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DASO delays Citizens' Academy start date

The fall class of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Citizen's Police Academy has been postponed a few weeks.

The new deadline to apply is Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017, and class size is limited to 25 people.

The new start date will be Sept. 9, 2017. The academy will span eight consecutive Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at DASO's Las Cruces headquarters, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

To date, more than 200 Doña Ana County residents have graduated from the program, which was re-launched in 2011 after a brief hiatus.

Each Citizen's Academy applicant must be 18 years of age or older, must be a resident of Doña Ana County, and must have a valid driver's license or photo ID. Because of the sensitive nature of police work, a brief background check will be performed on each applicant.



tion and awareness.

Academy participants are volunteers who wish to learn more about the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department; it is not the cadet academy for those who

Academy participants must not have any prior or felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within the last three years.

The academy takes class members through various divisions of the department in an effort to strengthen community partnerships through educa-

wish to become certified law-enforcement officers with DASO.

Classes are interactive and give participants hands-on knowledge of how sheriff's deputies are trained to handle real-life situations. Class members will examine traffic enforcement, understand the use of force – including the use of deadly force – observe K-9 demonstrations and presentations by the Special Response Team, bomb squad, and Animal Control. Several field trips are included in the academy, including tours of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority and the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

The fall 2017 Citizen's Academy is free of charge and runs through Oct. 28, 2017. Applications can be downloaded online at www.goDASO.org, and are also available at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces.



38 PINTS!

Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department employee Jorge Ochoa, left, donates one of 38 pints of the Gift of Life collected Friday, July 28, during the 17th Annual Judy Price memorial Blood Drive at the Doña Ana County Government Center. More than 850 pints have donated in her memory since the event was initiated in 2001.

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Fire districts seeking more new volunteers

Doña Ana County's 16 volunteer fire districts are in dire need of additional volunteers.

Volunteer firefighters help to protect their neighbors in times of dire need, but without adequate numbers of volunteers in each district, response times can be delayed in situations where every second counts.

Schedules are flexible, and some volunteers transition to paid positions. In the State of New Mexico, volunteer firefighters in New Mexico earn retirement benefits.

Volunteering also looks good on a resume.

In addition to volunteers to assist with emergency calls in the field, each district also has a need for volunteers who can assist with administrative and clerical duties.

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City council 'very pleased' with manager

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The Las Cruces City Council has conducted its first performance evaluation of City Manager Stuart C. Ed since he became city manager Nov. 7, 2016, and Mayor Ken Miya-



Ed

gishima said City Council is "very pleased" with Ed's performance. "Considering this is his first time as city manager, he is doing a fantastic job. I am extremely happy and impressed with Stuart's performance," Miyagishima said. "He has immersed himself into the position and has undertaken numerous projects to improve the organization and move it forward."

Highlights of Ed's accomplishments are the facilitation of a new, five-year strategic plan and mission statement;

the creation of a new Economic Development Department and Neighborhood Action Team; the transition to a performance-based model; securing the services of a grant company to increase revenues through grant funding; successful development of the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 budget; and increasing transparency through ongoing consultation with the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government.

"I look forward to increased communication between Stuart and City Council and our continued, positive association for years to come," Miyagishima added.

As city manager, Ed is the City Council's sole employee. All other City employees report to the city manager. Currently, Ed oversees 1,434 full-time employees and an adopted fiscal year 2017-2018 budget of \$381,540,642.

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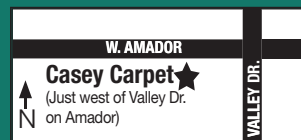
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An isolated rain shower mingles with late-afternoon sunlight over Picacho Peak.

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Force serves spaceport as general counsel

BULLETIN REPORT

Melissa Kemper Force has taken on the position of Spaceport America General Counsel.

Prior to her appointment by the New Mexico Spaceport Authority, Force was the principal partner of a successful consulting firm in Los Angeles, where she provided legal advice on complex international policy and legal issues to clients in the commercial aerospace industry. While in Los Angeles, she taught courses on Aviation and Space Law as an adjunct professor at



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Loyola Law School and International Law and Politics of Outer Space and Space Systems Law and Policy as an adjunct professor at Webster University.

“Spaceport America is extremely fortunate to have Ms. Force as our new General Counsel. Melissa brings tremendous corporate experience coupled with International Space Law,” said Daniels Hicks, chief executive officer, Spaceport America.

Force is an elected member of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) and Co-Chair of its Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot Court Committee, which oversees regional moot court competitions in Europe, Africa, Asia and North America and organizes and conducts international finals every year during the International Astronautical Congress. Force holds an Advanced LLM degree from the International Institute of Air and Space Law at Leiden University (the Netherlands).

She has served as moderator and panelist for the Air Law Institute’s Air

and Space Law Symposium and the American Bar Association’s Forum on Air & Space Law and has authored, published and presented papers around the world on an array of issues, including space traffic management, space debris, extraterrestrial resource extraction, the Moon Agreement, suborbital spaceflight and rules for the arbitration of space disputes.

“As a space lawyer, I am privileged to have the opportunity to work with my peers in the aerospace industry to help shape legal framework as we commercialize space,” she said.

After obtaining her advanced degree in space law, Force worked in the Office of Space Commerce in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), assisting in the development of the commercial space transportation policy and representing NOAA at U.S. delegation meetings in preparation for sessions on the International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems.

Her current position as general counsel draws heavily on previous experience as the Vice President and associate general counsel heading international and domestic claims for HOK, Inc. and her trial court experiences as a partner in the Los Angeles office of Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP litigating products liability, environmental and construction defect disputes.

In addition to her advanced degree in Air and Space Law, Force graduated from the University of Missouri – Columbia with a bachelor’s degree in Chemical Engineering and earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Law, where she was elected to the board of editors of the Missouri Law Review.

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What will Zinke do?

Awaiting word regarding OMDP national monument

The past several weeks, thousands of New Mexicans have passionately and creatively voiced their opinions about the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument. Their efforts are motivated by concerns President Donald Trump and Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke may drastically reduce the size of the monument, or possibly even end its status.

Zinke came to Las Cruces and toured the monument by air, by foot and on the back of a horse.

He did not, however, accept the invitation to attend a big event at the Las Cruces Convention Center that celebrated the monument. Those attendees hoped that if Zinke saw, heard and felt their passion, he might spare the cleaving knife on the monument. It was a great scene.

However, another scene may be more telling regarding Zinke's visit elsewhere in the state. Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich took Zinke on the horseback ride, both telling the stories of our state's monuments and encouraging him to keep them as they are.

After the ride, when they were all dismounted, Zinke, a Republican and former football player at the University of Oregon, surprised the two Democrats by jovially putting them in a dual headlock. Zinke's staff then Tweeted out the photo.

While assuming that was all done in good fun – at least for Zinke – it seems to undermine how seriously many people



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

take this issue. Perhaps worse, it feels like the visit was a field trip just for show.

This has already happened at least once in our region with officials of the Trump administration. Back in April, then-Homeland Security Secretary (now

Chief of Staff) John Kelly and Attorney General (at least as of this writing) Jeff Sessions, visited the border region near El Paso.

Kelly and Sessions were graciously shown all the positive economic aspects of our border and the functioning relationship and burgeoning economic expansion between New Mexico, Texas and Mexico.

Still, Kelly and Sessions returned to Washington spouting negative rhetoric, as if they'd never been here. Three days after the visit, Kelly said, "I certainly think the border wall is essential, as does almost everyone that lives along the border."

He said that even though almost no one he talked with on that visit called the wall essential. None of the regional elected officials said that. Nei-

ther did Jon Barela, former New Mexico economic development secretary, now CEO of the Borderplex Alliance.

As we await decisions by Aug. 24, part of me expects to hear Zinke say something like this: "Oh I had a great time in New Mexico. Wonderful folks. Do you know how much wonderful public land they have there? Those good people certainly don't need any more federal land, with more government oversight, with more national monuments."

However, it's hard to know exactly what was on Zinke's mind. He had one open press conference, but closed his other activities to the press and did not attend the biggest event.

I spoke with Bernie Digman, an Army vet and owner of Milagro Coffee y Espresso. Digman was one of about 17 veterans who hiked the monument with Zinke.

"I had a conversation with him and I'm grateful," Digman said. "Not everyone gets that opportunity. I found him a nice guy to be around, but I'm disappointed his perception of how the national monument had got its designation was incorrect. I think he's been misled on the openness of the process."

I think it may be simpler than that. In the world of politics today, a common reason for one side being against an issue is because the other side did it. President Barack Obama signed several monuments into law late in his presidency, and Trump sees

it as something he can undo.

Like many, I am adamant the monument designation remains.

Unlike many, I am less adamant about the size of it. There's a lot of room for compromise between the nearly 500,000 acres OMDP currently comprises, and the 55,000 acres some, including U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, have proposed.

The beautiful gypsum dune field to the east of us is 176,000 acres. Yet the part contained within White Sands National Monument is only 41 percent of it, 73,600 acres. And that works just fine.

I realize there are a lot of varied pieces within OMDP people want to protect, but there are multiple ways to do it.

An overarching question, though, is this: Why are we even having this conversation? This deal was done, and there are many far more critical issues in this nation. Why are our elected officials so frequently distracted by the irrelevant? Ultimately, how differently does it affect our great-grandchildren if the Organ Mountains monument is 400,000 acres or 200,000 acres? Yet it could affect our great grandchildren greatly if they cannot afford health care, afford an education or get a job.

Let's focus, people. Let's focus on we the people.

Editor's note: See pages 10-13 for reports on Zinke's visit.

Do home schoolers have summer vacations?

At the coffee shop someone asked an interesting question: Do home schoolers take summer vacations like students in public schools? My reaction was that home-schooled children do not take three months off from learning and camp out on the couch with their smart phones.

Over several days I thought about the question. I know several homeschooler parents. All indicated there was no summer vacation for their kids, but some learning tasks are focused on summer opportunities.

Obviously, going to Yellowstone National Park is a learning activity.



MICHAEL SWICKARD

In My Opinion

And Yellowstone is closed during the winter so you must go in the summer. Importantly, none of the homeschooler parents said that when summer comes they just turn the kids

loose to vegetate.

Home schooling is one of the most contentious issues in our country.

The public receives conflicting messages. On the one hand, they hear that parents are the most influential force in children learning.

On the other, many education leaders say that learning at home is different and inferior to "real" education, especially that done by professional educators who have teaching degrees from college.

Also, education is different in a school setting. That, I agree with, but I do not agree that public school education in and of itself is superior.

Homeschool parents forego the benefits of a tax-supported education for diverse reasons including religious,

social and achievement concerns. Additionally, in rural areas the trip to the nearest school is too far for young children.

For most people, outside of those with strictly religious concerns, the primary reason to home school is a concern about the culture of public education. Currently it is almost entirely focused on taking tests to check on teachers. What a waste for students.

Others say the pace of instruction in schools is focused on the entire class rather than on the individual. Homeschool parents pace their instruction specifically to their children.

If parents are usu-

ally not professional educators, how then do we ensure that their children are learning? What should be done if a home-schooled child reaches majority without sufficient academic skills? Discipline the parents?

Is it the parent's right not to educate their children? Sticky questions. We already face the same questions with public school graduates. Shall we dock the teacher's pension if the students do not learn?

Some parents are not suited for teaching, just as some students are not good candidates for home learning. Sometimes, the combination of parents

not willing to work at teaching, and students not driven to learn can lead to bad situations. Overall, this is not the case.

Home schoolers do not turn off their minds when they leave school. Learning occurs at all hours of the day and night. I like home schooling when it is done correctly. Public schools can learn more from the methods used by home schoolers than home schoolers can learn from public schools.

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

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

By Physical Therapist, Dennis L Prickett

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Domenici Conference celebrates 10 years

By TIFFANY ACOSTA

For the Bulletin

The 2017 Domenici Public Policy Conference at New Mexico State University will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the conference, and this year's topics will highlight U.S. foreign policy, equity in education and workforce issues.

The two-day conference, Sept. 13-14, will be held at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The Domenici Institute for Public Policy at NMSU is named after Pete V. Domenici, New Mexico's longest-serving U.S. senator. The institute at NMSU was created to continue Domenici's legacy of service to both the state and the country.



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"We try to select topics for the Domenici Institute so they would be topical for state and federal policy makers," said NMSU Chancellor Garrey Caruthers. "Once again, our timing is perfect. This year's conference covers international policy with a collection of outstanding speakers from a policy and academic perspective.

"In addition, we have a section on workforce development with a focus on equity in education opportunities of which NMSU aspires to be the best. Thanks to Senator Domenici in helping us round up another collection of top-flight speakers."

The conference will open Sept. 13 with a keynote speech from Richard G. Lugar on U.S. foreign policy. Lugar, a former U.S. Senator from Indiana, was the longest serving member of Congress in the state's history. During his tenure in the U.S. Senate from 1977-2013, he was a leading member on issues such as food security, nuclear non-proliferation, energy independence and free trade.

The Wednesday afternoon sessions will focus on U.S. foreign policy regarding Mexico, China and Russia. Carlos Pascual, a former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico and Ukraine, will begin the discussion on the country's foreign policy toward Mexico. Gov. Gary Locke will follow with a session on U.S. foreign policy on China. He was a former governor of Washington, former U.S. Ambassador to China and former U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The conference's first day concludes with Eric Edelman's presentation on the U.S. foreign policy on Russia. Edelman was the former Undersecretary of Defense for Policy and former U.S. Ambassador to Turkey.

The conference's second day will begin with a keynote address from Pedro Noguera on equity in education. Noguera is a distinguished professor of education at UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies.

Thursday will also feature workforce issues. Antonia Novello, M.D., the country's first female and first Hispanic Surgeon General, will speak on education and the workforce of the future. She served from 1990-1993 and focused on public health issues such as smoking, AIDS, diet and nutrition, environmental health hazards and the importance of immunization and disease prevention.

Celina Bussey, cabinet secretary New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, will discuss workforce readiness in New Mexico. Seth Harris will conclude the conference with a session about the future of the workplace. Harris is a former acting U.S. Secretary of Labor and Deputy U.S. Secretary of Labor.

Online registration for the conference will be available at domenici.nmsu.edu. Registration fees are \$50 before Sept. 1 and then increase to \$75. The conference is free to NMSU students. For more information or to receive an invitation by mail, call the Domenici Institute at 575-646-2066.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Where was Zinke?

To the editor

The mayors of Las Cruces, Anthony, Sunland Park and Mesilla, plus the Doña Ana County Commission, invited Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to a Community Forum on Thursday, July 27, to discuss the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks designation as a National Monument.

I was one of the 600 or more people waiting for the secretary at the Las Cruces Convention Center. We all wanted to show our support for the full monument

landmass designation and explain why. He did not show! Where was he?

Why did he ignore the vast majority of this region that supports the full monument designation? Seems to me he already has his mind made up and actually doesn't care that 70 percent of the people in this area support the Desert Peaks being part of the monument. How can one make a well-thought-out decision on this issue while ignoring the majority?

*Greg Walland
Las Cruces*

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Zinke treks into the OMDP with vets

By ALTA LeCOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

A dozen military veterans hiked into Valles Canyon in the Sierra de las Uvas July 28 with U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, a former Navy SEAL.

Zinke was in Las Cruces to tour the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, which is under review by the Trump Administration. He held a press conference July 27 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Though invited, he skipped a July 27 public forum at the convention center and a July 28 roundtable with small-business owners.

The veterans were on a mission – to show Zinke the less flashy, less accessible areas of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument.

Along the way they saw petroglyphs, grinding stones and a Native American tool workshop, said Garrett Rappenhagen of Vet Voice Foundation.

“The canyon is an

incredible geological feature,” he said.

The veterans hoped to persuade Zinke the desert peaks surrounding the Rio Grande Valley, rich with archaeological and historical artifacts, are essential to OMDP.

The 496,330-acre monument is one of 27 under review by the Trump administration.

“He (Zinke) was very firm he doesn’t want any public lands to be sold off. He made it very clear he wanted to keep at least some of the monument, but he didn’t say if or where he’d make cuts,” Rappenhagen said.

Footprint under scrutiny

The eventual success of the veterans’ mission will be determined by Aug. 24. That’s the deadline for Zinke to make his recommendations to President Donald Trump on whether to keep, eliminate or reduce the monuments now under review.

Underlying the debate about the ideal size for the OMDP is the interpretation of the 1906 Act for the Preservation of

American Antiquities that vested in the president the unilateral power to designate national monuments.

The antiquities act specifies that national monuments “shall be confined to the smallest area compatible with the proper care and management of the objects to be protected.”

When he ordered the review, Trump commented: “The Antiquities Act does not give the federal government unlimited power to lock up millions of acres of land and water, and it’s time that we ended this abusive practice.”

Zinke on the record

“The way he (Zinke) interprets the definition of a national monument having the smallest footprint didn’t include the whole monument,” Rappenhagen said.

Zinke’s concern about the monument’s footprint had surfaced the previous day at a press conference he held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

He told reporters he is taking into consideration whether the monument “matches the law and protects an object in the smallest possible area.”

“This was public land before its designation as a national monument and after any revisions it will still be public land,” he said. “I am not advocating for the transfer or sale of any of this land.”



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Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke speaks to members of the local press about The Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks area July 27 at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Officials, residents speak out

While Zinke was in town, the Donā Ana

County commissioners and the mayors of Las Cruces, Mesilla, Sunland Park and Anthony sponsored a forum in

support of OMDP. Zinke was invited but did not attend.

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Las Cruces residents show their support of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks area July 27 outside the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

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El Pasoans as well as residents of Luna, Sierra and Bernalillo counties packed into the Las Cruces Convention Center to listen and cheer at the July 27 forum.



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Rep. Bill McCamley.

McCamley said some people want to shift monument land to state ownership so it can be sold to industry.

"This land should not be sold to the highest bidder," he said.

Both McCamley and state Sen. Joseph Cervantes took issue with the process that could "rip away a decade's worth of work with a month's process."

Other speakers in-



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Christine Newton with the Sierra Club Rio Grande chapter and Triny Rivera show their support of The Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks area July 27 outside the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

cluded Gabe Aguilar of the Mescalero Apaches and Jeff Haozous of the Fort Sill Apaches, realtor Renee Frank, boxer Austin Trout and sportsman John Cornell.

"The Organs are spectacular, iconic, what brands this community," Cornell said. "The Desert Peaks are remote areas with the

greatest bio-diversity, the best habitat. If you take away that part of the monument, it would be like taking away one of our arms. Sportsmen will fight for the Desert Peaks. We're not going to give up one acre."

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Green chamber fears OMDP changes a done deal

By ALTA LECOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

A group of small-business owners seeking to preserve the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument met July 28 at the Organ Mountain Outfitters downtown.

Their intended guest, U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke – in town gathering information on the monument – was not in the chair they reserved for him.

His office had not responded to their invitations, CEO Carrie Hamblen of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, told the group.

“We’re concerned the decision has already been made,” she said.

OMDP scrutinized

The decision to which she referred was one to rescind the monument’s designation, alter its 496,330-acre footprint or leave it intact.

OMDP is one of 27 large national monuments designated since 1996 and now under review by the Trump administration. Also under review is New Mexico’s OMDP Rio Grande del Norte National Monument

“The review period ends August 24,” Hamblen

said. “We want to keep up the pressure on Secretary Zinke ... to inform him the majority of people in Las Cruces don’t want the monument to be rescinded or reduced.

“We are already prepared if it has to come to a legal battle.”

Zinke came here to see the land for himself and meet with stakeholders to gather their input. His only official appearance was at a press conference held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

He reportedly met with four stakeholder groups while at the museum.

Hamblen said the identity of the stakeholder groups was unclear and she did not know whether Zinke heard any input from businesses.

Where’s Ryan?

Although Zinke’s chair was empty at the roundtable by Chris Lang’s Organ Mountain Outfitters, business owners made their comments on the economic impact of OMDP, which has been widely covered by national media such as National Geographic.

Photographer and high-end home designer and builder Wayne Suggs said his clients are doctors, lawyers, bankers and retirees who choose to locate here because of the natural beauty of the land.

“The monument has had an amazing impact on our business,” he said, adding doctors for whom he builds homes are wooed by high-profile cities such as Atlanta.

They want the Doña Ana Mountains for biking, the Sierra de las Uvas for camping and hunting, he said.

“It’s not just about the Organ Mountains,” Suggs



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Doña Ana County Commissioner Billy Garrett leads a cheer in support of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument during an evening rally July 27 in the Las Cruces Convention Center.

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said. “As a photographer I spend more time in the Doña Anas, the Las Uvas and the Robledos. Antiquities are everywhere out there. They need to be protected.”

One speaker said local businesses are adamant that the Trump administration not diminish the city’s ability to grow its asset-based economy. Another cited national coverage of OMDP as “a golden ticket” that led to “skyrocketing” tourism.

Hamblen alluded to the number of OMDP-branded products introduced since the monument designation and the number of people inspired to start or expand related businesses.

Documenting OMDP impact

In a July 7 letter, the Green Chamber urged Zinke “to respect the wishes of our community, recognize the economic and tourism ... opportunities resulting from OMDP, and resist any efforts to shrink or repeal OMDP.”

Hamblen said some 97,000 individuals and community groups notified Interior of their support for OMDP prior to the July 10 deadline for the public comment period.

