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Ryan Major and Amanda Rabah enjoy glasses of wine from Jaramillo Vineyards May 27 during the Las Cruces Wine Festival at the Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds. Warm weather attracted festive crowds for the three-day event, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. For more photos, see page 20.



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Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'



Team USA polo player grateful to county employee

The Team USA polo team was practicing in Australia in early April, and one of the players has Doña Ana County Facilities and Parks Manager Armando Cordero to thank for calming his nerves so he could focus on his sport.

At around midnight on March 31, Cordero's cell phone rang (calls to his office phone are routinely forwarded) and he answered, which is not uncommon. On the line was Darci Van Meter of Poway, Calif., who was in a bit of a panic.

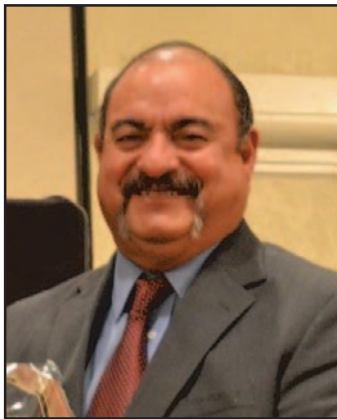
Van Meter said her grandson's pony and her son Jared Sheldon's 11 polo horses were in transit from California to Texas, but the horse trailer broke down on Interstate 10 near the Doña Ana County Fairgrounds, and she needed help fast. Sheldon, 30, had called his mom in a panic, so she scoured the Doña Ana County website and started calling.

Cordero jumped into action and made arrangements for the horses to be immediately transported to the fairgrounds while Jose Gonzalez, the driver hauling the horses, could get the trailer repaired.

Mark Halverson of BluLine Rental took Cordero's midnight call and immediately took his horse trailer on the road. His trailer is only big enough for three horses, so he had to make four trips.

The horses were housed overnight, and by late afternoon of the following day, Jon Satriana of T&T Trailers delivered the repaired 12-horse trailer to Gonzalez, who was able to get safely back on the road to Texas.

In a note mailed last week, Darci Van Meter was effusive in her thanks. Included with the note was a



ARMANDO CORDERO
Facilities & Parks Manager

photo of her son's polo team and a shirt from the World Polo Zone Playoffs, which Team USA won. The World Cup will be played in October, also in Australia, where Jared will once again play.

"Hi, Armando," she wrote. "Sorry this has taken so long to get to you. I was waiting for these shirts to arrive. I wanted to thank you for helping find help with our stranded trailer. My son Jared was in Australia playing with Team USA and his horses were on their way to Texas. We could not have gotten the help we needed without you! I am still sorry for waking you up."

Cordero said he gets frequent requests from people hauling horses who want to overnight at the fairgrounds, and he's happy to help.

"I'd prefer they called during business hours, but sometimes the circumstances make that impossible," he said with a laugh.

Doña Ana County Manager Chuck McMahon learned of the Van Meter thank-you note on May 22.



TEAM USA

Team USA won the World Polo Zone Qualifying Match a few weeks ago and will compete in the finals in October. Jared Sheldon is the first player wearing a USA jersey on the left side of the photograph. His polo horses were stranded in Doña Ana County in late March, but Doña Ana County Facilities & Parks Manager Armando Cordero saddled up to come to the rescue in the dark of night.

PHOTO: USPA Facebook Page

"Armando," he wrote "Great job! I've worked with you for a long time, and I've always known that you're committed to this county. This is another example of your support for this community. Thank you."

Cordero plans to retire on Sept. 1 of this year. He has been with Doña Ana County since July 31, 2000, and he has been the manager of the Facilities and Parks Department since Nov. 15, 2004.

Sheldon was a senior majoring in agricultural business at New Mexico State University in 2006 when he got the opportunity to go pro on the polo circuit. He is now based out of Texas, and he currently plays out of Pine Plains, N.Y., and all over the world.

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Railroad museum announces summer programs for all

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The Las Cruces Railroad Museum hosts a variety of activities in June designed for everyone.

“Mrs. Prickett’s Story Time” is 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 8. Join Mrs. Prickett and her puppets as they read books and tell stories. A related activity appropriate for pre-school children will follow the story. Two other story times for children of all ages occur at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 3, and Saturday, June 17.

Coloring Club for adults will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, June 9 and Friday, June 23. Bring your book and colored pencils, or use our materials. We have a wide variety of pages ready to be colored, from simple pictures to intricate designs. On June 25, two special evening Coloring Clubs will be held — one for adults, one for children from 5-6:30 p.m.

Summer hours for the Las Cruces Museums begins in June, extending the hours until 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The whole family is invited to participate in Family Game Day from 10 a.m. to noon

on Saturday, June 10. The museum provides a variety of games that have been popular for centuries, as well as wooden and jigsaw puzzles. The tradition of playing Jacks can be traced back to ancient Greece, with dozens of variations. The origin of Dominos can be traced to 13th century China before they made their way to Europe in the 18th century, to eventually become the game we’re familiar with today.

On Saturday, June 10, the National Model Railroad Association will hold their monthly meeting, which is open to the public. Learn techniques for building and enhancing model train layouts.


The museum is located at 351 N. Mesilla Street and is open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Burrell students elected to leadership positions on SOMA's national board

By **JESSICA SALOPEK**

For the Bulletin

Two students from the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine have been elected to serve on the National Board of Directors for the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA).

“SOMA is the student arm of the American Osteopathic Association. It’s an organization that strives to support osteopathic medical students and gives us a real way to be involved in health-care policy,” said John Rajala who established the BCOM SOMA chapter along with fellow first year student

Stephanie Ayala.

Since founding the chapter last August, Rajala says he’s learned about the intricacies of health policy and how important it is to be educated on related issues.

“It’s easy to just dig into school and not pay attention to what’s happening in the world around us, but as future leaders I think we have an obligation to stay educated,” he said.

The SOMA organization is broken out into regions. When a call for applications for the Board of Trustee’s Region V Trustee position went out, fellow BCOM student and SOMA

member Harris Ahmed encouraged Rajala to apply.

“I had never considered myself for a national position,” Rajala said, “but Harris and I have a way of bouncing off one another to keep the momentum going. I applied and wound up being elected to office a few months ago. I think it’s a great opportunity to build leadership skills. Also, as medical students we have a pretty loud voice when it comes to health policy. This is a way to truly be involved and take a role in influencing the future of the field.”

Ahmed, who has a background in health

policy, has been serving as BCOM’s National Liaison Officer for SOMA since last fall. “I have learned the intricacies that go into running a profession, as well as immense value that our student body, the American Osteopathic Association, and the medical school accreditation body (COCA) places on us students and our stances,” he explained. “The AOA votes on resolutions that we pass in our House of Delegates to adopt themselves and COCA allows us to submit commentary to them regarding their standards. I have gained immense insight into the power that we have as medical students and specifically SOMA members. On top of that, I have made long lasting friendships, further developed my network, and developed my skills in resolution writing.”

During a recent trip to Washington, D.C., Ahmed was interviewed by the SOMA Board of Trustees and found out just hours later he had been selected to serve on the National Board of Directors as the Strategic Partnerships Director. He said he hopes the position will help him develop his skills in political advocacy, resolution writing, policy analysis, and corporate partnerships.

“Additionally and most importantly, I am able to have a direct role in the direction of the profession,”

is research, advocacy, social media, working with pre-meds, and so much more. There is something for everyone in SOMA.”

Jessica Salopek is a writer with Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine. She may be reached at 575-649-3272.



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Harris Ahmed and John Rajala in Washington, D.C.

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Agriculture employees earn Distinguished Service awards

BULLETIN REPORT

Two New Mexico Department of Agriculture employees were honored with Distinguished Service Awards at the department's Service Award and Employee Appreciation event in Las Cruces.

Cynthia Mendoza and David Martin were cited as employees who show "unselfish dedication, creation of innovations, contributions to public service, contributions to the field of human relations, and any other achievements that deserve recognition," according to a press release.

"[Martin] this year was cream of the crop," his nominator wrote. "David never hesitates to take on new tasks and without fail always asks if there is anything more he can do for the department. In his 25 years of service he has shown dedication, persistence, heart, and loyalty." Martin said that showing

respect to those he regulates for, and showing dependability and stability, have helped him in his career.

"I wasn't working for recognition," he said, "even though it's great when they do. I was working to do my best. Early on I wanted to set a good example for those coming through the ranks after me."

Mendoza has worked for New Mexico State University for 20 years and has worked in the NMDA pesticide compliance section for 14 years.

"This award is special to me because I was nominated by someone, anonymously, who noticed my dedication to my job," Mendoza said.

The co-worker who nominated Mendoza said that she serves as a vital part of the department by processing over 11,000 product renewals every year. She also helped the pesticide section during a recent website overhaul.

"NMDA is Lucky to have Cindy as part of the team," her nominator wrote.



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Agriculture Secretary Jeff Witte and Deputy Director Anthony Parra present David Martin, center, with the Distinguished Service Award.



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Hit the road, Jack

New Mexico highways beckon travelers

The New Mexico Department of of Tourism last week presented its New Mexico True Enchanted 8.

No, this is not a new film by Quentin Tarantino, but a suggestion of eight themed road trips in the Land of Enchantment.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

The road trip is an iconic American summer tradition, one for which almost anything can and should serve as motivation. The tourism department chose eight diverse themes: family, adventure, Native culture, cuisine, architecture, agriculture, roadside oddities and Route 66.

Each theme maps out a trail with a dozen or so stops consistent with the topic. The trips are ideally suited for weeklong vacations. While you can certainly do segments of each in a weekend, to complete any of the trips in entirety, you'll be log-

ging a lot of miles across New Mexico.

Several stops in Las Cruces and environs made lists, including the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, Rockhound State Park, City of Rocks State Park, La Posta de Mesilla, St. Clair Winery, Double Eagle restaurant, the New Mexico Chile Pepper Institute, Sparky's, the Adobe Deli, the Big Chile Inn, the Roadside Roadrunner, White Sands National Monument and the world's largest pistachio.

Some of the treks do not venture this far south. By definition, we couldn't be included on the Route 66 section.

However, there's no need to adhere strictly to the state's department of tourism on your road trips. Department of public safety? Yes. Department of tourism? You can bend their rules a little.

In New Mexico, road trips can be easy and breezy or tricky and downright dangerous.

I hope I don't have to tell anyone by now that we shouldn't be drinking and driving, but a reminder can't hurt. In these days of Uber and willing designated drivers, there's really no

reason for it.

There's also no reason for texting and driving, which can be just as dangerous. As the billboards say, whatever the text is, it can wait. You'll probably have to stop and go to the bathroom in the next 15 minutes anyway.

Think about other ways to reduce danger.

Keep your windshield clean. We all know it can rain sideways dirt in New Mexico, interrupting 23 hours and 50 minutes of an otherwise sunny day. The result can be splotches on your windows that are see-through most of the day but turn opaque when the intense sun is at the wrong angle.

Check your tires. Make sure they are in good shape. Getting new tires, however painful to your pocketbook, are never a bad investment. Make sure they're inflated properly. Learn the recommended pressure, get a gauge, and know how to use a pump. Regularly check for nails, screws and other foreign objects. Make sure your spare is aired up, too, and know how to change it.

Speaking of getting tired, don't drive when you are. Plan

your trips so you're not driving too long in a day or too late at night. These days you can book lodging from almost anywhere at any time. Better yet, because New Mexico has so many different unique places to stay, build the lodging into your trip plan, and arrive early enough to enjoy them.

Slow it down. We always want to make good time, but on your summer road trips, try to place the emphasis on "good" rather than "time." I took a trip recently with a former truck driver and I asked him why he wasn't driving five miles over the speed limit (or faster) like everyone else on the Interstate. "When you slow it down," he said. "All the crap goes away from you." I looked ahead and, indeed, everything was moving away. We had no stress about trying to get around anyone else. Plus, nothing can cut into the time, budget and good spirit of a road trip like spending 30 minutes on the side of the highway while a state trooper writes you a \$160 ticket.

Other than that, it's New Mexico, and it's enchanted no matter which direction you go. So, hit the road, Jack!

We want your letters

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A funny thing happened in line

Many years ago, I was standing in a line at the university. It was the usual kind of line that college students stand in and have stood in since the beginning of time.

No one was speaking, each barricaded in their own world secretly wishing the other people would have heart attacks so they could step over the fallen bodies to the head of the line. No matter what happens to our world, we will still have lines to stand in.



MICHAEL SWICKARD
In My Opinion

Someone walked up, looked carefully at a piece of paper and then looked worriedly at the sign in front of the line. He started to leave, wavered, almost spoke aloud. He was fearful of being in the

wrong line.

At last, with an air of resignation, he stuck the paper in his pocket, sighed heavily and stepped into line having decided it was the wrong line, but he was going to have to go to the front of this line to find out which line he should have been standing in.

I turned to him and said, "I wouldn't mind lines so much if it wasn't for all the waiting."

The effect on the people in line was immediate. Most smiled. I also smiled. Like the air rushing out of a balloon, the tension in the line vanished and people started talking to each other.

You cannot stand in line with people who are on edge, ill-tempered and full of anger without it affecting you.

Likewise, if person after person steps to the front of the line full of bile, it rubs off on the people behind the window until they are surly.

Sooner than later, they hand that mouthful of bile right back to someone in the line forming a very destructive cycle.

The way out is to talk to the people around you. Try a little humor if you like. Something like:

I hear Governor Martinez just flew in from Santa Fe, I'll bet her arms are tired. Or, how many psychology students does it take to change a light bulb? One, but the bulb has to want to change.

You can just speak to the people in a friendly manner. You will be surprised how much better you both feel. While it is true that all workers should be nice to us regardless of how they are treated, the way it works is simply: the nicer you are, the better your chance to succeed in getting what you want.

Seriously, when standing in any line to pay bills, get loans, buy stamps, ask simple questions, ask hard questions, ask unanswerable questions; whatever you are doing in lines, take your humor with you. Be gentle; I may be in the same line.

Also, if you can't bring yourself to laugh, at least smile, when you hear: I understand the Aggie football team is so tough that when they play horseshoes, they don't even bother taking the shoes off the horses.

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

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New Report: "How To Ease Knee Pain And Keep More Active - Without Needing Pills Or Surgery"

- Report By Las Cruces Physical Therapist, Dennis Prickett



LAS CRUCES (NM) - **THIS REPORT** is for the person who is suffering from the torment of daily, annoying, chronic knee pain. The type of "ache" and "sharp pain" where you get so nauseated that you feel your only option is to stop

without needing a referral from a Doctor!...

More: The report reveals for the first time to the residents of Las Cruces simple, yet often overlooked routines that help make knee pain go away fast... as well as improving posture, all at the same time - I'd say they're perfect if you're a lady aged 45+ and worried about looking "awkward" or losing your confident, healthy posture at the hands of chronic knee pain.

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what you're doing completely, reach for the pain medication and wonder how long you'll be told to rest this time!

The thing is, all of those pain medications are not good for your stomach - and the long periods of rest you've been told about, is not likely to do you much good either.

Over the last 27 years I've been working on a daily basis to help people aged 45+ find relief from chronic knee pain - and what I can tell you is that the cocktail mix of more rest and more painkillers will do absolutely nothing to get to the root cause of chronic knee pain...

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And I can't promise that what has worked for most of my patients and clients over the past 27 years, will work for you too.

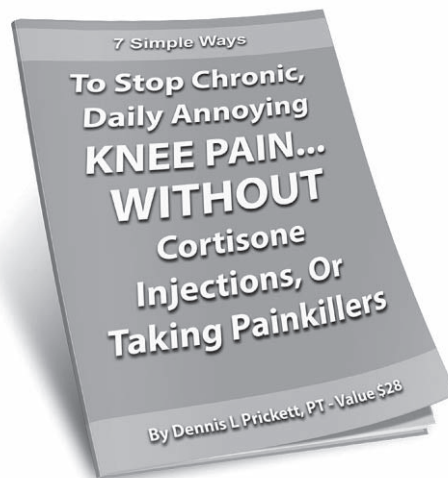
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- Sincerely, Dennis Prickett Atrium Physical Therapy

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

National media is a propaganda tool

To the editor:

By all reasonable standards, the news media in this country has become openly hostile towards a president of the United States. The news media does not even try to hide their displays of disdain and disrespect for President Donald Trump and his administration.

The Democrat Party, after dominating the country during the first two years of the Obama Presidency, wants to hold on to power at any cost. Some in the Republican Party even voted for Hillary Clinton and also are doing what they can to undermine this president.

The bureaucracy in Washington, D.C., is essentially carrying out a virtual coup d'etat against President Trump. The news media has an incestuous relationship with the government bureaucracy with unnamed sources that report gossip, baseless lies and innuendos that serve only to undermine the government. The

news media no longer works under the ethical standard of objectivity and facts; the coverage of the firing of F.B.I. Director James Comey is pure propaganda and is devoid of any news content.

Many people have lost all faith in the national news media. It has lost all credibility and has become a propaganda tool for the liberal-radical agenda and big government.

The threat to our liberties and freedoms comes from the press, not Russian interference in our elections. I have been left with abject disappointment (about) a profession that has become a dictatorship of unprofessional conduct.

Paul J. Jaramillo
Las Cruces

Pedroza explains decision

To the editor:

This is to inform you that as city councilor for Las Cruces District 3, I, Olga Pedroza, have decided to not

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seek re-election in November. This was a difficult decision, but was made much easier by knowing the person who will run for the position, Gabe Vasquez.

I have been in this position since 2009, in other words, for two terms. During that time, I have concentrated on several issues: education, nutrition, economics and quality of life. I do not claim to have worked alone on these issues. I have had a lot of help from both individuals and groups. La Semilla is an organization that works with schools and others to bring the knowledge and joy of gardening to students and others.

With their help, school gardens were established in all the schools within District 3 and other districts. Nutrition was promoted by having both cooking classes as well as introduction to many vegetables taught to the students. The New Mexico Department of Health was also very involved and their work was invaluable. The City of Las Cruces, Parks and Recreation Department also greatly helped, dedicating gardens in various parks throughout the city to gardening.

Together, all of us were able to reach students, and their parents. Thank you to all.

Additionally, the City Council during my two terms addressed an issue important to my constituents, the condition and maintenance of the city's streets. Again, thank you to all.

I am working with the League of Women voters in their youth engagement committee. Hopefully we will be able to reach the youth and help them understand the importance of engaging and voting.

I have brought several informational forums on the topic of immigration to the City of Las Cruces.

Finally, I take great pride in having participated in and voted for the citizen initiative to increase the minimum wage in Las Cruces. I believe it has helped many families and young people who generally start working and earn minimum wage. Hopefully, this will translate into a better quality of life.

Olga Pedroza
City Councilor, District 3

County commission is pay to play

To the editor:

On April 11, the County Commission voted 4 to 1 to pass an amendment that would allow "specialty retailers" throughout our county to sell ground audible and aerial fireworks. It was pledged that these fireworks would be sold only to non-county residents.

Commissioners Vasquez and Solis admitted they each received campaign contributions of \$2,500 from Bowlin Travel Centers, the specialty vendor that would benefit from the modified fireworks law. Commissioner Rawson stated he received \$100 or \$200. The commissioners said they, in spite of the monies, could be objective and refused to recuse themselves.

Commissioner Vasquez then admitted that the \$2,500 he received was after his election. Commissioner Garrett gave a compelling recitation regarding the need for strong ethics to ensure public trust—all to no avail.

Besides the folly of permitting more year-round aerial fireworks, the Commission is now perceived as indebted to special interests. This undermines public trust.

Does our Commission want to be known for "pay for play" to the highest bidder? As I said during the commission meeting, "The public deserves better."

An important question remains: Will the public now demand better from our commissioners?

William Corbett
Las Cruces

Distraction causes accidents

To the editor:

I wish to respond to Michael Swickard's column of May 19. Unfortunately the main cause of accidents is not the inability to deal with emergencies. It is inattention to one's driving.

The main cause of accidents, not counting DUI, can be attributed to texting or cell phone use or other similar distractions while driving. Other major causes of accidents are speeding and running red lights.

Tom Massengale
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Late-term abortions are evil

To the editor:

“If you need a late-term abortion, New Mexico is the go-to place,” said Tara and Bud Shaver, founders of Abortion Free New Mexico.

“New Mexico may not be able to pay its state workers, but New Mexico Medicaid will pay over \$15,000 to local abortionists to kill a child in the womb.”

Abortion Free New Mexico, in a joint effort with Priests for Life, released undercover tapes exposing that Southwestern Women’s Options in Albuquerque was willing to abort a healthy baby at 30 weeks into pregnancy because the mother’s husband lost his job and they didn’t think they could afford another child.

And if you think this was just an isolated occurrence, Tara Shaver called the same abortion place and pretended to be 33 weeks pregnant with a Down Syndrome baby. And guess what? The abortion center said for her not to worry because Medicaid would pick up the tab.

So it’s time for New Mexico to learn what evil is being done to innocent babies, even to those who are fully developed.

*Michael Rachiele
Prairie Village, Kansas*

Budget presents alarming vision

To the editor:

When we blindly hand over our country’s resources to the Pentagon while starving successful programs that care for our neighbors, the earth, and each other, we have lost sight of our priorities as a country. We also deprive our leaders and our country of the necessary tools to avoid war.

President Trump’s budget presents a clear — and alarming — vision of our country’s future. Efforts to ensure access to food, medical care, and opportunities for the most vulnerable members of our communities would be decimated — in order to fund a \$54 billion increase in Pentagon spending and massive tax cuts for the wealthiest people in our country.

From peacebuilding to environmental protection, this budget eliminates the proven programs that keep us safe over the long term. Instead, it focuses

on creating the illusion of security through the military alone. I hope my members of Congress reject President Trump’s unconscionable budget.

*Robert Reed
Las Cruces*

Budget shows disdain for vulnerable

To the editor:

The White House just released its 2018 budget. The disdain it shows for children, the elderly, people with disabilities, those struggling to make ends meet — really, so many working families like yours and mine — is truly jaw-dropping. What happened to championing Americans who feel forgotten and left behind?

The White House intends to drastically cut basic assistance programs that help hard-working families put food on the table and get affordable health care. By slashing SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), Medicaid, and more, this budget imagines a future where millions of Americans will go to bed hungry and have nowhere to turn when they fall ill.

This is cruel, not to mention breathtakingly hypocritical. Instead

of taking away food and health care, Congress should find ways to build on what’s already working to help all of us create a better future.

*Kathleen Podzimek
Las Cruces*

WISE Foundation looks for host families

To the editor:

I would like to introduce myself to the community and surrounding areas as the local representative for the WISE Foundation for International Student Exchange. I currently have over 15 international students looking for host families to attend high school in the upcoming school year. The students come fully insured and financially supported by their families, so the financial obligations of the host family are minimal.

If you are looking for an exciting, cultural experience please contact me at 575-496-2037, dcogdill@gmail.com or visit my Facebook page at WISE Foundation@WISEdcogdill.

*Delia Cogdill
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Thanks to the community

To the editor:

The Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces wants to thank everybody who participated in the 18th annual Kars for Kids car show on May 20. The owners of the 100 custom, classic, hot rod, vintage and lo-rider cars, trucks and motorcycles filled Young Park and attracted hundreds of visitors.

The New Mexico Game and Fish fishing clinic for youngsters helped dozens of children experience the fun of fishing during the morning. The girl who caught the 10-inch catfish was especially thrilled!

We want to thank Starbucks, Pepsi Bottling Company, La Posta de Mesilla, Pic Quik, Jack Pumphrey Arts and the New Mexico Game and Fish department.

These sponsors made it possible for the show to go on.

Thanks also to participating car clubs, the vehicle owners, our advertisers and community members. Because of their participation, Kiwanis was able to net over \$3,000 to help children in Las Cruces. Jardin de los Niños and the youth groups sponsored by the Las Cruces Kiwanis club will benefit from this year's event.

We are grateful for the community support we have received for Kars for Kids for these past 18 years. Thank you, Las Cruces.

Jim Pudlewsk

Secretary, Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces

Alzheimer's a public health crisis

To the editor:

As a New Mexican, I am concerned by the rapidly growing public health crisis of Alzheimer's disease. There are 5.5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's. By 2050, it could reach 16 million. They are cared for by 15 million unpaid family caregivers. In New Mexico 38,000 citizens live with Alzheimer's (expected to reach 53,000 by 2025) who are cared for by 106,000 unpaid caregivers. I am a volunteer advocate for the Alzheimer's Association, NM Chapter because I believe that this disease affects us all.

Alzheimer's is the most expensive disease in America at \$259 billion annually. It is the 6th leading cause of death with no cure, treatment or prevention.

Please join me by letting our lawmakers know that Alzheimer's is a priority and advocate for increased funding to the National Institute of Health for

Alzheimer's research and ask them to support the Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PECHTA) that would ensure a well-trained work force in this field.

I ask you to contact your member of Congress today and tell them to make Alzheimer's a priority! Your NM Delegation is: Sen Martin Heinrich (D-NM-51), Sen Tom Udall (D-NM-03), Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM-03), Rep. Michelle Lujan-Grisham (D-NM-01), and Rep. Steve Pearce (R-NM-02).

