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Crystal Contreras from La Academia Dolores Huerta Conjunto Program sings for the crowd Saturday in Old Mesilla. Cinco de Mayo, the annual celebration of Mexican culture, fell on Friday this year, so the appointed weekend events graced Plaza de Mesilla on May 6 and 7. For more images of the festivities, and for events at Young Park, turn to page 34.



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"For my family, I just knew I couldn't face cancer anywhere else." – Emily V.

"I was an emotional wreck after my daughter passed away the day after Christmas. And, then I was diagnosed with cancer. The staff at MMC Cancer Center was just phenomenal - they made me feel like, 'Yes! I can do this.'"

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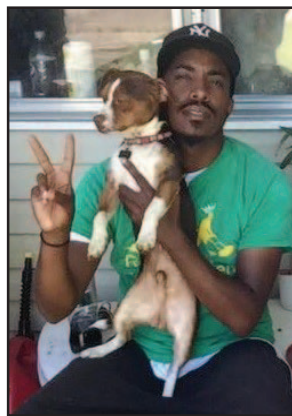
Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'



Doña Ana County Government Center lawn to be cut

'50 States/50 Lawns' lands in Las Cruces May 16

He's been featured on NBC News, Buzzfeed and the Huffington Report, among other major media outlets, and now Rodney Smith, Jr., is planning a stop in Las Cruces on Tuesday, May 16, as part of his initiative to cut lawns in each of the 50 states to raise awareness for the Raising Men Lawn Care Service charity program.



RODNEY SMITH

He will make brief remarks, and then he will cut the north lawn of the Doña Ana County Government Center. The public is invited to attend and to participate by bringing their personal lawn mowers to assist him.

Smith is a current graduate student at Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, Alabama. He recently graduated with a degree in computer science and is now pursuing a master's degree in social work.

A native of Bermuda, Smith began cutting grass for the elderly, disabled, single-parent mothers and veterans in Huntsville and the surrounding areas, free of charge, in 2015. Initially, his goal was to cut 100 lawns before winter of 2015. He quickly hit that mark, garnered some local news coverage and was inspired to launch an organization with a mission to help those in need and inspire the youth to do the same.

"Raising Men Lawn Care Service" foundation was born, and is a growing union of an ordinary yard maintenance service and a program to inspire young men, women, boys and girls to choose a positive path for their lives as they learn their value in society.

"Young people learn valuable skills and the joys of giving back without receiving any monetary benefit

while being mentored by an older adult who encourages them to stay in school and make good life choices," Smith said

Smith said the 50 lawns in 50 states initiative is a natural extension of a parade of people who have walked, run, cycled or driven across America for a cause. On May 10, Smith will embark on his own adventure around the United States. His goal is to travel to all 50 states (driving to 48 and flying to Alaska and Hawaii).

During that time, Smith will mow at least one lawn in each state for a senior citizen, disabled person, single mom or military veteran. In the early stages of selecting lawns in each state, Smith was contacted by Doña Ana County Public Information Director Jess C. Williams, who asked Smith whether he'd deviate from his usual mission to cut the lawn of the Doña Ana County Government Center as a media event.

Smith only agreed after securing a second New Mexico lawn — in Mimbres — that ensures he has reached his target demographic, but he said he's hopeful the stop in Doña Ana County will bring additional attention to his mission of raising the profile of RMLS and inspire new participation in this region.

Smith said he is hopeful and confident that the 50-state initiative will encourage as many kids as possible to accept the 50-yard challenge. Also, he said he'll talk with folks who are inspired to start chapters in their cities and/or states.

"It's a much-needed service for anyone who has to manage a lawn," he said, "and my goal is to have a chapter in each state to help those folks, while also helping local youth."

50 STATES 50 LAWNS

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		50. HAWAII

(LAWNS IN ORDER)

Smith said many in his demographic cannot afford to pay for lawn care service. For many of them, if they don't get their lawns cut, governments impose fines on them until they get their lawns in order.

Smith said he has heard many stories from senior citizens on fixed incomes who could not afford to pay lawn-maintenance companies and therefore had no choice but to pay the fines.

"Now they have another option: Raising Men Lawn Care Service," he said. "We mow their lawns free of charge, but we need more chapters throughout the U.S. to help the many others we can't reach from Huntsville."

During 2016, Smith started a challenge to kids worldwide called the 50-yard challenge. The challenge was for them to cut 50 lawns free for the elderly, disabled, single mothers and veterans in their town. If they accept this challenge, all they would need to do is send in a photo holding a sign saying "I accept the 50-yard challenge," and in return RMLC sends them their white RMLC shirt to get them started. For every 10 lawns cut, they will get a new color shirt until they own the full complement of shirts in white, orange, green, blue, red and finally black.

"Once they reach 50 lawns, we will come visit them in their city, cut a few lawns with them, and give them different color Raising Men Lawn Care Service shirts. And we will also give them a brand new lawn mower," Smith said.

To learn more about Smith and RMLS, visit 50states50lawns.com or weareraisingmen.com, or join Smith May 16 at the Doña Ana County Government Center to visit with him in person.

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New district judge sworn in



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Third Judicial District Chief Judge James T. Martin, right, and newly appointed District Judge Conrad F. Perea, who was sworn in May 5. With New Mexico Supreme Court Associate Justice Judy Nakamura and a host of other federal and state judges and magistrates and government officials in attendance, Perea was sworn in as the Third Judicial District's (Las Cruces) newest judge. Perea replaces Darren M. Kugler, who resigned in January. Perea was an officer for the Las Cruces Police Department for 19 years and also served eight years as a magistrate judge. He recently resigned as a magistrate to accept the appointment of Gov. Susana Martinez to the district judgeship. Perea was sworn in by Third Judicial District Chief Judge James T. Martin, Jr. His father, James T. Martin Sr., had sworn in Perea as a magistrate judge. "There is no doubt in my mind he's going to do a good job," Martin said. District Judge Doug Driggers said Perea has "a well-earned reputation as a fine judge." As a district judge, Perea said his goal will be "to work and to listen with my heart."

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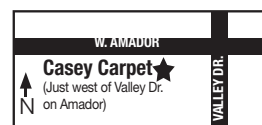


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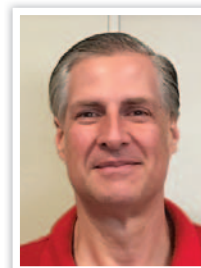
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Students from Arizona and Illinois visit Spaceport America the day before their STEM+C flight April 29 to learn and explore the facility.

Students challenge world record during Spaceport America trip

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

With their sights on a world record, students from Spring Grove, Illinois, and Gilbert, Arizona, traveled to Spaceport America April 27-29 for “Project Blackbird.”

They traveled on behalf of the STEM+C program based in the Midwest that, according to its website, “seeks to advance a 21st century conceptualization of education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) that includes computing ... consistent with the STEM Education Act of 2015 ... for the purposes of federal programs.”

The Spring Grove students had participated in a six-week course covering subjects from meteorology to basic electrical theory. They assembled “RVJets,” learned how to fly RC airplanes via FPV (first person view), and also

learned their responsibilities and duties expected while conducting each mission.

On Saturday, April 29, the project was ready for an attempt to break the world record for “Highest RC Airplane Flight.”

First, the students launched a weather balloon from Spaceport America with the goal of towing an RVJet up to 100,000 feet altitude and sending a release command causing the vehicle to separate. Extreme turbulence kicked in around 60,000 feet and the RVJet bumped into the balloon, causing some stressful moments as it released at 70,000 feet and started plummeting toward the ground.

But one of the students was able to level it out and the kids took turns guiding the jet RV back to Spaceport America, to land safely on the spaceway.

It was likely a world record, though it still awaits official confirmation; former records have

been recorded at between 10,000 and 16,000 feet. The students went home happy and excited.

“‘Project Blackbird’ is my attempt to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers,” said Paul Kaup, CEO of STEM+C, the sponsoring company for the project. “My goal is to get the students excited about those career fields.”

“The goal of STEM+C is to bring STEM+C (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math + Creativity) into classrooms across the USA and help raise a generation of Science and Math literate students,” said Dan Hicks, CEO of Spaceport America. “Big projects inspired our nation to do great things in the 1960s during the Space Race. The event was designed to inspire creativity, develop problem-solving skills, critical thinking and bring awareness to the inter-relatedness of all things.”



STEM+C students launch an RVJet by weather balloon to rise until released. The goal was 100,000 feet before release, but air turbulence caused problems and the vehicle released at 70,000 feet instead and was brought safely to ground by the students who took turns flying it. The height is sufficient to unofficially make for a new world record.



Coming to New Mexico to implement “Project Blackbird,” STEM+C students from Illinois and Arizona watch breathlessly as one of them guides an RVJet to the ground at Spaceport America, completing the unofficial “highest RC airplane flight” ever.

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Congrats to the graduates

Navigating the post-college world can be tricky

The other day I was driving near campus and passed a small rental house filled with boxes and a young person packing them.

No way to know for sure, but since it was the Sunday before finals week, I'm guessing it was a New Mexico State University student getting ready for the post-semester departure.

Might have even been a senior, simultaneously preparing for finals, graduation and job hunting in the big, wide world.

The sight brought a smile to my face, recalling that point in my life, when everything I owned could be crammed into the various spaces of my hail-damaged 1978 Buick LeSabre.

It also brought some sadness.

We older folks are conditioned to always thinking how much easier the younger generation has it than we had.

In many cases, though, today's graduating college seniors have it tougher and more complicated than graduates of 30 years ago.

Recent budget issues affecting funding at New Mexico's higher educational institutions are nothing new to our state or anywhere else in the U.S.

For the last 25 years or more, states all across the country have gradually been contributing less and less to their universities. In response, universities have gradually been charging more and more to their students.

When I was in college, my pathway was fairly typical:



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

Work like crazy all summer and during breaks save as much money as possible; hold down a minimal part-time job on weekends or at night, preferably on campus; apply for as many scholarships as possible; attempt to test out of classes or earn

other credit in any other way available; seek some assistance from Mom and Dad.

Using this methodology, I and most of my friends graduated with zero debt. In my case, that was critical, as I took a low-paying entry level journalism job at a small town in western Oklahoma. Still, with the low rents at the time (\$165 a month for a small house with a yard), and my frugal nature, I was able to save money.

My oldest daughter graduated from NMSU in 2012. She used this same method, along with the very helpful New Mexico Lottery Scholarship. Unfortunately, tuition and other expenses had risen to the point she had to take out some student loans. Thankfully, she positioned herself to pay them off within a year of graduation.

Many students are not that fortunate and remain saddled with student loan debt for years.

Despite rising costs, NMSU remains one of the best college education values in the country. Of course, that's im-

Middle schooler update

Many readers commented last week on my column about Kaylynn Cuaron, the Vista Middle School student who collapsed at a track meet April 28.

Eighth-grader Kaylynn Cuaron has improved and returned to school part-time after her life-threatening incident. According to Vista Middle School principal Mike Brewer, fundraising efforts for her medical expenses have extended to other schools.

"Our students have raised more than \$2,000 and now other schools are bringing us money," Brewer said. "It makes your heart feel warm and fuzzy seeing these kids come together and be selfless."

Those wishing to contribute can visit www.gofundme.com/kaylynn-cuarons-medical-expenses.

portant, because New Mexico also remains one of the poorest states.

The Lottery Scholarship, which has helped so many New Mexicans with college, is struggling to remain viable. It has dropped from covering 100 percent of tuition to 95 percent, then to 90 and below. Maybe we all need to buy some scratchers for the kids.

In the old days, most college graduates with any kind of decent transcript could get a job in their field after graduation.

That's still the case for many graduates. I'm frankly envious of the chemical engineering graduates who'll be walking the stage this week and, in many cases, preparing to go to work with starting salaries of \$70,000-plus.

There are many other degrees that are less lucrative, and many other students who could be struggling for a while to land that job. We hope many

of them stay here in New Mexico, but that might make the struggle even harder, as our economy continues to founder.

I don't mean to sound depressing, because all of our graduates deserve congratulations and recognition for an outstanding accomplishment.

For the next couple of weeks, we'll be seeing graduation gowns and hats and proud parents all over town, as the various schools graduate their seniors.

It's gratifying to see the high school graduates, particularly in light of recent news that New Mexico had the lowest high school graduation rate in the nation for 2015, at 69 percent. That improved to 71 percent by 2016, and the rate is higher here in Las Cruces, where concerted efforts have raised the bar.

So to all of you new entrants into the workforce: Graduate, celebrate, elevate!

Ill-timed reform will hurt families

By REP. PATRICIA LUNDSTROM and SEN. JOHN ARTHUR SMITH

The last few years of plummeting state revenues made it clear, once again, New Mexico is over-reliant on tax revenue from the oil and gas industry and the Swiss cheese construction of New Mexico's tax system can't support the state's needs, but a one-day special legislative session critical to the survival of higher education isn't the time or place for tax reform.

The governor vetoed the nearly \$3 billion higher education budget, along with the entire budget for the Legislature, to force lawmakers back to Santa Fe for a special legislative session to redo the state spending plan for the budget year that starts July 1. The Legislature-approved budget package relied on new revenue just to keep spending flat with the current year, but the governor vetoed all the tax options offered.

Since then, she has concluded, somewhat belatedly, that New Mexico

needs a tax system fix. However, the governor says her skimpy-on-the-details plan would be revenue-neutral, leaving higher education at risk in a move that will hurt the



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New Mexico families who rely on affordable higher education and the businesses that need educated employees. The governor says she has a new plan for funding higher education without new taxes. But, like with her tax plan, she has yet to share the details.

The chances New Mexico's colleges will start the new budget year without any funding are close to zero, but the colleges are already struggling with 8.3 percent cuts since the 2015-2016 fiscal year and, with the potential for additional cuts looming over their budgets for next year, many have an-

nounced tuition hikes and program cuts.

New Mexico lawmakers have worked hard to make higher education more accessible for New Mexico families. Tuition at our public colleges and universities is reasonable and most in-state high school graduates qualify for the Lottery Scholarship. Many New Mexicans have a tough time making ends meet and can't afford a college education. New Mexico's efforts ensure they are not cut off from the greater employability and higher income that come with higher education credentials.

Ironically, by sacrificing higher education to lower taxes, New Mexico is discouraging the business activity and economic boost it's courting. Google "what attracts businesses to an area" and article after article will cite national studies showing businesses want an available, skilled workforce more than anything else. In some studies, low taxes are at the bottom of their lists.

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This isn't news to New Mexico policymakers. The Legislative Finance Committee has reported, repeatedly, that the low level of education among our population is a major inhibitor to economic growth. Partly in response to that, the higher education funding formula has been tweaked to reward schools that graduate and certify more students, and the colleges have responded by improving degree-completion rates.

Supporting adequate funding for higher education is not a denial of the role tax reform could play in economic growth – business leaders care about the clarity of taxation even if tax levels are a low priority for some. Conceptually, the governor's broadly stated goals have merit, particularly her support for broadening the tax base, and potentially lowering the rate, by eliminating a myriad of deductions and credits with questionable benefits. However, she has said she also wants to create new business tax breaks that could cost anywhere between \$250 million to \$500 million, which would then narrow the base and lead to higher taxes for everyone else. Nevertheless, the Legislature and the administration could, with thoughtful consideration, find common ground and develop a bipartisan plan.

Unfortunately, the governor has yet to reach out to the Legislature's Finance Committee chairs to discuss tax reform, an obvious first step and mandatory for winning the bipartisan support necessary to passage. Even if she starts

a dialogue, it is unlikely executive and legislative leadership can reach any agreement with the time constraints of a short-possible special legislative session.

Much more achievable is a revisit of the tax options already approved by the Legislature, some of which the governor initially said she could support and has continued to support despite her vetoes. Reconsideration of those options could close tax loopholes, put New Mexico on the path for longer-term tax reform, and salvage our higher education system.

Tax reform, however, needs more time, and a thoughtful, collaborative approach that recognizes a sound tax system – one that is fair, is easy to understand and administer, is built on a broad base, and generates enough revenue to address New Mexico's many, deeply rooted needs – is more than low taxes for corporations and tax breaks for businesses. It is the wrong approach to economic development and a great disservice to the people of New Mexico and our future.

Sen. John Arthur Smith is chairman of the Legislative Finance Committee and Senate Finance Committee. He has represented Senate District 35, which includes parts of Hidalgo, Luna and Sierra counties, since 1989.

Rep. Patricia Lundstrom has served in the New Mexico Legislature representing McKinley and San Juan counties since January 2001. She is chair of the House Appropriations and Finance Committee and a senior member of the Legislative Finance Committee.

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It wasn't a real guitar; rather, it had a crank which when turned played the tune "Oh Susanna." This was before anyone with that name became the governor of New Mexico.

I turned the crank and the song was a hit. Uncle Gene



MICHAEL SWICKARD

In My Opinion

had a big smile, even when my mother, while bringing him hot coffee, accidentally spilled it on him.

I played the song again, and again. Then I decided to sing and even added some yodeling and a few yips. I was Johnny One

Song all day long. My parents looked a little frayed.

Then it was time to say my prayers, brush my teeth and go to bed. I played the song one

last time for my mother as she tucked me in. What a present! Next morning, I jumped up, grabbed the guitar and turned the crank. No sound came out. The technological wonder broke while I was asleep. I was crestfallen. My uncle looked glum.

I asked him, "Can you fix this?" He looked at my mother and then slowly shook his head. We all called him Uncle Genius, and I immediately knew that if he couldn't fix it, heck, it was broken for good since he was an electrical engineer.

I suspected that one of the grown-ups had some hand in the guitar not working, so I asked my mother if she or my dad had been playing "Old

Susanna" on my guitar after I went to sleep. Her expression wavered between hysteria and alarm.

She firmly stated that no one had been playing "Oh Susanna." That meant I was forced to accept that the guitar broke on its own. Over the years other technological wonders have broken and they have broken at the most inconvenient times. In fact, I have come to expect it.

We don't know when our technology will break except it will be unexpectedly. That rule has held true. Lightning hit a few houses away and everything connected to the cable died. I brought the still-smoking cable box into the local

cable office. The representative immediately proclaimed that when lightning hits and blows up technology, "It is an act of God."

I smiled, "Can I quote you?" He hesitated a moment and then nodded. So, I wrote a column a few years ago that a major international company affirms that there is a God. He seemed cranky the next time I saw him.

It is likely that it wasn't God who broke my guitar. But I now understand and have long since forgiven her.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't militarize the border

To the editor:

Agreed with Congressman Pearce: A border wall is counter-productive and a waste of taxpayer dollars. The estimated 650-mile wall currently built cost \$7 Billion. Keep counting for the total 2,000 mile expanse. Thank you, Congressman, for your New Mexico common sense.

Equally wasteful is the concept of "increasing border security," placating a political element by either purposely, or ignorantly, using a false narrative that we do not already have an abundance of "security" in place.

The budget for border enforcement increased 75 percent in the last decade. It's now \$13.5 billion per year, more than the DEA, FBI, and Secret Service budgets combined.

Only one thing is improved when law-abiding families are torn apart, and threats of undeserved deportation hover continuously: the profit margin of private prisons not held accountable for their often heinous treatment of the people corralled within their walls. This fills nightly numbers of bed quotas for money - not to protect our safety.

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From left, Gus Pina, Mary Sletten, Pauline Chacon, Dr. Renay Scott, Cesar Ruvalcaba and Robert Doyle

DACC students receive all-academic honors

BULLETIN REPORT

Doña Ana Community College (DACC) students Pauline Chacon and Cesar Ruvalcaba were named to the 2017 New Mexico All USA Academic Team for their outstanding academic accomplishments and community service.

The certificates, medals and graduation regalia were presented to them recently by DACC President Renay Scott and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) advisors Mary Sletten, of Administrative Technologies and Robert Doyle and Gus Pina of the Computer Information Technology program. PTK, an honor society for two year colleges, sponsored the awards. The Alpha Omega Tau chapter at DACC nominated the students. As a result of the honor both have received a scholarship to a four-year university. Chacon

will enter New Mexico State University, while Ruvalcaba will enroll in the University of Advancing Technology.

“Congratulations to both Pauline and Cesar,” said Dr. Renay Scott. “What a great honor for two outstanding students.”

Chacon is a former Gadsden High School 2004 graduate. Ten years after graduating from high school she enrolled at DACC to pursue an Associate’s degree in Business Office Technology/Bookkeeping Assistant and a certificate for Bilingual Office Specialist.

She joined PTK, “because the program provides opportunities to grow as a scholar and as a leader,” she said. “It also offers several great opportunities to qualify for scholarships to reach my goals.

“I thank my husband, three daughters, family, and friends, as

well as PTK advisors Mr. Doyle and Mr. Pina for helping me in my academic career.”

Chacon has a 3.98 grade point average.

Ruvalcaba is pursuing an associate’s degree in Computer Information Technology at DACC with an anticipated graduation date of May 11, 2017. After receiving a computer from his grandparents at an early age, his fascination with technology quickly grew and led to the decision of pursuing a career in what he loved. He joined PTK to enable him to further his education and pursue a Bachelor’s Degree in Network Security.

“I am honored to be a part of the 2017 All-New Mexico Academic Team,” Ruvalcaba said. “I thank everyone at DACC and in the community who encouraged me to keep pushing myself further.”

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Women in Science and Engineering Network wins award

BULLETIN REPORT

AAUW-New Mexico recently announced the New Mexico Network for Women in Science and Engineering as the first recipient for their Mission in Action Award. Rebecca Galves of Las Cruces is president of the organization.

The award honors individuals or organizations that support and further the mission of AAUW (American Association of University Women) in New Mexico. The network was founded in the late '70s by Sandra Zink and Georgia Fritz, women scientists at Los Alamos National Laboratory, and a group of women faculty from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. The organization has supported women and girls in STEM fields for almost 40 years, decades before the term was created.

The network sponsors many statewide activities for which they received

this award. The network judges at both regional and state Science Fairs and the Super Computing Challenge, giving monetary prizes to female high school students. Through the years, the network has awarded more than \$20,000 in prizes to deserving young women in New Mexico.

The network has also organized and supported multiple Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) conferences for middle school girls around the state. The conferences provide STEM role models and hands-on activities, empowering girls to see themselves as future participants in STEM-related careers. Over the years the Network has often partnered with AAUW and other groups to provide more than 100 EYH conferences, in places as diverse as Santa Fe, Carlsbad, Silver City (now in its 25th year) Los Alamos, Albuquerque, White Sands and Las Cruces.



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Sheila Portillo, AAUW-NM Awards Chair, presents the Mission in Action award at AAUW's annual state convention in Los Alamos to Dr. Tinka Gammel, a LANL scientist and long-time active network member.

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- Report By Las Cruces Physical Therapist, Dennis Prickett



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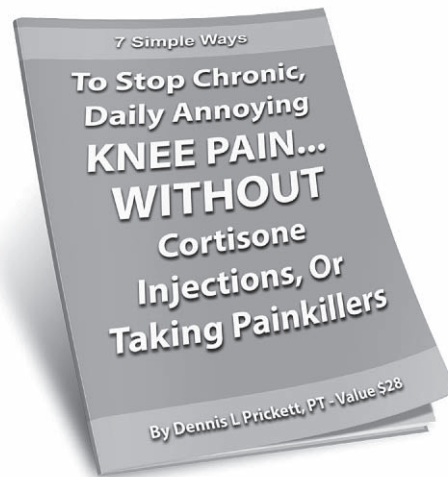
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Police: Auto burglaries crimes of opportunity

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces Police have seen an uptick in auto burglaries over the past month, so motorists are again reminded to re-

move valuables and lock doors when leaving their vehicles unattended.

The overwhelming majority of auto burglaries are considered crimes of opportunity, and occur

when valuables are left in plain sight and vehicles are left unlocked. Most auto burglary perpetrators simply cruise neighborhoods and large parking lots looking for unlocked vehicles.

Once inside a vehicle, a perpetrator needs only seconds to rummage through and steal valuables.

The Las Cruces Police Department recommends:

- Remove valuables from vehicle.
 - Keep items of intrigue (backpacks, cell phone chargers, electronics, loose change, etc.) out of sight.
 - Remove or properly secure tools and other valuables commonly kept in pickup beds.
 - Roll up windows and keep doors locked when leaving vehicle unattended.
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Las Cruces 7th graders win Desert Data Jam competition

BULLETIN REPORT

The Asombro Institute for Science Education awarded first- and second-place prizes along with honorable mentions to Las Cruces students who excelled in the sixth annual Desert Data Jam. Data Jam is a unique competition that challenges students to make creative projects (such as rap songs, physical models, children's stories, infographics and games) that convey complex scientific data to nonscientists.

First place was awarded to Nick Eres and Noah Gillihan from Zia Middle School for their project "Mesnado Alley," which used scaled models of four middle schools to represent the amount of



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dust collectors placed in the schoolyards. Nick and Noah shared a \$300 cash prize and each received a medal and certificate.

There was a tie for second place this year, so second-place \$200 cash awards and medals went to Mckynze Hamrick

and Alyssa Montes from Camino Real Middle School as well as Ashlyn Ray from Vista Middle School.