The chamber letter cited surveys indicating support for the monument.

“According to a May 2017 poll of 400 Doña Ana County registered voters released by LCGCC, 63 percent of residents oppose any reduction of the OMDP National Monument, compared to only 26 percent who support reducing protections,” the letter stated.

“The poll also shows majorities of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents feel positively towards the Monument. Furthermore, three-fifths (62 percent) believe that OMDP can help create jobs and tourism in the county, while 29 percent disagreed.”

Hamblen also cited BLM data indicating OMDP visitation increased 102 percent between FY 2015 and 2016.

The chamber recently conducted a survey of member businesses and found:

- 65 percent of businesses surveyed say they field questions from customers about the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument.
- 32 percent use the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument in their promotional and marketing materials.
- 20 percent have already introduced new products or services directly related to the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks

Hamblen told the business roundtable the New Mexico Outdoor Industry Association reports outdoor recreation in the state generates \$9.9 billion in consumer spending annually and 99,000 direct jobs.

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Christi and Neko Gabriel snag front row seats at the OMDP forum in the convention center.

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Technology helps sniff out gas leaks

By **SUZANNE MICHAELS**
For the Bulletin

Adam Valles, gas leak survey technician for Las Cruces Utilities (LCU), says sometimes other drivers honk as he is slowly driving (less than 5 mph) 10 to 20 miles per day on the streets of Las Cruces. They don't realize Valles is involved in a vital part of keeping all of us safe. The onboard technology on the LCU "sniffer truck" he is driving can pick up the smallest whiff of leaked natural gas through the cones mounted on the front grill of the truck.

Many utilities run several feet beneath the

pavement of our streets. It's the best way to keep sewer, water, and gas lines safe from ground penetrating construction equipment and other potential threats.

Over time, however, new construction, street repairs, and trenching; even vibration from traffic can cause shifting of the earth that may affect the lines. "We monitor our gas lines constantly to be sure they are operating properly and we catch leaks as quickly as possible," explains Pete Duran, technical gas supervisor - corrosion.

"With this technology, we can pinpoint very closely where a leak is, and then



Adam Valles, leak survey technician, shows one of the cones mounted on the front of the LCU leak survey trucks. The cones suction in and test the air immediately above the street pavement.

we grade it."

Grade 1 – must be repaired immediately;

Grade 2 – schedule to be repaired as soon as possible; and

Grade 3 – continue monitoring and schedule for future repair.

The LCU Gas Section is responsible for operating and managing more than 1,000 miles of underground gas mains and service lines, and most of those miles are beneath city streets. This city department has two trucks specially outfitted to find

and record the location of leaks; the proper name is "leak survey truck," but generally everyone calls them "sniffer trucks."

"Once in a while we get calls about one of the trucks, wondering what it is and why it's traveling so very slowly," says Duran, "Then we explain Utilities has two leak survey trucks and two gas leak technicians whose job is to detect even the most minute

underground gas leaks. The cones mounted on the front of these trucks suction the air above the pavement, and are sensitive enough to register a very minor natural gas leak."

Survey trucks are on the road constantly, surveying streets in residential areas at least once every four years; high pressure gas lines and business districts are surveyed once a year to ensure customer safety.

"Each truck is mounted with \$10,000 of highly specialized leak survey equipment – a small price to pay for safety," Duran said.

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



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Mayfield alumna recognized for STEM work

BULLETIN REPORT

Joining the ranks of influential women such as Sonia Sotomayer, the first Latina Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Mayfield High School Alumna Sophia Sánchez-Maes was recently named one of seven Exceptional Hispanic Women by Women@TheFrontier, a nonprofit dedicated to identifying and supporting inspirational women in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Entrepreneurship fields.

Sánchez-Maes was recognized by the organization, which “chose to highlight seven Exceptional Women who have been pioneers and groundbreakers in their fields. They set a pre-

cedent for not just Hispanic women, but women throughout the U.S. and around the world,” according to the Women@TheFrontier news release.

The news release also described Sophia Sánchez-Maes as an “18-year-old college student at Yale University whose impact on science reflects intelligence beyond her years. She’s conducted extensive research on the use of algae as a biofuel and how to make it more efficient, for which President Barack Obama praised her.

She is now investigating exoplanets – planets that orbit stars outside of our solar system – at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory. She received the Jefferson Award for outstanding service by

a young American 25 or under.”

Sánchez-Maes graduated in May 2015 as the valedictorian of her graduating class at Mayfield High School. She is the daughter of Margaret Sánchez-Maes and Jim Maes, a health and physical education specialist with the district.

Also named in the list were: Ellen Ocha, the first Hispanic woman in the world to go into space; Sonia Sotomayer, the first Latina Supreme Court justice; Antonia Novela, the first female and Hispanic-American appointed as Surgeon General of the United States; Adriana Ocampo, a researcher who most notably discovered the Chicxulub crater; Maria Teresa Kumar, the founder and presi-

dent of Voto Latino, a nonprofit that encourages American Latinos/Hispanics to become involved in the country’s political process; and Paola Santana, the founder and COO of Matternet, a technology startup that uses drones as a transportation system to deliver lightweight goods.

To view the complete news release, visit: www.womenatthefrontier.org/7-exceptional-hispanic-women.



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VFW kicks off annual scholarship competition

BULLETIN REPORT

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is giving middle school and high school students the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in awards and scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C., in the organization’s annual original essay competitions.

The Voice of Democracy audio-essay is a national competition for public, private, parochial and home-schooled high school students based on an original three-to-five minute audio essay on this year’s theme: “American History: Our Hope for the Future.” Winning essays will be selected at the local and national level based on originality,

content and delivery, according to the VFW website.

The Patriot’s Pen youth essay competition awards prizes to public, private, parochial and home-schooled middle school students based on their original 300-400-word essay about this year’s theme: “America’s Gift to my Generation.” Winning essays will be selected at the local and national level based on knowledge of theme, theme development and clarity of ideas, according to the VFW website.

Las Cruces entries must be submitted to the local VFW Post 6917 by Oct. 31. For more information, visit: www.vfw.org/VOD, call 575-382-9703 or email to sraul7175@gmail.com.

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Commission approves agreement with transit district

By LYNN MOORER

For the Bulletin

On a 3-2 vote, the Doña Ana County (DAC) commission approved at its July 25 meeting a much-contested agreement to contribute \$350,000 for Fiscal Year 2018 to the South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD). Chairwoman Isabella Solis and Commissioner Benjamin Rawson voted “no.”

The agreement:

- Requires funding to be paid in 12 monthly payments;
- Requires detailed monthly reports regarding revenues, ridership, and fares collected;
- Prohibits pick up or drop off of passengers in unincorporated areas or municipalities within the transit district that are not full dues-paying members of the district.

County attorney Nelson Goodin said he did not see a legal problem or risk to grant awards associated with the passenger pickup and drop-off provision.

While “it will be adding more administrative costs” to provide

the monthly reports, David Armijo, SCRTD executive director, said he could live with the requirements.

Rawson castigated the SCRTD’s ridership and associated fare statistics as “unbelievable.” He also disparaged a recent change in a New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) report published two months ago that improved the transit district’s statistics. Rawson stated a NMDOT representative “acknowledged they had made the change based on a request from the SCRTD.” (In an interview after the meeting, Armijo denied this.)

“I implore you, don’t reward bad behavior,” Rawson said, after contending that an audit of the SCRTD found its cash didn’t balance, asserting the state’s “undoctored report” shows the transit district performs “well outside the acceptable levels,” and questioning the \$124,000 compensation package Armijo receives.

Former Las Cruces City Councilor Sharon Thomas told

commissioners that Rawson’s charges were “ridiculous.” She said the report change was a “correction” consistent with statistics elsewhere in the report. Thomas added the SCRTD has a respectable ranking among districts. Because “Mr. Armijo was hired to develop a comprehensive regional transit system in three counties” (Doña Ana, Sierra, and Otero) and coordinate with many other transit systems, according to Thomas, he should make more than the City of Las Cruces transit director.

Commissioner Billy Garrett said the commission needs context to interpret properly the competing information. He said he wanted additional facts before he could conclude the SCRTD is a “mismanaged entity.” Garrett stated that while Rawson has enunciated strong criticisms, “so far, [he] hasn’t offered more cost-effective ways of getting the same thing done.”

Before voting for the agreement, Commissioner John Vasquez said he found it “alarming that there’s such a difference in information put out by the [NMDOT].” He said if similar “discrepancies” are present a year from now, the transit district may not have his support.

Budget approved

The commission approved, 4-1 (Garrett dissenting), a final county

budget of \$154.3 million for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. This compares to a budget of \$153.4 million for FY 2016-2017 and \$149.9 million for FY 2015-2016.

The commission removed \$25,000 in funding for Film New Mexico from the budget published for the meeting. It also pulled into the budget \$675,000 from cash set-asides. This was to arrive at a new budget in which recurring expenditures match recurring revenues.

Garrett blasted the commission’s decision-making, which occurred after 5 p.m. when most members of the public had left the meeting. “It’s an abomination to me,” he said. “This a most unfair process and I’m very disappointed.”

After the meeting, Rawson said he was very pleased about the match between recurring revenues and recurring expenditures. “I count this as a tremendous accomplishment,” he said, noting this is the first time during his tenure as county commissioner, which began in 2013, this type of balance has occurred.

Internal audit advisory committee

Newly hired internal auditor Ernest Harvin, who did internal auditing in two South Carolina state government departments, presented a proposal for amending the county charter for its internal audit advisory committee. This committee has not func-

tioned for five years.

Harvin explained that the five-member committee interprets the commission-set



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guidance and policy regarding internal audits. To ensure “independence and irrep[ro]achabil[ity],” he recommended that, consistent with best practices, the charter be amended to not include county commissioners as members. Harvin recommended that committee members instead be certified public accountants, certified internal auditors, accounting educators, and/or those with related experience in business, finance, accounting, or auditing.

Garrett commended Harvin’s proposal which he said would avoid “giving two commissioners an undue amount of influence or the perception of it.” He said, “Allowing the internal audit committee and the auditor to function independently is a terribly important point.” Garrett noted that the five commission members share ultimate authority in setting policy and direction and will “have plenty of opportunity to have input.”

Solis said she wanted two commissioners on the internal audit advisory committee. Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez agreed, saying, “We need to see more control of what’s

going on.” Rawson said he tended to agree with Harvin and Garrett that commissioners should not be committee members.

The commission ultimately took no action regarding the committee charter. Vasquez said he would bring two proposals on the matter to the next meeting.

ATVs on paved roads

The commission will consider at a future meeting whether to allow operation of off-highway motor vehicles on paved county roads. By a 3-2 vote, the commission authorized publication of a notice of intent to enact such an ordinance.

Offering safety reasons, Undersheriff Ken Roberts urged the commission not to allow such a measure. He cited an ATV manual that warned never to operate on paved surfaces because it could “seriously affect handling and control.”

“My intent is ... to increase flexibility of residents in my district to get from one property to another,” Garrett said. While there are safety issues, he said, the responsibility lies with operators and owners of the vehicles, “and we need to have that discussion.”

Rawson said when the commission considers the ordinance, “We will have a full debate then.”

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Former spy to detail experiences behind enemy lines

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Much of Marthe Cohn's life sounds like a script for a really exciting action movie.

She was a spy for the French government during World War II, risking her life to cross into German territory to report on troop movements and battle plans. Later, she received the highest military honor from both the French and German governments.

Cohn, 97, will tell her story during a special presentation at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The event is sponsored by Alevy Chabad Jewish Center de Las Cruces.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$36 for advance seating and \$360 for sponsorships.

Cohn will sign copies of her book, "Behind Enemy Lines," during the program.

Cohn said her message to the audience is, "You have to know the past to prepare for the future. If you don't know the past you cannot do anything for the future."

Cohn sees "a lot of similarity" between what happened in Europe before and during WWII with what is happening in the world today "because there is so much nationalism going on and that's always unhealthy."

There are two dates that stand out in Cohn's mind from WWII: Sept. 26, 1942, when her sister was deported by the German government to an unknown destination, and Oct. 6, 1943, when her fiancée and his brother were executed by the German army.

"These are two the most vivid souvenirs of the war."

On July 14 (Bastille Day in France), 2000, Cohn was awarded France's highest military honor, the Médaille Militaire.

"I was extremely happy about it," Cohn said, "because it was the only proof of what I had done."

As a spy, she said, her activities "were so secret that you are in the army (and) you have no documents."

Surprisingly enough, the German government in 2004 gave Cohn the highest medal in Germany – the Order of Merit.

She was given the award, Cohn said, because she helped them create democracy in Germany.

The German government also told her that the infor-



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mation she provided as a spy helped to shorten the war and "saved an untold number of people."

Cohn said she will bring her medals with her to the Las Cruces presentation.

Cohn said she doesn't give advice to adults, but when she speaks to school children, Cohn she always tells them to be engaged and don't accept anything "that your conscience does not agree with."

The Rio Grande Theatre presentation will be Cohn's first trip to Las Cruces.

She has visited Santa Fe twice during her international travels.

For reservations, call 575-524-1330 or visit www.jewishlcc.com.

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RIGHT: Singer for The Alestorm, Christopher Bowes.

BELOW: Sworn In fans Johnny Escamillee and Adri Florez.

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Dave Rublin, bass player for American Authors



Music to their ears

Alternative rock/hardcore fans brave the heat Aug. 1 to hear some of their favorite bands at the NMSU Intramural Field as the day-long Vans Warped tour hit Las Cruces.



Marianna Humphries cheers for American Authors.



ABOVE: Sworn In

LEFT: American Authors lead singer Zachary Barnett motions to the crowd.



Elliot Vernon, keyboardist for The Alestorm.

Storm water: Monsoon's cat-and-mouse game

By **KAREN RAY**
For the Bulletin

High humidity, weeds galore, downed trees and flooding around our high desert region remind us that once again the annual monsoon season is here. Elephant Butte Irrigation District, along with many other entities, government and private, is hard at work dealing with all the extra water. One of the ways they're doing this is through their Stormwater Capture Program.

Surging storm water inflows can be harnessed and put to work similar to the concept of harvesting solar energy. In this case, the stormwater can be used for irrigating farmers' crops, reducing the need to release as much water from the reservoir and helping to recharge a depleted aquifer during the ongoing drought.

EBID Manager Gary Esslinger explains, "The problem with the monsoon season is you never know where it's going to hit so there could be an event in Hatch where everything is dry down here and it's just running full bore up in the Hatch area. We try to accommodate stormwater that's coming down from Hatch and then try to divert it into the Leasburg or Mesilla Dams."

The district has worked to become more sophisticated with monitoring and metering the stormwater using state-of-the-art instrumentation and developing management and reuse strategies.

The district must deal with what's in the river first and then determine if there is room to even put it in the canal system. Esslinger says, "The canal system is usually at capacity for irrigation purposes during July in the monsoon season; especially in a year like this year when we have a 2-foot allotment. When we only have an 8-inch allotment it's easier to receive that water into our system."

To avoid flushing "good Caballo water" into the drains the district at times must evacuate that water from the system, sending it into the river and picking it up again in Leasburg and Mesilla, while bringing in stormwater at Hatch.

"Hatch is unique too because there's eight or nine flood control dams there where the outflow channel goes directly into our lateral system, not directly into the river directly," Esslinger says. "The river is so far away from the retention dams that our network of canals and laterals is utilized to get the water to the river. I've experienced years where we've watered maybe a month in Hatch with water coming off of these flood control dams and not had to depend on releasing from Caballo or Percha to deliver this water."

He recalls that back in 2006, the year of the Hatch flood, Broad Canyon Dam drained for almost two months into the river, where it was redirected at Leasburg Dam.

Storm water capture is a "Cat and mouse game," Esslinger notes, "You have to almost look at every event, what benefits can you derive from it?"

Patrick Lopez, EBID's Hydrology Director, works with a team of District engineers and staff to increase monitoring across the district. They have placed RTU (Remote Telemetry Unit) sensors on arroyos, drains and dams in addition to the hundreds of miles of the conveyance system, working to develop a thorough information "net" to monitor potential stormwater.

Their goal is to increase the numbers of sensors out in the watersheds to help prepare and react to incoming storm flow. Esslinger says they're also in the process of increasing infrastructure to put rain gauges and flood control gates in the drains to help direct this sporadic stormwater resource.

In a recent letter to EBID employees, Esslinger said, "For the farmers to survive and for the food to continue to be produced here in Doña Ana County, a stable water supply is a must. It is with the innovative spirit of all of us working together that I believe we can continue to sustain our agricultural industry and our job feeding our Nation."

The district is beginning to see that directing captured stormwater into targeted areas of the depleted groundwater aquifer is one way to help meet that goal.



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Volunteers create city Parks and Rec outdoor mural

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

City of Las Cruces' mural program received help from Las Cruces native Margarita Paz-Pedro, Alma Tile in Albuquerque and community support to pay for a mural on a 15-foot wall space just outside the front door of the city's Parks and Recreation Department, 1501 Hadley Ave.

Helping Paz-Pedro create and complete the mural were Tyler Hassall, Jaden Rubio, Shaunna Foster, Keith Scott and Lorenzo Zepeda.

Funders for the mural in addition to the city include the Devasthali Family Foundation (through the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico);

Links of Life, LLC; Conchita Paz, the McClure Foundation, Claire Sheranick, Imelda Toledo, Carole France and Phyllis Denton.

The mural project was started in early June and will be completed in time for a public unveiling ceremony to be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, Foster said.

Foster said this quote from the late mural artist Eva Cockcroft summarizes the Parks and Rec mural project: "In the field of art, as in life, the ideological struggle is resolved only by deeds, by works of art and ultimately, by the people."

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



At work on the mural are Margarita Paz-Pedro, left, and Shaunna Foster.



ABOVE and LEFT: At work on the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department mural are, on the scaffold, Tyler Hassall, left, and Jaden Rubio. Working on ground level are Margarita Paz-Pedro, left, and Shaunna Foster.

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Young artists work on a city mural project for the Juvenile Citation Program. The 64-foot by six-foot mural "was for the Jardin de la Fortaleza garden and outdoor teaching space. You can visit the mural at 890 N. Tornillo St.

City has youth mural program

If you are in grades seven through 12 and you are an artist or you would like to be one, the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department has a program for you.

Parks and Rec's Mural Arts Program is for students of all levels of artistic ability "who have a desire to transform their community," according to the city website.

"Participants will become part of a skilled

team capable of producing high quality public art."

"We need young artists willing to learn and grow with the program," said City Senior Recreation Services Leader Lorenzo B. Zepeda.

Registration for the program is open throughout the year. Sign up from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Frank O'Brien Papen Center,

304 W. Bell Ave.

Program participants meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every other Saturday, with a current limit of 15 participants.

There is no cost to participate.

For more information, email Zepeda at lzepeda@las-cruces.org. Visit www.las-cruces.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation/teen-programs/mural-arts-program.

IN THE NEWS

Police chief to retire

Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime R. Montoya will retire on Dec. 23, 2017, City Manager Stuart Ed has announced.

Montoya was named police chief on Dec. 29, 2013.



MONTOKYA

Montoya is a 26-year veteran of the Las Cruces Police Department. He holds a bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University and graduated from the Las Cruces Police Academy in 1991.

During his career, he served as a patrol officer, traffic officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant and deputy chief in charge of the department's operations and budget.

In announcing Montoya's retirement, Ed said, "Jaime is a fantastic police chief and leaves behind a legacy of leadership. His department is professional and well run. He is a tremendous credit to our community. My deepest and heartfelt thanks to him and his family."

"It has been rewarding to work for the City of Las Cruces and its citizens," Montoya said. "I wish nothing but the best for the future of the Las Cruces Police Department and the city. I will never be able to repay the community, the city and the department for all they have given me. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with P.R.I.D.E."

City accepting event applications

The City of Las Cruces is accepting event funding applications for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Deadline to submit is 11:59 p.m. Monday, Aug. 28, 2017.

Eligibility requirements and a fillable and downloadable application can be accessed by clicking the "Event Sponsorships" button on the home page of the City website at www.las-cruces.org.

Sponsorships are available in three categories: tourism-related events, quality-of-life events and economic-impact events. Requirements for each are listed on the website.

Applicants may apply for funds for only one category during any funding cycle. All applications must contain a marketing plan, budget and list of sponsors and other funding resources. Completed applications and any supporting document will only be accepted in a digital format. Email to Janice Jones at jjones@las-cruces.org. Info: 575-541-2286.

'Coffee with the commissioner'

District 5 Doña Ana County Commissioner John L. Vasquez will be at the Radium Springs Community Resource Center, 12060 L.B. Lindbeck Rd., from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 6-7, and from 6-8 p.m., Aug. 9-10, to meet with constituents.

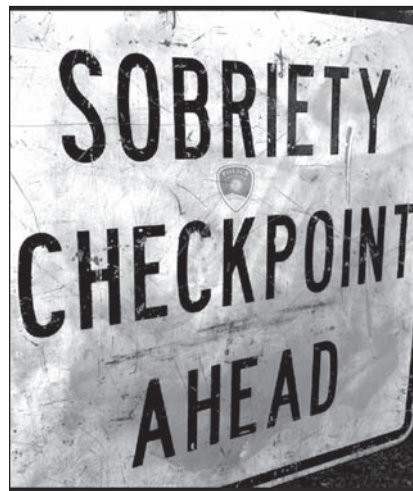
"There is no agenda for these meetings," Vasquez said. "I just want to give my constituents an opportunity to come share their thoughts and concerns with me in an informal setting."