Sandy Johnson
Las Cruces

Unfit dog owners

To the editor:

I walk my dogs at least 5 miles a day around Las Cruces and see that many, if not most, dog owners keep their pets (so-called family members) penned up in prison yards. Every day I see at least 50 dogs of all breeds attacking their fences and each other in uncontrolled rage to escape and attack my dogs and me. They are out of control and potentially dangerous. Most yards with dogs are posted with "Beware of Dog" signs that should read "Beware of Untrained, Unhappy Dog."

These are hostile beasts in normal yards who live like prisoners. Their jailers feed and water them and little else, ignoring their instincts as pack animals needing daily exercise, training and respect.

Rick Powder
Las Cruces

Trumpcare is theft

To the editor:

Trumpcare is looming; its \$600 billion in tax breaks for the ultra-rich and the killing of Obamacare is pure theft.

Aside from the immorality of condemning 24 million Americans to ill health and early death, there is simple economic equity as an issue. Does America get more and better jobs? No. Tax breaks have rarely worked to create jobs. Big tax breaks have never worked, only targeted smaller breaks for specific industries. So, what does the public get for this transfer of wealth? It is the gutting of health care to put it below the standards of the Third World.

Recall that the US health-care system is already the lowest-ranked among industrial and post-industrial nations, including Western Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. The vast majority of Americans now pay more (three times more, on average!) for health care than

residents of any of those other nations, for a worse outcome. But, we have the greatest doctors? OK, some at the top are among the best internationally. Could you pay for them? If you're a one-percenter, yes. Does greed of the ultra-rich have no end? It doesn't, even though accumulation of ever more wealth brings measures of dissatisfaction to the wealthy. Life satisfaction peaks at a modest income. I think back to an essay by a Notre Dame law school professor, who found that the best-paid lawyers feel guilty, and they opt for more wealth to assuage their guilt, but the downward cycle continues for them. Let's be generous and help the predatory rich get happier, by relieving them of the guilt of stealing from the poor and the middle class. Kill Trumpcare. Bring single-payer health insurance. In any event, call your senator and your representative to stop passage of a vicious bill.

Vincent Gutschick
Las Cruces

County should take responsibility, too

To the editor:

For one thing, I was happy to see your unattributed "Bulletin Report" on "Mosquitoes capable of transmitting Zika found in county." (May 26) That one thing was the statement "Mosquitos

typically lay eggs in and near standing water in contains like old tires, buckets, bowls, animal dishes, flower pots and vases." Was it not for such human artifacts, there would probably be no mosquitoes in the county —right?

Such a statement lets city and county government officials off the hook for ignoring water left standing in public drains, spillways, splash ponds, arroyos, floodplains, irrigation ditches and the like. When asked about their indifference or opposition to dealing with standing water in these public areas, these officials respond that no one can tell where a disease-bearing mosquito comes from. The assumption seems to be it is far more likely to come from a flower pot saucer than from a splash pond.

I suppose some such inane reason, if not personal pique, justifies some officials who have actually stopped promised and planned work to eliminate not just the threat, but also the cause, of cases if West Nile virus in my district and near my home. And, yes, I have tested positive for WNV and a former neighbor, two months new to the neighborhood, was hospitalized for it.

Michael L. Hays
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Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument: Decades in the making

By LAS CRUCES CITY COUNCILORS GILL SORG AND KASANDRA GANDARA,
AND BY TOWN OF MESILLA TRUSTEE STEPHANIE JOHNSON-BURICK

Writer and conservationist Wallace Stegner called national parks and monuments “the best idea America ever had.” Unfortunately, not everyone has caught on. The current administration in Washington has ordered a review of national monuments designated since 1996, including southern New Mexico’s own Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks monument, with an idea towards reducing or altogether eliminating some monuments to make way for mining, logging, and oil and gas extraction. The Department of the Interior is accepting public comments on this proposal though July 10.

As with most great success stories, people are quick to forget the blood, sweat and tears and — in this case — years of public discourse, that go into achieving something big and important. With the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument’s third anniversary already here, and national monuments being reviewed for possible rollbacks by the Trump administration, it’s important to reflect on the long history of public support that resulted in the monument’s establishment.

Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (OMDP) has done much to sustain and improve the quality of life in Las Cruces and nearby communities. It is a place that protects hunting, grazing, and outdoor recreation as traditional pathways for New Mexicans. It honors the heritage and culture of Doña Ana County and recognizes our place at the cross-

roads of New Mexican and American history. It commemorates impor-



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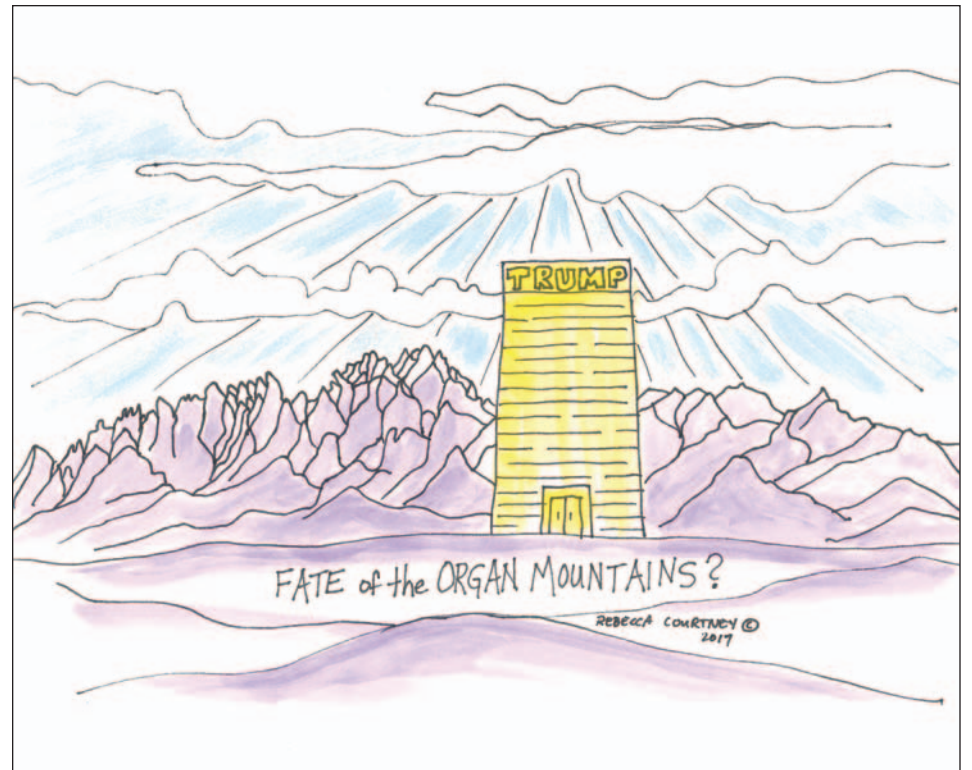
tant historic happenings, from centuries-old petroglyphs to WWII events. Our monument is a place that heals veterans, brings families together, grows businesses, and enriches our lives.

Public discourse and debate are key tenets of democracy and it takes time, coupled with the tireless effort of visionary leaders, to do it right. Looking back from OMDP’s designation on May 21, 2014, there were numerous opportunities

where public debate and input were heard.

Local residents and land management agencies have discussed and analyzed greater protection for public lands in Doña Ana County for decades. In 2005, a local coalition came together to focus on protecting OMDP lands and Senator Pete Domenici began working on legislation to protect diverse public lands that are now part of OMDP. In 2008, Representative Steve Pearce introduced legislation to eliminate many public land protections in Doña Ana County, a move which was immediately met with substantial community opposition including a newspaper editorial.

In 2009, after extensive public outreach to sportsmen, ranchers, local elected officials, conservationists, recreationists, and others, Sen. Jeff Bingaman and Sen. Tom Udall introduced legislation reflecting the community’s



vision for protection of the area. That fall, business and other community leaders organized a conference to discuss the economic benefits of protected public lands. Then in the spring of 2010, over 600 enthusiastic supporters attended a Senate field hearing in Las Cruces on the bill.

Between the efforts of Sen. Bingaman, Sen. Udall, and Sen. Martin Heinrich, OMDP legislation was introduced again in 2011 and 2013 but it failed to move in a divided Congress. When we turned to the administration for action, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell came to Las Cruces in early 2014 for a town hall meeting to gauge support for the proposed monument and tour relevant public lands. Attendees at the town hall confirmed what polls of Doña Ana County residents had already showed: local support for the national

monument was overwhelmingly strong.

Over the years, different constituencies weighed in to encourage OMDP’s designation — interfaith leaders, Latino leaders, tribal leaders, elected bodies, sportsmen, business owners, conservationists, veterans, youth, and many others. They supported protecting areas of incredible historical, cultural, and scientific importance. But they also noted other benefits for the community, including increasing tourism and attracting new residents, the divine imperative to steward creation, therapeutic benefits for active duty military and veterans coping with the traumas of war, and benefiting and enjoying wildlife.

Our national monuments have all resulted from similar histories of people working together for many years to protect public lands

for their country and future generations.

In contrast, President Trump’s recent executive order rushes through a review of our national monuments that makes a mockery of the widespread favor and decades of hard work behind each designation. Furthermore, it’s a waste of time and tax dollars.

Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks has long enjoyed support from diverse voices across New Mexico and our nation, and is the result of years of debate and compromise. We urge President Trump, Secretary Zinke, and Congressman Steve Pearce to honor our monuments that protect the best parts of our great state, respect the huge outpouring of support that was the driving force behind OMDP’s designation, and ensure that our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy OMDP in the future as we can today.

County unveils new outreach to counter illegal dumping

BULLETIN REPORT

In addition to elementary school visits with Carlos the Coyote and Lizzie the Lizard, The Doña Ana County Illegal Dumping Partnership (IDP) has announced their latest youth education outreach efforts — a new “Cleanup with Carlos” book, featuring a new character and more in-depth information on illegal dumping, recycling and penalties for illegal dumping.

“Youth education and outreach is a fundamental part of the IDP’s mission,” said Vicki Lusk,

manager of Doña Ana County Animal Control & Codes, in a press release. “When visiting schools, it’s important that our programs are both informational and entertaining to capture the interest of students and create a genuine interest in cleaning up Doña Ana County. The children of our county are our future, and we are committed to teaching them about the importance of protecting our environment and keeping our county clean. We also

encourage the children to take home the books and talk to their family members about recycling and illegal dumping.”

The new “Cleanup with Carlos” book was authored by Mary Lou Ward, supervisor of Doña Ana County Animal Control & Codes and is a continuation of the IDP’s first book, which featured Carlos the Coyote and his friends’ adventures in the desert and focused on illegal

dumping. The second book delves deeper into the issues of illegal dumping, the dangers littering and illegal dumping pose to Doña Ana County and the penalties associated with illegal dumping. Additionally, the new storyline incorporates the importance of recycling and teaches children the three R’s—reduce, reuse and recycle. It also unveils a new character, Javi the Javelina, and features the new website CleanUpWith-

Carlos.org as a site where kids and their families can obtain more information about upcoming events, cleanup dates and getting involved in community efforts.

Animal Control and Codes staff, Carlos the Coyote and Lizzie the Lizard have been visiting local elementary schools to disseminate the 2017 Recycling Fun-Fact calendars and books and provide informational talks about littering and proper trash cleanup to 3rd- and

4th-grade students. These presentations will soon feature the new “Cleanup with Carlos” book, available in both Spanish and English.

“We’re thrilled to have another educational resource — especially one this fun and engaging — for children, and we think it will be a great tool to teach them at an early age about the importance of keeping our county clean and beautiful, and about the need to recycle,” Lusk said.



Lizzie the Lizard and Carlos the Coyote are best friends and partners in an effort to discourage illegal dumping in Doña Ana County.

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Montanez announces bid for city council District 5 seat

BULLETIN REPORT

Steve Montanez has announced he will challenge Gill Sorg for Las Cruces City Council in District 5 in northeast Las Cruces.

Montanez, a 17-year Cruces resident, was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico, and has been involved with different organizations and local government in Las Cruces over

the past five years.

"I am ready to serve our city. I am proud to live here and intend to make our district my number one responsibility," he states in the announcement. "District 5 is the fastest-growing area in Las Cruces and is incredibly diverse with a great community of hardworking families, children, retirees, and many great residents.

I constantly hear from many constituents in District 5 who feel they have been neglected the past few years and are seeking someone to better represent their interests and address their concerns. Essentially, my goal is to ensure District 5 receives the attention it deserves."

Montanez cited lack of parks, poor infrastructure especially in the far-east side of District 5, and lack of economic growth and development as some of the district concerns.

"Our children and families deserve better than what they have received over the last few years," he said. "It saddens me to see some of these families with children and grandchildren who have to drive miles merely to find a park

"I constantly hear from many constituents in District 5 who feel they have been neglected the past few years and are seeking someone to better represent their interests and address their concerns."



STEVE MONTANEZ

Candidate for Las Cruces City Council District 5

or a local store to pick up groceries.

"Every councillor should make their own district their first responsibility. I want to represent those two-income families who are raising children on a budget and seeing their expenses go up. I want to represent the retirees in my district who

are on a fixed income and want more options within their community and to fix our roads. I want to work with our business community who have never even met their councilor to improve job growth. My point is I want to represent those people who have not had their voices heard.

"Communication and transparency are extremely important to voters, and right now many of them feel uninformed. This district belongs to them and my plan is to keep constituents in-

formed on a weekly basis, utilizing all forms of communication methods."

Montanez, a real estate professional, has served as legislative chair and past treasurer for the Las Cruces Association of Realtors. He is the current chairman of government affairs and secretary at the Las Cruces Homebuilders Association and is a member of the Las Cruces Young Professionals where he was named Young Professional of the Month in 2016. Montanez was also named the 2016 Affiliates Choice Recipient by the Las Cruces Association of Realtors.

Montanez has participated in fundraising efforts that have benefited CARE, Jardin de Los Niños and the Las Cruces Boys and Girls Club. He serves on the Election Advisory Council for Doña Ana County, an organization that seeks to increase voter turnout in elections. He is married, with children.

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She subsequently attended the University at Buffalo (SUNY) on a Fulbright Scholarship, where she graduated *magna cum laude* with a master's degree in architecture.

Julia believes that keeping sustainability issues at the forefront of design is crucial for the environment, and to that end she has acquired her LEED Green Associate Credential US GBCI. She also believes in reaching out to the community with architectural services through service-learning education. Her architecture design studio classes and the student architecture club she oversees prepare designs to support the surrounding Las Cruces community.



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Las Cruces High student named scholarship winner

BULLETIN REPORT

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced this year's National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners. The 2,500 Merit Scholar designees were chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding Finalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Las Cruces High School senior Tharani Murali, 17, is the only recipient for this scholarship from Las Cruces Public Schools and is one of 14 recipients from throughout New Mexico.

She has announced that her probable career field will be medicine. She also received a UNM Presidential Scholarship and a Conroy Scholarship from NMSU. Murali is the daughter and Sriengam and Uma Murali.

National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The number of winners named in each state is proportional to the state's percentage of the nation's graduating high school seniors.

These Scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, who appraised a substantial

amount of information submitted by both the Finalists and their high schools: the academic record, including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from two standardized tests; contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay written by the Finalist; and a recommendation written by a high school official.

This year's National Merit Scholarship Program began in October 2015 when 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which serves an initial screen of program entrants.

Last fall, the highest-scoring participants in each state, representing less than 1 percent of the nation's high school seniors, were named Semifinalists on a state-representational basis.

Only these 16,000 Semifinalists had an opportunity to continue in the competition.

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The Bridge spans 10 years of conversation about education, workforce development

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

There was “a phenomenal change in the number of students graduating during the early years of the Bridge. It really did work,” said Patsy Duran, who helped create the unique business-



education partnership in 1997.

In the 10 years since, the Bridge of Southern

New Mexico has evolved from a small chamber of commerce committee into a county-wide collaborative of business, education, economic development and government leaders.

During that same decade, the graduation rate at Las Cruces high schools increased from 49 to 80 percent, and Las Cruces opened the state's first-ever early college high school.

“We’re doing better than the state, better than Albuquerque,” said Bridge President and CEO Tracey Bryan. “We showed the state that if you rally around the right things, you can make a lot of change.”

Bryan led the Bridge from 2010-13, then moved to Washington, D.C. to join Widmeyer Communications before returning to Las Cruces and the Bridge in 2016.

Duran had served on the Las Cruces Public Schools board of education in the late 1980s and early '90s, later became president of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber (GLCCC) and was at one time execu-

tive director of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. The message she got from the business community, Duran said, was that “they simply don’t have the workforce that they need for the jobs in their businesses.”

“I thought, what better place than the education committee in GLCCC to incubate this idea?” Duran said. “We soon realized that the entire community needed to be involved in this conversation,” she said, not just the chamber. So, the Rural Education Initiative (REI) was formed in 2007, with Duran and Las Cruces business owner and parent Kari Mitchell serving as co-chairs.

At REI, Mitchell “was coming more specifically from the business side,” Duran said. “I had a combination of education and some business too. We worked well together.” REI “collected a diverse group — business, education, political, parents — to come and help us have a conversation” about education and workforce



PHOTO COURTESY THE BRIDGE

Patsy Duran, standing, and Kari Mitchell.

development.

They started “10 years of community conversation” among leaders in business, education, economic development and government,” said Bryan, who called Duran “a legend in our community.”

As we rolled out REI, we began to focus on what a major vision for the community was,” she said. “That vision was ‘graduate all students prepared to enter an internationally competitive workforce.’”

“After we peeled back that onion, we discovered there was conflict of scheduling,” Duran said, which caused a lack of communication between the public schools and higher education. “One of our goals was to fully in-

tegrate our education system, to include all our students,” she said. “Pre-school through college were integrated — all of those systems talking with each other in our community.”

LCPS, NMSU and DACC provided funding as REI evolved into the Bridge in 2009. The school district continues to provide an office for Bryan at Arrowhead Park Early College High School.

The conversation continued with leaders at New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College, Duran and Bryan said, helped bring about Arrowhead Park (APECHS), which opened on the NMSU

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Branigan library schedules summer programs

BULLETIN REPORT

“Build a Better World” is the theme of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library’s 2017 Adult Summer Reading Program that runs June 1 through July 31. Patrons are invited to read a new book, try a new craft, meet new people, and learn about new places. Patrons may also play the “Summer Reading Challenge!” and take part in the special programs offered throughout the eight weeks.

The following free programs will be presented at 2 p.m. in the Roadrunner Room at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.:

June 7: “Building a Healthier World.” This program is about the need to feed the hungry in the greater Las Cruces area

and rural portions of Doña Ana County. Presented by Lorenzo Alba, executive director, Casa de Peregrinos Emergency Food Program.

June 14: “Build a Better Financial World.” A program about the importance of maintaining good credit and tips on improving a person’s credit rating. Provides help understanding credit reporting agencies, credit reports and scoring, how to correct errors on credit reports, how to address common credit problems and ways to establish credit. Presented by Isabel Dominguez from the Community Action Agency.

June 21: “Build a Better Community.” Interested in learning how the police department works with local communities on a daily basis?

Looking to do your part to improve your neighborhood, but don’t know where to begin? Learn about the Golden Shield Yard Assistance Program, preventing illegal dumping and community policing. Presented by Officer Aaron Glymph and Officer Jesus Aguirre with the Las Cruces Police Department.

June 28: “Employment in the Digital Age.” A seminar to teach users how to perform job searches, write cover letters, and create resumes through the Workforce Connection Online System (WCOS). Other topics will include how to dress, speak, and walk in confidence for job interviews. This program will benefit anyone seeking employment and those looking to acquire basic tech skills

to successfully gain employment in today’s digital age. Presented by The New Mexico Workforce Connection.

July 5: “Protecting Children from Lead.” Lead poisoning prevention training beneficial to parents of young children and professionals who work with young children. Topics will include what lead is, how it affects a child’s body, sources of lead, and how to prevent lead exposure. Health education materials will be provided to participants. Presented by The New Mexico Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program from the department of health.

July 12: “Spices & Herbs Around the World.” Herbs and spices are used in cuisine around the world and differ

greatly from country to country. Explore spices, their countries of origin and their uses. Make a spice blend to try at home. Presented by a Thomas Branigan Memorial Library librarian.

July 19: “How to Stay Young the First 100 Years.” Learn how to improve your quality of life by preventing common spinal disorders. Presented by Healing Source Chiropractic of Las Cruces.

For more information about the programs, contact the Reference Department at 575-528-4005 or library.reference@las-cruces.org.

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campus in July 2010.

“There was an undercurrent of those students who really wanted to accelerate their high school education,” Duran said. “The seeds of ECHS were sown at this time.”

APECHS’s “innovative approach” to education — its “disruptive intervention



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— didn’t just work,” Bryan said. “It worked like crazy.” The school’s graduation rate is 97 percent, as APECHS and DACC have graduated hundreds of students

with associate degrees in one hand and high school diplomas in the other.

“These kids make their own change,” Bryan said. “They already have the power to be successful. We just created a system to support them.”

A second early college high school focused on medical training opened next door to APECHS in 2015, and the model has been replicated in the Gadsden Independent School District south of Las Cruces as well as in Hobbs, Carlsbad and Albuquerque, Bryan said. “It’s working everywhere it’s tried.”

“Through the deliberate conversations and research on solutions to improve dropout rates conducted by Bridge members, our community was able to identify and implement the innovative early college high school model thriving in Las Cruces today,” APECHS Principal Jennifer Amis said. “Identified as a national best practice in improving graduation rates, the small, personalized learning environment promotes individual planning and success,” Amis said. “The Bridge’s role today is to provide on-going collaboration among decision makers in our educational institutions and

business community, ensuring responsiveness to community needs and, more importantly, preparing our students for bright occupational futures.”

Another important Bridge focus has been career and technical education (CTE), Duran and Bryan said.

CTE focuses students on career pathways that begin in 11th grade, Bryan said. Dual-credit courses are integrated into students’ schedules and “project-based, hands-on learning” is emphasized. More than 90 percent of LCPS CTE students have graduated since 2013, Amis said.

The Bridge’s continuing goal is to connect pathways among high schools, DACC and NMSU to help “the business community engage in the classroom with student workers,” Bryan said, and help “teachers know what’s important to industry.”

More investment in CTE is needed nationally, Bryan said. “Not enough students go into CTE because it’s improperly communicated. They often think, ‘I’m going to college, I don’t need it.’ That’s inaccurate. We’ve looked at college as a destination, not an avenue in careers.”

As the Bridge continues to evolve — what Bryan calls the Bridge 2.0 — the nonprofit is “focusing on a comprehensive approach to workforce development,” she said. “We have all the assets here, we just don’t always connect the dots.”

“Why are there 20- to 23-year-olds that don’t work? What keeps people out of the workforce?” We need to know it.”

That expanded mission has brought the Bridge new funding from national organizations like the Kellogg Foundation, Bryan said, which awarded the Bridge nearly \$350,000 over three years as part of the foundation’s focus on vulnerable populations. The Bridge also receives grant funds from the Daniels Fund, the Hunt Foundation and the US Bank Fund. Today, the Bridge’s funding

is about one-third each from public, private and foundation sources, she said.

That is helping the Bridge to expand its local partnerships to include the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA), Southern New Mexico Community Action Agency, the City of Las Cruces and colonias within the county, Bryan said.

“You put the people who don’t normally talk together in the same room (and) leverage federal and state investment to remove barriers, she said, and “you’ve changed the conversation of what’s possible here.”

“Poverty is generational,” Bryan said. “The longer a student spends in poverty, the more likely he or she is to remain there.” Building the bridge that helps students move from high school to college to career and producing a “skilled and ready workforce,” she said, is a way to break that cycle.

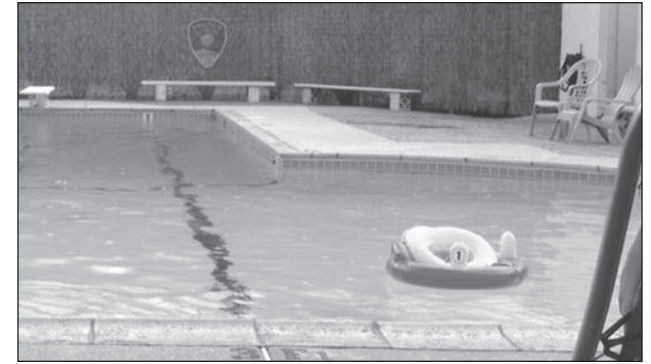
“It took the whole community to arrive at this goal of educating the community,” Duran said. “It was a community-wide effort; here’s what community can do.”

“The Bridge wins when the community wins,” Bryan said. “We don’t inherently take credit for things that happen. We want to measure and evaluate so that success can beget success and we can take what works for students and help more students.”

“We want to create a very compelling narrative about what’s possible in New Mexico,” Bryan said. “The source of that narrative is going to come from Doña Ana County because of what we’ve accomplished together. People have power; they need to be encouraged to use it.”

For more information, visit <http://thebridgeofsnm.org>.

Editor’s note: Tracey Bryan’s Bridge column appears in the Bulletin’s Business section the third Friday of the month.



Swimming pool safety tips for children, teens

BULLETIN REPORT

With classes at local public schools ending this week, and temperatures warming, it’s inevitable that teens, tweens and children of all ages will soon be making a splash at local swimming pools.