More than 400 students participated in the Desert Data Jam. The top five projects from each participating class were entered

into the final competition. Forty-four community judges evaluated the projects, and the top 15 projects were honored.

The Data Jam started in Las Cruces, and educators in Florida, Maryland, New York, and Puerto Rico have started

Zia Middle School students Nick Eres and Noah Gillihan won first place in the sixth annual Desert Data Jam, hosted by the Asombro Institute for Science Education. Data Jam challenges students to make creative projects (such as songs, physical models, infographics, and games) that convey complex scientific data to nonscientists. Nick and Noah created physical models of four Las Cruces middle schools that were scaled to represent the amount of dust collected in the area surrounding the school in dust collectors managed by Asombro.

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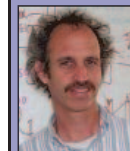
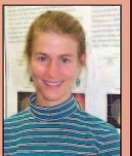
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A City of Las Cruces crossing guard helps a bicyclist cross Valley Drive during rush hour, May 8.

Schools, city to honor district crossing guards

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

The 34 crossing guards employed by the City of Las Cruces throughout the school district have more than 150 years of experience of ensuring the safety of children getting to and from school.

The crossing guards will be honored at a dinner beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at Centennial High School, Las Cruces Public Schools Safety and Security Coordinator Todd Gregory said.

The crossing guards to be honored are Guadalupe Armijo, Robert Brock, Virginia Brock, Sharon Bunker, Margaret Burr, Jose Castoreña, Terry Crabb, James Cunningham, Gilbert De La O, Josh De La Rosa, Jimmy Estrada, Jodi Faragoi, Estanislao Infante, Lianna Lara, Alfonso Lopez, Isabel Martinez, Michael McClanahan, Ronald McGregor, Gabe

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Infante and Zika each have 13 years of service as crossing guards. Rivera has 11 years' service, Estrada has 10, Lopez and Burr each have nine and Semar has eight.

Dinner will be provided by Lorenzo's and Andele's restaurants, Gregory said. American Linen has donated tablecloths for the dinner, Masson Farms has donated flowers and Time Machine will provide a disc jockey, he said.

For more information, contact Gregory at 575-527-5990 or tgregory@lpcs.net.

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The science of politics

Several hundred people attended the People's Climate March in Las Cruces, April 29, at Albert Johnson Park to hear from local community leaders, experts, and elected officials and to present what they feel is irrefutable proof of climate change. Las Cruces marchers joined others in cities nationwide, representing a "movement for human rights, environmental rights and economic justice," according to a press release.

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Blowin' in the wind

High winds in Las Cruces on Saturday, May 6, caused some damage in the area, including the uprooting of this tree on El Paseo Road, in front of the movie theater.

BULLETIN PHOTO
BY MIKE COOK



I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the friends and supporters (especially the employees of Dona Ana County) for acknowledging my efforts while County Manager to bring positive change to county government. This includes your emails, letters, text messages, phone calls, and personal visits to Commissioners. Your appearance at BOCC meetings to voice your opinions, and preferences concerning my employment are a testament to your recognition of and commitment to the principles and practices of fair play, equity, truth, professionalism and transparency which I have sought to make paramount during my tenure. As we transition to another phase, I urge you to continue to espouse those truths you know and hold dear and not to compromise your values, and beliefs. Going back to the days of political cronyism, nepotism, favoritism, bullying, retaliation, discrimination and support of special interests over the best interests of the employees and residents is not a viable option. Let us be unceasing and diligent in our efforts to continue to move this county forward!

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City plans economic development summits

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Phil San Filippo says his new job as the first-ever director of the City of Las Cruces' newly expanded Economic Development Department (EDD) has "been about listening."

The former executive director of the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau was promoted to EDD director when the department was expanded in April as part of City Manager Stuart Ed's reorganization.

In an ongoing series of seminars with local chambers of commerce, business organizations and business owners, New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College and others, San Filippo said his "number one goal is to take what I've heard from everybody and make a strategic plan to move us forward."

Coming up with that strategy is "tedious, painful and arduous," San Filippo said, but "once it's done, it becomes easier" for all EDD divisions "to see how they fit in."

EDD includes seven functions within five divisions, San Filippo said. It oversees the Las Cruces Airport, Visit Las Cruces (Convention and Visitors



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Bureau), Downtown, Sustainability, the Las Cruces Film Office, Grants Administration, Real Estate Services (land management), Business Consultation and West Mesa Industrial Park.

Ed (pronounced eed) brought "a fresh pair of eyes" to city government when he became city manager last fall, San Filippo said, seeing "some things people entrenched in the system might not have seen." Ed "showed a lot of wisdom" in his reorganization of city government, San Filippo said, including creating EDD. "Mr. Ed made it very clear," San Filippo said. "This is a priority."

Ed said he recommended elevating EDD to a department level after spending his first 30 days as city manager studying the city's "strengths and

challenges" and studying the best practices of Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Rio Rancho and El Paso, all of which have dedicated economic development staff.

"My vision for the new Economic Development Department is to, first and foremost, reach out to our local and regional economic development partners to determine what they feel the roll of city government should be," Ed said. "City government is not the driver of economic development, but instead, creates a 'quality of place' that entices and facilitates economic development. We need to work closely with our partners to retain, grow, and attract business through marketing, incentives, and responsiveness to local business growth.

"Mr. San Filippo fits very well into that vision. He is a proven results-oriented executive who is established and has a great reputation within the Las Cruces business community. His work on the Las Cruces Country Music Fest and Film Festival show his business and

marketing savvy and passion at cultivating local, regional, and national interest in Las Cruces. He is networked and connected within the community. I am convinced his customer service orientation, connection to the business community, and marketing skill will be instrumental in retaining, growing, and attracting businesses to Las Cruces."

There are 45 people in the new EDD, San Filippo said, and they have been "very cooperative and helpful in making this whole process come together."

San Filippo became executive director of Visit Las Cruces in 2012, coming here from Boca Raton, Florida. His background includes service as a tour operator, hotel manager and director of International Sales and Marketing for the United States and Latin America for the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism.

San Filippo said developing the framework for EDD means not only focusing on the department's internal structure, but its external goals.

"The first step in mar-

keting is the product," he said. "We have to get the product right." That means making it easier for people to start and expand businesses in the city, he said. San Filippo said that's the focus for city Business Concierge Donald Bustos, who can guide business owners through the process and help them access other resources like SCORE and the Small Business Association.

"We just have to be more business friendly," San Filippo said. "We've done some things already," he said, including training staff on using the department's software system and setting up seminars on how to start a business.

Guiding visitors to major focal points in Las Cruces is also important, San Filippo said, including downtown. He said EDD works closely with the Las Cruces Downtown Partnership to attract more visitors and more businesses downtown. The two go hand in hand, he said, because it's easier to bring new or relocating businesses to downtown if it's getting more local and

out-of-town traffic.

The city is about to begin a \$13.2 million construction project to return Church and Water streets from one-way to two-way traffic, with a goal of getting more people to stop and shop downtown.

Downtown should be "a first stop" for visitors to Las Cruces, San Filippo said. It should be "a place where people want to come and enjoy themselves."

San Filippo said a soundstage will open in Las Cruces. The city has received nearly \$1 million in capital outlay funds for the project, and has allocated several million more dollars in hold-harmless gross receipts tax funds. "Final assessments" are now being made on a property identified for the soundstage, San Filippo said. "We're excited about that."

For more information, contact San Filippo at psfilippo@las-cruces.org. Visit www.las-cruces.org/departments/economic-development.

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School district salutes retiring employees

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Eighty-four employees throughout Las Cruces Public Schools were recognized for their service to the district at the annual LCPS Retirement Recognition Reception, May 3 in the LCPS Administration Building.

“It’s an honor to work with such a distinguished community of professionals at every level,” said LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing. “I would like to thank each and every one of our retirees for their commitment to going above and beyond for every student, every day. Their collective talent, knowledge and dedication will be truly missed.”

The employees who are retiring, or have already retired, at the end of the 2016-17 school year included teachers, educational assistants, clerical and secretarial staff, maintenance personnel, administrators, custodians, food service personnel and many others. Collectively, all of the retirees represent 1,809 years of service to the school district.

On average, each retiring employee served the district for approximately 21 years, with the longest-serving employee — Donna McCoskey Hansen, an English Teacher at Mayfield High School — retiring after 45



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LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing thanks a crowd of retired, and soon-to-be retired, LCPS employees for their service to the school district at the annual LCPS Retirement Recognition Reception, May 3, in the LCPS Administration Building. The employees who are retiring, or have already retired, at the end of the 2016-17 school year included teachers, educational assistants, clerical and secretarial staff, maintenance personnel, administrators, custodians, food service personnel and many others.

years of service to the district.

“In 45 years of teaching, my memories are associated with the activities of my students, whether athletic, musical, or academic. I will always remember, however, when the MHS band won the Zia Marching Band Contest for the first time,” McCoskey Hansen said. “Our principal, Bob Ogas, was excited beyond words. At midnight, Bob and I were standing in the dark changing the school marquee to reflect the win. At 3 a.m., we returned to greet the buses, holding a spotlight on the

marquee because the lights had gone out.”

When asked about the best piece of advice she received throughout her career, McCoskey Hansen responded, “Warren Cupp, an English teacher of many years, would remind me that students won’t always remember what they did in your class, but they will always remember how they felt while they were there.”

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

Las Cruces High School Student wins 9th annual car giveaway

BULLETIN REPORT

Ernest Padilla Jr., a junior at Las Cruces High School, is the winner of

the 9th Annual Count Me In! Car giveaway, May 4, held at the Field of Dreams Soccer Complex on Tashiro Road.

His prize: a 2011 Toyota Camry.

In order to qualify for the car giveaway, students must have

maintained a 90 percent attendance rate in either the fall or spring semesters. Each semester, students can earn one raffle entry if they maintain a 90 percent attendance rate and two entries if they have perfect attendance.

Since a student can earn up to two raffle entries each semester—and they can earn an additional entry by bringing their qualification ticket to the giveaway event—individual students can earn a total of five car raffle entries during a given school year.

“I’d like to thank the event sponsors for helping to ensure our stu-

dents show up to class,” said Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing. “The community is always so supportive when it comes to education and it shows just how committed they are to ensuring our students’ long-term success.”

The free event is open to all LCPS high school students, regardless of whether they qualified for the car giveaway.

“The event is a fun, stress-free way for the students to celebrate the end of the school year,” said LCPS Community Outreach Liaison Brigitte Zigelhofer. “The sponsors do a wonderful job of making the event

fun for the students, and the students get the chance to enjoy some free food, entertainment and possibly win some great prizes.”

Other prizes at the event included a \$1,000 savings deposit, \$200 gasoline gift certificate prize packs, a flat-screen television, a laptop computer, movie passes, gasoline gift certificates, Beats headphones and LCPS Athletics passes.

All of the prizes were donated by event sponsors, some of which also made financial contributions to help with the purchase of the car.

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Rose Longo, an eighth grader at Lynn Middle School, shadowed Mayor Ken Miyagishima for a school project during the May 8 Las Cruces City Council work session and during a speech by the mayor that evening.

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Sponsors were Vescovo Toyota, Caliche's Frozen Custard, Pioneer Bank, Organ Mountain Outfitters, FirstLight Federal Credit Union, Pic Quik, Campos Creative School Portraits and the Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation. Support is also provided by Hubbard's Music-N-More, the New Mexico National Guard, Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico and Riverside Technologies (RTI).

The Count Me In! attendance initiative was created in 2009 to coincide with the school board policy and regulation that deals with compulsory student attendance and graduation requirements, Zigelhofer said.



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When Ernest Padilla Jr., a 17-year-old junior at Las Cruces High School, gets his driver's license, he'll have a new car to use it for.



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Special Olympics Flame of Hope

Law enforcement officials from southern New Mexico, including deputies with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, will run into Las Cruces Friday, May 12, carrying the Special Olympics Flame of Hope.

The event is part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which will then carry the flame to

Albuquerque to mark the beginning of the New Mexico Special Olympics summer games.

Three different torches from Deming, White Sands Missile Range and Anthony will converge at 11 a.m. at Albert Johnson Park, next to Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

Special Olympics athletes will assist deputies, police, border patrol

agents and other law enforcement officials with the carrying of the torch, and will continue on with the next leg of the run toward Hatch at 11:30.

Apodaca announces bid for governor

Former Las Cruces resident Jeff Apodaca has announced his candidacy for governor of New Mexico.

"A governor needs to bring people together," said Apodaca, a Democrat. "To grow jobs, to grow the economy - that's what a governor should be doing. We're sitting on over \$20 billion in re-

serves, yet our political leaders are nitpicking over pennies. It's time we invest in New Mexico."

In announcing his candidacy, Apodaca also cited New Mexico's unacceptable rankings on key economic indicators, education and poverty.

This is Apodaca's first run for political office after a private sector career. A former media executive and current clean energy technology entrepreneur, Apodaca worked at KOB-TV in Albuquerque and held senior positions at Univision Corp, Tribune Broadcasting, AOL and the CBS Tele-

vision Network in New York and Los Angeles before returning to New Mexico with his family to run Univision stations and digital property in the mountain states.

"I'm not running because it's my turn," he said. "I'm running to turn around New Mexico. As governor, my plan will create 225,000 new jobs, bring higher incomes and salaries for our workers and create better opportunities for all of our families."

Apodaca is the son of former Gov. Jerry Apodaca and former First Lady of New Mexico Clara Apodaca.

A cancer survivor, he and his wife Jackie founded the Jeff Apodaca Celebration of Life Fund and the Jeff Apodaca Multi-Media Center at UNM Children's Hospital to help kids diagnosed with cancer. They live in Albuquerque with their twin boys Asher and Gage.

Shoulder work planned

Shoulder work on Motel Boulevard from Maese Lane to Tashiro Drive continues through May 26 for telecommunication improvements for Comcast. Access to residences will be maintained during the construction, and motorists wanting to avoid possible delays should seek an alternate route. For more information, call 575-528-3098. The TTY number is 575-541-2182.

Parents' Night Out summer schedule

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department offers Parents' Night Out, giving parents the opportunity to enjoy

an evening together feeling confident their little ones are safe and having a great time. Youth, kindergarten through 8th grade, will enjoy games, music, and themed activities. Participants will be placed in appropriate age groups. The cost is \$10 per participant, per night.

Parents' Night Out will be offered at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., from 6-11 p.m. every third Friday of the month. Program dates for the summer months are May 19, June 16, and July 21.

Parents' Night Out registration is ongoing at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Space is limited and is first come-first served. Participants must pre-register, no drop-ins will be accepted.

For more information, call Recreation Programs at 575-541-2455.

City names financial services director

Las Cruces City Manager Stuart C. Ed announced the hiring of Rosie Duran as director of the city's Financial Services Department. Duran previously served as the City of Las Cruces disbursements supervisor from June 2008 to June 2013. She is currently director of financial services/office manager for the Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces.

Duran has finance and office management experience dating to 1999. She graduated from New Mexico State University with a Bachelor's Degree in accounting and a minor in economics.

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According to Ed, “Ms. Duran brings a wealth of financial and managerial experience to the position. We look forward to her rejoining the city organization to oversee the Financial Services Department and lead its highly skilled associates. The fact she served the city previously in the Financial Services Department makes her uniquely qualified to hit the ground running and affect an immediate, positive impact. We continue to invest in local and regional executive talent that has strong ties to our community while recruiting the very best and brightest.”

Duran’s start date with the city is Tuesday, May 30.

County road crews chip sealing

The Doña Ana County Road Department is chip sealing roads in and near the communities of Rincon and Radium Springs. The project is expected to take approximately two weeks.

Roads scheduled for chip sealing include CR-E089, CR-E008, DeBeers Drive, CR-D061, Desert Edge Road, Meador Drive, Tel High Road, Fort McLane Road, Fort McRae Road, Fort Cummings Road, Fort Thorn Road, Calvin Place, L.B. Lindbeck Road, Buffalo Estates Road, South Track Trail, Robledo Vista Road and Daniel Court.

Motorists are reminded to exercise caution in areas where

workers are deployed.

Spaceport America in search of judges

With 110 teams from universities in 11 countries arriving in New Mexico on June 19 to compete in the International Rocket Engineering Competition (IREC), Spaceport American needs “enthusiastic people who are trained or have work experience in a STEM discipline to evaluate the rocket engineering teams and projects.”

This year’s competition will be the biggest yet, according to a press release, “with students launching solid, liquid, and hybrid rockets to target altitudes of 10,000 and 30,000 feet.”

The release continues: “We are seeking a diverse panel of judges with a wide variety of experience and specialties. So if you can dedicate five days of your time from the evening of June 19 through June 24, we would love to welcome you onboard.”

The schedule:

- Monday, June 19, 6-7 p.m., SA Cup Judge Welcome, Q&A, Hotel Encanto, Las Cruces.
- Tuesday, June 20, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., SA Cup Conference Day, Podium and Poster Sessions,

Las Cruces Conference Center. Judging panel begins evaluations, judges welcome dinner following.

- Wednesday, June 21, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Depart for Spaceport America Vertical Launch area for set-up and integration. Judging panel continues evaluations.

- Thursday, June 22, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Launch activity begins within the VLA with spectator viewing. Judging panel continues.

- Friday, June 23, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Launch activity continues within the VLA with spectator viewing. Judging panel continues evaluations. Space Movie out on the Gateway to Space apron under the stars.

- Saturday, June 24, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Launch activity continues within the VLA with spectator viewing. Judging panel continues evaluations. 7-10:30 p.m., Awards Banquet and closing ceremonies.

To sign up, visit <http://spaceportamericacup.com/contact/>. The deadline to submit applications is May 22.

Checkpoints, saturation patrols planned

Las Cruces Police plan

to hold at least three sobriety checkpoints and four saturation patrols within city limits during May. Police also will be on the lookout for other traffic safety violations such as drivers using cell phones, and those who fail to properly use seatbelts or child safety seats.

Las Cruces Police encourage those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages to use a designated driver – someone who will not be drinking alcoholic beverages – for their transportation needs.

County seeks to fill board seats

Doña Ana County continues to accept applications for positions on the Doña Ana County Valuation Protests Board. Deadline for receipt of application has been extended to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 15.

The two-year appointment requires a commitment of a number of full workdays – possibly up to two full work weeks – each year for protest hearings. The New Mexico State Department of Taxa-

tion and Revenue will reimburse each board member at a rate of \$80 per day and 43 cents per mile for round-trip transportation to the Doña Ana County Government Center for days on which there are scheduled hearings.

Applicants may not hold elected office while serving on the board, nor may they be public-sector employees. All applicants must be registered voters in Doña Ana County.

To be considered, send a letter of interest and a resume to the Valuation Protests Board Nomination Committee, c/o Paul Ponce, Doña Ana County Assessor’s Office, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Applicants with substantial knowledge of the Doña Ana County real estate market and appraisal methodology are preferred. For more information, contact Mark Krohn at 575-525-5548. Callers from outside the Las Cruces area may call toll-free at 1-877-827-7200 and request extension 5548.

2017 Movies in the Park

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department 2017 Movies in the Park Program kicks off Saturday, May 13, with Disney’s “Moana.” Movies will be shown twice a month, May through September, on Saturdays at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., with the exception of Disney’s “The Jungle Book 2016,” which will be shown at the Plaza de Las Cruces on May 27. All movies are free. Schedule and location subject to change without notice. For information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 575-541-2550.

Movie Schedule May

13 – Moana
27 – The Jungle Book 2016 (Plaza de Las Cruces)

June

10 – The Secret Life of Pets
24 – Pete’s Dragon

July

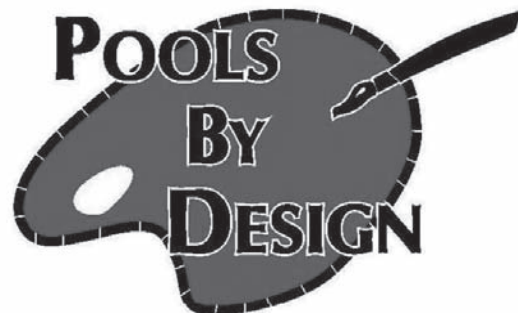
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29 – Alice Through the Looking Glass

August

12 – Sing
26 – The Lego Batman Movie

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Las Cruces Fire Department rookies Jace Wasson, left, and Joshua Kitt.

Young firefighters welcome challenges, opportunities

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of profiles on members of the Las Cruces Fire Department.

Las Cruces Fire Depart-

ment (LCFD) rookie firefighters Jace Wasson and Joshua Kitt joined the department because they like helping people.

Being a firefighter is “something that required me to use my mind and my hands,” Wasson

added, and “not be stuck at a desk.”

The two served together in the 2016 LCFD fire academy, graduating last July as firefighters and EMTs. Wasson, 24, is a graduate of Las Cruces High School. Kitt, 21, graduated from Oñate High School. Wasson is assigned to Las Cruces Fire Station 1, 201 E. Picacho Ave. (the department's main station), and Kitt is assigned to Station 5, 5998 Bataan Memorial East. Like other Las Cruces firefighters, each works a regular rotation of 24 hours on duty and 48

hours off duty.

“I love what I do,” Kitt said. “I couldn't see myself in any other job right now,” Wasson said. “I'm extremely happy I chose this.”

The department is “like a family,” Kitt said. “From day one, we just all banded together,” he said about the LCFD academy. “We had each other's back.”

Wasson said one of the most important things he has learned from veteran firefighters is “to stay calm. Take a step back and

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NM celebrates first ‘agrihood’

By AVRA ELLIOTT

With views of young grapevines and the mountains surrounding them, members of Northern and Southern New Mexico's Vine and Wine Society gathered Saturday in Mesilla Vineyard Estates to meet and celebrate New Mexico's first agrihood.

The society often meets in both members' homes and wineries, but meeting in an agrihood was a first, and in some ways, is a little bit of both. An agrihood, according to Mesilla Vineyard Estates' brochure, is a “planned residential community built with a working farm as a focus and amenity.”

From Hawaii to Idaho, these farm-to-table neighborhoods, often built around the idea of community, fresh produce, and environmentally-friendly living have been springing up around the country, but Mesilla Vineyard Estates will be New Mexico's first.

With 14 acres of the estate serving as farmland managed by a professional horticulturist surrounded by current and new homes, Mesilla Vineyard Estates will allow homeowners to watch the farm grow.

“Much like residents in golf course communities who enjoy the beauty of the course, the residents of the Mesilla Vineyard Estates will share the beauty of a farm,” read a brochure for Mesilla Vineyard Estates.

New Mexico has a long history with wine, including monks smuggling in Spanish vines during the 1600s, according to New Mexico State University's College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental

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BULLETIN PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

From left: Randy McMillan, Bill Gorman, Marian Anderson, Judy Pabst and Don Pabst toast with some ‘petit verdot’ wine Saturday May 6 at the home of Randy and Carol McMillan.



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analyze what you want to do overall," he said. Wasson said he has taken that advice in stressful situations on the job, and "it all went a lot smoother."

Wasson said he also has learned the importance of "trouble shooting. Have a game plan, (but realize) it can change within seconds," he said. If a firefighter is dealing with a house fire and can't see inside the house, Kitt said, he or she still has figure out what steps to take to fight the fire.

Kitt said his father is a police officer, and that inspired him to pursue a career in public service. Being a firefighter is "a heart-feeling job," he said. "You feel good when you go home."

Being a firefighter is "a dream I've had since being little," Kitt said. He loves when elementary-



school children visit the station. "Their eyes light up," he said. "They are so excited and have so many questions."

"I had done a lot of research about what a firefighter does," Wasson said. About 90 percent are emergency services calls; responding to fires is "the holy grail," he said.

Even though he knew something about fighting fires and providing EMT services before he became a firefighter, Wasson said he "never knew about other stuff," like having to remove a tree that's blocking a street, or helping a motorist

who has locked his or her keys in a vehicle. "Oh, we do this?" has sometimes been his reaction, Wasson said, as he learns all the aspects of his job.

Providing a wide range of services to the public is "something the veterans take very seriously," Wasson said. Firefighters "are in the public's eye 24-7."

Kitt remembers responding to 12 calls in a single day while he was stationed at Fire Station #4 on Missouri Avenue; Wasson recalls "a long day" that involved a car accident that resulted in seven patient reports. The most calls he re-

members in a single 24-hour shift is 15, which made him wonder, "Is this how it's going to be every day?"

When responding to emergencies, "the families are a mess," Kitt said. They are "freaking out. You are helping them on their worst day. (You do) what you're trained to do, not second guess yourself."

In some cases, Wasson said, a firefighter can take what might have been a family's worst day and "turn it around into their best day (because) their loved one is getting better in front of their eyes."

"Knowing you just saved someone's loved one – there's no feeling like it," Kitt said.

One of the things a firefighter has to remember, Wasson said, is that, while "it's not your emergency – you didn't cause it – you're going to try to do anything to help."

"You see the best and

the worst," Kitt said. "You train so hard so when it happens, you get it done," Kitt said.

Fighting a fire is "controlled chaos," Wasson said. "Everyone has their assignment," he said.

