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Connie Chapman and Margot Leverett share a flame during an impromptu candlelight vigil in Plaza de Las Cruces Aug. 13, the day after a political demonstration in Virginia turned violent, resulting in three deaths and numerous injuries. See more images on page 35. County GOP chair resigns following remarks, page 25.

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## Upcoming conference focuses on mental health

Doña Ana County residents with an interest in mental health issues will have the opportunity on Aug. 30 to take part in a conference sponsored by the Doña Ana County Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, in conjunction with Doña Ana County's Health and Human Services Department.

The "I'm in to Mental Health" conference – funded by the Paso del Norte Health Foundation – will take place at the Las Cruces Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring educational sessions on family and peer-education programs, as well as family-support and



peer-support programs.

Participants will be provided with educational materials including a guide titled, 'Starting the Conversation,' which contains information relevant to parents and college-age students. This guide can be helpful to young adults and their parents,

caregivers or families.

Participants also will have the opportunity to learn more about mental health realities, including the fact

that one in five Americans lives with a mental health condition.

Mental-health first aid classes will be scheduled in October and November to follow up on the information presented at the Aug. 30 conference.

For more information on the classes or the conference, call (575) 525-5870 or email [mhfa@donaanacounty.org](mailto:mhfa@donaanacounty.org). Mental-health advocates also are advised to monitor the Doña Ana County website ([www.donaanacounty.org](http://www.donaanacounty.org)) for a schedule of mental health first aid classes coming up in 2018.

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## Two county department heads set to retire

Two of Doña Ana County's longest serving department heads will retire from public service on Thursday, Aug. 31.

Paul Dugie of the Doña Ana County Flood Commission and Armando Cordero of the Doña Ana County Facilities and Parks Department will walk out the door that day with the gratitude of their colleagues and subordinates for jobs well-done.

Dugie joined Doña Ana County October 13, 1999, as the Flood Commission Director. Under his direction, the FEMA Cooperating Technical Partners program went live, which allows the County to introduce changes to the Flood Insurance Maps and FEMA's Community Rating System program. In 2004, he contracted the first county-wide aerial photography and



**DUGIE**



**CORDERO**

digital terrain mapping service. Under his direction, the office is developing the state's first county-wide stream and rain gauge network. He was recognized by New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association in 2006 as 'Floodplain Manager of the Year.'

Cordero began working for Doña Ana County in July of 2000 as the assistant director of the Facilities and Parks Department. In June of 2004, he was promoted to interim general services director, and in November of 2004, he was named manager of the Facilities and Parks Department, where he oversees all new construction and renovation projects on parks, ball-parks, buildings and community centers.

Doña Ana County Interim Manager Chuck McMahon said both will be missed.

## Vasquez sets community meeting on flood issues

District 5 Doña Ana County Commissioner John L. Vasquez has scheduled a community meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, to discuss concerns about flooding in and around the Village of Hatch.

The meeting will be staged at the Village of Hatch Community Center at 837 Highway 187. Translation

services will be provided.

Constituents unable to attend the meeting who would like to visit Commissioner Vasquez can make office appointments by calling (575) 525-5809.

His office is in the second floor administrative suite of the Doña Ana County Government Center.

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**Gov. Gary Locke**, former U.S. Ambassador to China; former U.S. Secretary of Commerce; former Governor of Washington

### U.S. Foreign Policy: Russia

**Eric Edelman**, former Undersecretary of Defense for Policy; former U.S. Ambassador to Turkey

## Thursday, September 14

### Cloud-enabled Education for a 21st-century Workforce

**Ken Eisner**, Sr. Manager, Worldwide Education Programs and Global Lead-AWS Educate, Amazon Web Services

### Equity in Education

**Pedro Noguera**, Distinguished Professor of Education at the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA

### Education and the Workforce for the Future

**Dr. Antonia Novello**, former U.S. Surgeon General

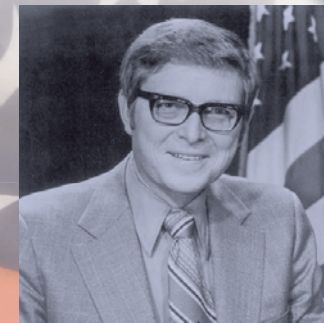
### Workforce Readiness: New Mexico

**Celina Bussey**, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions

### The Future of the Workplace

**Seth Harris**, former Acting U.S. Secretary of Labor; former Deputy U.S. Secretary of Labor

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# Step Up Steve

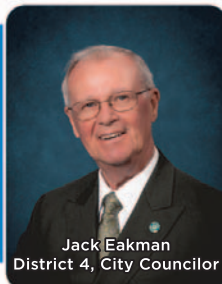
Step Up Steve, a group of 501c3 nonprofit organizations criticizing the environmental/conservation voting record of Rep. Steve Pearce, held a rally Aug. 3 at Albert Johnson Park. According to a press release: "Our coalition contends that Steve Pearce's voting record is out of touch with the positions of most southern New Mexicans on public lands, renewable energy, and conservation. We want to increase attention on his record so his constituents can ask him to 'Step Up' and do a better job at fighting for New Mexican values." Collaborating partner organizations are Lucas Herndon, ProgressNow NM Education Fund; Nayomi Valdez, OLÉ Education Fund; Gabe Vasquez, New Mexico Wildlife Federation; Andrea Sandoval, Vet Voice Foundation; and the Hispanic Access Foundation. Billboards from each partner organization were displayed.



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## Eakman to Hold District 4 Resident Meeting



Jack Eakman  
District 4, City Councilor

City Councilor Jack Eakman, District 4, will host a meeting for residents and business owners to discuss local street and road construction projects currently underway or about to begin in District 4.

Eakman invites attendees to bring questions and comments regarding the topic.

**The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, at the Trails West Senior Community, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Commons Building.**

Directions to Trails West: Driving into Mesilla on Avenida de Mesilla, go past the Comfort Inn, then turn right on Happy Trails Drive into the Trails West community. At the gate, inform the gate keeper that you are there for Councilor Eakman's meeting.

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# Back-to-school safety tips offered

## BULLETIN REPORT

The new academic year is upon us, so the Las Cruces Police Department reminds motorists to drive with caution, particularly when traveling through school zones and near bus stops.

### Basic back-to-school safety tips for motorists:

- Obey all traffic laws and speed limits, especially the 15 MPH limit in school zones.
- Do not pass other vehicles in school zones or at crosswalks.
- Do not change lanes in school zones.
- Do not make U-Turns in school zones.
- Do not text or otherwise use a cell phone unless it is completely hands-free.
- Stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children.
- Watch for and obey signals from school crossing guards.
- Be alert and watch for children near schools, bus stops and in school parking lots.
- Unless licensed to do so, do not park in handicap spaces to drop off or pick up children.
- Do not use curbside lanes (in front of school buildings) that are designated for emergency vehicles only.

### LCPD offers these safety tips for students:

- Parents of younger students who ride a school bus should consider escorting their children to and from their scheduled bus stop.
- Children should not stand or play in the roadway while waiting for, or leaving, a school bus.
- Students who ride the bus should follow all safety rules and avoid distracting the driver.
- Students who walk should do so in pairs, or groups, and follow safety rules for pedestrians.
- Cross streets only at crosswalks and follow the directions given by school crossing guards.
- Students who ride a bike should wear a helmet and follow all safety rules for bicyclists.
- Walk – don't ride – a bicycle across streets and only in designated crosswalks.
- Teenage students who drive to school should avoid speeding and minimize distractions from cell phone usage, eating, loud music or disruptive passengers.
- Never overload a vehicle. Every passenger must use a safety belt.
- Always act as a positive role model for younger siblings and fellow students. Avoid horseplay on sidewalks, while riding a bus or bicycle, and while traveling in a vehicle.



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## County should strengthen support of MVEDA

### Let's build on more than 20 years of important work

**T**he Aug. 22 meeting of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners has an agenda item regarding economic development.

Facing commissioners will be a decision whether to approve a request for proposal on economic development services.



**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

The county staff recommendation is for a dual award, renewable for four years: \$100,000 to the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) and \$100,000 to the Hunt Institute for Global Competitiveness, an entity working through the University of Texas-El Paso, focusing on data and analysis in the Paso del Norte region.

I have learned not to predict the actions of elected officials, but I will state my hope for this issue. I hope the commission will amend the approval to focus the funding solely to MVEDA, so it can better build on the years of work it has already done on economic development in Doña Ana County.

Why MVEDA? Here are some good reasons.

**Tried and true** – Founded in 1994, MVEDA has spent years building powerful, productive partnerships with other local, state and regional organizations, creating a unique synergy of information and productivity.

**Results** – Between 2012 and 2016, MVEDA's efforts produced 2,765 jobs in the County. Projects created capital investments more than \$226 million. Those jobs

generated more than \$82 million in payroll. Taxes on the capital and payroll also generated significant revenue for Doña Ana County, as did all the household spending those workers generated. MVEDA's FY 2016 report demonstrated that, for public sector partners such as the County, the return on investment was 13-to-1, meaning every dollar invested by public sectors generated \$13 in new local tax revenue. If you find any other investments with a 13-to-1 ROI, please let me know immediately.

**Educating our students** – The ROI for our schools was even higher in FY 2016, as every dollar invested by education partners generated \$35 in new education-related taxes. Our schools can use that support to help educating our children.

**Training** – MVEDA helps train and grow our workforce to make the Mesilla Valley more attractive to businesses and manufacturers. One example is the Jobs to Career Readiness Boot Camp. In FY 2016, the camps helped nearly 1,000 local potential job candidates make themselves more marketable. Doña Ana Community College, New Mexico Workforce Connection and the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce aided those efforts, demonstrating the type of collaborations that define the "alliance" in MVEDA's name.

**Taking care of business** – If local businesses find themselves in need of help, or expansion, MVEDA steps in to provide assistance. When the Sitel corporation closed its Las Cruces facility, MVEDA and its partners were right there, working to help displaced workers find new employment. These things protect the county's revenues and tax base.

The Hunt Institute has done some intriguing research, which reflects the history of the El Paso, Juarez and Las Cruces region through theoretical, academic analytics. Interesting but, to me,

not readily practical.

In case you haven't heard, New Mexico is deeply struggling in many economic areas. Frankly, we are in a battle for our future. It seems to me we need soldiers on the ground, soldiers like MVEDA, battling tooth and nail to bring new jobs here and protecting current jobs.

I reviewed the county's analysis of the two firms, and the recommendation for scope of work for each. The scope it recommended for the Hunt Institute included many things MVEDA has already done and has been doing well for years. Why reinvent the wheel?

I also reviewed the County's Plan 2040 upon which part of the evaluation was based ([donaanacounty.org/development/plans](http://donaanacounty.org/development/plans), page 80).

Goal 6.10, on page 94, reads: "Doña Ana loses retail sales and some service offerings to El Paso and Chihuahua. It needs to strengthen its retail sales and business-to-business sales and services in order to keep money from leaking out of the county."

Ironically, the county is recommending intentionally leaking \$100,000 a year out of the county to El Paso.

The value of MVEDA cannot be overstated, and I could ramble on for another 20 pages.

So I will wrap with my opening thought. My hope is our county commissioners see the value and benefit of the immense groundwork done the past 20-plus years, and amend the recommendation solely in the direction of MVEDA.

Let's build on MVEDA's foundation and keep things going. It's a battlefield out there, and New Mexico is already outmanned. Let's not tie the hands of one of our best forces: MVEDA.

If you feel the same way, make plans to be at the county government building Aug. 22 to let the commission know.

### We want your letters

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### County chair's comments outrageous

To the editor:

There are no words strong enough to express my outrage, disgust and disappointment at the comments made by the chair of the Republican Party of Doña Ana County. His comments do not reflect my personal views nor do I believe they represent the views of the majority of county Republicans about the Charlottesville tragedy.

My deepest prayers go out to those impacted by these events and it saddens me that our country has come to such an inexcusable level of violence. Our nation is at a crossroads and we need inclusion, tolerance, and respectful dialogue now more than ever.

I hope to work with my fellow council members and our community to create an environment where we can peacefully and safely discuss our differences without fear.

The Republican Party of Doña Ana County clearly needs new leadership.

*Ceil Levatino*  
Las Cruces city councilor, District 6

*Editor's note: Regarding the comments to which Levatino refers, County GOP Chairman Roman Jimenez had posted a statement on the party's Facebook page that resulted in his sudden resignation. See story on page 25.*

### State GOP opposes hate, racism

To the editor:

The Republican Party of New Mexico stands against the extreme acts of violence, racism and hate occurring in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The Republican Party of New Mexico is deeply saddened by the horrific and tragic events that have occurred in Charlottesville over the past few days. These events are destructive to our nation's wellbeing, peace and progress and should be condemned. There is no room for racism and hatred in our country.

The Republican Party of New Mexico takes a firm stand against any and all racism, and acts of violence and hate. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families during this tragic time.

*Dominic Pacheco*  
On behalf of the Republican Party of New Mexico

### Seeing past skin color

To the editor:

It hit me hard in the wee hours one morning. I was thinking that Reason is the first casualty when emotions run as high as they are just now. I was thinking it would be best if I stayed behind closed doors today. My skin is black. I didn't want to risk becoming collateral damage to someone else's "Got to Prove" or "Ain't Taking This."

Next thing I knew, I was crying in my dear husband's arms as a full-blown anxiety attack took over.

He comforted me with prayer and a whole lot of love. When I tried to tell him about my fears, he gently explained that I had already become collateral damage. The best action is to be normal, he said.

That's when it dawned on me. Despite the obvious travails, the world is a better place. I rarely think of my husband's skin color. It's his heart that always mattered most. But there I was being comforted by a white man who loves me as dearly as I love him.

As a child, I never would have guessed that my future would include being happily married to a blue-eyed man from Virginia. As a child, I was taught to fear white people. I was taught that we had to walk in the ditch when a white person was on the sidewalk.

As a young adult, I marched for equal rights, even participated in a re-enactment of the Selma-to-Montgomery march, aka "Sunday, Bloody Sunday." There were many marches. I was called the "n" word many times. Spit on. Worse.

Believing the world would never change, I gave up.

Eventually, the day came when as the busy-busy managing editor of a newspaper, someone reminded me that I had an appointment with a couple who had asked to meet me. When I asked who the heck these people were, I was told they were Baha'i's. "And what's a Bahá'í?" I asked.

"Oh, it's some hippy-dippy religion." Then as an afterthought, "They have done some good work with race relations, though."

At that point in my life, I had no use for anybody's religion. The message always seemed to be the same: "God loves everybody, except ..."

I gave the nice couple five minutes of polite attention and complete dismissal.

Change happens. Many lifetimes later, I found myself at a Bahá'í gathering. The message was God loves everyone. Period. The faces were even more convincing than the words. I saw white, black, red, yellow and everything in-between interacting with genuine love.

Take a casual glance at my family and friends. You will see much the same thing: White, black, red, yellow and everything in-between. Normal people. Their love of everyone is the norm.

Would you like to learn more about the Bahá'í Faith? Please join the Baha'is' of Las Cruces for "One Planet, One People: A Fireside Discussion on Race Unity" on Friday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. at 3220 Jupiter Road.

Entertainment will be provided by folk-blues musician Darrell Elmer Rodgers. For more information, please call 556-9650 or write to localspiritualassembly@yahoo.com.

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# Horror of war escapes us over time

*"There never was a war more easy to stop than that which has just wrecked what was left of the world from the previous struggle."*

— Winston Churchill, about World War II

It is good that our world has not been in global military conflict since 1945. There have been some very nasty regional conflicts, but it has been 72 since the entire world was at war.

Unfortunately, in that time three generations of American leaders have emerged not steeped in the horrors of WWII. That puts all Americans in danger now. We are seeing saber rattling and belligerent talk out of today's world leaders.

These hot hasty words may push our world into a global conflict. Worse, there is an amnesia in our country

as to the results of any real military conflict.

I was speaking to a couple young men. The potential for global conflict came up and they didn't seem concerned. I said, "You realize that you

young men will fight the next war."

"No," one countered, "I don't want to be in the military." The other one also didn't fancy serving in the military. "But you signed up for the military," I stated.

"Did not," they both said. "You signed up for Selective Service when you turned eighteen." They were confused. "But we had to so that we could get student loans."

"Yes," I agreed. "But you signed up with Selective Service so you can be drafted into the military if our country needs you to fight a war." That

got their attention. Neither of them believed me but I could see they were thinking about this and would get to the truth shortly.

Prior to the first and second world wars, America had a small professional military. That was exhausted in a few months and then came the push for civilians. In WWII about 16 million Americans served in the military. Most were civilian volunteers and draftees.

What to do about this possible war (with North Korea) unseen on the horizon: Ronald Reagan said, "Of the four wars in my lifetime, none came about because the U. S. was too strong."

For our country to stay out of war requires three interconnected actions: first, our country needs a very robust, well-trained professional military. Second, we need political and military leaders who can make tough decisions.

Finally, a firm strategy for winning conflicts.

More so, we need to know at what point do we wave our flags, our bands play and we come home. We experienced the lack of this in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

This kind of closure is what our country had in WWII and what it has lacked ever since, with the exception of the Persian Gulf War. America must have a firm grasp of the end in mind when it gets into shooting conflicts.

If history is any guide, a larger rule is to take the politics out of military action. Hard to do but never use a political solution for a military problem. Never.

Swickard's novel, "Hideaway Hills," is available at Amazon.com. He may be reached at michael.swickard@gmail.com.



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## 3 Things That Surprisingly Won't Help To Ease Your Shoulder Pain



**Las Cruces (NM)** - *By Leading Physical Therapist, Dennis L. Prickett*

Are you or a loved one suffering with, or have you suffered with shoulder pain? Have you experienced the sudden onset of shoulder pain and stiffness? The one that often creeps up on people with no warning and often with no explanation? It's one of those great mysteries of being 50+ and sometimes it just happens. I've had a number of patients come to see me and say very similar things. They just woke up one morning with pain in their neck and shoulder and they thought it would go away on its own but it still hasn't. Or that at first their shoulder just felt stiff when they woke up and they didn't think much of it. However, after a few days their shoulder has become tighter and is now interfering with their day.

It's something that happens to a lot of people, especially without warning. So people often try a number of different options before coming to see me when they're looking for some way to end their shoulder pain. It's normally one of three things they try;

1. Painkillers
2. Rest and time
3. 'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages

Do those options sound familiar? Maybe you haven't tried all of them, but most people will have tried at least one of them. But none of them work. In the long run, they never work, especially not like those people who try them out hope they will. Here's why they don't work:

**Painkillers** - The problem with painkillers is that they might ease your pain for an hour or so, but that's about it. They never actually get rid of your pain, they only mask it. Not only that, but they don't get to the root cause of your painful shoulder. Once they start to wear off and you start to feel the ache and stiffness come back, you reach for a few more to mask it again. The problem is still there and you're left frustrated and with a very tight muscle or a stiff shoulder. They don't solve the problem.

**Rest and time** - This is one of the mistakes that a lot of people make when it comes to pain. Many people think that if they rest their shoulder and keep it immobilized for a few days, the pain will go away

and they will be fine again. Wrong. The more you rest it, the tighter your muscles become and the more stiff your joints become too. Imagine leaving your car sitting on the driveway for a few months, when you try to drive it again, it's very unlikely that it will feel as smooth as it used to straight away. Your joints and muscles are designed to move and your body gets stronger the more you keep it active. Which is why it's crucial that you keep your shoulder joints moving to reduce stiffness and to help it feel more relaxed. So you can freely begin to move without pain again.

**'Nice' relaxing spa-style massages** - These might feel lovely, but these types of massages will never work. It's definitely not the massage therapists fault! They aren't trained to get to the root cause of your problem which means that the pressure they apply to your muscles will never be 'quite right'. They say they can feel 'knots' in your shoulder. They're probably right. But that's because every person over the age of 45 has knots and tension in their shoulders. In fact, most people do, regardless of their age. It's not always an issue, or even the source of your pain. This is where we can help.

We will never recommend dosing up on painkillers, even if your pain hasn't gone after 5 days. It's just not the way we do things. We know, and now you do too, that painkillers just mask the pain. What we will do, is give you a personalized set of exercises. These exercises will be done safely when we know that you're ready for them.

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

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### Monument supporters not ringers

To the editor:

Why do radical right-wingers lie that it is out-of-town paid ringers who protest anti-environmental laws and attend council or commission meetings to support, for example, the Organ Mountains Desert Peaks National Monument? Where do these trolls get the idea that advocates are paid and bused in? Fox News? Breitbart? Websites about child trafficking in D.C. pizzerias?

Media which attended recent meetings know the truth, so why do you print blatant lies like the letter (Aug. 11) that said about a recent commission meeting:

"That meeting was flooded by conservation-

ists, who I am sure, many of which weren't even residents of Las Cruces or Doña Ana County. Those people were given a free lunch and gas cards to induce them to attend the meeting."

I attended that meeting when all but one of the commissioners voted to support the OMDP "as is." People who spoke in favor identified their places of residence. The overwhelming majority of the audience were Doña Ana residents whom I know. Yes, people from El Paso spoke. It is, after all, a national monument and they live in this area! The same is true of the July 27 Convention Center meeting during Secretary Zinke's visit. It was attended by hundreds of local ardent supporters of the OMDP including many of our local elected officials.

*Charlotte Lipson  
Las Cruces*

*Editor's note: Letters to the editor, such as that on Aug. 11, are the opinion of the writers and not presented as a necessarily factual news story.*

### Bills have no adequate explanation

To the editor:

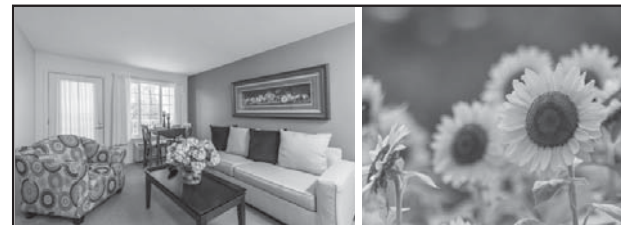
I agree with the letter writer who called recent electric bill increases and obfuscated line item charges "ridiculous" and "horrendous."

I installed enough solar panels to "zero out" my electric bill. That cost me \$12,000 after rebates and I estimated it would take 10 years for the system to pay for itself. Since I wouldn't be using much juice, I thought I would be protected from rate increases.

My electric bill for July said I used \$43.74 worth of El Paso Electric's electricity (line item "total energy charges"). But EPE managed to get the bottom line on the bill up to \$91.16 with a \$29.31 "fuel and purchased power adjustment - secondary" line item and other charges.

I'm sure EPE can come up with some convoluted mumbo jumbo to explain, other than stock holder and executive enrichment.

But I would like to call on our elected Public Regulation Commissioner Sandy Jones to explain publicly, if he can take time away from running his construction company. ("PRC commissioners earn \$90K, but law doesn't prohibit work on the side." - Matt Grubbs, May 18, 2016, KRQE News 13)



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Jones might also explain why virtually all of the last rate increase fell on residential customers.

*William Beerman  
Las Cruces*

## Rape kits untested

To the editor:

I'm incensed! New Mexico has over 5,000 untested rape kits while Idaho has online tracking of sexual assault kits ("Idaho Press Tribune" article by Emily Lowe 7/16/17).

Many kits are over 10 years old. Repeat offenders roam our streets, destroying lives. This says rape and victims are not important. Two out of three rapes are unreported. A robber is three times more likely to serve jail time than a sex offender. Sixty-five percent of sexual assault victims are minors (State Auditors Report, December 2016, [www.saonm.org/government-accountability-office](http://www.saonm.org/government-accountability-office)).

Idaho has state-wide measures on when and how kits are submitted, and the use of online tracking of the kits.

Law enforcement agencies are better organized and accountable while victims can follow the progress of their kits and investigation. Kits are processed faster; victims are important.

Matthew Gamette, Idaho State Police laboratory systems director, does presentations in other states about the online system. He will be in Texas in September. Idaho State Police is offering its technology free to other states. New Mexico may find a less expensive, faster way to solve the backlog of untested kits, giving victims more empowerment, and getting offenders off our streets. This will make all of us safer.

*Alice B. Davenport  
Las Cruces*

## Senior Olympics seeks office space

To the editor:

This is a heartfelt letter to the residents of Las Cruces as well as those living in other parts of the county. Doña Ana County Senior Olympics, a 501 C(3) nonprofit corporation, has been providing sport activities for seniors who are

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50-plus for the past 40 years.

The organization was first headquartered in office space provided by the City of Las Cruces. This arrangement was a recognition by the City to assist Senior Olympics since they were providing programs to assist seniors stay fit and healthy. This arrangement ended several years ago when a ruling by the New Mexico Attorney General stated this was a violation of the Anti-Donation Clause of the State of New Mexico (Article IX, Section 14).

Since that ruling, Senior Olympics was able to find unused office space for a period of time. Then, when that business moved, the building owner provided a donative lease situation for a period of time. Then, the owner asked for a regular lease for the space, which Senior Olympics in conjunction with another nonprofit was able to handle. Now that the other nonprofit has ceased to exist, Senior Olympics must again look for space.

Doña Ana County Senior Olympics is looking for a business or corporation with spare office space which they can use for their office headquarters. Recognizing that aging is not “lost youth” but a stage for new development and opportunity, Doña Ana County Senior Olympics hopes there is a business or corporation that can help us continue with our motto: “You don’t stop playing because you grow old – You grow old because you stop playing.”

Please contact Mike Simione at 575-

649-3167 or Bob Klass at 303-719-3004 if you can step up to the plate and help.

*Bob Klass  
Las Cruces*

## National Honey Bee Day coming up

To the editor:

August 19th is National Honey Bee Day, a day to celebrate one of the most important and widespread pollinators of our food and flowers. And we need to do more to protect honey bees and all of our pollinators.

Honey bees pollinate many of the foods we eat, from blueberries to almonds. In New Mexico, beloved foods such as tomatoes are pollinated by honey bees. Unfortunately, millions of honey bees are dying off due to neonicotinoids, a pesticide extremely lethal to bees. Without honey bees, there will be big consequences for our environment and our food supply: no honey bees means no food.