Las Cruces police and firefighters hope those swims are done safely and with adult supervision. Police and firefighters recommend following these and other safety tips:

- Never leave children, or elderly, unsupervised in or near a swimming pool or hot tub.
- Do not assume that other children, or another adult, will watch over your child’s safety.
- Do not consider anyone “drown proof” because they’ve had swimming lessons.
- Do not rely on flotation devices, such as Floaties, as a substitute for supervision.
- Keep rescue equipment, including a cell phone or telephone, easily accessible at all times.
- Remove toys from

pool after use so children are not tempted to reach for them.

- Refrain from consuming alcohol while swimming or supervising others.
 - Remove pool covers completely before use and securely cover after each use.
 - Properly secure or lock doors and gates that lead to pools, and hot tubs when not in use.
 - Ensure that babysitters and all other users know, and will follow, pool safety rules.
 - Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and encourage others to do the same.
 - Never allow children to play in, or near, drainage or irrigation canals.
 - When supervising children at play avoid distractions such as reading, texting, social media use or gaming.
- Nationally, an average of 250 children under the age of 5 drown each year in swimming pools or hot tubs. In Las Cruces, two adults and one child have drowned since 2007.

Special session: Legislature, governor approve state budget

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

New Mexico legislators passed four items during a special session called by Gov. Susana Martinez to get the state budget passed. The session began May 24.

While Martinez signed legislation on May 26 that restores higher education and legislative funding, she vetoed everything the House and Senate had passed during the session that related to tax increases.



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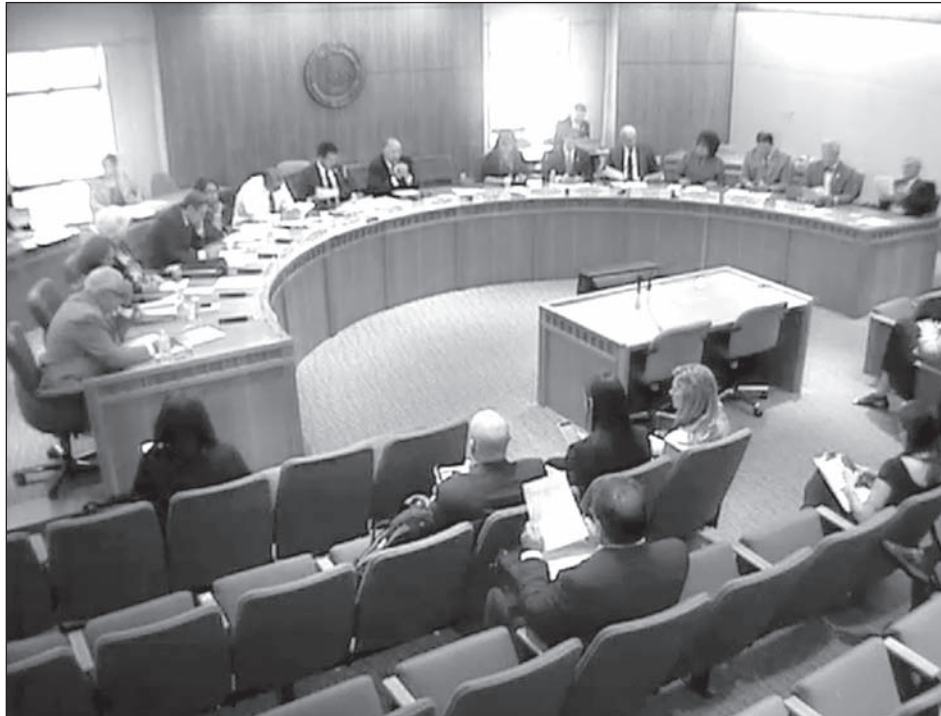
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According to a story in NMPolitics.net, the budget will be funded for the fiscal year beginning July 1 by using the state's bonding ability to borrow as much as \$100 million which will have to be paid back over the next 20 years.

Rep. Joanne Ferrary (D-37, Las Cruces) said she is pleased that higher education was restored and that it should never have been taken out in the first place.

"We worked hard to have revenue building so our state credit rating would not be further deteriorated," she said.

The special session ended May 30 after both houses convened at 1 p.m.



"We adjourned after reading in the actions taken by the governor Friday," said Rep. Nathan Small (D-36, Las Cruces).

Rep. Bill McCamley (D-33, Las Cruces) remains disappointed in the governor, he said.

"When she made the decision to veto (higher education funding during the regular session) she caused so much harm. College students decided not to enroll, many professors decided to take jobs in other places. I know there was no need, yet the governor did it anyway. I don't know what she was thinking."

But, he said, basically the state does have a balanced budget and if oil and gas revenues continue as they are, it will stay that way.

"Money that would normally go to infrastructure — roads,

buildings, schools — has been converted," he said. "We are borrow-

ing to pay our regular expenses, but that only gets us to the point of

The New Mexico House of Representatives committee discusses tax legislation on the table for this year's special session, which began May 24. The final recommendations were passed by both legislative houses but vetoed by Gov. Susana Martinez on May 26.

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break even. If things stay the same we will get through; if oil and gas prices drop, we're in some serious problems."

McCamley also said he doesn't understand why the governor vetoed an Internet tax legislators passed during the special session. Even the Chamber of Commerce thought it was a good idea, he

said. He claims it is unfair to New Mexico businesses that must charge tax on their products when Internet companies like Amazon don't charge tax. McCamley said other states have passed such taxes and even Amazon is on board.

McCamley also said he doesn't understand why Martinez vetoed legislation aimed at dropping a tax exemption for hospitals.

He said the tax would return money to patients and hospitals through the Medicaid system and it would be better for both in the long run.

Elva Österreich may be reached at elva@lascrucesbulletin.com.



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Red or white?

Warm weather attracted wine lovers to the Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds over the holiday weekend for the annual Las Cruces Wine Festival. Formerly called the Southern New Mexico Wine Festival, the event celebrated its 25th anniversary this year with live music, food and the products of about 20 wineries from across the state.

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Marissa Vigil dances to Nosotros.



Matt Holguin, Janessa Lujan, Sean Holguin and Dan Contreras toast their wine glasses.



From left: Victor DiAndrea, LuAnn Kilday, Ross Morgan, Jennifer Morgan, Steven Fardal, Kelly Whitaker and Charlene Manning enjoy their day.



Doña Ana County residents enjoy the warm weather.



Nosotros was one of six bands performing at the festival.



Marissa Montano from Jaramillo Vineyards of Belen pours a taster.



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Nationally recognized Chicano Artist Fabian Debora speaks to a crowd of more than 700 middle school students as part of the Annual Mesa Middle School Career Fair May 3 in the Mesa Middle School gymnasium. The fair featured representatives from 23 organizations, business and agencies who presented about the variety of career options available to the students.

Chicano artist a hit at career fair

BULLETIN REPORT

More than 700 students at Mesa Middle School (MMS) had the opportunity in May to discover a variety of career paths, listening to representatives from 23 organizations, businesses and agencies and a keynote speech by renowned artist Fabian Debora, as part of the annual MMS Career Fair.

“The entire day was an inspirational, thought-provoking experience for the students and staff,” said MMS Principal Steve Rodriguez. “At Mesa, we’re always looking for creative and unique ways to inspire, challenge, and motivate students, so I’d like to thank all the staff members and representatives who helped put together such an amazing event.”

The fair featured

presentations by representatives from careers including higher education, law enforcement, optometry, medical, counseling, public health, emergency services, massage therapy, construction trades, athletics, music production and food service.

The fair kicked off with the speech by Debora, who used examples from his inspirational life story as a self-taught artist to highlight the importance of finding a career path which is tailored to each individual’s talents, passions and interests. As the Substance Abuse Director for Homeboy Industries, a nonprofit based in East Los Angeles, California, dedicated to job training and counseling for former gang members and inmates, Debora also spoke about the dangers

of substance abuse and gang participation.

“Fabian’s story was raw, real and heart-warming, and he did a great job of connecting with the students through his unique storytelling style,” Rodriguez said. “I was thankful that Fabian was able to share his inspirational story, and I was glad to see the positive impact it had on the students.”

The fair also featured Alvaro Leon, an entrepreneur and owner of several Dairy Queens restaurants in Tucson, and Sandra Quintana, the founder of the Latino Producers Action Network (LPAN), a community youth outreach organization dedicated to the development and betterment of the Los Angeles at-risk youth through multicultural arts. Since Debora is



Chicano Artist Fabian Debora created this painting during the annual Mesa Middle School Career Fair at Mesa Middle School. The painting was donated to Mesa Middle School at the end of the fair.

represented by LPAN, Quintana helped arrange for Debora’s keynote presentation after Rodriguez made a personal request to have him speak.

Shortly after his

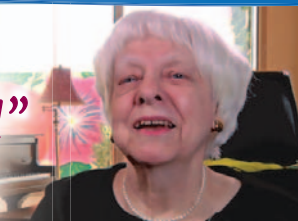
speech, Debora led a painting workshop for students to create their own original artwork and he painted a new piece that was subsequently donated to the school.


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BREAKFAST Monday - Friday (No meals served on July 4, 2017)

Adelante Learning Center 406 W. Griggs
8:00-9:00 (May 31–August 4)

Boys and Girls Club of LC 330 W. Las Cruces Ave.
8:00-8:45 (June 5–August 4)

Camino MS 2962 N. Roadrunner Pkwy
8:00-8:45 (June 5–August 4)

East Mesa Recreation 5589 Porter Dr.
8:00-8:45 (June 5–August 4)

Enterprise city FYI 1040 N Motel Blvd
7:45-8:15 (June 5–July 20)

St. Paul's CDC 225 W. Griggs Ave.
9:00-9:15 (June 5–July 28)

Fielder Safe Heaven House 906 N. Tornillo St.
9:00-9:30 (May 31–August 4)

Holy Cross Elementary 1331 Miranda St.
8:00-9:00 (June 1–August 4)

Jason Jiron Park 355 Three Crosses
8:15-9:00 (June 5–August 4)

Las Cruces HS 1755 El Paseo Rd.
8:15-8:45 (June 5–June 29)

LCPS Professional Development 505 S. Main St.
8:30-8:45 (June 5–June 29)

Lynn MS 950 S. Walnut
8:30-9:00 (July 10–13 & July 17–20)

Meershiedt Recreation Center 1600 E. Handley Ave.
8:00-8:45 (June 5–August 4)

Mesilla Park (Frank O'Brien) RC 305 Bell Ave.
8:00-9:45 (June 5–August 4)

O'Donnell Hall 1220 Stewart
8:00-8:30 (June 5–June 9)

Onate HS 5700 Mesa Grande Dr.
8:15-8:45 (June 5-8 & July 24-27)

Picacho MS 2200 Holiday Ave.
8:00-8:45 (June 5–August 4)

Pioneer Woman's Park 500 W. Las Cruces Ave.
8:15-8:45 (May 31–August 4)

LUNCH Monday - Friday (No meals served on July 4, 2017)

Adelante Learning Center 406 W. Griggs
11:30-12:30 (May 31–August 4)

Albert Johnson Park N. Main St.
(corner of Picacho)
12:00-12:45 (May 31–August 4)

Apodaca Park 801 E. Madrid St.
11:15-12:00 (May 31–August 4)

Booker T. Washington Elem.
755 E. Chestnut Ave.
11:40-12:40 (June 12–June 15)

Boys and Girls Club of LC 330 W. Las Cruces Ave.
11:30-12:15 (June 5–August 4)

Camino MS 2962 N. Roadrunner Pkwy
12:00-1:00 (June 5–August 4)

Conlee Elementary 1701 Boston Dr.
11:00-11:30 (June 5–June 9)

Country Club Estates Park 2800 Spitz St
11:00-11:45 (May 31–August 4)

Enterprise City FYI 1040 N Motel Blvd
12:00-12:45 (June 5–July 20)

Fielder Safe Heaven House 906 N. Tornillo St.
12:30-1:00 (May 31–August 4)

Holy Cross Elementary 1331 Miranda St.
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Jason Jiron Park 355 Three Crosses
12:15-1:00 (May 31–August 4)

East Mesa Recreation 5598 Porter Dr.
12:00-1:00 (June 5–August 4)

Hermosa Heights Park 1800 E Amador
11:45-12:15 (May 31–August 4)

Joe Reyna Community Center
9774 Butterfield Blvd.
12:00-1:00 (May 31–August 4)

Klein Park 428 E. Griggs Ave.
11:15-12:00 (May 31–August 4)

Las Brisas Mobile Home Park 302 E. Union Blvd.
11:45-12:15 (May 31–August 4)

Las Colinas Arroyo Park 3401 Las Colinas Dr.
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Dona Ana Community Center
5745 Ledezma Dr.
12:00-1:00 (May 31–August 4)

Young Park 1905 E. Nevada Dr.
11:00-11:45 (May 31–August 4)

Mesquite Village Apartments
1851 N Mesquite St
12:00-12:30 (May 31–August 4)

Metro Verde Splash Park
7125 Metro Park Dr.
11:30-12:00 (June 5–August 4)

O'Donnell Hall 1220 Stewart
10:45-11:00 (June 5–June 9)

Onate HS 5700 Mesa Grande Dr.
11:45-12:45 (June 5-8 & July 24-27)

Organ Community Center 5880 Second St.
12:00-1:00 (May 31–August 4)

Parque de Cura de Ramon Ortiz
2250 Calle de Santiago
12:30-1:00 (May 31–August 4)

Picacho MS 2200 Holiday Ave
11:45-12:30 (June 5–August 4)

Picacho Vista 2200 Holiday Ave.
12:00-12:45 (May 31–August 4)

Pioneer Woman's Park
500 W. Las Cruces Ave.
12:15-1:00 (May 31–August 4)

Preciado Park 208 Gregg St.
11:00-11:45 (May 31–August 4)

Radium Springs Community Ctr
12060 LB Lindbeck Rd.
12:00-1:00 (May 31–August 4)

Rose Village Court 225 Box Court
12:15-1:00 (May 31–August 4)

Gomez Community Garden Park
2250 S Espina St
12:15-1:00 (May 31–August 4)

Sagecrest Park 601 Roadrunner
11:30-12:15 (May 31–August 4)

Salopek/Stull Park 467 Salopek Blvd
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Memorial sculptor meets with women veterans

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Sculptor Matt Glen of Big Statues in Provo, Utah, met the United Military Women of the SouthWest (UMWSW) board, and City of Las Cruces, construction officials and 101-year-old U.S. Army and World War II veteran Betty Somppi in Las Cruces on May 20 “to reveal his progress on the six maquettes that will become the life-sized bronze sculptures depicting each of the six military services over six eras or 100 years of time,” said UMWSW board member Deb Tallent.

“We addressed uniform details and minor changes to the uniformed maquettes, the process going forward and expected completion date by year’s end,” Tallent. “UMWSW would like our city, county, state and surrounding states’ veterans and citizens to look forward to this great tribute to military women who have served our country,” she said. “We are planning for a spring 2018 dedication.”

The groundbreaking ceremony for the monument was held on Sept. 10 at Veterans Memorial Park, 1151 N. Roadrunner Parkway. The city accepted \$406,500 in state capital appropriation funding in November 2014 to construct the monument.

“The monument will include (bronze) sculptures of six service women representing all the branches of service

and several eras during which women served in the military,” according to city documents. “Two shade structures will frame the monument and cultured stone will clad the walls. Construction is anticipated to start in early September, with completion, including installation of the sculptures, anticipated in late summer 2017.”

There were about 215,000 women on active-military duty at the end of 2015, then-Doña Ana County Manager Julia Brown (a retired lieutenant colonel in the United States Army) said at the groundbreaking. That’s about 14 percent of the entire U.S. military force and represents a seven-fold increase since the U.S. ended mandatory military service in 1973, she said.

For more information contact Tallent at 575-521-3831, 575-640-3902 or deb_tallent@hotmail.com. You can also call 575-639-1265. Visit <http://umwsw.weebly.com/> and find them on Facebook.

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Provo, Utah, sculptor Matt Glen and 101-year-old World War II veteran Betty Somppi of Las Cruces.

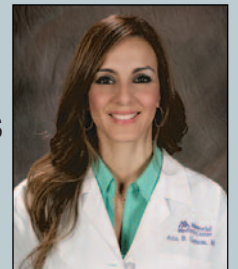


Provo, Utah, sculptor Matt Glen with the models he created for the bronze sculptures of six service women representing all branches of military service that will be part of a new monument at Las Cruces Veterans Memorial Park.

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First-grader holds her own with older chess players

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Seven-year-old Mia Allison moved up and down a table, playing six games of chess simultaneously against the best 6th- and 7th-grade chess players at La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter Middle School (LADH), at a May 18 chess tournament held during the after-school program.

“Mia didn’t get to finish all the games because school was about to close for the day. In the short playing time available, she won one game, lost one and was leading in three others,” said Bill “Grandpa Memo” Bradley, a volunteer chess instructor at LADH.

“I think Mia and her brother, Brady, have extraordinary chess potential,” Bradley said. “As good as they are, I have no idea how good they can be. I personally only know of one other chess player their age who is as good as they are, and his father is a professional chess trainer,” he said.

Bradley said Mia



With La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter Middle School art teacher and chess club sponsor Chris Bardey are the school's chess club tournament winners, left to right, sixth graders Manuel Hernandez, third place; Jesus Marquez, first place; and Jaden Baca, second place.

started playing chess about a year ago at the Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces where Brad-

ley teaches the sport. Mia just finished the first grade at Monte Vista Elementary School, which Brady, 9, also attends.

“I like having fun,” Mia said. Chess, she said, makes you “think a lot.” Mia and Brady’s mom, Christy, said the family “didn’t even have a chess board” until the two started playing. Now, she said, the two play chess together often, and have developed “a lot of sibling rivalry.”

The chess exhibition

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Mia Allison plays six chess matches at once during an exhibition at La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter Middle School. In the background is Yair “Dyno” Barraza, the exhibition’s official referee. Dyno is in the fifth grade at East Picacho Elementary School, is a member of the United States Chess Federation and has played in local, state and international chess tournaments.

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showed students “what is possible, even at a young age, if you apply yourself,” Bradley said, and it helped to dispel the myth that “girls can’t play chess as well as boys.”

The exhibition also was a challenge for Mia. “It was a stretch for her to play six older players at once, but she enjoyed it and that is what is most important,” Bradley said. “I had to chuckle at the end when both Brady and (exhibition) referee Yair “Dyno” Barraza came to me independent of each other to ask when I could set up an exhibition for them!”

It was also “a fun ending to the school year for

the student chess players,” Bradley said. He became acquainted with LADH about six months ago and helped the school set up its first official chess club. “We had 14 kids sign up to play and most of them became regulars,” he said. Bradley helped start an LADH chess tournament, held in mid-May, with trophies presented to the top three players.

“I had two boys come to me after the exhibition and say they wanted to be as good as Mia,” Bradley said. “To me, that is high praise. I also think we will have a much larger chess club next year and likely with a similar number of boys and girls.”

Dyno, the official referee during the exhibi-

tion, just completed the 5th grade at East Picacho Elementary School.

“He is an active member of the United States Chess Federation and has already played in local, state and international chess tournaments,” Bradley said. “He is currently rated number one at the chess club at the Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces,” where he has been playing for the past two years.

Dyno is a student at the Las Cruces Chess Academy and receives chess training on Saturdays from Bradley.

Bradley has been teaching chess at the Boys and Girls Club for three years, he said.

“We like to think of the chess club as a feeder into local school clubs

and some of the more advanced non-scholastic chess clubs,” he said.

Bradley played in his only chess tournament at age 16.

“In my opening match, I was destroyed by a grandmaster. I never felt the urge to compete again. However, I did enjoy playing at club level during my teens. I took up chess again when I retired in 2002. My first teaching-chess experiences were with poor schools and poor children in Zihuatanejo, Mexico. For 10 years, I went to Zihuatanejo to volunteer in a number of ways. One of the most

fun activities was teaching chess. Chess has no language barrier.”

Bradley moved to Las Cruces in 2010 and began volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club. “After a few weeks, I went to the executive director, Ashley Echavarria, and suggested we try teaching chess to the kids. I thought it would be a success if we could attract five or six children. To our surprise, it quickly became the most popular after-school voluntary activity. Approximately 300 children have come in to learn at least the basic moves,” Bradley said. “About 40 play somewhat

regularly during the school year and also during the summer months.”

Bradley also teaches chess to beginning and intermediate seniors at the Sage Café Community Center on Fridays and tutors “serious young children on chess strategy and tactics on Saturdays. “I am not a professional chess trainer,” Bradley said. “I just volunteer my time to those who want to learn.”

For more information, visit www.lascruceschess.com.

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Mia Allison plays the board in a six-match exhibition with middle school chess players at La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter Middle School.

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Scrubland such as this stretch of desert near the Organ Mountains may eventually be returned to grassland through a restoration project by the Bureau of Land Management.

BLM grassland restoration to begin west of Las Cruces

BULLETIN REPORT

Starting the second week of June and continuing for approximately two weeks, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Las Cruces District Office and other partners will begin herbicide treatments of mesquite at several locations within Doña Ana County.

Approximately 13,000 acres of federal, state and private lands will be treated as part of the BLM's Restore New Mexico initiative.

Restore New Mexico is an aggressive partnership between land owners and land management agencies to restore the state's grasslands, woodlands, and riparian areas to a healthy, more productive condition. Large areas of desert grassland in New Mexico were lost to shrub invasion beginning in the mid-to-late 1800's. Invasive shrub treatments are being

conducted across the state to reduce the density of brush species, such as mesquite and creosote, which have encroached on historic desert grasslands. Once invasive shrub densities are reduced, more desirable native grasses and forbs can reestablish themselves.

General project locations are approximately 20 miles west and 10 miles south of the Las Cruces Airport. The primary objective for these proposed herbicide treatments is to enhance watershed function by improving ground cover and thus decreasing erosion and storm runoff, while retaining soil moisture. The treatments also improve habitat that will support more diverse and prolific wildlife communities.

The herbicides proposed for treatment of mesquite on BLM lands are Sendero® (clopyralid + aminopyralid), and Remedy Ultra® (triclopyr) at a rate of

one-quarter or one-half pound active ingredient each per acre depending on management objectives. These herbicides are approved for use by the Environmental Protection Agency and BLM. The herbicides would be added to a "tank mix" of water, a non-ionic surfactant, and drift control, which is aerially applied at a rate of one gallon per acre from a fixed wing aircraft or helicopter, using Global Positioning System coordinates with computer-driven applicators to treat target specific land areas.

The herbicide treatment would occur during June and July when soil temperatures warm sufficiently to initiate maximum plant (mesquite) growth. The herbicide is absorbed directly through the leaf surface and becomes active in the plant preventing photosynthesis. There would be an estimated 40 percent average

root kill on mesquite using this combination.

Because the herbicide is selective for broadleaf shrubs and forbs, grasses would benefit from the reduction of competition for nutrients and space, and should increase in cover and density significantly. Forbs and grasses could begin to re-establish late in the growing season immediately following treatment or the following year from the soil seed bank, depending on the amount and timing of precipitation received. Agreements have been made with livestock operators within treatment areas to ensure adequate grazing rest following the treatment to further promote grassland recovery.

Once these landscapes are transformed from current shrub dominated to historic grassland conditions, fire may be reintroduced to maintain their health and vigor.

For more information about this project, contact Lane Hauser, Rangeland Management Specialist at the BLM's Las Cruces District Office, at 575-525-4464.

BLM

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Fun with the Sun

Woodward is beginning his summer solar system journey starting at the sun. But his spacecraft text message is breaking up. Can you replace the missing words?



Dear Kid Scoop Readers -

I am starting my solar system visit to our sun. Of course, I can't there because it is way too hot!!!

Even though our sun is of miles away, it provides the that makes life possible on Earth. All plants need sunlight to . Animals need plants to survive, and people need plants and animals to survive.

The sun's solar flares can cause for electronic communication on Earth.



11 + 4 =
14 + 5 =
21 - 4 =

The sun is a star. It is a hot ball of glowing gases. Do the math to label the layers of the sun.
17 = photosphere
19 = corona
15 = core

Kid Scoop Puzzler

The sun is covered with spots! Use the spots to solve the mystery questions.

How far is the sun from the Earth?
million miles (149.6 million km)

How long does it take the sun to make one complete rotation?
Earth days

What is the diameter of the sun?
million miles. (1.4 million km)

WARNING! Never look directly at the sun as this can damage your eyesight!

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know about the sun, planets and stars.

How big is the sun?

If the sun was the size of your front door, Earth would be the size of this fruit:

WSKTJRBANWYBKENSRTY

S

How many Earths could fit inside our sun?

AMBOLRNE
ROAHBALN
ROGNSE
VMWJLBLKILOCN

(Circle every other letter on each row)

3



NEVER LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN: YOU COULD LOSE YOUR EYESIGHT!

How many suns can you find on this page?

While our sun is special to us, there are billions of stars like our sun scattered across the Milky Way galaxy. The sun's gravitational pull is what keeps the planets in orbit.

Help Woodward navigate his ship to the center of this maze, where an important message for YOU awaits! Hold it up to a mirror to read it.

WKTJRBANWYBKENSRTY
(Circle every other letter)

S

How many Earths could fit inside our sun?

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(Circle every other letter on each row)

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Solar Flares

Every now and then a tremendous explosion occurs on the sun releasing gas into the atmosphere. These are called **solar flares**.