And, even with all the new technology available to firefighters – including thermal-imaging cameras and maps showing the interiors of local businesses that firefighters can download in case of a fire – "there's always going to have to be someone to drag a hose in there," Wasson said.

On the medical side, Wasson said he was surprised by the amount of technology and the number of medications EMTs have available to them in the field. "On scene, we have pretty much anything they can use in the hospital," Kitt said.

There's a definite adrenaline rush in much of what firefighters do, Witt said. "It's a lot of fun, but at the same time, it's a responsibility."

Witt said he would like to work his way up to lieutenant in the LCDFD, like the crew chief at station 5, Lt. Michael Martinez, who is "on the truck, on the street," Witt said, and not stuck at a desk or in an office. "I just want to be the best firefighter I can be."

Wasson said he also wants to become a lieutenant. He's working on "perfecting the job I'm at now," then wants to become a fire truck driver. Wasson is also interested in hazardous materials (hazmat) training.

"It's a giant brotherhood," Kitt said of the LCFD. "You go to work and it doesn't feel like work. You're with your family all day."

"It's the best job in the world," Wasson said.

For more information, visit www.las-cruces.org/departments/fire-department.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@las-crucesbulletin.com.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Randy McMillan serves some 'petit verdot' to guests Saturday May 6 on the site of what will be the first Agrihood in New Mexico.

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Sciences website.

Dale Ellis, president of the Southern Rio Grande Chapter of New Mexico's Vine and Wine Society said, for a time, New Mexico wines had a bad reputation, but "today they are world class."

Ellis said the new agrihood would continue to aid in the community's appreciation of wine culture, and that "any exposure to wine culture helps the industry."

Ed Spears, a member of the Southern Rio Grande Vine and Wine Society Chapter, said in moving to New Mexico he transitioned into a wine drinker as opposed to the beer he drank previously in Wyoming. Spears joked that when visiting home he is a "closet wine drinker," but that in joining the Vine and Wine Society he has learned of the broad spectrum of wines to choose from, including the many made here in New Mexico.

As the many wine enthusiasts gathered for their meeting as well as to celebrate the new agrihood

demonstrate, one doesn't have to live in Mesilla Vineyard Estate to benefit from this new community. The brochure states fresh produce from the vineyard may be obtained by visiting the farm's store in Mesilla.

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Border Servant Corps volunteer Hannah Whitleock-Wolff from Oregon, volunteering at Jardin de los Niños homeless childcare program, which is part of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope.

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Dorothy “Dot” Quaintance had been working for Elephant Butte Irrigation District for about 12 years before leaving in 1995 to join the Urban Servant Corps in Denver, where she volunteered for two years. When she returned to Las Cruces in 1997, Quaintance contacted Peace Lutheran Church about setting up a similar volunteer organization in Las Cruces and El Paso.

Border Servant Corps (BSC) was born.

“The congregation at Peace Lutheran enthusiastically supported the idea of a volunteer organization in Las Cruces and El Paso and that’s how I stayed a second year in Denver to learn more about how to do it,” Quaintance said. “The rest is history.”

Over the next two decades, volunteers from around the country have donated 300,000 hours to Jardin de los Niños, La Casa domestic violence shelter, St. Luke’s Health Care Clinic, New Mexico Legal Aid, the City of Hope, the ACLU and other programs in Las Cruces and El Paso, BSC Executive Director Kari Lenander said. The volunteers work full-time for a year, and sometimes two years, at “social service agencies dedicated to serving their community.”

BSC “started on a wing and prayer and gathered a lot of community support from there,” Leander said.



Border Servant Corps founder Dorothy “Dot” Quaintance

Today, BSC staff works with the City of Las Cruces Network Volunteer Center (coordinated by former BSC Director Ryan Steinmetz) to help place BSC volunteers where they can do the most good. BSC is also a member of the Catholic Volunteer Network, which helps it attract volunteers to the border region. BSC is non-denominational, Lenander said, welcoming “all understandings of faith.”

Currently, BSC has eight volunteers – four each in Las Cruces and El Paso. And, at least in part because of the national interest focused on the U.S.-Mexican border, Lenander said, BSC has “more candidates than we can accept.”

Each participating agency pays two-thirds of the \$14,000 annual cost for each volunteer, and BSC pays one-third,

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she said. Volunteers are housed together in Las Cruces (in a house donated by Quaintance) and El Paso. Each volunteer receives a \$100-a-month personal stipend, a \$100-a-month food allowance and a bicycle to get to and from his or her work place. Lenander said the Las Cruces Optimist Club provides the bicycles, along with helmets and bike safety training.

Volunteers have a “huge, busy, full schedule,” she said, and spend their time “doing things that are life giving.”

This year’s Las Cruces volunteers come from Oregon, Illinois, Ohio and Albuquerque. All four are in their 20s, Lenander said. “We’re super lucky.”

“It’s starting to feel like home,” BSC volunteer Hannah Whitlock-Wolff said. The La Grande, Oregon, native has been volunteering full time at Jardin de los Niños homeless childcare program since August. Whitlock-Wolff said she wanted to work for BSC in Las Cruces because of an interest in immigration and border issues. It’s also been about “answering questions I needed to answer for myself,” she said. At Jardin, Whitlock-Wolff serves as literacy coordinator.

“We truly appreciate the Border Servants Corps and what they do for is in west Texas and southern New Mexico,” Jardin Executive Director Audrey Hartley said. “They are a true blessing to all of us!”



Border Servant Corps volunteer Geoff Blackwell of Ohio, volunteering at St. Luke’s Health Care Clinic, which is part of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope.

Lenander, a native of Kansas City, Missouri, spent a year volunteering with Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey’s after-school program in El Paso and Juarez in 2008 after graduating from college. “I loved it so much, I applied for a second year,” she said. “Once you’ve done this program, you’ll never see the world the same again.” Lenander was a BSC program coordinator from 2011 to 2013, and became executive director in 2013.

Once she returned to Las Cruces from Denver, Quaintance volunteered for four years

with the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope as that agency was starting up.

In addition to their public service, BSC also focuses on giving volunteers the opportunity to explore their personal “intentionality and spirituality” through service, Lenander said. Volunteers are “doing justice, serving your neighbor and walking humbly,” she said. A year with BSC is intended to “explore and sustain a lifetime of service.”

Volunteers live together, share a food budget and cook to-

gether and develop relationships with others through dialogue.

BSC also has a community engagement program through which local residents speak to and interact with volunteers to help them learn more about the community they are serving.

“We also host border immersion events to many groups that travel here to better understand the immigration and social justice issues we face in this region,” BSC Vice President Barbara Stotz said. She encouraged people to “learn more about us at www.border-servantcorps.org. “It is

ironic that people tend to be familiar with our partner agencies, but have no idea who we are, and we are striving to change that.”

BSC was named in

WANT TO GO?

BSC celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2017 with a special event beginning at 6 p.m., Friday, May 19, at Grapevine Plaza (Picacho Peak Brewing Company), 3900 W. Picacho Ave. The event includes dinner, drinks, speakers and a live auction. Tickets are \$50 each.

the Class of 2017 for Service Programs that Change the World by the Center for Faith and Service, Lenander said. It also received the New Mexico Champion of Volunteerism organizational group award in March 2017 from the state Commission for Community Volunteerism (www.dws.state.nm.us/nmccv/Serve-New-Mexico/New-Mexico-Champions-of-Volunteerism-Awards).

BSC was also honored by the Las Cruces City Council in May.

For more information, contact Lenander at 575-522-7119, extension 16, or kari@borderservantcorps.org. Visit www.borderservantcorps.org.

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Charter school hopes to participate in 2018 bond election

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

La Academia Dolores Huerta Dual-Language Charter Middle School (LADH) needs a new building.

The state-authorized charter school uses about 9,600 square feet of space at 1480 N. Main St., the building it has rented since the school opened in 2004, LADH Director Octavio Casillas said on May 1. The school pays \$114,000 a year in rent for the building, with all its classrooms along a single hallway on the first floor.

Casillas said LADH, which he called "a school of culture and art," has "the second-worst building in the state" among all district and charter schools.

LADH needs about 35,000 square feet to accommodate its 164 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students, and at least some of the 70 students on a waiting list to get into the school, Casillas said. That would provide adequate space for the arts programs that are LADH's focus, as well as core academics like math and science, and physical education.

Although LADH would consider buying a building and having it remodeled, Casillas said its best option is to be included in Las Cruces Public Schools' February 2018 bond election. It would need voters to approve \$3.9 million in bond funds for the new school, Casillas said, which would be the one-third local

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

The single long hallway at La Academia Dolores Huerta dual-language charter middle school at 1480 N. Main St.



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Outside La Academia Dolores Huerta's back door. The school has no cafeteria.

CHARTER SCHOOL

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match required for LADH to apply for funding from the New Mexico Public Schools Capital Outlay Council.

Casillas said he was scheduled to meet with LCPS Superintendent Dr. Gregory Ewing on May 11, about the possibility of LADH being on the 2018 bond. Casillas said he is hopeful that Ewing will “say yes” and agree to include LADH on the bond ballot.

“The Superintendent is looking forward to his meeting with Mr. Casillas,” LCPS Chief Communications Officer Jo Galvan said. “The charter school’s request will be thoroughly reviewed. Certainly, the buildings in the Las Cruces school district will also need to rely on future bond funds in order to make critical and expensive repairs

and renovations,” Galvan said. “The district is currently developing a bond capital outlay advisory committee that will conduct an assessment of all capital outlay needs throughout LCPS. Once that is complete, the request from La Academia would also be considered. Ultimately the School Board would have the final decision of any such request.”

Casillas said he has been “focusing so much time on securing a facility, and would rather be dedicating time to students, teachers and parents. My passion is being with education, not being a broker,” he said. “But, my students don’t want an excuse from Mr. Casillas. They want Mr. Casillas to deliver. I’ve got to find a building that will be adequate.”

Having a building that is not adequate affects learning, Casillas said. With insufficient space – including no cafete-

ria – and poor lighting, ventilation and heating and cooling, students and staff feel like “we’re not as important as we should be.”

“We do good things for our kids,” Casillas said. LADH has “the best educators Las Cruces has to offer. We are a great team. This is a family that cares about each other – the community they serve, the kids they serve. Our passion unites us.”

LADH has 15 teachers, Casillas said. Its largest class has 22 students.

“We know this program works,” LADH Ballet Folklorico teacher Jose Tena said. “We’re making a difference for the kids.”

Casillas said about 80 percent of the families LADH serves are below the poverty line. “They don’t ask for much,” he said. “We work very hard at getting them what they deserve.”

In addition to students, LADH also offers GED classes as well as parenting classes and counseling for parents. “It really

is a community school,” Casillas said. “The community believes in what the school does.”

An August 2016 report from the state Public School Facilities Authority says LADH’s current building and grounds lack sufficient parking, bus and student drop off, and have insufficient square footage for its general classrooms as well as for computer labs, art and music, science, P.E., food service, student health, storage and other resources. Its multi-use

play area is also rated as inadequate according to the report, which says LADH does not use the top floor of the building it occupies “due to many code violations.”

“There’s no reason my kids and I should be here,” Casillas said.

For more information, contact Casillas at 575-526-2984 or ocasillas@ladh.org. Visit <http://ladh.org/>.

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Sixteen students from four Las Cruces middle- and high schools won silver and gold medals in the City of Las Cruces 2017 Student Video PSA Contest. The winners were recognized at the council's May 1, meeting. This year's contest theme was "breaking stereotypes." Visit <http://www.las-cruces.org/en/departments/public-information-office/news-releases/2017/april/psa-contest-winners-2017> for a full list of winners, and to vote for your favorite PSA by May 14. Gold-medal winning PSAs will be shown on CLC TV Ch. 20 for up to one year.

City amends noise ordinance, OKs public art, industrial park

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

During a five-hour meeting May 1, the Las Cruces City Council voted unanimously to eliminate a provision in the city's noise ordinance that limited the number of special permits that can be issued by the chief of police to a single applicant.

Previously, no applicant could receive more than four permits – which allow non-compliance with the ordinance – in a calendar year.

The change was proposed by city staff and presented at the meeting by Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) Codes Enforcement Section Chief James Chavez, along with two other proposed changes to the ordinance that the council did not adopt.

Police Chief Jaime Montoya said the changes to the temporary permit were proposed as city staff work on revising the full noise ordinance.

The noise-ordinance discussion was prompted by complaints received by LCPD about the Game II sports bar and restaurant, which owner Marci Dickerson opened at 4131 Northrise Drive on the East Mesa Sept. 14.

The council discussed the noise ordinance at its April 7 work session. Dickerson attended both the April 7 and May 1 meetings.

The ordinance relies on "subjective opinions" about what constitutes excessive noise, Dickerson said on April 7, and that gives "incredible limiting power to a few people."

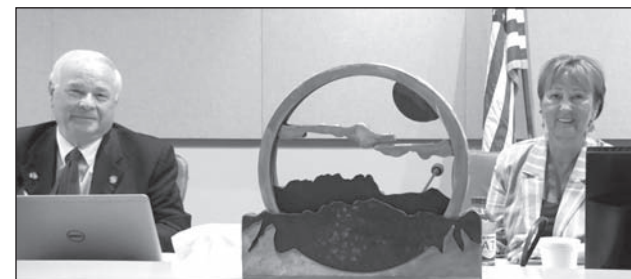
"I really do not want to be the first person to go to jail for violating the noise ordinance," Dickerson said on May 1.

With the change adopted by the council, the special permit still allows LCPD to enforce time restrictions, so that Dickerson or others receiving the permit would be required to come into compliance with the noise ordinance at a specific time.

The current ordinance "works good for residential, but not commercial," Mayor Ken Miyagishima said. The change made by the council regarding special permits will provide "a little bit of assistance to commercial," he said, until the entire ordinance is addressed.

At the May 1, meeting, the council also unanimously:

- Approved the city Art Board's recommendation of



The winning entry in the city Art Board's contest to select a piece of public art for the East Mesa Safety Complex is by Sandia Park artist Karen Yank.

a sculpture by Sandia Park artist Karen Yank as public art for the city's East Mesa Public Safety Complex, expected to open soon on Sonoma Ranch Boulevard. The 10-foot-tall by 14-foot-wide weathered-steel sculpture depicts the Organ Mountains. It is part of the city's Art in Public Places program. The sculpture will cost \$30,000 or less, city Museum System Operations Manager Garland Courts told the council, and should be in place within a year. The sculpture was selected from among 40 submissions, including one from Las Cruces.

• Approved the spending of about \$300,000 from the city's \$1.68 million economic development fund for improvements at West Mesa Industrial Park and Las Cruces Airport.

Amy Johnson Bassford of the city's Economic

COMING UP

Roadrunner PreK enrolling: The New Mexico State University School for Young Children Roadrunner PreK is beginning enrollment for the 2017/18 school year. Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1. Priority is given to children who will be attending Title one schools for their kindergarten year and who have never been in a school setting before. Info: Christina Ruybal, 575-646-7183 or cruybal@nmsu.edu.

Free computer classes: Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., hosts free computer literacy classes during May in the computer training lab. Registration not required. However, only the first nine attendees are guaranteed a computer. Attendees are welcome to bring their own laptops if space permits.

- **Internet for Beginners**
2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 16

A class for those who want to learn how to go online and move around the Internet with ease. Students will learn how to access websites, navigate, what web addresses are, basic searching skills, and internet safety.

- **Introduction to Computers: File Management**
2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 23

A basic class where students will learn how to manage files by saving, attaching and storing information. Info: 575-528-4005 or library.reference@las-cruces.org.

Doña Ana County Historical Society: Director of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Museum Mark Santiago presents "Humbling the Pride of the Apaches: A Spanish Expedition into Central New Mexico, 1795," 7 p.m., May 18, in the Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Free. Contact Jim at 575-521-8771 for more information.

Food drive: Saturday, May 13, put your non-perishable donations in a bag by your mailbox, to be delivered to a local food bank.

Women in Agriculture Conference: May 30-June 1. More than 150 women from across New Mexico will gather to forge partnerships and develop innovative ideas to propel New Mexico's agriculture industry. Info: Mary-Esther Grider, 575-524-0050.

Toastmaster Club: 7-8 a.m. every Tuesday, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center Solutions, 2345 Nevada Ave. If you are interested in improving your public speaking and leadership skills, attend a meeting to learn how this organization can benefit you. Info: clobato@nmsu.edu, or visit www.toastmasters.org.

Shriners: Las Cruces Shriners meet the second Monday of each month, 1150 W. Brown. All Shriners are invited. Info: 575-526-8396.

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Main Street:

- Love Live Local...Las Cruces – Friday, May 12, 6-10 p.m.
- Farmers and Crafts Market – Saturday, May 13, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Glitz & Glamour Community Event – Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Las Cruces Museum System: Railroad Museum

- Coloring Club for Adults – Friday, May 12, 10 a.m.-noon
- Family Game Day – Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.-noon
- National Model Railroad Meeting – Saturday, May 13, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Branigan Cultural Center

- Culture Club: Photography – Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.

Museum of Art

- Artrageous – Animals, Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m.
- Animal Encounters: Reptiles – Saturday, May 13, 10:30 a.m.

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library

- library.las-cruces.org; 575-528-4005; 575-528-4010
- Teen Game Night – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 p.m.; games for teens

- Toddler Time – Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.; story time for ages 1-3.
- Mother Goose Time – Wednesdays, 11 a.m.; activities for infants and their adults
- Rhythm Roundup* – Fridays, 10:30 a.m.; Music/Motion for ages 2-5
- Library Lab – Fridays, 3:30 p.m. Activities/Stories for ages 6-10
- Fourth Wednesday Happening – May 26, 2 p.m.; Living Better in a Green Home

Live Theater:

Black Box Theatre

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- "Seagulls in a Cherry Tree" – May 12-18. 523-1223

Las Cruces Community Theatre

lcctnm.org

- "You Can't Take it With You" – through May 21

Rio Grande Theatre

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- Santa Fe Opera Spring Tour Show – Friday, May 12, 7 p.m.
- Spring Dance Recital – Saturday, May 13, 4 p.m.
- Mesilla Valley Chorale Spring Concert – Sunday, May 14, 3 p.m.

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CITY COUNCIL

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Development Department said \$230,000 would be spent at the industrial park to make the property more appealing to potential clients. The money will pay for re-aligning the curb at the park's entrance, installing fencing to reduce debris, removing trees from the park's right-of-way and installing drought-tolerant landscaping on park-adjacent medians.

"These are much needed improvements," Councillor Jack Eakman said. The industrial park, he said, "looks like it's deteriorating and decaying."

- Issued a winegrower license that allows "on-premises consumption and package sales with patio service, to FARMesilla, LLC, to be located at 1850 Avenida de Mesilla."

- Approved second-year funding of \$21,429 each to 14 local nonprofits for health-related services. The city awards \$300,000 a year to more than a dozen nonprofits. Funding comes from the Telshor Facility Fund, created in October 2004 with the proceeds from an agreement between the city and Doña Ana County with Providence Healthcare Company for the 40-year lease of Memorial Medical Center.

Those receiving the funding for the second year of the two-year funding cycle are Big Brothers Big Sisters of Las Cruces, Casa de Peregrinos emergency food bank, Families and Youth, Inc., Jardin de los Niños childhood education program for homeless and near homeless children, La Casa battered women's shelter, La Clinica de Familia, La Piñon Sexual Assault Recovery Services, La

Semilla Food Center, Mesilla Valley CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Mesilla Valley Hospice, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, Roadrunner Food Bank, Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach, St. Luke's Health Care Clinic and Tresco, Inc., which serves children with developmental delays and people with disabilities. El Caldito Soup Kitchen will receive a separate allocation.

Nonprofits can apply or reapply for the funding next year.

- Approved the allocation of \$12,000 from the Youth Services section of the city Parks and Recreation Department to three local youth leagues to enhance their current programs or "to get things started," Youth Services Administrator Robert Nuñez said. The Las Cruces Youth Softball Association received

\$5,000; the Las Cruces Running Club, \$3,000; and the Velo Cruces bicycle-education program, \$4,000.

- Approved changes to the Parks and Recreation Department's fees and charges/facility use policy. Parks and Rec Director Sonya Delgado said the department will institute some program-fee adjustments to ensure that it recovers 85 percent of its costs, as mandated. She said scholarships awarded to participating children with economic need have also gone up and should "balance the increases."

Delgado said Parks and Rec also has changed park hours, now to be from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. from March 1 to Oct. 31 (summer hours) and from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Nov. 1 to Feb. 28 (winter hours). She said the Regional Aquatic Center has also added music and has

headphones for sale, and the department is having "huge success" with its "sports practice reservation" system, which allows teams to reserve space for \$10 an hour for a maximum of two hours twice a week.

- Approved a budget adjustment for the conversion of Church and Water streets downtown from one-way to two-way traffic. City Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume said the project will cost \$13.2 million total, with \$8.73 million coming from the city's Tax Increment Development District (TIDD), and also from the city Utilities and Public Works departments.

"It seems like the estimates keep going up on this project," Eakman said. Eakman said he would vote for the budget adjustments despite his concerns. "As a city, we have to be visionary," he

said. "We have to move forward. We have to get downtown right."

- Approved \$11 million in revenue bonds for the "construction, acquisition and improvement of roadways and public facilities," including streets, roads, parking lots and landscaping, city Treasurer Karen Byrum said.

- Approved a loan agreement of \$5.115 million from the New Mexico Finance Authority for street improvement projects, including the reconstruction of south Main Street from Avenida de Mesilla to Boutz Road, a number of median landscape projects and the extension of Roadrunner Parkway from U.S. Highway 70 north to Settlers Pass Road, according to city documents.

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Mesilla resident to receive preservation award

By **BETH O'LEARY**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

On May 12 New Mexico's Cultural Properties Review Committee recognizes several extraordinary people who deserve awards for preserving New Mexico's cultural heritage. Larry Limon of Mesilla, is receiving a New Mexico 2017 Individual Achievement Heritage Preservation Award.

Limon is a master traditional emplastador/yesero (plasterer) who makes the restoration of historic adobe buildings possible. He is a skilled worker who comes from a long line of Limon family traditional plasterers, located since the 1880s in Mesilla. Limon grew up in Mesilla learning to work adobe and plaster from his father and grandfather, both named Juan (aka Johnny) Limon, and his uncles, who inherited the craft from the family patriarch Cruz Limon. Larry Limon graduated from Las Cruces High School in 1977 and began helping his father and worked with him until his dad retired in 2008.

"My Dad, especially my dad. It's him that made me what I am," Larry said about his father, who passed away in 2011.

The Limon family worked on the restoration of many historical buildings, including the Amador Hotel, the Armijo House, the Fountain House, and Community

center in Mesilla. They also were hired by Robert O. Anderson to restore the old mining community of Hermosa in the Gila. Larry is currently working on restoring the Amador Hotel in Las Cruces and many traditional adobe residences.



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lpe Pueblo.

"Wisely, Larry Limon has dedicated himself and his craft in restoring our historic buildings in a way they may stand for another 50 to 100 years," His uncle Armando Limon said.

Larry also experimented and created his own style focused on mud, lime and the use of rajuelas (stone anchors). He has always had a passion for old buildings.

"If there is an old building that has to be saved, the building itself has a lot of history, memories of what people did in that building and worked in that building," he said. "It was a passion that people had. It was a cariño, a love from the soul."

He has worked at the San Albino Basilica in Mesilla, where he found his family's names carved into earlier exterior plaster at the church. He was contracted to restore the Magoffin House in El Paso. There, he matched

a diamond finish that duplicates the original centerpiece of the house. With Pat Taylor, Larry worked to restore the Mission of San Miguel Archangel in San Miguel, California.

He taught Doña Ana Community College students plastering at the Phillips Chapel CME Church, the oldest African American church in New Mexico. After the class concluded, he instructed volunteers to complete the restoration in 2014. Larry is a patient, dedicated craftsman. He has taught workshops at New Mexico State University and in Silver City, NM. Mr. Limon taught many apprentices as one of the few masters of traditional adobe plastering. Watching Larry work is like watching a dancer on a scaffold, balancing and applying the mud in a continuous flow.

Limon has earned the right to wear the traditional white outfit of a maestro. He generously shares his skills with students and volunteers and is consulted by many historic preservation experts.

"Nothing in a book can tell you the way plaster feels when it is fixed right," he said. "You know a building is like a human body. It wants to breathe out."

Beth O'Leary is Professor Emerita at New Mexico State University and can be reached at boleary@nmsu.edu.



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Master plasterer Larry Limon restores an old home.

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Cinco de Mayo: At home in the Borderlands



From left, Valerie Guzman, Alicia Jimenez, Cindy Gomez and Daniela Robinson from La Academia Dolores Huerta Conjunto Program prepare to perform for the crowd Saturday in Old Mesilla.

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Vince Alvarez stands next to his 1969 Chevy Impala Saturday at Young Park during Cinco de Mayo festivities.



Mayor of Mesilla Nora Barraza enjoys the festivities Saturday, May 6, during Cinco de Mayo in Mesilla.



Raquel Treftz sings the national anthem during the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Old Mesilla Saturday May 6.