This summer, you can celebrate National Honey Bee Day and help protect bees by hosting a bee friendly Bee-Bee-Q or Picnic. It’s the perfect way to end summer – join with friends and family to enjoy delicious foods, cook with recipes shared by chefs from our Bee Friendly Food Alliance and made possible by bee pollination, all while helping to save the honey bees. For more information, email [beefriendlyfood@environmentamerica.org](mailto:beefriendlyfood@environmentamerica.org)

Sincerely,

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# 'Recovery plan' for Mexican gray wolves is a further threat

By **KRISTIN CARDEN**

For the Bulletin

In his essay "Thinking Like a Mountain," legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold describes a time in his youth when he "had never heard of passing up a chance to kill a wolf." But as he watched the "fierce green fire" fade from a dying wolf's eyes, he began to doubt the wisdom of that philosophy.

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) helped bring the wolves described in Leopold's essay – Mexican gray wolves,

the lobo of Southwestern lore – back from the brink of extinction. This critically endangered species almost vanished from the face of the Earth in the mid-20th century as a result of human persecution. The entire population of Mexican wolves alive today descends from just seven individuals that were captured and placed into a captive breeding program before the species was exterminated from the wild.

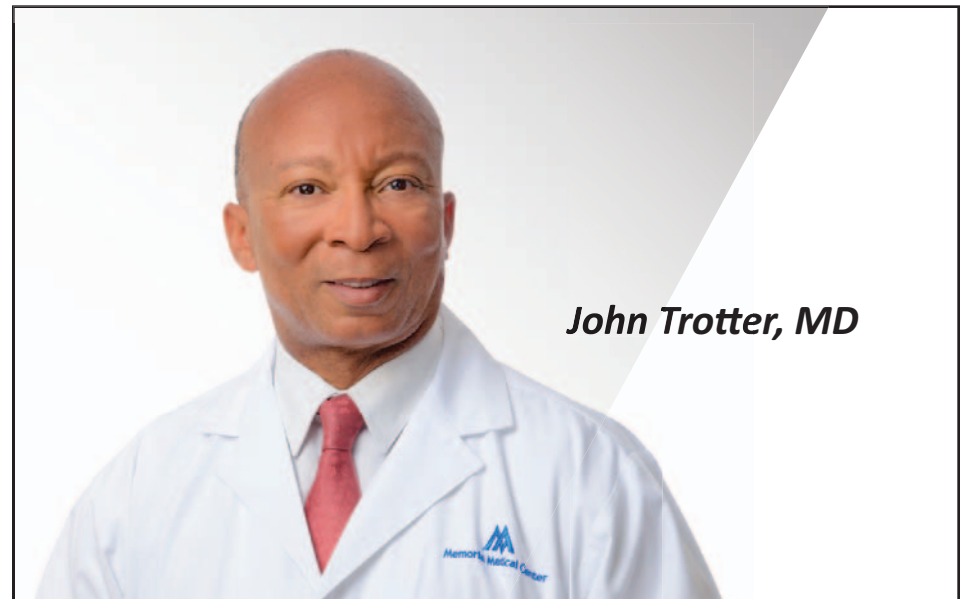
After a near 30-year absence from

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The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is accepting comments until Aug. 24 on a revised recovery plan to save the Mexican Gray Wolf from extinction.



*John Trotter, MD*

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the landscape, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in 1998 released 11 captive-reared Mexican gray wolves into the Blue Range of Arizona and New Mexico. Efforts to re-establish the species in the wild have foundered, largely because of the lack of an effective blueprint for recovery as well as local opposition to recovery efforts. As a result, the Mexican wolf remains one of the most endangered mammals in North America.

In an effort to turn that tide, conservationists led by Earthjustice recently brought a successful lawsuit to force the FWS into preparing a long-delayed recovery plan for the Mexican gray wolf. Unfortunately, the Draft Recovery Plan issued in late July is riddled with shortcomings that will hinder, if not outright prevent, Mexican wolf recovery. See

It is not yet too late, however. The agency is accepting public comments on the Draft Recovery Plan until Aug. 29, 2017. Comments can be submitted in writing or in person at a series of public meetings.

Flaws in the draft recovery plan include:

- Too few wolves, too small an area: The plan calls for the establishment of two isolated Mexican wolf populations: one in the current U.S. recovery area and one in Mexico. This runs counter to recommendations in the peer-reviewed scientific literature, which call for at least three interconnected populations of Mexican wolves extending into northern Arizona and New Mexico and southern Utah and Colorado.

- Too reliant on recovery in Mexico: Mexican wolf recovery under the draft plan is heavily dependent on successful reintroduction efforts in Mexico, despite the lack of appropriate habitat for the wolves there.

- Genetic threats: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service acknowledges the myriad genetic challenges faced by the Mexican wolf as a result of the small number of founders. However, it fails to account for the genetic degradation of the captive and wild populations that has already occurred and exacerbates the problem by allowing for additional genetic erosion.

- Insufficient releases: Given the dire genetic state of the wild Mexican wolf

population, it is critical that the agency release captive individuals into the wild to enrich the gene pool. While the Fish and Wildlife Service acknowledges this, it also states that population growth will be driven primarily by natural reproduction rather than releases. This reliance on natural reproduction—which will occur between ever-more-related individuals (like siblings)—will exacerbate existing genetic challenges and hinder recovery.

- Relying on the states to coordinate releases: Mexican wolf recovery requires carefully planned releases of captive wolves to infuse the wild population with adequate genetic diversity. Rather than developing an informed release schedule, however, the draft plan gives total control of wolf releases to the states of Arizona and New Mexico and the Mexican government. This is extremely problematic when these states have been actively hostile to Mexican wolf recovery, with New Mexico even filing a lawsuit to prevent such releases.

Without a scientifically grounded recovery plan, there exists the very real possibility that this majestic species will go extinct. By informing the FWS of where the “recovery” plan falls short,

we can encourage the agency to improve the plan and ensure that, in the words of Leopold, the lobo’s “deep chesty bawl” again “echoes from rimrock to rimrock, rolls down the mountain, and fades into the far blackness of the night.”

Comments to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service can be submitted electronically through <http://earthjustice.org/savewolves> or in hard copy to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R4-ES-2017-0036, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: BPHC, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

*Editor’s note: On Aug. 24 the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish is meeting in Albuquerque and the wolf recovery plan is included in the agenda. For background on the department’s record regarding the release of the Mexican Gray Wolf, visit [http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press\\_releases/2015/mexican-gray-wolf-09-29-2015.html](http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2015/mexican-gray-wolf-09-29-2015.html). The phone number is 505-222-4700.*

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A new entrance at DACC's East Mesa campus is ready for the new school year.

## DACC campuses show new look

### BULLETIN REPORT

Beginning in the fall semester, Doña Ana Community College (DACC) students will see a new look at both the East Mesa and Espina campuses.

At East Mesa, students will have the option to enter the college through a new entrance off Sonoma Ranch Boulevard. The new entrance is designed to help traffic flow safely and efficiently into the campus. A new sign at the entrance will highlight activities and events on campus.

Additionally, DACC will be opening an "information center," a one-stop-location to help students and prospective students get questions answered they might have.

At the Espina Campus, students will see a new commons area in September with new furniture to help students study between classes, get a snack, and

charge their electronic devices.

The physical transformation is part of a cultural transformation at DACC designed to improve the student experience by eliminating common bureaucratic barriers to completing college. "DACC believes the student experience should be seamless, supported, guided and directed," President Renay Scott said. "As a result, we have become more student-centric."

Part of this effort is to ensure students and visitors have one-point of contact to get the help they need, Scott said. "Students expect us to help them successfully complete their educational goals, and we need to ensure that our organizational structures and processes support them. By organizing our admissions, financial aid, registration, and advising into one area, we bring these services to the student rather than sending the student to those services."



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# County, city sue feds over superfund site

By LYNN MOORER

For the Bulletin

Doña Ana County (DAC) and the City of Las Cruces have sued several federal entities to recover their cleanup costs related to the Griggs and Walnut Superfund Site.

The lawsuit, filed Aug. 9 against the United States of America, the U. S. Department of Defense, and the National Guard Bureau in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico, seeks to recover for the county and city all past and future costs, plus interest, in response to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the site.

It also seeks a declaration of responsibility that defendants are responsible for past, present, and future response costs related to their release of hazardous substances in the groundwater and soil at the site.

Known as the Griggs and Walnut Ground Water Plume, the site is centered near the intersection of Griggs Avenue and Walnut Street. The 3.5-billion-gallon contaminated groundwater plume is approximately 1.8 miles long and half a mile wide, according to the lawsuit complaint.

The county and the city, which formed the Joint Superfund Project (JSP) to conduct groundwater cleanup, have spent approximately \$5 million for investigation and remediation at the site from 2004 to date, according to Jessica K. Ferrell of the Marten Law firm in Seattle, the lead attorney for the JSP. (The costs to the JSP for attorneys' fees are not included in this total.)

Tetrachloroethylene (PCE), a volatile organic compound used as a solvent and degreaser, is the primary con-



**The water treatment plant at the Griggs-Walnut Joint Superfund Project operated by the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County.**

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taminant in groundwater at the site, according to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It is present at depths ranging from more than 100 to 650 feet below ground surface. PCE is a known carcinogen and listed as a hazardous substance under the Superfund law.

The New Mexico Environment Department discovered PCE contamination in city municipal water supply wells in 1993, according to EPA documents. By 2001, dissolved PCE was detected upgradient and downgradient of four affected municipal supply wells at levels above which EPA has determined that adverse effects to human health will be seen.

## Armory operations

The federal defendants released PCE into the soil and groundwater by dumping and leaking of the solvent/

degreaser on and through concrete pads and unpaved areas, according to the complaint and attorney Ferrell. This occurred sometime between 1948 and 1990 when the New Mexico State Armory Board first leased the property from the City, then acquired ownership for use as a National Guard Armory.

The complaint alleges Armory maintenance operations, located near the northeast corner of East Hadley Avenue and North Solano Drive, contaminated the city's drinking water system. In 1990, the City reacquired the Armory property, which is currently used as the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, according to the complaint. DAC owns property located within or near the Site that is currently used by its Fleet Management Department.

EPA added the site to its Superfund List in 2001, according to agency reports. The complaint states that, in 2011, EPA identified the National Guard Bureau as a potentially responsible party under Superfund law in connection with its operations at the Armory and demanded payment of unreimbursed response costs.

However, defendants have not paid any costs of investigation and remediation of the site, according to the complaint. EPA Region 6 spokeswoman Jennah Durant declined comment, stating, "It's EPA's long-standing policy not to disclose information about ... negotiations [with potentially responsible parties]."

In contrast, the JSP has "undertaken significant investigative and remedial measures to

## EPA plans tests for vapor intrusion

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to test for vapors from contaminated soils at the Griggs and Walnut Superfund Site to determine whether they are posing a health concern by entering homes, called vapor intrusion.

Tetrachloroethylene (PCE), which is the primary contaminant in the soil and groundwater at the site, is a volatile organic chemical.

According to an EPA factsheet, the agency "focused on several residential properties located near the intersection of North Walnut Street and East Hadley Avenue where soil vapor data collected in 2005 showed the presence of trace levels of PCE."

EPA says it also looked at an area located across North Walnut Street from the residential properties that was a primary source of PCE contamination in the soil.

Based on a Five-Year Review completed in September 2016, "EPA believes that additional testing should be done at those two areas to ensure that conditions today do not pose a health concern from potential indoor vapors," according to EPA's factsheet.

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treat the groundwater contamination caused by Defendants,” the complaint alleges. As a remedial action, the JSP began operating groundwater extraction (pumping) at two rehabilitated municipal supply wells in 2012 and water treatment (air stripping) to remove contaminants to below drinking water standards, according to EPA reports. Treated groundwater is then delivered back into the public water supply.

Air stripping is a process of moving air through contaminated water in an above-ground treatment system, which, according to an EPA document, removes volatile organic compounds as they change from a liquid to a gas.

### Cleanup to take years

EPA says over 480 million gallons of water have been treated since startup. The groundwater treatment plant is expected to treat an estimated 6.82 to 9.42 billion gallons of contaminated drink-

ing water over the next 15 to 20 years, according to a county press release.

Ferrell said the county and city have sought the cooperation of the state and federal Guards since 2008, and requested payment and cleanup participation from both entities in August 2009. “Negotiations spanned several years,” she said, “but were ultimately successful.”

The lawsuit was filed at this time because, according to Ferrell, “we were up against a statute of limitations in September 2017 under Section 107” of Superfund law which relates to cost recovery actions. She said that the plaintiffs “simply want the parties responsible for the contamination to pay” for all of the plaintiffs’ costs.

“We’re interested in an amicable resolution,” Ferrell added.

Defendants have 60 days to respond to the complaint after receipt of the summons, Ferrell said.

*Lynn Moorner is a freelance reporter and may be reached at lmoorer@windstream.net or 575-520-3045.*



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EPA says it plans to work with the City of Las Cruces to contact residents living in the area “with the potential for indoor air vapors to discuss plans for sampling and to seek permission for property access.”

The agency’s Five-Year

Review report also concluded that additional monitoring wells must be included in the Joint Superfund Project’s (JSP) long-term monitoring program to allow a better evaluation of cleanup progress. The JSP must also ensure sampling practices for monitoring wells follow manufacturer sampling guidelines.

Because of the need to test for vapor intrusion, EPA says it cannot determine at this time how protective of human health and the environment the site’s cleanup strategy is. According to EPA’s factsheet, the testing and assessment of the findings will take 12 to 15 months to complete.

– Lynn Moorner



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This median adjacent to the Lions Park tennis courts on Picacho Avenue would be refurbished as part of a \$1.2 million upgrade to medians across the city. The proposal from the city Parks and Recreation Department would replace the median's non-thriving trees, upgrade an irrigation system that is 15 to 20 years old and refresh gravel mulch. The proposal also recommends landscaping an unimproved median on Valley Drive between Boutz Road and north Main Street, adding medians on Spruce Avenue between Triviz Drive and Kilmer Street and making improvements to medians on Motel Boulevard, Sonoma Ranch Boulevard, Elks Drive, Roadrunner Parkway, University Avenue and elsewhere in the city.

# City leadership academy deadline looms

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Friday, Aug. 25, is the deadline to apply for the City of Las Cruces' first-ever Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA).

The free program will accept 35 applicants, mostly on a first-come, first-served basis, City Council and Constituent Services Coordinator Jamey Rickman said at the Las Cruces City Council's Monday, Aug. 14 work session. Rickman, who is coordinating the program, said applicants will be screened to make sure they are city residents and at least 18 years of age.

The first 15-week academy will begin on Sept. 6 and continue every Wednesday evening through Dec. 6, Rickman said. Most classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., and will be conducted at various city locations.

The academy curriculum includes economic development, public safety, capital improvements, libraries/senior programs/museums and senior volunteers, parks and recreation, legal/city

clerk/city council, codes enforcement/animal control/neighborhood watch, street and traffic operations/city fleet, Metropolitan Planning Organization/public transit and partners.

NLA is designed to be informative, interactive, energizing, meaningful, empowering and a positive experience, Rickman said in her PowerPoint presentation at the work session.

"It will give a whole lot of varied experience to folks."

Rickman said the city will hold the academy twice each year. The first 2018 academy will begin Feb. 7 and continue through May 16.

Rickman said NLA could lead to an advanced leadership academy for NLA graduates and a complementary civic leadership program for middle- and high school students.

She said NLA hopefully will lead to improved connections among the city's neighborhood groups and "better and positive connections between groups and the city."

During public input at the work session, Alameda Depot Association Vice

President Wayne Huber said he was disappointed that the city did not seek input from his group or the Las Cruces Neighborhood Consortium, which Huber said includes membership from 11 neighborhood associations in Las Cruces.

"Why are we being totally disrespected every time?" asked Country Club Neighborhood Association President Eva Nevarez St. John. "We need to be part of this discussion."

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said the city has about 50 neighborhood associations and it wasn't possible to seek input for NLA from all of them, and it wouldn't have been fair to seek it from only some of the associations.

People who participate in the academy will not only better understand the challenges the city faces, the mayor said, but also will be able to serve as "ambassadors in the community."

"This is amazing," Councilor Gill Sorg said. "I wish everybody could take this."

"This really is exciting," Councilor Ceil Levatino said. "It's very cool."

To apply for the academy, visit the city website at [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org) and click on Neighborhood Leadership Academy under Hot Topics.

Contact Rickman at 575-541-2192 or [jrickman@las-cruces.org](mailto:jrickman@las-cruces.org).

## City plans median landscaping

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to spend \$1.2 million to improve or construct medians across the city.

The city currently maintains 300 linear miles of landscaped and unimproved medians, Parks and Rec Director Sonya Delgado said at the Las Cruces City Council's Aug. 14 work session.

Delgado said it takes city staff four weeks to complete a full maintenance cycle of all medians, including spraying weeds, removing trash and repairing or replacing irrigation and landscaping materials.

City landscape architect Cathy Mathews said landscaping styles across the city include basic (one type of tree,



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shrub and gravel mulch), abundant (several types of trees and shrubs and pattered gravel), concrete (colored and stamped concrete inside medians that are too narrow for green landscaping and/or too dangerous for city staff or volunteers to maintain) and sculpture (using small boulders, for example, in medians that are too difficult or dangerous to maintain), along with unimproved medians, which still must be maintained by the city.

The \$1.2 million for median work will come from bond funds (\$1 million) and city street and flood control funds (\$200,000). Mathews said about \$200,000 of the total amount will be spent in each of the city's six council districts. She outlined several possible median projects in each district, and asked for input from council members on those proposals and others they would support.

Once Parks and Rec staff have received that input, it will begin the planning phase of the project, which will include public meetings to help determine the final list of medians in each district to be built or landscaped.

Mathews said median landscaping costs \$5 to \$9 a square foot.

Landscaping would include storm-water harvesting to help irrigate trees and shrubs in medians, Mathews said.

She said new medians on arterial roadways are now built with landscaping down the center and



**Retiring City of Las Cruces Library Administrator Rene Frankel, left, was recognized at the Las Cruces City Council's Aug. 14 work session for her six years of service with the city. She worked for the State Of New Mexico Library for 10 years before that. "She's moved Thomas Branigan Memorial Library forward on many fronts," Assistant City Manager David Dollahon said at the meeting. Frankel, he said, was "one of the best hires I've ever made in my career. She will be missed." The city has hired Margaret Neill, right, to replace Frankel. Neill comes from the El Paso library system, Dollahon said.**

gravel on the edges so roads can be expanded as necessary.

Some median landscaping is already planned or underway as part of road projects in many parts of the city, Mathews said, including downtown, on Lohman Avenue, at the intersection of Main Street and Solano Drive, in the Metro Verde housing development, on Valley Drive and along roadways that lead into the city.

She said the city has partnered with developers, homeowners' groups and private businesses to pay for median landscaping

in the past, and hopes to develop even more public-private partnerships going forward.

Mathews said she expects the design phase of the median-improvement project to take about nine months, followed by a five-month bidding and contracting phase. Actual construction likely will take an additional 13 months to complete, she said.

Median landscaping is part of city plans to be "much more aggressive in the beautification of our community," City Manager Stuart Ed said.

He said funding priority should be given to medians in the city's high-traffic areas.

Assistant City Manager David Dollahon said the city hopes to use bond funds and community partnerships to complete the construction of new medians and upgrading of existing ones over the next five to eight years.

### Library to add makerspace

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library is launch-

ing a pilot program to create a new makerspace to address the needs and interests of tweens and teens.

Identified as the library's most underserved population, the group includes those aged 10 to 18, TBML Young Adult Librarian Stephanie Midwood told the Las Cruces City Council at its Aug. 14 work session.

The library plans to address their needs and interests by creating a new makerspace adjacent to the library's Young Adult Room that will be a "destination for tweens and teens," and encourage them to use the library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

The space will include a large printer, a button maker, a screen printer, bead- and jewelry-making equipment, music-editing software and a green screen, among other additions, Midwood said, and will address the different learning styles and social skills of tweens and teens and it helps to fulfill the library's mission to create life-long learners.

The next steps in implementing the makerspace include conversations with its potential users, Midwood said,

along with seeking out program partners and community experts to participate, deciding on the layout and organization of the space, training staff and starting the new programming.

The initial budget for the makerspace project is \$30,000, according to the library's development plan. The anticipated grand opening is January 2018.

"I'm really thrilled to see the teen focus happening," Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith said. "I want to see this go forward."

Smith also suggested the programming could be expanded to another location, possibly even a satellite library.

Councilors asked if the program could be made mobile and how the city plans to address transportation issues so potential users can reach the new maker space.

"I think there's an investment to be made out there by almost all aspects of our community," Councilor Jack Eakman said. "I think the future of this is limitless."

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# County hires Garza for manager search

By LYNN MOORER  
For the Bulletin

In an abrupt about-face, the Doña Ana County (DAC) commission voted unanimously at its Aug. 8 meeting to abandon the request for proposals (RFP) process it had agreed to in July seeking consulting services to assist in recruiting a new county manager.

Led by Chairwoman Isabella Solis, the commission instead hired former Las Cruces City Manager Robert Garza's firm, Garza & Associates, LLC, for \$7,853 to assist in the county manager search. Garza retired from the City of

Las Cruces in May 2016 after serving six years as city manager following six years' service as assistant city manager.

"This will eliminate the necessity for a national firm agreement which would result in a long and costly effort," Solis said. In an interview after the meeting, Solis said she had "second thoughts" about the RFP process after



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the commission's July decision.

"I didn't want to wait till next year to get it done," she explained. "And I felt like we could do it more cost effectively. I couldn't see spending \$20,000 or more on something like that."

Interim County Manager Chuck McMahon said that because the Garza proposal is less than \$10,000, it's considered a small purchase for which a written quote is allowable. After the meeting, McMahon clarified that the county had not yet received any responses to the RFP which had an August 15 submission deadline.

Garza is "highly regarded in this community for his experience and his integrity," according to Solis. Speaking for herself, she said she wanted a firm that understands the region and wants preference to be given to local and regional county manager



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## County Employees Recognized

The Doña Ana County Ana County Commission recognized county employees for their years of service at the Aug. 8 commission meeting.

Name	Department	Years of Service
Julia Bergstrom	Detention Center	5
William Lawrence	Animal Control	5
Conant Carr	Chaplain/Sheriff's	5
Steven Meadows	Community Development	10
Bobbi Sanchez	Utility	10
Deborah Rouse	Purchasing	15
Andrew Perez	County Clerk's Office	20
Armando Cordero	Facilities and Parks	Retiring after 17 years
Paul Dugie	Flood Commission	Retiring after 17 years

candidates "who understand the culture, people, and economics of the area."

Garza's timeline anticipates hiring the new county manager by December. Solis, nevertheless, said she hopes the entire process can be completed in 30 days.

Commissioner Billy Garrett said he "was okay" with the change in direction. "It feels ... like this is a manageable approach," he said. "If we're not happy with the outcome ... we can go back and go with the bigger companies."

After the meeting,

Garrett said, "I want to make sure we're throwing out as big a net as possible" in letting people know about the county manager opening.

"I'm pleased to ... have a much smaller purchase which will save the county some money," Commissioner Benjamin Rawson said, "and I think [Garza] is a very professional person leading this."

After the meeting, Rawson added, "Mr. Garza has a unique perspective because of having worked in this area."

Garza said in an interview and an email after the meeting that he proposed the change in recruitment approach to McMahon, then to Solis after he studied the RFP and concluded it would "take six to seven months" to accomplish "the way they mapped it out." In his "hybrid" proposal, he will "act as a liaison between the [commission] and county Human Re-

sources staff to undertake elements of the process that should not be done by ... staff so that there is no conflict of interest."

With his plan, Garza said, the county "will pay one-third of the cost for a full-fledged recruitment firm."

According to Garza, he has experience "recruiting hundreds of top executives for local government positions" ranging from police chief, fire chief, community development director, engineering, public works director, budget manager and internal audit manager. He has also been involved in hiring CEOs for the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority, and South Central Solid Waste Authority. He noted that he has a record of recruiting and retaining individuals who have performed



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# County internal audit advisory committee relaunching

By LYNN MOORER

For the Bulletin

At its Aug. 8 meeting, Doña Ana County (DAC) commissioners approved an update to the charter for its internal audit advisory committee, which has been defunct since 2012. The committee will work with new DAC internal auditor Ernest Harvin.

The commission grappled with a sticky issue—whether elected officials should be allowed to sit on the advisory committee. By a 3-2 vote (Commissioners Billy Garrett and Benjamin Rawson dissenting), the commission rejected an amendment offered by Garrett that would have excluded elected officials from the committee.



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Before the vote, Harvin explained that absence of elected officials on the committee is best practices because it protects the independence of the committee.

“[N]one of us were elected . . . to set up a situation that clouds the work of the auditor,” Garrett said. “We’ve got plenty of opportunities to be involved.”

Former county manager Julia Brown, in public comment, stated, “The internal audit function is a force of critical importance to the county as is transparency. It’s also important that this commission avoid even the appearance of impropriety or crossing into other lanes.” She noted that the committee’s reports and recommendations will be approved by the commission. “To also have you . . . directing the work of the committee provides somewhat of a taint that you really don’t want to have attached” to the internal auditor’s work.

Undersheriff Ken Roberts disagreed. “I believe the

commission . . . has had systematically power drained from it by those that wish to keep certain individuals in the dark,” he asserted.

In response, Garrett reminded him, “We’re the ones who set the plan in a public meeting . . . and receive the reports that come out of the audits. So, I don’t see how with the current system any commissioner should feel that in some way we’re losing power.”

Both Chairwoman Isabella Solis and Commissioner John Vasquez lauded Harvin’s expertise and experience. Solis told Harvin that he was “going to be the greatest internal auditor this county has ever had.” However, both then voted against Harvin’s recommendation as contained in Garrett’s amendment which sought to carry out best audit practices ensuring independence.

After the meeting, Rawson said he didn’t think it was appropriate to have commissioners on the audit committee. “The body will be making recommendations to themselves,” he said. “You lose the advisory committee function.”

Garrett said in a later interview he hoped that the commission would never put any elected official on the committee. But, he said, “My concern is that they’ll do that because some don’t understand our role and the appropriate limits on our job.”