Doña Ana blood drive nets 38 pints

Doña Ana County employees and the general public donated 38 pints of blood during the 17th Annual Judy Price Memorial Blood Drive held in the rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd.

The event was held in honor of the late Judy Price, who died Sept. 4, 2001, after a long battle with cancer. Price was a longtime employee and leader in Doña Ana County government, having been named acting county manager in 1995, 2000 and again in 2001 while the search for a permanent manager was underway.

The blood drive was coordinated by Janine Divyak of the Doña Ana County Planning Department, who oversees the event each year. Since 2001, Doña Ana County employees have donated more than 850 pints of blood in Price's memory.



LCPD plans checkpoints

Las Cruces Police will conduct at least five sobriety checkpoints and one saturation patrol within city limits during August.

Sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols are intended to

reduce and eliminate the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated.

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

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

Auto burglaries spike

The Las Cruces Police Department has received reports on at least 50 auto burglaries committed during the last week of July and every incident involved a vehicle that had been left unlocked.

On the 3000 block of Devendale Drive, alone, there were 17 reports of vehicles left unlocked and rummaged through during the evening of July 23 and into the early-morning hours of July 24.

Police remind and strongly encourage motorists to remove valuables, roll up windows and lock doors when leaving their vehicles unattended.

Most auto burglaries are considered crimes of opportunity and occur when valuables are left in plain sight and vehicles left unlocked.


Most auto burglary perpetrators simply cruise neighborhoods and large parking lots checking for unlocked vehicles or peering through windows for items of value.

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, luggage, packages, shopping bags, cell phone chargers, electronics, loose change, etc.) out of sight.
- Remove or properly secure tools and other valuables commonly kept in pickup beds.
- Do not leave spare keys or garage door openers inside your vehicle.
- Roll up windows and keep doors locked when leaving vehicle unattended.
- If possible, park in a well-lighted area or inside a garage.
- Consider using a self-arming audible vehicle alarm system.
- Consider installing security cameras or a motion-sensor home security system, such as a Ring video doorbell, that records images and sends alerts via cell phone when motion is detected.
- Immediately report to police any suspicious behavior or activity.

Anyone with information on auto burglary suspects is asked to call police at 575-526-0795.



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August 4-10
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As one of the occupants of the City of Las Cruces' Amador redevelopment project, Visit Las Cruces will move into a new office on the corner of Main Street and Amador Avenue later this year.

Visit Las Cruces eyes new offices

Local hotel bookings likely to increase as tourism grows

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

About 60 percent of Las Cruces' approximately 3,300 hotel and motel rooms are filled on average throughout the year. And the city is likely to see even more heads in beds as local economic development and tourism continue to grow.

Sometimes, as when Garth Brooks performed in Las Cruces earlier this year, or during the annual Las Cruces Country Music Festival and spring's local graduations, Las Cruces reaches full occupancy, said Visit Las Cruces' Executive Director Jennifer Bales.

Visit Las Cruces is also known as the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Bales was promoted as executive director in June when former head Phil San Filippo was appointed director of the city's newly expanded Economic Development Department.

Meetings and conventions, along with sports and leisure, are VLC's three

major markets, Bales said. VLC receives no gross receipts tax. Its funding is entirely by local lodgers tax.

The total estimated economic impact of 31 sports events in Las Cruces in FY 2017 was \$4.9 million, VLC Sports Sales Manager Ed Carnathan said.



BALES

"We're a great destination for outdoor sports," Bales said, noting that tournaments often book Las Cruces ball fields one to two years in advance.

The planned expansion of the Las Cruces Convention Center (LCCC) is likely to increase local room nights, Bales said, and the brand-new Home2Suites on Telshor Boulevard and New Mexico State University's plans for a hotel near LCCC will help meet that demand.

Currently, LCCC has only six meeting rooms, Bales said. The expansion "will allow us to bring in bigger and more conventions and bring an influx of new money" not only to hotels and motels, but

also to local restaurants, museums and other attractions and service providers like convenience stores and gas stations.

"We have a very good relationship with the New Mexico Department of Tourism," Bales said. The department's New Mexico True campaign helps promote many Las Cruces events, and the department is a continuing sponsor of the Las Cruces Country Music Festival, VLC's signature event.

"We work with a lot of people from throughout the state," said Bales, who is the New Mexico Hospitality Association's current board president.

Bales said VLC is also seeing success as the new manager of the historic Rio Grande Theatre (RGT) downtown.

"We've had really good feedback from the events we've had" since VLC took over theatre management on July 1, she said.

About 125 people attended the wide-screen presentation of "Singing in the Rain" in July, the first in RGT's new classic movie series, Bales said. Attendance at the first children's matinee, a

July 22 presentation of "Happy Feet," was about 175.

An Arizona native, Bales moved to Las Cruces in 2006. She celebrates 10 years with VLC in August, where she was director of sales and services before being named executive director.

When she's not at work, Bales likes being outdoors. As a native of Arizona, she said, "The heat doesn't bother me." Bales hikes in the Organ Mountains and said the number of hits on VLC's web page has increased significantly since Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument was established in 2014.

Bales said she hopes VLC will move into a new office by Thanksgiving as a tenant in the city's Amador Hotel redevelopment project under construction on the corner of Main Street and Amador Avenue.

For more information, call Visit Las Cruces at 575-541-2444. Visit www.lascrucescvb.org.

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NMSU receives STARS gold rating for sustainability

Editor's note: joni newcomer is lower case per request

By **DARRELL J. PEHR**
For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University has earned a STARS Gold rating in recognition of its sustainability achievements from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education.

New Mexico State University has earned a STARS Gold rating in recognition of its sustainability achievements. One measure of success was in Waste Minimization and Diversion. During 2015-2016, NMSU recycled 450 tons of material.

NMSU's STARS report is publicly available on the STARS website:

<https://stars.aashe.org/institutions/new-mexico-state-university-nm/report/2017-01-26/>.

"NMSU's Office of Sustainability completed its first STARS report in 2011 and achieved a Silver rating," said joni newcomer, NMSU's manager of the Office of Sustainability and the Environmental Education Center. "In 2012, with the help of many dedicated Sustainability Council members, we achieved a STARS Gold rating that expired in 2015 and the Council

members jumped on board again to do the report."

Information about sustainable practices, courses, programs and research projects from all colleges, individual researchers, faculty and administrative staff contributed to the report.

Since the first report in 2011, NMSU has used the report to raise awareness of sustainability efforts on campus and to achieve more sustainability-related successes. The STARS report allows the Office of Sustainability to share information on a global level regarding

NMSU's sustainability practices and performance.

"We are delighted to have achieved a Gold rating for the second time, knowing that we have made heartfelt efforts in increasing our environmental successes," newcomer said. "This report ties us together as a caring community with goals to take care of the environment here on campus and beyond, touching the lives of each one of us."

With more than 800 participants on six continents, AASHE's STARS program is the most widely recognized framework in the world for publicly reporting comprehensive information related to a college or university's sustainability performance. Participants report achievements in four overall areas: academics, engagement, operations and planning and administration.

"STARS was developed

by the campus sustainability community to provide high standards for recognizing campus sustainability efforts," said AASHE Executive Director Meghan Fay Zahniser. "NMSU has demonstrated a substantial commitment to sustainability by achieving a STARS Gold rating and is to be congratulated for their efforts."

Darrell J. Pehr may be reached at 575-646-3223; pehr@nmsu.edu



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Las Cruces, New Mexico

Tee off for the cause

Join us Friday, Aug. 25, for the Sixth Annual
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Fundraiser at the NMSU Golf Course.

Opening ceremony at 7:15 a.m., with two flights, one at 8 a.m. and one at 1:30 p.m.

The four-person scramble cost \$125 per person or \$500 per team, which includes meals and prizes.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided by sponsors:
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Prizes awarded for closest to the hole, longest ball, hole in one, golf ball drop and 50/50 split.

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Going for two

Barbara Hubbard, known affectionately as Mother Hubbard, enjoys a second 90th Birthday party July 27, held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. A pivotal figure in the Pan American Center's musical legacy, Hubbard had earlier observed her 90th in a room named after her at the Pan Am.



Masha San Filippo addresses guests at the birthday party.



Barbara Hubbard celebrates.



From left: David Clarke, Leah Salas, Wendy Clarke, Barbara Hubbard, Rebecca Bolton and Phil San Filippo.

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From left: Susie Kimble, Dave Kimble, Marilyn Bagwell and James Bagwell.



Jerean Hutchinson gives Hubbard a hug.

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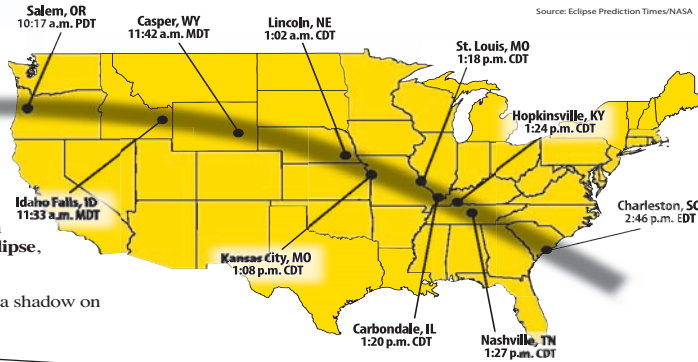
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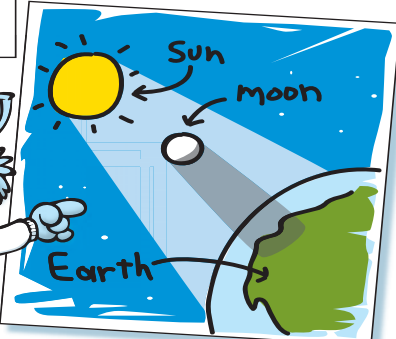
ECLIPSE 2017



On August 21st, there will be a **total eclipse** of the sun along a path across North America. People living outside the path of the total eclipse, will see a **partial solar eclipse**, which is amazing as well!

A solar eclipse happens when the moon casts a shadow on Earth, blocking all or part of the sun's light.

I drew this picture to show how an eclipse happens.



Replace the missing words. **END**
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Looking _____ at a solar eclipse can cause serious harm to your eyes. That is why I found some great _____ viewing tips from NASA. I even found an easy-to-make eclipse projector!

It can look like _____ in the middle of the day! At the time of an eclipse, some ancient peoples worried the world was coming to an _____ when it suddenly became _____.

After this solar eclipse, the next one over North _____ will be on April 8, 2024.



Woodward

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How long does the eclipse last?

Look at this chart showing the starting and ending times of the eclipse. Do the math to find out how long the eclipse will last in each city.

Where will it last the longest? _____
Where will it last the shortest? _____

PLACE	START TIME	END TIME	TOTAL
MADRAS, OR	10:19 a.m.	10:21:04 a.m.	
CASPER, WY	11:42 a.m.	11:44:26 a.m.	
ST. JOSEPH, MO	1:06 p.m.	1:08:39 p.m.	
CARBONDALE, IL	1:20 p.m.	1:22:46 p.m.	
NASHVILLE, TN	1:27 p.m.	1:28:56 p.m.	
COLUMBIA, SC	2:45 p.m.	2:47:30 p.m.	

SOURCE: greatamericaneclipse.com

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

EXPERIENCE	D M T N E I C N A G
BLOCKING	W O D A H S W D G L
ECLIPSE	S O T A I E T U N A
GLASSES	A N U H I S R S I S
ANCIENT	F N S V G P P K K S
SHADOW	E X P E R I E N C E
MIDDLE	L A T O T L L T O S
LIGHT	R A L O S C O N L I
TOTAL	M I D D L E G H B T
SOLAR	
MOON	
TIPS	
DUSK	
SAFE	
VIEW	

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Your Observation Skills

Select a photograph from the newspaper. Make a list of details you can observe, or see, in the photo. Give the photo and list to a friend and see if he or she can add more details.

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

Write On!

IT WAS SO COLD THAT...
Finish this story.

Kid Scoop Together: Be a Scientist!

Will animals in the zoo behave differently during an eclipse when the sky goes dark in the middle of the day?

That is what Nashville Zoo wants to find out. It has been more than 150 years since the last total solar eclipse occurred in Nashville.

Zoo officials are asking their visitors on that day to help watch the animals and record animal behaviors during the eclipse. They are asking people to take pictures, videos and write down what they observe animals doing during the eclipse.

What do you think the zoo animals will do? Will the nocturnal animals wake up? Will animals that sleep at night go to bed?

Write down what you think will happen. (Your hypothesis!)

HYPOTHESIS:

When the solar eclipse begins, listen to the sounds of the natural world around you. Do you hear birds singing? Crickets chirping? Owls hooting? Do the sounds change during the eclipse?

OBSERVATION:

What did you learn during the eclipse? Was your hypothesis correct?

CONCLUSION:

How to SAFELY View the Eclipse!

You can see the sun and the eclipse ONLY with special eclipse glasses or with these easy-to-make eclipse projectors below. NEVER look directly at the sun without protection. **REMEMBER: Regular sunglasses are not safe to view the eclipse.**

- Punch a small hole in a piece of cardboard.
- Hold it over a blank sheet of paper during the eclipse.
- Look at the piece of paper to see the eclipse projected onto it.
- Cool, simple and safe!
- Make a small opening in a cardboard box.
- Cover the opening with aluminum foil.
- Punch a pinhole in the aluminum foil.
- Cut a large opening at the bottom of the box.
- Tape a sheet of paper inside the box.
- Look through bottom of box to see a projection of the eclipse.

Extra! Extra!
Eclipse Adjectives
Look through the newspaper to find five adjectives that describe an eclipse.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

More at eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety

Young Park adds inclusive playground

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Young Park has the city's first inclusive play area.

The play area, added to the park among other improvements earlier this year, "allows all children and their families to play together, regardless of ability," according to www.las-cruces.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/parks/

parks-listing/inclusive-playground.

"An inclusive playground is one that has an aim to make it not only accessible, but to encourage and enable children to engage with one another," said Mara Kaplan of the Let Kids Play consulting firm based in Pittsburg and an expert in play spaces and toys for children with and without disabilities, according to www.letkidsplay.com.



ABOVE and BELOW: The new inclusive play area at R.L. Young Park, 860 S. Walnut St., the home of the Doña Ana Arts Council's annual Renaissance Arts Faire.

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The city Parks and Rec Department designed and built the play structure and purchased play equipment and safety

surfacing with about \$75,000 from the New Mexico Legislature, a donation from local Pic Quik stores, and the re-

mainder from the Parks and Rec Department and city park impact fees, said city landscape architect Cathy Mathews.

The play area's shade structure was donated by HB Construction of

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Young Park includes some beautiful new city landscaping.

Young Park was Sam Graft's first Las Cruces park design

R.L. Young Park, 860 S. Walnut St., was built over a landfill in the 1960s.

Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department Director Sam Graft, who had just started the job in 1968, was told by the Las Cruces City Council to level the site and build the park, Graft's widow, Sid, recalls. But he didn't want to "just throw the grass down and the trees," she said.

With backing from the city parks and recreation board, Graft and others "talked the city council into doing a lovely park," Sid Graft said, which includes a large open area, a lake and a number of berms (manmade hills).

Children love the berms, Sid Grant said. "They like to run up the side of the hill and roll down the other side."

Sam Graft "was all about people having fun in parks," she said.

"Sam was very proud of Young Park, his first project" for the city of Las Cruces. "He did leave a legacy."

Thanks to Sam's design, the berms are also an important part of Apodaca Park, Sid said.

Sam Graft was city parks and recreation director from 1968 to 1974.

He served as director of state parks under Gov. Jerry Apodaca from 1974-

78, and then returned to Las Cruces to assume the position of director of community facilities, which was created for him, Sid said. In that office, he oversaw not only parks and recreation, but the library, senior services and other city programs. Sam Graft died in April 2014.

Young Park is named for R.L. Young (1860-1932), who served as Third Judicial District attorney and was the second mayor of Las Cruces. He also was instrumental in the formation of Elephant Butte Irrigation District, was one of the founders of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

The city received money from the federal Land and Water Conservation fund for half the cost of building the park in 1968-69.

With new landscaping, the park today contains six benches, two drinking fountains, 11 grills, seven shade structures, two tennis courts, an open stage, a covered stage and 30 tables. It is, of course, home of the Doña Ana Arts Council's annual Renaissance Arts Faire, when Magellan the Dragon breathes fire in the Young Park lake.

— Mike Cook

PLAYGROUND

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Las Cruces and installed by Groundbreakers LLC of Las Cruces. The area's sensory panels were donated by Las Cruces Boy Scout Barrow Williams and will be installed by Parks and Rec staff, Groundbreakers and Boy Scouts.

Morrow Reardon Wilkinson Miller Landscape Architects of Albuquerque designed the project, Mathews said. The Landscape and Design Center, Inc. of Las Cruces was the contrac-

tor. The play equipment came from Landscape Structures through Exerplay, based in Cedar Crest, New Mexico, with installation by Groundbreakers.

It fits with existing play structures and picnic areas to create a play campus at Young Park.

"The initial concept for the playground includes swings for toddlers and multi-person swing; a big-kid bucket swing; musical instruments; a sheltered-dome play space; and slides, ladders and platforms connected with easy-access ramps," the city

website said.

The play space also includes boards with games and activities.

"The idea is to promote a variety of play experiences for learning, socializing, and challenging fun for children and their families and friends," the city said.

"The playground will be welcoming, safe and accessible for all children."

For more information, call the city Parks and Recreation Department at 575-541-2550.

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

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Branigan Library Friends Book Fair: 4-7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4-6, Barnes & Noble, Mesilla Valley Mall. A portion of each purchase will be donated to the library. Friends' members will distribute bookmarks to shoppers for an opportunity to win a Super Hero gift basket. Anyone who can't attend can visit online at bn.com/bookfairs. Enter ID 12182366 at the online checkout from Aug. 4-12 to benefit the Branigan Library.

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces: Local produce and crafts, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, Main Street Downtown.

Fundraising run: For local cross-country teams, 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Sagecrest Park on North Roadrunner Parkway. Sponsored by Las Cruces Running Club, the one- and two-mile runs culminate the Summer Youth Running Program and feature Las Cruces' newest paved walking/running path. Free breakfast will be served for runners, program participants, parents, sponsors and volunteers. Register at lascrucesrunningclub.com or onsite for \$15. Free to program participants and youths under 12. Info: 575-312-2584.

The Federation of Democratic Women of Dona Ana County: Monthly meeting, 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7, St. Clair Winery and Bistro, 1750 Avenida de Mesilla. Everyone welcome. Come by 5:30 p.m.

if you wish to order a meal or other refreshment. Info: Marianne Lappin, 575-644-0444."



Living history workshop: Dripping Springs Natural Area, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks and the Bureau of Land Management - Las Cruces District invite youth ages 9 to 15 to travel back to the 1800s and experience life during the time of Pat Garrett, Pancho Villa and Eugene Van Patten. Participants in costumes have an opportunity to participate in improvisation games and interact with others as a character in a time-travel performance. Pre-registration required. \$10 per child. Limit is 15 participants. Info: 575-523-1423 or info@organmntfriends.org.

Second Annual Summerfest: Noon-11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Blvd. Featuring New Mexico beers, wines and spirits. Live music all day, giveaways and contests. Info: 575-680-6394 or www.picachopeakbrewery.com.

Las Cruces Police Athletic League: Open meeting to include election of the executive board and to discuss and formally approve any changes in rules or regulations, 6:30 p.m., Aug. 9, Las Cruces PAL

Gym, 700 N. Solano. Info: email lascrucespalboxing@gmail.com



Food Truck Fiesta: Wednesdays, Aug. 16, Plaza de Las Cruces; Aug. 23, University Church of Christ parking lot; Sept. 6, Allen Theaters Telshor 12; Sept. 20, Plaza de Las Cruces.

Kids Need Kiwanis: Monthly business luncheon of the Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces, 11:30 a.m. Aug. 10, Bite of Belgium restaurant. Guest speaker is state Rep. Bill McCamley (D-33 Doña Ana County) on the topic of how we help kids in Las Cruces. Kiwanis also holds monthly social functions for its members. Info: Ed Fridenstine, 521-4694.

Republican Women of Mesilla Valley: Monthly meeting 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, Sunset Grill at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, 1274 Golf Club Road. Guests are welcome.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation: Annual banquet, 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, University and Union. The banquet is supported by local businesses and will have the usual (and some new) games, prizes, drawings, silent auction, live auction and a dinner. Tickets are available through Charles Tharp, 575-644-0080. Info: Las Cruces Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Facebook page.

Community Appreciation Day: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Aug. 26, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Museum offers free admission on this day each year to thank the community for its support and to showcase its outstanding exhibits and programs. Demonstrations and the Parade of Breeds cattle program will be held. Highlight this year is the 100th birthday of the chuck wagon.

The recently restored wagon will be on display and food samples will be available while supplies last. Info: www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org or 575-541-4100.

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

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

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

Summer at the library: Various summer events at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Summer hours are in effect, closed on Sundays until Sept. 10.