Miguel Medrano plays guitarron in the group Alma de Jalisco Saturday at Young Park during Cinco de Mayo festivities.



Joseph Dominguez plays congas Saturday in Old Mesilla.

Aggie fans get floored



Ana Mangino, Daniel Payne and Sarah Payne attend the auction of the New Mexico State University Aggie basketball floor Saturday, May 6, at Ashley Homestore.



Wanda Bowman of Ashley Homestore and auctioneer Charles Dickerson prepare to auction off pieces of the 1988-2012 Aggie basketball floor.

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Star Wars troopers



Princess Leia (Nadia Herrera) and Yoda (Aidan Herrera) explore the technology at the New Mexico State University Barnes & Noble having just received their Google cardboard goggles for attending Star Wars Day in costume.



Taking her revenge on a storm trooper in the shape of a piñata, Princess Leia (Nadia Herrera) lays in for the candy during Star Wars Day May 4 at Barnes & Noble NMSU.



Julio Vargas takes his best shots at the Star Wars storm trooper piñata at Barnes & Noble NMSU on May 4 as part of Star Wars Day celebrations.

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Applicants may not hold elected office while serving on the board, nor may they be public-sector employees. All applicants must be registered voters in Doña Ana County.

To be considered, send a letter of interest and a resume to the Valuation Protests Board Nomination Committee, c/o Paul Ponce, Doña Ana County Assessor's Office, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Applicants with substantial knowledge of the Doña Ana County real estate market and appraisal methodol-

ogy are preferred. Deadline for receipt of application has been extended to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 15.

The committee's nominees for the post will be submitted to the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners for consideration at a subsequent meeting. The commissioners may also appoint alternate members.

For more information, people interested in applying can contact Chief Appraiser Mark Krohn at (575) 525-5548. Callers from outside the Las Cruces area may call toll-free at 1-877-827-7200 and request extension 5548.

Special Olympics torch due to arrive locally today borne by area law agencies

Law enforcement officials from all over southern New Mexico, including deputies with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, will run in to Las Cruces Friday, May 12, carrying the Special Olympics flame of hope.

The event is part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which will then carry the flame of hope to Albuquerque to mark the beginning of the New Mexico Special Olympics summer games.

Three different torches from Deming, White Sands Missile Range and Anthony will converge at 11 a.m. at Albert Johnson Park in Las Cruces, next to Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

Special Olympics athletes will assist deputies, police, border patrol agents and other law enforcement officials with the carrying of the torch, and will continue on with the next leg of the run toward Hatch at 11:30.

The torch is scheduled to arrive in Albuquerque at the University of New Mexico on May 19, where it will light the cauldron and officially begin the summer games.



Vasquez sets trio of community meetings

District 5 Doña Ana County Commissioner John L. Vasquez has scheduled three community meetings to address issues of constituent concerns.

Meetings are scheduled at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 15, at the Doña Ana Community Resource Center, 5745 Ledesma Drive in Doña Ana; then Tuesday, May 16, at the Radium Springs Community Resource Center, 12060 Lindbeck Road; and finally, Wednesday, May 17, at the Village of Hatch Community Center, 837 Highway 187 (West Hall Street) in Hatch.



**COMMISSIONER
JOHN VASQUEZ**

Commissioner Vasquez has invited New Mexico State Sen. Jeff Steinborn and State Representatives Rudy Martinez and Nathan Small to each of the meetings.

Also on hand will be county staff from the Animal Control/Codes Enforcement division, Engineering/Roads Department, Community and Constituent Services Office, Health and Human Services Department, Fire and Emergency Services Department, Flood Commission and the Sheriff's Department.

Spanish language interpretation services will be provided at each meeting.

District 5 encompasses a portion of northwestern Las Cruces and extends north to the Sierra County line, taking in all or part of the communities of Doña Ana, Radium Springs, Leasburg, Hatch, Salem and Garfield.

Doña Ana County will ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities and will, upon request, provide auxiliary communication aids and services to afford those individuals equal opportunity for participation in Doña Ana County sponsored meetings, events or activities. Any request should be made to the Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator, in writing, or by phone, at least two business days prior to the event at which accommodation is needed. Questions regarding examples of reasonable accommodations can be directed to the county's ADA coordinator at (575) 525-5884 (voice) or (575) 525-2951 (TTY), 845 N. Motel Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88007.

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Legacy gift to NMSU honors a nephew's work in ag education

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**

For the Bulletin

Anne and Kent McIntosh wanted their legacy after a lifelong farming career to help sustain agricultural education in New Mexico through an endowed scholarship in honor of their nephew.

Dakota Tharp is a recipient of the Michael G. Gaines Family Endowed Scholarship. A National FFA Organization chapter president from Las Cruces, Tharp said the help made a huge difference to kick off her freshman year.

(Courtesy photo)

When the McIntoshes decided to retire after 45 years of farming in Kentucky, they found a new home in Las Cruces. Anne, who grew up in the nearby community of Tularosa, suggested Las Cruces because Holloman Air Force Base had been home to Kent in the 1960s. They loved the climate, with the chance to play golf almost every day of the year.

They also felt attracted to the work being done in New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, because its focus on research into techniques and technologies that improve agricultural outcomes resonated with them and their own experiences in farming.

"In our last 10 to 15 years of farming, we realized that running a farm involved more than financial resources and back-breaking work. We were working diligently to keep up with evolving science and technology that was critical to our operation," Anne said. "We both loved the farm and often talked about the importance of attracting young people to agriculture. Be it producing crops; equipment technology; or plant, herbicide, insecticide and fertilizer science; we saw a growing demand for agricultural related careers."

The McIntoshes decided to make a gift to the NMSU Foundation to honor someone who had been leading the charge to educate future agriculturists: their nephew Michael Gaines. Gaines and his wife Melody, both graduates of NMSU and recently retired, taught vocational agriculture at the high school level in Mescalero, Ruidoso, Carrizozo and Socorro, New Mexico.



COURTESY PHOTO

Dakota Tharp is a recipient of the Michael G. Gaines Family Endowed Scholarship. A National FFA Organization chapter president from Las Cruces, Tharp said the help made a huge difference to kick off her freshman year.

"Both are dedicated educators who have gone the extra mile in helping students in the classroom, as well as numerous extracurricular and com-

munity activities," Anne said. "They have been very instrumental in preparing students to meet the challenges of agricultural-related careers or other

life situations. They have contributed so much to young people in New Mexico."

Their gift is a combination of a multi-year pledged gift and a portion of their estate, enabling them to continue supporting students and making them eligible for membership in the 1888 Society. NMSU's 1888 Society recognizes individuals who have notified NMSU that the university is included in their estate plans as the beneficiary of a will, trust, life income gift, life insurance policy, retirement plan, or other planned gift.

"I was just floored," Michael said, of learning about the scholarship from his aunt and uncle. "I really appreciate that they are willing to put money into the educational future of a lot of students. When they see our family name, I want the students to recognize that we were teachers, and that we loved what we did."

The scholarship is already supporting students, including Dakota Tharp, who was a recipient this year of the Michael G. Gaines Family Endowed Scholarship. A National FFA Organization chapter president from Las Cruces, Tharp said the help made a huge difference to kick off her freshman year.

"It's a fresh start," said Tharp, who is currently studying animal science. "It's so humbling to know that people you haven't even met are counting on you to succeed. It has made me more driven and motivated."

"Kent and Anne McIntosh have made current and estate gifts for our university that are deeply personal, and honor their family's agricultural legacy," said Robert D. Peterson, gift planning director at the NMSU Foundation.

"Michael and Melody Gaines' Aggie story shows how an NMSU education supports stellar careers of service that empower young people," Peterson said. "The gifts made in their honor not only bring NMSU to the next level of excellence, but they are celebrations of the lives of those who made them."

For more information on estate planning, contact Robert D. Peterson at 575-646-4358 or peterston@nmsu.edu.

Cassie McClure is a Senior Development Officer at New Mexico State University. She may be reached at 575-646-1935 or cmclure@nmsu.edu.

Key to the highway

BULLETIN REPORT

Ruth Wheeler of Placitas, NM is the lucky winner of a new 2017 Prius C in the Southwest Environmental Center's annual fundraising raffle. Her ticket was pulled at the Las Cruces Earth Day Fair on April 22.

Wheeler is a retired CPA from Ohio. She has lived in New Mexico since 2006. She served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala, and worked for the Peace Corps as an administrator in Turkmenistan.

She says she loves wildlife and is a big supporter of SWEC's work, especially their efforts on behalf of Mexican wolves.

Five-hundred raffle tickets were sold, raising nearly \$30,000.

The Southwest Environmental Center is a Las Cruces-based membership-based organization that protects and restores native wildlife and their habitats in the Southwest.



COURTESY PHOTO

George Vescovo, left, owner of Vescovo Toyota, Kevin Bixby (SWEC executive director, right) and Shelley Armitage (SWEC board member) hand the keys over to a new Prius C to Ruth Wheeler of Placitas.

OBITUARIES



MARIA ESELLA CARRASCO

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, daughter, grandmother, companion, sister, aunt and friend, MARIA ESELLA CARRASCO, age 57, of Arrey left her dwelling place on earth

and entered eternal life on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Las Palmas Medical Center

In El Paso, TX surrounded by her loving family. She was born April 14, 1960 in Las Cruces to Jesus and Alicia Carrasco. Maria served her country honorably in the United States Army and at the time of her death, Maria was employed at Wal-Mart in T or C. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn her passing include a son, Raymundo Felix (Jasmine) of Mesilla Park; two daughters, Cindy Zamudio Felix (Isidro) of Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, MX and Luisa

Dominguez (Tony) of Amarillo, TX; her parents, Jesus and Alicia Carrasco all of San Pablo; her companion, Gilbert Villalobos of Arrey; a brother, Jesus Carrasco of San Pablo; three sisters, Veronica Carrasco (Javier Uribe) of Las Cruces, Diana Carrasco (Mike Vigil) of Rio Rancho, and Rosa Carrasco (Leroy Portillo) of Las Cruces. Other survivors include fifteen grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Luis, Jesus and Manuel Carrasco; her maternal grandparents, Severo and Juanita Terrazas; her paternal grandparents, Manuel

and Beatrice Carrasco.

Visitation was held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 in the Basilica of San Albino, 2070 Calle de Santiago in Mesilla where the Prayer Vigil followed. The Funeral Mass was celebrated immediately thereafter. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in the San Albino Cemetery with military honors accorded by a New Mexico Army National Guard Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League – El Perro Diablo Detachment.

Serving as casket bearers will be Raymundo, Manny, and Damien Felix, Anthony Vigil, Luis and Jesus Carrasco.

Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com



GLORIA A. MARTINEZ

GLORIA A. MARTINEZ, age 75, of Hurley, died Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



RICARDO "RICK" S. TARANGO

RICARDO "RICK" S. TARANGO, 54, of Anthony passed away on Monday, May 1, 2017. Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222.



ELI GIPSON

ELI GIPSON, age 82, of Las Cruces died Monday, May 8, 2017 at La Posada – Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



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

No. 17-0098

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD ADRIAN HOLMAN, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KEVIN DEAN RAGLAND has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are re-

quired to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rim 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: April 17, 2017.

KEVIN DEAN RAGLAND
1720 N. Fuller Ave. #621
Los Angeles,
California 90046

Prepared by:
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New Mexico Bar #14980

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Telephone: (575) 556-8449
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Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 13, 2017, Robert H. and Sandra L. Jones, 810 Dalrymple Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-16502-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-16502-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-7926-S located at X = 1,469,422 Y = 486,167 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Mary Joan Harris Family Company LLC and drilling replacement well LRG-16502-POD1 located at approximately X = 1,470,218.7 Y = 485,316.8 on land owned by the applicants for the continued diversion of an amount of water determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for irrigation of 1.58 acres of land owned by the applicants located within part of the SW¼ of Section 01, Township 23S, Range 01E, NMPM, as described by LRN-28-010-0106-A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed replacement well LRG-16502-POD1 will be located at the physical address of 810 Dalrymple Rd. Existing well LRG-7926-S will be retained for other rights.

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 20, 2017 Steven and Darlene Hernandez, 3011 Mesilla Verde Terrace, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-1897-POD4, OSE File Nos. LRG-1897-1B and LRG-1897-1J, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by proposing to: use existing well LRG-1897-POD4 as a supplemental point of diversion. Well LRG-1897-POD4 is located within the NE¼ SW¼ of Section 36, Township 21S, Range 1E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,472,030.69 ft. & Y: 459,152.1 ft. (NMSP Central NAD83), on land owned by James Cruise and Donna Winslow, for the continued diversion of up to 12.33 acre-feet per annum combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.74 acres of land (1.35 acres under file No. LRG-1897-1B and 1.39 acres under file No. LRG-1897-1J) both owned by the applicants and located within the SW¼ of said Section 36 as described in part of Subfile Order No. LRN 28-013-0147-A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to use well LRG-1897-POD4 under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-1-2-2.4. Well LRG-1897-POD4 is generally described as being located

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

south of Las Cruces, NM at the physical address of 3051 Mesilla Verde Terrace.

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Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 2017

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Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 25, 2017, Wilford Howard Cothorn, 886 S. Fairacres Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-1824-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-1824 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1824 located at X = 1,458,698 Y = 465,169.3 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Wilford Howard and Dora Cothorn and drilling replacement well LRG-1824-POD2 to a depth of 250 feet with 4-inch casing to be located at approximately X = 1,458,700.1 Y = 465,178.9 on land owned by Wilford Howard and Dora Cothorn for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per

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Subfile No.:
LRN-28-012-0089-A (B) of the of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed replacement well LRG-1824-POD2 will be located at the physical address of 886 S. Fairacres Rd., Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-1824 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: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 17, 2017, Joaquin & Viola Legarreta, HC 31 Box 36, Garfield, NM 87936, filed application numbered LRG-12647-POD2, OSE File Nos. LRG-12647-3 & LRG-12647-4, 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-12647-POD2 to a depth of 120 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of Section 6, Township 18S, Range 4W (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,322,304.8 ft. & Y: 649,108.22 ft. (NMSP Central NAD83), on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-12647, located on land owned by Antonio T. & Mary Esther Gonzalez located within the SW¹/₄ of Section 31, Township 17S, Range 4W (NMPM) and more specifically located at the intersection of X: 1,319,894 ft. & Y: 649,250.3 ft. (NMSP Central NAD83), 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 10.28 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of said Section 6 as described in Subfile Order No. LRR 28-004-0008-B & LRR 28-004-0008-C of the Third Judicial District Court, Doha Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site of proposed well LRG-12647-POD2 will be located south of Derry, NM and may be found approximately 800 feet west of the intersection of Lorna Parda Rd. & Two Counties Rd., Garfield, NM. Existing well LRG-12647-POD2 will be retained for other rights.

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

Dates: 05/12, 05/19, 2017

(1) Council Bill No. 17-022 Ordinance No. 2808: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico State Shared Gross Receipts Tax Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 in an

Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$11,000,000.00 for the Construction, Acquisition and Improvement of Roadways and Public Facilities.

Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of in satisfaction of lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self-Storage Lien Act.

To be held at:
Aggie Storage
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Las Cruces NM 88012
575-644-1167

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Unit #220 - Curio cabinet, Western and Disney collectibles (such as, pins, snow globe, comic books), lamp, luggage, boxes, television and other household items - **\$746.00**

Date of the Auction:
Saturday, May 27, 2017
Times:
Registration 8:30 - 9:00am
Auction 9:00am

Place: Aggie Storage
960 Sand Castle Ave
Las Cruces NM 88012
Manager: Art Sanchez
575-644-1167

Dates: 05/12, 05/19, 2017

NOTICE OF ADOPTION
The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on May 1, 2017:

(1) Council Bill No. 17-022 Ordinance No. 2808: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico State Shared Gross Receipts Tax Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 in an

Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$11,000,000.00 for the Construction, Acquisition and Improvement of Roadways and Public Facilities.

(2) Council Bill No. 17-023 Ordinance No. 2809: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a \$5,115,000.00 Loan Agreement for Street Improvement Projects with Such Loan Agreement to be Secured by a Lien on the First Quarter Percent Increment of Municipal Gross Receipts Tax and the Hold Harmless Distributions Associated with the First Quarter Percent Increment of Municipal Gross Receipts Tax,

(3) Council Bill No. 17-024 Ordinance No. 2810: An Ordinance Amending Las Cruces Municipal Code 1997, Section 19-134(5).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. **Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 2nd day of May, 2017.**

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Dates: 05/12, 2017

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the transfer of ownership of **Liquor License No. 28032**, with on premises consumption only, to **K369, LLC d/b/a Ramada Las Cruces Hotel, to be located at 201 East University Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.**

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for **Monday, June 5, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.,** in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal this 27 day of April 2017.

/s/Linda Lewis, CMC,
City Clerk

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 2017

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

Rodrigo Magallon Alcazar, whose last known place of residence is in Las Cruces, New Mexico, will hereby take notice that on May 1, 2017, a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage was filed in the Third Judicial District Court in Doña Ana County, in the State of New Mexico, with it being Case No. D-307-DM-2017-584 on the docket of said court, praying for a dissolution of marriage, **Rodrigo Magallon Alcazar** will further take notice that he is required to file a reply to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, or a default judgment may be entered by the Court therefore granting Petitioner Carina Sanchez's request for a dissolution of marriage. Petitioner Carina Sanchez's Attorney is J. Marcos Perales Pina, P.O. Box 8650, Las Cruces, NM 88006 (575) 523-0144.

Dates: 05/12, 05/19, 05/26, 2017

Public Auction
TUNIE'S VW SHOP
145 SAN YSIDRO ROAD
LAS CRUCES, NM 88007

07/12/2017 8:00 AM

1997 CHEVROLET S10

VIN#
1GCCS1940XK236830

ABANDONED VEHICLE

AMOUNT OWED-
\$5,450.00

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB 2017-35
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS ROBERT HALSELL, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Thomas Robert Halsell, deceased, and all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present

their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned at: 1061 Lancer Lane Prosper, TX 75078 or filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

/s/Kathryn Anderson
Kathryn A. Anderson
1061 Lancer Lane
Prosper, TX 75078

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02203

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

LORENZO BARELA, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LORENZO BARELA, (true name unknown), Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Lorenzo Barela and The Unknown Spouse of Lorenzo Barela, (true name unknown) 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 2120 Margaret St., in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 24, BLOCK 4, AMENDED LOMA HEIGHTS, PLAT-NO 1, 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 JANUARY 23, 1959, IN BOOK 8 PAGE(S) 37 OF PLAT RECORDS.

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

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

April 17, 2017

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

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, 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 17 day of April, 2017.

CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By /s/ Joe M. Martinez
Deputy Joe M. Martinez

Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-1129
JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Mary Evalyn Terpening FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Mary Evalyn Terpening**, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Mary Evalyn Terpening to Mary Evelyn Terpening, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the **31st**

day of May 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County Court-house, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Mary Evelyn Howarth
Mary Evelyn Howarth
3045 Buena Vida Circle,
Apt. 104
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575)649-4569

Dates: 05/12, 05/19, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2016-00021
Judge Mary Rosner

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROY L. "JOSH" EDWARDS, Deceased

AMENDED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four 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: May 1, 2017

/s/ Walter B. Edwards
Personal Representative
of the Estate of Roy L.
"Josh" Edwards, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
PO Box 366

Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
holmespa@zianet.com
/s/Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 05/12, 05/19, 05/26, 2017

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STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
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DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02577

WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF KENNETH YODER, DECEASED; BRENNAN DEE YODER, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH YODER, DECEASED; LINDA DENISE JONES; SHANNON DWAYNE YODER, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF KENNETH YODER, DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 21, 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 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 1250 Onate Street, Anthony, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 25 OF DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION PHASE II, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION PHASE II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 20, 2003 IN PLAT BOOK 20, FOLIO 289-290..

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on May 3, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$204,906.91 and the same

bears interest at 4.250% per annum from March 24, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Dates: 05/12, 05/19, 05/26,
06/02, 2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

Cause No. CV-2017-00862
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

CARMEN A. GONZALEZ, also known as CARMEN A. GONZALES, Plaintiff,

vs.

ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM ANY LIEN, IN-

TEREST OR TITLE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFF IN THE PREMISES, and ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS IF DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to all unknown persons who may claim any lien, interest or title adverse to Plaintiff in the premises, and any unknown heirs of the unknown claimants if deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff, Carmen A. Gonzalez, has filed a Complaint for Quiet Title against you in the above-entitled Court and cause. The purpose of which is to quiet title to any interest you may have in the following described property in Doña Ana County, New Mexico:

Lot 2 in Bock C of the Southwest Addition to the Town of Mesilla, according to the plat thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on January 4, 1910, as Plat No. 201, and recorded in Plat Book 9 at page 76.

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

LAW OFFICE OF KYLE H. MOBERLY, P.C.

By: /s/ Kyle H. Moberly
Kyle H. Moberly
Attorney for Plaintiff
2460 S. Locust Street,
Suite E
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(575) 541-1278

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19,
2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2015-02643

BEAL BANK AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHARTER BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

TRACY L. VENEGAS,

JESUS VENEGAS, AND HECTOR ROCHA D/B/A ROCHA'S SEPTIC SERVICES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on May 23, 2017 at 11:00 am, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 65, AMBER MESA, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on October 20, 1988, and recorded in Book 15 at Pages 326-349 of the Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 6886 Florite Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on March 8, 2017 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$52,447.46 plus interest from October 1, 2016 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.350% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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

Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12,
05/19, 2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
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THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

Cause No.
D-307-CV-2016-01773

HSBC BANK USA, NA-

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

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

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

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

Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12,
05/19, 2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

Cause No.
D-307-CV-2016-01773

HSBC BANK USA, NA-

TIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF NOMURA HOME EQUITY HOME LOAN, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff,

vs.

HERMELINDA B. CASTANEDA; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HERMELINDA CASTANEDA; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; 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 6518 Rio Mojado Ct, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 6 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 1 OF VALLE DEL RIO SUBDIVISION NO. 1, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID VALLE DEL RIO SUBDIVISION NO. 1, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 3, 1984 IN PLAT BOOK 13, FOLIO 304-305,

The sale is to begin at 10:45am on June 1, 2017, on the front steps of the 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 March 17, 2017, in the total amount of \$174,326.99, with interest at the rate of 3.040% per annum from January 18, 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. HSBC Bank USA, National Association, As Trustee, For The Registered Holders Of Nomura Home Equity Home Loan, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-2, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

By: Robert A. Doyle,
Special Master
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181
505-417-4113
1 NM-16-711714-JUD
IDSPub #0125191

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5/5/2017 5/12/2017

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-00445

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-WF1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CER-

TIFICATES, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN C. GARZA, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF JOHN C. GARZA, DECEASED; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, the Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of John C. Garza, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee For Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation, Alternative Loan Trust, Series 2006-Wf1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 620 Engler Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTIONS 35 AND 36, T.22S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-112B1 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD SET AT THE NORTHWEST INTERSECTION OF ENGLER ROAD AND DOÑA ANA ROAD FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-112B1; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF ENGLER ROAD, THE FOLLOWING COURSES AND DISTANCES:
S.62°42'06"W., 373.50 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.63°11'15"W., 117.87 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.62°06'48"W., 113.56 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET; THENCE S.62°41'06"W., 288.87

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FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE LEAVING THE NORTH LINE OF ENGLER ROAD, N.24°21'54"W., 410.09 FEET TO A NAIL FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT THENCE N.59°14'30"E., 649.59 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE S.32°12'00"E., 183.33 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.58°51'00"E., 224.70 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD, S.24°07'00"E., 281.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 7.967 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Amended 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

By:/s/ Steven J. Lucero
Karen Weaver
Steven J. Lucero
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New Mexico 87113
Telephone No.:
(505) 219-4900
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@mccarthholthus.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-00290

LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST,
Plaintiff,

vs.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND REVENUE; UNITED STATES

OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Paul Rivera, to be published on:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff LSF9 Master Participation Trust has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 11105 N Doña Ana Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING PART OF LOT 10, SECTION 14, AND PART OF LOT 17, SECTION 24, T.21S., R.1W., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE EAST LINE OF SELDEN DRAIN FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; WHENCE THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 17 OF SECTION 24, T.24S., R.1W., BEARS THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES AND DISTANCES: N.69°28' 40"W., 57.24 FEET; THENCE S. 88°41'15"W., 729.45 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING THE EAST LINE OF THE SELDEN DRAIN, N.44°21'45"E., 103.98 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD (A.K.A. NEW MEXICO STATE ROAD 28) FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD, S.46°33'05"E., 181.46 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SELDEN LATERAL FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SELDEN LATERAL, S.43°26'55"W.,

26.29 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET ON THE EAST LINE OF THE SELDEN DRAIN FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SELDEN DRAIN, N.69°28'40"W., 198.81 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.271 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. INFORMATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS DESCRIPTION DERIVE: FROM DEED FILED MAY 8, 1997, IN CLERKS BOOK 88, PAGES 1506, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS. A PLAT WAS PREPARED UNDER JOB #05-0295. FIELD NOTES BY MOY SUREYING, INC., LICENSE NO. 5939.

