native of Chicago. She lives in Brooklyn. Her fellow nominees for best leading actress in a play in 2018 are Glenda Jackson for the revival of "Three Tall

Women," Condola Rashad for "Saint Joan" and Amy Schumer for "Meteor Shower."

The Tony awards ceremony will be held June 10.

In addition to Ridloff, the cast in the revival included Joshua Jackson and Anthony Edwards. The play was directed by Kenny Leon, who won a 2014 Tony for his direction of "A Raisin in the Sun."

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## Best-selling author coming to Barnes & Noble

### BULLETIN REPORT

Ellen Hopkins, author of books for teens, young adults and adults, will be at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., for a free talk and book signing beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 9.

The New York Times bestselling author will discuss and sign her book for adults, "A Sin Such as This," published a month ago. It's the follow-up to her 2016 book "Love Lies Beneath."

Her other books include "Crack," "Glass," "Fallout," "Burned," "Smoke," "Impulse," "Perfect," "Triangles," "Tilt," "Tricks," "Traffic," "Identical," "Collateral," "Rumble," "Love Lies Beneath" and "The You I've Never Known." The publication of



**HOPKINS**

"Crank" in 2004 began Hopkins' career as an author of young adult novels

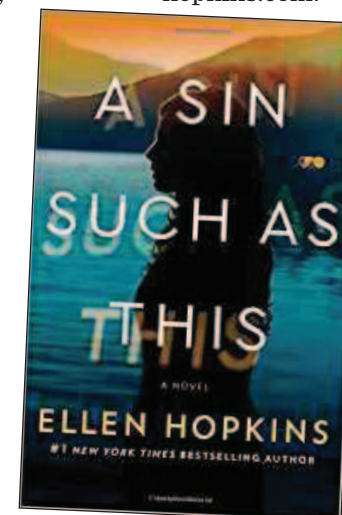
written in verse, "all of which explore the more difficult situations young adults often find themselves in," according to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

"From the time I knew how to put words on paper," Hopkins said on her website, "I've always been writing something (especially poetry) ever since, although I

didn't start writing for money until around 1992."

Hopkins, 63, lives in northern Nevada with her husband and three grandchildren.

For more information, contact Barnes & Noble Community Business Development Manager Cheryl Graves at 575-522-4499. Visit [www.ellenhopkins.com](http://www.ellenhopkins.com).



"A Sin Such as This" is Ellen Hopkins' latest book.





Adan Hernandez and Alyssa Gonzales show their appreciation for Bri Bagwell as she takes the stage.



From left: Tony and Becky Hernandez, Brandon Schapekahn, Summer Hernandez and Savanah Hernandez cheer for Bri Bagwell.



Downtown provides a warm backdrop from the Plaza stage.



Ernesto Garcia, Mason and Jackie Wilkinson from KGRT radio in front of their booth.

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

## Coming home

A large turnout welcomed Las Cruces natives Bri Bagwell, Josh Grider and Alyssa Newtown for the Homeward Bound country concert in Plaza de Las Cruces Saturday evening, June 2. The show coincided with the Destination Downtown series that included the seminal movie "Urban Cowboy" May 31 at the Rio Grande Theatre.



Josh Grider along with his wife, Kristi Grider on backing vocals.

Las Cruces hometown country artist Bri Bagwell and her bassist Sean Rodriguez.



Josh Grider feels the hometown love.

## GALLERIES & OPENINGS

### Life along the Rio Grande

*Through June 9*  
Studio Art Quilt Association members' exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., explores topics relating to the flora, fauna, and people living near the river. Info: 575-541-2154 or museums.las-cruces.org.

### NMSU University Museum

*Through June 30*  
Photo exhibit, "Defending Truth and Memory: The Path towards Justice in Guatemala," features 35 photos of the indigenous Guatemalans' struggle for justice.

### Living Art by Carl Coker

*Through June 30*  
An exploration of the

oft (deliberately) overlooked ubiquity of death in our lives and the ways in which different cultures deal with this shared experience. Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

### Form & Function: Objects with Flair

*Through July 8*  
More than 40 objects combining usefulness and beauty. NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Legacy Gallery. Info: 575-522-4100, www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

### Here & Now Regional Juried Exhibition

*Through July 14, University Art Gallery*  
*Through July 21, Museum of Art*  
Las Cruces Museum of Art in collaboration

with NMSU Art Gallery features works in all media by artists living and working within 150 miles of Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-2137 or museums.las-cruces.org.

### How Does Your Garden Grow?

*Through Aug. 5*  
Rack of fiber art seed packets by New Mexico region of Studio Art Quilt Associates. NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Arts Corridor, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

### 100 Years Strong

*Through Sept. 16*  
History of the Farm & Livestock Bureau. Soil conservation, better irrigation methods, and improved crop production occupied 300 Mesilla Valley farmers

and ranchers who first gathered in 1917. NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

### Braceros: Mending History and Art

*Through Oct. 3*  
Sculptures by Diana LeMarbe, paintings by Jeri Desrocher, and historical research by Raymond Cobos that together tell a unique facet of an underappreciated part of U.S. history, the Bracero Program. At the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

### Las Cruces and Gadsden student art

*Through mid-October*  
More than 100 original student works on display in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd.

### Dressed for the Occasion

*Through March 3, 2019*  
Women's every day and dress clothing from the pioneer days of the 1870s to the Depression Era of the 1930s. NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Legacy Gallery, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.



"The Bridge," watercolor by Debra Vance



"Her," oil on canvas by Kathleen Deasy

## Second Saturday

The Colorful Trails Second Saturday Open Studio Tour is from noon-5 p.m. June 9 at several studios:

- **Debra Vance:** A self-taught watercolorist whose work reflects her love of nature. Several of her pieces are done plein

aire. She will be serving tapas and other refreshments at 2200 W. Union Ave. 970-405-5784, www.HaciendaVance.com.

- **Roy van der Aa:** Nonobjective mixed media. He is featuring paintings by Connie Falk in his studio on Calle de Oro behind the house at 2645 Doña Ana Road. 575-520-8752.

- **Kathleen Deasy:** Her oil paintings have developed a sculptural quality over the past few years. She will feature work from her Blues Series in her display room at 625 Van Patten Ave. 828-467-9060

Artists or artisans interested in joining Second Saturday Open Studios can contact Deasy at kdarts2u@gmail.com.



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# 'Legally Blonde' passes the bar with flying colors

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you don't have reservations to see one of the six remaining performances of this blockbuster musical at Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT), you should go online or call right now, because remaining seats are going to sell out fast.

One must start the praise with Brianna Horvath, who was just amazing as Elle Woods. Brianna just graduated from Las Cruces High School and will be attending NMSU this fall, studying music and theatre. Theatre department head Wil Kilroy – who directed her in "Legally Blonde" – must be waiting with open arms to welcome this extremely talented actor. She was outstanding.

## REVIEW

I've seen Janet Beatty-Payne in many shows at LCCT and Black Box Theatre over the years and been in a few of them with her. Her performance as Paulette Buonofuonte may be favorite thing she's ever done. Her performance of "Ireland" brought tears to my eyes, and she and Mike Cruz ("Chad," the delivery guy) were a fabulous duo. They really make you believe in true love.

Teddy Aspen-Sanchez was terrific – as always – playing several parts, including Paulette's T-shirt-wearing, dog-stealing ex-husband. And he is blessed with the gift of dance.

Several cast members have earned high praise for their performances in

recent shows at NMSU – Joel Fisk ("Warning Huntington III), Calvin Chervinko ("Emmett Forrest"), Victoria "Torrie" Hughes ("Brooke Wyndham/Kate"), Meslis Derya White ("Vivienne Kensington/Liliani") and Mozart Pierson (multiple roles). They were all terrific in "Legally Blonde" as well.

There were so many great performances in this show – truly, truly an all-star cast – and I wish I had room to name them all. That would include, of course, Cruiser and Brutus, who each get four woofs. And I can't fail to mention the fabulous Girls of Delta Nu.

Kudos also to Wil Kilroy for his direction, Christa Fredrickson as musical director, the aforementioned Janet Beatty-Payne for her terrific choreography,



PHOTOS BY MARK BOUDREAU, LAS CRUCES COMMUNITY THEATRE

The opening night performance of "Legally Blonde" at Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. downtown. The Friday night show was nearly a sellout, and the performances on Saturday and Sunday, June 2-3 both had full houses.

Susie Ouder Kirk (who also shone on stage) for her costumes and Janet and Doug Roby for their set design.

This show gets stronger. Remaining perfor-

mances of "Legally Blonde" are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, June 8-9 and 15-16, and 2 p.m. Sundays, June 10 and 17.

LCCT is located at 313 N. Main St. Downtown.

Tickets are \$10 to \$15. Call 575-523-1200 for reservations or visit [www.lcct.nm](http://www.lcct.nm).