When asked after the meeting whether she would apply for selection to the audit committee, Solis replied, “I haven’t decided yet. We have a lot of talent in the county. Hopefully, they’ll step up to the plate.”

## Applicants sought for internal audit committee

Shortly after the August 8 meeting, DAC issued its notice soliciting qualified applicants willing to serve on the committee. It will consist of five county residents from

the following applicant pools: 1) those with management experience, are certified public accountants, certified internal auditors, or business educators; and 2) current city, state, or educational institution employees with backgrounds in accounting, finance, and/or auditing.

According to the county notice, the internal audit function is designed to strengthen county procedures and to emphasize accountability to the taxpayers. The committee will work closely with internal auditor Harvin to develop a comprehensive plan for improving efficiency and accountability, and recommend workable solutions. Implementation of these solutions will be overseen subsequently by the county manager and the DAC commissioners.

The committee will meet regularly to receive input from and give directions to the county’s internal auditor about pursuing areas of interest and to hear reports of ongoing audit functions. Committee members will have wide access to county records and documented internal-control systems across all departments for review.

Through the committee’s chairperson, the committee will regularly report to the county commission about any findings or recommendations for procedural changes to the county’s systems of internal controls.

Solis said in an interview that the internal audit advisory committee meetings will not be open to the public but committee reports will be made public.

Application materials such as letters of interest, résumés, and reference letters will be accepted through Sept. 8. Application materials should be remitted to: Peggy Strahan, County Manager’s Office, Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007.

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well over lengthy periods after placement.

Also at the Aug. 8 meeting, the commission:

- Chairwoman Solis announced the commission will hold a “retreat” or work session Aug. 17 and 18. It’s for leadership and teambuilding training and to discuss the mission and goals of the county. It will be held from 9 a.m. to noon both days in multi-purpose rooms 1-111, 1-113, and 1-117 of the Doña

Ana County Government Center and is open to the public.

- Proclaimed Aug. 10 as Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock Appreciation Day. The former executive director of the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is taking a new job in St. Louis.

- Proclaimed Aug. 12 as Hatch Police Officer Jose Chavez Memorial Day. Officer Chavez was killed in the line of duty Aug. 12, 2016.

- Approved purchase of 29 2018 Chevrolet Tahoes for \$1.03 million for the Sheriff’s Department

from Brad Francis Automotive Group, Los Lunas.

- Approved an industrial wastewater ordinance for DAC.

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Efforts continue to preserve the adobe walls of Fort Selden historic structures. The adobe bricks used to construct the fort have a high sand content, making them vulnerable to wind and rain erosion.



ABOVE: This sign stands at the entrance to the site in Radium Springs.

RIGHT: A statue of a Buffalo Soldier keeps eternal vigilance at Fort Selden Historic Site, where about 400 Black soldiers saw active duty between 1865 and 1891.



Visitors to Fort Selden Historic Site can make a small adobe brick to take home – using the same method soldiers used when they built the historic fort in the mid-1860s.

# The sands of time

## Restoration efforts come to life at Fort Selden

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

It's time to man the fort.

Regional Manager Leslie Berghloff has big plans for Fort Selden Historic Site north of Las Cruces, but she needs community support to make them a reality.

Fort Selden was built in 1865 to protect settlers from thieves and raiders. That protection was especially important along El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, the 1,600-mile trade route from Mexico City to northern New Mexico that ran through the heart of the old fort.

The long history of the frontier fort helps “tell the story of New Mexico,” said Berghloff, who works with her staff to preserve and protect the site, interpret its ruins and artifacts and attract volunteers and visitors.

“We want people to feel like it's their place, that it's part of the Las Cruces community,” Berghloff said. She wants visitors to “come out here and appreciate it and help it.”

Fort Selden needs a friends group, Berghloff said, to help with fundraising, preservation and other fort activities. She wants to bring volunteers to the site to serve as storytellers and tour guides and to help with site preservation and maintenance.

And, Berghloff is hoping to attract private donations to help build a commemorative area at the site to honor all the soldiers who served at Fort Selden. She also hopes people will donate wagons and other artifacts or modern recreations that are appropriate to the site.

“We have a lot of wonderful plans,” Berghloff said. “I'm excited about it.”

New restrooms were added to the site last year, and staff have created a walking tour of the fort that has “made a huge difference,” she said.

In addition to visiting the old fort and walking among its ruins, people can rent the site for weddings and other special events. There are also a playground and picnic tables.

Because it was so scarce in the Chi-



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Fort Selden Regional Manager Leslie Berghloff stands where El Camino Real passes through Fort Selden.

huahuan Desert, all wood was removed from the fort site when it was abandoned in 1891. That started the “process of decay,” Berghloff said, that has continued on the grounds for more than a century.

Preserving the adobe walls that were left behind has proven to be a major challenge. The adobe bricks that were made on-site to build the fort have a high sand content, Berghloff said, because they weren't intended to be permanent. That makes them especially vulnerable to wind and rain.

When you visit the fort, you can use the same process soldiers at Fort Selden used and make your own small adobe brick to take home.

Berghloff took over at Fort Selden





PHOTO COURTESY LESLIE BERGLOFF, FORT SELDEN HISTORIC SITE

Officers and enlisted men at Fort Selden during its brief active history in the late 19th century.

## Fort's soldiers came from afar

Fort Selden was one of a number of forts built after the Civil War ended in 1865, as more and more Anglo Americans came west to seek their fortunes as prospectors and to homestead. These new settlers often invaded the homelands of Native Americans, especially the Mescalero Apaches, who had roamed centuries in what is now southeastern New Mexico, west Texas and northern Mexico.

The Mogollon people had been living in the region from about 400 to about 1,300 A.D., according to New Mexico Historic Sites' walking tour of Fort Selden. A Mogollon exhibit is planned for the fort.

"In 1860s New Mexico, U.S. military forts sprang up like

mushrooms, their primary function being to protect settlers from 'hostile Indians,'" according to a New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs (NMDCA) brochure about Fort Selden.

The three or four acres occupied by Fort Selden were home to about 200 soldiers at any given time – usually one company each of infantry and cavalry. Soldiers arrived from around the world, finding a brief period of military service a relatively fast and easy way to gain U.S. citizenship.

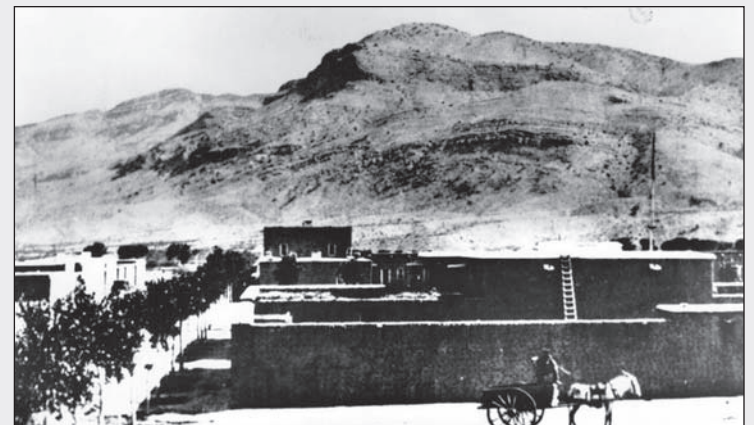
"In 1870 Fort Selden housed soldiers from both the East and West coasts of the USA, England, Canada, France, Switzerland, Poland and Ire-

land," according to the walking tour. "Most soldiers served on short-term deployments of no more than two years."

The fort was also home to black soldiers, dubbed "Buffalo Soldiers" by Native Americans. Between 1866 and 1891, a total of 400 Buffalo Soldiers served here, including Company F of the 9th Cavalry.

The fort also had a jail, a quartermaster and commissary, the post commander's quarters, housing for officers and non-commissioned officers, soldiers' barracks, a bakery, a hospital, an artillery and parade ground and even a trading post.

The ruins of all the sites are pointed out in the self-guided



A view of historic Fort Selden from the south end of the post.

walking tour and brochure.

Soldiers at the fort "patrolled more than 1,600 square miles of the Southwest," according to the walking tour. "Soldiers' diets were bland and their days monotonous."

Soldiers' military duties fell into three main categories, according to the walking tour:

field operations, communications and daily fort operations.

With the coming of the railroad in the early 1880s, the need for frontier forts declined, and they began to close. After about 25 years of operation, Fort Selden was abandoned in 1891.

— Mike Cook

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about nine months ago. She also manages El Camino Real Historic Trail Site and the Taylor-Barela-Reynolds-Mesilla Historic Site. She worked previously at the McGoffin Home State Historic Site in El Paso, and before

that was curator of education at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Bergloff and her family lived in nearby Leasburg in the 1980s and '90s. "I never thought I'd be out taking care of Fort Selden," she said.

Fort Selden Historic Site is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday



Artillery shells on display in the Fort Selden Historic Site visitor center.

through Monday. From Las Cruces, take Interstate 25 north to exit 19.

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For more information, call 575-526-8911 or visit <http://www.nmhistoricsites.org/fort-selden>. Email Bergloff at [leslie.bergloff@state.nm.us](mailto:leslie.bergloff@state.nm.us).

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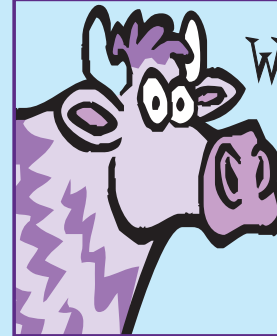


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ANSWER: Wrong

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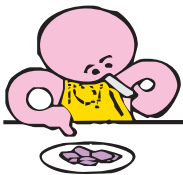
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### Gelett Burgess: The Nonsense Expert

Born January 30, 1866, Gelett Burgess is remembered as a nonsense expert. In fact, he may be one of your favorite authors, even though you have probably never heard of him.

He invented such great words as "blurb" and "goop."

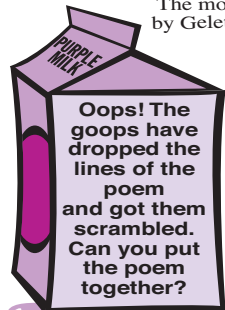
Goop comes from the many tales he told of the boneless, ill-mannered and sort-of-human characters he named "goops."



The goops, they lick their fingers;  
The goops, they lick their knives.  
They spill their broth on the table cloth.  
Oh, they lead disgusting lives.

### The Purple Cow

The most quoted poem of the 1890s was a little ditty by Gelett Burgess called "The Purple Cow."



Oops! The goops have dropped the lines of the poem and got them scrambled. Can you put the poem together?

A But I can tell you anyhow,

B I'd rather see than be one.

C I never hope to see one;

D I never saw a purple cow

ANSWER: The correct order is D, C, A, B.  
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### How to Draw a Purple Cow



#### STEP 1

Draw big, simple shapes for your cow's body with a pencil. Draw very lightly. A cow's body is a rectangle. Cows have short legs and a long tail. Draw ovals for the head and feet.



#### STEP 2

Still drawing with a pencil, start adding details like eyes, hooves, udders, and horns. Remember to draw lightly with the pencil because you'll be erasing the pencil lines.



#### STEP 3

Draw over the pencil lines in ink. Make sure the ink is dry, then erase all the pencil lines. Color your cow and add spots, stripes, or wild & wacky patterns.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Goopy Manners

Gelett Burgess wrote a series of goop books to teach children manners.

One book of goop tales has verses about 52 children, two for each letter of the alphabet. Each child's name describes a fault.

Draw a line from each goop name to that child's fault.

Asleepnogo	would not share things
Teeza	had dirty hands
Nevashair	didn't want to go to bed
Inkafinga	picked on others

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions.

What faults are described by these names?

Askalotte \_\_\_\_\_  
Xcitabelle \_\_\_\_\_  
Badinskool \_\_\_\_\_

Fibius \_\_\_\_\_  
Standards Link: Vocabulary: Understand word meaning from context clues.

Make up names for children with these faults:

\_\_\_\_\_ She would not brush her teeth.  
\_\_\_\_\_ He liked to sing too loud.  
\_\_\_\_\_ He pinched his baby sister.  
\_\_\_\_\_ She ate with her fingers.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Create words from context clues.

### Extra! Extra!

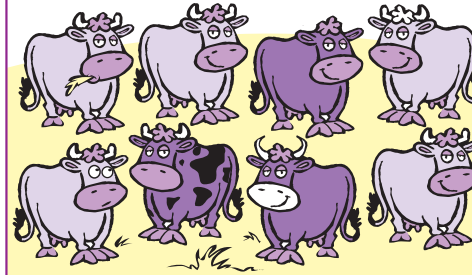
#### Nonsense Dot-to-Dot

Select one page of the newspaper and find all of the letters that spell the word NONSENSE. Circle each letter. Draw a line from the 'N' to the 'O' and so forth until you have connected all the letters. What kind of picture can you make from the design created by these dots and lines?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Only two of these kooky cows are identical. How fast can you find them? Better get moo-oo-ving!



Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Recognize objects that match.

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

NONSENSE  
PURPLE  
EXPERT  
GOOPS  
BLURB  
ALPHABET  
POEM  
VERSES  
BROTH  
NEVER  
WORDS  
COW  
LOUD  
TEETH  
LICK

G	M	E	R	E	V	E	N	L	E
T	T	E	G	B	E	U	R	E	T
S	D	R	O	W	R	E	S	L	E
G	B	P	O	P	S	N	E	P	B
T	R	E	P	X	E	S	W	R	A
E	O	D	S	S	S	O	U	U	H
E	T	U	N	S	C	L	W	P	P
T	H	O	O	R	B	K	C	I	L
H	N	L	D	X	N	N	A	M	A

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

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Opposite Ads

Find an ad in the newspaper. Rewrite the ad so that it says just the opposite of the original.

Standards Link: Writing: Write brief descriptive narratives.



### Write On!



#### Why read?

Why is it important to know how to read? Tell other students the reason reading is important and entertaining.

### Kid Scoop Together: Missing Words

Here are some limericks written by Kid Scoop readers. Use the words in the Word List to make each limerick rhyme.

There once was a clever young lad  
But sometimes he gets really \_\_\_\_\_  
He found a big clover  
It flipped him right \_\_\_\_\_  
In the end he was very glad.  
— by Sam G.

Hey, it's free pizza day \_\_\_\_\_  
All the towns people cheered, "Horray"  
But the fools didn't \_\_\_\_\_  
'Cause they went with the flow  
That I was going to yell April Fools Day!  
— by John D.

I was sitting in my comfy \_\_\_\_\_  
Eating like a big grizzly bear  
I just couldn't \_\_\_\_\_  
I thought I would pop!  
Now I'm fat, but I really don't \_\_\_\_\_!  
— by Cece D.

I love playing in the bright \_\_\_\_\_  
Oh my it is so much good fun  
To play in a \_\_\_\_\_  
But always stay \_\_\_\_\_  
It is so sad when the day is done.  
— by Audra P.

CARE	SAD
POOL	SUN
OVER	COOL
KNOW	TODAY
CHAIR	STOP

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Identify words that rhyme.

### Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word RHYME in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

R			M
H			R
Y	E		R
M	H	R	
E	R		Y

# Jimenez resigns, Contreras named interim chairman of DARP

By **TRACY ROY**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Republican Party of Doña Ana County (DARP) announced Tuesday, Aug. 15, that Victor Contreras will serve as interim chairman until a committee can convene to elect a new chairperson. Former chairman Roman Jimenez resigned this week after backlash over a post made on the DARP Facebook page.

Jimenez criticized “leftist protestors” in a post over the weekend who scuffled with white nationalist and white supremacy groups marching against a proposal to remove a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee, who commanded the Confeder-

acy during the American Civil War. The skirmish resulted in three deaths and dozens of injuries.



**JIMENEZ**

Jimenez was largely condemned over the post, which read: “These violent, leftist protesters are the brainless robots that are created by evil Soros money. The white ones have been taught to hate their color, the women are taught to hate their men, blacks and minorities want to kill whites and police. Then they have the audacity to call conservatives racist. Their own racism, hate and violence has created

the divide amongst those that refused to be bullied anymore. They’re getting exactly what they asked for. A segregated society of groups that they’ve created and even labeled themselves.”

The post was removed shortly after.

“The post was made in regards to other protests and violence that I was aware of,” Jimenez told Albuquerque TV news station KOB-TV Sunday. “I had not been aware of the Charlottesville violence until after posts started coming in in response to what I put.”

Contreras issued the following statement on the DARP Facebook page Tuesday afternoon.

“In wake of recent events in Charlottesville, I offer my deepest condolences to the family of Heather Heyer, and to all those who were injured in the senseless violence that occurred over the weekend. I, along with the Republican Party of Doña Ana County take a bold stance against all the extreme acts of violence, racism and hate that occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia.

“We believe there is no room for bigotry, racism or hate in our country.

“As chairman of Doña Ana County Republican Party, I will uphold the very values that so many Americans have fought and given their lives for. Regardless of race, creed or

religion, we all have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

“As Chairman, I will fight for unity and will work diligently to espouse the true values of the Republican Party of Doña Ana County in effort to make New Mexico a more prosperous and peaceful place to live, work, and raise our families.”

Several prominent New Mexico Republicans denounced the remarks of Jimenez, including the chairman of the New Mexico Republican Party.

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## Full slate of pop-culture action marks Cruces ComicCon

### BULLETIN REPORT

If you’re a 10-year-old fan of “The Walking Dead,” “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles” or Pokemon, you probably already know there’s a Comic Con (comics convention) in Las Cruces Aug. 25-27.

If you’re a 60-year-old collector of DC Batman graphic novels or Marvel Spider-Man comic books, you might know, too.

However, although this is the fourth year Zia Comics has presented the Las Cruces Comic Con, there remains a contingent of uninitiated in the region.

“A lot of people still don’t know what Comic Con is,” said Troy Stegner of Zia Comics. “They think it’s a convention of stand-up comedians.”

There are now Comic Cons throughout the world. Though they originated with a focus on comic books, today they celebrate comics and more. This year, one whole ballroom in the Las Cruces Convention Center will be dedicated to gaming and tournaments, with cash prizes.

Movies, television shows, games, action figures and collectibles are just some of the things that fall under the ever-expanding umbrella of popular culture, and that’s what Comic Cons are all about, Stegner said.

“Walking Dead’ was a comic book for 10 years before it was a TV show,” Stegner said.

Diehard fans know that kind of stuff, but those are

the kind of things Comic Con newcomers will learn.

This year’s Las Cruces Comic Con will attract more guests and events than ever. There will be close to 100 vendors, offering a range of items.

Guests will include longtime actor Gary Busey, who is not necessarily known for comics, but he brings other things to the table.

“Gary Busey is a really charismatic person, and a pop culture icon,” Stegner said.

Other guests include Ann Mahoney (who plays Olivia in “The Walking Dead”), Mindy Sterling (an actress whose credits include “Austin Powers,” “Reno 911,” and “iCarly”), artist David Finch and writer Meredith Finch (a married comic duo who have worked on a multitude of projects, including DC Comics), illustrator Patrick Ballesteros, actor Dante Basco (“Hook,” “Take the Lead,” “Debut”) and Ming Chen (AMC’s “Comic Book Men”).

The event will also be a haven for those fond of costumes. Friday night will feature a costume karaoke contest and Saturday night there will be a costume contest with multiple categories. Contestants must pre-register online at [www.lascrucescomiccon.org](http://www.lascrucescomiccon.org).

To add to the scene, the “A-Team” van will be on hand, as well as a replica vehicle from “Ghostbusters.”

Events begin 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Ac-

tivities resume Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. The exhibit hall will be open until 9 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday. Gaming and panels in the ballroom will go until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Prices and tickets range from \$15-\$85.

For more information, visit [www.lascrucescomiccon.org](http://www.lascrucescomiccon.org) or Zia Comics, 1300 El Paseo Road. For information about sponsorship opportunities for 2017 and 2018, contact Troy Stegner at 575-405-0461.





# Lettuce educate you



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Darrol Shillingburg taught the first Food Growers Workshop held at the Munson Center Community Garden on Aug. 12.

Kelley Hestir attended the workshop.



Shillingburg shows his students how to properly grow lettuce.



ABOVE and LEFT: Shillingburg taught the first Food Growers Workshop.



# Sewer lines being extended to older neighborhoods

By **SHELBY KAPP** and  
**SUZANNE MICHAELS**

For the Bulletin

After a nine-year delay, construction is finally expected to begin in September to bring sanitary city sewer to another Las Cruces neighborhood.

Phase one of the project will begin on Doña Ana Road. The main affected roadways include Doña Ana Road, Dalrymple Road, Three Crosses Avenue, and Alameda Blvd. Richard Drive and Karen Avenue will be open during the first phase. However, only residents of this area will have access to these roads. Motorists passing through the construction zone will have to seek alternate routes.

“The Doña Ana Sewer Extension project needs to happen now because of the risk of contaminating nearby water wells due to failing septic systems in some neighborhoods, Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) Regulatory Environmental Services/Technical Support Administrator Carl N. Clark, P.E., said. “This is a top priority project.”

The project can only move forward with grant funding from the State of New Mexico. And, after several state funding freezes, the money is only available now, thanks to the help of Las Cruces City Manager, Stuart C. Ed, who says, “This project was frozen by the state in error we believe. It was not stalled; it was fully designed and was being let out to bid when it was frozen. We aggressively ensured state



leadership understood the project was progressing quickly. We provided timelines, design specifications, and bid documentation. Fortunately, our efforts were favorably received and the funds released.”

The estimated cost of the project is \$549,314.28.

Older neighborhoods around Las Cruces were built with individual septic systems to manage wastewater from

each home; decades later many of those systems are failing and risk contaminating nearby water wells. When the new grant-funded sewer lines are in place under neighborhood streets, residents can pay to connect to those systems. They must also have their septic systems decommissioned. LCU has a provision for new customers to pay wastewater impact fees in payments over 60 months,

**ABOVE: Construction of the Doña Ana Sewer Extension is expected to begin in September; upon completion residents will have access to connect to city sanitary sewer for the first time.**

**LEFT: Completion of the Doña Ana Sewer Extension project is expected in January 2018.**

instead of having to pay in full all at once; this equates to approximately \$25.00 a month, making it more affordable to tie into the municipal sewer system.

A July 12 public meeting provided information about construction plans and budget, as well as the traffic management while the streets are under construction. The project should be completed by January 2018. The current construction plans allow for the contractor to work Saturdays to help move the project along faster, and reopen roadways to the public as soon

changes in bus routes. Residents are also urged to look for weekly news updates on road closures.

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

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Teresita Corral, one of the organizers of the Power of the Purse event, stands with Fatima Gonzalez-Ray, director of Los Amigos Therapy Center, the nonprofit which received proceeds from the event.



Event hosts Soledad Brozek and Jo Renda



Marty Renda and Karen Traver



Participants examine a purse while contemplating a bid.

## Power of the Purse

The inaugural Power of the Purse event, Saturday, Aug. 12, raised more than \$7,000 for equipment at Amigos Therapy Center, a children's physical therapy organization. More than 60 women gathered at the host residence for an auction of dozens of donated purses. Organizers plan for this to be an annual event, with a different nonprofit receiving the proceeds each year.



Estela Miyazaki, Anne Harvey and Maureen Marchana review jewelry, which was also for sale as part of the fundraiser.



Calie Rivas models one of the purses up for auction.



Debbe Taylor, Marsha San Filippo, Veronica Beckett and Janet Acosta

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY RICHARD COLTHARP





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In 2012, hundreds of area residents turned out for the New Mexico Museum of Space History's annular eclipse-viewing event in Alamogordo. On Aug. 21 for the solar eclipse, the museum, as well as other venues in southern New Mexico, hosts several activities beginning at 10:30 a.m.

# Solar eclipse viewing events planned for area

## BULLETIN REPORT

Roughly every 18 months or so, a total solar eclipse happens somewhere on the globe. For the first time in 26 years, this supernatural event comes to America – but the path of totality is only about 70 miles wide starting in Oregon and ending in South Carolina.

The rest of the country will experience a partial eclipse, with the percentage depending on where you are. In southern New Mexico the moon will cover about 67 percent of the sun.

Ancient cultures believed when a solar eclipse occurred, as it will on Monday, Aug. 21, it was actually a dragon or demon (or possibly a toad or giant bird) attempting to eat the sun. The Chinese and Incas would make lots of noise and commotion during an eclipse in an attempt to frighten the beast away.

The word itself, “eclipse,” is Greek for abandonment, and to early civilizations it seemed like that was what happened. What today is a very exciting event for astronomers and the public alike was seen back then as a very bad omen.

• In Las Cruces, families can visit the Museum of Nature and Science from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Aug. 21 to join a special viewing of the solar eclipse. Staff members will be on hand with telescopes, sun spotters and special solar viewing glasses to assist in safely viewing the phenomenon.

• The “Total Eclipse of the Park” program at White Sands National Monument invites participants to learn about the history of solar eclipses and how they work. After the 10:30 a.m. program, a ranger will have a viewing station in front of the visitor center until 1:15 p.m. when the eclipse ends. Children’s activities featuring the National Park Service Junior Ranger Eclipse Explorer program and badge made exclusively for this Great American Eclipse

## Check safety authenticity of viewing glasses

It’s common sense not to stare directly at the Sun with your naked eyes or risk damaging your vision, and that advice holds true for a partially eclipsed Sun. But, only with special-purpose solar filters, such as eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer, can one safely look directly at the Sun.

NASA recommends that people who plan to view the eclipse should check the safety authenticity of viewing glasses to ensure they meet basic proper safety viewing standards.

Eclipse viewing glasses and

handheld solar viewers should meet all the following criteria:

- It must have certification information with a designated ISO 12312-2 international standard
- It must have the manufacturer’s name and address printed somewhere on the product
- Do not use if viewers are older than three years, or have scratched or wrinkled lenses
- Do not use homemade filters
- Ordinary sunglasses – even very dark ones – should not be used as a replacement for eclipse viewing glasses or hand-

held solar viewers

An alternative method for safe viewing of the partially-eclipsed Sun is with a pinhole projector. With this method, sunlight streams through a small hole – such as a pencil hole in a piece of paper, or even the space between your fingers – onto a makeshift screen, such as a piece of paper or the ground. It’s important to only watch the screen, not the Sun. Never look at the Sun through the pinhole – it is not safe.