Solar flares can affect radio and wireless communications millions of miles away on Earth and create light shows such as the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights.

Sunspots

Sunspots are dark areas that appear on the surface of the sun. They are caused by strong magnetic activity within the sun. Sunspots can change size and move slowly across the surface of sun.

Extra! Extra!
Sun Adjectives
Look through the newspaper to find 5 adjectives that describe the sun.

Standards Link: Language Arts: 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.

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

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Without the Sun ...

Without the sun, we wouldn't have newspapers because paper is made from trees and trees need the sun to grow. Look through the newspaper for other things that need the sun to exist.

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

Write On!

Greatest Dad Award

If there was a Greatest Dad award, who would you give it to and why?

Kid Scoop Together:

SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK and SLIDE

Kids in Australia learn at an early age the five steps to protecting their skin from the sun. They are:

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on some protective clothing like a T-shirt.

SLOP

on some sunscreen - SPF 30+.

SLAP

on a hat with a wide brim.

SEEK

some shade to get out of the sun's rays.

SLIDE

on a pair of sunglasses to protect your eyes.

Yeeouch!

If you forget to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide, your skin can burn.

A sunburn can be very painful and is much like a burn from fire. Your skin will turn red and you may even get blisters. As the burned area heals, your skin peels, which can be very itchy.



How to Treat a Sunburn

- Take a cool bath or use wet cloths to cool down the burned part of your skin.
- Apply aloe gel or sprays for sunburned skin.
- Don't use soap, as this could dry and irritate your burned skin.
- IMPORTANT: If watery blisters appear on your skin, you should see your doctor.



Soroptimists hold award presentation

BULLETIN REPORT

Soroptimist of Las Cruces recently held their first annual Winner's Circle Award Presentation and Fundraiser at St. Clair's Winery and Bistro in Mesilla.

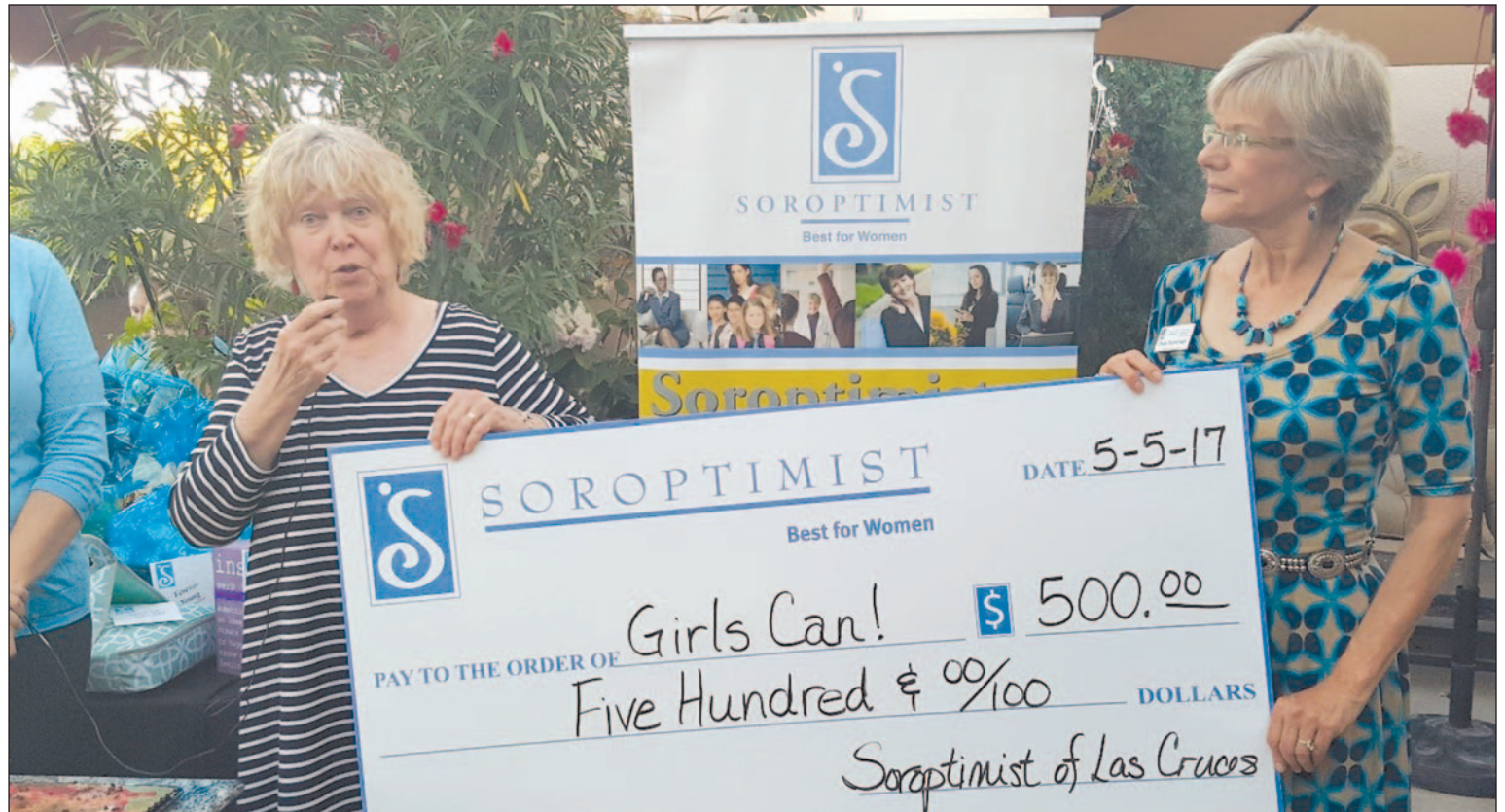
NMSU student Agni Guerrero, winner of the Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award, spoke about how the award has helped her "live her dreams." Soroptimist International of Las Cruces scholarship winner Sylvia Coronado also spoke of her career goals and how the scholarship has helped her advance her academic plans.

A Ruby Award winner was announced and awarded to Melanie Dunne. The Ruby Award honors women who are making extraordinary differences in the lives of other women and girls through their professional and/or volunteer work. A ruby is a gemstone associated with wisdom, importance, vitality, strength, power and love: all words embodying the award recipients.

After the tragic loss of her husband, United States Marine Josh Dunne, Melanie founded the Josh Dunne Organization, Mission Ready, which seeks to support veterans, their spouses and families who struggle with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and all other war-related injuries.

Dunne, a native of New Mexico, works as a counselor in Las Cruces specializing in treating depression, anxiety, trauma, attachment disorders and postpartum depression/anxiety.

"I have always been passionate about serving the community in a therapeutic and



COURTESY PHOTOS

Soroptimist International Las Cruces presented a check for \$500 to the American Association of University Women (AAUW) in support of the Girls Can Program, an annual career conference for 6th-grade girls and their parents in Doña Ana County. Pictured are AAUW representative Ann McCollough and Soroptimist board member Joan Dormody.



Sylvia Coronado

holistic manner," she says.

A check presentation was made to Ann McCullough, a member of the American Association of University Women in support of "Girls Can," an educational program for middle school girls.

A silent and live auction were held to raise funds to support these programs. Proceeds benefit women and girls in the



Agni Guerrero

community through scholarships, community giving and the annual high school girls' conference.

Soroptimist of Las Cruces is part of an international organization that seeks to improve the lives of women and girls through education. For more information, visit www.silc.nm.org or email silascruc@soroptimist.net.



Melanie Dunne, left, receives the Ruby Award from Chris Sheppard, president of Soroptimist International Las Cruces.

Casa de Peregrinos makes most of Walmart grants

BULLETIN REPORT

Casa de Peregrinos Emergency Food Program (CdP) has been feeding the hungry in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County for almost 40 years. Their recent partnership with Walmart has contributed to the nonprofit's growth and mission.

In the last several years Walmart's State Giving Grants have provided a much-needed refrigerated truck and new commercial refrigerator to Casa de Peregrinos.

"These infrastructure grants have enabled us to step onto a new level of service to the community," said Lorenzo Alba, CdP's executive director. "As we ramped up our Food Rescue Program as well as the amount of people we were able to serve, we were in need of this equipment and Walmart came through."

"As a company we, at Walmart, strive to help and get involved within the communities we're located in," said Deanna Leyba, store manager at the Walmart at 1550 S. Valley Drive. "Feeding the hungry with our partners is a big part of our everyday business."

Alba recognized Walmart's major capital contributions of a donation of a 24-foot refrigerated truck and a 187 cubic foot walk-in refrigerator, which have enabled the pantry to greatly expand its

capacity to acquire and distribute nutritious supplemental groceries, as well as Walmart's participation in the Food Rescue Program, and Walmart's donations, by individual stores, to support specific programs of the pantry.

The custom-built walk-in refrigerator has effectively doubled the available refrigeration space available at the Casa de Peregrinos flagship pantry, located at the Community of Hope.

The Food Rescue Program works with retail grocers to collect food which has passed its sell-by date, but is still perfectly edible, and provide it to low-income clients, rather than it being disposed of in landfills. This program generated 719,000 pounds of food in 2016, which allowed Casa de Peregrinos to increase both the quantity and the variety of food distributed to its clients.

"When we began Food Rescue, we had a small van and a pickup truck," said Sam Terrazas, food rescue manager at Casa de Peregrinos. "Having a large refrigerated truck makes all the difference to this program."

"In 2012, CdP distributed one million pounds of food," Alba said. "Last year, that grew to 2.5 million pounds of food. We would not have had the capacity to do that without the support of Walmart."

Walmart's individual stores have also supported Casa de Peregrinos through their Community Grant Program funds. In 2016, the Valley Drive Walmart granted \$2,500 for the homeless program, which provides food that is single-serve and needs no cooking or refrigeration to clients who are homeless.

The Walmart at 571 Walton Blvd. granted \$2,500 for the senior program, which provides mobile food pantries for seniors who may have transportation challenges reaching the Las Cruces pantry. The Walmart Neighborhood Market at 150 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. granted \$2,000 for the Food Security Program, the flagship program of the food pantry. In 2017, Sam's Club and the Valley Walmart each donated \$1,000 for the Food Security Program.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Walmart's donation of a walk-in refrigerator, as well as a refrigerated truck, has helped Casa de Peregrinos expand its emergency food program.



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Arts council ready for life after Rio Grande Theatre

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Having withdrawn from its contract with the City of Las Cruces to manage the Rio Grande Theatre but continuing to occupy the second floor of the city-owned building is like being divorced but still living in the same house, Doña Ana Arts Council Board of Directors President-elect Barbara Reasoner says.

In April, DAAC withdrew from the management contract just prior to a city council vote on whether to keep DAAC as the theatre manager for the fourth year of a five-year contract. The third year expires June 30.

DAAC's "mission is bigger than the building," Reasoner said. "We're moving forward. We're excited about the future and what it's going to look like. We've got nothing but unlimited possibilities ahead of us."

Founded in 1971, the arts council will continue to provide arts education and support to the county arts community after it moves out of RGT, according to DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers. "We're not just a building," Albers said. "We serve the community."

Albers said DAAC has devoted about 70 percent of its time to running the theatre and will have to reexamine its priorities after moving into new office space. DAAC hopes to continue providing some programming at RGT after July 1, and would

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Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) Executive Director Kathleen Albers, center, with DAAC Board President Scott Breckner and President-elect Barbara Reasoner at DAAC's new office, 1740 Calle de Mercado.

BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Arts council finds new home; moving fundraiser is June 11

Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) Executive Director Kathleen Albers signed a lease on May 24 for space in the Bulletin Plaza, 1740 Calle de Mesilla, just off Avenida de Mesilla.

"We are really excited about the possibilities for collaboration with other arts organizations, artists and the public that this new space offers," Albers said. "We will continue to be involved with the creation of the Arts and Cultural District (ACD) in downtown Las Cruces but also will broaden our reach to Mesilla and the rest of Doña Ana County. This new space is right on the edge of Las Cruces and Mesilla."

To help with the expense of moving from its current office space on the second floor of the Rio Grande Theatre (RGT) in downtown Las Cruces, DAAC is holding "A Moving Experience" fundraiser from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at RGT, 211 N. Main St.

DAAC will show two films by Ed Breeding at the event, Albers said: "Heart of the Arts" and "Holders of Wisdom."

DAAC will be located in suites B and D of the plaza, between the Las Cruces Bulletin and Paisano Café, effective July 1.

— *Mike Cook*

Arts council hopes to continue some programming at RGT

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

City Economic Development Department (EDD) Director Phil San Filippo says the city would like the Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) to continue some of the programming it has offered at Rio Grande Theatre (RGT) during its 11 years

of managing the venue.

The Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), a division of EDD, will assume management of the theatre July 1.

DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers said the arts council would welcome the opportunity to continue its children's programs and other

programming at RGT. "We do have the expertise there," Albers said. "We would be very open to providing services at RGT."

San Filippo and DAAC staff met on April 27 and May 22.

DAAC began renovations on the 91-year-old RGT in 1998, and has managed it since the theatre reopened in 2005. It

quit-claimed ownership of RGT to the city in 2014 so state funds could be used in the renovation without violating the anti-donation clause of the New Mexico Constitution. In 2014, DAAC entered into a five-year contract with the city to manage the theatre.

Shortly before the council voted on the annual renewal

of the management contract in April, DAAC withdrew from the contract, which ends June 30. In December, City Manager Stuart Ed had raised the possibility of replacing DAAC with the CVB as theatre manager.

At a May 22 council work session, Mayor Ken Miyagishima

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suggested the CVB begin a new, multi-year contract for services with DAAC for programming it would provide at RGT after June 30, with the city paying DAAC for the programming and also compensating it in part for renovating and managing the theatre. The suggestion received a mixed reaction from councilors.

“If we’re going to be separated, let’s be separated,” Councilor Ceil Levatino said. “My gut is telling me this is not a good idea.”

“I think we’re getting into management’s turf,” Councilor Jack Eakman said.

“How do we help DAAC get back to their mission as whole as possible?” Smith asked.

“DAAC has been consistently subsidizing the theatre since 1998,” Albers said. “Thank you for recognizing that DAAC brought the building and the programming to this level. The building would be gone without the arts council.”

Albers said DAAC will need “six to nine months of stabilization” to refocus its mission after it moves out of RGT. She has said that about 70 percent of DAAC

time has been devoted to running RGT.

Ed said city staff will “take a look at it (a professional services contract with DAAC) and come back with a reasonable response.”

The mayor and councilors agreed that a plaque should be placed at RGT named in honor of DAAC to recognize the art council’s role in preserving the theatre.

San Filippo said the Las Cruces Museum System will assist the CVB with art-gallery exhibits at RGT and will help run the gallery space and provide some assistance in booking events at the theatre. San Filippo also proposed expanding the CVB’s advisory board from five to seven members to include representatives of the visual and performing arts.

He said the city is about to post an advertisement for a full-time RGT manager, and said additional programming is already scheduled at RGT this summer, including a classic film series, a Thursday night music jam and a movie matinee for children.

San Filippo said specific performance measures have also been set for the theatre, including number of days in use, events and attendees, and revenues. The goal, San Filippo said, is an 85 percent satisfactory rating for programming and service.



BULLETIN FILE PHOTO

The Doña Ana Arts Council might still produce some events at the Rio Grande Theatre, which it managed for 11 years.

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like at least one seat on the city advisory council that will oversee the theatre and the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau that will take over theatre management.

“We want to have a role in that,” Reasoner said. “I think it would be in the best interest of the city.”

DAAC became RGT owner in 1998 and began renovations on the 91-year-old building that year. It has managed RGT since the theatre reopened in 2005.

“We saved the building,” Albers said. “We delivered 11 years of service. We’re proud of

what we’ve done.”

As part of its post-RGT mission, DAAC board members and staff are holding informal meetings with local visual and performing artists and gallery owners in Reasoner’s home “so they can give us their ideas,” Reasoner said. Discussions have focused on “How can we support each other?” she said. “We’ve gotten some really good feedback.”

It will take DAAC some time to settle into a new location and adjust to its new role, Reasoner said. “We’re not going to go from point A to point Z in one year,” she said. But DAAC will continue to focus on its ultimate goal to “make Las Cruces a southern

New Mexico arts destination.”

As it transitions out of RGT management, “the arts council is in good standing,” Albers said. DAAC presented an audit to the city in mid-May that includes RGT revenues and expenses for the second year of DAAC management of the theatre, as mandated in its management agreement with the city.

The audit shows DAAC collected a total of \$623,970 in support and revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, with “functional expenses” totaling \$683,993. Comparative expenses and revenue for RGT showed a deficit of about \$76,000.

Acknowledging that

the audit was submitted past its extended deadline “due to circumstances beyond our control,” Albers said it is “a 100 percent clean audit.” Questions raised by the city about the audit were addressed at DAAC expense, she said.

Ed had said previously that the lack of a “responsive audit” was one of his concerns about DAAC’s management of RGT. After a May 22 city council work session, Ed said the city still has questions about the final audit, but decided not to pursue them after DAAC withdrew from the RGT management agreement.

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IN THE NEWS

'Coffee with the Commissioner'

District 5 Doña Ana County Commissioner John L. Vasquez will be at the Ledesma Community Resource Center, 5745 Ledesma Dr. in Las Cruces each morning for the next two weeks from 10 -11 a.m. 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. I'm calling it Coffee with the Commissioner."

Chip sealing scheduled

The City of Las Cruces Street & Traffic Operations section of the Public Works Department will begin chip seal maintenance from June 1 - 5, on the following roadways:

- Mountain Avenue from Armijo Street to Melendres Street
- Las Cruces Avenue from Alameda Boulevard to Mesilla Street
- Raymond Sreet from Las Cruces Avenue. to Mountain Avenue

- Miranda Street from Mountain Avenue to Las Cruces Avenue
- Armijo Street from Picacho Avenue to Las Cruces Avenue
- Sweet Drive from Hadley Avenue to Hayner Avenue
- Scoggins Avenue from 6th Street to Sweet Drive
- Hadley Avenue from 17th Street to Motel Boulevard
- Bowman Avenue from Union Avenue to Manso Avenue
- Stanley Road from Kyle Road to Hanger Lake Road
- Engler Road from Del Rey Boulevard to Elks Drive
- Kilmer Street from Spruce Avenue to Ash Avenue
- Evelyn Street from Madrid Avenue to Mulberry Avenue

Motorists are advised of possible delays and loose material in the construction areas. Traffic will be affected and motorists are asked to seek alternatives routes. For more information, contact the Public Works Department, Streets and Traffic Operations section at 575/541-2595. The TTY number is 575/541-2182.

Visit Las Cruces seeking volunteers for theatre

Visit Las Cruces (VLC) is currently seeking volunteers to assist at Rio Grande Theatre. VLC will be talking over management of the theatre beginning July 1, and is looking for individuals with a passion for the arts and a love for Las Cruces to help usher in a new era at the theatre.

VLC has put together a lineup of entertainment from live local, regional and national performances, to a classic film series and a Saturday children's matinee program. Currently, VLC is looking for anyone interested in assisting with ticketing, ushering, concessions and general theatre assistance.

If you are interested, contact Liz Vega at 575-541-2444 for more information.

Food drive a success

"Stamp out Hunger," the largest single-day food drive in the U.S., brought in 39,848 pounds of food to benefit Roadrunner partner Casa de Peregrinos and other affiliated Food Bank partners in Las Cruces. That's about 8,000 pounds more than last year.

Melody Wattenbarger, president and CEO of Roadrunner Food Bank, said, "It is truly amazing how the efforts of the community can impact our partners in Las Cruces for the benefit of hungry people right in Doña Ana County."

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Stamp out Hunger" food drive, with efforts in all 50 states. National partners assisting in the drive in-

clude the U.S. Postal Service, the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association (NRLCA), the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW), Valpak, United Way Worldwide, the AFL-CIO, the AARP Foundation, Valassis and United Way of Southern New Mexico.

Lorenzo Alba, executive director of Casa de Peregrinos said, "We are excited about the results ... we almost made our goal of 40,000 pounds. We are grateful to the letter carriers, our staff and volunteers for all of their hard work; it really made a difference. And of course, we'd like to thank the community for their thoughtful donations."

Transit board members sought

The Las Cruces Area Transit Advisory Board is seeking two representatives. One would be a business community representative and the other would be a disabled community representative.

The purpose of the Transit Advisory Board (TAB) is to review the operations of the transit program and make recommendations for system improvements.

Those interested in serving should contact the City Clerk's office at 575-541-2115.

East Mesa Recreation Center summer hours

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department's open recreation summer hours at the East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Drive, will be 3-7 p.m. Monday-Friday from June 5 to Aug. 11.

The hours are separate

from classes, programs and rentals. Open recreation consists of drop-in, pickup games and recreational activities that are not led or instructed by Parks & Recreation staff.

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

Summer computer camps set

New Mexico State University's summer computer camps are in high demand but there is still time to sign up. The Department of Computer Science in the College of Arts and Sciences is hosting the free summer programs in June and July.

The Young Women in Computing (YWiC) program for young women in high school runs from 12:30-4 p.m. Monday through Friday from June 5 through June 16. Students will learn to explore computing skills and discover talents through an introduction to programming, computational thinking and new technologies.

"Young women in the YWiC camp will explore Arduino microprocessors using Lilypad, learn Python and explore data compression," said Rebecca Galves, co-director of summer programs. "They will also explore cybersecurity and encryption as well as smart grid technologies."

Another camp, Project GUTS (Growing Up Thinking Scientifically) is for all middle school students and runs from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Monday through Friday from June 19-23.

"The students in Project GUTS will learn computer programming basics, make computer models in StarLogo Nova,

use the model to run simulations, and create an interactive computer game," Galves said.

YWiC also offers camps for alums, or young women who have previously completed one or two summer intensives with YWiC. This group will be in charge of their designs and create projects based on personal hopes, goals and dreams.

Instructors for the camps are accomplished NMSU students studying computer science and electrical engineering.

Applications are available online at <http://nmsu.life/1b>.

Registration begins for recreation program

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registration for the Summer Recreation Program. The following sites still have participant slots available for youth in grades kindergarten-5, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.:

- Ten at Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 Bell Ave.
- 30 at Picacho Middle School, 1040 N. Motel Blvd.
- For grades 6-8, Monday through Friday, 1-5 p.m.:
- 25 at Camino Real Middle School, 2961 Roadrunner Pkwy.

Registration and payment for the Summer Recreation Program for Session I (June 5-30) and Session 2 (July 5-Aug. 4) can be completed at the following locations during regular business hours:

- Parks and Recreation Administrative Office — 1501 E. Hadley Ave.
- Frank O'Brien Papen

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Community Center — 304 Bell St.

• Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center — 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

• Meerscheidt Recreation Center — 1600 E Hadley Ave.

The cost is \$200 per session per child (does not include fees for field trips). No telephone registrations accepted. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Administrative office at 575-541-2550.

Youth Scholarship Fund accepting applications

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will accept applications for the Youth Scholarship Fund for youth programs and activities presented through June. Interested applicants

must submit their application at the Parks & Recreation Administrative Office, 1501 E. Hadley Ave.

Scholarships are available to families with certain economic restrictions, who are eligible to receive financial assistance through the department's Youth Scholarship Fund.

The intent of the scholarship fund is to offer assistance to youth wanting to participate in recreational opportunities who may not otherwise have the means. Scholarship assistance is limited to existing funds on a first-come, first-served basis and is available only to residents of Las Cruces.

The Youth Scholarship Fund can be used to subsidize the participant/activity fee on any one recreation program for one season/session including, but not limited to: youth sports, summer recreation, gymnastics, the After School

Program, specialty camps, swim lessons, etc. The fund is available to youth 17 years of age or younger. Recipients may receive only one scholarship of up to 50 percent of the program's fee; After School and Summer Recreation Programs award is limited to 30 percent per person, per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). Recipients are required to pay the initial cost of the program. The scholarship funds will be applied to the balance.

To qualify, participants must show proof of residency and financial need. For more information call the Parks & Recreation Department at 575-541-2550.

Donors are needed to assist in funding this program. For more information about donating, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 541-2550.

Software causing vendor delays

An issue with the City of Las Cruces'

financial software is contributing to an inability to promptly make payments to vendors. The City is working overtime hours, has hired temporary employees, and is in constant communication with the software company in order to process payments as quickly as possible and to rectify the issue.

"We are advising the community so they are aware and to assure them that we are doing everything we can to address the issue immediately and conduct a forensic analysis of new functionality within the software system to identify and resolve the issue,"

City Manager Stuart C. Ed said.

"In the interest of transparency, I wanted to be the first to notify the community and felt we should share this challenge openly and honestly. The City of Las Cruces thanks vendors for their patience and understanding."

COMING UP

"Building a Healthier World": 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 7, in the Roadrunner Room at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.; feeding the hungry in Doña Ana County. Free, presented by Lorenzo Alba, executive director, Casa de Peregrinos Emergency Food Program.

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum: June summer camps for kids, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd. Pre-registration is required and the cost for the camps ranges from \$20-35. Info: 575-522-4100

Made in New Mexico Films: 7 p.m., June 8. Santa Fe-based writer and New Mexico film historian Jeff Berg will return to the museum to present a brand-new version of his "Made in New Mexico" film clip anthology. The presentation is a compilation of clips from movies that feature

people who were born in New Mexico or have lived or live here now. Audience participation is strongly encouraged and admission is free.