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## Closing time

Karen Buerdell (Miss Julia Melville) and Jose Luis Solorzano (Mr. Faulkland) in a dress rehearsal of Black Box Theatre's production of "The Rivals," which has its final four performances Thursday-Sunday, June 7-10. Thursday's curtain is 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday are 8 p.m. and Sunday is 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 students and seniors, and \$10 all seats for the Thursday performance. For tickets visit [www.tktassistant.com/](http://www.tktassistant.com/) Tix. For more information, call 575-523-1223. The Black Box website is [nostrings.org](http://nostrings.org).



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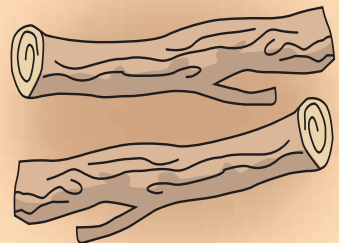
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How do you start a campfire using just two pieces of wood?

ANSWER: Make sure one is a matchstick.

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### A Walk in the Woods

A forest is filled with some interesting things to see, hear, feel and do. But it isn't always possible to get to the woods. This week, **Kid Scoop** takes you on an adventure in the woods.

### Animal Groups

What do you call a group of these woodland animals? Circle every other letter under each animal to discover the answer!

#### PORCUPINES

R A S P D R N I  
R C Z K T L M E

A P

#### SQUIRRELS

D A L S M C O U  
Y R K R T Y

#### SKUNKS

J A F S M U W R  
P F Y E U I V T

#### FOXES

T A P L Q E N  
A K S V H



### Woods Watcher

Look closely at this picture of the woods. Can you find each of the following?

- mushroom
- bird's nest
- animal track
- spider web
- bird feather
- two caterpillars
- moss
- five butterflies
- acorn
- six ladybugs



Find the two identical campfire scenes.

Extra! Extra!

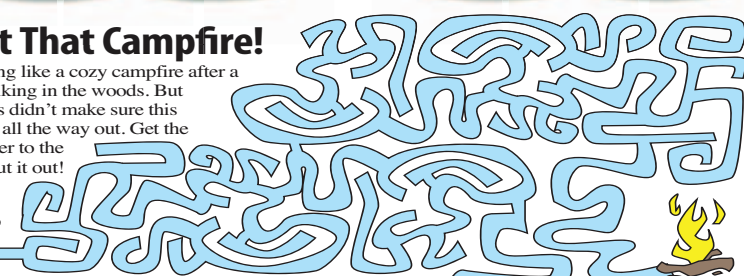
### Woody Words

Look through the newspaper for five or more words that describe the woods. Put the words in ABC order.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Put words in alphabetical order.

### Put Out That Campfire!

There's nothing like a cozy campfire after a long day of hiking in the woods. But some campers didn't make sure this campfire was all the way out. Get the bucket of water to the campfire to put it out!



### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### Who is walking in the woods?

Match each animal to its footprint. Do the math to check your answers.

deer 18-4  
bear 21-6  
raccoon 19-6  
squirrel 23-7  
rabbit 17-7

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Kid Scoop Word Search

- ADVENTURE
- PORCUPINE
- MUSHROOM
- FEATHER
- SPIDER
- TRACK
- WOODS
- ACORN
- WOLF
- PINE
- TREE
- BIRD
- NEST
- DEER
- WEB

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

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E E E R E D I P S X
N D R I B R E E D P
I E M U S H R O O M
P L E O T R E K O N
U A N R T N C U W N
C R E H T A E F E R
R R S N R A L V B O
O L T T I O W O D C
P O D L W P A N D A
    
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Nature in the News

Look through the newspaper for news articles about the natural world. Is it good news or bad news? Write a letter to the editor telling your opinion about the natural-world news you discovered.

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



### Write On!



## A WALK IN THE FOREST

Imagine you are taking a walk in a forest. Describe the sights and sounds.

### Kid Scoop Together:

## Explore Your World

Even if you don't live near the woods or a park, chances are there is nature around you.

You can explore nature in your world by simply sitting quietly and observing. Take the form below with you and sit outside for 10 minutes and write down or draw what you observe.

LOCATION:

DATE:

TIME:

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE:

WHAT IS IT DOING?

- PLANT
- TREE
- MAMMAL
- BIRD
- INSECT
- OTHER

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Faces in the crowd: Jeff Langdale and Richard Martinez.

# Mayor's Jazz Fest

The Mayor's Jazz Fest on Plaza de Las Cruces Sunday, May 27, drew an appreciative crowd for the Side Effects Organ Trio and featured actress and John Grace Kelly. The event annually kicks off summer's Music in the Park series sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department, held Thursday nights in the plaza and Sundays at Young Park (see schedule, page 39).



Friends Mary Anne Collins and Renee Short.



Guitarist Dave Borrego of the Side Effects Organ Trio.



Award-winning saxophonist and songwriter Grace Kelly.



Keyboardist Allan Rodriguez of the Side Effects Organ Trio.



Drummer Rick Malichi of the Side Effects Organ Trio.

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## PUZZLES

## INTERNAL BONES

## ACROSS

- 1 Put a cork in  
8 Tribulations  
15 Rival of Hertz or Avis  
20 Very weak  
21 Patty of the LPGA  
22 Supped  
23 Set a camel's cousin free?  
25 In a devious way  
26 Toyota model  
27 Meadowland  
28 Folk stories  
30 Belt stabbers  
31 Times Square lights  
32 -- -mo replay  
33 Terrible-tasting stadium snacks?  
36 Writer -- Stanley Gardner  
37 -- -Z (complete)  
38 Wood splitter  
39 Reply to the invite  
40 Baaing "ma"  
41 Very light wood gradually decayed?  
45 Annual  
47 Low cloud  
48 So-o-o slow  
51 Piano pieces  
52 Easter meat  
55 Kitten cry  
56 -- de plume (pen name)  
58 Tutti- --  
61 Yale alums  
63 Tall beast makes a low, indistinct sound?  
68 Patronize  
15-Across, e.g.  
72 "It's so-o-o cold!"
- 73 Pastel color  
74 Unearth Moscow natives?  
77 Brewer's kiln  
78 California surfing spot  
79 Yoko of "Two Virgins"  
80 "-- -la-la!"  
83 -- power  
84 Cut short  
87 Voyaging  
89 Cooking competition reality show  
92 2001 Sean Penn drama  
95 Skier/shooter carbo-loading on tubular pasta?  
100 iPhone game, often  
101 Vitality  
104 Singer Davis  
105 "Livin' Thing" rock gp.  
106 Load to bear  
107 Merciless theater guide?  
110 Monkly title  
111 "It's -- cost you!"  
112 Top-tier  
113 Certain opera singer  
114 River of Switzerland  
115 Hank known for hitting  
116 Ford debut of '55  
118 Tune sung by a robed singer?  
123 "Neon" fish  
124 Biting insects  
125 Laura -- Wilder  
126 So far  
127 Hall of TV

128 Most profound

## DOWN

- 1 Sault -- Marie Canals  
2 Painting emulsion with egg yolk  
3 Hot in Vegas  
4 Runt's quality  
5 Hocus- --  
6 San -- Obispo  
7 Claimed psychic skill  
8 Bone: Prefix  
9 Ostrich kin  
10 Costa -- Sol  
11 Long fish  
12 "Two and -- Men" (sitcom)  
13 Dorothy of the "Road" films  
14 Tie-ups  
15 Some plugs  
16 Pastel color  
17 In whatever place  
18 Without harshness  
19 Long, trying trips  
24 Full-scale  
29 Reason to turn green?  
31 State east of Wyo.  
32 Diner freebie  
33 Rock's Rose  
34 Sob  
35 Act like  
37 Tillage unit  
38 Soaks up  
42 \$20 bill dispenser  
43 City bond, informally  
44 Tip, as one's hat  
46 With hands on hips and elbows out

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49 TV beatnik Maynard G. --  
50 Arizona city on the Colorado  
52 "You take it"  
53 TV's Trebek  
54 Ho Chi -- City  
57 Writer Puzo  
59 Bath mat site  
60 Take a shot  
62 Stymies  
63 Beetle larvae  
64 Frenzied  
65 -- Bator  
66 Red-brown  
67 Meyers of "Late

Night"  
69 Doc's gp.  
70 Disney frame  
71 113-Across solo, often  
75 Red Sea gulf  
76 Green net user  
80 Central Florida city  
81 "-- be in England ..."  
82 Snicker part  
84 Panini bread  
85 Leg-warming blankets  
86 Exemption from

penalty  
88 "Je t'--" (Luc's "I love you")  
90 Physicist Curie  
91 Diagram of a facility's layout  
93 In the style of  
94 Actress Kunis  
96 Pothole filler  
97 Dignify  
98 Underground passages  
99 That, in Spain  
102 Levers' pivot points  
103 Rolle with a sit-

com role  
108 Pied-a- -- (apartment)  
109 Homies' turfs  
110 1980 Dom DeLuise film  
111 Evaluate  
114 Fizzy wine, familiarly  
115 Poet Sexton  
117 Not "dis," in Brooklyn  
119 "Norma --"  
120 Hotel cousin  
121 Relieve (of)  
122 Post-Q run

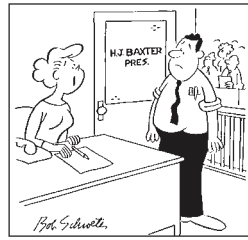
# PUZZLES

## WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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

## SCRAMBLERS



"Yes, the boss is in a great mood — but asking him for an \_\_\_\_\_ would spoil it!"