Source: NASA website

will be offered from noon to 1 p.m.

• The New Mexico Museum of Space History (NMMSH) in Alamogordo is planning a solar eclipse party beginning at 10:30 a.m., offering safe ways for families to view the eclipse.

“This will be a great opportunity for the public to learn about how the Sun influences our lives,” said NMMSH Executive Director Chris Orwoll. “Even though Alamogordo will only experience a partial eclipse, it is still a significant event.”

The museum is offering several activities for eclipse day, including a live feed from NASA of the total solar

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# NMSU team to live-stream solar eclipse

By PAULO OEMIG

For the Bulletin

A team of students and faculty from the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium at New Mexico State University will launch a high-altitude balloon on Monday, Aug. 21 as part of a nationwide, NASA-sponsored project to live-stream aerial video footage of the “Great American Eclipse.”

The team will launch the roughly 8-foot-tall, helium-filled balloon, which will carry a video camera and other equipment to an altitude of up to 100,000 feet, at approximately 11 a.m. at the Homestead National Monument of America in Beatrice, Nebraska. Live footage from the camera will be available for public viewing on a NASA sponsored website at <http://>

[eclipse.stream.live/](http://eclipse.stream.live/).

As part of the NASA-sponsored Eclipse Ballooning Project, 55 teams from across the country will live-stream footage of the total solar eclipse, in which the moon will entirely block the sun for approximately two minutes on a path progressing from the Pacific coast in Oregon (1:17 p.m. PCT) to the Atlantic coast in South Carolina (2:47 p.m. EST).

According to NMSGC research scientist, Paulo Oemig, the project is unprecedented by broadcasting from high-altitude live video of the total solar eclipse.

“Live-broadcasting while tracking the eclipse across the continental United States has never been done,” Oemig said. “The nature of the project also offers an invaluable



New Mexico State University astronomy Ph.D. student Sten Hasselquist (seated), chemical engineering student Norann Calhoun (right), and Paulo Oemig, New Mexico Space Grant Consortium senior research scientist, work with the ground station equipment in preparation for the launch of a high-altitude balloon as part of the “Great American Eclipse” Aug. 21. The ground station will enable the NMSU team to track the balloon and transmit the video feed.

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opportunity for the students in the team to translate their skills and knowledge into a real world application.”

Sten Hasselquist, an astronomy doctoral student and member of the team stated, “This is an outreach event of epic proportion. I am learning many practical real world skills that I can apply to future jobs. My participation in this project supported by New Mexico Space Grant will make me a more attractive job applicant and I will be able to continue my career as an astronomer.”

Norann Calhoun, a chemical engineering major and member of the team said, “I hope that the data received from these experiments will allow for further advancements in

the space industry. This project has helped me expand my resume and have furthered my knowledge of the industry. I look forward to applying to jobs in the space industry when I graduate so that I can continue on the wonderful path that the New Mexico Space Grant has opened to me.”

In addition to a video camera, the team’s balloon will carry a GPS tracking system, a camera to capture still images of the eclipse, and a secondary payload consisting of a heat exchanger with wavy channels designed to increase the efficiency of propellants. Once the eclipse has passed, the balloon will pop and the payloads will parachute to Earth.

The NMSU team will also be participating in the “Plug-and-Fly” microbiology balloon opportunity. This payload will help understand Space Biosciences researchers at the NASA Ames Research Center how microbes behave near space conditions. This research in the stratosphere will help NASA understand the nature of bacteria in the context of microbial life on Mars or other extreme environments.

The project is sponsored by the NASA Science Mission Directorate and NASA’s Space Grant program, a national network that includes more than 900 affiliates from universities, colleges, industry, museums, science centers, and state and local agen-

cies belonging to one of 52 consortia in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The following NMSU students and faculty and staff are involved in the eclipse and heat exchange projects: Norann Calhoun, chemical engineering; Sten Hasselquist, astronomy; Paulo Oemig, senior research scientist; and Krishna Kota, assistant professor.

For more information about the NM Eclipse Ballooning project visit <http://nmspacegrant.com/>.

*Paulo Oemig is a writer/senior researcher at New Mexico State University and may be reached at 575-646-6414.*

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eclipse coverage along with webcasts from other sources and a workshop on how to create eye-safe pinhole solar eclipse viewers. Education Director Dave Dooling will talk about what causes eclipses and how they helped scientists discover the true nature of the Sun. These activities are free to the public and will be held on the first floor of the

museum beginning at 10:30 a.m.

At 11:30, a few minutes before maximum eclipse, activities will move to the museum patio for observing through a Sunspotter and an H-alpha solar telescope as well as the pinhole viewers and eclipse glasses. In addition, the museum will have free eclipse glasses available while supplies last. Museum activities will end at 1:30 p.m.

Total eclipse of the sun in the

U.S. starts on the west coast of Oregon at 10:16 a.m. Pacific time (11:16 MDT), heads southeast across the Lower 48 and exits through South Carolina at 4:49 p.m. Eastern time (2:49 MDT). In Alamogordo, the partial eclipse starts at 10:23 a.m., reaches maximum at 11:47:51 a.m., and ends at 1:17 p.m.

The NASA interactive eclipse map can be found at [https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/interactive\\_map/index.html](https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/interactive_map/index.html).



## Coming home

The annual Las Cruces Home Builders Association banquet, held Aug. 10 at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, featured the 2017 Anniversary House Recipients Reception that included speeches; a video; a recognition of dignitaries, sponsors, builders, board members and elected officials; and check presentation to various organizations.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE  
From left: District 6 City Councilor Cecelia Levatino, Dr. Anthony Levatino and Kathy Olson speak with World War II Navy Veteran Dwight Weir.



From left: Gene Love, Cheri Love and Debbie Taylor of Turning Point LC.



Las Cruces Home Builders Association Vice President Summer Rose Nolen and Executive Officer Nicole Black.



Adrian Perea and Austin Hills from the Centennial High School Orchestra Ensemble.



Bob McNeil and Kathy Olson.



Honor Flight of SNM receives a check for \$3,000.



The Scottish Rite Children's Learning Center receives a check for \$2,000.



# Former fire chief announces run for Congress



PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

The extended Zubia family were present for Adolph Zubia's bid for Congress on Saturday afternoon at the Game Sports bar and grill on Espina Avenue.

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

He wouldn't know it for sure until 16 years later, but Democrat Adolph Zubia's decision to run for Congress may have been made on 9/11.

Like most Americans, he learned about the terrorist attacks from television news, then rushed to Las Cruces Fire Station #1. He had been fire chief for little more than a week.

"We got our ducks in a row should anything happen in the area," Zubia said. "We were standing by and capable."

But, as firefighters watched TV as events unfolded, they knew they couldn't stop it, he said, "and now that it's occur-

ring, we can't help."

Zubia announced he is running for the U.S. House of Representatives in New Mexico's Second District on Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Game sports bar and grill on Espina Street.

One of the most important life lessons Zubia learned from his mother, he said, was to be "fair, just and compassionate" toward everyone.

A native of Hatch, Zubia was one of 11 children of immigrant parents. He was the first in his family to be born in the United States, and still remembers his first day at Hatch Elementary School because he "didn't know a word of English."

Zubia and his brothers

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## Plan4LasCruces

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For more information visit [www.las-cruces.org/plan](http://www.las-cruces.org/plan) or contact Srijana Basnyat at [planning@las-cruces.org](mailto:planning@las-cruces.org)

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## Zubia would be first to win House seat since 1968

No Democrat from Las Cruces has ever been elected to represent New Mexico's Second Congressional District.

In fact, only one person from Las Cruces has ever held the seat.

Republican Ed Foreman was elected in 1968, when New Mexico created its first and second congressional districts after electing U.S. representatives at large. Foreman had moved to Las Cruces from El Paso, where he held a U.S. House seat for two years earlier in the decade.

In 1970, Foreman lost re-election to Harold Runnels, a conservative Democrat from Lovington, in Lea County. Runnels held the seat for 10 years before dying in office in August 1980.

The Republicans had not nominated anyone to run against Runnels in 1980, but former



**Adolph Zubia announces his bid for U.S. Congress.**

state senator and gubernatorial candidate Joe Skeen of Picacho (Lincoln County) won the seat as a write-in.

Skeen held the seat for 22 years

– longest service in the U.S. House in New Mexico history – until he retired in 2002.

Republican Steve Pearce of Hobbs (Lea County) was elected in 2002 and served until 2008, when he gave up the House seat to run unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate.

Hobbs Democrat Harry Teague won the open seat in 2008, but Pearce won it back in 2010 and has held it for the past four terms. Pearce has announced that he will not seek re-election in 2018, but instead will run for governor.

The district covers most of southern New Mexico from Silver City to Hobbs and is the fifth-largest U.S. House district in the United States and the largest that does not comprise an entire state.

— Mike Cook



**ZUBIA** CONTINUED FROM 32

and sisters grew up between Hatch and Anthony, Texas, with his father working as a farm laborer. Zubia himself began picking onions at age 10.

“The work ethic that I have today, I learned from Dad,” he said.

His mother, Zubia said, was “probably the most influential person in my life. She was always home.”

Zubia graduated from Las Cruces High School and entered the United States Navy.

Using the GI Bill, he earned a degree in journalism from New Mexico State University. Zubia joined the Las Cruces Fire Department in 1986, retiring as chief in 2009.

Being a firefighter is “the best job in the world,” Zubia said. “It allows you to give back to the community every day that you’re on the job. You work with individuals viewed as heroes because they provide security and peace of mind 24/7.”

After retirement, Zubia worked as the state fire marshal in South Carolina, fire chief in Grass Valley, California, and assistant fire chief in Las Vegas, Nevada, before returning to Las Cruces, where he now serves as a fire and code consultant.

Zubia said he is “sad and disappointed” that New Mexico ranks 49th or 50th when it comes to education.

“Everything we can do to improve the



**Socorro Zubia and her grandson Carter John Maki, 1.**



**Zubia volunteers Gina Casciani and Cosette Casciani-Eaton hand out Zubia promotional materials.**

education system in New Mexico has to be a priority. I’m the proof that education can be the road to opportunity,” he said.

Immigration reform is another important issue, he said. “I’m tired of it being tweaked and everybody passing the buck.”

But, Zubia said he hates seeing families split up because an undocumented worker who has lived in the U.S. for many years is “shipped out with no concern for the family.”

He opposes President Trump’s plan to build a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico.

“What a waste of \$70 billion,” he said.

Zubia said he is running for Congress “with the intent of serving the whole district.”

“All of us have to give and take,” he said. “I don’t necessarily appreciate labels. It’s not one side of the spectrum vs. the other. That’s what causes the polarization.”

Zubia, 59, and his wife, Beverlye, have been married for almost 32 years. They



**Las Cruces boxer Austin Trout, right, showed his support for Adolph Zubia and his bid for Congress Saturday at the Game.**

have three children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

For more information, visit <https://www.zubiaforcongress.com/> and find

Zubia’s campaign on Facebook.

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## OBITUARIES

### DELIA HERNANDEZ MEZA

DELIA HERNANDEZ MEZA, age 49, of Las Cruces passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2017. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory.



### ROSEMARY "NENA" R. GAMBOA

ROSEMARY "NENA" R. GAMBOA, of Las Cruces on Sunday, July 30, 2017. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, 527-2222.



### AURORA GARCIA CUETO

AURORA GARCIA CUETO, age 83, of San Miguel passed away Thursday, August 10, 2017. Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222.



### PETE MONTES ARZABAL

PETE MONTES ARZABAL, age 73, lifelong resident of Las Cruces entered eternal life on Friday, August 11, 2017. Entrusted to the care of

Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222.



### CLEO LANG-JONES

CLEO LANG-JONES, age 72, of Las Cruces passed away Sunday, August 6, 2017. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222.



### MANUEL SANTANA

MANUEL SANTANA, age 83, of Las Cruces passed away Saturday, August 12, 2017. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.



### ROBERT T. MYERS

ROBERT T. MYERS, age 83, of Las Cruces passed away Thursday, August 10, 2017. Cremation will take place and no services are scheduled at this time. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and sunset Crematory. 527-2222





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Kathleen Moya takes her daughters Evaleen Moya, 5, and Eliana Moya, 3, to University Hills Elementary School Aug. 15 on Locust Street with the help of crossing guard Irine Roane.

# Back to school!

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The 2017-18 school year began Monday morning, Aug. 14, as students in grades one through 12 returned to class. Kindergarten students had their first day on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

"Just as we start every year, we're very excited to welcome students back," Las Cruces Public Schools

Superintendent Greg Ewing said.

"As the superintendent, I'm even more excited to see the outstanding teaching that will take place in classrooms, and we certainly welcome public input at any time."

Among the 600 students at Hillrise Elementary School is first grader Aryam Chavez, the daughter of slain Hatch Police Officer Jose

Chavez. She received a special police escort to school from her home in Doña Ana.

Hillrise Elementary Principal Karin Hite said Aryam is "one special little girl."

For more information on LCPS, visit <http://lcp.k12.nm.us/>.

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Students arrive for the first day of classes, Monday, Aug. 14, at Hillrise Elementary School.





Brittany Davalos

BULLETIN PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

# Las Crucens react to tragedy

Citizens lit candles and listened to speeches in downtown Las Cruces in the aftermath of the violent Charlottesville, Virginia, political demonstration.



State Rep. Bill McCamley speaks to the assembled.



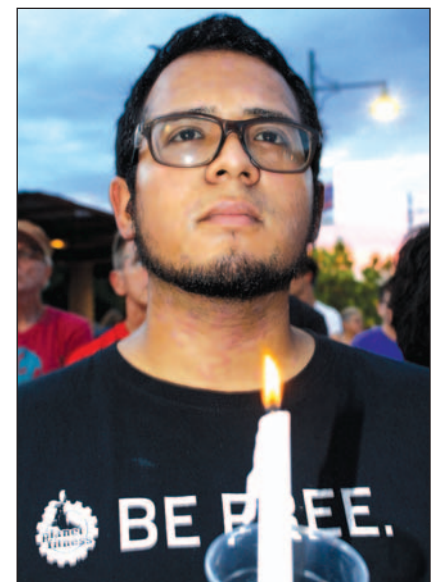
Rabbi Larry Karol



Toni Bueno



Doña Ana County residents hold candles at the vigil.



Gabriel Garcia



# Local authors to celebrate published works

## BULLETIN REPORT

*Editor's note: This is the second of a multi-part series profiling the authors participating in Thomas Branigan Memorial Library's 2017 "Celebrate Authors" event that will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17, in the Roadrunner Room upstairs at the library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The first installment was published in the Aug. 11 Bulletin. The event is free and open to the public. Authors will be on hand to sell and autograph their books and talk to attendees. For more information on the event, contact Sue Fletcher of the Author Committee of the Friends of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library at 575-521-8507 or sj-fletch1940@yahoo.com.*



### Yossi Lapid

**Title of work:** "Snowman Paul," an award-winning picture-book series  
**Genre:** Children's picture books  
**Profession:** Retired college professor (Political science/international relations)  
**Age:** 69  
**Hometown:** Las Cruces (grew up in Transylvania)  
**How long have you lived in Las Cruces:** 27 years

**How many books have you written?** 10 children's books. Six are now published in the "Snowman Paul" series. The latest, "Halloween with Snowman Paul," will be released Aug. 30 on Amazon.

**Message to potential writers:** "This is an excellent time to be a self-published author, so if you love writing, why not give it a try? It is particularly good in retirement. For me, it made all the difference!"

**Favorite book and/or writer:** "I love reading and I have many favorite authors in different genres. In the children's books genre, it is Dr. Seuss." As for favorite children's book, "Yertle the Turtle." Published in 1958, "I find it particularly relevant today."



### Jim Eckles

**Title of work:** "Deming New Mexico's Camp Cody: A World War One Training Camp."  
**Genre:** Nonfiction  
**Profession:** Retired from White Sands Missile Range's public affairs office.  
**Age:** 67  
**Hometown:** Lincoln, Nebraska  
**How long have you lived in Las Cruces:** 40 years  
**How many books have you written?** Three

**Message to potential writers:** "Forget tradition – use your own voice and try something different. Formulas come across as exactly that – the same old thing."

**Favorite book and/or writer:** Charles Dickens/Tolkien's ring trilogy.



### Catalina Claussen

**Title of work:** "Diamonds at Dusk"  
**Genre:** Young adult fiction  
**Profession:** English teacher  
**Age:** 44  
**Hometown:** Born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Has lived in Silver City for the past 21 years.  
**How many books have I written?** One; close to completing the sequel.

**Message to potential writers:** "Writing is an act of listening

for what needs to be said. And, the joy in writing comes from telling yourself the story."

**Favorite book and/or writer:** C.S. Lewis, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Zora Neale Hurston, Judy Blume, Thich Nhat Hanh, Ann Brashares, Louise Rennison, Jandy Nelson. "It's a pretty eclectic bunch and I love them all for different reasons."

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# NMSU's summer camp exceeds expectations

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**  
For the Bulletin

With the increasing popularity of unmanned aerial systems, also known as drones, New Mexico State University capitalized on the opportunity to educate students about science, technology, engineering and mathematics and hosted its first-ever UAS-STEM camp this summer.

NMSU's Physical Science Laboratory and STEM Outreach Center in the College of Education collaborated to offer morning and afternoon sessions for two weeks in both June and July. Participants experienced flight simulations, UAS presentations, 3-D printing, UAS coding and flying and UAS obstacle courses and missions during the camp.

"UAS are fun and exciting," said Henry Cathey, Physical Science Laboratory Deputy Director. "They are in the news and are doing some exciting things. They are also accessible to fly. A 12-year-old can't typically go out and fly a manned aircraft, but can fly a remote controlled quadcopter. Bottom line, they are cool and fun and very educational, too.

"These young men and women were fully engaged in hands-on learning about UAS. It was a delight to see them dive full in, learn new skills, and have some fun being pilots, programmers and problem solvers," Cathey added.

"The students practiced making payloads using 3-D doodler pens and their flying drones had to drop the payload in a basket," said Susan Brown, director of the STEM Outreach Center. "So many had heard about Amazon using drones in some of the cities in the U.S to deliver packages. Drones themselves are fascinating and the stu-

dents were in turn fascinated. Introducing programming only increased their interest.

"They loved driving and flying the drones, as well as the programming that they learned. The instructors had tracks prepared that made flying and driving the drones an adventure. To program a drone to successfully complete a track was an accomplishment," she added.

The summer camp was free for students in fourth through eighth grades through funding from the Federal Aviation Administration as part of its STEM Outreach events. In 2015, NMSU became a core member-university on the Alliance for System Safety of UAS through Research Excellence (ASSURE) that operates an FAA National Center of Excellence for Unmanned Aircraft Systems. In addition to the summer camp, the FAA funds also sponsored NMSU's Unmanned Aircraft Systems Roadshows in fall 2016.

Cathey said the camp organizers expected high demand, and the July session was added to accommodate requests. Originally, NMSU committed to host a camp with 25 participants but ended up serving nearly 120 campers.

"I was thrilled by how the camps went," he said. "These young men and women had lots of fun, got a taste of the excitement offered by UAS, and hopefully got a vision of themselves in the future working in these types of technical careers."

FAA UAS/R&D Operations Research Manager and acting deputy program manager for the Center of Excellence Diane Ford said she was impressed with the campers. Ford and two additional FAA representatives visited camp for a couple of days during

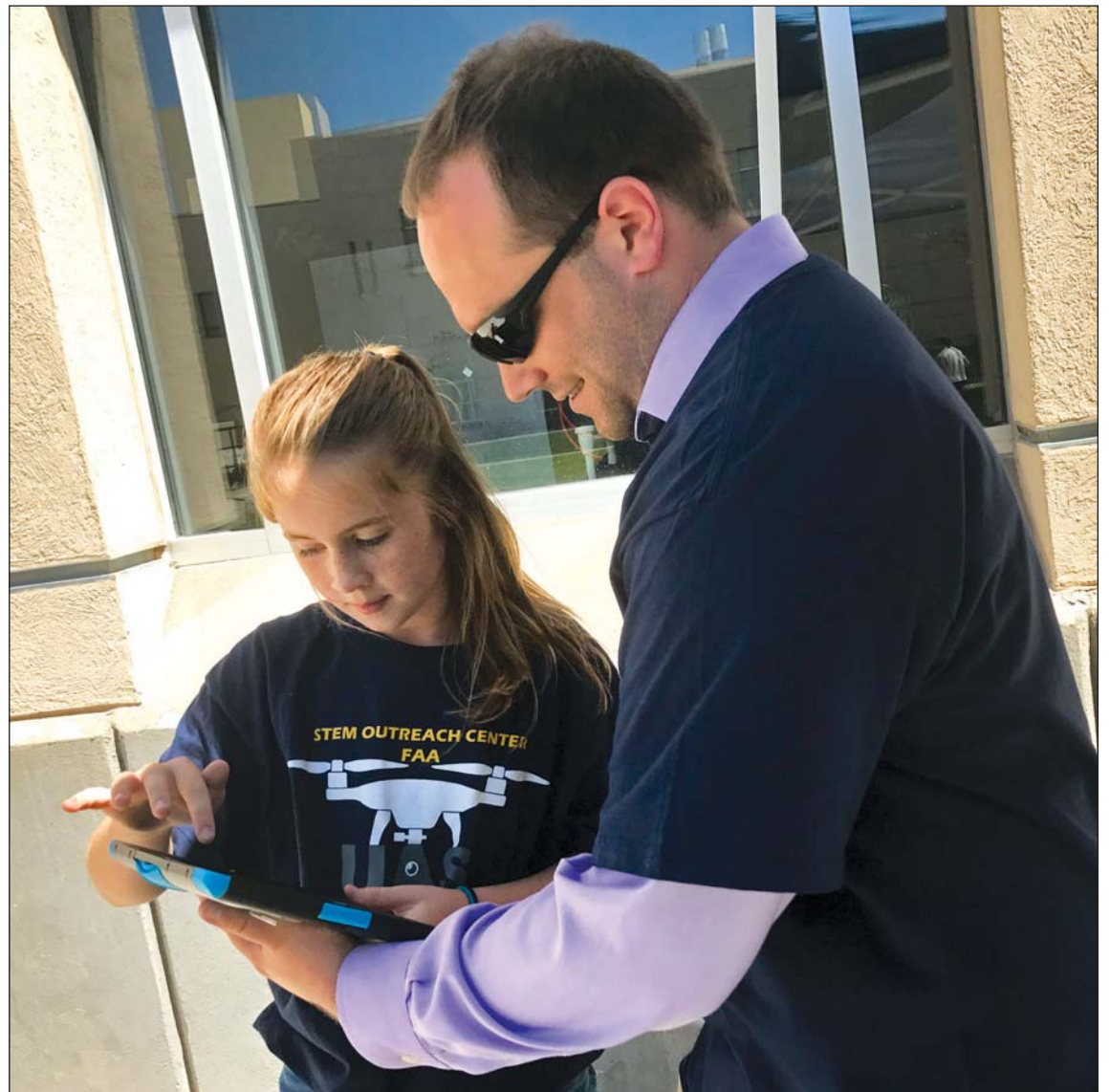


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**Maisy Thomlinson, a fifth-grader at Hillrise Elementary, helps FAA representative Ben Bradley program a remote-controlled vehicle during the UAS-STEM summer camp at New Mexico State University.**

the July session.

"They are learning not just about drones, they're learning about aviation in general," she said. "They are also learning life skills. They are collaborating, learning to work in teams and they are learning that it doesn't have to work perfectly the first time. The benefits to the students were overwhelmingly obvious through their eagerness to participate in the activities and their dedication

to implementing the instructions provided during the classroom sessions. Their enthusiasm about the camp was also expressed during our personal interactions with them."

Cathey said he hopes to offer the camp again next summer.

"It would be great to offer this same camp next year to a new group of students. It would be wonderful to further challenge the students who took the camp this year

with the next steps in UAS education including possibly building their own vehicle to understand the mechanics and controls of the flight vehicle and flying actual measurement missions where data is collected and processed to understand how real world UAS missions work," he said.

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## Drive donates shoes, books



COURTESY PHOTO

The Apendamos Intervention Team has donated 250 backpacks filled with shoes and books to children in Hatch. Children ages up to 10 signed up for a pair of new shoes in June and on Aug. 4 they were delivered along with books and backpacks. This is the fifth year that Apendamos has held their Shoes and Books Drive, each year signing up and donating up to 350 pairs of shoes, books and backpacks, with donations from Pic Quik, Children's Dental Clinic of Las Cruces, and Customs and Border Protection – Columbus Port of Entry.

## Junior Jazzercise



COURTESY PHOTO

Las Cruces Junior Jazzercise Summer Bash Kids camp packed shoe boxes of school supplies and personal care items as part of their "Pay it forward day" at camp. The items will be delivered to the Community of Hope, La Casa, and the local Weed and Seed program. Pictured are, front row: Delilah Ruth, Camden Richards, Brynlee Kane, Andrew Carson, Aubree Kane. Back row: Sylvia Staley, Scott Richards and Evan Richards

# LCPS test scores show slight improvement

### BULLETIN REPORT

Based on the Public Education Department (PED)'s newly released data from the 2017 PARCC assessment scores, Las Cruces Public Schools' math proficiency levels remained nearly the same and English Language Arts (ELA) proficiency levels saw a slight improvement when compared to last year's scores.

Overall, districtwide proficiency levels in both categories have improved by roughly 3 percent since the assessment was first adminis-

tered three years ago.

"These assessments give us a snapshot of how our students are doing at one point in time," said LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing. "Classroom instruction is ultimately the key driver of student success, so it's important for our teachers to use their knowledge, training and experience to guide their day-to-day instruction."

PARCC – Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers – is a state-mandated, computerized exam which measures proficiency in math and ELA among 3rd

through 11th grade students.