• **Catching Dreams:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., June 10. Create crafts for catching your dreams. Crafts are free, but regular museum admission is required for all family members.

• **Father's Day Crafts:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., June 17. Celebrate dad and create a craft showing how much he means to you. Crafts are free, but regular museum admission is required of all family members.

• **Scream for Ice Cream:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., June 24. Celebrate one of the best parts of summer: ice cream. Create a craft all about this delicious treat. Crafts are free, but regular museum admission is required for all family members.

Good Sam RV Travel Club: Meets 11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 10, at

Trails West Mobile Home Park, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla. Info: 970-302-8449.

One-Mile Challenge Series: Free to youths 8th grade and under, sponsored by Las Cruces Running Club. Youths collect tickets for any and all of five races for chances to win prizes, shirts and other participation awards will be given for each race. Races will be held June 10 at La Llorona Park, June 24 at the dam behind Albertson's on East Lohman, July 3 at Meerscheidt Center, July 15 on Triviz Trail at Kohl's on North Main, and

Aug. 5 at Sagecrest Park on Roadrunner Parkway. 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., except for the July 3 run, which starts at 7:45 p.m. before the Electric Light Parade. Registration is 7:30-8:30 a.m. for each race, except for the July 3 run, which is 6:15-7:15 p.m. Parents can run with their children at no cost. Info: register@lascrucesrunningclub.com.

MVMAC fun-fly: Saturday, June 10, at the


City of Las Cruces Radio Control Airfield, 555 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Sponsored by the Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club. Free. Info: mvmac.org.

Doña Ana County Genealogical Society: Meets 2 p.m., June 13, Roadrunner Room in the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. "Getting the Scoop on Your Ancestors in Newspapers," includes a 60-minute video from Genealogy Gems. Visitors welcome. Info: dacgslc@gmail.com or Eva Nevarez St. John, eva.nevarezst-

john@yahoo.com.

Wednesday Night Markets: 5-9 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, Main St. Plaza, between Las Cruces and Griggs Ave. Wednesday Night Markets are back. There will be food trucks, arts and crafts vendors, music, and dancing. Bring the family down and enjoy a lovely evening on the Plaza. Other events scheduled for July 12, August 9, September 13, and October 25. Info: www.facebook.com/Las-CrucesMarket.

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Native Plant Society: 7 p.m., June 14, in the Conference Room of the Social Center at the University Terrace Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The Native Plant Society of New Mexico is a nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving the native flora of New Mexico. Sara Fuentes Soriano, curator of the NMSU Herbarium, presents "The weird and wonderful natural history of the Spectacle-pod and other uncommon Southwestern mustards." Info: 575-523-8413.

Zero Gravity summer camps: June 19-23; June 26-30; and July 17-21, \$85 for the week; 3030 Harrelson St.

Las Cruces AARP chapter: 2 p.m., June 21, at Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman. Presentation by Sharon Thomas on the county transportation system. Please bring a dry food good for those who have less. Last meeting of the season, to resume in September. Info: Dave, 317-385-8874.

Ongoing

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild: 6:30 p.m., the third Monday of each month, at the American Legion Post 10 Hall, 1185 Madrid Ave. Guests are always welcome at Las Colcheras 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: lascolcherasqg@aol.com or 575-521-0521.

Toastmasters Club: 7-8 a.m. every Tuesday, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center Solutions, 2345 Nevada Ave. If you are interested in improving your public speaking and leadership skills, attend a meeting to learn how this orga-

nization can benefit you. Info: clobato@nmsu.edu, or visit www.toastmasters.org.

Shriners meet: Las Cruces 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 of every month, El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St., just east of the downtown post office. Cost: free to elementary-school-age children who want to learn to play; loaner ukuleles available. No experience is necessary. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com, www.facebook.com/lascrucesukes, or 575-405-7133.

Soroptimist meeting: Noon, the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at Good Samaritan Village, 3010 Buena Vida Circle. Soroptimist International of Las Cruces, a women's advocacy group, meets. Info: silascruces@soroptimist.net.

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 lascrucestoastmasters@gmail.com or visit Toastmasters International website www.toastmasters.org.

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

Las Cruces Civitan Club meets:

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

LC Young Pros: Third Tuesday of each month, Las Cruces Young Professionals, 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.

Ambercare Hospice Volunteer Program: Ambercare seeks individuals who are interested in becoming a volunteer to offer comfort and support to patients and their families. Hospice volunteers read, take walks, listen or provide companionship. Training provided. Info: 575-556-8409 ext. 12418 or jlopez@ambercare.com.

Kitty Kitchen Glitter: Saturday, October 7, Better Life Pet Foods, 365 Avenida de Mesilla. The first annual Kitty Kitchen Glitter will feature items for holiday cooking and entertaining. We are looking for new or gently used items for holiday season cooking or entertaining, including: quality baking and cooking items, trays, small plates, elegant glassware, decorative items, linens (such as table runners), ornaments, and centerpieces.

Project Save A Kitten events raise funds for local nonprofit animal organizations that spay/neuter, adopt, vet, rescue, and address the cat overpopulation problem in Doña Ana County. Donate and info: Jackye, 575-323-0903, or jackyecats@gmail.com.

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Las Cruces High School senior wins national journalism summer fellowship

BULLETIN REPORT

One of only 20 student journalists from across the U.S. selected for the PBS NewsHour Fellowship, Las Cruces High School junior Stefanie Gutierrez is set to spend one week this summer working to advance the future of journalism and public media at the third annual Student Reporting Labs Academy in Washington, D.C. Gutierrez is the only student from New Mexico to earn the fellowship since it was first established in 2015.



GUTIERREZ

"Earning a national fellowship of this magnitude takes talent, hard work and determination," said Superintendent Dr. Greg Ewing, in a press release. "It's great to see a student taking on a challenge that will help lay the groundwork for a long and successful career."

Gutierrez and the other budding journalists will "work alongside public media mentors to produce original digital content, sharpen their journalism and production skills, help program leaders develop strategies to engage young people with the news and current affairs, and ensure that diverse youth voices are active in the conversations about critical issues facing the nation," according to the PBS NewsHour website.

"I've always loved storytelling, and being a minority from a small town in the U.S. made me feel like I had no voice," Gutierrez said in an interview published on the 2017 SLR Academy Tumblr website. "... Storytelling gave me the opportunity to give others a voice to make sure they did not feel alone and voiceless. There's something about telling other people's stories that gives me so much joy."

During the 2016-17 school year, Gutierrez and the other NewsHour Fellows contributed to the NewsHour's broadcast and digital platforms with "Letters to the Next President," "stories of New Americans," "13 Reasons Why" and two upcoming series on overcoming disabilities and America's National Parks.

For information about the PBS NewsHour Student Reporting Labs, visit srlacademy2017.tumblr.com, facebook.com/StudentReportingLabs or follow @reportinglabs on Twitter.



FREDERIC CHRISTIANSON THOMPSON

Frederic Christianson Thompson was born in

Boston on September 19, 1929 and he passed on May 22, 2017.

He attended the Boys Latin School of Chicago, the Philips Academy in Massachusetts, and graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois in EE. He later attended USC and obtained a Masters in Systems Management MSM.

His first job was at the National Lab in

Livermore, CA. and his last job was in Los Alamos where he worked until he was 70.

In retirement he loved golf and travel with his wife, Caroline, of 61 years.

Predeceasing Fred was his brother, Willard Owen Thompson, Jr.

Surviving include his wife, his children: Fred Jr. "Chris" of Bel Air, MD; Ellen T. Schwartz of Mesilla

Park; and Edan T. Luschei of Las Cruces, 8 grandchildren: Kristen Wallace of Ozark, MO., Aaron Smith of Springfield, MO, Kris Schwartz of NY State,, Brandon, Austin and Ceilidh Schwartz of Las Cruces, and Sarah and Colin Luschei also of Las Cruces and 3 great grandchildren, Kennedy and Carter Wallace, of Ozark, MO. and Jake Wapaha of Gallup,

NM. Survivors also include his brother Donald M. Thompson JD of Chicago, sister Nancy Thompson of Whiting, Indiana, nephew Willard Owen Thompson III of Oak Park, IL and Grand nephews Evan and Craig.

A service of Resurrection will be held Wednesday June 7th at 10:30 AM at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. A Military

Burial will be held later, on June 30th at the Santa Fe National Veteran's Cemetery at 12:45 PM. All are invited to attend either service or both.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to the Frederic and Caroline Thompson Endowed Scholarship fund for Choral Music at NMSU Foundation or to St. Andrew's Church.

Military women donate to Community of Hope, soup kitchen after fundraiser

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

From the proceeds of their fifth annual spaghetti dinner in April, the United Military Women of the SouthWest (UMWSW) made donations earlier this month to both El Caldito Soup Kitchen and the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH).

UMWSW's Deb Tallent and Carol Gaines delivered the donations to MVCH Executive Director Nicole Martinez and El Caldito board member Gabe Anaya.

The dinner was held at El Caldito on April 8 with help from the soup kitchen staff, and raised more than \$1,300.

"The UMWSW have once again championed the cause of homeless veterans," Martinez said. "With still no word on funding from the New



Want to go?

El Caldito's 14th annual **Veterans Appreciation Dinner** will be held on Saturday, June 10, at El Caldito, 999 W. Amador Ave., in the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope complex. A free dinner will be provided to veterans and a guest. Socializing begins at 1 p.m. and the meal will be served from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Scott Murray at 575-642-0888. Call El Caldito at 575-535-3831.

Mexico Department of Veterans' Services for the upcoming fiscal year, the UMWSW support is invaluable."

For more information on El Caldito Soup Kitchen, visit <https://elcaldito.wordpress.com>.

For more information on United Military Women of the Southwest, visit <http://umws.wweebly.com> and find them on Facebook.

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



COURTESY PHOTOS

Deb Tallent, left, and Carol Gaines of the United Military Women of the SouthWest (UMWSW) present a donation to El Caldito Soup Kitchen board member Gabe Anaya from the proceeds of the fifth annual UMWSW spaghetti dinner in April.

LEFT: Deb Tallent, left, and Carol Gaines, right, of the United Military Women of the SouthWest (UMWSW) present a donation to Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Executive Director Nicole

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

No. 17-0121

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RALPH WAYNE WARD, SR., a/k/a RALPH WAYNE WARD DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KAREN SUE CARDENAS 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: May 15, 2017.

KAREN SUE CARDENAS
4906 Vista Grande
El Paso, Texas 79922

Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH

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

Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 06/09, 2017

In the Probate Court County of Doña Ana State of New Mexico

Probate No. 17-0114

In the Matter of the Estate of Marilyn R. Newman, Deceased.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that John Newman has been appointed the Personal Representative of the Estate of Marilyn R. Newman. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative or to the Probate Court located on 845 North Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, N.M.88007.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ John Newman
Personal Representative
4906 Garnet Place
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 06/09, 2017

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

No. 17-0117

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EUGENE ALAN DEAN, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARY CAROLE DEAN WELLS, a/k/a MARY CAROL DEAN WELLS 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: May 15, 2017.

MARY CAROLE DEAN WELLS, a/k/a MARY CAROL DEAN WELLS
1423 Hawthorne Street
El Paso, Texas 79902

Prepared by:
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Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 06/09, 2017

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

No. 17-0115

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY KEITH SARVER a/k/a MARY K. SARVER, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PAUL DAVID COOK and JUDY ANN LEVERETT have been appointed co-personal representatives 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 co-personal representatives 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: May 12, 2017.

PAUL DAVID COOK
1704 Sumner Avenue
Las Cruces,

New Mexico 88001

JUDY ANN LEVERETT
2509 Terrace Avenue
Midland, Texas 79705

Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH
New Mexico Bar #14980
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Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 06/09, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 24, 2017, Alma & Daniel Chavez, 1065 Fontana Way, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-14152-POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling a supplemental well to a depth of 200 feet for 6-inch casing to be located within the SE¹/₄ of projected Section 22 T22S, R1E, NMPM, at approximately X= 1,463,952 Y = 500,286 ft. (NMSF, Central NAD83), on land owned by the applicants, to supplement existing well LRG-14152-POD1 within the SE¹/₄ of projected Section 22 T22S, R1E, NMPM, at approximately X= 1,463,355 Y. 501,519 ft. (NMSF, Central NAD83), on land owned by Ronnie J. & Anna M. Franzoy Revocable Trust for the combined diversion of an amount 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 4.0 acres of land, and for an additional 0.36 acres irrigated solely with groundwater, for a total irrigated acreage of 4.36 acres, owned by the applicants, located within the following, as described by Subfile Order No.: LRN-28-006-0125 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey:

Subdivision	Section
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The site for proposed well LRG-14152-POD3 is located north of Las Cruces, NM and may be found 979 feet northwest of the intersection

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of Fontana Way and Unnamed Road. The applicant has requested emergency to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

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

Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 06/09, 2017

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

No. 17-0128

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSALIO HOLGUIN a/k/a ROSALIO D. HOLGUIN, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **ARACELY ROSALES** and **JAVIER HOLGUIN** have been appointed co-personal representatives of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are re-

quired to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the co-personal representatives 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: May 22, 2017.

ARACELY ROSALES
1731 Deer Circle
Anthony,
New Mexico 88021

JAVIER HOLGUIN
P.O. Box 372
La Mesa,
New Mexico 88044

Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH
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Dates: 06/02, 06/09, 06/16, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 6, 2017, Frances S. Diaz, PO Box 133, La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-15541-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-12126-A, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County to use well LRG-15541-POD1, drilled to a depth of 200 feet with a 4-inch casing within the NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of projected Section 9, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1,489,932.25 ft. & Y: 420,697.91 ft. (NMSA Central NAD83), on land owned by Ms. Diaz, and discontinue the use of well LRG-12126, located on land owned by Ms. Diaz located within the NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ of said projected Section 9 and more specifically at the intersection of X: 1,489,963.1 ft. & Y: 420,730.3 (NMSA Central NAD83), for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic one-household use as described in Subfile No.

LRG 28-005-1067 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. Well LRG-15541-POD1 is located in San Miguel, NM and may be found approximately 415 feet northeast of the intersection of Savannah Rd. and S. Highway 28 at 112 W. Savannah Rd. Old well LRG-12126 has been plugged.

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 19, 2017 Mary Lou Ochoa, PO Box 234 Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-16538-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-16538-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-16538-POD3 to a depth of 160 feet with a 4¹/₂ inch casing within the SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, Section 13, T24S, R01E, NMPM and more specifically at or near the intersection of

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X = 1,473,154 ft and Y = 444,778 ft NMSP Central NAD 83 for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic one-household use as described in Subfile Order No. LRS-28-003-1005 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. Well LRG-16538-POD3 will be located south of Las Cruces, NM, approximately 0.61 miles southeast of the Mesilla Dam Bridge by way of the levy road at the physical location of 4201 County Road B-006.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill and use well LRG-16538-POD3 under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Old Wells LRG-16538-POD1 and LRG-16538-POD2 will be plugged.

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

Dates: 06/02, 06/09, 06/16, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 4, 2017, James Salopek on behalf of The Salopek Foundation, 5090 Snow Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-1243-POD5, OSE File No. LRG-1243-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1243 located at X = 1,515,005 Y = 391,053 ft. NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Old Wells LRG-1243-POD5 to a depth of 400 feet with 16-inch casing located at approximately X = 1,515,005 Y = 391,008 ft. NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Old Wells LRG-1243-POD2, LRG-1243-POD3, LRG-1243-POD4, LRG-9140-S, LRG-9140-POD4 and LRG-9140-POD5 for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the EBID for the irrigation of 211.41 acres of land owned by the applicant located within part of the NW¹/₄, NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄ of Section 05 and part of the NW¹/₄ of Section 08, all within Township 26 South, Range 03 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile No's.: LRS-28-012-0029 (A) and LRS-28-012-0030 (A) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed replacement well LRG-1243-POD5 will be located approximately 2,274 feet north of the intersection of West Berino Rd and the Three Saints Main Lateral in Anthony, NM. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Existing well LRG-1243 shall be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1)

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

Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 06/09, 2017

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on June 19, 2017:

(1) Council Bill No. 17-029; Ordinance No. 2815: An Ordinance Amending Section 43 of Chapter 38, Article V, Downtown Development Code, of the Las Cruces Municipal Code, 1997, as Amended (LCMC) to Enact a Provision Permitting Main Street Business Owners to Operate a Sidewalk Display on Public Property.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 30th day of May, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Dates: 06/02, 2017

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Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 2017

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

Case No. CV-2017-1327
Judge: Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LEANDRA OGAS FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF ARIANNA REYNI ABEYTA

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Leandra Ogas, the biological mother of Arianna Reyni Abeyta, 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, where she seeks to change her daughter's name from **Arianna Reyni Abeyta to Arianna Reyni Ogas**, and that this petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I Arrieta, District Judge, on the **22nd day of June, 2017, at the hour of 3:30pm** at the Third Judicial District County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: /s/ NA Heavnner
DEPUTY
NA HEAVNER

Dates: 06/02, 06/09, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-253
James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Titus Valentin Peña FOR

CHANGE OF NAME

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Titus Valentin Peña, 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 District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from **Titus Valentin Peña to Titus Montellano**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the **27th day of June 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.** at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Titus Peña
Titus Peña
5955 Moon View Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Dates: 06/02, 06/09, 2017

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

NO. D-307-CV-2017-01329

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Jan LeRoy Skovinski FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jan LeRoy Skovinski, 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 **Jan LeRoy Skovinski to Jan LeRoy Scully**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the **12th day of June 2017, at the hour of 9:30 a.m.**, at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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Respectfully submitted,
/s/Jan LeRoy Skovinski
Jan LeRoy Skovinski
5585 Doña Ana Rd
Las Cruces, NM 88007
PO Box 69
Doña Ana NM 88032
575-523-0480

Dates: 06/02, 06/09, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-1252
James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Dominique Angel Anderson-Herrera FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Dominique Angel Anderson-Herrera** 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 District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from **Dominique Angel Anderson-Herrera** to **Dominique Angel Herrera-Reyna**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the **27th Day of June 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.** at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/D Herrera
Dominique Angel Herrera
2902 Quasar Dr.
Las Cruces, Nm 88011
575-993-9346

Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-00135
Judge Manuel I Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF REBECCA WATSON, FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF SAMANTHA CAMERON JAQUES.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF PERSON UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rebecca Watson has filed a Petition to Change the name of her child, from Samantha Cameron Jaques to Samantha Cameron Watson. This petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the **21st, day of June, 2017, at the hour of 2:00 p.m.** at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Court Room #3, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

KENNETH L. BEAL, P.C.
P. O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-526-5511

/s/
KENNETH L. BEAL
Attorney for Petitioner

Dates: 06/02, 06/09, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. DM-2017-00620
Judge Conrad F. Perea

RICHARD URIBE ALVAREZ, Petitioner,

v.

**CINDY SMITH
ALVAREZ, Respondent.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF DIVORCE PRO- CEEDING

**TO: CINDY SMITH
ALVAREZ**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Petitioner has filed a Petition for Divorce in the above-captioned cause. The general object of this action is that Petitioner seeks dissolution of his marriage to you, as set forth in the petition on file. If you intend to contest the Petition, you must respond to the Petition by June 19, 2017. Failure to respond and file with the Court clerk a responsive pleading within that time shall be treated as a default and petitioner will be granted the relief requested. Petitioner's attorney is Ofelia Infante-Garcia, 1100 South Main Street, Suite 201, Las Cruces, NM 88005; P.O. Box 208, Mesilla, NM

88046; her telephone number is (575) 526-7781.

(Seal)

CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By: M. Elena Hayes
Deputy

Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 06/09,
2017

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

No. PB 2017-36
Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN A. BURT, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **BRANDY L. JACOBS** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within four (4) 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 counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

**MELISSA J. REEVES,
P.C.**

/s/ M J Reeves-Evins
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
NM State Bar No. 7629
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575-522-5009
522-5031 FAX
Attorney for Personal
Representative

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

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00052
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JILL CHARLOTTE THOMP- SON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: May 19, 2017

/s/Geraldine Thompson
Geraldine Thompson,
Personal Representative of
the Estate of Jill Charlotte
Thompson, Deceased

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

Dates: 06/02, 06/09, 06/16,
2017

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

Cause No.
D-307-CV-2017-01387
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF RICARDO RIVERA, Petitioner, FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **RICARDO RIVERA**, a resident of Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, and over the age of 14 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 **RICARDO RIVERA to RICARDO RIVERA LOPEZ**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, on **June 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

DATED: May 19, 2017.

(Seal)

**LAWRENCE M.
PICKETT LAW FIRM**
P.O. Box 1239
Las Cruces, NM 88004-1239
Telephone: (575) 526-3338
Facsimile: (575) 526-6791

/s/ Lawrence M Pickett
LAWRENCE M. PICKETT
Attorney for Petitioner

Dates: 06/02, 06/09, 2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00037
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES LEO CORDERO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: May 17, 2017

/s/Cynthia J. Berendzen
Cynthia J. Berendzen, Per-
sonal Representative of the
Estate of Charles Leo Cor-
dero, Deceased

PREPARED &
SUBMITTED BY:
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/s/Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Personal
Representative

Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 06/09,
2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-02577

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **June 21, 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.**, the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1250 Onate Street, Anthony, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

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

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a

judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on May 3, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$204,906.91 and the same bears interest at 4.250% per annum from March 24, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2016-01146

BANK OF AMERICA,

N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.

DANIEL RODRIGUEZ, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DANIEL RODRIGUEZ (true name unknown); NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; RAY L. LUCERO; WANDA M. LUCERO; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **June 14, 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 3244 Black Hawk Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 2, San Juan (Tortugas) Replat #3, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county on April 20, 1992, recorded in Book 17 at Page 162 of Plat Records,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 1987 HIGH double wide, VIN No. HCTXSN7434AB, License Plate Number 7845MHB,

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on May 4, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$47,612.64 and the same bears interest at 3.875% per annum from January 2, 2017, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such

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sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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

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

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

Dates: 05/19, 05/26, 06/02,
06/09, 2017

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

Case No. PB-2017-46
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF LUIS
A. DELGADO, a/k/a LUIS
ALFONSO DELGADO
Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned **DORA G. DELGADO** has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of **LUIS A. DELGADO**,

a/k/a **LUIS ALFONSO DELGADO**. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims **within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred**. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative do The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2017.

/s/ Dora G. Delgado, Personal Representative of the Estate of LUIS A. DELGADO, a/k/a/ LUIS ALFONSO DELGADO, deceased.

Prepared by:

The Law Offices of
Dana M. Kyle, P.A.

By /s/ Dana M. Kyle
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Attorney for Personal
Representative

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-00120

**LSF9 MASTER PARTICI-
PATION TRUST,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MIGUEL A. LOYA; THE
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DE-
VISEES AND LEGATEES
OF MARIA E. LOYA,
DECEASED; CITIFI-
NANCIAL, INC.; APO-
DACA BAIL BONDS;
MISSION FINANCIAL
SERVICE CORPORA-
TION, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-
CO** to Defendants, The Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Maria E. Loya, Deceased, to be published on:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff LSF9 Master Participation Trust has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 306 Second St., Sunland Park, NM 88063. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 15, BLOCK 12, SUN-
LAND PARK SUBDIVI-
SION - PLAT NO. 1, IN
THE COUNTY OF DOÑA
ANA, NEW MEXICO, AS
THE SAME IS SHOWN
AND DESIGNATED ON
PLAT NO. 848, THEREOF
FILED FOR RECORD IN
THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK OF
SAID COUNTY ON AU-
GUST 5, 1976, AND RE-
CORDED IN BOOK 12,
PAGES 71-73, PLAT RE-
CORDS.

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

**McCARTHY &
HOLTHUS, LLP**

By: /s/ Carrie Cook
Karen Weaver
Carrie Cook
6501 Eagle Rock NE,
Suite A-3
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87113
Telephone No.:
(505) 219-4900
ccook

Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 06/09,
2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-01478

**LSF8 MASTER PARTICI-
PATION TRUST,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RAUL ESTRADA; TERE-
SA ESTRADA; BENEFI-
CIAL NEW MEXICO
INC. DBA BENEFICIAL
MORTGAGE CO.; BANK
OF AMERICA, N.A.; OC-
CUPANTS 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 1710 South Pecos St, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 5 FARMERS SUBDI-
VISION, LOCATED IN
THE CITY OF LAS CRU-
CES, DOÑA ANA COUN-
TY, NEW MEXICO, AS
SHOWN AND DESIGNA-
TED ON THE PLAT
THEREOF, FILED FOR
RECORD IN THE OFFICE
OF THE COUNTY CLERK
OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO ON SEP-
TEMBER 2, 1947 AND
RECORDED IN BOOK 6
AT PAGE 65, PLAT RE-
CORDS. Also known as:
LOT NUMBERED 5 OF
FARMERS SUBDIVISION,
LAS CRUCES, DOÑA
ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO, AS THE SAME
IS SHOWN AND DESIG-
NATED ON THE PLAT OF
SAID FARMERS SUBDI-
VISION, FILED IN THE
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
CLERK OF DOÑA ANA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1947
IN PLAT BOOK 6, FOLIO
65

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on June 29, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 24, 2017, in the total amount of \$143,773.79, with interest at the rate of 4.000% per annum from March 17, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, ease-

ments, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. LSF8 Master Participation Trust, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE 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 PUR-
CHASERS AT SALE ARE
ADVISED TO MAKE
THEIR OWN EXAMINA-
TION OF THE TITLE
AND THE CONDITION
OF THE PROPERTY
AND TO CONSULT
THEIR OWN ATTOR-
NEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

By: Robert A. Doyle,
Special Master
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181
505-417-4113

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

D-307-PB-2017-00038
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
MARTIN ANTHONY
DITMORE, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned **GLENNIS L. ADAM** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims **within four (4) months after the date of the first**

publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative c/o The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2017.