- Read to Me - Story time for ages 3-7, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays
- Teen Game Night - Games for teens at 4 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Mother Goose Time - Activities for infants and their adults, 11 a.m. Wednesdays
- Toddler Time - Story time for ages 1-3, 10 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays
- Rhythm Roundup - Music and motion for ages 2-5, 10:30 a.m. Fridays
- Library Lab - Activities and stories for ages 6-10, 3:30 p.m. Fridays

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The Hearing Voices

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Las Cruces Civitan Club:

Noon, second Tuesday; 6 p.m. fourth Tuesday, Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

Model Railroad Club:

10 a.m.-1 p.m. third Saturday, Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds, White Quonset Hut. Info: Mike Fifer, 575-526-8834

Brown Bag lecture:

Noon, second Tuesday, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Free lunchtime lecture. Info: las-cruces.org/museums, call 575-647-4480.

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild:

6:30 p.m. third Monday, American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Guests always welcome at meetings, which consist of brief business announcements, a program of interest to quilters, show-and-tell and door prizes. The guild offers quilt lessons, community service opportunities, sew-ins, an active outreach program and a biennial quilt show. Info: lascolcherasqq@aol.com or 575-521-0521.

Toastmaster Club:

7-8 a.m. every Tuesday, Doña Ana Community College Workforce

A taste of summer



FILE PHOTO

Jewelry designer Yanick D'hooge greets customers at the weekly farmers market downtown.



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Las Cruces beat the heat at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market Wednesday Night Market during the July 12 event, held at Plaza de Las Cruces on Main Street in Downtown Las Cruces. The evening market for August will be 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9. The final two evening markets of the year will be Sept. 13 and Oct. 25. Other upcoming Downtown events include SalsaFest on Aug. 19, Zombie Walk on Oct. 21 and the Chile Drop on Dec. 31. For information about the farmers market, visit www.fcmlc.org or find them on Facebook.

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

Ukulele kids club: 10:30-11:15 a.m. second and fourth Saturday, El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St. Free to elementary-school-age children who want to learn to play; loaner ukuleles available. No experience is necessary. Info: www.

lascrucsesukes.blogspot.com, www.facebook.com/lascrucsesukes, or 575-405-7133.

Elite Business Builders: 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesdays, Sonoma Ranch Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. Open networking, questions and answers, coffee and water with food available to order. Bring business cards. Info: Cheryl, 575-524-1201 or 520-730-4456.

Toastmasters Club: 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village community center, Kiva Room, 3100 Buena Vida Circle. Info: 575-642-0032, email lascrucestoastrasters@gmail.com or visit Toastmasters International website www.toastmasters.org.

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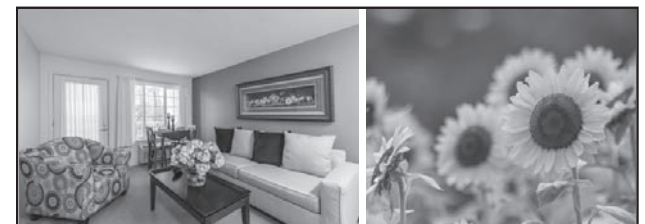
Noon second and fourth Wednesday at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3010 Buena Vida Circle. Soroptimist International of Las Cruces is a women's advocacy group. Info: silas-cruces@soroptimist.net.

Las Cruces Civitan Club:

Noon, second Tuesday; 6 p.m. fourth Tuesday, Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

Las Cruces Young Professionals:

Third Tuesday, Beck's Coffee House, 130 N. Mesquite St. Grab some coffee with fellow young professionals for a quick presentation about business or organization. Info and RSVP: www.facebook.com/lascrucesyp.



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COURTESY LCPS

LCPS Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing welcomes the 176 new employees hired by the district over the summer at the first annual new employee orientation, Monday, July 31 at Oñate High School.

New LCPS employees prepare for school year

BULLETIN REPORT

First-year teachers, school secretaries, nurses and custodians were among the 176 individuals, hired during the past few months by Las Cruces Public Schools, who gathered July 31 for the first time during LCPS' new employee orientation.

Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing and School Board President Maria Flores welcomed the employees who will fill jobs throughout the district.

"I promise, it will get easier," joked Ewing who addressed the employees, many of whom will be teaching students for the first time. Flores also told the group that each employee is "important to the overall education of our children."

Chief Human Resources Officer Dr. Miguel Serrano said it is not out of the ordinary to hire this number of employees when beginning a new school year. Included among the 176 new employees are 100 teachers, from preschool

through high school. In total, LCPS has slightly more than 3,000 employees, district officials said.

Among the topics discussed during the orientation were the collective bargaining agreements between the district and NEA-Las Cruces (which represents the certified staff such as teachers, nurses, counselors and special education specialists) and CSEC-Las Cruces (which represents the classified staff such as custodians, educational assistants, cafeteria

workers, and secretaries.)

Employee professionalism, expectations and benefits were also discussed.

Except for the two early college high school campuses, classes for all other schools begin on Monday, Aug. 14 for first-through-12th grades. Kindergarten and preschool classes begin Aug. 15 and 16, respectively. Arrowhead Park campuses are holding summer classes through Aug. 9 and begin their fall semester on Aug. 16, officials said.

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OBITUARIES

JOCELYN TRUJILLO-PIERCE

JOCELYN TRUJILLO-PIERCE, 14, of Las Cruces passed away Saturday, July 29, 2017. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.



NATALIA T. BENAVIDEZ

NATALIA T. BENAVIDEZ, 91 of Hurley, passed away Sunday, July 30, 2017. Services are entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las

Cruces 527-2222. For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas-cruces.com



JAMES L. HAYS

JAMES L. HAYS, age 85, of Las Cruces passed away Sunday, July 30, 2017. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222.



Arts Council welcomes supporters to new location

Wine, cheese, live music and conversation were the order of the day as the Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) held an open house to celebrate its move to the Bulletin Plaza, 1740 Calle de Mercado.

Local artists and art supporters joined DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers and her staff and board members for the event, held Friday, July 28. Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith was among those attending.

“The open house went so well — a

great turnout and so many creative ideas were generated at the ‘Imagine the Possibilities’ idea board,” Albers said. “The Arts Council is truly humbled and grateful for the community’s support and we look forward to serving the public through all the arts from our new location.”

DAAC moved into its new location July 1 after many years at the Rio Grande Theatre.

For more information, contact DAAC at 575-523-6403. Visit daarts.org.



Nicole Hamilton, a new addition to the New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department faculty, was among the guests at the Doña Ana Arts Council’s open house.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

Christine Sanders, a Las Cruces musician, singer, songwriter and member of the Hard Road Trio, helped provide live entertainment at the Doña Ana Arts Council’s July 28 open house.



The Doña Ana Arts Council’s Friday, July 28, open house drew a large crowd to DAAC’s new offices in the Bulletin Plaza, 1740 Calle de Mercado.



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Thomas Branigan Memorial Library will host “Celebrate Authors” on Sunday, Sept. 17.

Library’s ‘Celebrate Authors’ highlights local writers

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library will host more than 20 local writers of poetry, fiction, nonfiction and other works in September.

The event is called Celebrate Authors, and will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17 in the Roadrunner Room on the second floor of the library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Local authors “will display, sell and sign their books” during the event, said Branigan Librarian/Quality of Life Carmella Lee.

“Guests can circulate from table to table, taking advantage of the chance to interact with the authors.”

There is no charge to attend the event. Light refreshments will be provided.

Participating authors, with book titles and genre, will include

- Amy M. Bennett, “Campground Series,” fiction mystery;
- Stan Blitz, “American Bandstand: The Untold Story,” non-fiction history;
- Catalina Claussen, “Diamonds at Dusk,” young adult;
- Sharleen Daugherty, “Double Doll: Turning Myself Upside Down,” nonfiction memoir;
- Carroll de la O, “Border Days: The Adventures of Gus and Wendy,” children’s book;
- Paul Duerksen, “Pilgrims’ Journey,” fiction fantasy;

- Jim Eckles, “Deming, New Mexico’s Camp Cody: A World War I Training Camp,” nonfiction history;

- Richelle Elberg, “Saints and Strangers,” fiction mystery;
- Father Gabriel Rochelle, “A Staff to the Pilgrim: Meditations on the Way with Nine Celtic Saints,” nonfiction religion;
- Al Galves, “Harness Your Dark Side: Mastering Jealousy, Rage, Frustration and Other Negative Emotions,” nonfiction, psychology/self-help;
- Charles H. Harper, “Odyssey,” poetry;
- Laura Hebenstreit, “Beyond the Usual Coloring Book,” nonfiction, how-to guide;

- Yossi Lapid, “Snowman Paul: books, which received the Moonbeam Children’s book award), nonfiction children’s books;

- Brian Loya, “Old Dominion Journals,” science fiction;
- Deanna Dickinson McCall, “Split Reins,” poetry, short story;
- Patricia R. Mihok, “A Look at the Chihuahuan Desert,” nonfiction, nature;
- Pierre L. Nichols, “Secrets of the Blue Door,” nonfiction memoir;
- Pamela Porter, “Tortugas at 100: Steps in Time and Grace,” nonfiction community memoir;
- Bud Russo, “The Poet and the Singer,” fiction;
- Marcy Scott, “Humming-

bird Plants of the Southwest,” nonfiction nature;

- David Lee Summers, “The Astronomer’s Crypt,” fiction scary;
- Dorothy A. Webb, “Shadowman,” fiction mystery;
- Michelle Wing, “Body on the Wall: Poems” (poetry) and “Cry of the Nightbird: Writers Against Domestic Violence” (anthology with memoir, poetry, fiction)

For more information, contact Sue Fletcher, a member of the Author Committee of the Friends of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, at 575-521-8507 or sjfletch1940@yahoo.com.

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ALFONSO O. SERNA; DENISE C. SERNA; BENEFICIAL FINANCIAL I INC., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO, INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; BAHS BANK OF AMERICA FSB; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **August 16, 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 11835 Warrior Ln., Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 42, BUFFALO ESTATES SUBDIVISION NO. II, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 3535, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on October 22, 2001, and recorded in Book 19, Pages 740-742, Plat Records,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 1998 SCHU Double wide, VIN No. SA290429AB.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause

on July 13, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$147,732.01 and the same bears interest at 4.89% per annum from May 30, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Dates: 07/21, 07/28, 08/04, 08/11, 2017

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

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

BOKF, N.A. Plaintiff,

vs.

LEGAL NOTICES

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CHRISTINE B. GOLDEN AND JOHN DOE GOLDEN, WIFE AND HUSBAND; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; TARGET NATIONAL BANK; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4633 Mesita St. Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

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

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on September 7, 2017**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on May 22, 2017, in the total amount of \$158,785.51, with interest at the rate of 4.00% per annum from December 22, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assess-

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

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

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

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

1 NM-14-653902-JUD
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7/28/2017 8/4/2017
8/11/2017 8/18/2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-307-CV-2017-01128

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHNNY C. TARANGO, BEATRICE TARANGO AKA BEATRICE E. TARANGO, AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Johnny C. Tarango and Beatrice Tarango aka Beatrice E. Tarango,

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 1019s Espanola Street, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 4, Hoosier Subdivision, in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on January 7, 1953, recorded in Book 7, Page 33, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

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

Dates: 07/21, 07/28, 08/04,
2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

FRANCES RUTH PACHECO FKA FRANCES RUTH FLEMING; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FRANCES RUTH PACHECO FKA FRANCES RUTH FLEMING; SPRINGCASTLE CREDIT FUNDING TRUST, THROUGH ITS TRUSTEE WILMINGTON

TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 7225 Parrigin Way, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 3, KISSISH-PARRIGIN SUBDIVISION DIVISION NO. 6, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 2314, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON APRIL 22, 1992, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 17, PAGE 167, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on September 21, 2017**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on June 12, 2017, in the total amount of \$52,457.88, with interest at the rate of 6.8700% per annum from January 1, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility

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

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

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

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

1 NM-16-745168-JUD
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8/4/2017 8/11/2017
8/18/2017 8/25/2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-02280

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2007-HSBC1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HSBC1, Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY A. GARRETT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEFFREY A. GARRETT; LAS CASITAS CONDOMINIUMS, INC.; 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 24 Las Casitas, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

UNIT NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR (24), BUILDING NUMBER FOUR (4), LAS CASITAS, PICACHO HILLS, A CONDOMINIUM, WEST OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING SITUATED ON A 3.8701 ACRE TRACT OF LAND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM, RECORDED NOVEMBER 20, 1980 IN BOOK 148, PAGE(S) 432 THROUGH 472, AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED JANUARY 16, 1991 IN BOOK 259 PAGE(S) 82 THROUGH 124 OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED 3.85% INTEREST IN THE COMMON FACILITIES OF SAID CONDOMINIUMS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on August 10, 2017**, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on May 17, 2017, in the total amount of \$165,031.64, with interest at the rate of 7.70% per annum from August 26, 2016 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee For GSAMP Trust 2007- HSBC1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007- HSBC1, its attorneys, and the under-

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

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

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

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

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7/14/2017 7/21/2017
7/28/2017 8/4/2017

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

No. 17-0137

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. JAMES, JR., DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CHARLES DALE JAMES has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New

Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: July 6, 2017.

CHARLES DALE JAMES
1624 Nevada Avenue
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88001

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

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



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will accept Proposals for the following project in the office of the Director of Purchasing.

Proposal Invitation: 201702040-M Operation & Management of Food Service Location - Student Union Building Alamogordo Campus

Proposal Due Date & Time: 09/05/15 @ 2:00PM (MST)

Non mandatory Pre-Proposal @ 10:00 AM (MST) on 08/10/2017 at the NMSU Alamogordo Classroom Building Room 201 Alamogordo, NM

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at <https://NMSU.ionwave.net> to obtain a copy of this RFP electronically and be registered for future RFP for this commodity.

Date: 08/04, 2017



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NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-02044

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

vs.

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

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

LOT 9 IN BLOCK U OF STULL COLLEGE HEIGHTS BLOCK W AND PART OF BLOCKS T, U, & V, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 14, 1962 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 8 AT PAGE 80, 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

July 26, 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, Dis-
trict 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 26
day of July, 2017.

(SEAL)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

Joe M. Martinez
Deputy - Joe M Martinez

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-00795

**DITECH FINANCIAL
LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LUIS HERNANDEZ, DE-
LISHIA R. HERNAN-
DEZ; STATE OF NEW
MEXICO TAXATION
AND REVENUE DE-
PARTMENT; Defendants.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-
CO to Defendants, Luis
Hernandez and Delishia R.
Hernandez:**

You are hereby notified that
the above-named Plaintiff
Ditech Financial LLC 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 885 West
Wicker Road, Chaparral,

NM 88081. The real prop-
erty which is the subject
matter of this action is
legally described as follows:

LOT 15 IN BLOCK 1 OF
DELARA ESTATES - G.K.
ACRES, LOCATED IN
DOÑA ANA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO, AS THE
SAME IS SHOWN AND
DESIGNATED ON THE
PLAT THEREOF FILED
FOR RECORD IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
CLERK OF DOÑA ANA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,
ON DECEMBER 27, 1994
AND RECORDED IN
BOOK 18 AT PAGES
178-179, PLAT RECORDS.

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/ Jason Hoggard
Karen Weaver
Jason Hoggard
6501 Eagle Rock NE,
Suite A-3
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87113
Telephone No.:
(505) 219-4900
jhoggard

By: /s/ Catherine Sanchez
Karen Weaver
Catherine Sanchez
6501 Eagle Rock NE,
Suite A-3

Dates: 07/21, 07/28, 08/04,
2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-00949

**JAMES B. NUTTER &
COMPANY, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MARIETTA W. REED,
GENE A. REED; UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA
BY AND THROUGH THE
SECRETARY OF HOUS-
ING AND URBAN DE-
VELOPMENT;
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
to Defendants, Marietta W.
Reed and Gene A. Reed:

You are hereby notified that
the above-named Plaintiff
James B. Nutter & Company

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 400
Casad Road, La Union, NM
88021. The real property
which is the subject matter
of this action is legally
described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 8 IN
BLOCK NUMBERED 2 OF
REPLAT OF LOTS 6, 7, 8,
9 & 10, INCL. BLK 2,
WEST VALLEY FARM
SUBDIVISION, DOÑA
ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO, AS THE SAME
IS SHOWN AND DESIG-
NATED ON THE PLAT OF
SAID REPLAT OF LOTS 6,
7, 8, 9 & 10, INCL. BLK 2,
WEST VALLEY FARM
SUBDIVISION, FILED IN
THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK OF DO-
ÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO ON JUNE 22,
1977 IN PLAT BOOK 12,
FOLIO 108.

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/ Catherine Sanchez
Karen Weaver
Catherine Sanchez
6501 Eagle Rock NE,
Suite A-3
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87113
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(505) 219-4900
csanchez
@mccarthylolthus.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Dates: 07/21, 07/28, 08/04,
2017

NOTICE is hereby given
that on July 19, 2017, Isabel
Fajardo, 4028 San Ysidro
#15, Las Cruces, NM 88007,
filed application under OSE
File No.: 16653-1, with the
State Engineer for Permit to
Change Point of Diversion
within the Lower Rio
Grande Water Basin in Doña
Ana County by drilling
p r o p o s e d w e l l
LRG-16653-POD2 to a
depth of 200 feet with a
4-inch casing, in a location
within the SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄ of
projected Section 5, Town-
ship 24S, Range 2E
(NMPM) and more specifi-
cally located at or near
where X = 1,484,947.8 ft. &
Y = 455,821.2 ft. (NMSA,
Central NAD83) on land
owned by the applicant, and

discontinue the use of exist-
ing well LRG-16653-POD1
(LR502-0149), located on
land owned by the applicant
located within the SE¹/₄
NE¹/₄ of said projected
Section 5 and more specifi-
cally described where X =
1,484,940 ft. & Y = 455,815
ft. (NMSA, Central NAD83),
for the continued diversion
of up to 3.0 acre-feet per
annum of shallow ground-
water for domestic one-
household use as described
in Subfile No.:
LRS-28-002-7068 of the
Lower Rio Grande Basin
Hydrographic Survey. The
applicant has requested
emergency authorization to
drill the proposed well under
NMSA, 1978, Section
72-12-22. The site of pro-
p o s e d w e l l
LRG-16653-POD2 will be
located southwest of Tortu-
gas, NM and may be found
approximately 719 feet
south of the intersection of
Holy Cross Rd and S. Main
St. at the property address of
231 Boggy Lane, Las Cru-
ces, NM 88007. Existing
well LRG-16653-POD1.
(LR502-0149) will be prop-
erly plugged.

Any person, firm or corpora-
tion or other entity having
standing to file objections or
protests shall do so in
writing (objection must be
legible, signed, and include
the writer's complete name,
phone number and mailing
address). The objection to
the approval of the applica-
tion must be based on: (1)
Impairment; if impairment,
you must specifically identi-
fy your water rights; and/or
(2) Public Welfare/Conser-
vation 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 provi-
sions of Chapter 72 NMSA
1978.

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

NOTICE is hereby given
that on July 10, 2017,
Martha and Pedro Flores, 37
Cielo Dorado, Anthony, NM
88021, filed application
numbered
LRG-16610-POD2, OSE
File No. LRG-16610-1, with
the State Engineer for Permit
to Change an Existing Water
Right within the Lower Rio
Grande Underground Water
Basin in Doña Ana County
by drilling replacement well
LRG-16610-POD2 with a
4-inn casing to a depth of
260 feet, on land owned by
the applicants, located with-
in the NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ of
projected Section 17, Town-
ship 27 South, Range 3 East
(NMPM) and more specifi-
cally located near the inter-
section of X=1,514,255.43
ft. Y=347,862.81 ft., NMSA,
Central NAD83, for the
continued diversion of up to
3.0 acre-feet per annum for
domestic one-household pur-
poses as described by Sub-
file No.: LRS-28-018-7007
Right B of the Lower Rio
Grande Hydrographic Sur-
vey. Existing well
LRG-16610-POD1 (also
known as LRS18-0017)
shall be plugged. The appli-
cant requested emergency
authorization to drill and use
replacement well under
NMSA, 1978, Section
72-12-22. The proposed re-
p l a c e m e n t w e l l
LRG-16610-POD2 is loca-
ted south of Las Cruces, NM
along Highway 28 and
located at 905 Kriegel Road,
La Union, NM.

Any person, firm or corpora-
tion or other entity having
standing to file objections or
protests shall do so - in
writing (objection must be
legible, signed, and include
the writer's complete name,
phone number and mailing
address). The objection to
the approval of the applica-
tion must be based on: (1)
Impairment; if impairment,
you must specifically identi-
fy your water rights; and/or
(2) Public Welfare/Conser-
vation 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
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1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J,
Las Cruces, NM 88005
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sions of Chapter 72 NMSA
1978.