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

By:/s/ Carrie Cook
Karen Weaver
Carrie Cook
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 04/28, 05/05, 05/12, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00227

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL SAIGH AKA MICHAEL MARTIN SAIGH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL SAIGH AKA MICHAEL MARTIN SAIGH; MICHAEL SAIGH, ACTING IN HIS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE OF THE MICHAEL SAIGH TRUST (AMENDED AND RE-

STATED) DATED JANUARY 26, 2007, AS AMENDED; MICHAEL SAIGH TRUST (AMENDED AND RESTATED) DATED JANUARY 26, 2007, AS AMENDED; RED ROCK DISTRIBUTING LTD CO AKA RED ROCK DISTRIBUTING CO. LLC; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; EL PASEO LAS CRUCES PROS RE, LLC; 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 2762 Lookout Ridge Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 26, BLOCK 1, THE RIDGE AT NORTHRIDGE PHASE I, 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 DECEMBER 23, 1993, IN BOOK 17 PAGES 386-387 OF PLAT RECORDS,

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on June 15, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 3, 2017, in the total amount of \$163,970.42, with interest at the rate of 6.2500% per annum from January 27, 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, ease-

ments, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Bank of America, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2016-02332

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,

v.

RICARDO HERNANDEZ, YADIRA Y. CERVANTES, TCF EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC., FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF ARIZONA, AND NEW MEXICO WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BENEFIT PAYMENT CONTROL SECTION FKA NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant Ricardo Hernandez,

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 847 Cedar Park Ave, Sunland Park, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

LOT 27, BLOCK 4, VA-

LENCIA PARK UNIT ONE, 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. 5286 ON JANUARY 22, 2014 IN BOOK 23, PAGE(S) 566-568.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

WEINSTEIN & RILEY, P.S.

By:/s/ Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
5801 Osuna Road NE,
Suite A-103
Albuquerque, NM 87109
505-348-3200
ElizabethF@w-legal.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-02394

LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST,
Plaintiff,

vs.

BLANCA IBARRA DIAZ AKA BLANCA DIAZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BLANCA IBARRA DIAZ AKA BLANCA DIAZ; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL 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 1854 Seldon Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS COMMITMENT IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT 86, BLOCK 8, SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION PHASE II, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 420 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 29, 1978, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 12, PAGES 170-172, PLAT RECORDS.

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The sale is to begin at **10:45am on June 29, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 13, 2017, in the total amount of \$178,151.97, with interest at the rate of 9.6300% per annum from February 24, 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. LSF9 Master Participation 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 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 4573 Azure Hills Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 13 IN BLOCK NUMBERED U OF SONOMA RANCH EAST II, PHASE 6 - CORRECTION PLAT, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SONOMA RANCH EAST II, PHASE 6 - CORRECTION PLAT, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 30, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 205-206.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on June 29, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 11, 2017, in the total amount of \$184,744.51, with interest at the rate of 4.091% per annum from January 9, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-00577

**CALIBER HOME
LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JULIE C. SHAFFER,
DAVID L. SHAFFER,
OCCUPANTS OF THE
PROPERTY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

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

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

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-2014-01700
Honorable Marci Beyer

EDGAR LOPEZ AND

MARY LOPEZ, Individually and as trustees of the Edgar Lopez and Mary Lopez Revocable Trust, Plaintiffs,

vs.

SEH PROPERTIES, L.L.C., A Texas limited liability company, Defendant.

SEH PROPERTIES, L.L.C., A Texas limited liability company, Counter-Plaintiff,

vs.

MARY LOPEZ, individually, as trustee of the Edgar Lopez and Mary Lopez Revocable Trust, and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Edgar Lopez, deceased, Counter-Defendant, and

JOHN DOE, as co-trustee of The Edgar Lopez and Mary Lopez Revocable Trust, dtd 6-22-00, BARCLAY FINANCIAL GROUP, LP, PRESIDENTIAL BANK, F.S.B., BONANZA, INC. and WICHITA COUNTY PROPERTY TRUST, LTD., Additional Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Thursday June 8th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** at the main entrance to the Judicial Complex of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell all the rights, title and interest of the above-named Counter Defendants and Additional Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The tract of real property to be sold is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico at; 2722 Mayfield Ln. Las Cruces, NM 88007 and more particularly described as follows:

Property Description : A tract of land situated in the Doña Ana Bend Colony Grant and in the east half of Section 2, T.23S., R.1E., of the U.S.R.S. Surveys in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of U.S.R.S. Tract 7-13 and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the tract herein described marked by a

concrete monument set on the east side of a public road and on the west boundary of U.S.R.S. Tract 7-13, whence the southwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 7-13 marked by an iron pipe at a fence corner bears S.35 deg. 19' E. a distance of 866.21 feet; Thence along the south side of a strip of land reserved for a roadway easement, N.65 deg. 34' E. 513.17 feet to the northeast corner marked by an iron rod; Thence S.35 deg. 19' E. 278.22 feet to the southeast corner marked by an iron rod; Thence along the north side of a farm ditch S.50 deg. 32' W. 506.25 feet to the southwest corner marked by a concrete monument; Thence along the east side of a public road N.35 deg. 19' W. 411.94 feet to the place of beginning.

This being that same property conveyed pursuant to the certain deeds recorded of record dated March 9, 2000 in book 214 page 570 and June 23, 2000 in book 226 page 1156.

The sale will be made to satisfy Partial Default Judgment and Stipulated in Rem Judgment filed on April 25th 2017, in favor of SEH Properties, L.L.C., pursuant to an In Rem Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure therein.

SEH Properties, L.L.C. Has a Judgment against Counter Defendants, for unpaid principle, interest and late fees in the amount of \$619,000.57 which bears interest at the rate of 18% per annum from October 7th, 2016 through June 8th, 2017 in the amount of \$52,314.90 and a Judgment for attorney's fees, cost and expenses in the amount of \$17,823.00 with interest at 18% from April 25th, 2017 through June 8th, 2017 in the amount of \$386.32 for a total Judgment with interest through sale of \$689,524.79, plus cost of sale and Special Master fees.

SEH Properties, L.L.C may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall be entitled to immediate possession of the real property or properties and improvements more particularly described herein, subject to a one-month right of redemption.

The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special

Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to all, taxes, utility liens, and other restrictions and easements not foreclosed herein.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Special Master shall apply the proceeds of the sale first to the costs of sale, and Special Master fees, then to pay the above described Judgment, and then to be distributed in accordance with further Order of the Court. This sale is subject to Entry of an Order of the Court approving the sale.

The attorney for SEH Properties, L.L.C is Kenneth L. Beal, of Kenneth L. Beal, P.C. P.O. Box 725 Las Cruces, NM 88004

/s/Ben A. Longwill
Ben A. Longwill
Special Master
741 N. Alameda Suite 4
Las Cruces, NM 88005
524-4141

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19,
05/26, 2017

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

No. 17-0094

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
John D. McKibben, aka
John Dwayne McKibben,
DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO KNOWN
CREDITORS**

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

Dated: April 11, 2017.

/s/ Michael J. McKibben
Michael J. McKibben
7142 E. Prairie Ridge Rd
Prescott Valley, AZ 86315
928-759-0177

Dates: 05/05, 05/12, 05/19,
2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2014-2168
Judge
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

**MORGAN TRUST
COMPANY,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**WILFRIDO
RODRIGUEZ and
CARMEN ROCIO
RODRIGUEZ,
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Judgment of the District Court rendered and entered in the above-entitled cause foreclosing Plaintiff's Mortgage on January 10, 2017, in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants in the matter styled Morgan Trust Company v Wilfrido Rodriguez and Carmen Rocio Rodriguez No. C-307-CV-2014-2168.

Pursuant to the Judgment of the Court that the Plaintiff, Morgan Trust Company, has a first lien, against the following real property in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, to wit:

Lot 26, Block 3, Riverside Subdivision, Unit 1A, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown

and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on November 5, 1980 in Book 13, Folio 103-105, commonly known as 106 Redwood Court, Sunland Park, New Mexico 88063.

The Plaintiff's Judgment is in the amount of \$34,261.85 with interest on said amount after November 4, 2014 to date of sale in the amount of \$8,695.36 after allowing a credit of \$3,750.24. Any purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall take the real property subject to existing liens on the property, if any, and any unpaid tax liens having priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **June 5, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.**, at 224 N. Anthony Drive, Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the above-described real property situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, subject to approval of the Court, and the Defendants' one month right of redemption with respect to the above described real property.

Dated this 26 day of April, 2017.

SHANE A. ENGLISH,
Special Master
P. O. Drawer 1329
Anthony,
New Mexico 88021
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May 19-21 at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum



GORTON SMITH



ABOVE: JIM AND LIZ BELOFF

RIGHT: DANIELLE ATE THE SANDWICH (the stage name of DANIELLE ANDERSON)



Behold the humble, mighty ukulele

The four-string Hawaiian box earns its own festival

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The first-ever Las Cruces UkeFest is virtually sold out, according to Las Cruces Ukes President Cheryl Fallstead.

The only ukulele festival in southern New Mexico takes place Friday through Sunday, May 19-21, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage

Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

The festivities include a live concert (sold out), workshops for adults (sold out) and children (some slots open), a jam session and prize drawings for valuable ukuleles and accessories, books, artwork, food and an embroidered shirt from Real Man in Mesilla. Vendors will line the museum's hallway,

offering T-shirts, hats and ukulele straps.

The cost to attend all three days of the festival is \$110. The Friday night concert and kids' workshop, which includes the fun and games workshop and a coloring book/music book, are \$15 each, pending available tickets.

The event will feature world-class instructors and performers, Fallstead

said, including Heidi Swedberg, who will lead the children's workshop. Swedberg, a graduate of Sandia High School in Albuquerque, is perhaps best known as Susan Ross, fiancée of George Costanza, from the television sitcom "Seinfeld." She also guest starred on "Matlock," "Thirtysomething," "Quantum Leap," "Northern Exposure" and "Sisters," and has appeared in numerous film roles.

Instructors Liz and Jim Beloff founded Flea Market Music, Inc. in 1992, which publishes the "Jumpin' Jim's" series of ukulele songbooks. Other Ukefest instructors include singer/songwriter Danielle Ate the Sandwich (stage name of Danielle Anderson), Los Alamos native and classical guitarist/ukulele player Daniel Ward, and Las Cruces' Gorton Smith, a retired minister, active actor and ukulele player.

The UkeFest schedule:

- May 19: 5:30 p.m., registration; 7 p.m., concert
- May 20: 9 a.m., registration; 9:45 a.m., welcome and orientation; 10:15 a.m., workshops; 12:30 p.m., lunch; 3 p.m., kids' workshop; 5:15 p.m., prize drawings; 7:30 p.m., jam session at Hilton Garden Inn
- May 21: 10 a.m., workshops (including "The Gospel According to Uke" facilitated by Gorton Smith); 12:15 p.m., festival ends.

Las Cruces Ukes, a non-profit community group



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2017 Las Cruces UkeFest instructor Heidi Swedberg

of ukulele enthusiasts, has given 60 performances since it played for the first time on June 18, 2014, at the Village at Northrise in Las Cruces, Fallstead said.

The club includes members of all ages, abilities and experience. There is no cost and no audition to join, and no experience is required. You don't even have to own a ukulele.

"We're just a bunch of amateurs having fun," said Las Cruces Ukes Chief Musical Officer Bob Hall.

Las Cruces Ukes has two practice groups for adults and teens: the Strum for Fun group and the performance group, according to lascrucesukes.com. "The main differences are that the songs for the Strum for Fun group tend to be a bit easier and they're played just to have a good time. The performance group ventures out into the community to perform, so those practices are focused on improving and fine-tuning songs."

Strum for Fun meets at 5:15 p.m., and the performance group at 6:30 p.m., both on Thursdays, at Good Samaritan Las Cru-

ces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

The Las Cruces Ukes Teen Club meets from 3:15 to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays during the school year at Arrowhead Park Early College High School.

Las Cruces Ukes Kids' Club for beginners aged 6 to 12 meets from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St.

"Ukuleles, and ukulele festivals, are popular world-wide," Fallstead said in a Ukefest news release. "The four-stringed instrument from the Hawaiian Islands is easy to play and transport and lends itself to playing as a solo instrument or with a group of friends."

Many ukulele players are avid collectors. Smith owns 10 ukes, and Fallstead and Hall each own eight. "You can't have just one," Smith said.

For more information, visit <https://lascrucesukes.com> and lascrucesukes.com.

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



Parks & Recreation Department

All movies at Young Park 1905 E. Nevada Ave. Movies start at Dusk!

**MAY/JUNE
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RIO GRANDE THEATRE EVENTS

Friday, May 12, 7 p.m. Santa Fe Opera presents "Avastar"

The Santa Fe Opera Spring Tour Program presents "Avastar," written especially for the tour by Kirk Pavitt, the opera's spring tour music director, and stage director Kathleen Clawson, to engage students of all ages in the world of opera using contemporary themes. Free, open to the public.

Saturday, May 13, 4 p.m. Academy of Music and Dance Spring Recital

The Academy of Music and Dance will present their spring recital. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, May 14, 3 p.m. Mesilla Valley Chorale presents Dreamin'

The Mesilla Valley Chorale. Celebrate Mother's Day with a beautiful choral program featuring "You Raise Me Up," Jackie Evancho's "Dream with Me" and many favorites.

Sunday, May 21, 7 p.m. Borderlands Ballet presents "Café Noir"

A newly commissioned and choreographed contemporary ballet based on classic film noir archetypes. This performance also features the Las Cruces School of Dance and Music. Borderlands Ballet is a local nonprofit whose mission is to share the beauty of dance with the broadest possible audience through the interrelated goals of performance, education and humanitarian outreach.

On exhibit in the El Paso Electric Gallery Las Cruces Arts Association presents "Patterns of Spring"

Abstract and realistic representations of spring. Las Cruces Art Association artists work in a variety of styles and media, including oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolor, fabric arts, graphic media, gourds, mosaics and fused glass. Artists include Judy Licht, Jack Le Sage, Penny Duncklee and Dennis Lujan.

211 N. Main St. www.riograndetheatre.com; 575-523-6403.

EVENTS CALENDAR

American Southwest Theatre Company: Accepting donations for fund drive to benefit The American Southwest Theatre Company. Items in clean, sellable condition can be dropped off at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts box office, corner of University Avenue and Espina Street, NMSU campus, between 1-5 p.m. May 12 and May 15.

Summer art series: Becky Smith teaches beginning techniques for alcohol inks on Yupo paper and ceramic tile, in the courtyard of My Rich Sister's Closet, 2226 Calle De Guadalupe, Mesilla, 4-7 p.m., May 12. Class size limited to six. Supplies included. Sign up at My Rich Sister's Closet.

House concert: Singer/songwriter Nikki Talley with Jason Sharp on banjo, guitar, 7 p.m., Friday May 12. Social hour at 6. Requested donation \$15. RSVP and directions: 575-644-1536 or kmforestal@yahoo.com.

Full Moon Golf Tournament: 18 holes of glow-in-the-dark golf, hosted by Las Cruces

**Santa Fe Opera Spring Show
Tonight! presents: (FREE!)
Avastar
May 12, 2017 • 7pm**

**Academy of Music & Dance
Spring Recital
May 13, 2017 • 4pm**

**Mesilla Valley Chorale
Mother's Day Concert: Dreamin'
May 14, 2017 • 3pm**

**Borderlands Ballet presents:
Cafe Noir
May 21 • 7pm**

**Bandstand: The Untold Story
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FRI MAY 12 • 10:30 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Rhythm Roundup (Music/Dance for ages 2-5)

FRI MAY 12 • 3:30 P.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Library Lab (Activities/Stories for ages 6-10)

FRI MAY 12 • 7:00 PM RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Santa Fe Opera presents "Avastar". FREE

SAT MAY 13 • 4:00 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Academy of Music and Dance Spring Recital

SUN MAY 14 • 3:00 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Mesilla Valley Chorale presents *Dreamin'*

TUE MAY 16 • 10:30 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Read to Me (Storytime for ages 3 and up)

TUE MAY 16 • 2:00 P.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Computer Class: Internet for Beginners

TUE MAY 16 • 6:30 P.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Branigan Book Club Fredrik Backman. *A Man Called Ove*

TUE+THU MAY 16+18 • 4:00 P.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Teen Game Night

WED+THU MARCH 17+18 • 10:00 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Toddler Time (Storytime for ages 1-3)

WED MAY 17 • 10:00 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Munson Book Club Larry Watson. *As Good As Gone*

WED MAY 17 • 11:00 A.M. BRANIGAN LIBRARY
Mother Goose Time (Activities for Infants)

SUN MAY 21 • 7:00 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Borderland Ballet presents *Café Noir*

FRI MAY 26 • 6:00 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Ngage New Mexico & Doña Ana Arts Council present Film "The Raising of America"

SAT JUNE 3 • 7:00 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
New Mexico Rock 'N Roll History with American Bandstand & Sugar Shack

WED JUNE 14 • 6:30 P.M. RIO GRANDE THEATRE
Every 2nd Wednesday with Danny Ruley. FREE

ONGOING EVENTS:

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

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CALENDAR

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Symphony Orchestra, 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, at Red Hawk Golf Course, 7502 Red Hawk Golf Road. Check-in 4:30 p.m. Registration \$150 per person, dinner included, at www.lascrucesymphony.com/full-moon-golf-tournament.

Mother's Day Crafts: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 13, Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Celebrate Mom and create a craft showing how much she means to you. Crafts are free, but regular admission required: \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children 4-17, free for children 3 and under.

Imagination & Creativity Workshop: Dissolving the Blocks to Creativity, an experiential workshop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 13, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Led by Ruth Drayer, Las Cruces artist and author. Bring your lunch and something to share with others. \$40, includes supplies. RSVP, 575-222-0660, www.ruthdrayer.com.

Live music: High Desert Brewing Co, 1201 W. Hadley Ave.:

- May 13, Tiffany Christopher - one-woman band (Denver)
- May 18, Pop Jazz - jazz combo
- May 20, Derrick Lee Trio - Jazz combo
- May 25, Dan Lambert and the Creatures of Habit - Guitar combo w/vocals
- May 27, Chase Walker Band - Blues/Rock/Roots Americana (Nashville)

COAS Bookstore Storytellers in May: Downtown, 317 Main St.

- May 13 Loni Todoroki
- May 20 Douglas Jackson
- May 27 Sarah Addison and Sharlene Witttern

Solano, 1101 S. Solano

- May 13 Jean Gilbert
- May 20 Florence Hamilton
- May 27 Judith Ames

"Dreamin": The Mesilla Valley Chorale, directed by Nancy Ritchey, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 14, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown. A mix of traditional, contemporary and familiar music. Tickets \$10, open seating. Info and tickets: 575-647-2560.

Tea Dance: El Paso del Norte Big Band, 2-5 p.m., May 14, Alma de Artes School, 410 Court St. Fox trots, waltzes, Latin and country. Snacks and soft drinks provided. Dress in your finest "dressy clothes." Beginners, singles and couples welcome. No dance partner necessary. \$15. Info: 575-526-6504.

Mesilla Valley Concert Band: Fourth free concert of the season, 3 p.m., Sunday, May 14, in the Atkinson Recital Hall in the Music Center at NMSU. Giuseppe Verdi's "Nabucco - Overture," Samuel R. Hazo's "Exultate" and Randall D. Standridge's "Imaginarium." Rod Pior, band director at Alamogordo High School, conducts. Info: www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org.

Reading: Albuquerque writers Pamela Hirst and Holly Wilson, and Barbara Shaffer of Radium

Springs will read from "Value: Essays, stories & Poems by Women of a Certain Age," 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 16, in the back patio of Palacio's, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. The reading will be followed by the monthly open-mic sponsored by Sin Fronteras. Free. Info: 575-522-1119.

Mesilla Valley Swing Band:

Big band swing, Latin, polka, cumbia, rhumba, samba and blues, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, Picacho Peak Brewery, 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Free, donations appreciated. Info: Jim Helder, 373-2188.

Author presentation: Paula Moore, author of "Cricket in the Web," the true story of the still-unsolved murder of a Las Cruces resident in 1949, speaks at the Sage Library Book Club, 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, in the coffee room of the Sage Café of the Senior Community Center, 6121 Reynolds Drive. Info: 575-528-3154 or sagelibrary@las-cruces.org

Contra dance: 7:30-10:30 p.m., May 19, Mesilla Community Center. Las Cruces' Little Table Contraband will be playing and Lonnie Ludeman will be calling. No partner needed. Beginners and newcomers welcome and should come for instruction at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth \$4, family \$15. Info: www.snmmds.org or 575-522-1691.

All About Ranching: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd. Children will create crafts all about animals on the ranch. Crafts are free, but regular Museum admission is required for all family members: \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children 4-17, and free admission for children 3 and under.

Memorial Day Crafts: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 27, Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Celebrate Memorial Day with a red, white and blue crafts. Crafts are free, but regular Museum admission is required: \$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children 4-17, free for 3 and under.

A busy kitchen for Food Truck Fiesta

The Food Truck Fiesta, with 10 participating food trucks, has three events coming in May. The events are:

• **6-9 p.m., Friday, May 12.** A special Friday Night Food Truck Fiesta at Rio Grande Vineyard and Winery, 5321 New Mexico Highway 28, three miles south of Mesilla at mile marker 25. The event is a kickoff to Mother's Day weekend and will include food, beer and wine in a rural setting that is kid- and pet-friendly. Live music will be provided by Nicole Martinez.

• **6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17:** The Food Truck Fiesta's regular Wednesday-night gathering, at the Plaza de Las Cruces on Main Street downtown. The event will include live music by Perfect on Paper.

• **6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24:** Food Truck Fiesta on the historic Mesilla Plaza. This event will feature the music of Los Vagos.



Participating trucks are the Green Chile Paddy Wagon, Luchador, 138 Food Truck, Joshua's Pie Wood Fired Pizza, Emmy's Elephant Ears, La Ristra Express, Wannabe Farms, The Backyard Mobile Kitchen, Chango Burger and Party Animal Entertainment.

Vans Warped Tour: 11 a.m., Tuesday, August 1, NMSU Intramural Field. Over 80. Info: www.vanswarpedtour.com. Tickets at <http://vanswarpedtour.com/dates/las-cruces/>.

Model Railroad Club: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., third Saturday of each month, Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds, White Quonset Hut. Enter far west gate. Info: Mike Fifer, 575-526-8834.

Project in Motion: 430 N. Compress. Punch cards available at \$70 for eight classes; \$35 for four classes. Single class drop-in \$15.

- 5-6 p.m. Mondays-intermediate kids
 - 6-7 p.m. Mondays-beginning adults and teens
 - 7-8 p.m. Mondays- intermediate adult and teen.
 - 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays-beginning kids; 6:30-8 p.m.-Ring Jam
- Info: 575-208-4413 or www.projectinmotion.com.

Brown Bag lecture: Noon, second Tuesday of the month, Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Free lunchtime lecture. Info: <http://las-cruces.org/museums> or call 575-647-4480.

Art classes: Noon-12:50 p.m. every Wednesday, My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B. Wyatt Dr. For high school students. Payments of \$45 are due every four weeks. Students may begin any time. Home-school art classes offered for students between ages of 7 and 12. Price is \$25 for four classes. Instructor Wayne Carl Huber, MFA, is licensed in art education in New Mexico and has 50 years of teaching art nationally. Info: 575-647-5684 or www.waynecarlhuber.com.

- 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Beginning Drawing and Painting.
- 1-3:30 p.m. Thursdays: Intermediate and Advanced Drawing and Painting.

Las Cruces Ukles: 5:15-6:15 p.m. Thursdays beginner group; 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays performance group at Good Samaritan Society, Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Free, loaner ukuleles available. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com or 575-405-7133.

Mas Art classes: Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. Pencil and Pastels class taught by Wayne Carl Huber,

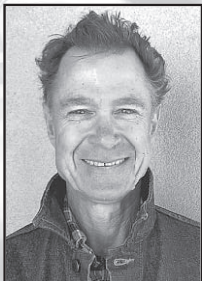
open to adults and high-school students. Subject matter will comprise of still life and landscape. Basic assignments for beginning drawing will also be included. Enrollment limited. Info: Wayne Carl Huber, 575-647-5684 or wch1966@msn.com.

Art classes: Raven Art Studio, 300 N. Main St. For adults and teens 17 and older. \$25. Info: Rick Rotante, 909-233-0425.

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Mondays: Drawing in charcoal
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays: Oil painting
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Thursdays: Pastel painting
- 6-9 p.m. Fridays: Special 10-week introduction to oil painting class. Call for dates and materials list. \$185.
- 4-7 p.m. Sunday: model workshop (minimum four artists)

Quilt Guild: 1:30 p.m. third Monday of the month, American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meetings consist of brief business announcements, a program, show and tell and door prizes. Info: Linnea Egbert at 575-521-0521, linneanjce@aol.com or visit www.lcqc.org.