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Respond  
**TRACE**   

Angst  
**AMELIAS**   

Fairy  
**PRIEST**   

Creak  
**ARGON**   

**TODAY'S WORD**

## CRYPTOQUIP

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: S equals T

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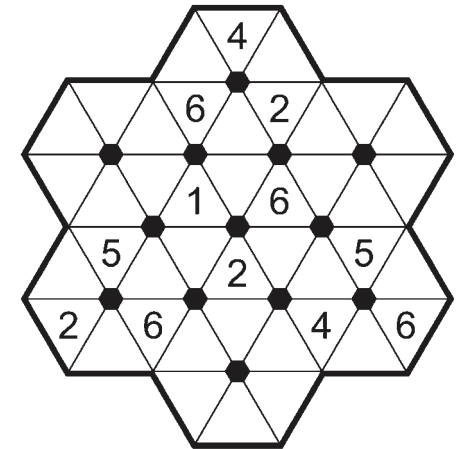
FJMZ SIB AYSSBUR, J FYNAX ZCR

JS JZ XNB SY SIB DANDH YV

SIB XUCF.

## SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Easy    ◆◆ Medium    ◆◆◆ Difficult

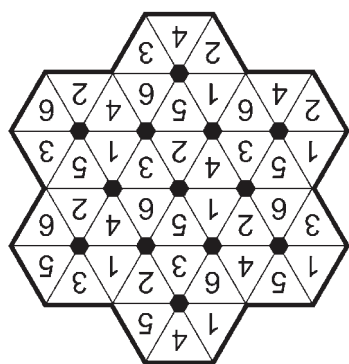
# PUZZLE ANSWERS

When a fortunate chicken wins the lottery, I would say it is due to the cluck of the draw.

### CRYPTOQUIP

**INCREASE**  
Today's Word  
1. React; 2. Malaise; 3. Sprite; 4. Groan

### SCRAMBLERS



### SNOWFLAKES

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

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# Southern New Mexicans honored in '40 Under Forty'

By ANGEL MENDEZ

For the Bulletin

Three southern New Mexicans with connections to New Mexico State University received Albuquerque Business First's 40 Under Forty recognition last week, including Christopher Dulany, James Tawney and Terra Winter.

The 40 Under Forty awards honor young professionals who show great success in their industries as well as in their communities throughout New Mexico. Nominees receive the award based on their professional achievements, leadership skills and contributions to the local community.

Christopher Dulany, an NMSU alumnus who earned both a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2005 and a master of business administration in 2012, stays connected with the NMSU community as a member of the NMSU Foundation Board and former NMSU student regent. His recognition as 40 Under Forty highlights his role as a financial advisor for Edward Jones, managing roughly \$100 million in assets for more than 400 households across the United States.

With this success, Dulany has helped grow employment in southern New Mexico, becoming a limited partner with the company. Dulany serves on the Rotary Club of Las Cruces as a member and previously served as the president. Along with volunteering his time, Dulany has been instrumental in raising significant scholarship and athletics support for NMSU, including his own investment to create an endowed scholarship for NMSU students.



COURTESY NMSU

**Three southern New Mexicans earn recognition as Albuquerque Business First's 40 Under Forty at an awards dinner last week, including (left) James Tawney, Terra Winter and Christopher Dulany.**

James Tawney is an NMSU athletics supporter, and he and his wife Andrea Tawney, president of NMSU Foundation – also a 40 Under Forty recipient in 2016 – contribute to several nonprofits, including scholarships at their alma mater Northern Arizona University, Doña Ana Community College and Aggie Cupboard food pantry. He earned his 40 Under Forty recognition as a plaintiffs' lawyer of Flores, Tawney & Acosta P.C. The firm, which was founded by James Tawney and his two partners in 2016, represents individuals mak-

ing claims of wrongful death, personal injury, employment discrimination and wrongful termination. Since then, the team has brought on more than 400 clients with claims totaling roughly \$10 million. In his spare time, he volunteers by providing pro bono legal aid in southern New Mexico and is on the board of New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association.

Terra Winter, an NMSU alumna who earned all three degrees as an Aggie, including a bachelor's degree in communication studies in 2001, a master's degree in public

health in 2005 and a doctorate in philosophy in 2017, now serves as the executive director for the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. Winter previously served as the associate vice president for development at NMSU, and while balancing that role, created a new doctorate degree at NMSU focused on the fundraising industry and philanthropy. As a fourth-generation New Mexican with family roots in agriculture, her current role with the community foundation focuses on serving the state her family has deep pride for

by supporting the arts, feeding the hungry, expanding literacy, providing scholarships and improving health among other important causes in partnership with local nonprofits.

The Albuquerque Business First recognized all 40 award-ees at a dinner event on Friday, May 4. Southern New Mexico was well-represented by the three recipients who impact their communities as well as NMSU.

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# Relative poverty accounts for food – and cell phones

The questions of what is poverty and who are the poor are a moving target. Take, for example, a new study released by the United Way claiming that nearly 51 million households don't earn enough to fund a monthly budget that includes housing, food, health care, transportation and a cell phone.

Cell phone? Really, you are poor if you can't afford a cell phone? Many reading this column will say yes, a cell phone is essential to quality of life in 21st century America; many of you, like me, will



**CHRIS ERICKSON**

State of the Economy

balk at this.

This is not a new issue. In a real sense, poverty is a moving target. A generation ago, the issue was not cell phones, but color TVs; before that, a landline

telephone. It is often remarked that the material well-being of the poor in America exceeds that of middle-income workers in many developing countries, or that of a nobility like a duke or a count at the time of the Norman Conquest in 1066. Yet being poor in the United States today and being unable to afford a cell phone is not pleasant.

Economists have long distinguished between relative poverty, which is defined relative to material stands of a given society, and absolute poverty, which is a condition of severe deprivation where a household lacks sufficient resources to meet basic needs. Relative poverty changes with time; absolute poverty is the same in the Neolithic as it is today.

The natural tendency of people is to care about those who are more similar to them. So it is relative poverty that we care about. Most people have a cell phone; I can't afford a cell phone, then I'm living in poverty.

Most of us are aware of

absolute poverty – people who literally are so poor that they can't keep body and soul together. But these people are not living among us in the United States, so we don't care. Sociologists will tell you that poverty is determined by what is customary, not by absolute need.

In fact, great strides have been made in eliminating absolute poverty. In 2000, the United Nations adopted the Millennium Goals, one of which was to reduce the population living in absolute poverty in half, to 17 percent by 2015.

Currently, the World Bank defines absolute poverty as an income below \$2 per day. As of

2013, 11 percent of the population lives in absolute poverty, thereby exceeding the Millennium Goal.

This success is primarily explained by the adoption of capitalism and the consequent increase in material wealth by China and India. These behemoths have transformed from countries characterized by extreme poverty to countries with large middle classes. There are costs to this progress, but that is a topic for another day.

Back in the United States, progress toward eliminating relative poverty remains and will remain an effort like running on a treadmill. You

expend a lot of energy but never make any progress. As long as human nature is such that we determine our status by comparing ourselves to others, relative poverty will be with us. And human nature does not change.

*Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at NMSU. He teaches undergraduate courses in economic development in which different concepts of poverty are a topic. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Chris can be reached at [chrerick@nmsu.edu](mailto:chrerick@nmsu.edu).*

## Self-employment changes your tax structure

Going from "employee" to being your own boss brings some changes professionally and personally. One of the most significant is to become accustomed to no longer having certain

taxes taken from your paycheck by your employer.

As a self-employed individual, not only are you responsible for directly submitting to the federal, state and local governments, you are responsible for paying self-employment tax.

According to the IRS, "self-employment tax is a tax consisting of Social Security and Medicare taxes primarily for individuals who work for themselves. It is similar to the Social



**TOM HEILPERN**

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Security and Medicare taxes withheld from most wage earners."

Like the FICA tax that wage earners pay while working for an employer, the self-employment tax

for 2017 was 15.3 percent on the first \$127,200 of net income and 2.9 percent on the income beyond that. The rate consists of two parts: 12.4 percent for Social Security and 2.9 percent for Medicare. While employees only have 6.2 percent of the Social Security portion of FICA tax deducted from their paycheck (the employer pays the other half), self-employed individuals must remit the whole 12.4 percent of the Social Security

tax in addition to the full Medicare amount.

Because the tax is not withheld from paychecks, most self-employed individuals must estimate their self-employment and income tax amounts and pay them on a quarterly basis.