Dates: 07/28, 08/04, 08/11,
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NOTICE is hereby given
that on June 21, 2017,
Deborah G. Michael &
James A. Michael, PO Box
833, Fairacres, NM 88033,
filed application under OSE
File Nos.: 14534-1 &
LRG-1472-1, with the State
Engineer for Permit to
Change Point of Diversion,
Change Purpose of Use, &
Change Place of Use of
Underground Water within
the Lower Rio Grande Water
Basin in Doña Ana County
by changing the purpose of
use of 2.0 acre-feet of
underground water diverted
f r o m w e l l
LRG-14534-POD3 located
within the SE¹/₄SE¹/₄ of
projected Section 1, Town-
ship 23S, Range 1E NMPM,
& more specifically located
at or near the intersection of
X = 1,473,840 ft. & Y =
484,398 ft., NMSA Central
NAD83 currently used for
mobile home purposes loca-
ted within the SE¹/₄SE¹/₄ of
said Section 1 (NMPM), to
be instead used for the
irrigation of 0.77 acre of
land owned by Victor Perez
IV & located within the
NW¹/₄ of projected Section
15, Township 23S, Range 1E
(NMPM) to be diverted from
existing well LRG-1472 lo-
cated within said NW¹/₄ of
said projected Section 15
(NMPM) & more specifi-
cally located at or near the
intersection of X =
1,460,492 ft. & Y =
477,795.6 ft., NMSA Central
NAD83 located on land
owned by Victor Perez IV.
The place of use will change
from mobile home use on
the abovementioned prop-
erty owned by the applicants
to land owned by Victor
Perez IV as described above.
Well LRG-1472 is located
approximately 1,208 feet

southeast of the intersection
of Highway 192 & Sequoia
Drive south of Mesquite,
NM at the property address
of 705 Sequoia Dr, Mes-
quite, NM 88048. Existing
well LRG-14534-POD3 will
be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corpora-
tion or other entity having
standing to file objections or
protests shall do so in
writing (objection must be
legible, signed, & include
the writer's complete name,
phone number & mailing
address). The objection to
the approval of the applica-
tion must be based on: (1)
Impairment; if impairment,
you must specifically identi-
fy your water rights; &/or
(2) Public Welfare/Conser-
vation of Water; if public
welfare or conservation of
water within the state of
New Mexico, you must
show how you will be
substantially & specifically
affected. The written protest
must be filed, in triplicate,
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protest or objection is filed,
the State Engineer will
evaluate the application in
accordance with the provi-
sions of Chapter 72 NMSA
1978.

Dates: 07/21, 07/28, 08/04,
2017

NOTICE is hereby given
that on June 30, 2017, Dal J.
& Krista J. Frost, 13300
Smokey Rd. Unit 2, La
Mesa, NM 88044, filed
application numbered
LRG-15565-POD1, OSE
File No. LRG-15565, 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-15565-POD1 to a
depth of 400 feet with a
16-inch casing, in a location
within the NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ of
projected Section 35, Town-
ship 24S, Range 2E
(NMPM) and more specifi-
cally located at or near the
intersection of X: 1497524.3
ft. & 427801.6 ft (NMSA



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Central NAD83) on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-821, located on land owned by Richard Boyer & Barbara Ann Diver located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said projected Section 35 and more specifically at the intersection of X: 1497482 ft. & Y: 428145 ft. for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow ground-water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 7 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said projected Section 35 as described in Subfile No. LRS 280050099 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-15565-POD1 will be located northwest of Mesquite, NM and may be found approximately 870 feet north of the intersection of Vine Ave. and Smokey Rd., Mesquite, NM. Existing well LRG-821 will be retained for other rights.

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

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

Dates: 07/21, 07/28, 08/04, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 30, 2017, Paul Finch on behalf of Judith Ann Finch, 1029 N. Armijo, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-11533-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-11533 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-11533 located within part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 01 East, NMPM, on land owned by Judith A. Finch and drilling replacement well LRG-11533-POD3 to a depth of 150 feet with 4-inch casing to be located at approximately X = 1,474,841.9 Y = 479,797.3 ft. NMSP, Central Zone, NAD83, on land owned by Judith A. Finch for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one-household purposes. Proposed replacement well LRG-11533-POD3 will be located at the physical address of 1029 N. Armijo, Las Cruces, NM. Existing well LRG-11533-POD3 will be properly plugged. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

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

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 7, 2017, Marty Dale and Ozena M. Franzoy, PO Box 217, Hatch, NM 87937, filed application numbered LRG-8526-POD5, OSE File No. LRG-08526-1, 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 plugging existing well LRG-8526-A and drilling replacement well LRG-8526-POD5 with a 10-inch casing to a depth of 100 feet, on land owned by the applicants, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 18 South, Range 4 West (NMPM) and more specifically located near the intersection of X=1,342,735.9 Y=622,690 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, no surface water right in Court Order, for the irrigation of 4.55 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 26 as described by Subfile Order No.: LRR-28-005-0070 Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Adjudication. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The well, LRG-8526-POD5, is located north of Hatch, NM and may be found approximately 198 feet north of the intersection of Highway 187 and Carriage Hills Road, near Salem, NM.

Dates: 07/21, 07/28, 08/04, 2017

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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

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Unit A19
Richard E. Medina
3815 S. Main #E
Mesilla Park, NM 88047
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Couch, TV, tires, trash

Unit G06

Tony Ortiz
1406 S. Espina #4
Las Cruces NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Hutch desk, sofas, stereo, misc. items

Unit H25

Christopher R. Halverson
1601 N. Saba St. #242
Chandler, AZ 85225
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Electric heater, copier, table, misc items

Unit N14

Tiffany Morales
6523 Puffin St
Las Cruces, NM 88012
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Flat screen TV, recliner, wooden bed, lots of boxes.

Unit P12

Johnny L. Etie
1205 S. Espanola #2
Las Cruces NM 88001
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
Curio cabinet, tool cart, wet vac, TV, misc. items

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Dates: 08/04, 08/11, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-01346

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF

ASHRAF LAITH ABDUL--RAZZAK AL-JOUMAYLY FOR CHANGE OF NAME

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that **Ashraf Laith Abdul--Razzak Al-Joumayly**, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from **Ashraf Laith Abdul-Razzak Al-Joumayly to Ashraf Laith Mohammad**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the **9th day of August 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.** at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)
Respectfully submitted,
/s/Ashraf Al-Joumayly
Ashraf L. Al-Joumayly

Dates: 07/28, 08/04, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PB-2017-0079
Judge Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DON L. THOMPSON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within 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 the Bates Law Firm, PO Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED: July 20, 2017.

/s/Bobby G. Barnes
Bobby G. Barnes
Personal Representative of the Estate of Don L. Thompson, Deceased

PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY:

BATES LAW FIRM
PO Box 305
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
(575) 524-8585
(575) 524-1895 (Fax)

/s/ Lloyd O. Bates
Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Attorney for the Estate

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-01511

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **August 23, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2850 Meriwether Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

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

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will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on July 18, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$141,514.16 and the same bears interest at 6.560% per annum from August 16, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

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

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

DM-2017-105
Judge Perea

**ANNA CECELIA BARTZ
and BLANCA ALICIA
FLORES Petitioners**

v.

**JULIE ANNA FLORES
Respondent**

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE KINSHIP GUARDI-
ANSHIP OF CECELIA
BLANCA FLORES, born
February 12, 2004.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

**TO JULIE ANNA
FLORES:** You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioners have filed in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County a verified Petition for Order Appointing Kinship Guardian.

You must file an Answer or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

GRACE B. DURAN
Attorney for Petitioners
230 S. Alameda Blvd.
Bldg 2
Las Cruces, N.M. 88005
(575)541-0329

Witness the Honorable Conrad F. Perea, 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 19 day of July, 2017.

(Seal)

**CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT**

By: Paloma Nava
Deputy

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

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

No. D-307-CV-2016-02503
JUDGE ARRIETA

**MESILLA VALLEY
HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY, Plaintiff,**

v.

**ESTATE OF TINA PER-
EZ (A/K/A TINA LU-**

**CERO); THE UNKNOWN
HEIRS, PERSONAL REP-
RESENTATIVES, DEVI-
SEES, OR LEGATEES
OF TINA PEREZ; ALL
UNKNOWN CLAIM-
ANTS OF INTERESTS
ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF;
JIMMY RAY PEREZ,
JANELLE PEREZ
AND ALL UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on August 28, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance to the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of Defendants the Estate of Tina Perez (a/k/a Tina Lucero), the Unknown Heirs, Personal Representatives, Devises, or Legatees of Tina Perez; All Unknown Claimants of Interests Adverse to Plaintiff; Jimmy Ray Perez, Janelle Perez, and All Unknown Occupants in and to the below described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4958 Kenmore Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88012 and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 5 in Block numbered F of Rincon Mesa Subdivision Phase 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Rincon Mesa Subdivision Phase 1, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 20, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 157-158.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on July 14, 2017, being an action to foreclose a real estate mortgage and assignment of interest under which Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate securing payment of its Judgment in the principal sum of \$79,245.35, plus attorney's fees of \$8,516.00, taxes in the sum of \$873.68, insurance premiums in the amount of \$509.23, costs of \$631.66 and gross receipts tax of

\$712.78, plus the costs of this action including the Special Master's fee and fee for publication of this notice. This sale is being made to satisfy the Judgment, and will be made to the highest, best and most qualified bidder for cash, provided:

a. That the buyer is one whose household qualifies as a low-income family as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and will use the Property as its principal residence; or

b. That the buyer is a non-profit entity providing housing assistance to low-income families as defined by the same agency.

Plaintiff may bid its judgment or any part thereof. The time and date of sale may be postponed by the Special Master if he deems it advisable.

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.

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.

The attorney for the Plaintiff is Benjamin J. Young of Holt Mynatt Martinez P.C., Post Office Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2699.

KYLE MOBERLY
Special Master

Dates: 07/21, 07/28, 08/04,
08/11, 2017

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

No. 17-0157

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF LINDA
ANNE RICKARD,
DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

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

DATED: July 5, 2017.

JUDY ANNE DAILEY
582 Shore Drive
Largo, Florida 33771

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

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

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

No. 17-0148

**IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
CECILIA MIRANDA,
DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

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

DATED: June 23, 2017.

MARIA LUISA
CORDOVA SERNA
P.O. Box 916
Mesilla Park,
New Mexico 88047

Prepared by:
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New Mexico 88001
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Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 07/21, 07/28, 08/04,
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**THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
STATE OF
NEW MEXICO**

No. D-307-PB-2017-00080

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
HENRY DIETER
WEINSCHEL, deceased**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice if this Notice is given by publication as provided in Subsection A of Section 45-3-801 NMSA 1978, or within sixty (60) days after the mailing or delivery of this Notice for creditors who are given actual notice as provided by Subsection B of Section 45-3-801 NMSA 1978, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 320 Osuna Rd NE, Unit G-4, Albuquerque, NM 87107, or filed with the Doña Ana County District Court.

DATED: July 17, 2017

ZIA TRUST, INC., Personal Representative of the Estate of Henry Dieter Weinschel, deceased

By:/s/ Teresa DeMenge
Teresa DeMenge,
Vice President &
Senior Trust Officer
6301 Indian School Rd NE
Suite # 800
Albuquerque, NM 87110

(505) 881-3338

KENNETH C. LEACH &
ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By /s/ Kenneth C. Leach
Kenneth C. Leach

Attorney for Zia Trust, Inc.,
Personal Representative of
the Estate of Henry Dieter
Weinschel, deceased
320 Osuna Rd NE, Ste. G4
Albuquerque NM 87107
(505) 883-2702

Dates: 08/04, 08/11, 08/18,
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- 2010 Hyundai Sonata 6LS** Used stk#S4511. \$6,500 Sale Price. \$0 Down, 7.5% APR, OAC @ 48 months. **\$171/mo.**
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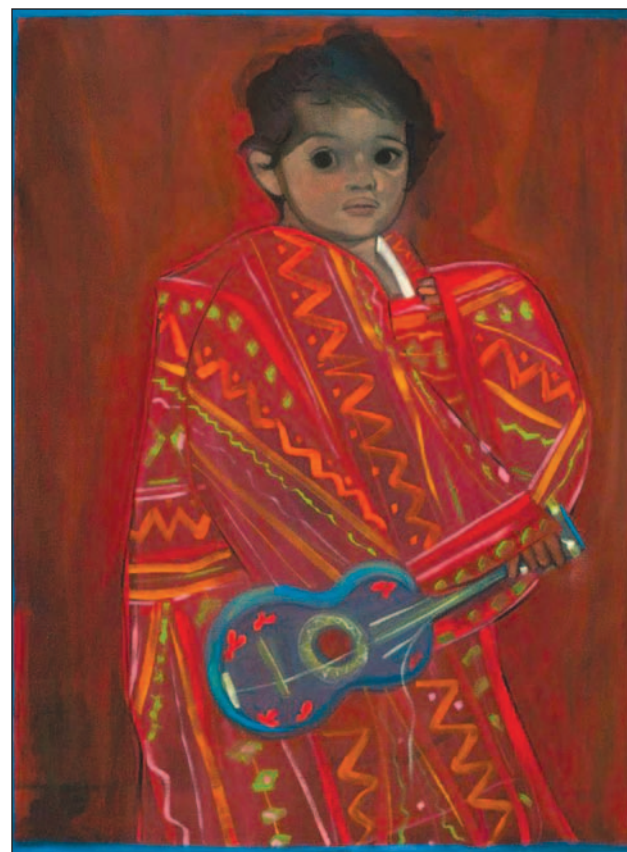
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Leave Me Alone, Leaf



Soy marichi

Californian brings unique style to Las Cruces

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Sonya Fe grew up in California, and made her first drawings with crayons and chalk.

During a career spanning more than 60 years, she and her unique art have been featured on the covers of magazines like “Sacramento Talent” and New York’s “Sun Storm Fine Art,” “Elan” (the September 1990 issue also featured Julia Child, Gloria Allred and Linda McCartney), “Joaquin” and even in actor Cheech Marin’s “Papel Chicano” art book.

Fe’s works have been shown internationally, and hang in many galleries, museums and private collections.

Fe relocated to Las Cruces with her husband, Arturo Vasquez, and small black poodle, Chico, in mid-June. An author and retired school superintendent, Vasquez wanted to become a part of the history and culture of Las Cruces and Mesilla.



Rafael, brother



One day they won't need masks

“I’m an artist; I can live any place,” Fe said.

Born in 1952 near Sacramento, California, Fe grew up in a family of eight. But her father, a bus driver, and her mother, a bookkeeper,



Sonya Fe by Trish Oakes

were both interested in the arts. Her father, who liked to sketch in his free time, often took Fe on outings so she could observe the work of other artists and do some of her own drawing.

As they looked at commercial art, Fe remembers her father saying to her, “It’s pretty, but it’s empty. There’s no soul to it.”

Her father’s advice to the young Sonya was, “Dig deep.”

“That’s why a lot of my paintings have a message to them. I try to go beyond just a pretty surface.”

Fe’s art depicts “a lot

of women’s and children’s issues,” she said, but she doesn’t leave men out.

The titles Fe gives to her works are often as creative as her art, including “An Everyday Saint you don’t recognize,” “And at 60, you just sit and pick your nose” and “Only one of you shall not betray me.”

Fe’s unique style, however, defies labeling.

“I don’t want to be put in a little box,” she said.

Fe also finds that painting and drawing are “two different media.”

“Painting is hard work, and I enjoy it when it

comes out like I want it to,” she said. “Drawing is more of a relaxing form for me.”

Making art for her is both a career and a compulsion.

“If I don’t do it, I get crazy,” she said. “I see it as a curse many times. If it doesn’t come out right, I can’t sleep at night.”

Fe said she paints or draws several hours a day during the week, but takes weekends off to “get out of the studio.” She often works on four different paintings at the same time, moving from one to the other and then coming back with “a fresh look.”

Fe is anxious to finish setting up Sonya Fe Studios at her new home on Cortabella Street. She plans an open house in the next few weeks.

Her drawings are often in pen and ink. When she paints, Fe sometimes uses a credit card to get lines and edges just right.

For more information, contact Fe at vasquezal@aol.com. Visit www.artistsonyafe.com/fine_art_prints and en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonya_Fe.

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



Don't Let the Child in You Die

EVENTS CALENDAR

Howling Coyote Coffeehouse

Open-Mic: 7 p.m., Aug. 4, the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.

Book signing: Las Cruces author Win Jacobs signs copies of her new work, "Wander Woman," at Coas bookstore, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. The memoir, subtitled "A Recollection," begins amid the potato fields and salt water of eastern Long Island as the Great Depression slowly ends and World War II begins. The writer describes the tale as "a quiet book, with depth charges."



JACOBS

begins amid the potato fields and salt water of eastern Long Island as the Great Depression slowly ends and World War II begins. The writer describes the tale as "a quiet book, with depth charges."

Crafts for Kids: "Space Visitors," 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 5, all about visitors from space; "Fly Me to the Moon," 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Aug. 12, creating crafts about space travel; "Look to the Stars," 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 19, crafts that allow you to look at the stars. Held at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. 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. Info: www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org or 575-541-4100.

Music camp: Four-day camp titled "No Bully Zone, 9 a.m.-noon Monday-Thursday, Aug. 7-10, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Free. Dr. Douglas Weeks, St. Paul's music director, has written a new kids' musical that camp members will perform live during St. Paul's 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Aug. 13. Info: 575-526-6689.

Culture series: "The Life & Music of Badger Clark," 7 p.m., Aug. 10, New Mexico Farm &



New Desert Harmony Singers will hold a summer concert at 7 p.m., Aug. 12, at Atkinson Recital Hall on the New Mexico State University campus. The theme is "Let the Sunshine In." Tickets are \$10, available at Hubbard's Music-N-More, White's Music Box, St. Paul's Methodist Church, a NDHS member or at the door.

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Little Table Contraband

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Cordova

SAT AUGUST 26 • 7:30 PM **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**

A Tribute to Selena - Live performance

SUN AUGUST 27 • 3:00 PM **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**

Contemporary Ensemble

MON AUGUST 28 • 6:30 PM **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**

Behind Enemy Lines: The True Story of a Jewish Spy in Nazi Germany, A Historic Evening with Marthe Cohn

THU AUGUST 31 • 7:30 PM **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**

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Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The words of one of the most revered cowboy poets of all time are put to music during the one-hour show. Free. Info: www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org or 575-541-4100.

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

August

12 – “Sing”

26 – “The Lego Batman Movie”

September

9 – “The BFG”

23 – “Finding Dory”

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

August

6 – Prime 80’Z, 80s music; Twisted Hams, classic rock

13 – Tom Morris, country; The Egyptian Lovers, rockabilly

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

27 – Nosotros, Latin; Never Ending Flame, rock

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

Big Band Dance Club: Dance to CD music with high quality sound that includes ballroom, Latino, swing, country and salsa, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Night Creatures: 4:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 4, Museum of Nature & Science

Farmers and crafts market: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesdays and Saturdays, Plaza de Las Cruces

The Big Latch On: 8:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 5, Plaza de Las Cruces

Culture Club: Watercolor and salt art, 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 5, Branigan Cultural Center

Artrageous: 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 5, Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St.

Animal Encounters: Animal symbiosis, 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 5, Museum of Nature & Science

Scientific Fun for Families: Magnetism, 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 5, Museum of Nature & Science

Miss Las Cruces/Miss New Mexico reception: 5-9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 6, Plaza de Las Cruces

RIO GRANDE THEATRE EVENTS

211 N. Main St. Info: www.riograndetheatre.com, 575-541-2290.

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

- Aug. 10: Em & Pop Jazz, jazz/blues/country/rock fusion

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

- Aug. 24: Cordova, fusion of different styles

- Aug. 31: Mariachi Alma de Jalisco, mariachi

Movies at the Rio Grande: Noon, Aug. 12, children’s matinee “The Rescuers,” (1977), doors open at 11 a.m.; 7 p.m. “The Godfather” (1972), doors open at 5:30 p.m., children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. \$1 at the door, cash only. Concessions and catering, including beer, wine and spirits, will be available for purchase.

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

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

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

Thursday, Aug. 17, at the Alma de Arte School, 410 Court St. Free dance lessons beginning at 6:45 p.m. taught by a member of the NMSU DanceSport Team. Admission \$8 adults and \$5 for students. Beginners, singles and couples welcome. Dance partner not necessary. Info: 575-496-2761.

Contra Dance: The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance is sponsoring a contra dance at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Aug. 18. Little Table Contraband will be playing and Lonnie Ludeman will be calling.

No partner is needed. Beginners and newcomers are welcome and should come for instruction at 7:30 pm. Cost \$6, youth \$4, family \$15. Info: www.snmds.org or 575-522-1691.

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

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild: 6:30 p.m. third Monday of each month, American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Meetings consist of brief business announcements, a program, show-and-tell and door prizes. The guild offers quilt lessons, community service opportunities, sew-ins, an active outreach program and a biennial quilt show. Info: Linnea Egbert at 575-521-0521, linneanjce@aol.com or visit www.lcqq.org.

Art classes: Noon-12:50 p.m. Wednesdays, for high school students, My Place Jewell Studio, 132

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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. Info: lascrucesukes.blogspot.com, 575-405-7133.

Guitar lessons: Hunter Beck specializes in classical but teaches theory, history and technique for all styles of guitar. Info: 575-522-5181.

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 still life and landscape. 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 per session. Info: Rick Rotante, 909-233-0425.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Participants in the shadow cast and costume contest at the 2016 showing of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at NMSU.

'Rocky Horror' showing includes shadow cast, costume contest

FOR THE BULLETIN

One of the most popular cult films of all time returns for a one-night-only showing at New Mexico State University in August.