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Pseudo-intellectuals offer comic relief in 'Seagulls'

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

You can join nationally recognized playwright William Missouri Downs for the opening night of his play, "Seagulls in a Cherry Tree," on Friday, May 12, at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

The award-winning playwright will be traveling from his home in Wyoming to Las Cruces for the 8 o'clock opener, Black Box Theatre owner Ceil Herman said. Herman also directed the play.

Many actors familiar to Las Cruces theatre audiences are featured in this production, including Eric Brekke, Monte Wright, Joshua Taulbee, Joseluis Solorazano, David Arias, Elli Hernandez and Heather Castillo.

In the play, Boris (Wright) and Constantine (Taulbee) have been hired by Disney to adapt Anton Chekhov's classic play "The Cherry Orchard" into a new movie that will star Mel Gibson.

Other characters include Bob (Solorazano), an artist and teacher; Madam Natasha (Bronstein), an actress; Marsha (Hernandez), the maid; Dr. Anton (Arias); Uncle Peter (Brekke), and Nina (Castillo), an aspiring actress. The play is set at the Dantchenko Colony for Artists and Creative Inquiry in Moscow, Idaho.

"This play portrays amateur philosophers and pseudo-intellectuals in a hilarious show that our cast brings to life," Taulbee said. "This is the second time I am playing a writer (I played Henry in NSTC's "The Real Thing"

by Tom Stoppard last summer) but in 'Seagulls in a Cherry Tree,' Constantine has a great deal of confidence and no skills to back it up."

This is the third Downs play Ceil and her husband, Peter Herman, have produced – and Ceil Herman has directed – at Black Box Theatre. His "Cockeyed" was performed during the 2010-11 season, and "Mad Gravity" followed in 2014-15. Ceil Herman said Downs' "A View from the Light Booth" will open the 2017-18 season at the Black Box in August.

Downs has 10 published plays, and has "won numerous national writing awards including two rolling premieres from the National New Play Network," according to

www.williammissouridowns.com. He has twice been a finalist at the Eugene O'Neill.

Downs "wrote for several NBC television shows including My Two Dads, Amen and Fresh Prince Of Bel Air," according to his website. "He won UCLA's Jack Nicholson Award for screenwriting, sold a movie to Ron Howard's Imagine Films and optioned another to Filmways."

"How can you not like a play which has four sections whimsically titled 'Flirting,' 'Eating,' 'Drinking' and 'Talking Stupidities?'" Ceil Herman said about "Seagulls in a Cherry Tree." "I have loved the work of Mr. Downs since seeing 'Cockeyed' in St. Louis, where it had just won a

new-play competition. We were so happy to have the playwright present for our final performance of 'Mad Gravity,' and we welcome him back."

Performances of "Seagulls in a Cherry Tree" are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, May 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, May 21 and 28, and 7 p.m., Thursday, May 25.

Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and senior citizens over 65. All Thursday tickets are \$10.

For reservations, call 575-523-1223.

Visit www.no-strings.org.

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



Boris (Monte Wright) chats with Nina, an aspiring actress (Heather Castillo) in a rehearsal of "Seagulls in a Cherry Tree," which opens Friday, May 12, at Black Box Theatre.

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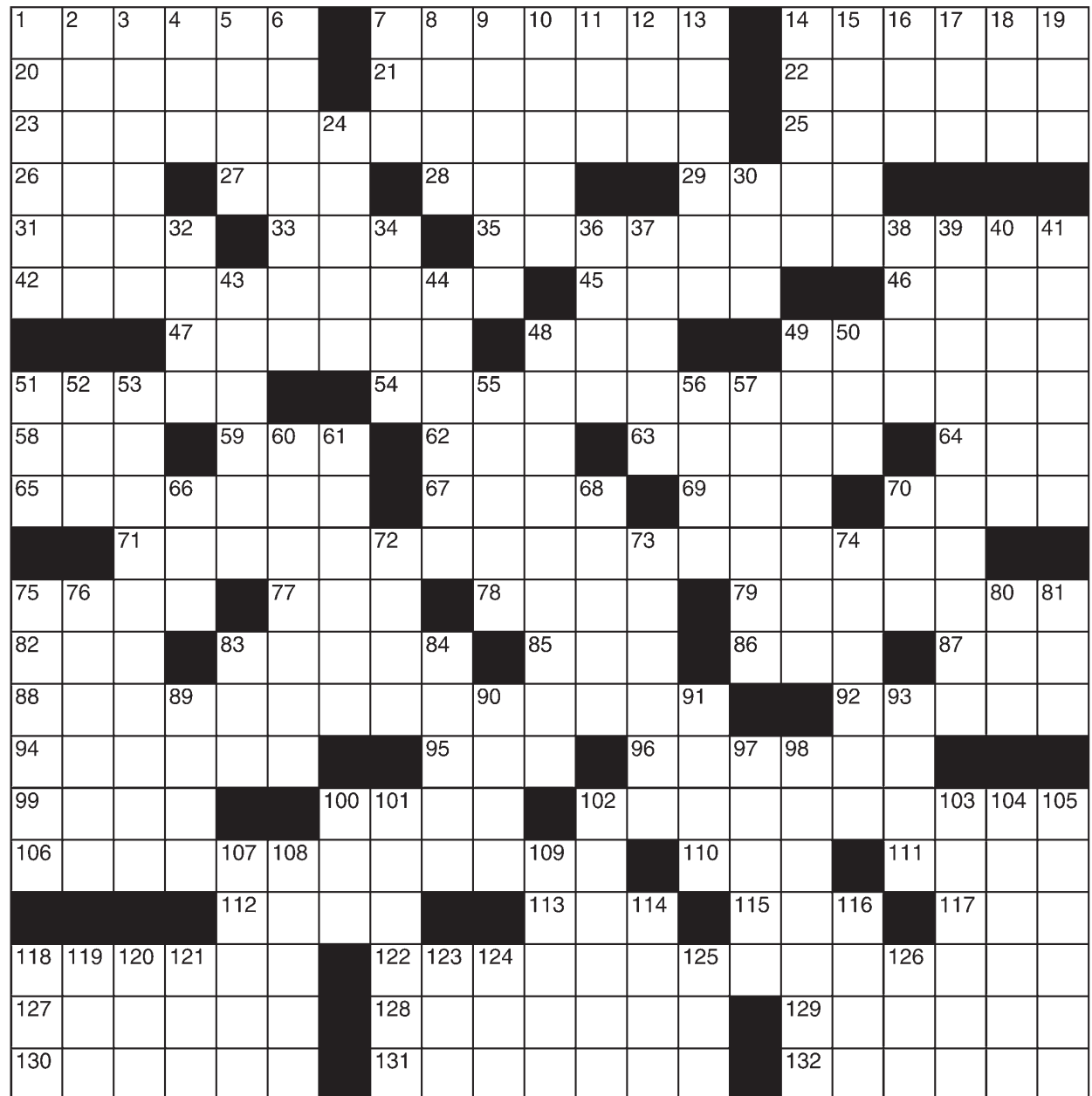
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 7 Women's soft hats of old
 14 Crouches, as a catcher
 20 Dream up
 21 Turkey's landmass
 22 Career-track type
 23 British hero sandwich?
 25 Cut in half
 26 Aunts, e.g.
 27 Maglie of the old Giants
 28 Be sickly
 29 Give off
 31 Certain tennis edge
 33 "America" contraction
 35 Person born to be an apartment manager?
 42 Car made in an Alabama port?
 45 Schoolyard rejoinder
 46 Gap
 47 Small brawl
 48 "Drop -- line"
 49 Place for petri dishes
 51 Hold tightly
 54 Syringe causing a bad skin reaction?
 58 Gmail rival
 59 World finance org.
 62 Holiday quaff
 63 Thin, white mushroom
 64 CBS drama
 65 Advil rival
 67 "Yipes!"
 69 Printer resolution stat
 70 Kids' author Silverstein
 71 Very busy checkout area?
 75 "-- to You" (2009 Lady Antebellum hit)
 77 Lamprey lookalike
 78 Pepsi or RC
 79 Easily duped sort
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 83 Old TV's Desi
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 86 Pitchfork-shaped letter
 87 Trim grass
 88 Put-down during a visit with the doc?
 92 John of plows
 94 Takes as one's own
 95 Tar's "Help!"
 96 Doofus

99 Any of three English rivers
 100 Pets that purr
 102 Gregarious protester?
 106 Beloved big rig?
 110 Pal, to Jules
 111 Big name in faucets
 112 Process part
 113 "As I see it," online
 115 Ending for percent
 117 Harass
 118 Like rabbis and shuls
 122 PC shortcut used by inflation calculators?
 127 Broad road
 128 Celestial body circlers
 129 Let the wind freshen
 130 Not as bold
 131 Deluge
 132 Vagabonds

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 2 Eager volunteer's repetitive response
 3 Ballpoint tip
 4 Butter unit
 5 Big name in elevators
 6 State political bodies
 7 GQ target
 8 Take -- loan
 9 Brief mental glitch
 10 Arum lily
 11 Equine beast
 12 More, to a maestro
 13 Duel tools
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 15 Packs it in
 16 FedEx rival
 17 Kong, e.g.
 18 Small jerk
 19 TV unit
 24 Koteas of "Crash"
 30 China's -- Zedong
 32 Future lice
 34 1973 novel by Toni Morrison
 36 Theater level
 37 Data plan datum
 38 "Whoops!"
 39 Multicolored
 40 Tick by



41 Bring past a simmer again
 43 Ida of old films
 44 Early online protocol
 48 Units of a million watts per ampere
 49 Skimpy swimsuits
 50 Here, to Jules
 51 Gun, in slang
 52 Senator Blunt
 53 Very versatile
 55 Rationale
 56 Inner: Prefix
 57 Like bit-free orange juice
 60 Folks not living in the past

61 Spoken with ease
 66 Suffix with northeast
 68 Struck out in editing
 70 Realize
 72 Quahog or geoduck
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 74 Big small-screen star
 75 Sgt. Friday catchphrase
 76 Get from a pitcher anew
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 81 She-sheep
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 84 Gives relish
 89 Big oil gp.

90 Muzzle part
 91 "The Bicycle Thief" director Vittorio De --
 93 Dutch cheese
 97 Act like
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 100 Stage signal
 101 Angle
 102 Playwright de Beauvoir
 103 PFC, e.g.
 104 Rip to shreds
 105 Bullion bars
 107 Time release
 108 Alternate

109 Underage
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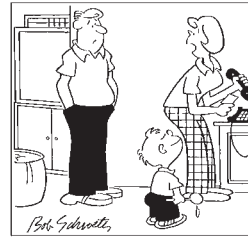
PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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

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SCRAMBLERS



"It has to be Junior! Even with a giant screen stereo TV, free movies and Wi-Fi, we still can't get a _____!"

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

Deluge

PASTE

Smart

STATUE

Scope

ANGER

Mean

DINES

TODAY'S WORD

CRYPTOQUIP

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

Clue: E equals B

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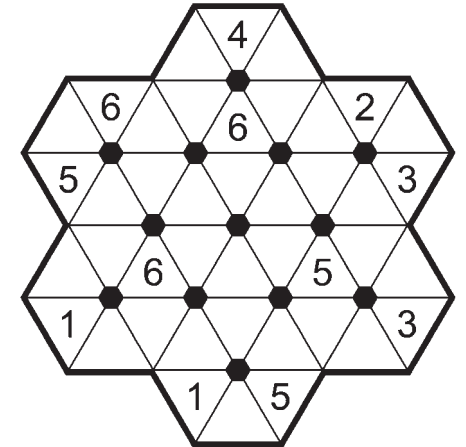
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SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

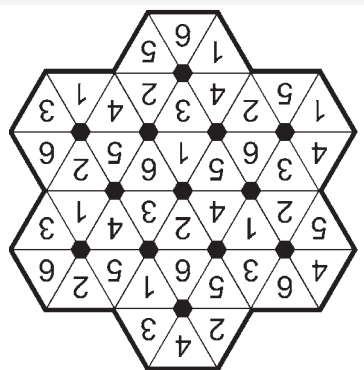
PUZZLE ANSWERS

Folks tend to think I'm snobbish because I enjoy fancy salad greens, but I'm just arguing a guy.

CRYPTOQUIP

SITTER
Today's Word
1. Spate; 2. Astute;
3. Range; 4. Snide

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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SUPER CROSSWORD

Mesilla Valley Concert Band

Sunday, May 14
3:00PM
NMSU Atkinson Hall
FREE Admission



The Mesilla Valley Concert Band's first performance of the new season features another exciting program. The march selections include a little known but popular Sousa composition titled *The Wolverine March*, dedicated to the governor of Michigan and his staff, and *The US Field Artillery March*, the official US Army march. Also on the program is a band arrangement of Verdi's incomparable *La Forza del Destino (The Force of Destiny)* Overture, and Tchaikovsky's very dramatic *Finale from Symphony in F Minor No. 4*. On the lighter side, the band will perform a medley from the *Wizard of Oz*, and a reprise of the beloved *76 Trombones* from *The Music Man*, transcribed by trombonist Tom Wildman to especially feature the band's strong trombone section.

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www.mesillavalleyconcertband.org

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The joy of Bach



COURTESY PHOTO

The Las Cruces chapter of the American Guild of Organists held their spring recital April 30 at the First Presbyterian church. Three of the members, Monte Coleman, Howard Smolleck, and Stephen C. Helmreich, played seven organ pieces with composers ranging from classical masters such as J. S. Bach, born in 1685, to modern composers such as Brenda Portman, born in 1980. The central presentation was an adaptation of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach, arranged by Howard Smolleck (pictured here on organ) and Bill Kuyper (French horn).

New Horizons Band, Symphony each schedule May concerts

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Horizons Band and the New Horizons Symphony will have separate concerts the weekend of May 20 and 21 at the Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe, on the New Mexico State University campus.

New Horizons Band will perform at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 20. New Horizons Symphony will perform at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 21.

Both concerts are free and open to the public.

The band performance will include four conductors, including long-time band leader John Schutz, Assistant Director Judy Bethmann, Rod Pior and Jim Young.

Pieces to be performed include the "Star-Spangled Banner," "Santa Fe March," "Earth Song," "Czech Suite," "Overture to a New Horizon," "Precious Lord Take My Hand," "Court Festival" and "Washington Post March."

The orchestra will feature guest artist violinist Diana Carolina Sanchez Guerrero, an NMSU student who won the orchestra's 2017 young artist competition. In addition to her performance, she will receive a \$300 prize.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NEW HORIZONS SYMPHONY
NMSU student Diana Carolina Sanchez Guerrero will perform with the New Horizons Symphony.

Zia Middle School band teacher Joseph Flores will be guest conductor during the orchestra concert. He will share the baton with long-time symphony music director and conductor Dr. Mari-

anna Gabbi, who directed the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra from 1975 to 1999. Sanchez will perform the first movement of Mendelssohn's "Concert for Violin in E Major." Flores will conduct the Romanza from Ralph Vaughn Williams' "Symphony No. 5." Other music to be performed by the symphony will include "Pomp and Circumstance #4" (Elgar), led by bass player Bill Butler; "Academic Festival Overture" (Brahms); music from "Midsummer Night's Dream" (Mendelssohn); and "Berceuse & Finale" from "The Firebird" (Stravinsky).

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An in-depth experience returns to NMSU

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The National Michael Chekhov Association (NMCA) returns to Las Cruces for the third consecutive year for an intensive acting workshop at New Mexico State University.

More than 35 actors and non-actors, theatre students and teachers

of all ages have taken the week-long workshops, which are taught by NMCA co-founders Lisa Dalton and NMSU Theatre Arts Department Head Wil Kilroy, with Charlie Bowles as producing director. The three have presented the Chekhov acting technique in workshops across the country for two decades.

The workshop is Sunday through Friday, June 4-9, at the ASNMSU Center for Arts, 1000 E. University Ave.

The 2016 workshop included participants from Israel, Spain, India and New Zealand, and from the states of Pennsylvania, California, Arkansas and Oregon, as well as New Mexico. Those already signed for

this year's workshop are again from Israel and India, plus Lithuania, and from theatre departments at Eastern New Mexico University, the University of Texas El Paso and Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas, Kilroy said.

"The NMCA workshop

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May 12-18
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May 19-25
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ANSWER: A collie-flower.

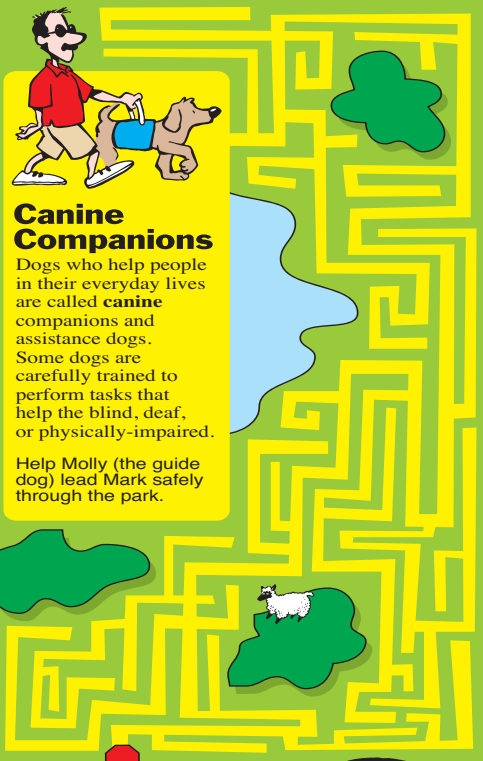


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WORKING LIKE A DOG!



Canine Companions
Dogs who help people in their everyday lives are called **canine** companions and assistance dogs. Some dogs are carefully trained to perform tasks that help the blind, deaf, or physically-impaired.

Help Molly (the guide dog) lead Mark safely through the park.

Have you ever heard someone say, "I've been working like a dog"? People say this when they work really hard.

Some people say this phrase started because sheepdogs guard sheep from dawn until dusk, with only food, a place to sleep and affection as their pay.

Help the sheepdog find all the sheep on this page.



Dogs have been sharing their lives with humans for at least 12,000 years. Since early times, dogs have helped people in many ways.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in survival.

Super Sniffers to the Rescue

Dogs have a better sense of smell than humans. They can detect one drop of blood in five quarts of water!

With their ultra-sensitive noses, dogs are masters at finding buried land mines. Mine-sniffing dogs have helped prevent thousands of injuries and deaths in war-torn countries.

Trained sniffers also find people trapped in collapsed buildings and drugs hidden in suitcases. Some dogs have been trained to sniff out termites in buildings.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students read grade-level appropriate material.



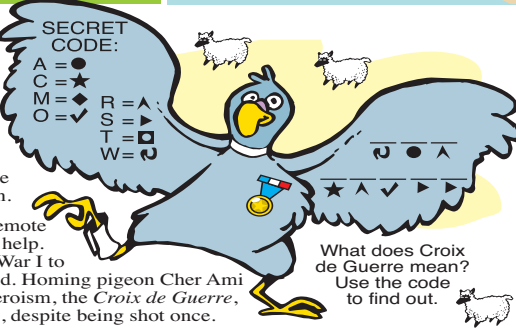
Fido has sniffed out something buried under the sand. Connect the dots in alphabetical order!

R. S. D. E
Q. T. A. B. F. G
P. O. K. J. I. H
N. M. L.

Animal Messengers

Most homing pigeons continually return to their nests. Some people used to put this instinct to use. If they wanted to send a message home when they were traveling, they would write it on lightweight paper, roll it into a tube on a homing pigeon's leg, release the bird and have the message fly home with the pigeon.

Homing pigeons have been used in remote areas to send requests for emergency help. They were used frequently in World War I to send messages from troops in the field. Homing pigeon Cher Ami was awarded the French award for heroism, the *Croix de Guerre*, for delivering 12 important messages, despite being shot once.



SECRET CODE:
A = ●
C = ★
M = ◆
O = ▼
R = ▲
S = ▽
T = ▽
W = ●

What does Croix de Guerre mean? Use the code to find out.

Extra! Extra! Word Pals

In today's newspaper, find five sentences containing at least one adjective each. Underline each **adjective** in red. Underline the **nouns** described in blue. Use the list of adjectives and nouns you find to write five new sentences.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use adjectives and nouns in writing.

Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales
at Your Library This Summer!

MJI YUGL
by Sid Fleischman

Twelve-year old Jake is left as an orphan with no inheritance except a dog. Mystery arises right away. Where are the diamonds his dad is accused of stealing? Was that really his dad buried in the Nevada Desert? Jake sets out in search of the answers, aided by his dog's keen nose.

Unscramble the title of this great book. Then, check it out at your local library!

- Bert Bookworm

Answers can be found at www.kidscoop.com

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Number Round Up

Look through the newspaper for 10 numbers, cut them out and "herd" them together onto a piece of paper. Round each number to the nearest 10. Next round each number to the nearest 100.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Round off numbers between 10 and 100.

Write On! Puppy Tales

Tell a tale about a puppy. Be sure to tell details like the puppy's name, where it lives, what it looks like and what it does. You can start your tale with "Once upon a time ..."

This Just In!
Can you figure out where each of these words go in the article below?

A TRUE STORY!
Bravery Award for Holly

Holly, a specially trained rescue dog, will receive a _____ award for saving victims of the Kashmir earthquake.

Holly and her _____

Neil are _____ on standby 365 days a year so that they can fly anywhere in the world when disaster _____.

In Kashmir, Holly's heightened sense of _____ proved invaluable; she _____ several people who were then hauled alive from _____ buildings.

Holly worked tirelessly without _____ in extremely hot weather.

COLLAPSED
COMPLAINT
OWNER
SMELL
LOCATED
BRAVERY
STRIKES

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand text from context clues.

What a Character!
Courage is ...



... doing the right thing even when it is hard.

NMCA

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was an unbelievably in-depth experience,” NMSU Theatre Arts Department Assistant Professor Megan McQueen said. She attended last year’s workshop. “To work for over 60 hours in one week with experts on any topic, whether you have prior experience in it or not, is life-changing in the way that summer camp was as a kid. I learned

a great deal about acting through a comprehensive system, made lasting friends, and evaluated myself in ways I hadn’t previously.”

McQueen is an actress, singer, director and producer with her own theatre production company, and says she recommends the workshop “to anyone seeking an intense opportunity for reflection and growth.”

The cost of the workshop is \$845 on or before Monday, May 15, and \$895 after that date.



2016 NMSU Chekhov acting workshop participant Alyssa Gose, a 2016 graduate of Las Cruces High School, preparing for a workshop scene.

For those interested in becoming certified teachers of the Chekhov acting technique, the early-bird price is \$1,145, and \$1,195 after May 15. (The teacher workshop extends an extra day, through June 10.)

To register, visit www.chekhov.net.

The cost of the workshop is \$695 for college students. Educators who enroll in the acting track of the program will receive the college-student rate through May 15. NMSU community members, students or teachers may enroll for \$500 through May 15, Kilroy said.

NMCA will also offer a “Deeper By Design” workshop extension Monday through Friday, June 12-16 at NMSU. Those taking this additional training get a \$100 discount on registration for both workshops.

Michael Chekhov (1891-1955), the nephew of playwright Anton Chekhov, was one of Russia’s most revered actors. Acting teacher Constantine Stanislavski considered Chekhov to be his finest student. Chekhov was an innovative actor and director who pioneered the use of the psychological gesture as a tool to help actors use their imaginations to reach peak levels of performance, and influenced many film icons such as Marilyn Monroe, Gregory Peck, Ingrid Bergman, Anthony Hopkins, Johnny Depp and others.

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2016 NMSU Chekhov acting workshop participants Michael Holt and Ilene Steele.



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A man to be reckoned with in 'Un Padre No Tan Padre'

By **JEFF BERG**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Don Servando, played by Mexican actor Héctor Bonilla, is a cantankerous if dapper elderly gent, who wears a jacket and bowtie each day, and gets evicted from a retirement home after assaulting an employee and not paying his bill. Seems there was some skulduggery at his bank and now his money is gone.

Each morning Don Servando expected the retirement home staff to fetch his coffee and a newspaper, while he had his first cigarette of the day. He is not a popular fellow.

In a flashback scene, we meet his wife and five children and it

becomes clear as to how he has alienated the family after his wife passes away. Demanding and rigid, Don Servando is one to be reckoned with.

So, what to do, now that he will soon be homeless?

Only one son will consider taking him in, Francisco (Fran to everyone except Don Servando) and that is begrudging at best. But take him in, he does.

Francisco and his longtime partner Alma, live in San Miguel Allende, a haven for American ex-pats. They live in a large home that Alma has inherited from her folks, along with about eight roommates. It is a quiet and pleasant commune, but the trouble is, Don Servando knows nothing of this,

GRADE: B

"Un Padre No Tan Padre" will be at the Fountain for a week run starting May 12. It is in Spanish, w/ English subtitles.

since Fran has been lying to him about his lifestyle for ages. He also has not mentioned his son, Rene, a product of an early marriage.

As you might have guessed, a lot of what happens in the picture is not at all fresh. We've seen these set ups before; this is kind of like a Mexican version

of Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011), but with a few twists.

The formula it follows is warm and witty and usually feels honest, as we watch Don Servando accept the ways of Fran and Alma and a world he has been isolated from.