Based on the data, 28.8 percent of the 15,213 students who took the 2017 ELA assessment met or exceeded proficiency standards, compared to 27.4 percent of students who met or exceeded proficiency standards on the 2016 exam. The data also showed that 19.3 percent of the 14,839 students who took the math assessment met or exceeded proficiency standards on the 2017 exam, compared to the 19.6 percent of students who met or exceeded proficiency standards on the 2016 exam.

Across the state, 28.6 percent of the 214,870 students who took the 2017 ELA assessment met or exceeded proficiency standards, compared to the 27.6 percent of students who met or exceeded proficiency standards on the 2016 exam. The data also showed that 19.7 percent of the 213,692 students who took the math assessment met or exceeded proficiency standards on the 2017 exam, compared to the 19.9 percent of students who met or exceeded proficiency standards on the 2016 exam.

Proficiency levels for the

assessment are determined by how many of the students' scores fell into the top two categories – met expectations and exceeded expectations – of a five-category scale. Student scores that fall into the bottom three categories – did not meet expectations, partially met expectations and approached expectations – indicate only partial proficiency in math or ELA.

The PARCC assessment was developed by Pearson, a British multinational publishing and education company, and is currently used in seven states.



## COMING UP

**Social justice film series:** 7 p.m., Aug. 17, "The Abolitionists," Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Men, women, black and white Northerners and Southerners, poor and wealthy engaged in a furious struggle that forever changed the nation. Free, but donations accepted.

**Modular railroad exhibit:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18. The Doña Ana Modular Railroad will be on display and running trains at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Free, open to the public. Info: 575-649-9503.

**LULAC banquet:** League of United Latin American Citizens Council 120 of Las Cruces, scholarship awards banquet, 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18, at the Grapevine Plaza, 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Info: 575-405-2719.

**Ride for Women Vets:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, starts and ends at Barnett's Harley Davidson, off I-10 at Avenida de Mesilla exit. Four scavenger hunt rides available. Ticket includes a hamburger or hot dog meal and is \$25 per rider or \$20 for 2-up. All proceeds benefit the Women's Veterans Memorial being built at Veterans Memorial Park on Roadrunner Parkway. Grand prize: \$1,600 gift certificate to Ashley Furniture. Smaller prizes available. Info: www.barnetttharley.com

**Humane Society annual meeting:** 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The Humane Society of Southern NM will hold its annual members and friends meeting. City Manager Stuart Ed and City Animal Control Supervisor Gino Jimenez will lead a panel topic "Trends & Future of Animals" followed by a Q&A segment. Music and refreshments provided. Free, open to the public. Info: 575-640-6867.

**Food Truck Fiesta:** 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, University Church of Christ; Sept. 6, Allen Theatre's Telshor 12 (buy one get one free movie offer with food purchase); Sept 20, Plaza de Las Cruces. Info: www.facebook.com/foodtruckfiestalc. Food trucks and live music.

**Republican Women:** Doña Ana County Federated Republican Women will host its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive. Guest speaker is County Commissioner Ben Rawson. Lunch is \$15. RSVP: 575-635-2490.

**FFA fundraiser:** 4:30-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, Horse N Hound Feed N Supply, 991 W. Amador Ave. The FFA chapter at Las Cruces High School will hold a green-chile-sale

## Fiesta offers variety

The Santa Rosa de Lima 2017 Fiesta takes place Friday-Sunday, Aug. 18-20, at 5035 Holsome Road in Las Cruces with games, music and food booths. The schedule:

### Friday, Aug. 18

6-7 p.m. — Fiesta Starts  
7-8 p.m. — King and Queen Coronation  
8-12 p.m. — Dance with "Rodeo Norteno"

### Saturday, Aug. 19

Noon — Fiesta starts  
1-2 p.m. — Matachines: Danza San Judas Tadeo  
2-3 p.m. — Singer, Melissa  
3-4 p.m. — Local Talent (Talento Local)  
4-5 p.m. — Singer, Orlando  
5-6 p.m. — Matachines: Danza Morena  
6-7 p.m. — Mass (bilingual)  
7-7:30 p.m. — Juan Cardiel and Group (Talent/Music. Talento Musical)  
8-12 p.m. — Dance (Baile), Cautivo Norteño

### Sunday, Aug. 20

8-9 a.m. — Mananitas with Danza Tepeyac  
9-10 a.m. — Mariachi Mass with Bishop Oscar Cantu (Bilingual)  
10-11 a.m. — Mariachis  
Noon-1 p.m. — Orlando  
1-2 p.m. — Imitador Imitador, Gabriel Piores  
2-3 p.m. — Jennifer's Danza  
3-4 p.m. — Ballet Folklorico Diamantes Del Valle  
4-5 p.m. — Danza with Gerardo  
5-6 p.m. — Raffle- Fiesta ends

fundraiser. Hot or mild green chile will be available for \$25 plain and \$30 roasted. You must pre-order the chile if you wish to purchase. To place your order, call Julia Gardner at 575-649-8592 or Kathleen Gardener at 575-640-3998.

**Community Appreciation Day:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Museum offers free admission on this day each year to thank the community for its support and to showcase its outstanding exhibits and programs. Demonstrations and the Parade of Breeds cattle program will be held. Highlight this year is the 100th birthday of the chuck wagon. The recently restored wagon will be on display and food samples will be available while they last. Info: www.nmfarmdranchmuseum.org or 575-541-4100.

**SNMNP meeting:** Southern New Mexico Progressives will hold its monthly meeting 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, in the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room. This month's topic is a discussion on how to build a voting culture, featuring a presentation by Doña Ana County Clerk Scott

Krahling. Register to vote at the event. Info: www.snmnp.com or info@snmnp.com.

**VHS reunion:** The class of 1965 at Valley High School in Albuquerque will hold a 52nd reunion at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26. Seeking alumni from the Las Cruces area. The informal social event will be at Dreamstyle Remodeling, 1460 N. Renaissance Blvd. NE, Albuquerque. Graduates of the class of '65 are invited to join fellow Vikings for steak, chicken, beer, wine and other refreshments, along with '60s music and entertainment. RSVP/info: Fritzi (Reay) Hardy, 505-345-1709 or fritzihardy@gmail.com.

**La Frontera:** Nopalito's Galería, 326 S. Mesquite St., 9 a.m.-6 p.m. every Saturday through Aug. 26. All proceeds from sales go to the women who produce the products, such as Guerrilla Prayer Flags made in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico; household items and scarves from Centro Santa Catalina in Ciudad Juárez; and clothing and household items offered by Weaving for Justice in Chiapas, Mexico. La Frontera is a nonprofit store staffed entirely by volunteers.

**Archaeological Society:** Meets 7 p.m. Sept. 12 at Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Society member Margaret Berrier will present "Tantalizing Tassili Tadrart: Rock art along the edge of the plateau of the rivers in Algeria." Examines climate change as the area evolved from a savanna to a desert over a period of 8,000 years. Free and open to the public. Info: 575-524-9497.

**Wednesday Night Markets:** 5-9 p.m., Sept. 13 and Oct. 25, Plaza de Las Cruces in Downtown Las Cruces. Food trucks, arts and crafts vendors, music and dancing. Info: www.facebook.com/LasCrucesMarket.

**Kitty Kitchen Glitter:** Saturday, Oct. 7, Better Life Pet Foods, 365 Avenida de Mesilla. The first Kitty Kitchen Glitter seeks gently used items for holiday season cooking or entertaining, including: baking and cooking items, trays, small plates, elegant glassware, decorative items, table runners, ornaments, and centerpieces. Fundraiser for nonprofit animal organizations that spay/neuter, adopt, vet, rescue and address cat overpopulation in Doña Ana County. Info: Jackye, 575-323-0903 or jackyecats@gmail.com.

**LCHS Class of 1971:** Seeks classmates for reunion on Nov. 3 and 4. Contact Shirley at lchsclassof1971@gmail.com for further details. Deadline for registration is Oct. 4.

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



# LEGAL NOTICES

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Storage Auction; Absolute Storage- 6 lockers, Saturday 8/19/17, registration at 8:30am, starts 9:00am. 425 N. Motel. Ammo Cans, gas packer, antique crib, collectables, tablesaw, trunks, totes, tools, furniture, flat screen television, stereos, much more. 575-635-0310.

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00071

Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERT DURAN, SR., Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

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

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

Dated: July 24, 2017

/s/Albert Duran Jr.  
Albert Duran, Jr., Personal Representative of the Estate of Albert Duran, Sr., Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:  
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.  
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/s/Joseph M. Holmes  
Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 08/11, 08/18, 08/25, 2017

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

No. CV-2017-00425  
Judge: Martin

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES, on behalf of the LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT,**  
Petitioner,

vs.

**YOLANDA AGUILAR, AND 1990 FORD RANGER, GRAY; VIN: 1FTCR10A4LUA83642; NEW MEXICO LICENCE PLATE DTN 433,**  
Respondents.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

To: Respondent  
YOLANDA AGUILAR:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1990 FORD RANGER, GRAY VIN: 1FTCR10A4LUA83642; New Mexico License Plate No. DTN 433.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

(seal)

June 6, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Robert A. Cabello  
Robert A. Cabello  
Assistant City Attorney  
P.O. Box 20000  
(575) 541-2128  
(575) 541-2017 Fax  
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Martin, James T., District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 06th day of June, 2017.

Claude Bowman  
COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER

By: /s/ Victor A. Eres  
DEPUTY Victor A. Eres

Dates: 8/18, 8/25, 9/1/2017

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2015-00934

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

vs.

**CHRISTINE B. GOLDEN AND JOHN DOE GOLDEN, WIFE AND HUSBAND; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; TARGET NATIONAL BANK; 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 4633 Mesita St, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and



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more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 33 IN BLOCK NUMBERED D OF PARKHILL ESTATES, UNIT #1, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID PARKHILL ESTATES, UNIT #1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 17, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 623-624.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on September 7, 2017**, 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 22, 2017, in the total amount of \$158,785.51, with interest at the rate of 4.00% per annum from December 22, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE**

**THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-02231

**MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**FRANCES RUTH PACHECO FKA FRANCES RUTH FLEMING; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANCES RUTH PACHECO FKA FRANCES RUTH FLEMING; SPRINGCASTLE CREDIT FUNDING TRUST, THROUGH ITS TRUSTEE WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; 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 7225 Parrigin Way, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 3, KISSISH-PARRIGIN SUBDIVISION DIVISION NO. 6, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 2314, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON APRIL 22, 1992, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 17, PAGE

167, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on September 21, 2017**, 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 June 12, 2017, in the total amount of \$52,457.88, with interest at the rate of 6.8700% per annum from January 1, 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. MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-01946

**MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JAMES A. GALLEGOS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAMES A. GALLEGOS; 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 3748 Ascencion Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 18, BLOCK A, HIGH DESERT SUBDIVISION PHASES 1A AND 1B, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 14, 2005, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 373-375 OF PLAT RECORDS. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on October 5, 2017**, 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 July 25,

2017, in the total amount of \$165,081.23, with interest at the rate of 4.125% per annum from May 31, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. MIDFIRST BANK, 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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8/11/2017 8/18/2017  
8/25/2017 9/1/2017

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-01113

**WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORT-**

**GAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF NORMA JEAN ONTIVEROS, DECEASED; 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 109 West Ethel Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 26 OF COLLINS PARK, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID COLLINS PARK, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 10, 1953 IN PLAT BOOK 7, FOLIO 35.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on September 7, 2017**, 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 June 28, 2017, in the total amount of \$113,697.70, with interest at the rate of 2.000% per annum from April 1, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, D/B/A Christiana Trust, Not Individually But As Trustee For Pretium Mortgage Acquisi-

tion Trust, 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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8/11/2017 8/18/2017  
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**IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. 17-0136

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN C. CLAWSON, a/k/a JOHN CHARLES CLAWSON DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **BILL BEGAY a/k/a BILL COLIN CODY BEGAY-ALCON CLAWSON** 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. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: June 13, 2017.

BILL BEGAY a/k/a  
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Dates: 08/11, 08/18, 08/25,  
2017

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on July 12, 2017, Kit Carson Enterprises, LLC (Contact: Rena Carson); PO Box 101, Rincon, NM 87940, filed application numbered LRG-3948-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-3948-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-3948-POD2 to a depth of 100 feet with a 20-inch casing, in a location within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 8, Township 19S, Range 3W (NMPM) and more specifically at or near the intersection of X:1357068.67 ft. & Y: 609852.1 ft. (NMS Central NAD83), on land owned by the applicant, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-3948, located on land owned by the applicant located within the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of said Section 8 and more specifically at the intersection of X:1357089 ft. & Y:609131 ft., for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 18.63 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of said Section 8, as described in Subfile Order No. LRR



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28-006-0087 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-3948-POD2 will be located northwest of Hatch, NM and may be found approximately 690 feet south of the intersection of W Canal St. and N. Castaneda Rd., Hatch, NM. Existing well LRG-3948 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 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: 08/11, 08/18, 08/25, 2017

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on July 12, 2017, Kit Carson Enterprises, LLC (Contact: Rena Carson), PO Box 101, Rincon, NM 87940, filed application numbered LRG-5280-POD2, OSE File Nos. LRG-5280-1 & LRG-5280-2, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County

by drilling proposed well LRG-5280-POD2 to a depth of 100 feet with a 20-inch casing, in a location within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, Township 19S, Range 3W (NMPM) and more specifically at or near the intersection of X:1356538.8 ft. & Y:608118.9 ft. (NMSA Central NAD83), on land owned by the applicant, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-5280, located on land owned by the applicant within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 8, and more specifically at the intersection of X:1356462 ft. & Y:608093 ft., for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 8.50 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 8, and for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico for the irrigation of 2.03 acres of land, as described in Subfile Order No. LRR 28-006-0092 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The site of proposed well LRG-5280-POD2 will be located northwest of Hatch, NM and may be found approximately 980 feet southwest of the intersection of Highway 187 & Castaneda Rd., Hatch, NM. Existing well LRG-5280 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 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: 08/11, 08/18, 08/25, 2017

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on July 19, 2017, Isabel Fajardo, 4028 San Ysidro #15, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application under OSE File No.: 16653-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-16653-POD2 to a depth of 200 feet with a 4-inch casing, in a location within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of projected Section 5, Township 24S, Range 2E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X = 1,484,947.8 ft. & Y = 455,821.2 ft. (NMSA, Central NAD83) on land owned by the applicant, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-16653-POD1 (LRS02-0149), located on land owned by the applicant located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said projected Section 5 and more specifically described where X = 1,484,940 ft. & Y = 455,815 ft. (NMSA, Central NAD83), for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic one-household use as described in Subfile No.: LRS-28-002-7068 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The site of proposed well LRG-16653-POD2 will be located southwest of Tortugas, NM and may be found

approximately 719 feet south of the intersection of Holy Cross Rd and S. Main St. at the property address of 231 Boggy Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Existing well LRG-16653-POD1 (LRS02-0149) 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 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: 08/04, 08/11, 08/18, 2017

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on July 20, 2017, Masson Farms of New Mexico, Inc. (Contact R. Alexander Masson), 240 Lakeshore West, Lake Quivira, KS 66217, filed application numbered LRG-04489-POD18, OSE File No. LRG-04489, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-04489-POD18 to a depth of —1,000 feet with a 20-inch casing, in a location within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 10, Township 21S, Range 1W (NMPM) and more specifically located at

or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 30' 13" N and 106° 55' 41.95" W (WGS84), on land owned by H.N. Bailey & Associates, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-4489-S-9, located on land owned by H.N. Bailey & Associates located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 10 and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 30' 13.09" N and 106° 55' 38.88" W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of up to 5,000 acre-feet per annum of groundwater utilized for the extraction of geothermal heat used in commercial greenhouse energy application, as described in part by Subfile No. LRN 28-001-9001 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Extracted water is injected back into the same geothermal formation after heat extraction for conservation of water and energy resources under the rules of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and the New Mexico State Engineer. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-4489-POD18 will be located north of Radium Springs, NM and may be found approximately 0.25 miles northwest of the intersection of County Rd. D61 and De Beers Dr. Existing well LRG-4489-S-9 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 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: 8/18, 8/25, 9/01/2017

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on July 25, 2017, Nelson F. and Carolyn A. Clayshulte, PO Box 430, Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application numbered LRG-6410 POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill an Additional Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling well LRG-6410 POD4 to a depth of 420 feet for 16-inch casing to be located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 6' 15.38"N, 106° 40' 19.36"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, to supplement existing well LRG-6410 located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 6' 16.37"N, 106° 40' 30.27"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, and well LRG-6410-S, located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 6' 28.44"N, 106° 40' 30.94"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of an amount of 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 98.29 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 30, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile No.

LRS-28-010-0096 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for new well LRG-6410 POD4 is located southeast of La Mesa, NM and may be found approximately 0.2 mile west of the intersection of Dawson Road and Montes 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

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Dates: 08/11, 08/18, 08/25, 2017

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on June 30, 2017, Paul Finch on behalf of Judith Ann Finch, 1029 N. Armijo, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-11533-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-11533 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County

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by discontinuing the use of well LRG-11533 located within part of the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of projected Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 01 East, NMPM, on land owned by Judith A. Finch and drilling replacement well LRG-11533-POD3 to a depth of 150 feet with 4-inch casing to be located at approximately X = 1,474,841.9 Y = 479,797.3 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Judith A. Finch for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one-household purposes. Proposed replacement well LRG-11533-POD3 will be located at the physical address of 1029 N. Armijo, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-11533-POD3 will be properly plugged. 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: 08/04, 08/11, 08/18, 2017

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

NO. CV2017-2289

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF OTILIA CHAVEZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** That Otilia Chavez a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Otilia Chavez to Tila Brinton, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the 14th day of September 2017, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tila Brinton,  
2321 Santo Domingo Ave.  
Las Cruces,  
New Mexico 88011,  
949-566-5173

Dates: 08/18, 8/25/2017

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

NO. CV-2017-2266  
Marci E. Beyer

## IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CODY KAY ASHCROFT

## FOR CHANGE OF NAME

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

**NOTICE IS HEREBY**

**GIVEN THAT** Cody Kay Ashcroft 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 Cody Kay Ashcroft to Cody McVey Hawkes, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 5th day of September 2017, at the hour of 11:30 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Cody Kay Ashcroft  
Cody Kay Ashcroft  
1231 Gunsight Peak  
Las Cruces, NM 88012  
575-520-3205

Dates: 8/18, 8/25, 2017

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2017-01103

## FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

**UNKNOWN HEIRS, DE-  
VISEES OR LEGATEES  
OF STEWART WHITTI-  
ER, DECEASED; UNI-  
TED STATES OF AMER-  
ICA BY AND THROUGH  
THE SECRETARY OF  
HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT;  
Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-  
CO** to Defendants, the Unknown heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Stewart Whittier, Deceased to be published on:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Finance of America Reverse LLC has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and the cause, the general object thereof, being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 2991 W Crocus Court, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 16 OF RILLITO ACRES SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID RILLITO ACRES SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 3, 2001, IN PLAT BOOK 19, FOLIO 729-731.

Also known as:

LOT 16, PHASE II, RILLITO ACRES SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF SAID COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 3, 2001, IN BOOK 19 PAGES 729-731 OF PLAT RECORDS

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

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

## MCCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

/s/ Elaine Abeyta-Montoya  
Karen Weaver  
Elaine Abeyta-Montoya  
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emontoya  
@mccarthylholthus.com  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 8/18, 8/25, 9/1, 2017

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

No. CV 2017-2121  
Judge Beyer

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE PETITION OF  
KRISTINA J. CER-  
VANTES VANDERLUGT  
AS PARENT AND NEXT  
FRIEND OF ELIZABETH  
MARIE VANDERLUGT  
FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME**

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that KRISTINA J. CERVANTES-VANDERLUGT, as parent and next friend of ELIZABETH MARIE VANDERLUGT, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her daughter's name from ELIZABETH MARIE VANDERLUGT to ELIZABETH MARIE CERVANTES-VANDERLUGT and this Petition will be heard before the Honorable MARCI BEYER on the 14th day of September, 2017, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. at the Third Judicial District Court, Courtroom 4, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Respectfully submitted,  
MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

/s/Melissa J. Reeves-Evins  
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins  
NM State Bar No. 7629  
200 W. Las Cruces Ave.,  
Ste. A  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
575.522.5009  
575.522.5031 Fax  
Attorney for Petitioner

Dates: 08/11, 08/18, 2017



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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02489

## KETAN PARIKH AND GEETA PARIKH, Plaintiff

vs.

**MMHI-ONE INVEST-  
MENTS, LLC, NEW  
MEXICO DEPARTMENT  
OF WORKFORCE SOL-  
UTION, CITY OF LAS  
CRUCES, AND NEW  
MEXICO TAXATION  
AND REVENUE,  
Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

**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 245 La Posada Lane, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 3 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 1 HOLIDAY PLAZA REPLAT A, A COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID HOLIDAY PLAZA REPLAT A, A COMMERCIAL SUBDI-

VISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON DECEMBER 14, 1978 IN PLAT BOOK 12, FOLIO 227-228.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on September 15, 2017, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 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 Judgment granted Ketan Parikh and Geeta Parikh. Ketan Parikh and Geeta Parikh was awarded Judgment on July 14, 2017, in the principal sum of \$98,596.78, plus interest due on the Note through June 30, 2017, in the amount of \$7,444.45, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 7.00% per annum (\$42.59 per diem) until paid, plus late fees in the amount of \$1,362.27, plus advances in the amount of \$174,619.88, plus interest on advance funds in the amount of \$7,409.35, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through April 14, 2017, in the amount of \$1,298.49, and costs through April 14, 2017, in the amount of \$724.46, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 7.00% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one

(1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani  
Faisal Sukhyani  
C/O Leverick & Musselman, LLC  
5120 San Francisco NE  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico 87109

Dates: 8/18, 8/25, 9/1, 9/8

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-01511

## CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

**ANDREW S. DURAN;  
STEPHEN A. DURAN;  
and KATHLEEN L.  
DURAN, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on August 23, 2017, 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

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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 2850 Meriwether Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 64 of Legends West North Phase 1, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Legends West North Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 27, 2006 in Plat Book 22, Folio 83-91.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on July 18, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$141,514.16 and the same bears interest at 6.560% per annum from August 16, 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 valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER**

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

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

Dates: 07/28, 08/04, 08/11,  
08/18, 2017

**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 de-  
ceased, THE ESTATE OF  
ALICIA ROMAN, De-  
ceased; and THE UN-  
KNOWN HEIRS, DEVI-  
SEES AND LEGATEES  
OF ALICIA ROMAN, De-  
ceased, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
OF ACTION**

Defendant(s) Alicia Roman, if living, if deceased, The Estate of Alicia Roman, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Alicia Roman, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 133 Meadow Vista, in the City of Sunland Park, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

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.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in re-

sponse to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

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Nesbitt, P.A.  
1700 Louisiana Blvd NE,  
Suite 300  
Albuquerque, NM 87110  
(505) 248-2400  
FAX: 254-4722

By Electronically signed  
Deborah A. Nesbitt  
Karen H. Bradley  
Deborah A. Nesbitt  
Rachel M. Chiado  
Marisol C. Garcia  
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable  
MANUEL I. ARRIETA,  
District Judge of the Third  
Judicial District Court of the  
State of New Mexico, and  
the Seal of the District Court  
of Doña Ana County, this 10  
day of August, 2017.

(seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN  
CLERK OF THE  
DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ LK Brown  
Deputy  
Lindsey K Brown -  
Judicial Specialist II

Dates: 08/18, 08/25,  
09/01/2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-02044

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

vs.

**CLARA FAITH LESTER;  
DORIS ELLEN LESTER,  
if living, if deceased, THE  
ESTATE OF DORIS EL-  
LEN LESTER, Deceased;  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,  
DEVISEES AND LEGA-  
TEES OF DORIS ELLEN  
LESTER, Deceased,  
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
OF ACTION**

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in re-

Defendant(s) Doris Ellen Lester, if living, if deceased, The Estate of Doris Ellen Lester, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Doris Ellen Lester, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 2110 Enzie Drive, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

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

No. 17-0165

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
CARROLL DEAN  
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DECEASED.**

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Dated: August 8, 2017

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Dates: 8/18, 8/25, 9/01/2017

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DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF  
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STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO**

No. D-307-PB-2017-00080

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## From the Ground Up: A palate of opposites

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Las Cruces Bulletin

Pottery making has changed since I was in college if this “From the Ground Up XX-VIII” is any indication. This exhibition currently at the Las Cruces Museum of Art is intriguing and thought-provoking.

Plan plenty of time to examine the pieces from all sides; disappear into three-dimensions; lose yourself in the flow of the glazes. Everything in this exhibit begs examination and thought.

The juried ceramics exhibition features ceramic art by artists living in the Rocky Mountains. It continues through Saturday, Oct. 21. The biennial exhibition is co-hosted by the Potters’ Guild of Las Cruces.

The work of Glenn Schwaiger on display in the exhibit is the perfect example of the need for the actual experience of being there rather than seeing the art in photos. He draws on his recent experience of visiting China and learning about clay traditions there for his current work. Two large porcelain pieces, “One Hundred Flowers” and “Prickly Pear Vase” as well as one smaller one, “Yixing Tin Can Teapot,” reflect a delicacy and strength from the Chinese experience where traditional and contemporary styles vie for dominance.

The entire exhibition, it seems, is a palate of opposites. During a panel discussion with the artists Aug. 9, Dina Edens of El Paso, originally from Juarez, talked about how her work often reflects



PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

**Ethan, Presley and Emma Horton study a ceramic piece by Eileen Gorman whose work reflects structures in nature.**

two sides of her, one of them smooth, calm and positive; the other darker, rougher. Describing herself as a vessel maker, each of her pieces is a rendering or someone, of a family, or an entire community.

It’s easy to sink into the shapes of the exhibition, like

Andrew Nagen’s “Infinity Orbs,” or “Gallimaufry,” by Judy Nelson-Moore of Santa Fe. And the whimsical puns of Linda Reader Sanchez of Las Cruces, like “Devil’s Food Cake,” vessel-shaped like a cake on legs with thorny horns poking the air around it. “Corazon” by Danielle

Wood of Tempe, Arizona, takes an ocean shape, with multiple valves, and reminds one of the view of a heart.