"Rocky Horror Picture Show," will be screened at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18 at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave., at the corner of University and Espina Street.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for ticket sales. A costume contest (prizes will be awarded) and movie-related games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The screening will also include a "Rocky Horror" shadow cast.

Everyone who attends is encouraged to wear Rocky Horror costumes.

The cost is \$10 for orchestra seating, which includes a prop bag. Balcony seats (no prop bag) are \$5.

The screening is a fundraiser for the Amer-

ican Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC), which is the nonprofit that benefits NMSU theatre

arts students. For more information, call 575-642-2980. Visit nmsutheatre.com.

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Foods of New Mexico

Through Aug. 6 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Watercolor artists in southern New Mexico show their creations in the exhibit. Info: 575-522-4100 or www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

Frank Peacock and Bob Zolto

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, will feature two local artists for the month of August, Frank Peacock and Bob Zolto.

Peacock, the son of a New Mexico pioneer family, is known for dramatic use of color and texture. His work has been included in museums, cultural centers and university exhibitions across the United States. His works, once dedicated to the ever-changing landscape and ancient American symbols and imagery, now reflect the majesty, grace and hope intrinsic to nature's forms.

Zolto, from New York City, is a self-taught photographer whose work is influenced by Ansel Adams and Joe McNall. He moved to Las Cruces in 2009 after a 40-year career as an editor for The New York Times.

The gallery's newest member, Jane Madrid, is an oil and acrylic artist, with themes centering on nature, with emphasis on animals, flowers and landscapes. Her works have been displayed at numerous locations around Las Cruces.

Gallery hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Info: 575-522-2933, www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

American Plains

The American Plains Artists 32nd Annual Juried Exhibit & Sale will be on display in the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's Legacy and Traditions galleries, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, from Aug. 4 through Nov. 5. A free reception with refreshments will be held 5:30-8 p.m. Aug. 3. The exhibit features 104 two- and three-dimensional realistic and representational artworks in traditional media that depict the American Great Plains regions – its landscape, wildlife, people and way of life in historical and modern times. The Awards Juror is Alfredo Rodriguez, internationally recognized for his outstanding paintings of the American West. Info: www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org or 575-541-4100

August Art Ramble

The Downtown Art Ramble is held 5-7 p.m. on the Friday of each month through the art and cultural corridor in downtown Las Cruces. The Art Ramble tours the galleries, shops, businesses and restaurants that enhance our wonderful downtown. This self-guided tour allows an opportunity for shopping, refreshments and more. Two of many artists to be featured include new Las Cruces Arts Association Director Dennis Lujan and photographer Wayne Suggs. For more information and a map, visit daarts.org/downtown-art-ramble.

From the Ground Up

From the Ground Up XXVIII Regional Juried Ceramics Exhibition, featuring ceramic art by artists living in the Rocky Mountain region, opens with a reception 4:30-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4 at Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St., and continues through Saturday, Oct. 21. An artists' reception and awards presentation will be held 4:30-6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, co-hosted by the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces.

The first of two artists' panel discussions will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, in the Branigan Cultural Center, next to the Museum of Art. Participating artists are Deborah Moore, Barbara Williams, Glenn Schwaiger, Dina Edens and Andrew Nagem.



New Las Cruces Arts Association director Dennis Lujan will be featured at the August Downtown Art Ramble.

The museum is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: 575-541-2137, museums.las-cruces.org.

Sea to Shining Sea

With emphasis from coast to coast, including New Mexico, plein-air renderings related to water will be featured by the team of Amy Hosa of San Francisco and Flo Hosa Dougherty of Las Cruces. The opening is 4-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11, at the Blue Gate Gallery, 4901 Chagar near the intersection of Valley Drive and Taylor Road.

This will be the mother-daughter duo's seventh shared show. Flo recently spent a month in California's coastal areas and returned with reference paintings and sketches, which she is refining in oil, water color and acrylics. Amy's paintings will reflect Pacific sites as well as scenes of the Atlantic from Maine, where she has been contracted to teach for the tenth consecutive year later this summer. Her subject matter consists of wharfs, shores, boats, beaches and sea life.

Until the opening, one may visit Flo Hosa Dougherty's studio to view paintings in progress by making an appointment at 575-523-2950.

Fauna & Flora of New Mexico

The photography of Nirmal Khandan is featured at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, from Aug. 18 to Dec. 3 in the Arts Corridor. An opening reception will be held 5-7 p.m. Aug. 24. The images capture a variety of birds in their natural habitat. Khandan aims to bring awareness of the diversity and beauty of the local avian life, as well as the importance of habitat. Info: www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org or 575-541-4100.

A funny thing happened on my way to bed one night ...

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

I was just about to turn in one night a couple of weeks ago when I got a text from my friend, Brandon Brown. He's directing "Noises Off" at Las Cruces Community Theatre, and needed an actor to take over a role in the show. So, I am actually reporting from behind the lines instead of just talking about what other people are doing. This is the first full-



MIKE COOK
Theatre 101

blown stage production I've been in since about this same time last year, when I got to be in "The Homecoming" at LCCT.

"Noises Off" – I love

the abbreviation: NO – is like NO other play I've ever been in, and that's probably true for everyone else involved. To say the blocking is somewhat complicated is like saying Henry Fonda was not a bad actor.

I play Lloyd Dallas, the director of the play within the play. I've acted in a lot of theatre in the last 15 years, but I've never directed and probably never will; this is likely the closest I'll ever get to that experience.

Lloyd is a wonderful character full of wit and sarcasm: "Freddie, have you ever thought of having a brain transplant?" "Tell me, Poppy, love, how did you get a job like this (she's the assistant stage manager) that requires tact and understanding? You're not someone's girlfriend are you?" (She is, in fact, Lloyd's girlfriend.)

He also refers to "Nothing On," the play he is directing in "Noises Off," as "... doors and sardines. That's what it's all about."

For me as an actor, a great



PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK,
FOR THE BULLETIN

ABOVE: Bob Diven plays Freddie, who plays Philip in "Noises Off," which opens Aug. 11 at Las Cruces Community Theatre.

RIGHT: Stephanie Vasquez Fonseca plays Belinda, who plays Flavia in Las Cruces Community Theatre's upcoming production of "Noises Off."

theatre experience is more about the people I'm in the show with than it is about the play itself. The cast and crew of "Noises Off" include some of my closest friends and favorite people to act and interact with. I am so grateful for this experience. There should be a separate story about NO in this week's paper. I hope you will join us.

BOBA CAFÉ AND CABARET

"Soul Sisters" opens Friday, Aug. 4 at Boba Café and Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St., and runs for two weekends. The show, produced and directed by the fabulous Megan McQueen, features vocalists Marybeth Torres, Asiah Thomas-Mandlman and Tawanda Suess-



brich-Joaquin, with keyboard accompaniment by Mark Klett. Songs will include "Be My Baby," "Chain of Fools," "Back to Black" and "Set Fire to the Rain."

Shows will be on Friday and Saturday nights, Aug. 4-5 and 11-12. The dinner show seats at 6 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7 p.m. The cocktail show seats at 8:15 p.m., with the

performance beginning at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50 for the dinner show and \$12.50 for the cocktail show. Reservations are recommended for both performances. For reservations, call Boba at 575-647-5900 for more information.

BLACK BOX THEATRE

Just down the street from LCCT, Black Box Theatre opens

its 19th season on Friday, Aug. 18, with "Headset: A View from the Light Booth." The play continues through Sunday, Sept. 3. This is the fourth of playwright William Missouri Downs' works Black Box has produced, and he is expected to be there on opening night. Visit <https://no-strings.org/> for reservations and additional information. Because I'm in "Noises Off," I won't get to review this play (we'll find someone else for that happy task), but I'm looking forward to seeing it.

ROCKY HORROR SCREENING

My enduring memories of the annual screening of "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at NMSU are cleaning up after the event. The screening is a fundraiser for the American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC), and will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18 at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts. As in past years, if you pay \$10 for floor seating, you get a fabulous prop bag. Most of the contents, along with the bags, wind up on the floor of the theatre.

Lucky ASTC board members like me get to clean up after the show. I have a terrific collection of multi-colored pipe cleaners hanging from the turn signal in my pickup as a result. As I will be performing in my own show elsewhere that night (see above), I won't be able to help with this year's screening – or cleanup. Someone, please save me a few pipe cleaners!

If you go, get there early. The Center for the Arts will open at 5:30 p.m. for ticket sales. A costume contest and other games will begin at 6:30 p.m. And, the event usually sells out. Balcony seats, by the way – sans prop bags – are \$5.

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'Maudie' is a rosier version of the true story

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

Fact or fiction?

Well, I guess you might say that the film "Maudie" is fact turned into fiction.

After seeing this moving and well-acted picture, I read that Maudie's real life was anything but the mostly happy, yet the hard life that she really led and that is not truly depicted on the screen.

Maud Lewis, superbly offered up by actress Sally Hawkins, is the subject — a folk artist, although some might label her work as outsider art — who achieved an amount of fame during her life in Nova Scotia, although the picture was shot in Newfoundland and Ireland.

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You have a full week to see this interesting picture... at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

She was well-known throughout Canada and somewhat in the states, to the point where even Richard Nixon contacted her for some of her work, which she never charged more than \$10 for.

Her art is simple and bright-pictures of everyday life in rural Canada, featuring plenty of flowers and animals, with a bit of a fondness for cats.

The film opens with an aged version of Maud

painting on the wall of her tiny cramped home, where she lives with her fishmonger husband, very well-played by Ethan Hawke, although actor Rip Torn is a natural for the part.

Everett, said husband, is a somewhat uneducated lout who lives outside the tiny village where Maud is living with her aunt, a sharp detestable woman, who is being paid by Maud's brother to let her live there, since Maud has a physical deformity, (she was possibly afflicted with juvenile arthritis) which somewhat limits her mobility.

Unbeknownst to Maud, her cloddish brother has sold their parent's house and is about to abscond with all the money. He



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Ethan Hawke as Everett Lewis and Sally Hawkins as Maud Lewis.

briefly stops by the rigid aunt's home to let her know of his doings and receives a well-deserved tongue lashing from the furious Maud.

From here, Maud is determined to make it on her own and she hires on as a housekeeper and cook for the doofus Everett, a cold prickly man who won't have his routine upset by this newcomer. So much is he devoted to his routine that he tells Maud that if she wants a place to sleep that is not on the floor, then his bed is the only place to be.

She begrudgingly joins him, but successfully puts off his sexual 'advances' by telling him that if he wants to do 'that', then they need to be married. Everett is wanting to do 'that' so a wedding takes place.

Life continues in Everett's rundown one-room shack, which Maud perks up considerably by painting small works on the walls and doors and even a window or two.

Maud's work is taken note of by a seasonal visitor from New York, who

soon commissions Maud to do a picture, subject of her choice. This helps Maud's work achieve the public eye, and leads to her selling her works at her home and perks up the rundown Everett who sees the value of the work but also claims all of the money from same as well. In later years, in real life, Everett tried his own hand at imitating Maud's work and did well. Sadly, he was murdered by a rapsallion who tried to rob the home.

Maudie is well written and sublimely acted by both leads and on occasion touches on truth. Later in the film, we are told that Maud has a daughter from a bad relationship and Everett can track her down and take Maud to the daughter's home, although Maud declines meeting her and just observes her from afar.

Apparently in real life, Maud refused to have anything to do with her daughter or her daughter's children, eschewing them for reasons that aren't very clear.

It is hard to decide

whether this version of Lewis's life works or if a more realistic and darker version would have been of keener interest. But either way, Maud's work is enough to brighten anyone's day.

At one point, she tells Everett "I love a window ... the whole of life already framed" — which adds essence to a final scene where Maud's aunt makes a minor attempt at amends, telling Maud that she was probably the only happy member of the family.

Maud Lewis passed away in 1970, from emphysema, probably brought on by her smoking, paint fumes and wood smoke in the hovel that she lived, which was totally unchanged even after her success.

Maudie is elegant and forceful, but I still wonder what the "real" version would be like.

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Filmmaker has Brits, New Yorker in local production

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces filmmaker Julian Alexander brought colleagues from New York City and London to Las Cruces in July to work on a film he wrote and directed.

Actor Lana Young from the Big Apple and filmmaker Sean Brown and film teacher Gabrielle Russell from the Smoke joined Alexander and about 30 cast and crew members for four days of filming at the Coachlight Inn, Palacio Bar and a downtown alleyway in Mesilla, and at locations in Albuquerque.

“Beat Blue,” a 15-minute short written in rhyme, tells the story of a police officer (Young) who is on a stakeout, where she encounters her half-brother (played by New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department graduate Josh Horton), who is “involved in some criminal activity,” Alexander said. The encounter leads Young’s character to lose her job. The film also stars D’nette Wood and Antonio Valles.

“Beat Blue” is Alexander’s master’s thesis film for the Northern Film School (NFS) at Leeds Beckett University in Leeds, England. Alexander has been attending NFS for two years since graduating from NMSU’s Creative Media Institute for Film and Digital Arts.

The film “is the culmination of everything I went there to do,” he said.

“I’ve always been a fan of stunts, poetry and character stories. After deep thought, I was eventually able to write a crime drama entirely in rhyme, and people actually liked it! This opportunity is everything to me, and I’m proud to bring the film back to New Mexico, a place that molded me as a filmmaker; it was only right we shoot in Cruces.”



On the set of “Beat Blue” in Las Cruces are, left to right, cinematographer Sean Brown, actor Josh Horton, director Julian Alexander and actors Lana Young and Anthony Valles.

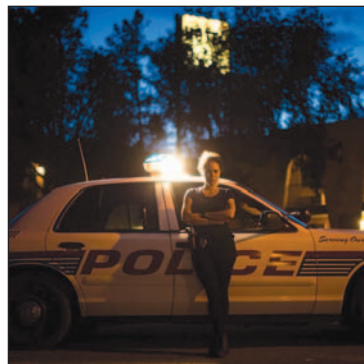


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New York actress/director Lana Young on location during the July filming of “Beat Blue” in Las Cruces and Albuquerque. The film was written and directed by Las Cruces filmmaker Julian Alexander.

NFS is “really excited” about “Beat Blue,” he said. “New Mexico is an entirely foreign place to most folks across the pond. A glimpse into the desert life excited them.”

Alexander has written, directed and acted in a number of local films. “Buffalo,” which he wrote and directed, was featured in the 2016 Cannes Film



PHOTO BY SYDNE ROPER

Las Cruces filmmaker Julian Alexander, who wrote and directed “Beat Blue.”

Festival Short Film Corner. He also has acted and directed in local theatre.

“Beat Blue” is Alexander’s second film for NFS. His first, “Leo,” was shot in England and France.

Brown, the “Beat Blue”’s cinematographer, is a native of Nottingham, England, who made his fourth visit to the U.S. and his first to New Mexico to

crew Alexander’s film. “It’s great,” said Brown, although he found the choice between red and green chile somewhat confusing. Brown, like Alexander, is pursuing a master’s in filmmaking at NFS.

The cast and crew of “Beat Blue” are “flying around, doing it very well,” said Russell, who is an NFS film teacher and creative team member. Supervis-

ing the film meant her first trip to Las Cruces.

“Everything I’ve seen is so beautiful. People are kind,” she said.

Young, who has a recurring role on the OWN television series “Greenleaf,” said she took a part in “Beat Blue” for the opportunity to play a lead role. “Once I read the script and looked at Julian’s other work, I knew that it was a smart move. Having never been to Las Cruces was enough to get me excited about the project.

“The role was also very appealing to me, as I have never played such a bad-ass detective before. Julian really challenged my mind, body and soul. It’s a heartbreaking and inspiring story about family and redemption that I was proud to breathe life into.”

Young has also appeared on “Kevin Can Wait,” “Bull,” and about a dozen other TV shows, and in about a dozen movies.

“It took a village to make this happen from both sides of the world,” Alexander said. “Keagan Karnes and his team at Hardline Films, Jenn Garcia and Tiffany Neely, produced the film on the ground in New Mexico. Pilar Cartró Benavides produced from Leeds after scouting with us in New Mexico earlier in the summer. NFS has a very supportive film program, and with this being the very first MFA thesis film, they entrusted me to make something the school can be proud of. The majority of my team and half of the cast are Aggies out of NMSU. I believe this film can be proof that southern New Mexico has something to offer.”

Alexander said the film should be finished in November, and he plans to enter it in festivals around the country.

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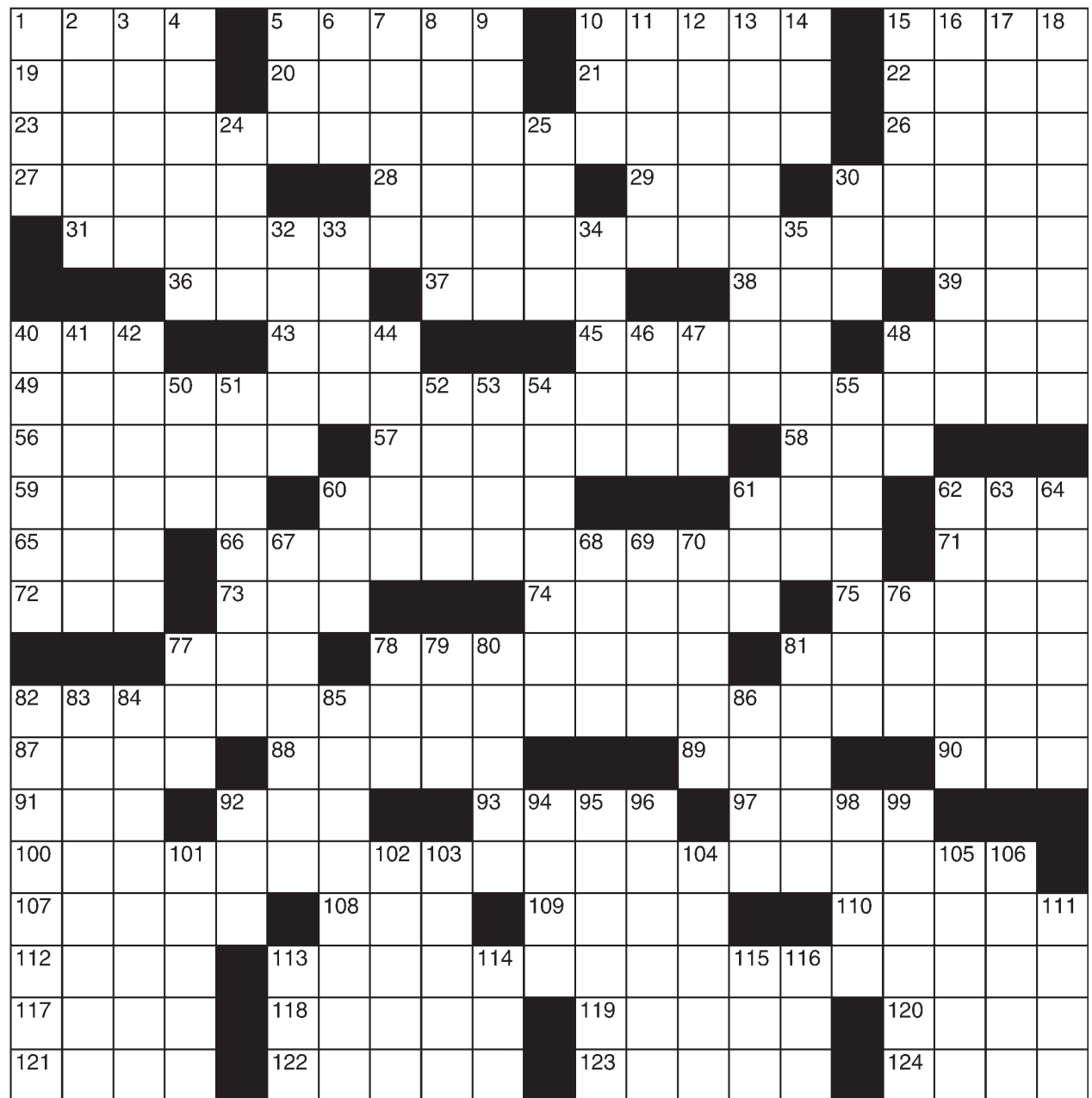
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'Water on the Border' touches ancient needs

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

With watery history and a dash into the future, the "Water on the Border" exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center provokes deep thought.

So many concepts about water are well represented by a talented group calling themselves "Border Artists."

The show sets out to cover the influence of water on life on the border, the culture and diversity of the landscape and human interactions. It includes art from the whimsical to the

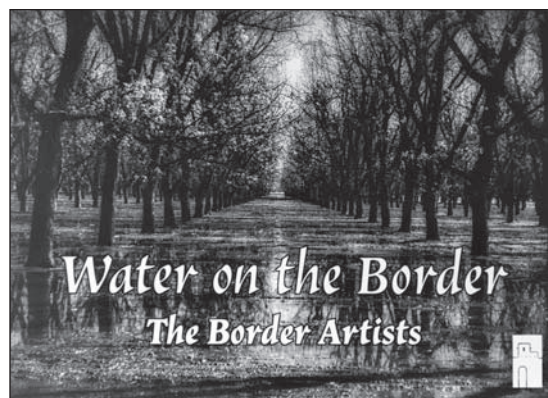
representational, photographic to sculptural, and often colorful paintings.