It is, therefore, very important to keep your accounting records current so you know the amount of income or loss at any point in time. Monitoring actual results compared to your budget will aid in identifying overspending where corrective action may be taken.

Adjusting to planning for and paying for self-employment tax doesn't come easily for many small business owners. It takes discipline and the ability to forecast revenue

and expenses with some degree of accuracy. A local accountant and/or CPA can assist you with setting up your books to facilitate paying the self-employment tax accurately and on time.

SCORE is a national organization with locations throughout the country. The purpose of this organization is to assist those wishing to start a business, add to or turn around a business. In Las Cruces they are located at 505 S. Main St. To meet with a mentor, call 575-523-5627 or email the office at [score397@scorelas-cruces.org](mailto:score397@scorelas-cruces.org).

*Tom Heilpern is a retired businessman who has been with SCORE for 18 years and may be contacted at [heilpern@scorevolunteer.org](mailto:heilpern@scorevolunteer.org).*

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## Mixing business and pleasure

The arts and business communities collaborated for the monthly Business After Hours soiree sponsored by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, May 24 at the Doña Ana Arts Council in the Bulletin Plaza. The event was co-hosted by the arts council (DAAC) and the Las Cruces Bulletin and was catered by The Game sports bar through Dickerson Catering.



Las Cruces Conquistador Rick Altamirano, Steinborn Realty's Karen Altamirano and Pioneer Bank's Dawson Dinsmore.



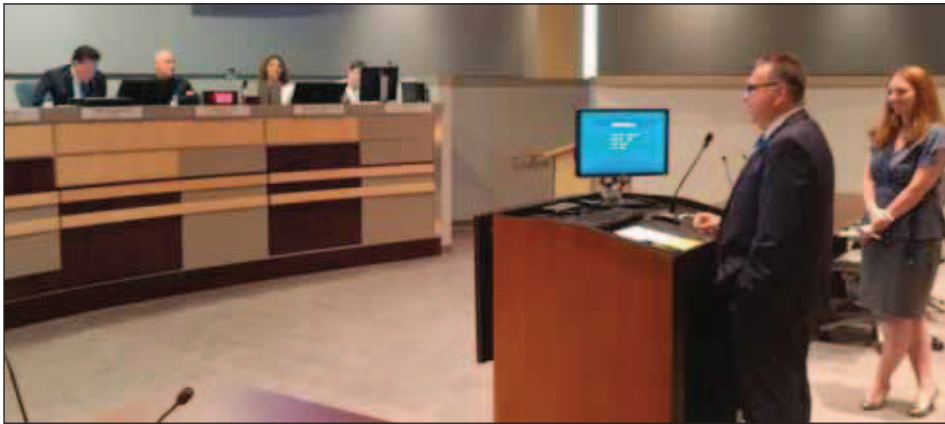
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City of Las Cruces Economic Development Department Director Phil San Filippo and department Administrator Mandy Guss discuss a commercial lease agreement for the Amador Hotel site between the City's Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) and a Las Cruces company at the May 29 TIDD board meeting. Members of the Las Cruces City Council, acting as the TIDD board, on the dais are, left to right, Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg and Mayor Ken Miyagishima. Also on the dais are City Manager Stuart Ed, City Attorney Jennifer Vega-Brown and City Clerk Linda Lewis.

# City approves lease for Amador project

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Acting as the city's Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) board, the Las Cruces City Council has approved a commercial lease agreement for the Amador Hotel site on Amador Avenue.

The 10-year lease is between the TIDD and Amador Hospitality LLC of Las Cruces and can be renewed for two additional 10-year terms, according to the lease agreement.

The lease will bring the city almost \$2 million in rent over the 10 years. City connection charges for gas, water and sewer lines at the site will total more than \$33,000.

Las Cruces developer Max Bower is Amador Hospitality's managing

partner. The city entered into a \$6.5 million development agreement with Bower's GMB Development NM, LLC for the Amador renovation project in May 2016. Construction began later that year and included new offices for Visit Las Cruces, demolition of the non-historic portions of the Amador Hotel and construction of four restaurants or lounges.

Visit Las Cruces moved in earlier this year and construction on the rest of the site, located at 302 S. Main St., is expected to be completed by the end of July, city Economic Development Department Administrator Mandy Guss said at the May 29 TIDD board meeting when the lease with Amador Hospitality was unanimously approved.

When the project is completed, "the newly constructed buildings will become property of the city and the lease will be assigned," according to city documents.

TIDD was created by the city in 2009 "to generate revenue within the downtown area and to use those revenues within that area for public improvement projects," according to city documents.

It is funded through existing gross receipts tax revenues, with additional funding from the New Mexico Legislature. Mayor Ken Miyagishima is TIDD chair and city councillors serve as TIDD board members.

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

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# Mexican researcher to explore pepper progenitor

By **ADRIANA M. CHAVEZ**

For the Bulletin

A researcher from Mexico has been selected for a prestigious fellowship that will allow her to explore pepper research at New Mexico State University.

NMSU will host Angela Corina Hayano Kanashiro from the University of Sonora in Mexico as a Borlaug Fellow. She will conduct research with Paul Bosland, Regents Professor in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences. Hayano and Bosland will use the latest DNA technology, genotyping by sequencing, to study wild Sonoran chiltepins. Chiltepins are considered to be the progenitor of domesticated peppers such as bell peppers and New Mexican types.

The Norman E. Borlaug International Agriculture Science and Technology Fellowship Program is funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and promotes food security and economic growth by providing training and collaborative research opportunities to Borlaug Fellows from developing and middle-income countries.

Borlaug fellows are generally researchers who are in the early or middle stages of their careers. Each fellow works one-on-one with a mentor at a U.S. university, research center or government agency. Borlaug Fellows are selected based on a number of factors including academic and professional interests, level of scientific competence, aptitude for scientific research, leadership potential, and likelihood of bringing back new ideas to their home institution.

Hayano's objectives at NMSU are to learn new techniques to measure DNA diversity among chiltepin populations, and to review state-of-the-art bioinformatics. Hayano is acquiring knowledge on new technologies and concepts, but she is also working on collecting and preserving the chiltepin germplasm in Sonora, Mexico, with the Chile Pepper Institute.

Hayano said another goal of the project is to establish a long-term collaboration with NMSU's Chile Pepper Institute and the University of Sonora. These efforts will be used to seek additional funding from other sources to support understanding of in-situ genetic conservation.

"Specifically, her study is looking at state-of-the-art DNA sequencing and the challenges it presents to address diversity studies, sustainability, conservation and the effects of global environmental change," Bosland said.

The Borlaug Fellowship is a prestigious award named after Nobel Peace Prize winner Norman Borlaug. The purpose of this fellowship is to provide opportunities to study with a researcher at a world agricultural center.

"I consider the Borlaug Fellowship a huge opportunity to increase my skills as a researcher, and an excellent chance to establish ties of cooperation with other scientists and institutions whose common objective is to achieve an impact on reducing poverty and improve nutrition. I am excited and grateful for the opportunity to acquire new knowledge, tools and techniques that will improve my work at the University of Sonora," Hayano said.

"Hosting a Borlaug Fellow

is a great accomplishment for both the Chile Pepper Institute and NMSU," said Bosland. "It sets a path for NMSU for future participation in this program."

Hayano will spend 12 weeks at NMSU before returning to Mexico, with Bosland in turn traveling to Mexico sometime in the near future to continue the collaboration.