Some of the artists in this exhibit are masters of texture. Others seem foreign to the firing process. Three disturbing life-sized busts - “Adoration,” “Speak” and “Shaken,” by

Jacquita Beddo of Abiquiu – are difficult to look at because of their stark attention to certain kinds of human emotion, and use twigs, wire and barbed wire to get their point across.

More human faces in the



## EXHIBITION

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exhibition are also scattered through the mix, every bit as thought-provoking as the more ethereal pieces. The “Spirit of Glee” by Dorothy Zitzer of Doña Ana makes you want to laugh along with her. Other Zitzer’s pieces and their details take you through a variety of emotional experiences along with their subjects.

And the glazes, the colors, the combinations dance as you watch them, changing at each angle. “Copper Country” by Diana LeMarbe of Deming and “5 Little Bowls” by Barbara Williams of Las Cruces incorporate metals like gold leaf to make their pieces reflect the sun. Pieces such as “Connected” by Deborah Moore of Las Cruces splash color in sweet patterns.

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



Ethan Horton has no problem demonstrating how he feels about “Really Fresh Sushi” by Las Cruces artist Jessica Cunningham.



“Tortuga” by Mary Constantine of Las Cruces.



“Queue” by Tamara Cameron of Santa Fe.



“Copper Country” by Diana LeMarbe of Deming.

## Museum of Art events in conjunction with From the Ground Up XXVIII

### REFERENCES INFORMING WORK

1:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 2

Join local ceramicist Suzanne Kane as she explores the historic references that artists develop in their artwork. Discussion will include how to be aware of what is informing the artist’s work and becoming more proactive in direction of art.

### THE INFLUENCE OF ANCIENT POTTERY

2:30-4 p.m., Oct. 4

Ceramists Glenn Schwaiger, will highlight his recent travels to China and discuss ancient traditional Chinese pottery and how it has, and continues to influence modern art.

### FROM THE GROUND UP PANEL DISCUSSION

1:30-3 p.m., Oct. 14

A panel of exhibiting artists will speak about their work. The talk marks the close of the exhibition. The guest speaker are Dave Beattie, Frank Willett, Luisa Baldinger, Martha Roditti and Jessica Cunningham.



“Spirit of Glee” by Dorothy Zitzer of Doña Ana.





## 'Headsets: A View from the Light Booth' opens

David Reyes and Gorton Smith are two of the stars of "Headsets: A View from the Light Booth," which opens Friday, Aug. 18, and continues for a three-weekend run at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St., as No Strings Theatre Company opens its new theatre season. The play was written by William Missouri Downs, and is the fourth of his plays produced at Black Box Theatre. The cast includes Joshua Taulbee, Monte H. Wright, Elli Hernandez, David Reyes, Gorton Smith and Black Box Theatre co-owner, resident designer and technical director Peter Herman. The play offers a backstage view of what happens during a production of Hamlet when everything that could go wrong does go wrong. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, Aug. 18-19 and 25-26 and Sept. 1-2; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 27 and Sept. 3; and at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31. Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and senior citizens over age 65. All tickets for the Thursday performance are \$10. For reservations and more information, call Black Box Theatre at 575-523-1223.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>FRI AUGUST 18 • 10:30 A.M.</b><br>Rhythm Roundup (Music/Dance for ages 2-5)  | <b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>   |
| <b>FRI AUGUST 18 • 10:30 A.M.</b><br>Library Lab (Activities/Stories for ages 7-11)   | <b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>   |
| <b>TUES AUGUST 22 • 10:30 A.M.</b><br>Read to Me (Story time for ages 3-7)  | <b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>   |
| <b>TUES+THU AUGUST 22+24 • 4:00 P.M.</b><br>Teen Game Night   | <b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>   |
| <b>WED AUGUST 23 • 10:00 A.M.</b><br>Toddler Time (Storytime for ages 1-3)  | <b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>   |
| <b>WED AUGUST 23 • 11:00 A.M.</b><br>Mother Goose Time (Activities for Infants)   | <b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>   |
| <b>WED AUGUST 23 • 10:30 P.M.</b><br>4th Wednesday Happening (NM Culture)   | <b>BRANIGAN LIBRARY</b>   |
| <b>THU AUGUST 24 • 7:30 PM</b><br>Cordova   | <b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b> |
| <b>SAT AUGUST 26 • 7:30 PM</b><br>A Tribute to Selena – Live performance  | <b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b> |
| <b>SUN AUGUST 27 • 3:00 PM</b><br>Contemporary Ensemble   | <b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b> |
| <b>MON AUGUST 28 • 6:30 PM</b><br>Behind Enemy Lines: The True Story of a Jewish Spy in Nazi Germany, A Historic Evening with Marthe Cohn | <b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b> |
| <b>THU AUGUST 31 • 7:30 PM</b><br>Mariachi Alma de Jalisco  | <b>RIO GRANDE THEATRE</b> |

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August 18-24

### My Cousin Rachel

English and Italian w/ subtitles  
A young Englishman (**Sam Claflin**) plots revenge against his late cousin's mysterious, beautiful wife (**Rachel Weisz**), believing her responsible for his death.

Nightly 7:30 Saturday matinee 1:30 Sunday matinee 2:30

No one will be admitted after the film has begun. LC1-LV41186

August 25-31

### Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World

Powerful documentary about the role of Native Americans in contemporary music history, revealing how indigenous musicians have influenced popular culture.

\*\*Saturday, August 26 No matinee. Thursday, August 31 1:30 matinee; no evening show.



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## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Farmers and crafts market:** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 19, Plaza de Las Cruces.

**Side Effects Organ Trio:** Performs original and classic jazz for the Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society's monthly concert series, the third Sunday of the month. 7 p.m. Aug. 20, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo across from Las Cruces High School. \$5 members, \$10 non-members, \$1 for students with ID. The band consists of Dave Borrego on guitar, Allan Rodriguez on organ and Ricky Malichi on drums.

### RIO GRANDE THEATRE EVENTS

211 N. Main St.; [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com). 575-541-2290.

• **Thursday Night Jam:** Support local musicians every Thursday night at the theater. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and show time is 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$5, cash only, at the door. Concessions served, including beer and wine.

• Aug. 17: Little Table Contraband, old-time string band

• Aug. 24: Cordova, fusion of different styles

• Aug. 31: Mariachi Alma de Jalisco, mariachi

• **A Tribute to Selena:** 7:30 p.m., Aug. 26, doors open at 6:30 p.m. Karla Perez performs as Selena Quintanilla. This 90-minute show consists of all Selena's hits in both Spanish and English accompanied by a six-piece band. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

• **Ensemble concert:** 3 p.m., Aug. 27. The New Mexico Contemporary Ensemble brings the music of the past century's most prolific and creative composers to the audiences of New Mexico. The Ensemble hopes to challenge and expand their audiences' conception of classical music. \$5 students/seniors, \$10 general, children under 12 free. Tickets: [nmcontemporaryensemble.weebly.com](http://nmcontemporaryensemble.weebly.com) Info: 563-379-9020, [contemporarynm@gmail.com](mailto:contemporarynm@gmail.com)

• **Behind Enemy Lines:** 6:30 p.m., Aug. 28. "Behind Enemy Lines: The True Story of a Jewish Spy in Nazi Germany" with Marthe Cohn. Presented by the Alevy Chabad Jewish Center de Las Cruces. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, VIP \$36. Info/RSVP: [JEW-ISHLC.com](http://JEW-ISHLC.com), 575-524-1330 Purchase tickets: [chabadlcoreg.clhosting.org/templates/articlecco\\_cdo/aid/3716806/lang/en](http://chabadlcoreg.clhosting.org/templates/articlecco_cdo/aid/3716806/lang/en)

**Movies in the Park:** Films twice a month through September, at dusk on Saturdays, Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. Free. Info: 575-541-2550.

**August**  
26 – "The Lego Batman Movie"

# Selena reappears in film and onstage



## BULLETIN REPORT

The Rio Grande Theatre will host a two-night tribute to the legendary Tejano performer Selena, Aug. 25-26. The theatre is located at 211 N. Main St.

On March 31, 1995, Selena was shot to death two weeks short of her 24th birthday by Yolanda Saldívar, manager of the singer's fashion line. Even at that young age, the Corpus Christi, Texas, native was considered one of the most influential Latin artists of all time – despite initial resistance in the male-dominated arena of Tejano music.

The Rio Grande Theatre event kicks off with a Friday, Aug. 25, screening of

the movie "Selena," featuring Jennifer Lopez in her breakout role. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The movie starts at 7:30.

Saturday's showing will also feature a live performance from world-renowned Selena impersonator Karla Perez, who has been impersonating Selena for four years. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The show starts at 7:30.

Tickets to the Friday night movie are \$8. Tickets to the Saturday performance are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Attendees can also purchase a two-night pass for \$25. Seating is general admission.

For tickets, visit [RioGrandeTheatre.com](http://RioGrandeTheatre.com) or the RGT box office; 575-541-2290.

## September

9 – "The BFG"

23 – "Finding Dory"

**Music in the Park:** Live music, 7 p.m. Sundays at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. Free. Info: 575-541-2550.

## August

20 – Natajja, variety; Animated Jukebox, R&B

27 – Nosotros, Latin; Never Ending Flame, rock

**Contra Dance:** The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance is sponsoring a contra dance at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 18. Little Table Contraband will be playing and Lonnie Ludeman will be calling. No partner is needed. Beginners and newcomers are welcome and should come for instruction at 7:30 pm. Cost \$6, youth \$4, family \$15. Info: [www.snmmds.org](http://www.snmmds.org) or 575-522-1691.

**Big Band Dance Club:** The Allen Kuncel Dance Band, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday Aug. 24, Alma de Artes School, 410 Court St. Free dance lesson beginning at 6:45 p.m. taught by a member of the NMSU DanceSport Team. Admission \$8 members, \$10 non-members and \$5 students. Beginners, singles and couples welcome. Dance partner not necessary. Info: 575-496-2761.

**Flamenco Fridays:** Joaquin Gallegos will present material from his second CD, "Nuevos Comienzos," plus other Flamenco favorites, accompanied by Jake Mossman, guitar; Paco Antonio & Lucilene de Geus, palmas; and Blanca Martinez & Brigette Kearns, Flamenco dancers. 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at the Ramada Palms Lava Lounge. Reservations at [www.LasCrucesMusic.com](http://www.LasCrucesMusic.com).

**San Luis Rey Fiesta:** Sunday, Aug. 27, Chamberino. Food, margaritas and musical artist Orlando Jimenez and the Chile Relenos Band.



## CALL TO ARTISTS



PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

The annual Renaissance ArtsFaire takes us back to the days of castles, knights, swordsmen and fair ladies, seen here from the 2015 event.

# Deadline extended for Renaissance ArtsFaire

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Doña Arts Council (DAAC) has extended to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, the deadline for artists, food vendors and qualifying organizations to make booth applications for the 46th Annual Renaissance ArtsFaire (RenFaire).

Fees and application methods vary by booth type and size.

There is an application fee of \$35 for all booths.

Apply via email (director@daarts.org) or printed form found at [www.daarts.org](http://www.daarts.org) if you are a

• Nonprofit organization: \$50 booth fee:



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- Artist or fine crafter: \$325-\$450 booth fee
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- Products of the Southwest vendor: \$275-\$400 booth fee

RenFaire will be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 4-5, at Young Park, 850 S. Walnut Ave.

DAAC is located at 1740 Calle de Mercado, Suite B-D, next door to Paisano Café in the Bulletin Plaza. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 575-523-6403. Visit [www.DAarts.org](http://www.DAarts.org).

## Singing Out in rehearsals

### BULLETIN REPORT

Singing Out Las Cruces, an LGBTQA and Allies chorus, is now rehearsing for their winter concert, Jan. 21-22, 2018. Rehearsals are held at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Tuesdays.

New and returning members are invited to join through Aug. 29. There are no auditions. Just bring your voice, and enjoy working with a happy, enthusiastic group of singers eager to help you blend in with a gift of music to the community.

Can't sing? Singing Out is also seeking people for their 5th Section, which supports the chorus by helping with the various aspects of putting on a concert including ticket sales, advertising, setting up and serving at concert intermissions, fundraising projects and recruiting. Join the 5th and be welcomed to the rehearsals and concerts as a valued member.

For further information, find the chorus on the Singing Out Facebook page.

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# DIVAS returns to Las Cruces for one-night show

BY MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

DIVAS is returning to Las Cruces for a single performance at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave.

The event is produced by New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Assistant Professor and Las Cruces singer/actress/director Megan McQueen, and marks the return of the program she created in 2011-13.

Tickets are all reserved seating and are \$15 or \$20, available at the Pan Am Ticket Office, via Ticketmaster or by calling 575-646-1420. McQueen will emcee the evening, which will include “an array of local female talent tackling diverse genres of music,” McQueen said, including Della Bustamante as Country Diva, Janet Beatty-Payne as Broadway Diva, Amanda Bradford as Opera Diva, and Marybeth Torres as Soul Diva.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and New Mexico State University Theatre Arts.

“When the late Ann Palormo, a most selfless and fabulous woman, asked me to help fundraise for AAUW, I couldn’t say yes fast enough,” McQueen said. “I knew immediately that this was a great reason to revive the DIVAS shows of years past.”

From Judy Garland and Barbra Streisand classics to Patsy Cline



PHOTOS BY KARINA ORTEGA

Left to right are DIVAS Della Bustamante, Megan McQueen, Marybeth Torres, Janet Beatty-Payne and Amanda Bradford.

and Whitney Houston favorites, the theme for this year’s show is nostalgia, McQueen said.

“I’ve had the pleasure of singing with Della and Mandy for 20 years now, and have worked with

even the youngest of these divas for four years so I’ve seen incredible performances from each of them time and again,” says McQueen. “Why not celebrate what makes each woman a unique Las

Cruces treasure?”

In the spirit of nostalgia, Bustamante will sing “Mama Tried” and “Night Rider’s Lament” with Jim Tomlinson playing guitar and fiddle. A member of Desperados

for more than 30 years, he and Bustamante have made music together for nearly that long, McQueen said.

Beatty-Payne, president of Las Cruces Community Theatre, will be

joined by pianist Diane Schutz for a medley of songs she’s offered as a leading lady in eight celebrated musicals during her years on Las Cruces stages.

Bradford will call upon her years of work with the Doña Ana Lyric Opera to perform Menotti’s “Steal Me Sweet Thief,” Strauss’ “Mein Herr Marquis” and Mozart’s “Sull’aria” with pianist Mark Klett.

Torres will present two of her fans’ favorites, opening the performance with an excerpt from “Dreamgirls” and offering Whitney Houston’s “I Will Always Love You.”

“To draw attention to the college students who the funds will be raised for and celebrate the principles of AAUW, there will be a plethora of young talent performing during the show,” McQueen said. These performers will include reigning Miss New Mexico Taylor Rey of Las Cruces and Miss Picacho Hills Outstanding Teen Abrianna Morales; recent NMSU graduates Megan Thompson, Nicole Bartlett and Rachel Edwards; and current students Asiah Thomas-Mandlman, Daniela Castorena, and Noelia de la Rosa. Their performances will include material from Lady Gaga, Madonna, Britney Spears and Beyonce, choreographed by Las Cruces performer Karlos Saucedo.

For more information, contact McQueen at [ms-meganmcqueen@gmail.com](mailto:ms-meganmcqueen@gmail.com). Visit [www.nmsutheatre.com/divas2017.php](http://www.nmsutheatre.com/divas2017.php).



## 'I Love New Mexico'



COURTESY PHOTO

Rachel Courtney's "I Love New Mexico" watercolor series will be part of her "Pretty Nice Creations: Every Day in Every Way" exhibit at the Tombaugh Gallery August 26-27. The multimedia collection of artwork will be featured from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, and 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at the gallery in the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. Photography, watercolor, crochet, weaving, bracelet-making and sewing exhibits will be shown, along with artist demonstrations both days that reveal the creative process. At 11 a.m. Saturday, Courtney will have a demonstration on watercolor painting. An artist reception will be held on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by a crochet class at 1:30 p.m. All classes are free and open to the public. Courtney is a graphic designer who can be contacted at 575-650-5440 or [pretty.nice.creations@gmail.com](mailto:pretty.nice.creations@gmail.com).



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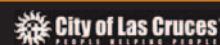
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 29 Decrees  
 30 Grouch's cry  
 31 Monotonous predictions from mind readers?  
 36 Get all sudsy  
 40 Rho follower  
 41 Big beer buy  
 42 Colorful bird helping out?  
 46 Pop group -- Tuesday  
 49 Untimely?  
 50 Hoop dangler  
 51 Conk  
 52 Powdery  
 54 Just make, with "out"  
 55 Book leaf  
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 61 See 63-Across  
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 64 Nels or Nellie on "Little House on the Prairie"  
 65 Massive coup?  
 69 1980s game consoles  
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 73 Oratorical art  
 77 Steering rod on a purple dinosaur's boat?  
 80 Harvard rival  
 81 Sch. URL ending  
 82 Consecrate  
 83 Suffix with Vietnam  
 84 Slalom, e.g.  
 85 Distance unit in astron.  
 86 According to  
 87 A trio of fuddy-duddy ducks?  
 93 Sandal, e.g.  
 95 Go get  
 96 Late, great crossword puzzle writer Merl  
 97 Buying candy for trick-or-

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102 "Tsk!"  
 103 Edgar -- Poe  
 104 -- -Blo fuse  
 105 Deprived of parents  
 110 Bread units  
 112 Flooring unit that can be installed in about 7% of an hour?  
 117 Intertwine  
 118 Distribution  
 119 Hair tint stuff  
 120 Like freshly baked  
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 5 Relative of a trolley  
 6 Rocker Patty  
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 10 Go astray  
 11 Young male, in hip-hop  
 12 A, in Hebrew  
 13 Halves of diameters  
 14 Q-U link  
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 16 Many a salt, chemically  
 17 Manual calculators  
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 60 Shanty  
 62 Aquatic birds  
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 67 Singer Badu  
 68 Atheist Madalyn Murray --

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 76 Jinx  
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# 'Noises Off' presents 'Nothing On'

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

When Las Cruces Community Theatre and director Brandon Brown decided to produce "Noises Off" by Michael Frayn, it took on the adventure of a classic farce, complete with rapid-fire dialog, lots of door banging and plenty of old-

fashioned confusion.

The play is about the cast of a British play, "Nothing On," as they work through the full run of the production, which lasts several months in several venues.

The three acts of "Noises Off" present three sides of the same cast performing the same play. The multi-layered

nature of this piece could be a recipe for disaster, but the director has guided and pushed this cast into a hilarious, coherent whole that carries almost three hours of performance. The time passes in the blink of an eye.

"Noises Off" begins with the final dress rehearsal of "Nothing On." Heather Hosford plays Dotty Otley, who plays Mrs. Clackett, an elderly housekeeper. Dotty has some trouble remembering her lines. The whole cast is under the impression the event is a technical rehearsal even though the harried director, Lloyd Dallas (Mike Cook), keeps reminding them the play opens the next day. There is a burglar, played by Selsdon Mowbray (Dave Edwards), who has a penchant for the bottle. A beautiful but silly young actress, Brooke Ashton (Nana Nguyen), can do nothing but say her lines, as Vicki, by rote and lose

her contact lenses.

By the second act of "Noises Off," set backstage of "Nothing On," halfway through there is a love triangle, jealousy, misunderstanding and one character chasing another with an axe. The audience can hear the actual play taking place on the other side of the set as the characters behind stage go through traumas and dramas, all silently so as not to interrupt the play.

In the third act, we are in front of the stage again. The play is almost done with its run. We now know how the "Nothing On" lines should go since we have heard them twice in a row now and it doesn't take long for these tired, angry, disappointed actors to get off course. We watch and listen as the whole shebang disintegrates into chaos.

Each act in this production brings out more laughs than the previous. Assistant stage manager and understudy



PHOTOS BY MIKE WISE

**Heather Hosford as Dotty, who plays Mrs. Clackett, the housekeeper, in the play "Nothing On," which is presented within the play "Noises Off," which continues its run through Aug. 27 at Las Cruces Community Theatre.**

Poppy Norton-Taylor (Nora Brown) and stage manager, understudy, errand-boy Tim Allgood (Mike Dick) try to hold the production together through Tim's exhaustion and Poppy's multitasking as the personalities and disputes get overwhelming.

Other players include Garry LeJeune (Eric Brekke) as real-estate agent/playboy Roger Tramlemain; Frederick Fellowes (Bob Diven) as homeowner/tax evader Philip Brent; and Belinda Blair (Stephanie Vasquez

Fonseca) as Flavia Brent. Some of the actors also carry multiple roles in "Nothing On." For example, Fellowes also plays a Sheikh.

The full cast and crew of this production work together to combine three acts into a quick-witted, hilarious comedic piece.

"Noises off continues at Las Cruces Community Theatre through Aug. 27. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m., Sunday performances at 2 p.m. For tickets visit [lctnm.org](http://lctnm.org) or call 575-523-1200.

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In the closing scene of "Noises Off" at Las Cruces Community Theatre are, left to right, Mike Dick, Heather Hosford, Nora Brown, Mike Cook, Nana Nguyen, Stephanie Vasquez Fonseca, Bob Diven, David Edwards and Eric Brekke.



# Art in Public Places

These three lush irrigation paintings by Las Cruces landscape artist Bonnie Mandoe have been submitted to the 2017 New Mexico Art in Public Places “pool.” From this pool, all new state buildings are mandated to purchase art equaling 1 percent of construction costs of the building. Two Mandoe paintings have been selected previously; one hangs in the foyer of the Deming Magistrate Court/Fire Station, the other at the Zimmerman Library in Albuquerque. For those wishing to submit art for possible use in state venues, go to [www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org). To see more of Mandoe’s work, visit [www.bonniemandoe.com](http://www.bonniemandoe.com).



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# 'My Cousin Rachel' keeps us guessing

By **JEFF BERG**  
For the Bulletin

Well, it hasn't happened in quite a while, but I wasn't able to see this flick prior to its opening in southern New Mexico.

It only played a short while here in Santa Fe back in June and the distributor would not pony up a screener for me to watch. A screener is an advance copy of film used for reviewers to preview a picture.

When they refuse to share same, that is usually not a good sign, and if one checks other reviews for this picture, they show to be some-

what mediocre at best.

I can tell you that it is a remake of a remake, based on a book by Daphne du Maurier, who also wrote the short story that Hitchcock's highly hyped "The Birds" is based on. Hitchcock also turned du Maurier's "Rebecca" into a film in 1940, which stars Joan Fontaine and Laurence Olivier. The BBC had it as a TV movie in 1947.

Primarily seen as a writer of romance, du Maurier's work also might have a subtle streak of violence at times, as so appears in "My Cousin Rachel."

The first version of



Sam Claflin and Rachel Weisz are caught up in intrigue and seduction in "My Cousin Rachel."

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this film came out in 1952 and starred Olivia de Havilland and was

one of the first films that Richard Burton starred in.

That work was nominated for four Oscars, including one for Burton as Best Supporting Actor, and is not readily available on DVD,

In 1983, it appeared on television as a four-part miniseries and starred Geraldine Chaplin. One viewer noted that it was a "dull, plodding version of du Maurier's book."

This version, via the press page, offers that the story is a "a dark and layered romance," and "tells the story of a young Englishman who plots revenge against his mysterious and beautiful cousin, believing that she murdered his guardian. His feelings become complicated as he finds himself falling helplessly and obsessively in love with her."

The comments in several reviews range

## GRADE: ?

This remake of a remake opens on Aug. 18 at the Fountain Theatre. It will show for one week.

wildly – mostly focusing on Rachel Weisz's performance as Rachel and the tension or lack of same. Peter Travers, the critic for Rolling Stone notes "Rachel Weisz (is) just the dynamite actress needed to play a character who could be a misunderstood innocent or a fortune-hunting seductress who could be a cold-blooded killer. How delicious to watch the star keep us guessing."

Ann Hornaday of the Washington Post offers "My Cousin Rachel" looks terrific, its rural farm scenes evoking

the rustic lyricism of Constable (English painter, John) and his peers, and (director) Michell has provided generous opportunities for some lively performances from a superb supporting ensemble. As the manipulations and tragic misunderstandings eventually kick into gear, the heretofore inert 'My Cousin Rachel' exerts a force every bit as seductive and disquieting as the title character, who can be coyly enigmatic one moment and disarmingly forthright the next."

So, we'll leave it up to you decide about this one. I won't see it until the DVD comes out on Aug. 29.

Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at ned-ludd76@hotmail.com.

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Workshop participants await kiln unloading at the end of a workshop on Friday. Thirty-one participants from across the country participated in Bede Clarke's Drawing and Painting on Clay workshop during ClayFest.

## Silver City's feat of clay

The annual Clay Festival in Silver City honors the Earth and the river of minerals that humans have used through the ages, from the beginning, when ancient people began to create vessels of clay, to the mining of copper and other minerals embedded in

New Mexico soil and rock.

In 2017, the year the Silver City Museum turns 50, the July festival combined clay workshops, exhibitions, markets and play with exploring mining history through tours and exhibits.



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A student works on a kimchee pot during a workshop conducted by Silver City potter Zoe Wolfe.



Andrew Lindlof leads a tour of the mining history and landscape of Boston Hill, one of Grant County's main mining districts.



Terry Humble, a former underground miner, leads a guided multi-stop bus tour of the historic mining district covering the area from Bayard to Santa Rita, July 24.



Children are invited to participate and learn about clay creation at the Silver City Public Library during ClayPlay, the week of the festival.



# Martinez brings international view to city programs

By ALTA LECOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces Economic Development Department has grown from a staff of three to a staff of more than 30 this year, and, with so much going on, added a new position: deputy director.

Griselda Martinez has transitioned into the new position after seven years at New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center. All the city's economic development staff reports to a management team that consists of Director Phil San Filippo and Martinez.

However, much of Martinez's time will be spent developing external relationships with local businesses and with organizations dedicated to economic development.

"In my position, I can connect the partners," she said.

"I feel like I'm the middle of a tornado."

This is not her first tornado.