I was amazed to read that Bonilla is nearly 80, as is his character. He looks much younger.

The backstory also explains, quite well, why Francisco is estranged from Don Servando and the reuniting the friendships that Don S creates with the other household members are a bit refreshing as opposed to similar films.

Don Servando can be a real jackass, especially when burning down a shed that one of the





household members uses for his livelihood. But he is also nurturing and encouraging to Rene, an aspiring artist.

"Un Padre No Tan" is pleasant, easily digestible, but won't win many awards for originality or directing.

And there are some great scenes showing San Miguel Allende in case you are considering relocating.

Finally, note that this movie has hardly played elsewhere in the U.S. It is a coup for it to end up in Mesilla.

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

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'The Handmaid's Tale,' science fiction dystopia

By **ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**

Las Cruces Bulletin

In 1985 Canadian author Margaret Atwood published a novel about women in the not distant future who aren't allowed to have children. The lead character, Offred, is a member of an elite caste, the handmaids, and must bear children for her wealthy master.

In 2017, video streaming service Hulu has adapted the story into a 10-episode series, releasing a new episode every Wednesday. The tale is painted in rich colors and a leisurely pace as Offred (Elizabeth Moss) is entrapped and schooled as a concubine and then given to "The Commander" (Joseph Fiennes) to bear children for him.

The book is a science fiction classic. So far, the show is a dressed-up soap opera. Much of the story is about ad-

aptation and identity as Offred faces compulsory sex in a fundamentalist society, her master's insecure wife, the dramas of other handmaids in her group and holding on to who she was before this theocracy took over her world.

I identified strongly with Offred when I read the novel, but this adaptation doesn't do that for me. While it is interesting to watch the pageantry and presentation, the lead character simply is not easy to identify with.

And while this production is talked about in terms of women's rights, the real story is simply about the strange ways humans adapt to extreme circumstances.

It's worth a look, and a bit of patience, but I don't see anything deeper than day-to-day artifice. It may be that Hulu is trying too hard to keep up with the creative productions of its neighbors.

Read online at www.lascrucesbulletin.com

CALL TO ARTISTS



DART auditions

Doña Ana Repertory Theatre (DART) will hold auditions for its summer productions at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, in the performing arts lab at Centennial High School, said DART founding member Darin Cabot, a teacher at Centennial.

This year's DART productions will be "Symposium or The Drinking Party," a new play by DART founding member Algeron D'Amassa, a local actor, director and playwright; and "Beers With the Bard, A Shakespeare Throw Down."

For more information, contact Cabot at dcabot@lcpns.net.



Renaissance ArtsFaire

The Doña Ana Arts Council is seeking artists and high-quality crafters for the 46th Annual Renaissance ArtsFaire to be held Nov. 4, 5 at Young Park. Interested artisans are encouraged to apply online at ZAPPLication.org "Renaissance ArtsFaire 2017." Deadline is July 31. The juried event is organized by the Doña Ana Arts Council. The ArtsFaire features approximately 180 vendor booths and is promoted throughout the region in print, radio, television and direct mailings. Attendance is 13,000 to 18,000 visitors each year.

The Doña Ana Arts Council is located on the 2nd floor of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main Street. For information, visit www.DAarts.org or contact Linda Moore at admin@daarts.org or 575-523-6403.

Arts Council plans a summer for kids

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) will again hold three arts programs for children of all ages this summer, including theatre, opera and visual arts.

"Kids get into the arts," DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers said. "I am very excited to bring back these opportunities for the youth of our community. And, as always, we offer scholarships for families who need assistance. We want every child who wishes to pursue his or her dream of creating art or performing on stage."

The programs are:

Career Art Path (CAP)

CAP will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 12-23, at Alma d'Arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court Ave., for children in grades 5 through 8. The registration deadline is Friday, May 19, but may be extended if there are still slots to fill, Albers said. CAP is a "two-week immersion program in the visual arts" for middle-school students,



according to DAAC. Tuition is \$100 per student. CAP will be taught by Las Cru-

ces Public Schools teachers Lisa Carlson and Hibba Muhammed.

Participants in Doña Ana Arts Council's 2016 Missoula Children's Theatre program at the Rio Grande Theatre.

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Opera Storytellers Camp

Opera Storytellers Camp, presented in conjunction with the Santa Fe Opera, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, June 19-24, at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. It welcomes children in 3rd through 8th grades. Registration continues until the first day of the camp, Albers said. Twenty-five to 30 students will learn about elements of opera like libretto writing, music composition and theatrical staging to compose and perform their own musical drama. Tuition is \$150 per student.

Missoula Children's Theatre

Missoula Children's Theatre, will be held Monday through Friday, June 26-30, and is for students in grades 1-12. Open auditions will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, June 26, at RGT. Final performances of this year's show, "Aladdin," will be on Friday, June 30. Tuition is \$60 per student. Sixty to 70 students will be included in the production, Albers said. NMSU Theatre Arts Department Associate Professor/Resident Scenic and Lighting Designer Jim Billings will again be in charge of set design and technical support. Rebecca Holmes from the Santa Fe Opera will direct the camp for the second year. Recent NMSU graduate Hannah Hopper will assist Holmes.

DAAC's office is on the second floor of RGT. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Participants in Doña Ana Arts Council's 2016 Career Art Paths program



The amazing playground: Political threats, economic promise

By **ALTA LeCOMPTE**
Las Cruces Bulletin

At the visitor center near the base of the Organ Mountains, travelers from near and far place push pins on a large map indicating their hometowns.

The map is getting crowded.

President Obama designated the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument in May 2014. Since 2015, visitation at its two visitor centers has increased 102 percent, said Las Cruces Green Chamber CEO/President Carrie Hamblen.

Such data may become increasingly important as supporters of national monuments defend their existence in the wake of an executive

order signed April 26 by President Trump calling for a review by Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke of at least 20 national monuments — those larger than 100,000 acres created by the past three presidents.

Totalling almost 500,000 acres, the OM-DP encompasses the Organ Mountains east of Las Cruces, Sierra de Las Uvas, Robledos and Potrillo Mountains west of Las Cruces.

National monuments can be designated by Congressional legislation or by the president through the American Antiquities Act of 1906.

Yet the act does not specify the president can abolish monuments. And no president has done so. Congress, however, has axed 11 national monuments and modified or downsized others, according to USA Today.

Members of Congress from several Western states, including Rep. Steve Pearce, have

opposed the sheer size of some monuments, citing the Antiquities Act, which stipulates that national monuments “be confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected.”

Pearce has introduced a bill in Congress to create a 54,000-acre national monument confined to the Organ Mountains.

Thus, as a number of local organizations make plans to celebrate the OM-DP’s third birthday May 15-23, they cast a wary eye to the future.

“We’ll just continue to tell our story of tremendous local support with businesses and governments, veterans and sports organizations — all these local groups,” said Ben Gabriel, executive director of Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks.

“I believe economic impact should resonate

BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

A spring morning rises over the Organ Mountains

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Young people find a competitive edge in Career and Technical Education

The ever-widening disconnect between academics and career readiness for young people is finally beginning to close thanks to a resurgence in Career and Technical Education (CTE).

CTE aligns high school and college education to the demands of the labor market and provides students the technical, academic and workplace knowledge and skills they need for long-term success.

The benefits of CTE to students are significant. CTE students are more likely to graduate, more likely to go to college, and better prepared for entrepreneurship or employment by closing skills gaps, especially for higher skilled, higher paying career fields. In New Mexico, 90 percent of students who concentrated in CTE pathways graduated in 2013, far higher than the statewide rate. Fully two-thirds of all future jobs will require job candidates to have some college – career certifications, associate degrees, or higher.

But the benefits reach far beyond students ... business and industry, and therefore communities, benefit, too. When employers enter the classroom to partner with CTE teachers and programs, and when businesses become real-time, real-life classrooms – through



internships and apprenticeships – there are no skills gaps. In fact, employer-student engagement returns an investment in the future earning power of students, according to research in the Journal of Education and Work.

Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen recently recognized the importance of Career and Technical Education in her remarks on Addressing Workforce Development Challenges in Low-Income Communities at the Creating a Just Economy conference. She acknowledged the importance of offering training toward jobs that have clear paths for advancement to lift individuals out of poverty.

“Career and technical education programs, which have seen a revival in recent years, have considerable potential. These programs teach the skills needed to pursue careers in fields such as construction, manufacturing, health care, information technology, hospitality and financial services.”

This national conversation came to Doña Ana County at the 2017 Pathways

to Student Success Summit April 28 and 29. The two-day event highlighted the power of CTE for students, educators, business, and community leaders to better understand the role of CTE in boosting high school graduation and college completion rates, all while building the skilled and ready workforce our community and state desperately need to succeed.

Keynote speaker Kevin Fleming, a rising national voice on the need to connect technical skills to academic knowledge, talked about how the “university-for-all” message has left many students underemployed and underwater in student loan debt. He, himself, faced the reality of this misalignment, earn two bachelor degrees and two masters degrees, accruing \$200,000 in student loan debt, and realizing he was among the “working poor” with \$36,000 in income and unable to pay his bills. Then, a CTE class at a community college gave him the industry credential that turned everything around for him.

He has become an evangelist for the message that success for students happens at many levels of education, and he is a firm believer in the value of earning industry credentials alongside high school diplomas.

“Career and technical education provides the employability and technical

skills every industry wants and proof that students can do something and do it well,” he said. “It gives them a competitive advantage in today’s 21st Century economy.”

He highlighted the need to flip the order of decisions students contemplate when making the journey through high school and into college. “Instead of where they want to go to school, what to major in, and what to do for a career, we need to flip the order to start with what they may want to pursue for a career choice, what education and training they need to get there and then what school provides that training.”

He also stressed the importance of the business community’s role, saying, “Industry professionals should be in a classroom not once a year, but once a week or once a month. And ideally, every student should complete 50 hours in job shadowing or internships before high school graduation.”

To learn more, or to see the interview with Kevin Fleming in its entirety, visit thebridgeofsnm.org and click on the News & Events button at the bottom of the page.

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.

WESST thanks EPE for support during 2016

BULLETIN REPORT

Manny Morales, regional manager for WESST, presented a plaque in April to El Paso Electric for support during 2016 that enabled the nonprofit to reach more clients.

WESST in Las Cruces provides financial literacy and business ownership consulting services throughout Doña Ana County.

“EPE’s sponsorship enables us to reach more

clients,” Morales said. “We primarily deal with low-income and disabled clients. A lot of time potential business owners don’t have the capacity to pay for services. This relieves us of the pressure to provide services for them.”

Morales said his organization assisted 10 business startups in 2016 and was instrumental in the creation of 36 jobs at new or expanding businesses.

“We really appreciate

their support of the small business community,” he said. “We are very grateful and look forward to a lasting relationship.”

The Las Cruces office also accomplished more training for nonprofits in the past few years, Morales said.



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Southwest Expeditions moves downtown

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

Whether your idea of excitement is stargazing by fireside or riding an ATV to Billy the Kid's Hangout in Stolen Horse Canyon, Southwest Expeditions LLC can help you explore the region's history, culture and great outdoors.

The area outfitter is moving to the 1938 Doña Ana County Courthouse in downtown Las Cruces, where would-be adventurers can rent a bike to explore historic neighborhoods or a raft in which to see the Rio in a whole new way.

Southwest Expeditions also offers more than 40 guided tours.

"This is a dream and a love I've been doing for 10 years," said David Crider.

Southwest Expeditions LLC

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"There's a niche here we can fill."

Crider, a self-described military brat who attended high school at Fort Bliss, began his career with a construction company that renovated buildings for the military.

He began organizing tours as an incentive for work crews.

"Production went through the roof," he said.

The same thing happened when he established his own military construction company in North Carolina.

"I had to chase them off the job site — they were that gung ho," Crider said.

Crider said he moved back to the area 12 years ago, where he went into the construction rental business in El Paso and began hiking in the Franklin Mountains.

Soon he was giving tours for the public.

"The Wild West was the No. 1 attraction for European and Japanese tourists," he said.

Crider helped coordinate events in designated areas of the Organ



David Crider prepares to enjoy the river with clients at Leesburg Dam State Park.

Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, collaborating with Visit Las Cruces, the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau.

"I love them for supporting small business," he said.

A tour for every taste

Southwest Expeditions

offers a total of 48 tours. Spring 2017 tours include the Huerco Tanks sacred site and ancient petroglyph sites in the OM-DP.

"There are a variety of things you can do and you don't have to be a triathlete," he said.

Among the tamer offerings are four sightseeing excursions by van

and stargazing parties led by Native American guides.

Crider is considering more offerings in the future while "building a strong touring company here in Las Cruces."

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No permit required: Downtown plaza is for everyday use

With the Downtown Las Cruces Plaza only eight months old, we are seeing more events downtown on a regular basis, and May really kicks off Event Season. Coming up are Kids Night Out on June 24, a revamped SalsaFest in August, Zombie Walk in October and Chile Drop on New Year's Eve.

However, it's important to remember that the Plaza is not only a spectacular location to hold large events but it is there, every day and evening, for the community to gather and enjoy.

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ARIANNA PARSONS

Downtown Lowdown

and those that hula hoop, you are free to make the community's living room your own special space.

While you're downtown and in surrounding historic neighborhoods, don't forget that we have a variety of unique businesses to check out. Here are some of the great destinations you can learn more about in our free Heart of Las Cruces app, available for download on iPhone and Android platforms:

Arts & Entertainment: Atom Bomb Studio, Branigan Cultural Center, Camino Fine Art and Tattoo, Las Cruces Community Theatre, Las Cruces Museum of Art, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, Mesquite Art Gallery, No Strings Theatre Company/Black Box Theatre, Rio Grande Theatre, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Unsettled Gallery.

Retail, Food & Beverage: A Bite of Belgium, Beck's Coffee, Butler Baking Co., COAS Books, Downtown Desert Yoga, Downtown Florist, Dwell Yoga,

Dwell Fresh Juice, Emporium, La Nueva Casita Café, Life in Balance Pilates, Mas Art, Patina Home, Rosie's Café, Run Culture, The Spa Downtown, White's Music Box

The Heart of Las Cruces app is also a great way to stay up-to-date on downtown news, events, and attractions. Coming up, don't forget Food Truck Fiesta in the Plaza May 24 from 5-8 p.m. As always, I hope to see you downtown!

Arianna Parsons is the executive director of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership and co-owner of Beck's Coffee.



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK, LAS CRUCES BULLETIN

New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry CEO and President Jason Espinoza speaks to the MVEDA Borderplex monthly lunch on Tuesday, May 2, at Hotel Encanto. His topic was the 2017 session of the New Mexico Legislature.

ACI fared well at Legislature

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The 2017 session of the New Mexico Legislature was “actually a pretty good session for us,” New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry (ACI) President and CEO Jason Espinoza told the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance’s (MVEDA) monthly Borderplex lunch May 2 at Hotel Encanto.

Espinoza, in his second year at the helm of ACI, said the organization worked with a number of legislators to pass bills that benefit the business community statewide.

He echoed comments by MVEDA President and CEO Davin Lopez that House Bill 147, which both houses passed and Gov. Susana Martinez signed into law, was particularly

important.

The bill changed the state’s job-training incentive program to apply to people being trained for higher wage jobs (\$60,000 per year in Las Cruces, Albuquerque and other metropolitan areas of the state, \$40,000 a year in rural areas) who have resided in New Mexico for one day, instead of a full year.

“It really was a great victory for us and the state,” Lopez said.

Espinoza said several bills were also passed and signed increasing broadband (high-speed internet), especially in rural areas. The legislation will reduce the regulatory burden on providers and keep consumer protection in place, he said. “We’re certainly not where we need to be, but we’re in a much better place.”

A number of “workplace issues” were also passed and signed, Espinoza said, that will provide an incentive to the “return-to-work component of workers’ compensation.”

The Uniform Employment Law, which ACI drafted, did not make it out of the state Senate, where it was introduced, he said. But, the bill will continue to be discussed. Espinoza said its intent is to prevent advocacy groups from getting local governments to pass ballot initiatives supporting labor mandates instead of taking them before the Legislature.

As a result of local ballot initiatives, however, Espinoza said ACI is considering pursuing right-to-work legislation at the local level rather than just through the legislative process.

Espinoza said ACI’s

Uniform Employment Law would create a regulatory environment that is predictable for businesses looking to expand to more than one community in the state.

Both houses of the Legislature passed a bill that would have made computer science count as a math or science credit for high school graduation, Espinoza said, which would have benefited small tech companies in the state. The bill was vetoed by Martinez, but is among bills in a lawsuit filed by legislators against the governor alleging her vetoes were improper.

For more information, visit www.mveda.com and www.nmaci.org.

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MOUNTAINS

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with the Trump administration and also in the state, with the decline in oil and gas revenue. The state needs to diversify its economy and tourism. Monuments are a way to do that.”

Tracking visitor patterns

OM-DP’s power to generate significant economic growth is a work in progress. “We hope to work more closely with the CVB (the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau) on tracking how people get here,” Hamblen said, noting that collecting lodgers’ tax data is key.

“Where we are now is trying to develop a system where hotels can gauge why people are here,” she said.

“I see firsthand how busi-

nesses have benefited from OM-DP. Organ Mountain Outfitters is a new business created as a direct result of the national monument designation. Other businesses invented coffee blends, cocktails, salsas and other products in homage to our monuments.”

To date, much of the economic activity stems from signature products and special events, rather than from the growth of an outdoor recreation industry.

Chris Faivre, CVB director of marketing and communications, said the bureau partners with the Green Chamber and Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks to “put a real emphasis on outdoor recreation.”

“The CVB used the idea of three monuments within an

hour’s drive as a springboard to promote outdoor recreation,” he said. “There’s been a considerable uptick in international interest we’ve tracked through our website.”

Although special events have brought attention to OM-DP and jump-started its impact on the economy, year-round businesses could take that impact to a new level.

That’s beginning to happen, with the growth of Southwest Expeditions LLC and its move to Downtown Las Cruces, on the first floor of the Old Courthouse, where it will have space for rental bikes and boats.

Spring tours include the Huerco Tanks sacred site and another to ancient petroglyphs in the national monument.

“The monument is key to making Las Cruces a destina-

tion,” Southwest Expeditions’ David Crider said. “As a for-profit business it’s an invaluable tool, and it gives us an opportunity to help put Las Cruces on the map.”

Faivre called Southwest Expeditions a much-needed resource.

“I’ve been here 16 years and one of the things we’ve never had is outfitters — so people can go out and explore these areas,” he said.

Looking ahead

Hamblen said the region has an “incredible opportunity to guide people in being protective of the land while sharing it with visitors.”

“We’re being discovered,” said New Mexico Sen. Jeff Steinborn, southern New Mexico director of the New Mexico Wildlife Alliance. Tourism and

economic development flow from monument designation, he said.

“People are deciding to locate here because we have an amazing playground in their backyard,” Steinborn said. “It’s an amazing draw for companies that want quality of life.”

“It’s beneficial in so many ways, and we’re just beginning to see this potential.”

Faivre cautioned that building an outdoor recreation industry around OM-DP will take time.

“Where we are today is not where we will be in five or six years,” he said. “The people involved are very passionate and I have no doubt they will do it.”

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Church attic sale: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 13, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road, across from Las Cruces High School. Flowers, fabric, furniture, art work, holiday décor, arts and crafts, toys, kitchen wares, office supplies, electronics, church choir robes, sheet music, and more. Bake sale,

churches and individual sellers. 5-7 p.m. Friday will be a pre-sale event with a \$5 admission.

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Blessing of the Fields observes 18th year of procession

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum will celebrate an old tradition with the annual Blessing of the Fields procession on Monday, May 15.

Beginning at 10 a.m., Most Reverend Oscar Cantú, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces, will lead a colorful procession around the museum grounds, to bless the animals, plants, acequia and fresh-baked bread. Afterward, there will be storytelling by Bishop Emeritus Ricardo Ramirez.

Before the procession,

Henry Narvaez, Cacique of Tortugas Pueblo, will lead the prayer to the four directions.

Visitors who come to the museum between 9 and 11 a.m. to participate in the procession will not be charged admission. Students from Las Cruces Catholic Schools will be among the participants. After the procession, there will be piñata busting and a variety of demonstrations.

The museum will also have a plant sale as part of the festivities. Vegetables, flowers and desert plants grown in the museum's greenhouse will be featured.

This marks the 18th year that the Museum has held this program, which focuses on a long and rich history. San Ysidro, the patron saint of farmers, lived from 1070 to 1130. He worked in the fields for a wealthy landowner and was known for his devotion to God, his humility and his generosity to those less fortunate than him.

The story of San Ysidro has been passed down through the generations and still inspires many farmers and their families in the Mesilla Valley. For many years, workers in San Miguel would make



COURTESY PHOTO

Blessing of the Fields is a procession that blesses animals, plants, acequias and bread, as shown here from years past, in prayer for prosperous harvests in the year ahead.

a pilgrimage each May, stopping at all the villages along the valley. There would be a fiesta,

with food and entertainment.

A large, wooden statue of San Ysidro is

on exhibit in the Museum's Heritage Gallery.

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ABOVE: New Mexico State University Chancellor Dr. Garrey Carruthers talks about the agricultural heritage of New Mexico State University and the state during a groundbreaking for the NMSU Heritage Farm Trail.

RIGHT: Carruthers and several other officials officially break ground on the Heritage Farm Trail May 3.

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ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH



NMSU Heritage Farm Trail breaks ground

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

Chancellor Garrey Carruthers envisions an arboretum, with rows of crops neatly lined up on New Mexico State University property, accompanied by plaques explaining their role in the agricultural makeup of the region. Add in a tree-lined walkway along an acequia, a nearby hotel and a path to the Las Cruces Convention Center and the NMSU Heritage Farm becomes an agritourism dream.

Speaking at the Heritage Farm Interpretive Trail groundbreaking, Thursday, May 3, Carruthers spoke of the university's history and its ties to agriculture. The trail is part of New Mexico State University's larger plan for the Heritage Farm development west of the campus, off College Avenue, southwest of the Las Cruces Convention Center and just west of East Union Avenue.

"We have released 50 varieties of chile at New Mexico State University

over time," Carruthers said. "All of this research we want to demonstrate here. People are going to come to the convention center, they are going to stay at this hotel over here, they are going to have some time on their hands — we want them to walk over here and look at the variety of research (NMSU has) done.

The project will demonstrate various irrigation systems and work with the schools to bring students in for field trips, he said.

"Agriculture is still a mainstay in New Mexico," he said. "The value of agriculture production right now is 3.4 billion dollars. There are 80 agritourism businesses in New Mexico. This will be an agritourism business."

The groundbreaking ceremony included a tour of the seed house lobby and displayed renderings of the project. Heritage Farm plans include a university hotel, a winery, a brewery, agricultural fields, exhibit gardens and an adaptive reuse of the seed

barn — one of the oldest buildings on campus — into the Chile Pepper Institute.

The trail itself will eventually consist of plants along the acequia as well as crops grown at NMSU and native plants used for erosion control. Irrigation methods — from drip systems to flood irrigation — will also be on display.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service awarded NMSU a \$100,000 grant to support conservation of the waterways and irrigation at Heritage Farm. Farm Credit of New Mexico and CoBank also donated \$25,000 each to support the pedestrian bridges and walking trail in honor of Farm Credit of New Mexico's 100th anniversary.

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Cow population

Note: The following excerpts are from the Oklahoma Livestock Committee meeting on Species Relations. Voting members include beef cows, feedlot steers and dairy cows.

"Will the secretary please read the state demographer's report?"

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"Gasp! Bel-low!"

"Blat, belch!"

"Yes! We who have cut the trails and settled this country are now relegated to minority status!"

"DAYMILL THOON PEE MOOFINK..."

"Angus will you please swallow your cud so we can understand you."

"Gulp. They will soon be moving us from our pastures. They will force us from the open plains and high mountain valleys! They will pave our homesteads and cover the grass with Verizon stores!"

"That's true, sniff. Humans have an odd perception of what is beautiful. Asphalt strips, concrete barns, burning rubber, landfills...they foul their own nest. It is amazing that their species survives."

"Yer honorable Cowperson, I think we are over-reacting. In spite of their numbers, they seem fairly disorganized. I've spent a lifetime looking over

Asparagus and chile are a dynamic duo



SUNNY CONLEY

Chile Knights

As a kid, I turned up my nose at asparagus. The spears were not only funny-looking but they tasted disgusting. Each time Mom heaped a bunch of spears on my plate, my tummy did somersaults. “They’re good for you,” she’d say. So to polish them off (“or else”), I’d cut each cooked “torpedo” into minuscule bits and mix them into the buttered mashed potatoes she often served with meals. I can’t remember the year, the day, or the moment when asparagus’ earthy flavor and mild taste became one of my all-time favorite veggies. OMG! I embrace them as much as my beloved chile pepper. And furthermore, the duo when combined, create sumptuous dishes. To celebrate spring, Mother’s Day, and the mighty spear I share recipes that both you and Mom are sure to appreciate.