Bob Willis' large painting "Horses Crossing the Rio Grande" splashes a rainbow of powerful hue and texture showing the foal taken for the first time to water by his mother. "Rafting the Rio," a small dimension painting by Rosemary McLoughlin, depicts the whimsy of cats taking to the river on a variety of floatation devices.

"Reverberation" by Tauna Cole and "Thirst" by Suzanne Kane take water connections to a more primitive level by

painting and sculpture, catching movement in Cole's painting and desperation in Kane's sculpture. Cole's piece separates the canvasses, with the water source in the middle and uses and results radiating out of the center. Kane's piece is metal, a bit threatening, like a twirl of barbed wire protecting/warning people away from the source of life.

There is Terry Wolf's "Above Desert Ocean," depicting the variety of plant life supported by just a few drops of water. And Amanda Jaffe's "Cool Warm" boat, alive and warm when in water



and grey and dead where it sits on the ground. But Jaffe's boat is not the only one of her pieces that are partly "Drained of Color."

Photographer Emmitt Booher's "flowing water - Now and ?" is a powerful triptych of glowing archival pigment prints focused on agriculture, trees and the use of acequias in Mesilla Valley.

With "House of Rain" Margaret Brier has created a jewelry piece with silver, surf agate and amazonite reflecting the power of water in our lives. This reversible

piece is inspired by the "Thirsty Mask" found atop a water catchment system built at Hueco Tanks, Texas, by people who lived there long ago.

Each piece in this exhibit is done in a thoughtful and beautiful manner and certainly worth your time. The exhibit is on display through Sept. 16.

The museum is located at 501 N. Main St. and is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

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'Noises Off' set to open at LCCT

BULLETIN REPORT

"Noises Off" is unique in its challenge to actors and its appeal to audiences.

It opens Friday, Aug. 11, and continues through Sunday, Aug. 27, at Las Cruces Community Theatre, 330 N. Main St. downtown.

The three-act play has been called the best farce ever written. It follows a troupe of actors as they perform a sex farce within the play at a series of small theatres in the 1970s English countryside.

Onstage, they can't seem to get anything right as they try to make entrances through seven doors and two windows that sometimes won't open juggling plates of sardines, bags and boxes.

Backstage is even more chaotic, as the actors struggle with multiple props and costume changes, all while dealing with the bruised egos and broken hearts from the very personal relationships among the cast and crew.

"Noises Off" was written by British playwright and author Michael Frayne. It premiered at the Lyric Theatre in London in 1982 and has been performed around the world. The play was made

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Boba Cabaret brings 'Soul Sisters'

BULLETIN REPORT

A trio of beautiful and talented young women will take the stage at Boba Cabaret with "Soul Sisters."

The show opens on Friday, Aug. 4 and continues for eight performances through Saturday, Aug. 12.

Marybeth Torres, Daniela Castorena, and Tawanda Suessbrich-Joaquim will be accompanied by Mark Klett on the piano. The show is produced and directed by Boba Artistic Director Megan McQueen.

The 14 songs to be performed during the show range from 1960s hits like "Be My Baby" to more contemporary favorites like "Set Fire to the Rain," and will include harmony and movement.

"We've had a tradition of girl group shows at



Performing in "Soul Sisters" at Boba Cabaret Aug. 4-12 are, left to right, Marybeth Torres, Daniela Castorena and Tawanda Suessbrich-Joaquim.

PHOTO COURTESY MEGAN MCQUEEN

Boba since 2009," McQueen said.

"While I love artists like Adele and Amy Winehouse, I grew up

on Aretha Franklin and Etta James," said Torres, whose idea it was to do the show. "Representing decades of great music

feels like the perfect fit for us friends."

"What's remarkable is how active these young people have already

been as music makers," McQueen said. "Tawanda has recorded two albums of original music – 'Halogen' (2014) and 'The Chiva' (2016). In addition to songs made famous by Lesley Gore, The Marvelettes, Alicia Keys and Destiny's Child, Suessbrich-Joaquim will perform one of her original songs.

"Marybeth has consistently sung live at various venues, including hosting Sweet Cece's popular open mic for several years. And Daniela has been performing substantial roles in musicals and concerts since high school."

Klett maintains a YouTube channel showcasing his music that has more

than 14,000 subscribers and almost three million views.

Performances of "Soul Sisters" will be Friday and Saturday nights August 4, 5, 11, and 12. There will be two performances each night. The dinner show seats at 6 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7 p.m., and is \$27.50 per person. The cocktail show seats at 8:15 p.m., with the performance beginning at 8:30 p.m., and is \$12.50 per person.

Reservations are recommended for all shows.

For reservations or more information, call Boba Café and Cabaret at 575-647-5900. Boba is located at 1900 S. Espina St.

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into a 1992 movie.

The cast includes David Edwards, Bob Diven, Eric Brekke, Heather Hosford, Stephanie Vasquez Fonseca, Nora Brown, Nana Nguyen, Mike Dick and Mike Cook.

Brandon Brown is directing the play. Cindy Pitts is the stage manager. Lennie Brown is the costumer and Robert "Bobcat" Young is doing the makeup. Lighting is by Chris Lininger.

Show times are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, Aug. 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26; and 2 p.m. Sundays, Aug. 13, 20 and 27. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens, students and military, \$11 each for groups of 10 or more and \$10 for children under age 12. For reservations and more information, call 575-523-1200 or visit lctnm.org.



PHOTO BY MIKE WISE

Stephanie Vasquez Fonseca (Belinda Blair, who plays Flavia Brent in the play within the play) and David Edwards (the burglar) rehearsing a scene in Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "Noises Off," which opens Aug. 11.

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Stardom begins in Las Cruces

By ALTA LeCOMPTE
Las Cruces Bulletin

Chris Soular left the green room of his Las Cruces Channel 98 studio, returning shortly with a yellowing black and white poster promoting Soular Enterprise's "new sound" – the new sound of the 1970s.

On the poster, five young men wearing jump suits stand in stair-step order, a family vocal group a la the Partridge family.

That's exactly what they were.

The poster is a piece of Hollywood history – and the show business history of the Soular family.

Their story began in Las Cruces, unfolded in Hollywood and now continues back home in Cruces.

Returning to their roots

Following a California career that included own-

ing a record company and a comedy club, Chris Soular started the TV station in Las Cruces in 2009 – because nobody else had.

Channel 98 produces, directs, airs, and promotes the family's shows and the shows of others who want to air on local Comcast TV.

As always, their venture is a family affair. Chris Soular's wife Dawn Dodd-Soular, produces shows and is director of acquisitions.

Both grew up in Las Cruces, where their moms were best friends.

"I knew Chris since I was 5," Dawn Dodd-Soular said. The two reconnected in California when she took his TV production class.

She attributes her passion for show business to her dad, New Mexico country singer Tony Dodd.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

Chris Soular, general manager of Las Cruces Channel 98, shoots a promo in his Elks Drive studio.

Hollywood beckons

Chris Soular is the son of trumpet player and construction worker Raymond Jaramillo of the New Mexico '50s big band The Kingsmen Orchestra.

"When the construction company lost its contract with White Sands, he moved to California at age 21 to pursue a music career and do construction," Chris Soular said. "He started Soular Records, and in the daytime he worked at Pink's Hot Dogs in Hollywood."

Chris and his brother Ray Soular formed a software distribution company in 1984, later sold it, and Chris found work in film studios.

"I did internship programs with schools and colleges," he said. "If you came in, you got the same education they charge \$50,000 for at a film institute."

That's entertainment

Meanwhile, singer Dawn Dodd-Soular produced and directed 120 music and interview shows live in nightclubs.

The duo opened their own Hollywood club, Waldo's Comedy Station.

Among performers who later found fame in comedy were Jamie Kennedy and Johnny Sanchez.

In 2005 the Soulars moved back to Las Cruces and enrolled their children in Holy Cross Catholic School. Chris Soular asked about the school's video production program.

He learned there was none. A year later, he volunteered to start a class.

"I took my equipment

and set it up, then applied for a \$10,000 grant for them to get their own equipment," he said.

"We had the most PSA winners of any school in Las Cruces from 2007 to 2012."

Soular said he teaches video production, not film.

"It's immediate," he said. "You tape it and it airs this weekend, tonight or even live. You can come in and in less than two hours have your own TV show."



Carol Carnes records her weekly program, "Living Consciously."



Ash Soular, niece, staff member and Messianic singer-songwriter, prepares Maria Carmen for shooting her local children's show.

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The local lineup

Since 2009, the Soular's have recorded 3,000 shows with an assortment of producers.

The current lineup includes a children's show, a locally focused talk show, "Double Talk," with Mark Steffen and Michael Mandel. On a show called "Gig," local performers host and present music videos.

A series, "Historic Families of Las Cruces," is completing its final show about the Paz family in the City of the Crosses.

A mainstay of Channel 98 is religious and spiritual programming. Monsignor John Anderson, formerly of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church,



Soular at the monitors in the studio control room

produced more than 300 Channel 98 shows for seven years and is returning to the air shortly.

Meyer Stahl's Bible-based "What Is Truth?" airs at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

At 11:30 a.m. Saturdays Carol Carnes of the Mesilla Valley Center for Spiritual Living presents a practical approach to achieving one's spiritual potential. Her show is called "Living Consciously."

Carnes, who relocated to Las Cruces from Southern California two years ago, said Soular is a genuine professional who is "wonderful" to work with.

"And he's so generous," she said. "He uploads my show to YouTube and promotes it on Channel 98."

Cooks in the kitchen

Soular said he is in discussion with four local

chefs about doing cooking shows as soon as he finishes remodeling the kitchen in his studio on Elks Drive.

He collaborates with the local business community to record and air their commercials and infomercials.

"Small business is the heart of the community," he said. "We have a program to help them out."

Channel 98 also has worked with the Lions Club, C.A.R.E., Hearts for Autism and Team Zane, among others.

"We're here to help local businesses and nonprofits," Soular said, "making their commercials and programs and covering their events."

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SAVE THE DATE

Friday, Aug. 4

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Talking to the Media about Your Business or Nonprofit, Lunch and Learn First Fridays, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Free. Info: WESST, www.wesst.org/las-cruces; 575-541-1583; agarcia@wesst.org.

Thursday, Aug. 10

9-11 a.m. Steps to Starting Your Business workshop, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 101 E. Free. Register at www.nmsbdc.org

Tuesday, Aug. 15

1 p.m. "Considering Social Security?" seminar, 3050 Roadrunner Parkway, Suite B. Presenters Toby Rue, associate vice president and financial adviser, Morgan Stanley, and Ray Vigil, public affairs specialist, Social Security Administration. Seating is limited. RSVP to Rue, 575-521-2377 or toby.rue@ms.com.

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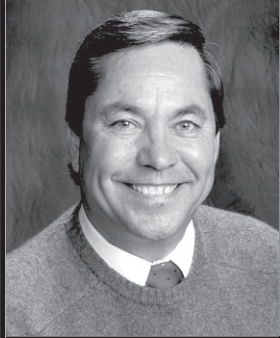
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Thursday, Aug. 24

2 to 4 p.m. Steps to Starting Your Business workshop, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 101 E. Free. Register at www.nmsbdc.org

Friday, Sept. 1


11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Do's and Don'ts of Grant Writing for Small Nonprofits, Lunch and Learn First Fridays, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., Roadrunner Room. Free. Info: WESST, www.wesst.org/las-cruces; 575-541-1583; agarcia@wesst.org.



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Shredding it ...

American Document Services celebrated its office and warehouse expansion with a triple ribbon cutting Wednesday, July 26, at the company's offices.



Sisters Brandi Selby and April Tate share a laugh prior to the ribbon cutting.

Representatives from the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce were all on hand for the event.

In 2002, ADS CEO/Founder Rick Jackson founded the company, which offers secure storing, shredding, scanning and maintenance for all kinds of documents for all types of businesses and organizations. His daughters April Tate (CFO) and Brandi Selby (Senior Project Manager) are both owners, and son-in-law Rob Tate is COO.



ADS CFO April Tate cuts the three ribbons.

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American Document Services CEO/Founder Rick Jackson proudly raises the proclamation following the ribbon cutting on his business expansion.



City Councillor Jack Eakman praises the entrepreneurship of Jackson and his American Document Services team.



Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Debbi Moore addresses the audience.

Chinese government converts debt to equity

During the 2008 global financial crisis, the Chinese government ordered domestic banks, which are owned by the government, to ramp up lending to stave off disaster. The result was of benefit to both China but also for the global economy.

A side effect of China's action back then is a growing banking problem now. Corporate debt currently stands at 171 percent of GDP, far in excess of levels in other major countries.



CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

And much of this debt is non-performing, although the exact percentage is disputed. The concern is that this level of corporate debt is unsustainable.

The Chinese government has implemented a fix, which is to swap out corporate debt for equity. The plan, announced last October, was opposed by banks, who fear that the plan will saddle them with nearly worthless equity while also reducing liquidity.

Meanwhile outside observers have expressed concerns that the debt-for-equity swap will artificially keep alive "zombie" companies, or money-losing firms in industries plagued by excess capacity like steel. Competition from the "zombies" artificially suppresses prices, preventing still-living firms from returning to profitability.

In the United States, debt-for-equity swaps are common in bankruptcy

proceedings and are often a critical part of Chapter 11 workouts. But the difference between a U.S. bankruptcy and the Chinese proposal is that there is no change in the total outside

capital as the swap is one-for-one; if the Chinese companies don't have adequate cash flow to pay on loans, they won't have cash flow to pay dividends.

The banks are no better off after the swap than before. In U.S. Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the swap is typically less than one-for-one so total external funding is reduced. And banks generally don't participate in the Swaps.

China did this before, in 1999. That plan involved the government directly transferring \$650 billion in bad loans from the China's top four banks to state-owned asset managers. The debt was then converted in equity. The plan didn't work well back then and the fear is it won't work now.

The real problem for China is not how investments are financed, whether debt or equity, but that the underlying assets are underperforming. Chinese real estate is

way overbuilt, with whole blocks occupied by vacant buildings. These "ghost cities" consist mainly of unoccupied apartment buildings and not much else, including a lack of schools and shopping.

The ghost cities have their counterparts in other sectors: Automobiles, steel, aluminum and cement are all overbuilt. These industries are unlikely to be profitable anytime soon. The government ordered debt-for-equity swap will delay adjustment, propagating inefficiency for years to come.

This illustrates a more basic point about China. The Chinese economy is still controlled largely by state-owned enterprises, funded by state-owned banks at the direction of state agencies.

Rapid economic growth gives the Chinese government legitimacy. Continuing that growth is critical to political survival even if it means funding unsound investments in empty apartment buildings, used factories and unprofitable bullet trains. As these investments continue to rack up losses, it will be harder to maintain continued growth.

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First Saturday Sale: St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 580 S. Valley Drive in the Southwest Trade Center, will have its First Saturday Sale on Aug. 5. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Info: 575-527-4041

Vacation Bible School: Cornerstone Baptist Church, 5301 Cortez Ave., 8 a.m.-noon Aug. 7-9. Free to children ages 4-12. Includes free breakfast, treats and lunch. Info: 575-532-0902.



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Holy Cross anniversary: Holy Cross School 90th anniversary/Saint Mary's High School 10th anniversary includes Homecoming reception, morning mass and Anniversary Fiesta, Sept. 14-16. Former students, send name, graduation year or years attended, email, phone and address to lccalumni@gmail.com. Info: Las Cruces Catholic Schools, 1331 Miranda, Las Cruces, NM 88005; 575-526-2517.

Science of Mind talk: 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Join to discuss the articles of Science of Mind Magazine with like-minded people. Bring a lunch. Info: 575-523-4847.

MMC Mass: Noon Wednesday, Memorial Medical Center chapel, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Holy mass. Info: 575-636-3274.

Men's Fellowship: Noon, Tuesday, IHOP, 2900 Del Rey Blvd. Christian Men's Fellowship. Open discussion. All men welcome. Info: 575-621-2350.

Community should help people without judgment

A long time ago (1978-81), I served as a student rabbi at Temple B'nai Moshe in LaSalle/Peru, Illinois. Students from my rabbinic school in Cincinnati would travel every two weeks, from September to June, to our assigned congregation to lead worship, engage in study, teach children and make pastoral visits to congregants facing illness or other challenges.

One of my members at Temple B'nai Moshe was a man named Irving Bell who lived in Ottawa, Illinois. Mr. Bell, who founded Bell's Clothing in 1922, was born in 1899 in Lithuania. He came to the United States at age 14 from Germany at the insistence of his parents, Moses and Dora Kubelsky. He joined his Uncle Meyer and Cousin Benny in Waukegan, Illinois.

While attending school there, Irving worked at his uncle's store. Meyer Kubelsky liked what he saw in his nephew as a salesman. That was not so with Meyer's son, Benny.



RABBI KAROL

Seeking Harmony

Irving's daughter, Marcia, related a story that, one day, Meyer said to his son, "Why can't you learn to sell like Irving instead of playing your stupid violin? ... You'll never amount to anything."

While Irving shortened his last name to Bell, his cousin Benny dropped his last name and added a first name: Jack. Irving's cousin was well-known entertainer Jack Benny.

Most every time I saw Irving at Temple, he would say to me, "I remember the beginning of the Haftarah (a section from the biblical prophetic books) from my Bar Mitzvah like it was yesterday." He would then recite in Hebrew, "Chazon Yeshayahu ven Amotz asher chazah al-Yehudah." It was the first verse of the book of Isaiah, "The vision of Isaiah, son of Amoz, that he beheld concerning Judah."

Then Irving would add, "But if you asked me what I had for breakfast, I couldn't tell you."

This past Sabbath was the week when Jews around the world recited chapter 1 of the book of Isaiah. In the book the prophet railed against the people of Judah for not understanding the need to sincerely follow their faith. He claimed

that they only went through the motions of their rituals with no intention and no sense that they were supposed to translate belief into action.

So, Isaiah declared to the people that they should "cease to do evil, learn to do good, seek justice, relieve the oppressed, uphold the rights of the orphan, and take up the cause of the widow."

In his book, "All Politics is Religious," Rabbi Dennis Ross explained that Isaiah insisted that community members should meet people in need where they were, as opposed to blaming them for their plight. Seeking justice was not about imposing punishment. It was about approaching vulnerable members of society with a sense of compassion and fairness.

Both Irving Bell and his famous cousin, Jack Benny, amounted to something. It is likely that their new community in Waukegan assisted them in feeling at home after they arrived, setting them up with what they needed so they could, eventually, help themselves.

Isaiah's message can still guide us. We can be here for each other, offering help to one another when necessary. The choice is ours, as the blessings that can come from our hands and hearts could be ours as well.

Rabbi Larry Karol has served as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El (www.tbcl.org) in Las Cruces since July 2011. His writings are available at rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com.

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NMSU's farmer, rancher program showing benefits

By JANE MOORMAN

For the Bulletin

Gilbert Louis III considers himself a hybrid. The Native American respects and cherishes his tribal traditions, yet knows there is value in adapting to the modern ways.

"I'm in the generation that is taking the old and seeing the value of the new and blending it together," said the Acoma rancher and firefighter for Albuquerque Fire Department. "I tell my son, you have to be a hybrid to be successful."

Agriculture is a way of life his people have practiced for centuries. The traditional ways of planting crops and raising livestock have been passed down from generation to generation.

"There's a lot of pride in that tradition. There is conflict of the new ideas and practices with the way grandpa or dad did it, which many say are still working," he said. "It is sometimes easier to do it the old way, but we need to produce what the industry needs if we are going to be competitive in the market place."

Louis is participating in the New Mexico Pueblo Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program conducted by New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

Since 2013, the NMSU Cooperative Extension Service's Rural Agricultural Improvement and Public Affairs Project has introduced 150 pueblo farmers and ranchers with less than 10 years of farming experience to modern, research-based information to improve their agricultural operations.

The program is funded through a U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture Beginning Farmer, Rancher and Veteran grant.

"The program brings conferences and opportunities to the tribe and others in the area," Louis said. "It gives us a chance to travel to other pueblos and agricultural producers to see what they are doing. The main thing is that we are getting up to date."

Through adopting things taught in the program, such as Beef Quality Assurance practices, Louis and his father, Gilbert Louis Jr., have improved the quality of their cattle herd and are now receiving better prices when they sell their livestock.

"I remember in the past my dad calling my uncle



PHOTO COURTESY JANE MOORMAN / NMSU

Acoma farmer and rancher Gilbert Louis III, with his horse, Johnny Cash, loves carrying on his tribe's and family's tradition of ranching. Louis is serving on the U.S. Department of Agriculture Council for Native American Farming and Ranching. He is a participant in the New Mexico Pueblo Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program conducted by the New Mexico State University College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences' Rural Agricultural Improvement and Public Affairs Project.

with the latest prices and agreeing to take some cattle to sell," he said. "Last year our family ranch finally sold our cattle directly to Labatt Food Services' Native American Beef Program and we got a nice price."

New Mexico Pueblo Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program participants also are accessing U.S. Department of Agriculture programs. The collaboration of USDA Farm Service Agency and NMSU's RAIPAP have brought the agency to the people during workshops to help the farmers and ranchers apply for programs.