## Evolving with Arrowhead

Prior to arriving in Las Cruces, Martinez was a grant specialist for the City of El Paso Economic Development Department.

"My knowledge of compliance, background in managing big budgets and awareness of opportunities for funding will result in new programs for the department and the city," she said.

Martinez began her association with Arrowhead Center as a graduate assistant with the former Entrepreneurship Center, where she consulted for clients throughout the state.

In addition, she worked with faculty on policy analysis and researched border issues in economic development.

In 2012 she set out to strengthen Arrowhead's relationship with Sandia and Los Alamos national labs, the center's partners in the New Mexico Small Business Assistance program (NMSBA). When she started, Arrowhead participated in three projects.



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**Griselda Martinez has stepped into the newly created position deputy director of economic development for the City of Las Cruces.**

The number increased to 14 to 16 a year.

"It was not just that we grew the program," Martinez said. "But we improved our technical assistance and I learned more about the university's strengths and built relationships statewide."

## Going abroad

In 2014, Martinez earned a doctorate in economic development from New Mexico State University. The same year, Mexico City officials approached Arrowhead with a request the center create a program to serve

Spanish-speaking university students in Mexico City.

Martinez created an entrepreneurship-training program that began in 2015 in Mexico City.

"We worked with four major universities, training, coaching and mentoring students from seven cities and creating connections for them."

During their final three months in the program, the students came to Las Cruces to learn about opportunities as well as study English, take the GRE and participate in a technology transfer workshop.

Martinez said she sees an opportunity in her role with the city to help implement the economic development department's strategic plan and create structures for programs that address the needs of local businesses.

"It will just be within a smaller geographic area," she said.

She said being bi-lingual will enhance her ability to serve the city's large Spanish-speaking community.

## Following the plan

A strategic plan and clearly defined priorities shine a light on the path forward for the newly configured economic development department, which now encompasses land management, building permits, grants, business development, sustainability, the Las Cruces International Airport and Visit Las Cruces (the convention and visitors bureau).

"As a result of restructuring, things have changed," Martinez said. "The components that were separate before are not working on one mission, one vision."

The department's top priorities are downtown, the West Mesa and the airport, she said.

Martinez said San Filippo and the department's concierge for businesses, Donald Bustros, have met with the owners of West Mesa Industrial Park businesses to ascertain their needs and how the city can be of assistance.

Crews have been cleaning up so the industrial park can put its best face forward.

"We want it to be seen as a place where businesses would want to locate," she said.

Putting in place a pre-approval process for construction projects in the park has been implemented to make it easier for new or expanding companies to interface with the city.

"The owner sits at the table, so everybody is on the same page," Martinez said.

Sitting at the table with them are San Filippo, Martinez, Bustros and specialists from the fire department, permits and inspections.

Business wants an open channel of communication with city officials, she said, "solving issues that may not be big deals but should be solved in the proper manner."

She said the department is working closely with the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) to address the unmet demand for industrial and commercial spec buildings in the park and elsewhere in the city.

"We are talking with them about spec buildings," she said. "We are open to any type of collaboration that will benefit the community."

Partners with whom the department is cementing ties include MVEDA, Arrowhead Center, the NMSU College of Business and economic development service providers such as WESST, the Small Business Development Center, SBA, various funding sources and more.

The city's role in economic development is primarily to define needs and work with other organizations to ensure those needs are met, Martinez said.

"We're not going to do it all ourselves," she said.

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# Back to The Bridge ... one year later

By TRACEY BRYAN

The Bridge of Southern New Mexico has always been an organization ahead of its time thanks to the shared vision and commitment of its leaders. Business, education, economic development and government leaders working in unison have accomplished what some thought impossible (or at least improbable) over the past ten years.

As you may know, The Bridge is what's called a "backbone" organization of a collective impact initiative – which is basically philanthropy's lingo for an organization that keeps moving a set of mission-aligned partners toward a shared goal. Backbone organizations facilitate strategic conversations, build partnerships between those with the resources and programs that can help, develop and track shared metrics for success, report to the community, and hold partners accountable for their progress toward goals.

There are a lot of communities in New Mexico that wish they had a "Bridge" between business and education, because of the power of this kind of collaboration. We know – we hear that a lot!

One year ago, I was so fortunate to come back and work alongside this organization's amazing leaders and its strong network of community partners in implementing their vision and keeping success for students at the center of all that we do. Collectively, they are lining up the people, programs, and resources to move students, and therefore all of us, forward. I am privileged to work alongside all of them to connect the assets we already have to forge the future we've always wanted!

You can measure the success of a backbone organization by how it is able to leverage funding, share indicators of progress, show evidence of systems change, and be perceived as an organization of value to the community's stake-



holders. We've come a long way over this past year, and here are just a few milestones of progress in our journey so far:

- Celebrated a record-breaking 80 percent high school graduation rate countywide that outpaced the state by 11 percent! (Ten years ago, it was 49 percent.)
- Formed a Workforce Talent Collaborative to "collect and connect the dots" and create a plan to build the skilled and ready workforce talent we need. We now have:
  - Created eight workforce talent pathways
  - Built community awareness about the opportunities available for young workers
  - Helped youth understand that success happens at many levels: career certifications, as well as two-year and four-year degrees
  - Secured a \$140,000 investment from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to fund the planning process
  - Brought in other resources and research from outside the community to help us in the planning
  - Established thought leadership in the region
  - Developed the first draft of a first-ever plan (which is in the process of being reviewed by those who helped us put it together)
  - Highlighted the power of Career and Technical Education Pathways as the best way to expand upon the success of the Early College High School model to help even more students graduate and achieve college completion while in high school
  - Worked with Doña Ana Community College (DACC) and Las

Cruces Public Schools to create a clear, connected set of Career and Technical Education pathways to propel students toward career certifications alongside their high school diplomas

- Worked with those partners to host a Pathways to Student Success Summit for 400 Las Cruces and Gadsden high school students and more than 100 community members

- Worked with New Mexico State University, DACC, and the school districts on The Bridge's first-ever federal grant request, seeking support for STEM instruction for 8th to 10th graders (still waiting on word of the outcome)

- Faced the dual credit funding crisis head-on, assembling cross-sector leaders in building an irrefutable case for funding dual-credit courses to support sustainability and expansion for even more students

- Worked with the New Mexico Public Education Department on standards for effective Early College High Schools statewide

- Facilitated a partnership for Las Cruces High School EXCEL students to have work-based learning internships with budding entrepreneurs at the Arrowhead Center

- Shared the amazing story of what this community has done and is doing with audiences across the county, state and nation.

None of this is possible without those who continue to support and invest in The Bridge with their time, their resources and their willingness to keep young people at the center of all we do. Thank you for your involvement and investment!

There's great strength in unity. It's clear – we really can go far when we go together.

*Tracey Bryan is the president/CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico. She can be reached at: 575-644-6453 or 575-541-7325.*

## SAVE THE DATE

**Thursday, Aug. 24**

**2 to 4 p.m. Steps to Starting Your Business** workshop, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 101 E. Free. Register at [www.nmsbdc.org](http://www.nmsbdc.org)

**Friday, Sept. 1**

**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Do's and Don'ts of Grant Writing for Small Nonprofits**, Lunch and Learn First Fridays, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., Roadrunner Room. Free. Info: WESST, [www.wesst.org/las-cruces](http://www.wesst.org/las-cruces); 575-541-1583; [agarcia@wesst.org](mailto:agarcia@wesst.org).

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The Reconstruction project will involve new pavement, sidewalk, street lighting, ADA ramps, as well as rehabilitation of the water, sewer and gas infrastructure.

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The meeting will take place on

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**  
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Left to right are Dr. Rolando Flores, dean of NMSU's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Hobbs Mayor Sam Cobb, who is the owner and president of RMS Foods Inc.; Derek Romig, southern representative of Dairy Farmers of America; Marianne Schweers, co-owner of Heart of the Desert Pistachios & Wines and Eagle Ranch Pistachio Groves; and Sid Strebeck, owner of Strebeck Cattle and co-owner of K-Bobs Steakhouse. The five participated in an "Ag Assembly" panel called "From the Front Lines of the Agtech Revolution."

# Agriculture industry casts its fate with technology

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University brought together some of the top minds in agricultural technology and innovation in the world for its "Ag Assembly," held Thursday, Aug. 10 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Billed as an event bringing together "exceptionally productive ag-market leaders to talk about demands from the frontlines, translating ideas from vision to reality, and the future of AgTech investment," the event included agricultural entrepreneurs, business owners, producers, government officials, scientists and a university dean to talk about the future of agriculture.

"I'm just excited about the sustainability of agriculture, not just for my boys, but for my grandchildren and great-grand-

children," said Sid Strebeck, owner Strebeck Cattle in Logan, New Mexico, and co-owner of a K-Bobs Steakhouse. His advice during a panel discussion titled "From the Front Lines of the Agtech Revolution," was to train people in all facets of agriculture. "Don't outsource," he advised.

"Consumers don't know what a great product New Mexico agriculture is turning out," Strebeck said. "It's a plus to every consumer out there."

"The labor pool that we draw from seems to be shrinking," said Heart of the Desert Pistachios & Wines and Eagle Ranch Pistachio Groves co-owner Marianne Schweers of Alamogordo. "Labor is a big, big expense," she said, advising that agriculture use technology, not to eliminate jobs but to replace "some of those hands that we used to have."

Because of the complex-

ity of the industry, "applying technology is needed to run farms and ranches" in New Mexico, said Dr. Rolando Flores, dean of NMSU's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, who moderated the front lines panel.

"How do we educate people about the importance of agriculture outside the university and the agriculture industry?" he asked.

The state needs a better trained workforce, which will bring more entrepreneurs to New Mexico, said Hobbs Mayor Sam Cobb, who is the owner and president of RMS Foods, Inc.

"The economy here needs to foster technology that can be applied globally," said Justin Eisenach of Albuquerque, co-founder of BayoTech, who participated in a panel called "Accelerating Agtech: Innova-

tor Success Stories."

"Listen to ag producers' problems," advised serial entrepreneur Dr. Richard Selinfreund, who said he learned more from the failure of his second business than from the success of his first.

"Think of failure as tuition," said Selinfreund, who is a consultant for the Southwest Institute for Food Technology. "Embrace it and learn from it."

He also advised choosing business partners carefully, because "interesting things happen when money hits the table."

In his businesses, Selinfreund said, he "had to have people who knew more than me. I surrounded myself with really bright people I trust."

"Agriculture has been a low-tech industry for decades and centuries," said Inspection Masters founder Roger Holt of Las Cruces. His company provides advanced optical sorting sys-

tems for agriculture. The need for technology in the industry is rising at an "exponential rate," he said.

He also advised agricultural entrepreneurs to "know how fast to grow. Don't spread yourself too thin."

Building a successful ag business calls for "patients, perseverance and passion," Eisenach said.

Other panel discussions were "Investing Yields More than Crops" and "Innovation Spotlight," which featured seven-minute demos.

NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers opened the event, which also included New Mexico Department of Agriculture Secretary Jeff Witte.

For more information, visit [arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu/agassembly/](http://arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu/agassembly/).

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# Cruces wages generally lower than national average

## BULLETIN REPORT

The mean wage for all occupations in Las Cruces was \$19.94 per hour in May 2016, about 16 percent below the nationwide average of \$23.86. (See table A.)

This, according to The Southwest Information Office of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Among the lower-paying major occupational groups locally were personal care and service jobs, with mean hourly wages of \$9.88, while management occupations were among the highest-paying at \$40.81 per hour.

Architecture and engineering jobs, which averaged \$37.38 per hour locally, accounted for 2.8 percent of local employment, significantly higher than the

1.8-percent national share.

Aerospace engineers made \$50.27 an hour; electrical engineers, \$47.32; mechanical engineers, \$38.79; and architectural and civil drafters, \$20.74.

After testing for statistical significance, wages in Las Cruces area were lower than their respective national averages in 18 of the 22 major groups, including management, legal, construction and extraction. Las Cruces' education, training, and library group was the only local occupational group to have wages significantly higher than the corresponding national average.

Location quotients are used to explore the occupational make-up of a metropolitan area by

**Table A. Occupational employment and wages by major occupational group, United States and the Las Cruces, NM Metropolitan Statistical Area, and measures of statistical significance, May 2016**

Major occupational group	Percent of total employment		Mean hourly wage		
	United States	Las Cruces, NM	United States	Las Cruces, NM	Percent difference <sup>[1]</sup>
Total, all occupations	100.0	100.0	\$23.86	\$19.94 *	-16
Management	5.1	4.3 *	56.74	40.81 *	-28
Business and financial operations	5.2	4.1 *	36.09	27.97 *	-22
Computer and mathematical	3.0	2.6 *	42.25	37.11 *	-12
Architecture and engineering	1.8	2.8 *	40.53	37.38 *	-8
Life, physical, and social science	0.8	1.1 *	35.06	32.65 *	-7
Community and social service	1.4	1.7 *	22.69	22.96	1
Legal	0.8	0.4	50.95	36.68 *	-28
Education, training, and library	6.2	8.5 *	26.21	30.29 *	16
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media	1.4	0.8 *	28.07	21.51 *	-23
Healthcare practitioners and technical	5.9	5.5	38.06	36.07	-5
Healthcare support	2.9	4.0 *	14.65	11.81 *	-19
Protective service	2.4	4.0 *	22.03	22.87	4
Food preparation and serving related	9.2	10.4 *	11.47	10.19 *	-11
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	3.2	3.0	13.47	10.63 *	-21
Personal care and service	3.2	6.1 *	12.74	9.88 *	-22
Sales and related	10.4	8.5 *	19.50	14.15 *	-27
Office and administrative support	15.7	15.5	17.91	14.44 *	-19
Farming, fishing, and forestry	0.3	2.0 *	13.37	10.79 *	-19
Construction and extraction	4.0	4.7 *	23.51	16.96 *	-28
Installation, maintenance, and repair	3.9	3.4	22.45	18.19 *	-19
Production	6.5	3.0 *	17.88	15.00 *	-16
Transportation and material moving	6.9	3.5 *	17.34	13.50 *	-22

\* The percent share of employment or mean hourly wage for this area is significantly different from the national average of all areas at the 90-percent confidence level.  
 [1] A positive percent difference measures how much the mean wage in the Las Cruces, NM Metropolitan Statistical Area is above the national mean wage, while a negative difference reflects a lower wage.

comparing the composition of jobs in an area relative to the national average. For example, a location quotient of

2.0 indicates that an occupation accounts for twice the share of employment in the area than it does nationally.

In the Las Cruces metropolitan area, above-average concentrations of employment were found in most of the

occupations within the architecture and engineering group.

For instance, electronics engineers were employed at 5.0 times the national average in Las Cruces, and electrical and electronics engineering technicians at 4.0 times the national rate. Both location quotients were among the highest in all metropolitan areas for these particular occupations.

On the other hand, civil engineers had a location quotient of 0.9 in Las Cruces, indicating that this particular occupation's local and national employment shares were similar.

For more, visit [www.bls.gov/regions/southwest/news-release/occupationalemploymentandwages\\_lascruces.htm](http://www.bls.gov/regions/southwest/news-release/occupationalemploymentandwages_lascruces.htm)

## NMSU Extension agents provide hospitality workshops

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

Tourism, a more than \$6 billion industry in New Mexico, is a leading employer and plays a critical role in diversifying the state's economy.

In 2015, millions of dollars, which include leisure and business travel, were spent in every county in the state, according to the New Mexico Tourism Department.

To support the state tourism New Mexico TRUE campaign, New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) is helping rural communities to make a good first impression for the visitors.

The college's School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management has

developed TRUE Hospitality, a training program to help community leaders provide tourism employees and job seekers with the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to deliver high quality customer service to residents and visitors.

NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service (CES) county agents are conducting train-the-trainer sessions when requested.

"The idea started in Santa Rosa," said Jon Boren, ACES associate dean and director of CES. "Community leaders saw a real economic development opportunity through tourism. They asked our county agent Leigh Ann Marez if she could provide some assistance with hospitality/tourism type training for the youth and adults."

In the past, CES conducted a similar training program as part of the Rural Economic Development Through Tourism project. When federal funding was eliminated, the state lost that programing effort.

"We recognized we have had a void in that area and we needed some training at the county level," Boren said. "We asked HRTM Professor Priscilla Bloomquist and training coordinator Allison Southworth to design a workshop and website support."

Extension agents have been trained in the workshop material and they will train people who can then teach employees in the hospitality industry in their community.

"This training material also has application for employment opportunities with non-tourism business,"

Southworth said. "It's just good, common sense customer service practices such as the importance of first impressions, positive attitude, communication skills and professional courtesy."

In addition, there is an introduction to tourism and the New Mexico TRUE campaign. The workshop also encourages participants to know the attractions, activities and services in their area that they may share with visitors.

The three-part PowerPoint presentation, including interactive activities and video links, takes approximately three hours to conduct. Community leaders may contact their local county agent for further information.

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**MMC Mass:** Noon Wednesday, Memorial Medical Center chapel, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Holy mass. Info: 575-636-3274.

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**GriefShare:** 4-6 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church, Room 229, 106 S. Miranda Ave. Weekly seminar and support group designed to help rebuild life after losing a loved one. \$10 for participant workbook. Info: Penny Baca, 575-635-9696.

**Communion Service:** 10:15 a.m. Sunday, side chapel of First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. St. John's Catholic Church of Antioch communion service. Info: 575-621-0255 or www.stjohnscatholic-churchofantioch.org.

## Catholic priest ordained



Deacon Ronald Catherson of Las Cruces, left, became the Reverend Father Catherson on Aug. 5, as he was ordained into the priesthood. He is the pastor of St. John's Catholic Church of Antioch, 1809 El Paseo Road. With him is The Most Rev. Mark Elliott Newman OC, Presiding Bishop of the Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch. For more information, visit [www.stjohnscatholicchurchofantioch.org/](http://www.stjohnscatholicchurchofantioch.org/).

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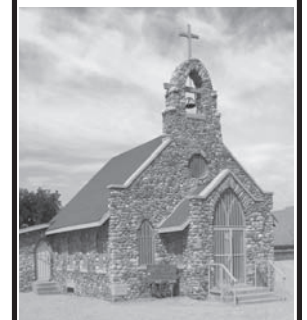
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# Community Appreciation Day

## Breathing life into the chuck wagon

### BULLETIN REPORT

Celebrating the 100th birthday of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's newly renovated chuck wagon is among the festivities for the second-annual Community Appreciation Day on Aug. 26.

Admission is free all day at the museum and activities are planned from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors are invited to interact with living history characters, shop at the plant sale, enjoy the food vendors, or check out the animals, exhibits or vintage tractors.

Children's games are part of the activities, such as train rides (9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for \$3) and pony rides (10:30 a.m.-noon and 1-2:15 p.m. for \$5).

Demonstrations on Community Appreciation Day include blacksmithing, quilting, milking (10 a.m. and 3 p.m.), colcha embroidery (9 a.m.-noon), and wool spinning (9 a.m.-noon).

As part of the chuck wagon's 100th birthday celebration, visitors can enjoy free Dutch-oven biscuits and cowboy coffee.

The museum's chuck wagon is a "double-box" Weber wagon that dates to around 1917. The museum purchased the wagon in 2001 from the Mule Creek Trading Company in Capitan.

Since then, it has been transported throughout the state for outreach activities and demonstrations. It was restored last spring by Las Cruces Dave Harkness.

"We're breathing life back into the chuck wagon," said Harkness, who worked on it for about five months. "It illustrates the ingenuity of the day and helps us tell a story."

The wheels on the wagon were tightened, and the floor, chuck box, tongue, brakes, and sideboards were rebuilt. The wagon has a new canvass bonnet and bows.

"Everything is by original specifications and we used materials that were used typically back then," said Harkness, who studied diagrams, photographs and old catalog listings for the wagon. "There are no modern fastening systems or anything like that."

The museum, a division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. For more information, call 575-522-4100 or visit [www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org](http://www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org)



Dave Harkness poses with the 100-year-old chuck wagon that he restored for the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. A birthday celebration for the wagon, with free Dutch-oven biscuits and cowboy coffee, is part of the festivities on Community Appreciation Day, Aug. 26.

## Dodge Intrepid SE: R.I.P. 2002-2015

BY PHIL WILKIE

For The Bulletin

**D**odge Intrepid SE died recently in El Paso, Texas, from terminal cooling system failure. He was 15.

"Red," as he was affectionately known, lived a long and full life. He was on the verge of rolling over to 190,000 miles and had been in the family since 40,000 miles. Red was comfortable cruising at 75, but in his youth could crank it up to 110. His beauty had faded over the years (hasn't all of ours though?), however he was a trouper until the end.

He had recently survived a bout of broken right-front tie rods. His powertrain was solid and reliable, but his cooling system had been ill for some time and his oil seals had seen tighter days. Frankly, it was just a matter of time, but that doesn't make his passing any less sad.

Red was an experienced vehicle, having earned three moving violations, been involved with two fender-benders and suffered far more flat tires than you'd think would be statisti-



## The historic Star Valley Beanfield War

I guess it never would have happened if Raymond hadn't sold his cows. The Star Valley Beanfield War, I mean.

Cy talked him into planting a bean field. They both had time on their hands. The two of them would do the work. Cy put up 20 acres and Raymond furnished the machinery. The field was in a small plot of private property surrounded by the Tonto National



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Forest. I should point out that both men were three score and 10...each.

May 10 they broke ground. That spring Arizona had above normal moisture and the beans came on like gangbusters! Raymond left for a week and on his return Cy was in a tizzy! The elk had invaded the beanfield!

That night Raymond stood guard. He and Pat, his wife of nearly 50 years, sat in their pickup with their dogs in the back. Any approaching elk would get

barked, hi-beamed and hoorahed away! Within three days they were comfortably grazing within 10 feet of the pickup where the bored dogs dozed through the night and the shouts were ignored.

Cy was havin' better luck durin' the day. But the beans were taking a beating. As the weeks wore on these three beanfield moguls tried various methods to keep the marauding elk out of the field. They tried propane noise makers, bonfires, highway department flashers, FM radio and rattling feed sacks and tin plates tied in the manzanita brush! All to no avail.

They stood guard night and day for six weeks fighting a losing battle. When the beans were ready, they cut 'em with Raymond's hand-made rig behind the tractor. Each morning at daylight the three of them would rake the beans in a pile and pitchfork them into the pickup. There they'd fork 'em into Raymond's rebuilt combine, an Allis Chambers model 60 with John Deere wheels and a plywood box.

Any piles left in the field were scattered by the elk like leaves in the fall. But the bean farmers bowed their backs and carried on. They finally finished the harvest. Back at the ranch they cleaned and 'winded' them with an electric fan and wound up with 800 pounds of beans. Considering the expected a 20-ton harvest, I guess you could say the elk won the Star Valley Beanfield War.

But in the eyes of Raymond, Pat and Cy, they themselves won the war. They walked through the Great Depression and the Second World War without a net. They survived and left the world a better place.

We're runnin' outta these folks. They have earned our admiration and respect. I hope some of their heart and backbone is hereditary.

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## R.I.P.

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cally possible. Countless meals were eaten in him (I'm sure there are still a dozen petrified French fries under the seats), clothes were changed in the back seat, friends were taken to the hospital in the middle of the night, children were dropped off at college and he only broke down close to home, except that one time in Amarillo that was really, really inconvenient.

Survivors include his driver, Phil Wilke, of the home; two daughters, who are frankly relieved they won't be handed down the vehicle; the good lads at Lawrence Automotive Diagnostics, who kept him going far longer than anyone expected; and hundreds of satisfied passengers.

Mourners include the Anti-Freeze/Coolant Manufacturers Association of America; the Quart-by-Quart Generic Motor

Oil Association; the good lads at Lawrence Automotive Diagnostics, who made several boat payments because of Red; and flocks and flocks of flatulent pigeons who seemed to relish pooping on him at every occasion.

Red was a veteran of many road trips, including a dozen from Lawrence, Kan., to Austin and Houston, Texas; two trips to Formula 1 races; hundreds of outings from Lawrence to Kansas City; thousands of journeys to Conroy's Pub for Wednesday night trivia, and a cross-country trip to bring his driver to a new job in a new city for a new adventure.

Known by many names, including "POS," "VIN2B3H-D46R12H192369" and "Where Did I Park It," Red donated his body to Vehicles for Charity for the benefit KRWG Public Media. His carcass will be picked over for parts so that other vehicles may live longer and happier lives.

No services are planned, but the family will receive sales representatives at several used car lots. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Wilke New Car Fund, in care of the author.

Rest in Peace, Red Dodge Intrepid. There will always be a piece of me with you...literally. One of my name badges from work slipped into a crack in the dashboard and is now floating around in the guts of the car somewhere.

Red, may all your cooling system and oil gasket leaks be plugged somewhere in automotive heaven, where oil changes are always 15 minutes or less, there are no speed limits, you can run and play with Jaguars and Porsches, and no one ever gets a flat tire.

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# Local weather turning chile for SalsaFest

## BULLETIN REPORT

It'll be a hot time in the old town when SalsaFest returns to downtown Las Cruces from 7 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Aug. 19.

It's the ninth annual SalsaFest, but 2017 will mark its first time on the Plaza de Las Cruces, which opened last September.

The event will include Las

Cruces food trucks, a beer garden and live music. You can dance to the salsa music of the El Paso bands Team Havana and Azucar.

Groups from Las Cruces, El Paso and Albuquerque will perform dances throughout the evening. Groups include Divas Albuquerque from Albuquerque; HD2 Dance studio and La Pandilla Feliz from Las Cruces;

Triple D, nationally ranked (and featured on TV's "Dance Moms") Junior Dancer; Salsa Kings; and El Paso Dance Academy.

Food trucks will be on hand "with a twist of salsa in the menus," according to a SalsaFest news release from Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP), which is hosting the event.

There also will be a beer garden and vendors on the plaza.

"This year's SalsaFest is going to be totally different than in previous years," said DLCP Events (formerly Mainstreet Las Cruces) volunteer Janet Beatty-Payne. "We are having it in the evening with two of the best Salsa bands from El Paso, along with many Salsa dance performances by

area dance groups. It will be a fun night of entertainment, dancing, eating, drinking and socializing on the Plaza de Las Cruces. Due to local sponsorships, there is no admission fee. SalsaFest is going to be the event of the summer and fun for the whole family."