/s/ _____
GLENNIS L. ADAM,
Personal Representative of
the Estate of MARTIN
ANTHONY DITMORE,
deceased.

Prepared by:

The Law Offices of
Dana M. Kyle, P.A.

By /s/ _____
Dana M. Kyle
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Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88004-2277
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Attorney for Personal
Representative

Dates: 05/19, 05/26, 06/02,
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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

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

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

vs.

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

**NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4573 Azure Hills Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 13 IN
BLOCK NUMBERED U

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

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

**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. Caliber Home Loans, Inc., 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 PUR-
CHASERS AT SALE ARE
ADVISED TO MAKE**

**THEIR OWN EXAMINA-
TION OF THE TITLE
AND THE CONDITION
OF THE PROPERTY
AND TO CONSULT
THEIR OWN ATTOR-
NEY BEFORE BIDDING.**

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

NO. D-307-CV-2017-00291

**SUN WEST MORTGAGE
COMPANY, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**LUZ T. GREEN AND
THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE LUZ T. GREEN,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants Luz T. Green and The Unknown Spouse of Luz T. Green,

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 3685 Santa Marcella Ave., Las Cruces Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 94 of Metro Verde South, Phase 1A, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Metro Verde South, Phase 1A, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on January 25, 2012 in Plat Book 23, Folio 266-269.

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 publica-

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tion date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
WEINSTEIN &
RILEY, P.S.

By: /s/ Elizabeth V. Friedenstien
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505-348-3200
ElizabethF@w-legal.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 06/09,
2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2017-00010

WELLS FARGO BANK,
NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

JENNIFER TAMPLIN,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Jennifer Tamplin 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 600 S. Melendres Street, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lots 46, 47 and 48, AMENDED MAP OF THE ORGAN MOUNTAINVIEW GARDENS SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on July 20, 1949, in the office of the County Clerk of said County on July 20, 1949, in Book 6, Page 85, of Plat Records.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment

may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

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

May 11, 2017

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

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 11th day of May, 2017.

CLAUDE BOWMAN
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By Paloma Nava
Deputy

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO DOÑA ANA COUNTY THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2017-00039
HON JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBBIE M. ROLPH, 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 (4) 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 at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces,

NM 88005.

Dated: 5/27/2017.

Carol Kay
4100 Cholla Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
(575)571-7771

Dates: 06/02, 06/09, 06/16,
2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-00033
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

THOMAS K. MOORE and PAMELA MOORE, Plaintiffs,

v.

LA UNION HOLDINGS, INCORPORATED, a New Mexico Corporation, LIDIA ROBLES, LLUVIA MCCLUSKY, AVA RUBLES, NEW MEXICO TAXATION & REVENUE DEPARTMENT, and the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master James A. Roggow, Esq. will, on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds, all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following-described property and improvements, situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and located at 3117 Highway 28, Anthony, New Mexico, 88021, to-wit:

0.349 ACRE PARCEL
SITUATE WITHIN
SECTION 16,
TOWNSHIP 27 SOUTH,
RANGE 3 EAST
NEW MEXICO
PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN
EAST OF LA UNION
DOÑA ANA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO

A certain parcel of land situate within Section 16, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, east of La Union, as filed in Book 297, at Pages 171-172 of the records

of Doña Ana County and being more particularly described by METES AND BOUNDS as follows:

BEGINNING at a 5/8" rebar found in pavement at the northwest intersection of New Mexico State Highway 28 (no defined right-of-way found) and the highway to La Union (F.A.S. 1120-no defined right-of-way found) for the southeast corner of the parcel herein described, whence a U.S.G.L.O. brass cap found for the southwest corner of the Refugio Colony Tract 1 bears N87°15'35"W, a distance of 7521.82 feet;

THENCE, S81°21'00"W, a distance of 140.00 feet along the northerly side of said highway to La Union to a 5/8 inch rebar with yellow cap No. 5948 set for the southwest corner of the parcel herein described;

THENCE, N21°48'10"W, a distance of 100.00 feet partially along and approximately 4 feet westerly of a chain link fence to the northwest corner of the parcel herein described;

THENCE, N73°04'21"E, a distance of 140.00 feet partially along and northerly of a chain link fence to a 5/8" rebar with yellow cap No. 5948 set on the westerly side of said N.M. State Highway 28 for the northeast corner of the parcel herein described;

THENCE, S20°17'27"E, a distance of 120.00 along the westerly side of said N.M. State Highway 28 to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel herein described

containing 15,201.90 square feet or 0.349 acres of land MORE OR LESS.

The sale will be made pursuant to the Final Judgment & Order of Foreclosure entered on May 16, 2017, in the above-titled and numbered cause, a suit to foreclose a mortgage lien held by Plaintiffs by which Plaintiffs have a security interest on the above-described real estate in the sum of \$275,684.25 as of May 15, 2017, plus interest at the statutory rate of 9.00% per annum from May 15, 2017 through the date of sale (\$2,583.24), together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee (estimated at approximately \$250.00 plus gross receipts tax). The proceeds from the judicial sale will be applied first to the payment of the costs and expenses of the sale, then to the payment of the Judgment in favor of Plaintiffs. Any excess funds shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Court to be applied as may be determined by the Court. Plaintiffs have the right to submit their Judgment by way of bid verbally or in writing. Plaintiffs may apply all or any part of to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, all recorded and unrecorded special as-

sessments and taxes that may be due including unpaid utility bills. Plaintiffs and their attorney disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by a 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, any homeowners' association or condominium dues, assessments, declarations, rules requirements and restrictions, if any, any requirements imposed by city or county ordinance or by state law affecting the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. No representation is made as to the validity of the rights of ingress and egress. Transfer of title to the highest bidder shall be without warranty or representation of any kind. Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a nine month right of redemption. ALL PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

Dated: 05/26, 06/02, 06/09,
06/16, 2017

Special Master
205 W. Boutz Rd., Bldg. 2,
Suite C
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Ph: 575-526-2448

SUBMITTED BY:

BARNCASTLE
LAW FIRM

By /s/Samantha R. Barncastle
P.O. Box 1556
Las Cruces, NM 88004
Ph: 575-636-2377
Fax: 575-636-2688
Attorney for Plaintiffs

Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 06/09,
06/16, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DONA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-025

IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF James
Alan Lawrence,
DECEASED. AKA'S:
James A. Lawrence, James
Lawrence, Jim Lawrence,
Jim A. Lawrence, Jim
Alan Lawrence, James
(Jim) A. Lawrence

LETTERS TESTAMEN- TARY (WILL)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is now given that Bridget Rose Long (name of personal representative), has been appointed to serve as the personal representative of the estate of James Alan Lawrence and has qualified as the decedent's personal representative by filing with

the court a statement of acceptance of the duties of that office.

The personal representative has all of the powers and authorities provided by the law and specifically, by Section 45-3-715 NMSA 1978.

Issued this 17 day of May,
2017.

(Seal)

/s/ Scott Krahling
Clerk of the Probate Court

By: /s/ Lynn Ellins
Deputy Clerk

Dates: 05/26, 06/02, 06/09,
2017

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-02389

NATIONSTAR MORT-
GAGE LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

MARIA G. MAESE, RAMON J. MAESE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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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 984 Flora Vista Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 45, BLOCK A, CORAZON DEL VALLE SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 4363 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 2, 2006, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 21, PAGES 601-605, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45am on July 13, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on May 3, 2017, in the total amount of \$196,258.36, with interest at the rate of per annum from April 1, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

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

property, if any.

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

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

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2014-00977

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. F/K/A JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, IN TRUST FOR MASTR ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2003-4, Plaintiff,

vs.

ESTEFANA R. GARCIA AND BENJAMIN F. GARCIA AKA BEN F. GARCIA, IF LIVING; IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BENJAMIN F. GARCIA AKA BEN F. GARCIA, DECEASED, WIFE AND HUSBAND; ELEPHANT BUTTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 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 5530 N. Doña Ana Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST ONE-QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, U.S.R.S. SURVEYS BEING WITHIN THE DOÑA ANA BEND COLONY GRANT AND COMPRISING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 4-69C AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED BEING A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF N.M. STATE ROAD 28, WHENCE THE SOUTHEAST INTERSECTION OF SAID STATE ROAD 28 AND N.M. STATE ROAD 320 BEARS N. 33 DEG 44' 00" W., 372.00 DISTANT; THENCE N. 58 DEG 33' 34" E., 217.38 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S. 33 DEG 44' 00" E., 155.04 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S. 57 DEG 37' 00" W., 217.27 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, BEING A POINT ON SAID EASTERLY LINE OF STATE ROAD 28; THENCE N. 33 DEG 44' 00" W., 158.62 FEET ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE OF STATE ROAD 28 TO THE NORTHWEST AND BEGINNING CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, CONTAINING 0.7820 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

The sale is to begin at **10:45 am on July 13, 2017**, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on April 26,

2017, in the total amount of \$143,520.57, with interest at the rate of 2.500% per annum from March 31, 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. The Bank Of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. F/K/A The Bank Of New York Trust Company, N.A., As Successor-In-Interest To JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. F/K/A JPMorgan Chase Bank, In Trust For Mastr Alternative Loan Trust 2003-4, 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.

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

No. D-307-PB 2017-54
JUDGE ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BENITO R. ALVAREZ, 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 two 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 at her attorney's office, Perales Law Firm, P.O. Box 8650, Las Cruces, NM 88006 or filed with the Third Judicial District Court at 201 W.

Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 17 day of May, 2017.

/s/Mary E. Alvarez
Mary E. Alvarez

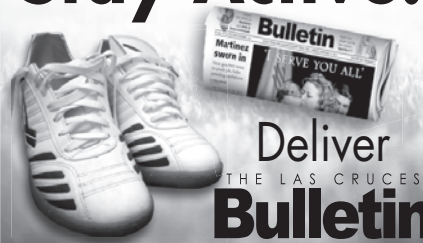
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NMSU students elect Las Cruces natives to office

By **KRISTIE GARCIA**
FOR THE BULLETIN

Kevin Prieto and Emerson Morrow will serve the Associated Students of New Mexico State University for the 2017-2018 school year as president and vice president, respectively. Both are Las Cruces natives.

More than 2,400 students voted in the election April 3 to 7, while more than 1,600 voted in the presidential runoff election April 10 to 17. The new administration took office May 16.

Prieto, who graduated from Las Cruces High School in 2014, immediately joined ASNMSU his first semester at NMSU as part of the Roadrunner internship program, which provides incoming freshmen, sophomores and transfer students with an understanding of how student government works.

That semester, he was elected senator for the College of Business, serving two terms in that capacity. Prieto was elected ASNMSU vice president in 2016 and just wrapped up his 2016-17 term.

Prieto is eager to represent the NMSU student body as president.

“Whether it is on campus or in Santa Fe, the NMSU student voice will be heard,” Prieto said. “I want to increase university involvement on campus, as well as in the community. It is also imperative that we make sure NMSU is always a comfortable



Associated Students of New Mexico State University President Kevin Prieto, left, and Vice-president Emerson Morrow took office May 16.

PHOTO COURTESY ANDRES LEIGHTON

and fun learning environment where everyone can be proud to be an Aggie.”

A business management major, Prieto plans to work in the health administration field after college.

Morrow, who graduated from Mayfield High School in 2015, ran for vice president after serving three semesters as an ASNMSU senator for the College of Arts and Sciences. He said senate and student government services are more valuable than ever due to the current budget

situation.

“We need to have an efficient reimbursement process for the many students who request funding for travel, community service and competition,” Morrow said. “My priority is to be as organized as possible, so that the senate can serve as many students as possible through timely reimbursements.”

In addition to the president and vice president, the following senators from their respective colleges were elected or re-elected:

Newly-elected senators:

Linda Cisneros, Arts and Sciences
Kwame Ponschock, Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Jordan Woodbury, Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Lillie Alexander, Business

Alexandria Beatty, Business

Joseph Szymbor, Health and Social Services

Adam Amador, Graduate School

Gasapard Mucundanyi, Graduate School

Re-elected senators:

William Jones, Arts and Sciences

Cody McCarty, Arts and Sciences

Alexander Warner-Garrett, Arts and Sciences

Cassidy Downing, Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Laura Loya, Education

Drew Cassidy, Engineering

Jonathan Ortiz, Engineering

Z. M. Saifullah, Graduate School

M.D. Sarker, Graduate School

The following students were appointed to the executive staff by ASNMSU President Prieto and confirmed by the senate:

Uriel Munoz, director of governmental affairs

Taylor Brown, comptroller

Luis Terrazas, director of public relations

Adrian Llanez, director of community outreach

Nancy Mestre, chief elections officer

Jan Bonestroo, director of services

Donovan Olvera, director of activities

ASNMSU was founded in 1910 and remains committed to enhancing the college experience of all Aggies by providing valuable programs, events and services to NMSU students.

Kristie Garcia is an Associate Communications Specialist at New Mexico State University. She may be reached at 575-646-4211 or kmgarcia@nmsu.edu.

NMSU evaluating state agricultural science centers

BULLETIN REPORT

Public concern regarding New Mexico State University potentially closing two agricultural science centers has stimulated the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) to

conduct a self-evaluation of the 12 centers around the state.

“At this time we are not closing any centers; that would be the last recourse, but it is on the table,” said College of ACES Dean Rolando A. Flores. “In a time of low budgets, we need to

rationalize and properly manage our resources.”

During visits with the advisory boards at each agricultural science center, Flores explained the evaluation process has begun.

“We have formed a committee to determine

ways we can operate the research centers more efficiently as a whole, while reaching our goal of providing applied science that the agricultural producers may use in their operations to position themselves for success,” Flores said.

The committee includes individuals from the private industry, some agricultural science center superintendents, college department heads and faculty members.

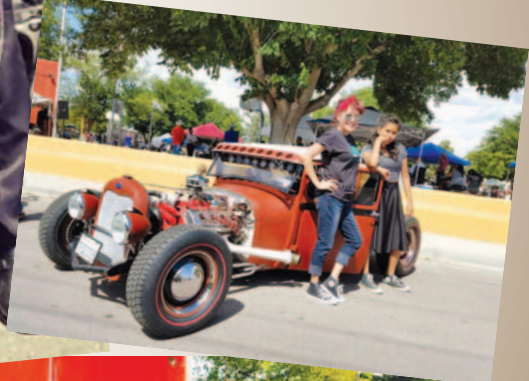
The alternative for the College of ACES is to do as other universities have

done — turn to the private sector for partnerships.

“We need to start looking at different approaches as to how we fund research,” he said. “We need more involvement with private industry participating in research, sponsoring research.”



PRIDE *in the* RIDE



The annual Zoot Suit Pachanga pays homage to a car culture that grew up with Las Cruces' oldest neighborhoods, now centered in the Mesquite Historic District. These scenes are from the 2016 Pachanga.

COURTESY MANUEL JR. RENTERIA

Zoot Suit Pachanga pays tribute to historic car culture

BULLETIN REPORT

Zoot Suit Pachanga (party) 2017 will be held Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3, at Klein Park, 155 N. Mesquite St.

The event is billed as “a celebration of Hispanic culture of the Mesquite District,” an historic neighborhood in downtown Las Cruces. The art of boxing and teenage car clubs are the legacy of that culture.

There is no charge to attend.

“This year we have added a second day to the event to bring back an activity that happened in Klein Park in the 1950’s-’60’s — boxing,” event organizer Victor Gallegos said in a news release. “Community adult leaders would organize a number of multi-age boxing matches to give the youth in the neighborhood something productive to do,” he said. “I remember attending the matches and it was exciting and entertaining and created a ‘neighborhood’ atmosphere. We also are also staging a car show as the cars highlight the neighborhood youth car clubs of the 1960s.”

Other activities during the two-day event include arts and crafts, “culinary delights featuring the restaurants of the Mesquite Historic Neighborhood” and food trucks, nonprofit informational booths, demonstrations and children’s activities presented by the Las Cruces police and fire departments and the Doña Ana County Sheriff’s Office. There also will be a zoot-suit fashion show, contest and dance exhibition by the El Paso Zoot Suit Club 915 Pachucos.

The Zoot Suit Pachanga is a yearly cultural activity, with major funding from the City of Las Cruces, Hotel Encanto and Court Youth Center, organized by a group of neighborhood and community individuals in the Mesquite Street Historic Preservation Society, according to the news release.

It continues: “The main focus of the volunteer group is to bring awareness of historic preservation and cultural traditions in the city’s original townsite, which is the only intact neighborhood of adobe structures dating back to the 1870s from Brownsville, Texas, to the coast of California.”

Gallegos said funds raised by the second annual Pachanga will be used to create a “neighborhood beautifica-



COURTESY MANUEL JR. RENTERIA

Customized cars will mark the streets at the annual Zoot Suit Pachanga in Klein Park.

tion project.”

The Friday, June 2, Pachanga Shuffle is the return of boxing to the neighborhood, and will be held from 6 to 10 p.m.

“We have the local boxing clubs PAL, House of Pain, Doña Ana Boxing and Crosstown, as well as clubs from El Paso, Lordsburg, Magdalena and other towns participating,” said retired professional boxer and Las Cruces firefighter Louie Burke, organizer of the Pachanga Shuffle. “We will also have demonstration matches from Lucha Libre boxers from Albuquerque and El Paso,” he said. Lucha Libre” is a term used in Mexico for a form of professional wrestling, according to the news release. “Colorful masks, rapid sequences of holds and maneuvers as well as ‘high flying’ maneuvers, characterize the Lucha Libre sport.

“My family’s history in the neighborhood is the reason I got involved in the Pachanga Shuffle,” Burke said. “My father, my brother, Rocky, and myself are very proud of our Las Cruces boxing history and I wanted to pay tribute to my dad and mom and our family connections to

the neighborhood.”

National boxing champion Austin “No Doubt” Trout, will be a guest at the Pachanga Shuffle, the news release said. Trout was WBA (Regular) super welterweight champion from 2011 to 2013 and continues to box professionally. Interested boxers can contact Burke at lvb-fire@hotmail.com for more information.

Fifty car slots are available for the car show, with pre-registration having taken place May 30 at Nopalitos restaurant on South Mesquite Street, event organizer Manny Renteria said. The categories include classic, vintage, low-rider, costume and bicycles, rat rod, hot rod and custom truck.

“The event is about bringing families together and to celebrate the clubs, car culture, and the cars from the early 1950s to present day,” Renteria said. The Zoot Suit Pachanga car show is the historic reference to all the youth car clubs that were in the Mesquite Street Historic Neighborhood.

“There were several car clubs, one of the first being the Drifters, where neigh-

borhood teenagers would get together and build engines and restore cars. We would meet up at the Shamrock Drive-In and then go to the old airport (currently the Meerscheidt Complex) and race,” said David Camunez, the Drifters’ president and one of the neighborhood teenagers who started the club and now lives in Denver.

In the 1960s, the teenagers would “wipe down their cars and drive to local spots and display their finished products,” Renteria said in the news release. “There was little organization and no formal judging took place. Today, car shows have become a cultural expression of mechanical and artistic talents with all types of cars being displayed from the vintage models of the 1920s to the lowrider bicycles. Several cars from the Good Times Car Club will be on display for the public to view and discuss the complexity of remodeling and refurbishing required for car show competition.”

For more information contact Renteria at manueljr_rent@yahoo.com or Irene Oliver-Lewis at iolewis@zianet.com.

Singing Out presents spring concerts

BULLETIN REPORT

Singing Out Las Cruces LGBTQ chorus, will perform its spring concert, "Singing Out Sings Broadway," at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road.

Tickets are \$10 (free for children under 10) and available at the door and at Spirit Winds, 2260 S. Locust St.

The performance will include medleys from "My Fair Lady," "Carousel," "Hamilton" and "Pippin."

Intermission during the performances will offer coffee and treats, plus a silent auction fundraiser featuring original arts and crafts, collectibles and household items. Proceeds will help pay for chorus members to sing at GALA International's 2020 Festival in Minneapolis.

Singing Out includes 36 men and women who perform a variety of musical programs.

"Our amazing director, Irene Comer-Gehre, knows just which 'buttons' to push to bring out the best we have to give," chorus member Carol Buschick said. "Her teaching skills enable us to sing harder music,

learn greater dynamics of the songs, strive closer to doing 'theater music.' Our remarkable accompanist, Mark Klett, uses his magic on the piano keys to keep us on pitch and help our voices blend. He is such an important part of our joy and success.

"Our reputation is growing as an LGBTQ as we reach out with our mission to entertain, heal and inspire the community to respect and value the diversity of all people through music."



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Singing Out at its January 2017 winter concert.

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Local singer wins 'Indie' category at music awards

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Singer/songwriter/guitarist Daisy Blue of Las Cruces won top honors in the Indie category at the 30th annual New Mexico Music Awards held May 21 in Albuquerque.

Blue was the only Cruces-area artist to win an award.

Blue won for the title track of her EP, "Unseen," recorded at Studio Productions of Tularosa.

On her facebook page, Blue responded to the award. "I completely blacked out once my name was called," she said. "Ask any of my old troops, me being left speechless is not something that happens very often... I am so incredibly

humbled and honestly stunned to receive this award.

"Your support and encouragement means the world to me. Thank you for letting me share my testimony. All glory to God. What a night! Thanks so much for my family and friends who traveled so far to come and support me. I can't thank everyone enough."

Blue performs regularly in Las Cruces at clubs and restaurants.

Awards were presented in 41 categories in genres ranging from Country to Rock to Jazz. Longtime R&B vocalist Hillary Smith was the recipient of the Eric Larson Lifetime Achievement Award for her 30-plus years entertaining in New

Mexico.

Santa Fe producer Jono Manson was presented the Norman Petty Producers award for his album "The Slight Variations". Best of the Year honors went to Jaime Michaels' album "Once Upon a Different Time" which was also produced by Manson.

Other winners included Ruidoso's Richard Cagle & the Voodoo Choir for their blues composition "Slow Blues."

Eastern New Mexico's Will Bannister won Best Country Song and Best Country CD, "What a Way to Live," produced by Johnny Mulhair in Portales. Mulhair is credited with discovering LeeAnn Rimes. A complete list of the winners can be found at <http://newmexicomusicawards.com/2017-winners>.



Daisy Blue of Las Cruces reacts to winning best Indie song at this year's New Mexico Music Awards in Albuquerque.

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Fireballs/American Bandstand: 7 p.m., Saturday, June 3, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Relive the roots of rock & roll in a town hall setting with George Tomsco, an original member of New Mexico's Fireballs, whose hit "Sugar Shack" predated the British Invasion; and Stan Blitz, author of "Bandstand: The Untold Story," about the iconic pop-music TV show of the '50s and '60s. \$17 at the door or in advance at the Rio Grande box office, second floor. Or purchase online at www.riograndetheatre.com or call 575-523-6403.

LCAA collective exhibit: A collection of juried works of art by the members of the Las Cruces Arts Association will be on exhibit the month of June at the Mesquite Gallery, 340 N. Mesquite St. An opening reception will be held at the gallery from 5-7 p.m., Saturday, June 10. Public invited.

Vans Warped Tour: 11 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 1, at the NMSU Intramural Field. Over 80 acts. Info at www.vanswarpedtour.com. Tickets at <http://vanswarpedtour.com/dates/las-cruces/>. The first 500 tickets will be discounted and will include a digital download of the 2017 Vans Warped Tour Compilation.

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 a new exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. "A Movable Feast: Foods of New Mexico" is an art show presented by the New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter. Regular hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon-5

p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children 4-17 and free for Museum Friends members with a card and children 3 and under. Info: 575-522-4100 or visit www.nmfarmmandranchmuseum.org.

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

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- 6-7 p.m. Mondays-beginning adults and teens
- 7-8 p.m. Mondays- intermediate adult and teen.
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays-beginning kids; 6:30-8 p.m.-Ring Jam

Info: 575-208-4413 or www.projectinmotion.com.

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

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

Las Cruces Ukles: 5:15-6:15 p.m. Thursdays beginner group; 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays performance group at Good Samaritan Society — Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Cost: no charge and loaner ukuleles available. Info: www.lascrucesukes.blogspot.com or 575-405-7133.

Mas Art classes: Mas Art Frame and Art Supplies, 126 S. Main St. Pencil and Pastels class taught by Wayne Carl Huber, open to adults and high-school students. Subject matter will comprise of still life and landscape. Basic assignments for beginning drawing will also be included. Enrollment limited. Info: Wayne Carl Huber, 575-647-5684 or wch1966@msn.com.

Art classes: Raven Art Studio, 300 N. Main St. For adults and

teens 17 and older. All classes are \$25 per session. Info: Rick Rontante, 909-233-0425.

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Spirited: Prohibition in America' opens at the Branigan

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Organized by the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, and the Mid-America Arts Alliance, visitors to Spirited will learn about the complex issues that led America to adopt Prohibition through the 18th Amendment to the Constitution in 1919 until



Detroit in 1919

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its repeal through the 21st Amendment in 1933.