"We are doing a lot of upgrades on our ranch, such as converting our windmills to solar power wells, putting in cross fencing, putting in water lines, thinning trees," he said. "We have obtained loans through FSA for some of these projects."

This access has not been easy for some Native Americans in the United States. The Council for Native American Farming and Ranching, established as part

of the Keepseagle class action suit settlement, advises the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture on ways to eliminate barriers to Native American farmers and ranchers' participation in USDA programs.

In December 2016, then Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack appointed Louis to a two-year term on the 15-member council. Knowing how to blend the traditional ways with modern opportunities will help Louis while on the council.

"It was amazing the various issues being discussed at our first meeting," Louis said. "Different regions have different issues. There were many issues I didn't know about. For the most part these issues don't pertain to us. Because of the collaboration of NMSU's Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Program and USDA agencies, we are light years ahead of other states."

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Spirit Ranch closes after 14 years



REMICK-BARLOW

BULLETIN REPORT

Equine-therapy facility Spirit Ranch, open since 2003, closed on July 31. Its program is the first of its kind in New Mexico, providing Las Cruces and surrounding areas. The program's aim was helping children, women, soldiers and families with a variety of therapeutic needs through unique and

challenging interactions with horses. Through its hands-on groundwork guided by its therapists and equine specialists, horses were used as catalysts for self-discovery and learning, Ann Remick-Barlow (owner and licensed therapist) and Dr. Barbara Goodnight said in a press release.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

Spirit Ranch, 2027 Westwind Drive, closed its equine-assisted therapeutic program on July 31, after serving the community since 2003.

My introduction to Trichomoniasis Foetus

I was the veterinarian for a livestock company in the Northwest. We had 10,000 cows on six ranches in five states with a progressive, well-managed cow/calf operation. The year was 1976.

In October, I preg-tested our cows in Owyhee County, Idaho. The conception rate was 92 percent.

Albert managed that set of 2,000 cows and he was concerned ... it should have been 94 percent. We discussed it. I thought 92 percent was pretty good and he conceded the range was worse than last year. I made no effort to find a cause.

The next fall we worked the cattle again and the conception was down to 90 percent. Albert had been right. I learned a lesson and set about seeking an answer. I must say that infertility and abortion in big herds is very difficult to confirm. I went through the testable disease: vibrio, lepto, IBR, poison plants, selenium, foothill abortion, metabolic disorders and finally Trichomoniasis.



BAXTER BLACK
On the Edge
of Common Sense

It was a wild longshot! I had never diagnosed it, nor had I ever heard of anyone who did. But, I went through the collection procedure on 12 head of Albert's bulls. I had a small

laboratory and was good at parasitology in vet school. There, under my microscope, swimming across the petri dish, was a one-celled protozoan with

flagellae breast-stroking itself across my screen!

I examined all of the dishes several times and found it in two more bull samples. Over the next month I called several authorities, professors, state veterinarians and recommended cow vets. To a man, each told me it didn't exist anymore, it had been eradicated, my sample was a rumen contaminant, it hadn't been seen since the '30s.

To humor me, my parasitology professor offered to send me some Diamond media to send back samples. I did. He was stunned! It was like I had struck oil or won the Super Bowl! After the dis-

covery smoke had cleared, I set out to find a cure. The old vet books said Trich is related to the protozoan that causes blackhead in turkeys.

Let me condense the next several months: I diagnosed Trich at EVERY ranch; positive bulls were culled; all others were treated individually, orally, with a 16-oz. dosing syringe; black bucket, caught, haltered, head pulled up with a 10-foot A-frame with block and tackle, and tied it to my rear bumper for five days in a row.

Sarcastic remark: It really got fun by the third day.

I put on meetings for the neighbors, the local vets, the state cattlemen; I became a minor authority. The lesson I learned was to pay attention to Albert. I read articles nowadays discussing the control, prevention and treatment of Trich.

To me it seemed a monumental task, but the hard way was the only way. I remember a call from a cattleman in Las Vegas, Nevada whose herd had been diagnosed

positive. He was griping about having to treat his bulls, so much work, what a pain, is there any other way ... He went on and on.

Finally I said, "Just quit yer cryin', bite the bullet and man-up for goodness sake!"

He said, "You don't understand ... my bulls are Longhorns!"

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Jason Lorenz, Homebuilder and President/Owner of Veloz Homes and 2017 LCHBA President. I joined the LCHBA for access to enter our homes in the Showcase of Homes. I soon learned of the great value of membership when asked to serve on the board in 2013. The benefits begin with discounts on every day expenses and extend all of the way to hearing about new codes and regulations before they affect our operations. The relationships I have built through my membership in the LCHBA will last a lifetime.



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Hours, location and contact information

ASCMV is open from noon to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Info: 575-382-0018.

Donation requests

ASCMV needs human volunteers, along with dog crates, blankets (without filling, no sleeping bags), towels, collars and leashes. Donations can be dropped off during normal business hours or left at the door.

Feline diabetes treatable with lifestyle changes, medications

Diabetes is a common but serious disease when a cat's pancreas cannot produce or doesn't properly use the hormone insulin. Diabetes occurs generally in older, obese cats. Diabetic symptoms in cats are increased appetite, thirst, urination and weight loss.

Once your veterinarian diagnoses the cat with diabetes, treatment should start immediately. Untreated diabetes will damage the cat's internal organs thus shortening your kitty's life. Your veterinarian will prescribe an individualized treatment plan based on your kitty's needs and severity of the disease.



Diabetic cats will have a prescribed oral medication or insulin. Insulin is to be given twice daily under the skin at the same time spaced twelve hours apart. A change in diet is essential. Stop all dry food and canned food containing gravy. Diets that are high in corn, wheat, rice and gluten will raise the cat's blood sugar to dan-

gerous levels. Your veterinarian will prescribe a food formulated for diabetes and you can buy directly from them. Also, look for food for low glycemic that can be found at your local pet food store.

A quiet stress-free home is best for diabetic cats. With veterinarian care, prescribed medication plus a proper diet, your kitty will have a much healthier and happy life.

The Cat's Meow Adoption Center, 2211 N. Mesquite St., is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Learn more at www.thecatmeowlascruces.com or call 575-640-0011.

Animal abuse intervention, prevention training to be offered to area therapists, social workers

BULLETIN REPORT

Doña Ana County Animal Control and Codes Enforcement and Positive Links are partnering to offer an animal therapeu-

tic intervention training for Las Cruces area therapists and social workers, according to a joint news release from the two organizations.

"The Animal-Human

Bond: Therapy Options for Intervening and Preventing Animal Abuse in Adults and Juveniles" will be held from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

The training explores the link between animal abuse and human violence, then moves into an extensive portion on therapy options for intervention and prevention of animal abuse, according to a news release.

"This training is tailored to the needs of therapists and social workers who currently deal with cases that involve animal cruelty, or those who desire to add interventions that incorporate animal abuse prevention

into their focus on other forms of family violence," the release said.

Positive Links "works to raise awareness about the link between animal abuse and human violence," according to its website.

The cost is \$50 per person.

To register, email your name, agency name and email address to Positive Links Board President Tammy Fiebelkorn at tammy@e-solved.com, or call 505-410-3884.

All training materials are included in the fee. Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

Visit thelinknm.com/las-cruces-training.aspx and www.facebook.com/PositiveLinks-550711578383100.

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Wee Warrior Project advocates for premature babies

By ANTHONY ALBIDREZ

For the Bulletin

The neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) is a place of constant fear of the unknown, a place that draws a fine line between life and death.

It is also a place of hope, a place many families rely on for the intensive care provided that premature babies need to survive.

The bustling sounds of the NICU are all too familiar for Camille Plante, founder of The Wee Warrior Project, an initiative created to support families who have an infant in the NICU.

“It’s scary. It’s loud. Doctors and nurses are everywhere. Families sitting at the bedside. People coming in and out to check on the babies, bringing in large machinery. It’s nonstop, and then you’re supposed to be in there quietly caring as much as you can for a baby in a not-private situation,” Plante said.

Before launching The Wee Warrior Project, Camille gave birth to a wee warrior of her own: son Ryder, now 4.

On Feb. 28, 2013, Ryder Jay Plante was born 17 weeks early and weighed 610 grams. Ryder and his family were in the NICU for 6 months.

During their time there, the Plantés struggled with lack of knowledge on NICU-related language, procedures and routines. Through research and experience, she has since developed more knowledge while working with families in the NICU. She formed the Wee Warrior Project about a year after Ryder’s birth.

“The Wee Warrior Project is an amazing nonprofit; not



COURTESY PHOTO

ABOVE: Camille Plante (left) and husband Dustin Plante hold the delicate Ryder while he was in the NICU for 178 days in an El Paso hospital.

RIGHT: Camille Plante and son Ryder Plante team up to bring support and information to New Mexico families who have an infant in the neonatal intensive care unit.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ANTHONY ALBIDREZ

only do they provide meals, monetary donations and blankets for NICU families, they have a wonderful and caring founder,” said Stephanie Privette, an NICU registered nurse. “I have seen Camille in action in the NICU, speaking and providing support to families who are so overwhelmed and lost in the medical jargon regarding the diagnosis and prognosis of their child. Camille is able to provide comfort and explain the medical jargon in a way families can understand, leaving the parents more at ease and comfortable in their child’s care.”

The term “wee warriors” was penned by Camille’s aunt who never left Ryder out of her prayers.

“The name stuck and we started using the term because these kids are literally fighting for their lives,” Camille said. “They are warriors. They come out with scars, conditions and diagnoses, and they deal with some things most people will never deal with in their lives.”

“You are trying to build memories and feelings for your child in a very public, disorderly situation,” Plante said. “It’s the epitome of stress and by providing information to these families and helping them understand hospital policy and allowing them to gain a level of educa-

tion, we allow the parents to advocate for their babies in a more educated and supportive way ... that supports the medical staff.”

One of the first things Camille learned while in the NICU is the need for a blanket to be placed over the babies’ incubators.

“The blanket gives them a sanctuary, a quiet place to grow,” Camille said.

The Wee Warrior Project will continue to provide New Mexico NICU families with blankets.

“We’re always going to support New Mexico families, and this is where this

nonprofit will stay” Camille said. “We do offer blankets to Lubbock, Odessa and El Paso NICUs because that is where our New Mexico babies are sent.”

The project is searching for blanket sponsorship to supply hospitals. According to the organization, \$100 puts 25 blankets in the NICU.

The project also provides food and monetary assistance.

In the past, Camille has raised \$27,000 for March of Dimes’ research. March of Dimes is a national nonprofit with a mission to prevent premature birth, birth defects and infant mortality.

The Wee Warrior Project will also seek larger donations to install comfortable chairs in the NICU for families who are in the unit for long periods of time.

“The Wee Warrior Project has given us financial comfort and peace of mind that our daughter was not alone on her journey. It gave her courage to know that she wasn’t the only child with a fight ahead of her. For us as parents, that’s priceless,” said Rebecca Maese, a Las Cruces mother.

Families in need of support during NICU can contact the Wee Warrior Project via their Facebook page at facebook.com/theweewarriorproject.

The organization accepts monetary donations, store-purchased food and premature baby supplies, such as clothing.

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A decade of caring



COURTESY PHOTO

The staff and team of caregivers at Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico celebrated their 10th anniversary serving Las Cruces July 18.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Medicare Made Easy: Education seminar, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room.

Immunizations: The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Public Health Office is hosting three free back-to-school immunization clinics for children up to 18 years of age, at Cineport 10, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 10, Aug. 14 and Aug. 15. Info: 575-528-5006.

One-Mile Challenge: This summer's One Mile Challenge Series, free to youths in eighth grade and under, is hosted by Las Cruces Running Club. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Sagecrest Park on Telshor Boulevard. Participants collect tickets to win prizes. The Aug. 5 race

will culminate in a free breakfast and awards ceremony for all participants, parents and volunteers. All races start at 9 a.m.; registration is 7:30-8:30 a.m. for each race. Parents can run with children at no cost. Info: register@lascruces-runningclub.com.

Junior Jazzercise: 12:30-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11, at Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real Road. Children ages 4-12 will get fit while having fun with Junior Jazzercise's Summer Bash summer camp, which offers a high-energy workout with an emphasis on physical fitness. The cost is \$90 (siblings are \$50). Save \$10 by referring a friend. Info: Amy Richards, 941-705-0800 or lascrucesjuniorjazzercise@yahoo.com.

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Ngage workshop focuses on self-care

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A workshop to help community leaders balance strong leadership with compassionate self-care will be held from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11. Hosted by NgageNM, the workshop is titled "Leadership, Impact and Taking Care of the Soul." Upon registration, participants should call or email for the location. Register at rsvp@ngagenm.org. The cost is \$30 per person. For more information, call 575-521-1957 or visit www.NgageNM.org.

The workshop "seeks to guide community leaders in learning to effectively balance being a strong, impactful leader with recognizing the importance of self-care," Ngage said. "We will learn some mindfulness practices and engage in some



COURTESY PHOTO

Ngage New Mexico Executive Director Frank Lopez will lead the organization's Aug. 11 workshop titled "Leadership, Impact and Taking Care of the Soul."

medication and Tai Chi."

The workshop will be led by Nga-

geNM Executive Director Frank Lopez.

What the Founder's Day Project means for fall prevention

It's a sad and often devastating fact that falls contribute to many non-fatal injuries in seniors each year, as well as injuries which can be life threatening.

A fall for a senior can affect their independence as well as their very quality of life. Additionally, some sobering facts according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are that approximately 25 percent of those 65 and above fall each year. These same facts also share that every 11 seconds a senior is treated in the emergency room for a fall. Every 19 minutes, a senior dies from a fall.



**PENNEY
McCLARIN**
Good Samaritans

Important to note however, is that just because one is a senior does not mean that falls are unpreventable.

To assist with this extremely large and ongoing issue, Good Samaritan Las

Cruces Village is one of many Good Samaritans across the United States that participate in what is known as the Founder's Day Service Project. The Founder's Day Service Project is a program that takes place

once a year and their focus is fall prevention and safety. This will be the fourth year that the Good Samaritan – Las Cruces Village will be participating in this project.

In prior years, we have built and installed a wheelchair ramp, grab bars in the bathing area, purchased and installed raised toilets, and put in smoke detectors. This year's goal will have us assisting 26 individuals in their homes and holding a fall prevention seminar which will feature speaker Dr. Robert Woods.

The focus for these individuals' homes will be to replace smoke detectors, provide night lights for better lighting, yard

cleanup and in-home decluttering, grab bars, reachers, and box fans.

As the assessment team which consists of Good Samaritan employees ventured out to see the needs of the 26 referrals we were given for the 2017 project year, it was clear that the needs far exceeded the items we had committed to provide.

One recipient had no cooling in her home as her air conditioner unit had broken. Another

requested a screen door so that they might be able to open their front and back door to get a breeze in. Other Founder's Day Project recipients also had requests which didn't fall under our list of items. However, funds permitting we will address the most crucial needs of these seniors.

It is through the generosity of donors, fundraisers, and the help of volunteers that this project is able to come to

fruition each year.

If you would like more information on the Fall Prevention Seminar or how you might help with the Founder's Day Project, please contact me at 575-556-2119.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Smart driving classes:

Hosted by AARP Chapter 1230. Cost: AARP members: \$15, non-members: \$20.

- 1-5 p.m. Mondays, Aug. 7, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 and Dec. 4 at Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave., behind Walgreens. Info/reservations: 575-522-0502;
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 19, and Thursday, Sept. 28, Good Samaritan Village, 3025 Terrace Drive. Info/reservations: 575-642-2582.

Info table: AARP information table the first Saturday of the month at Las Cruces Farmer's and Crafts Market downtown. Info: aarp.org, nmaging.state.nm.us, on Facebook at AARP New Mexico. AARP President David Lynch at 317-385-8874 or dlynchio@hotmail.com. Next meeting will be held 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave., behind Walgreens.

AARP 101: Mixer for non-members, 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Los Compas Cafe, 1120 Commerce Drive. Learn about the history, benefits, advocacy work of AARP and why you should join at age 50.

Medicare information: Monthly presentations by AARP Chapter 1230 will be as follows –

- 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 4, T or C Senior Center, 360 W. 4th Ave. in T or C
- 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14, Mesilla Senior Center in Mesilla
- 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, Mira Vista Villas Senior Living, 2141 N. Solano Drive in Las Cruces
- 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, Doña Ana Community Center, 5745 Ledesma Drive in the

Village of Doña Ana

- 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, Radium Springs Community Center, 12060 Lindbeck Road in Radium Springs

- 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28, Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Pkwy in Las Cruces.

Caregiver mixer: 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. For caregivers to get together in a friendly, social atmosphere to share ideas and problems encountered in providing care to loved ones.

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.



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Pitcher Joy recognized for summer baseball play

By **BARBARA BOXLEITNER**
Special to Las Cruces Bulletin

Jonathan Joy has been recognized for his summer baseball play. The Las Cruces High School graduate was named to the recent Ohio Valley League All-Star Game.

The Eastern New Mexico University rising senior represented the Madisonville Miners on the West roster. The right-handed pitcher allowed one hit and no earned runs in one inning of relief. Joy was 3-1 with a 3.26 earned run average heading into

the summer classic.

More baseball

Infielder Roman Trujillo of New Mexico State University has been named to the East roster in the Ohio Valley League All-Star Game. The Oñate High graduate batted .307 in

22 games for the Dubois County Bombers. He had one home run and six RBIs. Trujillo batted .308 in 11 games for the Aggies during the spring.

Football

Linebacker Sam Denmark is among four

Abilene Christian University seniors to be voted by the team as defensive captains for the coming year. He played for the Bulldawgs.

Isaac Vance is a freshman running back for Kent State University. He is from Mayfield High.

Women's basketball

Mayfield product Jayce Gorzeman is a freshman forward for University of Portland.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at jdanddoc@gmail.com.

A lot of golf myths need debunking

As your intrepid Doctor of Golf I feel it is my solemn duty to advise you properly as to various information and common beliefs that are mistaken at best and harmful lies at worst.

Accordingly, I have taken upon myself the chore of debunking a whole host of myths about the game of golf which have been perpetrated for a long time, and which have cost golfers dearly when they have been believed and followed. Here are some myths and then the reality.



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

with no known cause and no absolute known cure. You tend to jerk with seemingly uncontrollable muscle spasm at the moment of impact between putter and ball. Then researchers found that the yips were a matter of vision coupled with muscle

tenseness, which they called "focal dystonia." Controlled breathing with flat-line self-talk works best.

Myth: Golf rules are simple; all you do is hit your ball and go find it and hit it again.

Reality: The actual rules of golf, established by the USGA and R&A, and contained in considerable detail in the official voluminous "Decisions" book, are nearly as complicated as IRS regulations. In golf, as in life, you are required to play by the rules. If you don't you get penalized, eventually.

Myth: You should always aim directly at the pin in order to make more birdies.

Reality: There are "red light" and "caution light" pin locations but few "green light" locations. For recreational golfers, going for every pin can get you in serious trouble. Middle of the green will do fine.

Myth: The "yips" are all in your mind.

Reality: If any one of you have ever had the putting yips you know that it is an affliction

Myth: On a lay-up hole you should lay up as close as you can to the green so that you have as short a shot as possible.

Reality: Again, this is grossly faulty reasoning. If you're a high-handicapper, a 50 yard flip lob wedge may be an impossible shot for you, even though you're close to the green. How about laying up to a distance where you are most likely to hit the next shot with the club you have the most confidence in. That also is a good play for your tee shots.

Myth: If you're over 50 and a "stick," and regularly shooting sub-70 rounds, you should definitely give the Champions Tour a try.

Reality: Hey, Bunky, don't quit your day job. Most good golfers are clueless about how good golfers on any tour, including the LPGA, really are. I've that crazy "senior tour" business for over 30 years. It's the equivalent of an aging-hippie country singer in a honky-tonk bar on a small-town Saturday night thinking he's going to win on American Idol.

Myth: If you play with horribly bad players you tend to sink to their level of performance.

Reality: Golfers who insist on playing their own game do best when paired with other players who are far better or far worse. If you are someone who is not mentally tough it's easy to slip into the routine of comparing yourself to the other folks in the foursome. Resist that mindset.

Myth: Always "tee it high and let it fly" ala John Daly.

Reality: There are intelligent reasons for teeing the ball high and for teeing it lower. For big drivers (460cc) teeing it so that the middle of the ball is even with the top of the club is a good idea. However, into a stiff wind it's better to tee it lower, so that the launch angle is lower. Also, tee it low with fairway woods and hybrids off the tee. With irons on par 3s, rather than place the ball on the grass, I like to tee it up 1 cm.

Myth: Formal lessons from a pro are a waste of time and

money since you'll go back to your old ways anyhow.

Reality: That's a typical attitude expressed by many disturbed psychiatric patients who eschew treatment with the excuse that they can't be helped. Some golfers are just lazy and cheap. You won't go back to your old ways if you ingrain changes with practice and follow-ups.

Myth: "If ya' ain't cheatin' ya' ain't tryin'."

Reality: This myth came from an old baseball player turned golfer. Football, baseball, soccer, hockey and road cycling all encourage players to cheat and not get caught. Golf is played as a gentleman's game where cheatin' ain't allowed nohow.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. He partners with coach Herb Wimberly as the principal instructors at Performance Golf Schools. Contact Blanchard at docblanchard71@gmail.com.