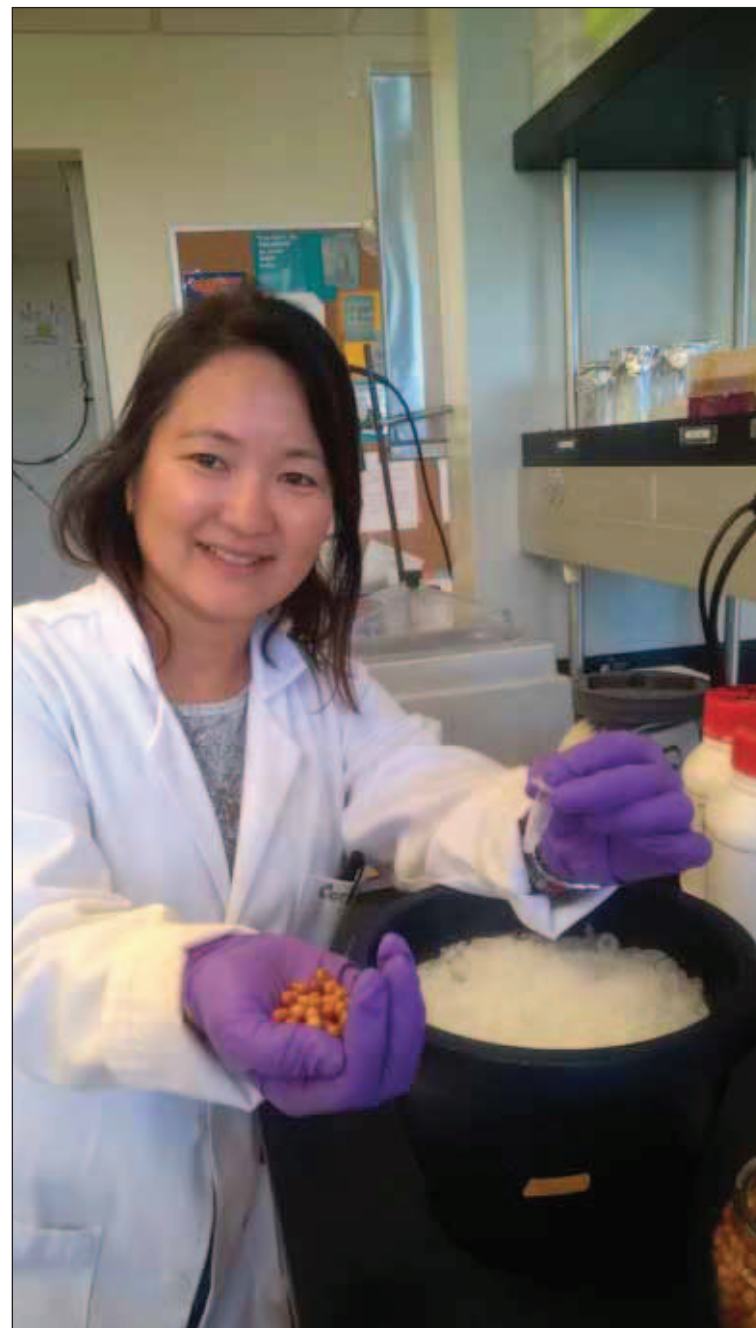
"The idea is that the Fellow will have developed a skill applicable to the place where she works and that this will strengthen the international collaborations of the university," said Bosland.

"I am thrilled to see that Dr. Bosland is hosting a Borlaug Fellow from Mexico and providing her with an opportunity to share her experiences and explore new ideas in her scientific pursuits here at NMSU," said Rod McSherry, interim associate provost for International and Border Programs.

"Visiting scientists that we host help us think about the global relevance and connectivity of the science we conduct, underscoring how our laboratories serve as powerful international avenues of collaboration."

Another important goal of Hayano's visit to NMSU is networking, as she gets to interact with NMSU researchers and professors who share similar areas of interest. An example of this networking are the discussions Hayano and Ivette Guzman, assistant professor of Vegetable Health Bioactivity at NMSU, have begun on how provitamin A in wild chiltepins differs from that in domesticated chile peppers.

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**Angela Corina Hayano Kanashiro from the University of Sonora in Mexico has been selected as a Borlaug Fellow at New Mexico State University. She will conduct research with Paul Bosland, Regents Professor in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences. Hayano and Bosland will use the latest DNA technology, genotyping by sequencing, to study wild Sonoran chiltepins. Chiltepins are considered the progenitor of domesticated peppers such as bell peppers and New Mexican chiles.**

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Bulletin columnist Baxter Black prepares to check on his cattle at his spread outside Benson, Arizona.

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# Palmer named Volunteer of the Year

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Good Samaritan Society – Las Cruces Village announces that Marcie Palmer is the 2018 National Good Samaritan Society (GSS) Way Volunteer of the Year, the first resident from Las Cruces Village to earn the distinction.

The award recognizes individuals who exhibit eight characteristics essential to Good Samaritan's vision and mission statement. After reviewing over 200 nominees throughout 24 states for recognition, the GSS Way Awards are presented during the annual operations conference in Sioux Falls, SD.

In her time living at Good Samaritan Society – Las Cruces Village,



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**2018 GSS National Volunteer Champion Marcie Palmer, center, with Las Cruces Village Executive Director Terry McGinnity, left, and Marty Hart, Las Cruces Village's Senior Living Manager.**

Palmer “has spent countless hours serving on several committees,” according to a news release. “In addition, she volunteers her time at the Las Cruces Village library, gift store, and many other

Las Cruces Village community outreach projects.”

Palmer also sings with local group Young at Heart, which performs at assisted-living facilities.

“Marcie is so full of compassion, energy and is a joy to be around. It's no wonder why she was not only chosen locally and regionally, but nationally as well!” said Joseph Gutierrez, Director of Resource Development & Marketing. “Las Cruces Village is lucky to have her as a resident and volunteer every day. She goes out of her way to make a positive impact

not only in her volunteering, but also making our community more beautiful with her gardening talents.”

Palmer is also known for her gardening and baking talents.

“It's without a doubt that we here at the Las Cruces Village are blessed to have her as a volunteer, friend, neighbor and resident and we are thrilled to be able to recognize her,” Gutierrez said.

Palmer will join three others from across the United States as the Volunteer, Caregiver, Employee, and Leadership Champions of 2018 at the annual operations conference in June.

The Good Samaritan Society – Las Cruces Village is part of The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, the nation's leading not-for-profit provider of senior care and services. Founded in 1922, the mission is to share God's love in word and deed by providing shelter and supportive services to older persons and others in need, believing that “In Christ's Love, Everyone Is Someone.”

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## Social Security helps those caring for seniors

By **RAY VIGIL**  
For the Bulletin

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15. This is an opportunity for everyone, all over the world, to voice their opposition to abuses inflicted on some of the most vulnerable members of our society. For more than 80 years, Social Security has provided for the elderly as part of our everyday mission.

Sometimes a family member is incapable of representing themselves due to health reasons. Generally, we look for family or friends to serve as representative payees. Social Security's Representative Payment Program helps our beneficiaries who are incapable of managing their Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. Read more about the program at [www.socialsecurity.gov/payee](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/payee).

Family members and caregivers can

protect the older people they love with help from the Representative Payee Interdisciplinary Training series, developed in partnership with the Administration on Aging within the Administration for Community Living and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

It educates people and organizations about the roles and responsibilities of serving as a representative payee, elder abuse and financial exploitation, and effective ways to monitor and safely conduct business with the banking community. It also teaches ways to recognize the changes in an adult or senior's ability to make sound financial decisions.

You can view our series of videos about this training at [www.socialsecurity.gov/payee](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/payee).

*Ray Vigil is a Social Security public affairs specialist in El Paso, Texas*



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## SENIOR CALENDAR

**Driver safety:** AARP offers Smart Driver sessions. Bring exact change or check made out to AARP. Arrive 15 minutes early to register. Cost: \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members.

- Senior Circle behind Walgreens on East Lohman Avenue: June 11, 12:45-4:45 p.m. Info and reservations 575-522-0502.
- Good Samaritan: June

28, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Info and reservations: 575-642-2582.

**Munson sock hop:** 5-7 p.m. Saturday, June 16, Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Senior Programs monthly Saturday Night Dance continues. Dress for the occasion in 1950s fashion. Cost: \$3, free for fathers in honor of Father's Day. Tickets at Munson Center the

week of the dance, or at the door. Info: 575-528-3000 or [www.las-cruces.org/departments/quality-of-life/senior-programs](http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/quality-of-life/senior-programs).

**Digital Safety for Seniors:** 12:30-1:30 Wednesday, June 20, July 25, Aug. 29, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Nov. 28, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle De Santiago. N.M. Attorney General and Comcast

support training seniors in computer safety. Adelante Development Center conducts the trainings. All are welcome.

**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 to 1 p.m. Info: 575-528-5046.



# Best friends can be potential life savers

By AVRA ELLIOTT

For the Bulletin

Our most faithful friends are often four-legged, and while every dog owner believes (knows) that their dog is the most unique and perfect animal in the world, Claren Wilson of CloudK9 Dog Training helps them train and build relationships with their animals.

“The goal of all these classes is to create a good strong bond with your dog, so you can live in harmony,” Wilson said. “That doesn’t always happen right away, so we work to create a sense of trust without using any threatening or aversive methods.”

Wilson received her bachelor’s degree in animal science from New Mexico State University with a focus on companion animals, and worked as a pet trainer at Petco before starting her own dog training business five years ago. As CloudK9 grew, Wilson hired an assistant trainer, Aliah Clever, a fellow animal science student, who began as a CloudK9 intern.

Currently, classes offered at CloudK9 help create better-trained companions, but also prepare some dogs for possible service careers.

Service is not a calling for every dog, Wilson said, but her classes help identify a dog’s “career path.”

“They don’t all make it to being a service dog,” she said. “I always tell the owners to keep in mind that it may not work out. We like to put our dogs

on pedestals, but we don’t always recognize when the work is stressing the dog.”

Wilson often places potential service dogs in beginning classes taught by Clever, where they socialize and undergo behavioral training. Wilson plans group service animal training classes, but she is taking her time.

“We’re in the process of getting a program fully together for service animals, but it’s a long process because we want to do it right,” said Wilson, who does one-on-one work with some service animals, specializing in diabetic alert dogs.