The exhibition draws on the histories told from both sides of this divisive issue that riled passions. After a decade of widespread corruption, wavering public opinion, and the need to generate revenue from an alcohol tax, the 18th Amendment was the first amendment to ever be repealed.

Admission is free. The Branigan Cultural Center is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.



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Go ahead and call it country

I'm tooling west out of Tennessee in the winter of 2016 and all the FM stations from Nashville to Jackson down to northern 'Bama are doling out the pop-country hits. Country-pop? Well, the latest this-and-that. They've got the requisite twang in the vocals hailing catchy choruses and maybe a couple of hot licks, and the tunes smolder with romance. Everyone inside is twentysomething, handsome, cute and single, like a beer commercial.

I get it that the songs are crafted on the assembly lines of Music City like so many candy bars and that they are matched up with the appointed singers and studio musicians in hopes of market saturation and breakout tours, because there's a formula to all that and it often proves out. The singers don't really live or feel the lyrics as interpret them with audio-centric airwave perfection, and a cynic might point out it's all about the money, not the life-and-death demons Hank and Patsy and Merle and the rest of them battled back in the day, when country was real.

But, listen. This pop-country jingle-jangle sounds pretty good. It sounds good in the car. The car has white line fever, and the choruses grab hold and escort you to the next town, and sometimes they howl on a lowdown Chris Stapleton piece like "Nobody to Blame" that you figure you can hang with this stuff across the prairie to New Mexico. You'll get the same song five-and-a-half times between rest stops, but, hey, these radio playlists are on a tight rotation.

Which is to say, no matter how they reassemble it for public consumption, country music is so rooted in our national soundtrack that, despite the ebb and flow of its popularity or the design of this year's



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model, it will always be. It can two-step, boogie, rock out, crawl in the dark on all fours or fall into a waltz, doesn't matter. It passes simple composition with a deep-down yearning and melodies that ride in from long ago and heartbreaks away.

Skirting Memphis, where you pick up some gospel, the jingle-jangle keeps you company through Arkansas, from transmitters fading in, fading out, courtesy impermanent towns lost in the rearview mirror, to be replaced by sound-alikes all through the water-logged hills. I wouldn't slog those soggy bottoms full of cottonmouths and mosquitoes like the razorbacks do, being a desert rat myself, so I'm on the fly, heading to sunset, riding country all the way.

You clear out to Oklahoma, where the forest thins and the "red-dirt" sound bred in Stillwater begins to cut in line. It's got a little dust on it, and it's not quite as sophisticated as the factory hits, and you know it won't last past Oklahoma City.

Approaching Amarillo there's a DJ playing nothing but Texas. If it's not Lone Star recorded it doesn't get on. The tunes ride fiddles and pedal steel, and there's a whiff of honky-tonk. But compared to the Americana down in Austin,



Chris Stapleton

it's fairly mannered and predictable. I detect a formula, and though you admire its regional flavor it's not catchy like Nashville, which, you just know, will beam back soon enough.

In the winter of 2017 I'm on the "Outlaw Country Music Cruise," sailing from Tampa to Cozumel and back, rocking the boat with renegade artists who, I guess, are comfortable being called country. Maybe this all dates to cosmic hippies like Gram Parsons or outcasts like Willie, Waylon and the boys. There's country-folk and Southern rock, singer/songwriter and Americana heartland rock, bluesy country and rockabilly and, oh yeah, even some steel guitar and cowboy hats.

If Nashville is the law, and these are the outlaws, they need each other to settle their brands.

A few months later, Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood

hit Las Cruces for five sellouts at the Pan Am Center. He's a country superstar, sure, there's no other way to put it, but his music is a product of 1970s folk-rock and power-pop, and the show breathes arena-rock bombast. I'm good with it; if Garth Brooks is a country chart-topper, we can call him that, because he's an Okie at heart.

A few weeks later, the Las Cruces Country Music Festival sets up in downtown Las Cruces. First act on the main stage opening night is the Marshall Tucker Band. They left Spartanburg 40 years ago with a lilting reed-based orchestration, and they were pegged as Southern rock, kinda, sorta. At the festival they push extended, jazzy arrangements into sundown much as you'd expect from jam bands like Phish or Widespread Panic. But, look, if you want to call Marshall Tucker country, we can do that, because they're

bearded Southern boys and chaw like this ain't manufactured on Broadway.

Travis Tritt, who helped bequeath Chris Stapleton and Ryan Bingham, guys who wander through the poetry of this landscape, closes the show with a hoarse yowl that, yeah, we'll call country long into tomorrow. Next evening, Bri Bagwell adds an Austin-College Station hipster edge. To me, it's rock & roll, much as Lucinda Williams is rock & roll, but hey, call her country, that works, because she's a Western gal and close to the roots, the roots that nourish this purely American strain forever and ever, amen. Carry on, wayward souls.

Marty Racine is the editor of the Las Cruces Bulletin and a former music critic for the Houston Chronicle. He plays guitar in the lonely hours to keep his bearings and hopes Jimmy LaFave (RIP 1955-2017) made it home.

Finding therapy through the lens

Holloman sergeant finds audience for photography 'hobby'

By AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
ILYANA ESCALONA

For the Bulletin

From a young age, Master Sgt. David Long has been interested in photography. He picked up the hobby from his father, but it became secondary to his short-lived U.S. Army career as an infantryman, and current 15-year U.S. Air Force career as the 54th fighter group staff F-16 base engine manager at Holloman Air Force Base.

Photography is David's therapy, his way to escape from the real world. Once his sight is set through the camera lens, David is in his own world, creating images that he does not even fully notice until after he looks back at his work.

David believes his work is aesthetically appealing but has never seen it as a big deal until now.

Long was recently honored at the Pentagon for his photo contribution to the Wounded Warrior Healing Arts Exhibit. Not only was he coined by Navy Vice Admiral Raquel Bono, the Director of Defense Health agency, but one of his photos was placed as the frontrunner of the exhibit. The rest of



Long, who's stationed at Holloman Air Force Base, was recently honored at the Pentagon for his photo contribution to the Wounded Warrior Healing Arts Exhibit. He stands before an exhibit of his work.

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his photography and biography are prominently displayed at Apex One and Two at the Pentagon.

"I wasn't even a member of the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program until July 2016," Long said. "In January I got contacted by them saying, 'hey since we know your art work is photography, send us some shots and a quick bio and picture of you.'"

Long sent his photos to the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program office in San Antonio, Texas, and was contacted in April 2017.

Better than a broom closet

"They said, 'Hey your pictures are getting put

up in the Pentagon in the Wounded Warrior Healing Arts Exhibit,' so I was kind of blown away," Long said. "I was like, holy cow, it's not in a broom closet."

Long said he received a certificate for his photography and further recognition from the distinguished guests.

"Mrs. Goldfein, a 3-star general, and the director of the Defense Health Agency, made an appearance," Long said.

Long became serious about his photography while on deployment.

"I was an air advisor for the MI-17 program, so I was down in Kandahar for a year and shot about 9,000 photos. It was good and then it just all came back. Half the time I take the

shots and I forget about them, then I go back and actually look at them and think, wow."

Long said people enjoy his photos and he has even printed and sold some of those images to people who like his work.

"Once I get my camera out of the bag and start shooting, I forget about it all, which for me is my therapy," Long said. "I just forget about stuff, I get involved in the camera."

Long also takes photos of Wounded Warriors competing at the Air Force trials and at their training camp. After his shoots, he posts the photos of all the warriors competing and training online and does not charge anything for them.

"It's kind of like my giving back to them because the biggest thing I've noticed, especially during my deployment, is that you do all this awesome stuff and you never get a picture of it," Long said. "Being able to shoot these photos for these guys and gals, it's cool to see their

reaction like 'holy cow I was doing that' and 'wow that's an amazing shot, thanks.'"

Airman Ilyana A. Escalona is with the 49th Wing Public Affairs office at Holloman Air Force Base. She may be reached at 575-572-7381.

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5-7 p.m. June 2

Artist Reception at El Paso Electric Gallery

Roy van der Aa, a local artist and publisher of *The Ink*, the arts publication, will be the artist for June in the El Paso Electric Gallery. "I wish to show a body of work from late 2014 to early 2016," he says. "These works contain flowing intertwined forms in a bright color palette. Sizes vary from small to the largest piece I have done to date, three feet by four feet."

7 p.m. June 3

New Mexico Rock 'n' Roll History with American Bandstand and "Sugar Shack"

The history of "American Bandstand" as told by local author Stan Blitz along with New Mexico's historic Fireballs founder, George Tomasco, about the Fireballs' No. 1 hit and 1.5-million seller, "Sugar Shack." General Admission tickets are \$17.

8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. June 12-23

Career Art Path

Career Art Path is a two-week immersion program in the visual arts for middle school students. The program is designed for students entering 5th through 8th grades and will be held at the Alma d'Arte Charter High School, 402 W Court Ave. Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The program includes hands-on experience in many fields which may include ceramics, painting, sculpture, textiles, jewelry, and print making. The students take field trips to local galleries, museums and businesses for exploration of the many career avenues available in the arts. The program culminates with an art show featuring the students' art work.

Space is limited to 40 students and parents should be aware a teacher recommendation is a required part of the application. Tuition is \$100 per student with payment due with the completed application. Partial scholarships are available on a needs basis. For more information, contact development@daarts.org.

6:30 p.m. June 14

Every 2nd Wednesday: Danny Ruley

Every second Wednesday is a free monthly program offered by the Doña Ana Arts Council showcasing local musicians. Doors open at 6 p.m., performance begins at 6:30 p.m.

Danny Ruley has previously performed at the Rio Grande Theatre and returns with mic in

hand for his fourth performance singing country, rock, and jazz. There will be a little romance, a little crying, and some laughing as he tells a story or two. Singing songs of yesteryear, he brings back memories of special moments in time. Bring a loved one, or someone you want to love, for an evening of wonderful memories.

June 16, 7 p.m. and June 17, 1 p.m.

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. June 19-24

Opera Storytellers Camp

Opera Storytellers Summer Camp is designed for students entering 3rd to 8th grade. Presented with the Santa Fe Opera, a group of 25 - 30 students will use elements of opera: libretto writing, music composition, and theatrical staging to compose and perform their own musical drama based on the hero's journey. The experience will culminate with a performance on Saturday, June 24 at 11 a.m. at the Rio Grande Theatre. Snacks will be provided. A sack lunch is to be provided by the student.

Tuition is \$150 per student for the one-week camp; partial scholarships are available.

10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. June 26-30

Missoula Children's Theatre Camp, "Aladdin"

The Doña Ana Arts Council again brings Missoula Children's Theatre to Las Cruces with their production of *Aladdin*. Tryouts will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, June 26 at the Rio Grande Theatre for students entering 1st-12th grade. Plan on a full two hours for try outs. Registration will be immediately after try outs for the students cast. The registration fee is \$60 and partial scholarships are available. Rehearsals will be from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. daily. Opera Storytellers Summer Camp is designed for students entering 3rd to 8th grade.

The Missoula Children's Theatre, the nation's largest touring children's theatre, has been touring extensively for more than 40 years. A tour team will arrive in Las Cruces with a set, lights, costumes, props and makeup, everything it takes to put on a play — except the cast.

The Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 N. Main St. and is managed by the Doña Ana Arts Council, with an office on the second floor of the theatre. Box office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and one hour prior to show time. For more information or to purchase tickets online, go to www.riograndetheatre.com or call 575-523-6403.



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Opera Storytellers Summer Camp is designed for students entering 3rd to 8th grade.



Among other classes, Career Art Path students worked with pastels in 2016.

Fade to black: Dick Rundell takes final bow

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Ah, Dick Rundell. When Dick died on Thursday afternoon, May 18, Las Cruces lost one of its giants. His gifts to live theatre and to the culture and community of Las Cruces are beyond measure. The wit, the charm, the intellect, the memory, the laugh and that amazing voice that were Dick Rundell are gone forever. We will hold tight to the videos and the photographs and the moments he etched in our minds and our hearts; but, sadly – as with all the masters and magicians – Dick’s passing leaves a hole in our lives that no one else can fill. I join many others in feeling that pain as we grieve his death and celebrate his life.

I’m not sure when I first saw Dick on stage, but he has always been a part of Las Cruces theatre for me. His death is a terrible shock in part because I thought he always would be. In talking to my friends about upcoming shows over the years, there were always parts that no one else could play except Dick Rundell.

I think my favorite performance of his was as the old dinosaur in Bob Diven’s amazing “Extinction” musical about a decade ago at NMSU. Bob found an audio recording of Dick singing “Shadows”



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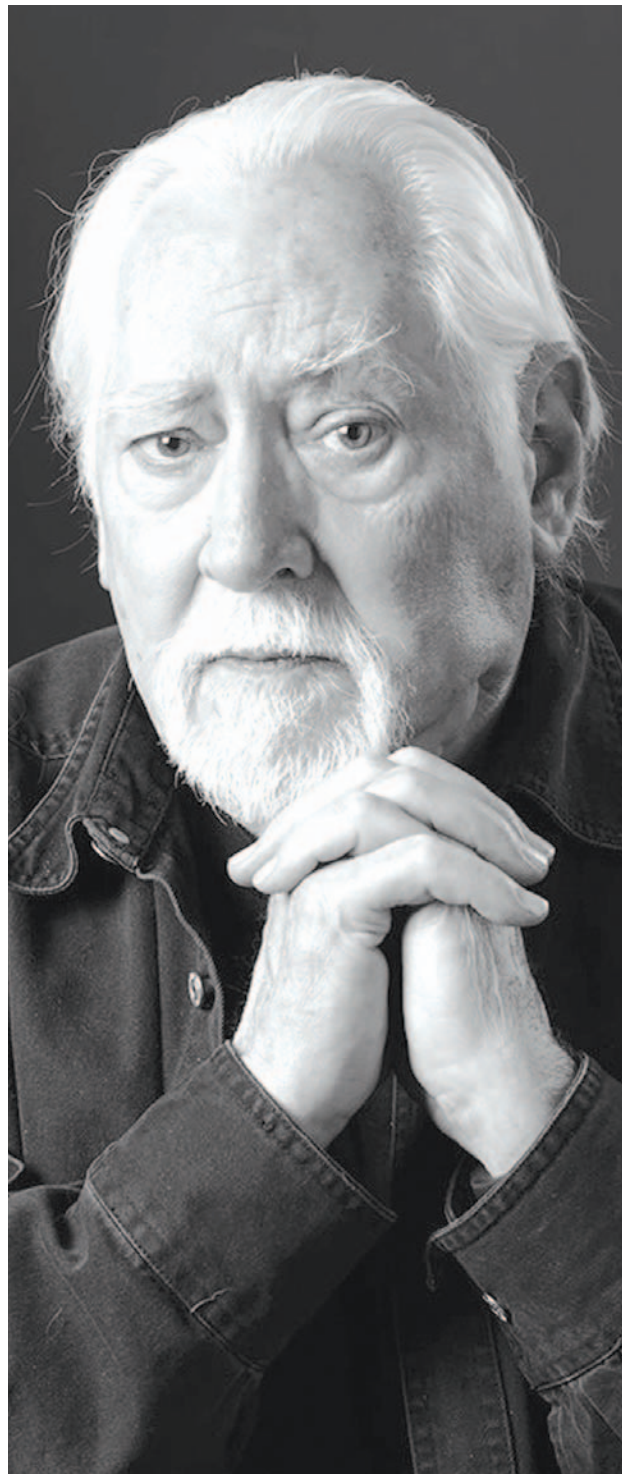


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Dr. Richard Rundell

from that show and posted it on Facebook. Hearing it again made me cry again,

just as I did when I saw Dick perform it live.

His last performance, as

the judge and other characters in Doña Ana Repertory Theatre’s outstanding “Last Days of Judas Escariot” last summer, was also one of Dick’s finest performances, I think. He was the Star Catcher in the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra/Mark Medoff production of “Carousel” a few years ago; he was the narrator in “Our Town” at NMSU; and, two Januarys ago, he joined Mark and two other brilliant actors, Dave Edwards and Brandon Brown, in an unforgettable performance of “Waiting for Godot” at Rio Grande Theatre. And there were so many other performances Dick gave at virtually every venue in this town that are forever woven into the fabric of Las Cruces theatre. And, for many years, Dick served as the pronouncer for Las Cruces spelling bees.

He set a gold standard as an actor – and as a human being.

“Few people have had the impact on my adult life that Dick Rundell did,” Mark Medoff said. “And I’m but one of many people profoundly affected by his love, his brilliance as a teacher, a mentor, and colleague on stage and off. In our years of working together, I came to think of him – and call him to his face – ‘The Oracle of the Organs.’”

I got to be on stage with Dick in “Mister Roberts” at Las Cruces Community Theatre, in “Holy Ghosts” at the old Hershel Zohn Theatre at NMSU and in lo-fi productions’ “August Osage County.” He helped me enormously in crafting

several characters I played in other shows, especially last summer when I struggled with a Cockney accent for Harold Pinter’s “The Homecoming.” I’ll never forget Dick’s phone message after my performance in “The Laramie Project” in 2003, or his kind words about some of my other work on stage, even when it wasn’t very good. He seemed to always know just what to say. I will miss that very much.

Dick knew Pinter, Samuel Beckett, Shakespeare and so many other iconic playwrights and authors. He loved their language and he knew how to use their words — and the spaces between them — to craft characters and create

moments on stage that those of us who were lucky enough to see him will never, ever forget.

Dick was 77 when he died, but he was never old. His performances, like his life, have an ageless, timeless appeal. He will forever be in the present tense.

Dick Rundell was a gentleman in the truest sense of that word. He was a class act and a dear, kind, wonderful man. I am so grateful for all he gave all of us, on stage, back stage and through the various stages of our lives.

Thank you, Dick, for everything. Safe journey – save me a seat down front.

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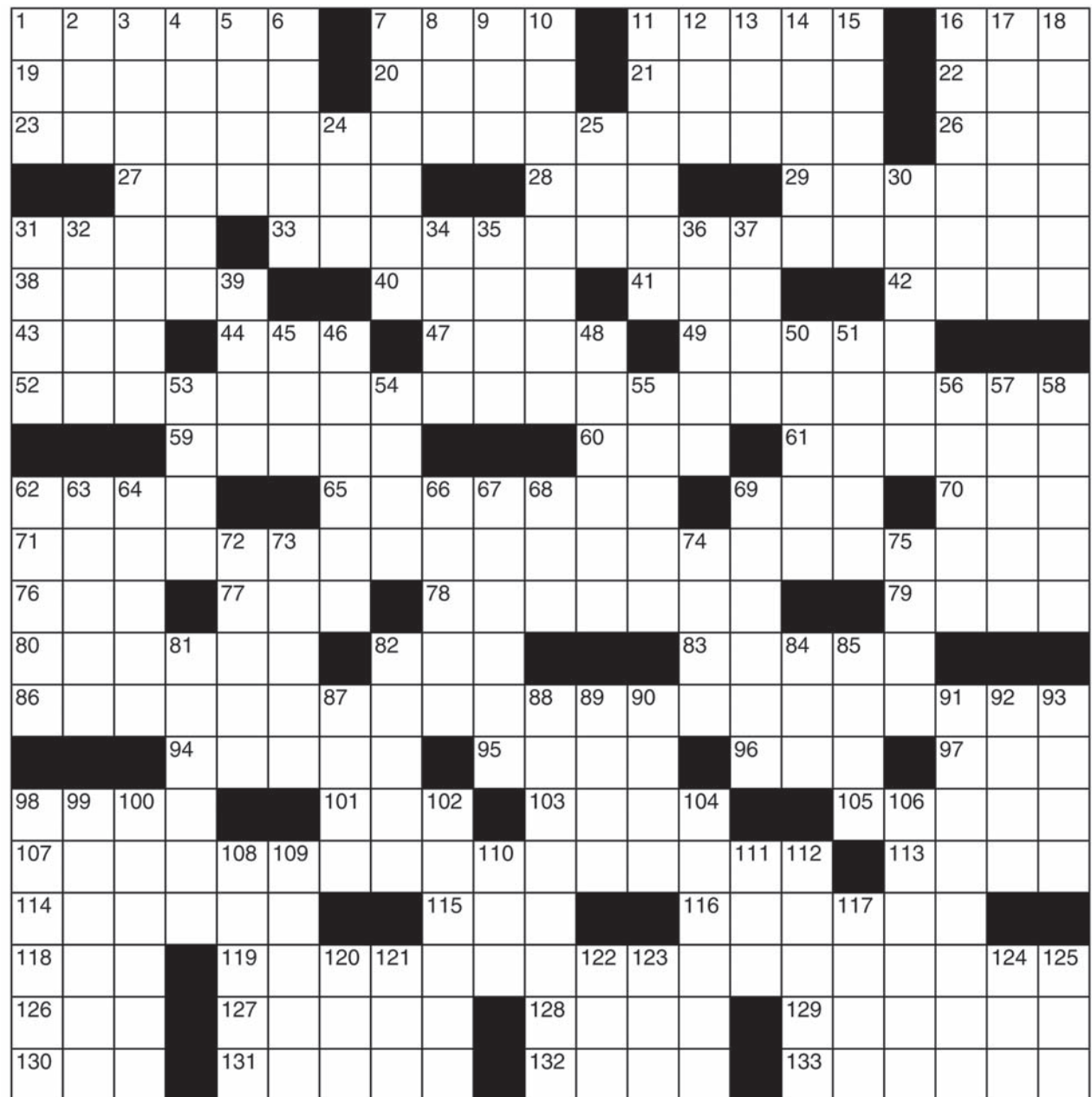
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 27 -- Pie (cold treat)
 28 Sternward
 29 Lucas of film
 31 By way of, briefly
 33 "Three's Company" actor started dozing?
 38 See 82-Across
 40 Money owed
 41 Floral wreath
 42 Pappies
 43 Lyric writer Gershwin
 44 Lyric work
 47 Toe part
 49 "Lulu" composer Berg
 52 Watergate whistleblower had anxiety?
 59 Island near Molokai
 60 -- for "apple"
 61 Charles of CBS News
 62 "CSI" actress Elisabeth
 65 Solar system members
 69 Ending for pent- or hex-
 70 Citi Field stat
 71 Reds great met a tough challenge?
 76 Santa -- (hot desert wind)
 77 Unveil, in poetry
 78 Swiss resort lake
 79 Greek mountain
 80 "Is there an echo --?"
 82 With 38-Across, they have film bloopers
 83 "This --!" (fighting words)
 86 Teen sleuth noted the subtle difference?
 94 "Gladiator" actor Davis
 95 Mrs. Addams, to Gomez
 96 Bygone flight inits.
 97 "Aquarius" network
 98 Chilly
 101 Hereditary helices
 103 Small needle case

105 Have one's cake and eat --
 107 "The Ward" actress hallucinated auditorily?
 113 Te- -- (giggles)
 114 Blueswoman Smith
 115 Fuzz figure
 116 Machine for sowing
 118 Become old
 119 "The Great Ziegfeld" figure caused a road jam?
 126 UNLV part
 127 Valuable store
 128 River of Pisa
 129 Not coastal
 130 Pack carrier
 131 Targeted
 132 In order
 133 States of change

DOWN

1 Bugling beast
 2 Winning sign
 3 Cochlea site
 4 Relative of an attache
 5 Trying trip
 6 Take effect
 7 What to call an English nobleman
 8 Retirees' fund org.
 9 Marina del --
 10 Like a smug know-it-all
 11 OPEC, e.g.
 12 Mai tai liquor
 13 Sked guess
 14 Pacific island nation
 15 Actor Will
 16 U.S. capital and environs
 17 Deemed
 18 Infuses
 24 Wellness gp.
 25 Awry
 30 Horse-track has-been
 31 Slim and fit
 32 Greek Juno
 34 Eatery card
 35 Impose -- on (forbid)
 36 Pages (through)
 37 "-- & Stitch"
 39 Long couch
 45 Room with a 39-Down
 46 Pass
 48 Hate



50 Horse to bust
 51 All mixed up
 53 Abstract artist Paul
 54 Scrabble pick
 55 Tight-fisted type
 56 Karloff of film
 57 Timber wolves
 58 City near Minneapolis
 62 Seville locale
 63 Hair dye
 64 Fan of the Jazz, usually
 66 Attorney or heir follower
 67 Nutty candy
 68 Misc. abbr.

69 Nails the test
 72 Actors Culkin and Calhoun
 73 Pages for think pieces
 74 Handling the matter
 75 Kind
 81 Schools, to the French
 82 "Hero" co-star Davis
 84 NYC-to-Seattle dir.
 85 Berry from Brazil
 87 Bike, e.g.
 88 Weight-loss strategy
 89 Narrow strip of land: Abbr.
 90 Feng --

91 Russian news agency
 92 Penetrating woodwind
 93 Sarges, say
 98 Jewish mystical tradition
 99 Last letters
 100 Dwell (on)
 102 Like insteps and rainbows
 104 Hip place
 106 Winter bug
 108 Gaucho rope
 109 "The Dance" artist
 Matisse
 110 Female goat

111 Fetch
 112 Sans -- (font style)
 117 Pioneer Boone, to townsfolk
 120 -- de plume
 121 Hail, to Ovid
 122 Rap's Dr. --
 123 A, in Italy
 124 Opal ending
 125 LPs' successors

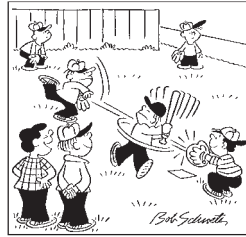
PUZZLES

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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

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SCRAMBLERS



Like our new pitcher? We got him from the Elm Street Hawks for two fielders and a dozen _____!"