DLCP also hosts Zombie Walk in October and Las Cruces Chile Drop on New Year's Eve.

## A home for your retirement: How do you decide?

Members of the Baby Boom generation are moving into their 60s and 70s and approaching retirement – a process that brings with it a host of confusing choices and decisions. For many, the first question is often, "Where will I live when I retire?"

Most healthy retirees begin by taking some time to study their options and make a plan. Here are some of the many options.

**1. Stay where you are.** People who love their home, their neighborhood and their friends may decide to stay – at least, until there's a good reason to move. But

it's important to be realistic. A big family home can become a burden to its residents as they age. But many empty nesters have hired expert remodelers to adapt their home to make it easy to use and maintain. Stairs often become a problem, but moving the master bedroom and the



**NICOLE BLACK**  
Building Las Cruces

laundry room to the ground floor can be part of a solution that gives such retirees many more years in the home they love.

**2. Downsize.** If the current home isn't easily adaptable, it may make sense to look around for a smaller, newer home – one designed to be easy to live in and take care of. Many retirees

look for such homes in one of the two varieties of age-restricted communities: those where most residents are age 55 or older, or those where everyone is 62 or older. And other suitable homes can be found in all-age communities. And don't forget apartment or condo living – a perfect option for retirees who don't want to worry about home maintenance, or who plan to spend a lot of time traveling.

**3. Stay nearby,** move to an area near adult children and grandchildren or head for a better climate. Research shows that most retirees who move prefer to stay nearby, either in the same town, the same

county or the same state. But others look at the move as a liberating opportunity to do something completely different. Some even retire to another country, where the cost of living is lower. Younger retirees often consider moving to communities that focus on an active lifestyle, with enhanced opportunities for continuing education, cultural events or physical fitness programs that foster continuing wellness. In the past, people looked to the sunny Southern states for such communities. But these days, smart builders are locating such active-adult communities even in Northern states.

**4. Plan for a smooth**

transition. Another choice for those who like to plan ahead is a community that offers many living situations. Most have independent cottages or apartments for active younger residents, assisted living options for residents who need some help, and skilled nursing care for residents who become frail or ill. In such a community, a resident can move from one to another with a minimum of disruption.

Today's builders and developers know that while there are 40 million people currently 60 and older in the U.S., there will be about 56 million by 2025. Many of them will find a contractor to help them remain in their homes. The residential building community is committed to creating great home choices for those baby boomers – and their friends and families.

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Jason Lorenz, Homebuilder and President/Owner of Veloz Homes and 2017 LCHBA President. I joined the LCHBA for access to enter our homes in the Showcase of Homes. I soon learned of the great value of membership when asked to serve on the board in 2013. The benefits begin with discounts on every day expenses and extend all of the way to hearing about new codes and regulations before they affect our operations. The relationships I have built through my membership in the LCHBA will last a lifetime.

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The Munson Senior Center community garden.

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## City offers multi-faceted programming for seniors

### BULLETIN REPORT

If you're a senior citizen in Las Cruces, it's very good odds the City of Las Cruces Senior Programs has an event or activity in which you will be interested.

Its programming includes activities such as horseshoes, Spanish classes, billiards, bingo, bridge, quilting, crocheting, knitting, lapidary certification, silver jewelry, stained-glass, painting, writing, a book club, mosaics, working with clay, jam sessions, line dancing, Zumba, chess, canasta, Mahjongg, pinochle, a community garden and a monthly dance – to name a few.

The city also offers health-related activities, like a low-vision

support group, a stroke-support group and new class to learn ways to manage concerns about falls.

Many of these activities are offered in regularly scheduled classes or support groups, while others are group activities. Not all activities are offered at all five of the city's senior centers.

Activities and programs are open to everyone age 50 and older. You must be at least 60 years old to participate in the city's nutrition program. There are no income or residency requirements to participate in senior programs.

Most programs are free of charge. Some have a per-session charge.

The city also has a wide range of volunteer activities for seniors,

channeled through its Network Volunteer Center. Opportunities include codes enforcement, mentoring local youth through the city's Juvenile Citation Program, being a tour guide or docent, copy editor or researcher at a city museum, helping with shelf cleaning at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, putting in time at the Munson Center community garden, serving as a dining-room or kitchen aide or working at a food-distribution center.

For information about senior activities, call Jeneca Maya Montoya at 575-528-3017 or Michael Garcia at 575-541-2005. Email [seniorprograms@las-cruces.org](mailto:seniorprograms@las-cruces.org). Visit [www.las-cruces.org/departments/quality-of-life/senior-programs](http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/quality-of-life/senior-programs).

### SENIOR CENTER LOCATIONS

**MUNSON SENIOR CENTER**, 975 S. Mesquite St., 575-528-3000, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday

**EASTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER**, 310 N. Tornillo St., 575-528-3012, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday

**FRANK O'BRIEN PAPEN DINING ROOM**, 304 W. Bell St., 575-541-2454, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday

**HENRY BENAVIDEZ COMMUNITY CENTER**, 1045 McClure Road, 575-541-2006, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday – Friday

**SAGE CAFÉ**, 6121 Reynolds Drive, 575-528-3151, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday-Friday; serves limited congregate meals.

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Information and referrals (Munson Center): 575-528-3011
- Meal reservations and cancellations: 575-528-3012
- Dial-a-ride: 575-541-2777
- Meals on Wheels intake (Munson Center): 575-541-2451

### REGISTER FOR CLASSES

- Register for senior recreation classes: Aug. 28-Sept. 1 at Munson Center
- You must pre-register for lapidary certification, silver jewelry, faceting and stained glass #3 for beginners
- Each class will meet for six weeks, and class sizes are limited.
- For more information about fees and materials, call Jeneca Maya Montoya at 575-528-3017 or Michael Garcia at 575-541-2005.



**City of Las Cruces Senior Programs volunteer Maria Ickler recently celebrated her 100th birthday. A native of Holland, she has lived in three countries and eight states. Ickler is a volunteer with Senior Programs' quilting group.**



# NM Medical Cannabis Program marks 10 years

The New Mexico Department of Health Medical Cannabis Program started in 2007 thanks to then-governor Bill Richardson and many others who made it happen. Much of what you are about to read is based on direct feedback from medical cannabis patients.

In 2007, there were only a handful of certified patients, certified by a few courageous practitioners, in Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Most private-care physicians were not willing to certify even their own patients. As challenging as it has been for 10 years, it was not easy in 2007.

There were no dispensaries initially, meaning there was no safe access to medical cannabis and patients were forced to buy what they could on the street. Eventually, NMDOH licensed a few dispensaries. In 2010, Las Cruces opened its first dispensary.

Ten years later, there are 30,000 plus patients and 34 dispensaries statewide, including three in Las Cruces. The program is based on the Lynn and



**HILDA LUZ CHAVEZ**

The Good Herb

Erin Compassionate Act. Read it at [nmhealth.org/publication/view/regulation/128](http://nmhealth.org/publication/view/regulation/128).

I personally have been certified since 2009. I have legitimate medical conditions. I could have been certified in 2007, but it took two years to find Dr. Eve Elting, who was

willing to certify me in Truth or Consequences. My own doctor would not do it. He was, however, willing to prescribe Oxycodone, Percocet, etc. This is still the case for many patients; they can get opiates easier than cannabis.

There are many reasons suffering patients have not been able to get safe access to medical cannabis: lack of communication, lack of community education, misinformation, lack of support and little to no oversight from NMDOH.

Between 2007 and 2015, many practitioners were still not willing to certify patients, thinking their medical licenses would be in jeopardy. Others had personal beliefs or let the stigma of cannabis use affect them, and would not support the patients. I took it upon myself and have spent the last 10 years educating practitioners and patients alike.

In 2016 and 2017, there has been a surge of new patients being certified. Suddenly, practitioners with little to no knowledge about cannabis think that there is money to be made. Basically, they are selling their signatures and certifying patients. Signature mills are showing up in every city. Unfortunately, there is no follow-up patient care provided.

Some find me through other patients or their PCP. I can guide and educate any patient who wants to learn how to use cannabis medicinally. They need to know that there are many alternate delivery methods; smoking is not necessary.

I suspect these mills are eventually going to come back and bite some practitioners and the

program. Medical certification is a serious proposition and must be done responsibly, if patients are to benefit. Personal beliefs and stigma appear to be less of an issue when profit is the motivating force. Often these fly-by-night expos set up a room in a hotel or a tent in a park and advertise that you can walk in and get certified. Little to no medical documentation is required. PTSD diagnosis on the spot with no follow-up treatment or care. Fees are \$250 to \$300 cash. Some patients and practitioners think there is something wrong with this picture. Is this responsible medical care?

I suspect, there are going to be ramifications to this trend. NMDOH does not know what patients are facing in their communities. Why is there no community education and support? Why are patients having to educate and support each other? Why am I doing for free what NMDOH should be doing?

Now that there are millions of dollars flowing into the cannabis program, 34 producers pay NMDOH up to \$90,000 per year to produce the cannabis.

You do the math.

So, why is there no investment in follow-up patient care and education? What is it going to take for the program to go from mediocre to excellent, and support the medical patients who ultimately pay for the dispensaries to exist?

The above information has come from feedback from patients. If you are a cannabis patient or a practitioner certifying patients and have something to share, please email me with your comments. I will do my best to get the message to NMDOH or you can contact NMDOH MCP yourself.

Together we can push for prosperity and improve the quality of life for all New Mexicans!

*Hilda Luz Chavez, ND, is a third-generation healer and curandera. Her work in the Las Cruces community is all about educating and awakening the interest of the younger generations to herbal medicine and supporting the older generations with remedies they remember. She can be reached at [chavezhl@aol.com](mailto:chavezhl@aol.com) or 915-204-5440.*

## Are you driving or riding, or a little of both?

Are we a passenger in this vehicle we inhabit or are we the driver? Is it both/and? Sometimes we simply allow the world to take our attention and at other times we direct it to what we want to attend. Right now, I am deliberately using my mind to write this, but if I take a walk outside I will allow my mind to notice the passing scene. I will be a passenger for a time; however, there may be moments when I must consciously direct my experience.

Let's say I come upon what appears to be a lost dog. In that moment, I consciously decide what to do about it. I can walk on, knock on doors, use my



**CAROL CARNES**

Living Consciously

phone to call the authorities.

A few years ago, I was walking in my daughter's neighborhood. I noticed a small shaggy little mutt running in the streets. When I beckoned to her, she came running over, allowing me to pick her up. I found where she lived and knocked on the door. Much to my surprise the owner was annoyed! She said she runs around all day. No matter that she came close to being hit by

a car! Point being, I then had another moment of redirecting my attention. I could be upset and angry or I could walk in peace, certain that I had done what I could.

The spiritual teacher, Neville, said, "The day you control the movement of your attention in the subjective mind, you are master of your fate." Isn't he suggesting instant release of outer stimuli? If we could forgive and forget instantaneously, wouldn't we be the better for it? Harboring negative feelings about the outer world does nothing but keep us in the passenger mode. If we want to be a posi-

tive influence in the human quest for freedom, we need to be free ourselves. We can trust the instincts of our true self. It wants to love, bless, celebrate, release and create. To beg the metaphor, it is being the captain of our personal ship. If we stay moored in resentments and old ideas, we will miss the joy of living.

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# Tai chi classes begin soon

## BULLETIN REPORT

“Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance” classes will begin Tuesday, Aug. 22, and continue through Thursday, Nov. 28. The classes are free to residents 60 and older. Pre-registration is not required.

They will be held from 10:15-11:15 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Frank O’Brien Papen Center, 304 W. Bell St. in Mesilla Park.

The classes are jointly sponsored by the City of Las Cruces’ Parks and Recreation Department and New Mexico State University’s Department of Kinesiology and Dance (KinD).

KinD has seen a 50 percent reduction in falls – along with improvements in mood and sleep habits – among seniors who participate in the classes.

For information, call KinD at 575-646-2441. Visit <https://kind.nmsu.edu>. For a schedule of all the city’s fitness programs, visit [www.las-cruces.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation/fitness](http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation/fitness) and [kind.nmsu.edu/kin](http://kind.nmsu.edu/kin).

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## HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

**Aggie Cupboard:** 3-6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Regents Row, Room B114. NMSU and DACC students, staff and faculty, in addition to Burrell College students, can use the Aggie Cupboard food pantry as a grocery supplement. Bring your NMSU or Burrell College ID for a free bag of nonperishable food. Info: [aggiecupboard@nmsu.edu](mailto:aggiecupboard@nmsu.edu) or on Facebook at Aggie-Cupboard @ NMSU.

**Alzheimer’s and dementia support group:** 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Arbors of Del Rey Assisted Living Community support meeting offers information and interventions. Info: 575-382-5200.

**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. Train-

ing provided. Info: 575-556-8409, ext. 12418, or [jllopez@ambercare.com](mailto:jllopez@ambercare.com).

**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.

**Bone Boosters:** Sponsored by National Osteoporosis Foundation/New Mexico Affiliate, 11:30 a.m. the first Thursday of the month (no meetings in July of August); Sept. 7: “How Depression Feeds Osteoporosis,” with Therapist Judy Allen; update for those making a decision on taking Prolia. Info: Marge Peterson, 575-522-5106. Call Senior Circle at 575-522-0503 to RSVP. For more information, call Senior Circle at 575-522-0503.

**Breast cancer support group:** Meets 10-11:30 a.m. the fourth Saturday of each month at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor

Blvd., west side annex building. Free, no pre-registration, open to all. Speaker for Aug. 26 is Nancy Haynes, manager of the St. Andrew’s Hospitality House, on the topic “Oasis for the Family of Patients Receiving Medical Treatment in Las Cruces.”

**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. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, 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.

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- Farmers & Crafts Market: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday, downtown (dog adoptions: far north end of the market on the Downtown Mall; cat adoptions: Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.)
- PetCo: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday, 3050 E. Lohman Ave., Bldg. D.

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- Microchip: \$20, available daily, no appointment necessary.
- Pet licenses: City and county licenses available daily (City and county: altered \$7; unaltered \$50).
- Low-cost spay/neuter program: dogs are \$35, cats are \$25; by appointment only.

### Donation requests

ASCMV needs human volunteers, along with dog crates, blankets (without filling, no sleeping bags), towels, collars and leashes. Donations can be dropped off during normal business hours or left at the door.

### Volunteers

If you love animals and would like to make a difference, contact the volunteer coordinator or stop by to learn about volunteer opportunities.

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# Exercise your body, mind and spirit

When I was a child, like most children, I enjoyed playing outside with other kids and did a lot of running, jumping, racing with my older brother, flying kites and climbing trees. It was just part of growing up, developing muscles, exploring and having fun. As I matured, the kinds of activities changed. In high school, I took part in volleyball, soccer and various activities in gym class.

Then I got busy with “more important things.” Whatever I did, mainly walking, was for the purpose of getting somewhere, doing my housework, taking care of the children, cooking, shopping, etc. Exercising as such was not part of my daily routine. I would occasionally try to start some regular exercise, but after two or three days my enthusiasm seemed to just fade away. My husband and I did try



**RUTH MOORER**  
Not for Sissies

jogging for a while and later riding bicycles, but, again, our enthusiasm and energy did not last, so we became more sedentary.

Now as a senior citizen, I am more and more aware of the fact that I am getting stiffer in the joints and much of my “get-up-and-go has done got up and went,” that I had better try and do something if I want to be able to get out of bed in the morning, or rise up from a



chair, or be able to pick things from the floor – including myself. My husband and I decided to quit trying to do any more tent camping (using sleeping bags) when we realized that we could no longer get up off the ground without a great deal of

strategic maneuvering. It became apparent that I needed to be doing some regular exercise. But the verb “exercise” has always been rather depressing to me, for it has always suggested some sort of “discipline.” I cannot ignore that fact if I want to move without too much stiffness, that I had better get going.

I am thankful for the recommendation of my brother that doing first-thing-in-the-morning “range of motion” exercises is an easy way to begin. Every joint can be moved slowly for perhaps 10 times, which includes shoulders, elbows, hips knees, ankles, neck, back, etc. I do manage this routine while my tea is brewing, for it doesn’t take very long and I feel good afterward. I have limbered up a great deal, and very proud of myself for being able to bend over and touch my toes! (Of course, to do that I have to bend

my knees. (Is that cheating?)

It is also very important to include mental and spiritual exercise, for we are more than physical beings. I figured out that doing things to keep my mind active and creative can keep things more interesting and fun. Lastly and more importantly, stay spiritually alive. This happens in so many ways. I would suggest two surefire ways: keep a list of things for which you are thankful and pray for others. These not only bless them but raise your joy level every time.

So, keep exercising your body, your mind, and your spirit. It is great to be alive!

*Ruth Justice Moorer is a resident of Las Cruces having moved here in 1996 with her husband, Charles. She has been a public school science teacher and a United Methodist pastor.*

## It pays to monitor your Social Security earnings record

By **RAY VIGIL**  
For the Bulletin

Whether you’re ready to retire, just joining the workforce, or somewhere in between, regularly reviewing your Social Security earnings record could make a big difference when it’s time to collect your retirement benefits.

Just think, in some situations, if an employer did not properly report just one year of your work earnings to us, your future benefit payments from Social Security could be close to \$100 per month less than they should be. Over the course of a lifetime, that could cost you tens of thousands of dollars in retirement or other benefits to which you are entitled.

Social Security prevents many mistakes from ever appearing on your earnings record. On average, we process

about 236 million W-2 wage reports from employers, representing more than \$5 trillion in earnings. More than 98 percent of these wages are successfully posted with little problem.

But it’s ultimately the responsibility of your employers — past and present — to provide accurate earnings information to Social Security so you get credit for the contributions you’ve made through payroll taxes. We rely on you to inform us of any errors or omissions. You’re the only person who can look at your lifetime earnings record and verify that it’s complete and correct.

So, what’s the easiest and most efficient way to validate your earnings record?

Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount) to set up or sign in to your own my Social Security account;

Under the “My Home” tab, click on

“Earnings Record” to view your online Social Security Statement and taxed Social Security earnings;

Carefully review each year of listed earnings and use your own records, such as W-2s and tax returns, to confirm them; and

Keep in mind that earnings from this year and last year may not be listed yet.

If you notice that you need to correct your earnings record, check out our one-page fact sheet at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf).

Sooner is definitely better when it comes to identifying and reporting problems with your earnings record. As time passes, you may no longer have past tax documents and some employers may no longer be in business or able to provide past payroll information.

If it turns out everything in your earnings record is correct, you can use the

information and our online calculators at [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/benefitcalculators.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/benefitcalculators.html) to plan for your retirement and prepare for the unexpected, such as becoming disabled or leaving behind survivors. We use your top 35 years of earnings when we calculate your benefit amounts. You can learn more about how your benefit amount is calculated at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10070.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10070.pdf).

We’re with you throughout life’s journey, from starting your first job to receiving your well-earned first retirement payment. Learn more about the services we provide online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/onlineservices).

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## Oñate pitcher excelling in Mexican League

**P**itcher Roby Romero has excelled in the Triple A Mexican League. The Oñate High School graduate led Rieleros de Aguascalientes with a 2.00 earned run average as of Monday, Aug. 14. The 25-year-old had a 6-2 record and four holds in 40 relief appearances. The right-hander ranked third on the team in victories and was fourth in appearances.



**BARBARA BOXLEITNER**  
Keeping Up

is on the preseason all-Southland Conference first team a second consecutive year. The Abilene Christian University senior captain has been a starter since his true freshman season. He played for Las Cruces High School.

Oñate product Matthew Young is a freshman linebacker

for New Mexico State University.

Mayfield graduate Brett Kowalski is a redshirt sophomore defensive lineman for New Mexico State.

Another from Mayfield, Jalen Guerrero, is a freshman defensive lineman for New Mexico State.

Formerly at Centennial High, Dante Lopez is a freshman quarterback for Western New Mexico University.

### Men's soccer

Out of Centennial, Foster

Gbogbo is a freshman midfielder for Concordia University in Portland.

Jacobus McClure is a red-shirt freshman goalkeeper for the University of New Mexico. He is a former Bulldawg.

### Volleyball

Darlene Quinonez Holguin is a junior setter for Peru State College. The Las Cruces resident played two years for Pratt Community College (Kan.).

Jadyn Nanez is a freshman for Adams State University.

She played for Centennial.

Mesilla Valley Christian alumna Kara Foreman is a freshman left side for Wayland Baptist University.

Savannah Bush is a freshman middle hitter for Emory. She is out of Centennial.

### Women's soccer

Las Cruces resident Haley Richards is a junior midfielder for Western Illinois University.

*Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at [jdanddoc@gmail.com](mailto:jdanddoc@gmail.com).*

### Football

Linebacker Sam Denmark

## NMSU volleyball showcases squad

### BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State volleyball hosts the annual Crimson and White Scrimmage at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Pan American Center. Admission is free.

Head Coach Mike Jordan already likes what he sees. "We want six players on the floor who we feel like we can score with and we've got that this year," he said. "That's going to make us pretty formidable this season."

The Aggies enter the season as the reigning Western Athletic Conference Regular Season Champions. New Mexico State returns all six starters and the WAC Libero of the Year Ariadne Sierra. Of those returning, Jordan Abalos and Tatyana Battle were named to the 2016 All-WAC First Team and Sasha-Lee Thomas was named to the 2016 All-WAC Second Team.



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NM State begins the season in South Bend, Ind., where the Aggies will compete in the

Golden Dome Invitational. First match is against Rhode Island on Aug. 25, at 2 p.m. (MT).

## Harlem Globetrotters return to Las Cruces

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Original Harlem Globetrotters will make a star-studded return to the NMSU Pan American Center in Las Cruces for a family matinee show at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22.

Unlike their previous Borderland visit, there will not be an El Paso show. This is local fans' only chance to catch the ball-handling wizardry, basketball artistry and one-of-a-kind family entertainment that thrills fans of all ages. Stay after the game for autographs and photographs with your favorite Globetrotters (subject to availability).

Tickets are on sale at the Pan American Center Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, 800-745-3000 and <https://www1.ticketmaster.com/event/0C0052F90F5D5AB0>. Download a pricing chart at <https://hr.nmsu.edu/pan-american/wp-content/uploads/sites/7/2017/07/Harlem-Globetrotters-10-22-17-Web-Model-1.pdf>. Prices reflected in chart include fees if purchased directly at the Pan Am Center Ticket Office. Additional fees may apply at other ticket outlets.

Upgrade your ticket with a Magic Pass that grants early access into the arena to meet the players, shoot some hoops, try your DJ skills and learn how to spin a ball on your finger. Magic Passes are \$22 plus fees and will be held from 12:30-1 p.m. day of the exhibition. They're available at <https://www1.ticketmaster.com/event/0C0052F64FA861AA#efeat4212>.



# Admit it: You're powerless over golf

**A**ging rocker Alice Cooper is a serious golfer; and good. Even while still performing, he has played golf six days a week for 35 years. He is addicted to golf. He readily admits he started playing golf because he was alcoholic; so he replaced one addiction with another.

But, Cooper is quick to offer, golf saved his life. When he first tried golfing he stripped his very first ball straight down the middle. "And that," says Cooper, "was sexual chocolate."

Turns out that a lot of people are addicted to golf in one form or an-



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Golf Doctor

other. Are you? If that thought concerns you, here are a few warning signs and symptoms that suggest golf addiction.

First, you have let golfing interfere with your

work, so that your job or business is suffering. Another key item has

to do with golf affecting personal relationships and loved ones, resulting in friction and resentments. In other words, your golf gets in the way of family obligations and functions, often leading to arguments.

Other ways you can tell if you might be a golf addict is if you have over 1,000 golf balls in your garage; or if you secretly buy golf clubs and hide them; or if you suffer injuries due to stupidity or self-flagellation; or you belong to a country club you can't afford; or you are compelled to go out and play in rain, snow, cold

or in otherwise weather conditions dangerous for golf; or you get to the parking lot at your local muni in the middle of the night to put your ball in the rack and then sleep a few hours in your car; or you're writing golf articles 'til midnight with a 7:30 a.m. tee time.

Sometimes folks find themselves attracted to golf partly because they find it helps their self-confidence and self-esteem. A lot of golfers have a strong need for a sense of personal competence and worth and control; they find golf to be a way of demonstrating that

feeling, just like addiction to work in a way.

Others find the fairways and greens a great escape from whatever they want to get away from. That's not crazy. That makes sense. However, if you let golf take over and occupy a completely inappropriate dimension in your life, to the extent that it has replaced other recreational pastimes or normal activities and interests you used to enjoy, you may be struggling with real problems. I don't mean to scare anybody, but over the years golf has surprisingly been a frequent cause for divorces and people going broke.

Just about all addictions have fundamentally the same underlying habits, thought distortions, denials and emotions in common. Yet, compulsive golfing seems a more socially benign affliction than say gambling or drug abuse. So what's an obsessed chop to do? Go to AA? Hardly. Arrange for counseling? Some visits on the couch? Find a local Golfers' Anonymous? Go it alone cold turkey?

Of course, one paradoxical option could be joining the Golf Nuts Society of America ([www.golfnuts.com](http://www.golfnuts.com)) and admit you're powerless over golf. The most famous Golf Nut member (number 0023) is basketball legend Michael Jordan who earned the title in 1989 when he didn't bother to show up

for his first NBA Most Valuable Player Award because he was at Pinehurst CC in North Carolina playing two back-to-back rounds.

The 2006 Golf Nut of the Year was Steve Thorwald, who played golf on his wedding day and then played 36 holes each of three days on his honeymoon. The marriage didn't last. He went on to marry another certifiable Nut.

Even for golfer folks, both men and women, who don't overdo it in the least, the game nevertheless preys upon the psyche and the soul like a lurking predator ready to sink fangs in deep. Even regular golfers – normal golfers – who have to be away from the links for a while go through withdrawal, marked by longing, craving and obsessing over when the next round will be. I welcome your stories about this obscure topic for my follow-up article a year from now.

Well, it's now near one o'clock in the morning – I gotta go.

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