Diabetic alert dogs can be more accurate and timely than a glucose meter, Wilson says, and some are trained to bring a juice box when someone’s sugar levels are low, or to go for help.

“A dog can alert someone who is sleeping or driving,” Wilson said, “or a diabetic child who is playing in a park and is unaware of their sugar levels changing.”

When training a dog, always be aware of the animal’s wellbeing, Wilson says. While one dog may excel as a companion for someone visually impaired, another dog might find it too stressful. In such a case, Wilson will help a dog make a “career change.”

“If they can’t do their job, they aren’t helping that person, but a dog that isn’t ready to help someone who is blind might be able to help someone else with mobility (problems).”

While not every companion animal has a



BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

**Claren Wilson from Cloud K-9 Dog Training Services and her dog Artemis, a 6-year-old German Sheppard-husky mix, show some training exercises Friday, June 1, outside Tractor Supply on Picacho Avenue and Valley Drive.**

“job,” Wilson said, there is no denying that pets provide an emotional lift. Scientific evidence even indicates pets lower our chances of stroke or heart attack.

“They provide us with so many benefits, whether we realize it or not,” Wilson said.

CloudK9 also offers private classes dealing with pet anxieties and behavioral problems, and she hopes to expand her services.

“I am hoping we’ll have

another visitation dog evaluator in town soon,” said Wilson, who can train visitation dogs but is not currently certified to evaluate them. “Las Cruces is relatively dog friendly, so I am looking forward to helping even more people and their dogs.”

For more information, visit [cloudk9nm.com](http://cloudk9nm.com).

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## THE CAT’S MEOW ADOPTABLE CAT OF THE WEEK



### CRYSTAL

This is Crystal. She is about nine months old, and is a very sweet kitty. She has a blue eye and a green eye, which makes her extra special! She is young, so enjoys playing and being active, and she seems to get along with both dogs and cats. To visit with Crystal call or email Kim at 575.202.1674, [nmkimj@gmail.com](mailto:nmkimj@gmail.com). And come visit our kitty family at The Cat’s Meow Rescue and Adoption Center.

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# Stroke survivors feel blessed, but anxiety remains

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

You would never imagine that the one thing Las Cruces residents Mercedes and Harold have in common is that both are stroke survivors.

Mercedes (she asked that her last name not be used) is 26 and a nurse at MountainView Regional Medical Center (MVRMC). In fact, she was at work in the hospital when she had the stroke in February and was in the ER within five minutes of reporting symptoms to a colleague. Mercedes has a patent foramen ovale (PFO: a hole in the heart) that likely contributed to her having a stroke. She is back at work and making a full recovery.

Harold Riley, 82, had been suffering from chronic back problems and a gall bladder infection last summer when his wife, Fran, noticed that he wasn't calling objects by their correct names. It was several days before Riley talked to a physician's assistant and tests revealed he'd had a stroke. Riley never received treatment for it because he didn't suffer the physical damage generally associated with strokes. A retired CPA, Riley is still recovering from the stroke and dealing with neurological damage.

## MERCEDES

For Mercedes, the stroke happened during "a regular day" at work on MVRMC's fourth floor. She was sitting down, charting patient data and discovered she couldn't uncross her legs, had blurry vision in one eye and garbled speech or was unable to speak at all.

Because the PFO is a pre-disposition for stroke, "I knew it could happen," Mercedes said, "but I didn't think it would happen."

Mercedes said she felt rising anxiety and "impending doom." She didn't want to acknowledge what was happening, thinking, "Not me."

A co-worker called MVRMC's rapid response team, Mercedes was rushed to the ER in a wheelchair and was hooked up to an IV within minutes. She was



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

**Ron Cavill, president of New Mexico Friends of Wellness nonprofit, presents a plaque to Erin Martin, RN, chief quality officer at MountainView Regional Medical Center, in thanks for the hospital's support of the ninth annual Stroke Awareness Golf Tournament, held May 5 at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. The tournament welcomed 132 golfers and raised thousands of dollars for stroke survivors in Las Cruces. Funds raised by the tournament will provide support through the nonprofit to southern New Mexicans who have experienced a life-altering injury or illness and are unable to pay for needed supplies and materials. A recent purchase was a wheelchair, Cavill said, for a stroke survivor who had his stolen while he was receiving treatment.**

given an MRI and determined to be a good candidate for tissue plasminogen activator (TPA), a powerful clot-busting blood thinner.

"It was within minutes that I felt my arm again," Mercedes said.

Nurses in the ER with Mercedes were "watching the stroke stop," said MVRMC Chief Quality Officer Erin Martin, RN.

Mercedes was monitored in MVRMC's intensive care unit for 24 hours and then allowed to go home. She continued to have some difficulty speaking after the stroke and started physical therapy, which included re-learning math skills.

Therapy is critical to overcoming a stroke, Martin said. Healthy brain pathways are retrained to take over functions from parts of the brain damaged by a stroke.

"Through time and training, the brain will start to recover," Martin said.

More than four months after her

stroke, Mercedes has dealt with depression and has relived that moment last February when she realized something was critically wrong. Mercedes is back at work at MVRMC and is even reaching out to help others. She started speaking to groups about her experiences about a month ago.

Mercedes is helping to champion the stroke program, Martin said.

"She is a stroke survivor." She overcame it. She did it."

"We're such a huge family," Mercedes said about MVRMC. "I was taken care of by the best people."

The MVRMC Stroke Center was accredited in 2012 and treated 360 stroke patients in 2017, Martin said. There are eight to 10 people on the hospital's stroke code team, which she said deals with a stroke much like a code blue emergency response team.

"It's a well-choreographed process,"

## 'Time is brain' for stroke sufferers

"The typical patient loses 1.9 million neurons each minute in which stroke is untreated," according to an American Heart Association online journal. "Compared with the normal rate of neuron loss in brain aging, the ischemic (restricted blood supply) brain ages 3.6 years each hour without treatment."

A stroke is like "a forest fire in the brain," said Erin Martin, RN, chief quality officer at MountainView Regional Medical Center. "Time is brain," she said, quoting a phrase often used to emphasize the importance of treating a stroke as quickly as possible after its onset.

FAST is an acronym useful in determining signs of a stroke and a reminder of the critical time factor in getting treatment. F: Face drooping or numb. Is the person's smile uneven? A: Arm weakness. Is one arm weak or numb? Can the person raise both arms without one drifting downward? S: Speech difficulty. Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Can the person correctly repeat the words in a simple sentence? T: Time to call 9-1-1. Paramedics can begin care in the patient's home before he or she even gets to the ER. And never drive yourself to the hospital. That not only takes more precious time, it can cause secondary incidents.

Stroke treatment was revolutionized in 1996 with the introduction of tissue plasminogen activator (TPA), which is the "very potent blood-thinning medication" given to many stroke patients, Martin said. Before TPA, she said, treating a stroke was about helping a victim survive. Now, after administering TPA, doctors and nurses in the ER are "watching the stroke stop," Martin said.

The drug needs to be administered within four and one-half hours after a stroke to be effective, and the first 60 minutes after the stroke is called the "golden hour," she said. Eighty-five percent of strokes are ischemic.

# I turned to hemp oil for post-surgical pain

For over 40 years I have been educating and guiding my patients on the value of natural medicine, herbs in general and on cannabis specifically. I speak from experience, not from theory.



**HILDA LUZ CHAVEZ**

The Good Herb

I have seen medicinal cannabinoids used to calm the side effects of cancer: nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, of chemotherapy and gastrointestinal conditions. I have seen and personally experienced the effective use of cannabinoid topicals for pain: arthritis, peripheral neuropathy, fibromyalgia, etc. For PTSD, it has proven very effective in managing anxiety, anger, nightmares and insomnia.

There is plenty of concrete evidence to validate the medicinal value of cannabinoids. I also have a personal story to share.

In 2017, after a year of symptoms, I was diagnosed with a huge hiatal hernia. Repair of this condition requires major surgery. Finding a qualified gastro surgeon locally was challenging, so I waited to schedule the surgery until I found a surgeon I was comfortable with. In the meantime, I managed the symptoms (labored breathing, stomach pain, pressure on heart and lung, reflux, GERD, etc.), with herbal tinctures, medicinal cannabinoids and other prescription medi-

cine as needed.

I am a licensed medical cannabis patient and I ingested CBD cannabinoids for the pain and inflammation, but a combination of Indica THC/CBD was eventually used to achieve maximum benefits.

Two weeks ago, I was at Mayo Clinic – Phoenix, being wheeled into the surgery room to repair the hiatal hernia. I had done due diligence and researched the surgery, the side effects, the benefits and the recovery process. I knew it was a major surgery. I would have pain and discomfort. I had spoken with one of the surgeons prior to the surgery and was comfortable with her abilities, experience and bedside manner. I learned there would be two surgeons involved. I

was ready.

I had to put my life in their hands and trust the process. I knew that I would need medication to rest and heal. The surgeons were informed that I was a medical cannabis patient.