Spicy Pasta Asparagus for Two

1/4 cup pine nuts
1 1/2 tablespoons chile-infused olive oil
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 pound asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
1/2 pound favorite pasta
Zest and juice of one lemon
Salt and pepper

Toast the pine nuts in a skillet over medium heat for about 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from the pan and set aside. Pour the olive oil into the skillet over medium heat. Toss in the garlic and the asparagus. Cook asparagus *ad dente*, about 4

minutes. Meanwhile, cook the pasta according to the directions on the box. When done, remove from the pot and toss directly into the pan with the asparagus. Cook for one minute. Turn off the heat. Add the lemon juice, zest, and season with salt and pepper. Stir until combined.

Roasted Asparagus with Sesame, Chile and Garlic (Serves 4 as a side dish)

3 tablespoons rice vinegar
1/4 cup orange juice
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted

1/2 teaspoon minced fresh chile pepper, such as jalapeño or serrano
1 1/2 tablespoons reduced-sodium tamari
1 bunch asparagus, trimmed

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. In a large bowl, whisk together all ingredients except asparagus. Add asparagus and toss to coat well. Transfer asparagus and sauce to a small baking dish and roast until tender, 10 to 12 minutes.

Thai-Style Asparagus With Chiles, Garlic, & Basil (Serves 4)

1 tablespoon light olive oil
1 tablespoon fresh garlic,

minced
1 tablespoon serrano pepper or 1 tablespoon jalapeño chile, minced
1 1/2 pound asparagus, snapped and steamed *al dente*
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon water
1 tablespoon sugar
1 cup fresh basil, washed and chopped
Garnish: 1 large Anaheim chile, stemmed, seeded, and sliced diagonal into thin ovals

Heat a wok or large, deep skillet over high heat. Add oil, making sure bottom of pan is completely oiled. Add garlic and minced chile, toss until garlic begins to turn golden about 15 seconds. Add the asparagus; stir-fry until coated with oil, about 15 seconds. Add the soy sauce, sugar, basil, and 1 tablespoon water; stir-fry until basil begins to wilt. Serve immediately. Garnish with sliced chiles. Note: Add a dollop of Greek yogurt, if desired.

Chile-Spiced Asparagus (4 servings)

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
2 bunches asparagus, tough ends trimmed, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 tablespoon water
1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder or 1

teaspoon smoked paprika
3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sherry vinegar or red-wine vinegar

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add asparagus and water; cook, stirring often, 4 to 5 minutes. Add chili powder garlic powder and salt; cook until the asparagus is tender-crisp, about 1 minute. Remove from heat, add vinegar, and stir to coat.

Roasted Asparagus and Mushrooms with Chile-Lemon Salt (Serves 4)

1 pound cremini mushrooms, halved or quartered if large
1 bunch asparagus, trimmed, and cut into 1-inch lengths
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon crushed or ground chiles de arbol

1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Toss the mushrooms and asparagus with the oil on a baking sheet and roast, stirring once, until tender and brown in spots, about 15 minutes. Mix the ground chile with the salt and lemon zest in a small bowl. Transfer the asparagus and mushrooms to a serving bowl and sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon (or more to taste) of the chile-lemon salt. Leftover chile-lemon salt can be used to season mashed potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, or even popcorn!

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the fence. Their roads go in all directions. Their cars go back and forth all day. Where do they go? Why are they going? It's a wonder any of 'em finds water."

"Good point. They are a species not unlike the chewing louse. They produce nothing but more of themselves. They keep busy doin' each other's

laundry and mooching off us and the trees."

"But is it not true that we are now a minority? Think about it! They will have to afford us special status! Stairs will have to accommodate quadrupeds! Public transportation will require special seating with mangers and dung channels!

Twelve week lambing leave! A national holiday and affirmative action proviso including a token cow on every county

board of commissioners! Lucrative government contracts garnered by any applicant with a bovine surname!"

"Yea, verily! We will march in the streets! We will cleanse the language of offensive expressions such as 'That's no bull! Over the calf socks! Going in hock! Udderly ridiculous!' and that particularly odious defamation 'Horny!'"

"Madame Cowperson, I move we demand a

grant from the Dept. of Non-Human Resources to study our new rights!"

"Will the secretary please read the minutes?"

"Uh, I missed everything after ruminant dominance. It's hard to write with cloven hooves."

Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at www.baxterblack.com.

LUSH AND LEAN

Workshop: Bugs can be beneficial to plants

By **SUZANNE MICHAELS**
For the Bulletin

“Not only are some insects beneficial, but killing the ones you see won’t necessarily fix the problem with your plant; you don’t have to kill bugs just because they are there,” said State Entomologist Dr. Carol Sutherland. “Why don’t you find out what the insect is and if it’s beneficial, damaging or of no consequence in your particular scenario.”

Sutherland, with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and Extension Service at New Mexico State University (NMSU), travels a lot, teaches bug basics across the state to Master Gardeners, pesticide applicators, farmers, ranchers, and various community groups and youth, too.

“I work with both 4-H and Future Farmers of America; both have entomology projects involving insect identification. It’s important that they

learn the principles of Integrated Pest Management,” she said. “There is a relationship between plants and insects; many times, pest insects move in because plants are stressed. The insects are not necessarily causing the damage, they are just taking advantage of it.”

Stressed? You might wonder what plants must be stressed about. So, consider that drought, poor soil, too much or too little water, too much or too little fertilizer, a difficult environment with salinity problems, not enough room for roots in a container, or planted too close to a building are stressful situations. Think about constant strong winds, Chlorosis, construction, lightning, fire, or die back!

Any of those stressors could lead to an insect infestation.

“Insects and their relatives are everywhere and are greatly diversified,” Sutherland said. “Many people are repulsed by



COURTESY PHOTO

State Entomologist Dr. Carol Sutherland hopes attendees will bring in samples (living or dead) of bugs that are bugging their plants. She will be the Lush and Lean speaker at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18, in the Roadrunner Room at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

and afraid of insects, so instead of getting some identification help, they bring out the pesticides and start spraying, some-

times needlessly and other times after the damage has occurred.”

Sutherland encourages residents, instead, to bring their bugs — dead, alive, or even preserved in alcohol — to the Thursday, May 18, Lush and Lean workshop, which is free and open to the public. She will identify insects and have suggestions for managing them, or will let you know the bug in your hand is not the culprit that’s damaging your plant.

All workshops are held 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings at the Thomas Branigan

Memorial Library (200 E. Picacho Ave.) in the Roadrunner Room. See the complete list of speakers and Lush and Lean dates at www.las-cruces.org/WaterConservation or www.facebook.com/cityoflas-cruces (you don’t need a Facebook account to view this page).

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SENIOR CALENDAR

NARFE meeting: 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 13, in the Esparanza Room of the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 Don Roser Drive. The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Chapter 182 will meet. NARFE Chapter 182 program will be a presentation by Michele Ungvarsky, Attorney at Law, with the Estrada Law Firm (estate planning, wills, trusts). A breakfast buffet is at 8:45 a.m. for a fee. RSVP and info: Carol Main, 575-382-7686 or Carol Smith, 575-522-3033.

RV club: 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, May 13, at Trails West Mobile Home Park, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla. Mesilla Valley Good Sam RV club meets. Info: 970-302-8449.

AARP meeting: 2 p.m., on Wednesday, May 17, at Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave., behind Walgreens. At the next AARP meeting, we will have representatives from our State Legislature to talk about the last session. Please bring a dry food good to share with those who have less.

‘Blast from the Past’: 2-3 p.m. Fridays, Mountain-View Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Take a walk down Memory Lane with discussions about the movies, music, television and stars of the 1950s and 60s. Info: 575-522-0503.

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.

Medicare can help manage chronic illnesses

By **BOB MOOS**
For the Bulletin

Caring for yourself when you have a chronic illness like diabetes or heart disease is hard work. When you have more than one such illness, it can sometimes seem overwhelming.

About two-thirds of New Mexico residents with Medicare have at least two chronic conditions. They often must juggle visits to several doctors, as well as the separate trips for follow-up tests. Then they must make sure they're taking the right medications at the right times.

Managing many chronic illnesses all at once can quickly become a full-time job. Unless it's done right, you can compromise your quality of life and possibly increase your risk of a long-term disability or an earlier-than-expected death.

That's why Medicare is encouraging your health care providers to work to-

gether more closely to coordinate the treatment of your chronic conditions, so that you can spend less time sitting in medical offices and more time doing whatever you enjoy.

To keep you healthy, Medicare has expanded a benefit called chronic care management. It provides higher payments to doctors and other providers to help you live with chronic disease.

Through this benefit, your health care practitioner will assist you in keeping track of your medical history, your medications and all the other health care providers you see. You'll receive a comprehensive care plan that outlines your treatments and goals.

You'll also have 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week access to health care professionals for urgent needs from the comfort of your home. Does that sound like something that might interest you?

To qualify for chronic

care management services, you must be enrolled in Medicare's traditional fee-for-service program, or you must be in the Medicaid program and receiving Medicare benefits. You also must have at least two chronic illnesses that pose a serious threat.

The list of eligible diseases includes asthma, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, depression, hepatitis, heart failure, high blood pressure, HIV/AIDS, osteoporosis, schizophrenia and stroke, among others.

If you think you might benefit, ask your doctor to explain the various services you'd receive, such as:

- At least 20 minutes a month of chronic care management services;
- Personalized assistance from a dedicated health care professional who will work with you to create your care plan;
- Coordination of care between your pharmacy,

specialists, testing centers, hospitals and more;

- Phone check-ins between visits to keep you on track;
- 24/7 emergency access to a health care professional;
- Expert assistance with setting and meeting your health goals.

Your out-of-pocket cost for chronic care management will be the same as your share for other Medicare Part B services, so you may have a deductible or co-payment. But if you have Medigap or retiree supplemental health insurance, you may not have to pay those out-of-pocket expenses.

Also, chronic care management can help you avoid the need for more costly services. By acting now and managing your health, you may be able to head off hospitalization and more serious treat-

ment in the future.

Chronic care management means having a continuous relationship with a dedicated health care professional who knows you and your history, provides personal attention and helps you make the best choices for your health. For more about the program, call Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 or visit <http://go.cms.gov/ccm>.

Navigating your way through the health care system can often be bewildering and time-consum-

ing. Medicare's chronic care benefit gives you and your loved ones the assistance you need to manage your medical conditions so that you can focus on the things you love.

If that sounds right for you, talk with your doctor or nurse about the program.

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Invest in a child's future with the gift of books



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The Reading Solution

Between now and June, you and the Children's Reading Alliance (CRA) can change lives by providing children with books that they will enjoy reading during the summer. We can help struggling readers by contributing to the CRA Summer Book Buddies Fund. The evidence is bleak, children who return to school without reading all summer need the first four to six weeks to regain their previous achievement level and that is just the beginning.

Allow me to address any questions you may have about the urgency of acting now.

Doesn't school take care of this?

Skills lost during the summer create a wide gap between more and less proficient readers. By the time a struggling reader reaches middle school, summer losses account for a two-year achievement gap.

"Differences in out-of-school access to books,

positive reading practices, and connections with institutions supportive of self-discovery and reading, account for much of the disparity in student academic success" according to education researchers Anne E. Cunningham and Keith E. Stanovich.

How can a few books make a difference?

Research suggests that reading four books

A Mother's Day message from your littlest one

Editor's note: The following was provided by the Children's Reading Alliance in honor of Mother's Day.

Mom,

I love you so much.

My favorite events of the day are when you and I make eye contact and you touch me tenderly in that way that only you can do. I love to hear your voice and will do my best to repeat your sounds back to you. It helps when you repeat my sounds back to me.

I love sharing our joy in each other.

I don't care if you can't carry a tune, I love to hear you sing and read. The sound relaxes me and you. I'll serenade you too with my version of the sounds in my environment.

I live for your praise.

I'm ready for you to name things in my view and I'll even look at books when you point to the pictures. By the time I am walking, I enjoy hearing



about the day's activities, too. I will follow one simple direction, listen to your stories, nursery rhymes and I'll sing and dance along with you as best I can. Soon I will point to the pictures myself when you name the people and objects that I like the most. I'll even sit right next to you, working hard on my own while you work on whatever that is that you do.

By 2 years old, if you'll say the words often enough, I'll learn to name foods, toys, my own body parts. I love a good puzzle and find plenty of them

in all those amazing household objects you don't expect me to touch.

Now I am trying to do so much that frustration is a close-by companion because I want my independence so much. Don't get discouraged or exasperated too often. I need your patience more than ever. Just help me out. If I want to take the book and sit with it myself it doesn't mean I have fired you as my favorite reader. I still need to hear you read all those new words and interesting cadences even when I

wander off and act like I'm not listening. And, please, don't stop singing and dancing and clapping with me.

By two and a half we can have all kinds of fun together. Keep explaining the world to me with the words I need to compare colors, shapes, all those pictures in books, other people's stuff, and all those other messy things I enjoy so much. I'm ready for crayons, paints and clay even if you're not.

Please keep reading to me and let me take close looks at everything. I'm really enjoying simple stories now and can even hold the book and tell them myself with my own adorable explanations. Encourage my imagination.

Mom, you are doing a great job! Please know that you are my first and best teacher in the whole wide world and always will be. I adore you to the moon and back.

Happy Mother's Day!

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during the summer is a change agent. Reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary and reading speed. Practice is key.

"The body of existing research demonstrates the critical importance that the early development of summer reading habits can play in providing the foundation for later success. Two-thirds of the ninth-grade achievement gap can be explained by unequal access to summer learning opportunities during the elementary school years, with nearly one-third of the gap present when children begin school. During the school year, lower income children's skills improve at close to the same rate as their more advantaged peers. Over the summer months middle and upper income children's skills continue to improve, while lower income children's skills do not," according to education researchers Alexander, Entwistle and Olsen, 2007.

What can I do at home?

Kids need to see you read. Having reading role models or a large book collection at home has a greater impact on kids' reading frequency than does household income.

LCPS is asking us to support their K3+ students with four books this summer. Libraries and community centers throughout the valley are also asking CRA for books. Our resources are severely stretched. Volunteers are doing everything we can to provide books. We have a plan. Already, together with a contribution from El Paso Electric and some savvy shopping, we can offer one book to each child attending LCPS K3+. Contributions from readers of the Las Cruces Bulletin and a grant from Las Cruces Public School Foundation are moving us closer to being able to provide the second book. *

We are more than one quarter of the way there! When we pool our resources, we can touch the future. CRA supporters are asking businesses as well as individuals to become members of this effort. Would you like to join? Call Maria Zuniga at 575-522-3713 if you can contribute a few hours or you wish to suggest a potential donor. Learn more about CRA at our website: childrensreadingalliance.org Contributions can be made on the website or mailed to Children's Reading Alliance 3880 Foothills Road, Las Cruces 88011.

We are readers. Look around at all the children you see today. They are counting on us to help them become readers too.

**This column is written more than a week before you read it. We will continue to update the list of donors.*

Rorie Measure is the president of Children's Reading Alliance, a grassroots citizen-led initiative to encourage family literacy throughout Doña Ana County. Rorie is a reader, writer, teacher, reading specialist and literacy trainer. She can be reached at rmeasure@gmail.com.

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HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Hormone seminar: 6 p.m., Thursday, May 18, at New Mexico Primary Care Group, 179 Howard Place, off Roadrunner Parkway. Learn more about BIO TE hormone therapy, hosted by CFNP Hedsna Rocha. RSVP to Taylor at 575-521-8500.

Breast cancer support group: meets the fourth Saturday of each month at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor, West Side Annex Building. Free, no pre-registration. Info: 575-524-4373.

**New Safe Haven
Manager Cass
Walker, with
Walker, with
Brownie**

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‘Wineing for the Animals’ event raises money to help no-kill animal sanctuary

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary (SHAS) will host its seventh annual “Wineing for the Animals” – its largest fundraiser of the year – from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, at Grapevine Plaza (Picacho Peak Brewing Company), 3900 W. Picacho Ave.

Tickets are \$25 each or \$45 for a couple, and are available in advance at the SHAS thrift store, 840 El Paseo Road, Suite D (across El Paseo Road from Sutherlands), and at the Grapevine. They also will be available at the door.

Each ticket entitles the holder to admission to the event, one beer or glass of wine and entry into a door-prize drawing, SHAS Execu-

tive Director Laura O’Connor said. The event also includes free hors d’oeuvres, she said, along with a silent auction featuring more than 150 items, including art, jewelry, travel, gift certificates and more.

Live music will be provided by Sage Gentle-Wing of El Paso.

You can also meet new SHAS Sanctuary Manager Cass Walker.

There also will be a few animals on hand for adoption, O’Connor said.

Wineing for Animals is also a great “melting pot,” SHAS Volunteer Coordinator Tricia Quillen said, and a great chance to meet other people and other pet owners and animal lovers.

O’Connor said leashed and well-behaved pets are welcome at the event. A watering station will

be provided.

Proceeds from the event will help SHAS pay for food and veterinary care for the animals it serves, as well as running its sanctuary, located east of Las Cruces at 6890 Eagle Road.

SHAS provides care to about 75 cats and dogs at the sanctuary, and has a foster program for dogs.

Sanctuary hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and by appointment. The sanctuary is closed on Mondays.

For more information, contact O’Connor at 575-527-4544 or shaspets@gmail.com. Visit <http://shaspets.com>. Also find them on Facebook.

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

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Ellablu

This sweet blue-eyed girl is Ellablu, a 9-year-old white/grey point Siamese. Ellablu is a classy lady who loves kitty treats and

sunbathing in our beautiful New Mexico sun. Ellablu has been wishing for a family to love her for the rest of her life; would you be that family? Ellablu has been at ASCMV since March 2017.



ASCMV hours of operation are noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Call 575-382-0018.

Vaccinate, microchip dogs, cats at low-cost clinic

BULLETIN REPORT

ACTion Programs for Animals of Las Cruces (APA) will host a low-cost dog and cat vaccination and microchip clinic from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 20, at the Mesilla Valley Pet Resort, 2500 W. Amador Ave.

Each of the following services will be available for \$15: rabies vaccine (one-year or three-year vaccine), DAPP dog combo, FVRCP cat combo and microchipping.

Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.

APA was founded in 2009 and began with a focus on helping keep animals from entering the local animal shelter through programs like APA’s pet-food bank. In May 2012, APA started Doña Ana Pets Alive! a direct rescue and rehoming program to help the community reach a no-kill status. The program concentrates on rescuing animals abandoned at the shelter, with a focus on the ones most at-risk, which are large/unruly dogs, heartworm-positive dogs, pit-bull mixes, long-term dogs, shy/timid small dogs, cats and hundreds of kittens.

APA is located at 800 W. Picacho Ave. and is open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

For information, call 575-644-0505, email mail@apalascruces.org or visit www.actionprograms-foranimals.org and www.facebook.com/APALasCruces.

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Fishback is WAC Player of the Week

BULLETIN REPORT

Mason Fishback of New Mexico State baseball was named the Western Athletic Conference Hitter of the Week Monday morning after posting a .579 batting average over four games last week.

The Aggie catcher tallied 11 hits with three doubles and two homers along with nine RBI while scoring seven runs last weekend. He also drew a walk and stole a base before finishing the four-game stretch with a 1.053 slugging percentage and .636 on-base percentage.

Fishback opened the week going 2-for-4 and scoring three runs in NM State's 12-5 victory over Battle of I-25 rival New Mexico in Albuquerque.

In Friday's opener of a three-game set at Utah Valley, the Rancho Cucamonga, California, product went 5-for-6 with five RBI while scoring three. Included was a

three-run homer.

On Saturday, the senior went 4-for-6 with his second homer in as many days while driving in four runs and scoring one.

Fishback's plate explosion helped propel the Aggies to a sweep of Utah Valley, as they outscored the hosts by a combined 46-7.

With a .367 batting average, Fishback is fourth among WAC hitters. His .550 slugging percentage ranks him seventh. With 66 hits he is tied with teammate Brent Sakurai for third in the WAC, and his 46 RBI knots him with Aggie Austin Botello for third.

At 30-19, the Aggies became the first WAC team to reach 30 wins this season. They can match last year's 34-win total with six regular-season games remaining. NM State takes its final road trip of the regular-season against Chicago State, May 12-14, in the Windy City.



COURTESY PHOTO

Senior catcher Mason Fishback has been pounding the ball lately, fueling New Mexico State's four-game winning streak.

Tourney will not continue

BULLETIN REPORT

After 23 years of fundraising for high school football and other high school sports and extra-curricular activities, organizers have announced the Burger Time High School Golf Tournament will not continue in 2017.

"When we lost my sister, Kathy Gonzales, last year we lost the tournament's heart and soul as well as its central organizing figure," said Burger Time Foundation President Kevin McGrath. "On top of that, the tournament's volunteer base has diminished greatly in recent years. So in the spring when we looked at all the moving parts and what it would take to organize a 2017 tournament it became clear that now's the time to

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Ranked No. 1 in the nation, NMSU's NaLynn Cline is one of 12 Aggies headed to the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Finals



BULLETIN PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP

NMSU rodeo well-represented in national finals

By **RICHARD COLTHARP**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University rodeo team will send a dozen student-athletes to the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Finals in June.

The finals are June 10-16 in Casper, Wyoming. The Aggie women head to the Finals ranked No. 3 in the nation. The Aggie men

are ranked No. 18.

Both teams had strong showings at the 75th anniversary NMSU rodeo April 28-30. The women finished first among four Grand Canyon Region teams to secure the regional title. The men finished first of seven teams, moving them up from third place in the region to second.

Now begins the preparation for the national finals.

Aggie rodeo coach Logan Corbett said he is proud of his teams and ready to compete.

"The only thing that would have made it better is if the men had won the region, too," Corbett said. "But it's rodeo, and there is a lot of luck involved."

"For us, though, growth equals success," he said. "And we had a

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wrap things up.”

The tournament began in 1994 as a football fundraiser specifically for Las Cruces' three existing high schools at the time: Las Cruces High School, Mayfield High School and Oñate High School. Centennial High School, which opened in 2012, was not part of the original three school arrangement but has been able to participate in fundraising by way of raffle ticket sales and other “all activities” fundraising opportunities provided to booster clubs by the tournament.

Over the last 23 years, according to the New Mexico Activities Association website, a high school football team from Las Cruces has played in 21 state championship games and won 14 state championship titles.

“The generosity of the Las Cruces business community needs to be respected and recognized for the success of high school football in Las Cruces as well as the success of Burger Time Golf Tournament,” said McGrath. “As the next generation of high school football fundraising takes over this year, we wish the Las Cruces, Mayfield, Oñate and Centennial booster clubs success with their own golf tournament. We're proud to have laid a solid groundwork for them and their future success.”

Since its creation, the Burger Time Tournament has generated \$2.5 million in total cash and gifts-in-kind and returned more than \$800,000 to football booster clubs and other participating sports, activities and extra-curricular programs.



Wyatt Jurney won both rounds of the steer wrestling at the 75th anniversary NMSU rodeo April 28-30, earning a trip to the college rodeo finals.

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lot of growth.

“Losing is not in our dictionary. We're either winning, or we're learning. Or both.”

Unlike in other intercollegiate sports, the finals will take place well after spring classes are completed. Student-athletes will pack up and move to their respective homes. So for the next month, most of the team will not get to practice together as they have all year.

Corbett will maintain contact with team members.

The Aggie women headed to Casper are Nicole Sweazea, who finished third regionally in the all-around; NaLynn Cline, first in barrel racing; Arianna Assini, third in goat tying; and Anna Barker, fourth in barrel racing.

Casper-bound for the Aggie men are: Josh Davison, who won the region in saddle bronc riding; Kody Gregory, second regionally in

bareback riding; Chace Valdez and Ty Anderson, first and third in tie-down roping; Wyatt Lindsay and Wyatt Jurney, second and fourth in steer wrestling; Lucas MacKenzie, first in team roping (header); and Carl Sweazea, third in

team roping (heeler).

In addition to their strong regional rankings, four Aggies are ranked nationally in the top 10, led by Cline, who leads the entire country in barrel racing.

Nicole Sweazea is No.

9 in the women's all-around. Valdez is No. 9 in tie-down roping. MacKenzie is No. 9 in team roping (header).

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Marina Salcedo is an 18-year-old senior at Oñate High School. She is on the Lady Knights volleyball team and softball teams. Salcedo is the lead-off hitter for the Lady Knights, the defending 6A state champs, and leads the team with a .500 batting average. She is a team leader, hard-working and has a positive perspective. Salcedo is a dedicated student, with a 3.21 GPA and will be attending Luna Community College this fall on a softball scholarship. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, attending and supporting the other Oñate athletic teams and competitions. Salcedo thanks all her coaches for helping achieve her highest potential and her parents for all their support throughout her school and playing career.



Ruben Guadian is a 17-year-old junior at Oñate High School. He is on the Knights baseball team as first baseman and pitcher. Guadian is batting .342 with one triple, five doubles and one stolen base. He is a second-year varsity starter. Guadian is a strong leader on the team and a National Honor Society member, with a 3.7 GPA. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling and road trips. Guadian thanks his team, coaches and a special thanks to his mom, dad, brothers and sisters, Oñate High School staff and students for their support.

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