NOTE: Always discuss the use of cannabinoids with your doctors. By being honest and transparent, we all learn.

Prior to being wheeled into surgery I was given IV morphine in combination with anesthesia. Surgery went well. Next thing I knew, a couple of hours later, I was in recovery feeling minimal pain – mostly in the left shoulder due to irritation of the phrenic nerve, not expected.

Later, the pain in the abdomen worsened. I

was given morphine liquid around midnight. It knocked me out but when I awoke I was in pain. Another dose of morphine liquid around 3 a.m. did not reduce pain, it was stimulating, and I could not go back to sleep. I experienced some anxiety, as well. I decided then that I would forego opiates and use only Tylenol and hemp CBD oil topically and orally. Out of respect for Mayo's policy around cannabis, I did not use THC oil while in the hospital.

Remarkably, I was released the next day. They gave me a prescription for Oxycodone liquid. I took two doses and decided it was not for me. There are side effects to using Oxy and I did not want them: constipation, anxiety, and

the taste was intolerable. It was like drinking very sweet, fluorescent pink liquid metal.

I opted instead for Tylenol and hemp CBD oil. Once I got home, I added the Indica THC/CBD combination to my regimen.

I expect a full recovery and I look forward to a healthier body, mind and spirit!

*Hilda Luz Chavez, ND, is a traditional naturopath, healer and medical cannabis expert, with over 40 years' experience in the field of natural medicine. She encourages medical cannabis users to tell her their stories of treating pain with the good herb by calling 915-204-5440 or emailing chavezhl@aol.com.*

## STROKE

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MVRMC Marketing and Business Development Director Ben Woods said. Each team member has specific jobs and responsibilities.

## HAROLD

Harold Riley's wife, Fran, knew something wasn't right when she handed her husband a banana and he called it something completely different. Harold couldn't come up with the correct names for other things and some people and had a troubled look, Fran said.

"Something is wrong here," Fran said she thought, but had no idea what it was, thinking Harold's neurological dysfunction was related to his other health issues.

"He doesn't express pain," Fran said. "He's very stoic."

"I'm always hesitant to get things checked out," Harold said.

But, after talking to their daughter, Harold and Fran visited a physician's assistant and got the necessary referrals. A neurological workup showed that Harold had suffered an infarction (obstruction of the blood supply) of the basal ganglia and other cerebral infarctions.

By the time he understood what had happened, "the damage had already been done," Harold said.

He began twice weekly in-home health care with both a physical therapist and a speech therapist.

"Speech was the biggest problem," Fran said.

"It still is," Harold said, "I don't recall names cor-

rectly."

Harold and Fran are grateful that he survived the stroke and didn't suffer any paralysis or weakness.

"It could have been much worse," Fran said.

"I was very fortunate," Harold said. "I've always lived a charmed life."

Nearly a year after his stroke, Harold's recovery is continuing. He gets around without a walker and "hasn't lost his wit," said family friend Ron Cavill.

"I think I am getting better," Harold said. "It doesn't do any good to look back."

The therapy he has received has "really, really helped him," Fran said.

Harold and Fran both feel fear and anxiety as they deal with the aftermath of Harold's stroke. She's taken him back to the doctor more than once, wondering, "Is this an-

other one."

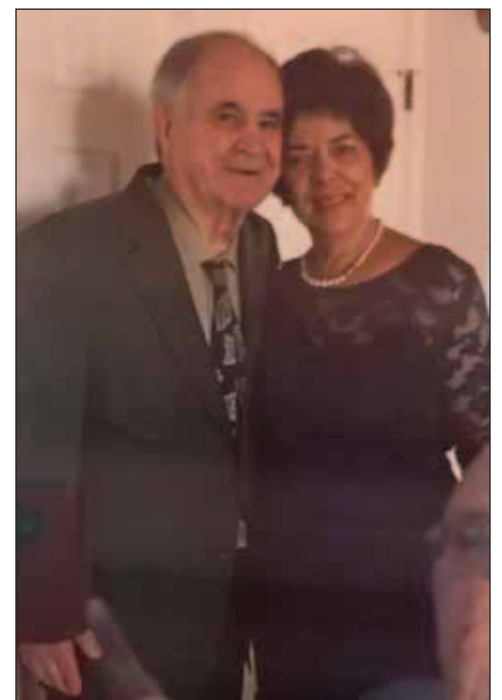
But "so far, so good," Fran said. "Harold has a lot of strong faith and hope. Whatever God has for him is okay."

Fran sometimes struggles with "having the kind of compassion I should," she said. I get mad at him. He can't always remember the way he says things he doesn't mean. He blames me. It feels like I'm being blamed."

"She does a great job," Harold said.

Both the Rileys have this advice for others: Even if you don't have the symptoms generally associated with a stroke, if you think something is wrong, get it checked out.

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

**Las Cruces stroke survivor Harold Riley and his wife, Fran, from their 60th wedding anniversary photo taken in February.**

# Volunteers, children buddy up to books

The morning starts joyfully with 25 volunteers sipping coffee and eating snacks in a cheery room. Each one has been serving as a Reading Buddy to a second grader in one of six different elementary schools. These people are not teachers or tutors; instead they see themselves as friends with books. They show up regularly at school once or twice a week to read one-on-one with a child who struggles with reading.

Reading Buddies are a mixed group of women and men, retired from a variety of work environments, a few former



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Reading Solution

teachers, college students, some are grandparents but others have never spent much time with children before this. The volunteers are getting together as a group for the

first time to share experiences with each other. Most of the Buddies have never met. They discover that, although their challenges and successes may be different, the overall power of their experiences is largely the same. What these strangers have in common is a personal commitment to helping children learn to read.

As they talk, it be-



Reading Buddies in front row are, from left, Maryellen Kebbel, Joan Dyer, Jan Reed, Eva Northcliff, Donna Davis, Linda Buttram; back row, from left, Joan Dyer, Nancy Kimble, Jean Berlowitz, Aletta Wilson, Cheryl Howard, Robert Martinez, Grace Quiros, Barbara Jones, Carol Winkler, Marcus Crawford, Garfield Salas.

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comes apparent that they have had to get creative with their strategies for engaging their little buddies. For two little boys disinterested in their books, listening to an adult read with exuberance and expression was enough to change their attitudes and encourage them to use their own voice to make the text come alive. A child who reads beautifully in Spanish and quite fluently in English had no idea what he was reading until his Buddy introduced him to some engaging bi-lingual books. For another one, a passion for snow leopards was the key to getting him to move from looking at pictures to actually reading about them. One Buddy gets his little guy's attention by showing him his name on a map, while

another showed his buddy the constellation of stars that shared his name.

There are frustrations. For many of the children, it's the sitting still that is hard. Others have vivid imaginations for their own storytelling that they would rather tap into.

A few Buddies witness spectacular changes. A quiet little girl started the school year so shy she didn't participate in class at all. Her teacher was worried that she would fail second grade. With consistent encouragement from her Buddy, her classroom behavior completely changed; now she loves to read aloud to the class and has become a class leader. Another child discovered the joy of reading through a love of astronomy. On the

last reading test of the year, his was the high score of the class.

Although not all of the children make great gains, all of the Buddies feel that their time and attention has been well-spent.

As the party breaks up, one volunteer still has a story to tell. Her experience is touching her so profoundly that she hesitates to share it. She and her rambunctious little buddy have formed an especially close bond and really enjoy their time together.

The child is easily distracted and one day the volunteer moved her hand to help direct the child's attention. Quite suddenly the little girl's face contorted in terror and she shrank visibly in her seat. Startled and confused, the volunteer

asked what was wrong. The child answered, "I thought you were going to hit me."

When people ask me, "How's the reading going?" they sometimes want to know if test scores have improved or they might be inquiring about how we can create a more literate workforce to support the economy. Volunteers never ask this question. Volunteers take a risk to find out, "How are our children doing?"

*Rorie Measure is the president of Children's Reading Alliance, a grassroots citizen-led initiative to encourage family literacy throughout Doña Ana County. Rorie is a reader, writer, teacher, reading specialist and literacy trainer. She can be reached at [rmeasure@gmail.com](mailto:rmeasure@gmail.com).*

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# Cuenca accepts CEO position at MountainView



CUENCA

## BULLETIN REPORT

Derrick Cuenca has accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer for Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Cuenca will serve as CEO for both the medical center and MountainView Medical

Group.

Cuenca has served as CEO at Lake Granbury Medical Center in Granbury, Texas, since 2013.

“My family and I are excited for the opportunity to become part of Las Cruces and the Mesilla Valley,” Cuenca said in a news

release. “MountainView has a strong reputation of growth to better meet the healthcare needs for the region. I am eager to build upon this tradition. I especially look forward to engaging with and supporting our skilled and compassionate physicians

and staff who make a difference in individual lives each day.”

Cuenca, a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, has more than 10 years of executive healthcare administrative experience coupled with nine years

of clinical experience as a surgical technician and supervisor.

From 1997 to 2006, he served in the United States Navy as a surgical tech and supervisor, including one tour as a medical corpsman in support of U.S. Marines deployed in Iraq.

## HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

**Running Club series:** 9 a.m. Saturdays, June 9 and 23, July 14 and 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@lascrucesrunningclub.com.

- June 9, La Llorona Park.
- June 23, dam behind Albertsons on Telshor.
- July 14: Veterans Park on Roadrunner Parkway.
- July 28: Salopek/Stull Park on Salopek Blvd. 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.

**Dementia Caregiving 101:** 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays through June 13, Southern Area Health Center, 4003 Geothermal Drive. Education course offered by the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter. Cost: Free. Info and registration: 1-800-272-3900 or kmgandara@alz.org.

**Youth Tennis Program:** 8:30-10 a.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays, June 12-28 and July 10-26, Lion's Park. Las Cruces Tennis Players Association program for kids 5-11+ years. Cost: \$50 or \$6 per day. Info and registration: 575-303-6568 or www.tennisatlionspark.com.

**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.

## 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. Bring a friend or family member.

**Alzheimer's and dementia support group:** 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor

Court. Presented by Arbor of Del Rey and Home Instead Senior Care. Info: 505-659-8100.

**Ambercare Hospice Volunteer Program:** Ambercare seeks individuals interested in volunteers to offer comfort and support to patients and their families. Hospice volunteers read, take walks, listen or provide companionship. Training provided. Info: 575-556-8409, ext. 12418, or jlopez@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 cardio, Pilates, isometric movements, plyometrics into a 45-minute series. Info: 575-541-2782.

**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 still-

ness, silence, emptiness a journey to the inner self, where the Spirit of God abides." Info: Joe Murray 860.514.0548 or joe@haidacher.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 tryout classes. Info: Call or text, 575 405-4142.

- Dance Fit: 8:30-10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Ballet: 8-9 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays.

**Diabetes support group:** 10-11:15 a.m. third Thursday in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide open discussion and teaching regarding diabetes and a question-and-answer period. Info: 575-522-0289.

**Hearing voices:** 3 p.m. Tuesdays, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. A group for people who hear voices, have visions and unusual experiences to share experiences and learn from each other. Family members, friends and interested people are also welcome. Info: Al Galves 575-571-3105 or agalves2003@comcast.net.

**Immunization services:** For children up to 18, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5006.

**Jazzercise Lite:** 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. Info: Diane 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



FC GRANDE FACEBOOK PAGE

FC Grande founder and President Alexis Ruiz

# Local soccer club takes its first step

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces native Alexis Ruiz gets a real kick out of soccer.

The 2016 Las Cruces High School graduate has been playing soccer since he was 7, and last November he started FC (for Football Club) Grande in Las Cruces.

FC Grande includes boys and men ages 16-30 and is among six teams in the Southwest Conference of the United Premier Soccer League. The conference also includes one team in El

Paso and four in Phoenix. Halfway through a 12-game season that started March 24, FC Grande was 3-3 at the end of May and is hoping to make the playoffs in its first season.

The team coach is Alex Reyes, who coaches and teaches at Centennial High School.

Ruiz said about 70 hopefuls attended the team's first tryouts last December. There are 30 active players, with 11 selected to play in each 90-minute match.

The team plays

weekly or every two weeks and practices three times a week. Many team members also regularly engage in early-morning runs and other workouts to help stay in shape, he said.

"It's a very active sport."

FC Grande's next match is 7 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at the High School Soccer Complex behind Mayfield High School, where attendance averages about 300. Admission is \$5.

"Our crowds are

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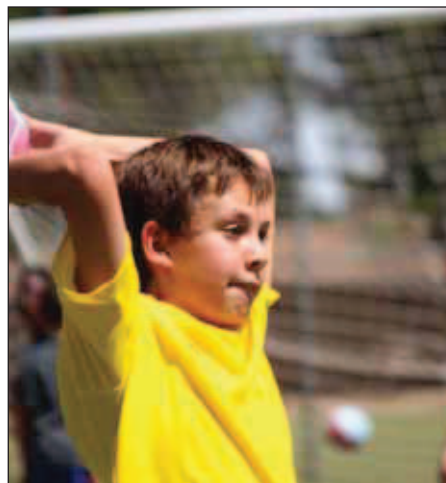
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Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp coaches Matt Parker, Kieran Sanderson, Ariel Ronqui and Matt Lawtey, all from Leeds, England, congratulate Madison McGarvey as MVP on her team.



Camp participant Maeley Jones is the goal keeper.

Camp participant Joseph McKenna makes a throw-in to a teammate during a scrimmage.



## Soccer camp

The Challenger Sports British Soccer Camp took place at the High Noon Soccer Complex Thursday, May 31, where participants were taught the basics of the sport, known as football throughout the world.



Camp participant Joseph McKenna plays in a scrimmage.

# The doctor is in to answer your questions

**Question.** I read your column regularly and like how you talk about down-to-earth situations that real golfers struggle with. You have discussed fear on the golf course, but I have a habit of getting nervous, to the point of shaking, when I think my friends are standing around as an audience. It's hurting my game.

*Roberto G., Las Cruces*

**Dr. Golf.** You mention a major area of difficulty for a lot of athletes, speakers and performers, not just golfers. Feeling like you're under a microscope and constantly being evaluated can paralyze a person with fear.

I suggest you start



**CHARLIE BLANCHARD**  
Golf Doctor

training yourself to feel like you are standing in your own personal, private space that nobody can penetrate. A psychologist colleague of mine advises his public speaking clients to stay in their "light," because often the actual stage lights are so bright they can't see the audience. Start working within your own "light cone" where you are immersed in your own performance to the exclusion of everything and everybody nearby. This is related to the "zone" in sports. Also, don't get too serious on the golf course; enjoy the company of your companions a little more.

**Question.** One of the players in our group cheats. He secretly drops a ball when his ball is lost, claiming he found it. Several times we have found his original ball but he denies it. He moves the ball when he thinks no one is looking. He over-looks a whiff in a bunker and reports lower scores. He's a bully so the other fellas won't call him on it. I'm in a quandary as to what to do.

*Bruce D., Las Cruces*

**Dr. Golf.** You raise a good point – what to do about cheaters. A number of years ago during the Las Cruces City Championship I called out a competitor for telling me the wrong score on a hole. "You made a six, I believe, not a five,

as you reported," I said. This buffoon charged me so belligerently that I thought he was going to punch me.

"Pay attention to your own score and don't screw around with mine," he shouted as he got into my face. The fact that each player is obligated to "protect the field" when they see something wrong was lost on this idiot.

When people play for championships or money, and they feel their image will suffer, some are tempted to cheat. They rationalize it as a mere "bending" of the rules. A friend who was a big gambler in Las Vegas used to hustle golf for large sums of money. Cheating was an "art form," he said. He'd talk about other hus-

tlers getting ahold of his clubs at night and changing the loft and lies, even the putter grips.

"They'd shoot balls full of mercury. They'd have magnetic putters and lead ball markers so they'd press the mark and carry it five feet forward of a foot sideways to take the break out of the putts."

What can you do with the cheater in your group? I'd find another group to play with. If asked why you quit your group, just tell it like it is – that you're tired of playing with a cheater.

**Question.** My buddies joke with me about my putting and gave me the nickname "putter of the week Dan." I make some unlikely putts but miss a lot of putts I should make.

I change putters constantly and don't know the right putter for my stroke.

*Dan P., Hatch.*

**Dr. Golf.** Putter comes in all specifications, lengths and styles, as you know. The two main style choices are for a mallet putter versus a blade putter, and a center-shafted versus heel-shafted putter. For example, if your misses are left you probably should be using a face-balanced mallet. I plan on doing a two-part detailed rundown on putters. Keep reading.

*Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports. Contact him at docblanchard71@gmail.com.*

## CLUB

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pretty awesome," Ruiz said.

Being team president, talking to businesses about sponsorships, answering emails about the team and managing the FC Grande website takes up most of Ruiz's time, in addition to playing soccer and practice time.

"I love soccer," Ruiz said. "I give it my all."

And, he sees potential for his new team, which he hopes will ultimately make the jump to professional (paid) status.

Ruiz said he is also planning a soccer academy for 6-, 7- and 8-year olds to "invest in the future" and create tomorrow's FC Grande players.

He also wants to teach



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**Soccer is an active sport that requires players to be in shape.**

youngsters about a healthy lifestyle, respect, discipline, leadership and teamwork.

Perhaps the next big soccer star will come from such a program, Ruiz said.

"We've got to give

them that opportunity."

For more information, contact Ruiz at fc.grande@yahoo.com. Visit fcgrande.org.

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

## Edgy showing



COURTESY PHOTO

**Members of the Las Cruces Edge soccer team present their medals after taking second place in the Nevada Memorial Cup youth tournament May 25-27 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Head coach is Timothy Sneed and assistant coach is Michael Soffera.**



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