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

Believe **KINTH**

Hide **CROWE**

Alcove **CHINE**

Features **SALITED**

TODAY'S WORD

CRYPTOQUIP

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

Clue: I equals P

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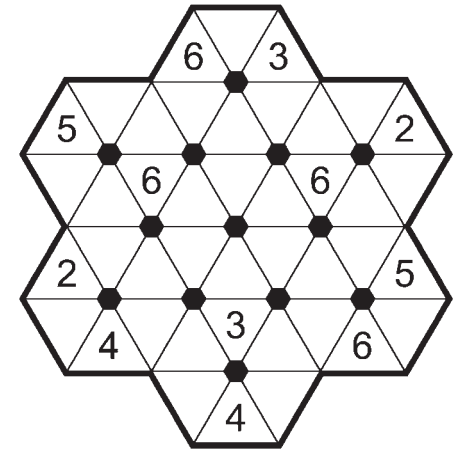
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"BVZJ RDERGQX."

SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆◆
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

Popular old Hawaiian tune about minuscule ornaments that are showy and cheap: "Tiny Bubles."

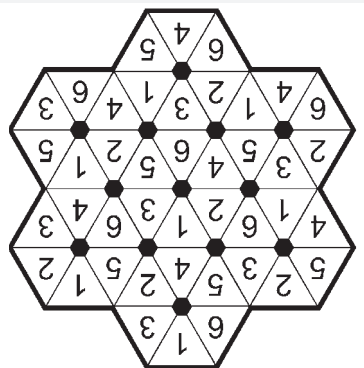
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TWINKIES

Today's Word

3. Niche; 4. Details; 1. Think; 2. Cover;

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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SUPER CROSSWORD

'The Zookeeper's Wife' gives voice to the animals

By **JEFF BERG**
Las Cruces Bulletin

I remember when I was a kid, not really that long ago, that anytime a movie about World War II was scheduled to screen, I was there. My favorite TV show of all time, after "The Simpsons" and the way-too short-lived Western series, "The Monroe's," was "Combat!," which still plays well some 40 years later. You can find it on Netflix, all episodes. I was so inspired by the show that I took two years of German in high school, just so I would know what the German soldiers were saying, besides "schnell!"

There may never be a time when we run out of material for World War II films (I am so anticipat-

GRADE: A-

A one-week run of this film starts June 2 at the Fountain Theater in Mesilla. For another great piece, check out "The Zookeeper," a vastly overlooked 2001 film starring Sam Neill.

ing seeing "Dunkirk" this summer), which is a good thing.

"The Zookeeper's Wife" covers another true, but little known, episode of the war that changed the world.

Directed by Niki Caro, whose resume includes "Whale Rider" and the mostly made-in-New

Mexico oeuvre, "North Country," this interesting and occasionally very moving film (gentle readers, please note that there are incidents of animals being killed in this film, although they are not real creatures), is about another heroine and hero who helped save Jews during the war.

It is adapted from a book by Diane Ackerman and relays the remarkable true story of Antonina and Jan Zabinski, who ran the Warsaw, Poland, zoo prior to and during the Nazi occupation of their country.

The film focuses on Antonina (Jessica Chastain), a smart and genteel woman whose household includes her son, Ryszard, a lion cub, and even a little

Jeff's favorite World War II films

"Kelly's Heroes," "Saving Private Ryan," "The Longest Day," "Attack," "Downfall," "Das Boot," "Overlord," and the very best, "The Thin Red Line" (1998 version).

skunk, who we hope is de-scented! So into her work is she that just prior to the occupation she saves a suffocating baby elephant. She also has a baby camel that "assists" her on her rounds at the zoo.

But in September 1939, Germany invades and overruns Poland, with Warsaw taking a beating, as does the zoo.

Life immediately becomes one of self-preservation and defense for all those not immediately caught up in the roundup of Jews by the idiotic Nazis.

Daniel Bruhl plays Lutz Heck (some name, eh?) who is the head of the Berlin zoo and is a friendly chap before the war. Almost immediately, he is given a Nazi officer's uniform and is soon harboring the Warsaw animals from further harm. He also wants to create a hybrid creature, using some of the zoo residents.

While this plays out, the

Zabinskis hatch a plot of their own. Telling Heck that they can turn the trash from the Warsaw ghetto into usable feed for the pigs that the zoo is now home to, to help feed German soldiers, Jan and the Polish underground are able to smuggle any number of Jews out of Warsaw's walled ghetto and into safety in the basement of their home at the zoo. From here, they go to other safe houses and are soon out of harm's way — most of them, anyway.

Helping them is a loyal and daring assistant, who I wish would have had more screen time. Played by Michael McElhatton, the assistant takes more risks than anyone in the film.

Along the way, Heck develops a crush on Antonina, one which she responds to mildly to help keep their rescue operation under wraps. But Heck turns increasingly violent and passionate, which begins to drive a

wedge into the marriage of Jan and Antonina.

This is not a light-hearted work, but rather one of balance and maturity. The performances are realistic, although there is little character development and the aging of the son is a little too heavy-duty. But for the most part, "The Zookeeper's Wife" holds its own with strong writing, tension and a solid voice for animals.

And all but two of the 300 or so Jews they helped found refuge and safe passage.

"The Zookeeper's Wife" never fails to show why the zoo's original visitors are so vital to this story. "You look in their eyes," Antonina says of her animals, "and you know exactly what is in their hearts."

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2017 MOVIES IN THE PARK

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department Movies in the Park Program presents films twice a month through September, Saturdays at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. All movies are free.

June

10 - "The Secret Life of Pets"
24 - "Pete's Dragon"

July

15 - "Rogue One, a Star Wars Story"
29 - "Alice through the Looking Glass"

August

12 - "Sing"
26 - "The Lego Batman Movie"

September

9 - "The BFG"
23 - "Finding Dory"

Las Cruces Museum of Art schedules summer classes

BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces Museum of Art announces that registration for Summer Studio Programs Art Classes is now open. Classes run from June 7 through July 29. Registration for each class ends on the Saturday before class begins, but class sizes are limited and early registration is advised.

The Studio Programs Art Classes give children, teens and adults the opportunity to learn a new

skill or enhance existing knowledge while guided by local, experienced and qualified professional artists.

Various class options include painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, mixed media, comic book illustration and more. Classes are offered at all skill levels.

Registration is at the Museum of Nature and Science, 411 North Main St. Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registrations are due

by the Saturday before classes begin.

The Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For a full class schedule and additional information, visit museums.las-cruces.org or call 575-541-2137.

If you need an accommodation for a disability, contact the museum 48 hours prior to the event.

2017 MUSIC IN THE PARK SERIES

The Parks & Recreation Department's 2017 Music in the Park Series continues at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. Concerts begin at 7 p.m.

The complete schedule:

June

- 4 — **KISS ARMY**, KISS/Rock & Roll, Louisville, KY
- Danny Ruley**, Solo/Variety, Las Cruces
- Robert Chavez**, Solo/Variety, Las Cruces
- 11 — **Desert Wind**, C&W, Las Cruces
- Kyle Martin**, Rock & Roll Cowboy, Albuquerque
- 18 — **Oldies But Goodies Band**, Oldies, Las Cruces
- Mariachi Flores Mexicanas**, Variety/Mariachi, EL Paso
- 25 — **Steppin' Up**, Jazz/Funk/Country/Rock, Las Cruces
- Anthony & the Nitelitters**, Ran chero/Cumbias, Las Cruces

July

- 9 — **Squibb Cakes**, A tribute to Tower of Power, El Paso
- Billy Townes**, Jazz, El Paso
- 16 — **Windy City**, A tribute to Chicago, El Paso
- Roger Ortega**, R&B/Soul, East Rutherford, NJ
- 23 — **Phat Soul**, Soul, Las Cruces
- Caliente**, Variety, Las Cruces
- 30 — **The Deltaz**, Blues & Country, Los Angeles, CA
- Steve Smith & Hard Road**, Bluegrass, Las Cruces

August

- 6 — **Prime 80'Z**, 80s Music, El Paso
- Twisted Hams**, Classic Rock, El Paso
- 13 — **Tom Morris**, Country, Las Cruces
- The Egyptian Lovers**, Rockability, Albuquerque
- 20 — **Natajja**, Variety, Las Cruces
- Animated Jukebox**, R&B Dance, Albuquerque
- 27 — **Nosotros**, Latin, Las Cruces
- Never Ending Flame**, Rock & Roll, El Paso

Schedule, times and locations are subject to change without notice. For more information on the Music in the Park Series, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 575/541-2550.



Cactus art

Fifteen watercolor and acrylic paintings will be shown in June at Café de Mesilla coffee-shop, 2190 Avenida de Mesilla. The paintings are by local artist Barbara Howe, a 31-year New Mexico resident who has exhibited her work at galleries and museums in New Mexico, Texas and Mexico. She is also a signature member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter. This painting is titled "Glorious Cactus," and is a 28-by-22-inch framed watercolor.

PHOTO COURTESY BARBARA HOWE



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JUNE SCHEDULE

JUNE 4

— A Tribute to —
KISS/ROCK & ROLL
KISS ARMY
LOUIEVILLE, KY

— Solo/Variety —
DANNY RULEY

— Solo/Variety —
ROBERT CHAVEZ
LAS CRUCES, NM

JUNE 18

— Oldies —
OLDIES BUT
GOODIES BAND
LAS CRUCES, NM

— Variety/Mariachi —
MARIACHI FLORES
MEXICANAS
EL PASO, TX

JUNE 11

— Country & Western —
DESERT WIND
LAS CRUCES, NM

— Rock & Roll Cowboy —
KYLE MARTIN
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

JUNE 25

— Jazz/Funk/70's —
Country/Rock
STEEPIN' UP
LAS CRUCES, NM

— Ranchera/Cumbias —
ANTHONY &
THE NITELITERS
LAS CRUCES, NM



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Dates, entertainers, locations and show times are subject to change without notice.

Stager sees **RED** to sell homes



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

Victoria Mahoney of Las Cruces Home Staging

By **ALTA LeCOMPTE**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Would you believe a red throw pillow could sell a home?

Professional stager Victoria Mahoney, who recently relocated to Las Cruces, knows it can.

Mahoney says hanging a piece of art over the living room fireplace or placing a couple mugs on the kitchen island sets the stage so buyers can picture themselves living in an otherwise empty home.

The concept is called soft staging, and former real estate professional Victoria Mahoney is proving its value in Las Cruces.

But first she had to prove it to herself in the competitive Denver market where she sold homes for 23 years.

Before staging became a thing on HGTV, she was staging homes for her clients. She just didn't call it that.

"I just brought in some decor and saw houses begin to sell," Mahoney said.

To sell a rental, she brought in two bar stools for the kitchen island and a couple mugs so people could imagine sitting there.

"When I sold the rental, I got multiple offers — and it was not a good market," she said.

Motivating clients

Then she saw staging on HGTV and something clicked.

"I knew that would be my breakout," she said. She studied and became certified.

"I didn't think I would learn that much, but it took everything I thought to a whole new level," Mahoney said. "What I learned in class is how to communicate with a seller and get them motivated."

Sometimes motivating a seller

Las Cruces Home Staging

WHO: Victoria Mahoney

PHONE: 575-288-0275

takes a little extra effort, like lessening their dread of packing by offering them the services of a professional packer for a couple hours.

The more houses Mahoney staged, the more décor she acquired.

"Three storage units later, half a two-car garage and half my third bedroom was inventory. I prided myself on bringing in unique pieces, and the houses sold in no time flat," she said.

She sold her staging inventory before relocating to Las Cruces.

Seller turns buyer

Mahoney said when she decided to leave Denver, she perused realtor.com in search of a city that would meet her criteria.

"I remembered reading an article in AARP about the '10 best', so I started going down their list. A couple sounded nice — but the information was just a teaser, so I did more homework online.

"My criteria were affordable housing, mountains for me to hike, Meetup groups and a college town — because I don't want to be in a town with nothing but older people. And Jazzercise would be a nice plus."

She worked with a Realtor because she didn't know the Las Cruces neighborhoods.

"I put 24 bottles of water in the back seat and off we went," she said. "He was great. I spent three 10-hour days with him. We saw 30 homes."

Mahoney said during her whirlwind house hunt she "saw lots of homes that really needed to be staged."

Staging for sales

After settling in, she began giving presentations for Realtors to acquaint them with her new staging business.

"I know what buyers look for and I know the art of preparing a home for sale so it stands out from the others and sells fast," she told Las Cruces Realtors. When buyers look at a home that's staged and others that are not, it's real clear which one they want.

"They're happier and you get paid quicker."

Mahoney said she wants to raise the bar in real estate with services that sell homes.

"Why spend your time sitting at an open house when less than 4 percent of people see the home at an open house?" she asks Realtors. "And if you put 100 flyers in a box outside of a home, you'll get two calls. That doesn't really work."

The alternative she suggests is to set up a stand inside the home with lots of information for prospective buyers to take with them — including a floor plan and professional photographs.

She urges Realtors to stage their listings and have a professional photograph them so they look their best.

"A quarter of the homes for sale in Las Cruces are vacant," Mahoney said. "I think I can make a difference here.

"And I still get to talk about the business."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

NIH funding workshop set

The New Mexico Federal and State Technology Partnership Program, housed at New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center, will host a Small Business Innovation Research National Institute of Health funding workshop next month in Las Cruces.

The workshop will take place from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, June 6, at the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine. The workshop is free, and tickets are available at https://nih_funding_workshop.eventbrite.com. Refreshments will be provided.

The workshop will feature NIH SBIR program manager John Kim, who will give a presentation on current NIH SBIR program initiatives and tips to consider when applying for NIH SBIR funding. NM FAST program specialist Del Mackey will provide an in-depth look at how to prepare and submit a strong proposal.

Concurrent to Mackey's presentation will be private one-on-one sessions

with Kim, where attendees can discuss their innovative ideas and how they fit within the NIH SBIR program's objective

NM FAST program manager Zetdi Sloan sees the workshop as an opportunity for local health-tech firms to take advantage of this funding.

"Businesses can receive up to \$1.15 million in each two-phased grant," Sloan said.

The NM FAST Partnership Program provides small businesses with information, guidance on proposal preparation, technical reviews, the opportunity to receive a micro grant and more.

Info: Dana Catron, program coordinator for the NM FAST program, 505-358-4039 or dderego@ad.nmsu.edu.

STL to give seminar on business relationships

STL Interactive Innovations, LLC will host a professional development seminar, "Build Authentic Relationships That Grow Your Business," from

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday June 14, at the LCAR Event Hall, 150 E. Idaho Ave.

This half-day seminar includes two training sessions. Laurel Fischer will facilitate "Love Sales! Create an authentic buyer/seller relationship." Acquire the questioning, listening, and follow-up skills needed by every professional. Sandy Zalecki will present "Increase Your Value!" This session will develop communication and leadership skills, and cultivate client understanding by using the six human needs model.

STL Interactive Innovations, LLC is a business consulting firm owned by Laurel Fischer and located in Alamogordo

Cost: \$50 per person and includes lunch. Online registration is open at www.stlinteractiveinnovations.com.

Info: 307-258-7117, or email at laurel@stlinteractiveinnovations.com.

U-Haul location opening

USA Can Recycling Warehouse has

signed on as a U-Haul neighborhood dealer at 2180 W. Hadley Ave.

It will offer U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment, support rental items and in-store pick-up for boxes.

Hours of operation for U-Haul rentals are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

To reserve U-Haul products at this location, call 575-523-0156 or visiting www.uhaul.com/Locations/Truck-Rentals-near-Las-Cruces-NM-88007/039265/

Western Heritage purchases PlainsCapital

Western Heritage Bank has agreed to purchase PlainsCapital Bank in El Paso.

Western Heritage, which operates from 230 S. Alameda Blvd. in Las Cruces, also has a bank in Deming.

The agreement will go through the routine regulatory approval process and should be completed in late 2017.

The PlainsCapital west El Paso location, 4849 N. Mesa St., is expected to provide full service banking.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, June 2

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. First Friday panel discussion on The Challenges of Being Self Employed, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Free. Info: [WESST Enterprise Center at https://www.wesst.org/las-cruces/; agarcia@wesst.org; 575-541-1583.](mailto:WESST@wesst.org)

Tuesday, June 6

4:30 to 6 p.m., Chamber U, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 505 S. Main St. Suite 134. New members and new employees of members are encouraged to attend and learn about membership benefits. Info: [Cyndi Armijo carmigo@las-cruces.org.](mailto:Cyndi.Armijo@las-cruces.org)

Wednesday, June 7

10 a.m. to noon, Contract Ready Series Part I: Understanding Solicitations, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.,

Doña Ana Community College Student Resources Building Room 232. Free. Registration deadline 9 a.m. June 7. Info: [PTAP Las Cruces, 505-224-5965.](mailto:PTAP@las-cruces.org)

1:30 to 4 p.m. Contract Ready Series Part II: Proposal Writing, Doña Ana Community College, Student Resources Building 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd., Room 232. Free. Registration deadline 9 a.m. June 7. Info: [PTAP Las Cruces, 505-224-5965.](mailto:PTAP@las-cruces.org)

Thursday, June 8
9 to 11 a.m. Steps to Starting Your Business, Dona Ana Community College Workforce Center 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 101 E. Free. Registration deadline 8 a.m. June 8. Info: [### Wednesday, June 14](mailto:Small Business Development Center, 575-527-7676.</p>
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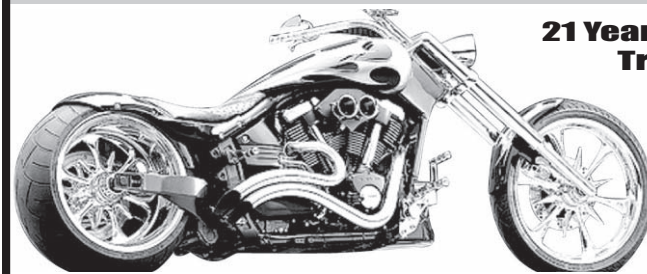
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Thursday, June 15
10 to 11 a.m. How Businesses Use Credit, DACC Workforce Center 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 101E. Free. Registration deadline: 8 a.m. June 15. Info: [575-527-7676.](mailto:575-527-7676)

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SKU factor is an important strategic decision

What is the optimal number of SKUs to offer customers? That was a question asked me by a friend recently. It is a tough question.

“SKU” is a shorthand for “stock keeping unit,” but it is often used as a synonym for variety. An SKU is defined as a unique combination of brand, flavor, weight, container material, container size and pack size. Each SKU is associated with its own bar code.

Marketers love SKUs. More options make it easier to close the sale by offering precisely what the consumer wants. A higher closing rate means more sales and increased overall revenue.

Operations managers are not as fond of SKUs. Increased variety makes managing inventory



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more difficult.

Stock-outs are particularly problematic. If the products meet a specific need, like a truck specially designed for a particular purpose, then the customer may backorder the product, saving the sale. More commonly, a similar product is offered by

competitors and a stock-out results in lost sales.

SKUs make stock-outs more common by making it harder to predict demand. As a product category becomes more splintered, predicting demand for each small segment becomes more difficult. That overall de-

mand for a product of 100 units is easier to predict than is the demand for each of five colors being offered, for example.

Even from the point of view of the marketer, increasing SKUs beyond a certain point can be counterproductive. Offering too many varieties can confuse consumers, and confused consumers don't buy. Moreover, as variety increases, there is more variety overlap. When this happens, a new variety will not add much to sales but rather will cannibalize sales of existing SKUs.

The correct number of SKUs is a critical decision that can make or break a business. Perhaps the most famous example illustrating this comes from the auto industry. For example, many analysts attribute the loss of sales leadership by Ford to GM in the 1930s to Ford's failure

to offer an adequate number of product categories.

On the other hand, too many categories can be a problem also. Head and Shoulders Shampoo used to offer 23 varieties, creating confusion among consumers. Sales increased when the number of varieties was reduced.

SKUs should be increased to the point where the revenue gained from an additional SKU is just offset by the increase in operation. Deciding where that balance is takes data.

Most businesses likely will already have a handle on the additional cost from adding an SKU. The impact on sales can be determined by A/B testing. How much does adding diet caffeine free orange soda add to sales? Find out by adding the category in some stores (the A) and not in other stores (the B). Does adding another color option increase

sales? Offer the option on some web pages (the A) and not on others (the B).

A small business may not have the resources to do much A/B testing. If a single production run is enough to meet demand for a year, as is common for small businesses, your choices are either to commit to the SKU or not commit. Whether a small business decides to add an SKU is more of a seat-of-your-pants decision. After careful thought, are the potential sales worth the greater operational complexity?

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Small business workshop slated

By **DANA CATRON**

For the Bulletin

The New Mexico Federal and State Technology Partnership Program, housed at New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center, will host a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) National Institute of Health (NIH) funding workshop in June.

It takes place from 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, June 6, at the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine.

The workshop is free, and tickets are available at https://nih_funding_workshop.eventbrite.com. Refreshments will be provided.

The workshop will feature NIH SBIR program manager John Kim, who will provide a presentation on current program initiatives and tips to consider when applying for NIH SBIR funding. NM FAST program specialist Del Mackey will provide an in-depth look at how to prepare and submit a strong proposal.

“I am excited to be able to participate in and help host the NIH-focused SBIR information and assistance seminar at BCOM,” Mackey said. “Growing the capacity of small businesses across New Mexico is one of our guiding goals, and a large thrust in our outreach services. I greatly look

forward to speaking with participants on how they can get help in funding their innovation and reaching new market potential through assistance from programs like NM FAST.”

Concurrent to Mackey's presentation will be private one-on-one sessions with Kim, where attendees can discuss their innovative ideas and how they fit within the NIH SBIR program's objectives. One-on-one sessions are an opportunity to engage a program manager and have questions or concerns answered prior to submitting a full proposal.

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Student-run company earns NMSBA honors

By **ALTA LeCOMPTE**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Brainstorming for a new business idea at the 2014 New Mexico State University Startup Weekend, a group of NMSU students decided to develop a product for fellow weightlifters.

Their idea: an intelligent glove that would provide feedback on workout sessions.

Their company, Timer Glove, this spring was named one of 10 2016 New Mexico Small Business Assistance (NMSBA) Success Stories.

NMSBA is a program of Sandia and Los Alamos national labs. As a contractor for the labs, NMSU's Arrowhead Center assists startups like Timer Glove in solving technical and business challenges.

"There is value in being in New Mexico and I appreciate the opportunities," said Mariel Vargas, an industrial engineering major who co-founded Timer Glove with Arthur Castelo Branco.

Timer Glove has for the past three years participated in a number of NMSU programs that have advanced the company from an idea to a prototype to an anticipated product launch in late 2017.

Swimming with the sharks

In spring 2015, Timer Glove participated in Arrowhead's Launch program, placing sec-

ond and receiving seed investment for product development.

The fledgling company in 2016 competed in Aggie Shark Tank. Vargas said Sharks Beto Pallares and Mickey Clute, who owns a local construction company, decided to invest in Timer Glove and mentor its team.

"Their investment enabled us to hire a support team," she said.

Vargas said the team wrote new code that got rid of some bugs and enabled them to extend their product's database. "It's very exciting to see the coding working," Vargas said.

In addition, they rebranded their product.

Teaming up with NMSBA

In summer 2016, Timer Glove began working with the NMSBA to develop a fully functional prototype.

The team worked with Jay Misra, a professor in the NMSU Computer Science Department and his team of graduate assistants Gaurav Panwar and Vicente Ibarra.

"Through the NMSBA program with the technical expertise of the computer science team and the business support of Arrowhead Center's team, the NMSU team helped Timer Glove reach further in their product development process," said Griselda Martinez, director of NMSBA at Arrowhead Center and Vargas' mentor.



Mariel Vargas, co-founder of Timer Glove, was honored at the 2016 New Mexico Small Business Assistance (NMSBA) Success Story Innovation Celebration and Informational Session May 9 at Arrowhead Center.

"This was done by making improvements from Timer Glove prototype, testing and demonstrations."

Vargas was awarded the Arrowhead's Hunt Startup Sponsorship program during spring 2017. The program accelerates student ventures by providing a semester-long sponsorship to support 20 hours per week of a student entrepreneur's time.

In spring 2017, Vargas placed second place at University of New Mexico's Business Competition, Martinez said.

Looking ahead

Timer Glove is a company that has a great and inspirational story, Martinez said.

"I know that Timer Glove will be a successful venture," she said. "Mariel's leadership and vision, paired with the amount of work and effort that Mariel has put behind this venture, is one of the key components to Timer Glove."

"The work accomplished by Mariel through customer discovery have proved that this product would have the end-users demand in the market place. Mariel and her team have demonstrated an extraordinary ability to turn resources and opportunities into realities."

The team currently is developing an app that will allow features to be added to the product, Martinez said.

Vargas said product parts are

now being built in anticipation of a December launch. In addition, the company is looking for a facility to manufacture the product.

Timer Glove will be tested at the NMSU activity center during fall term, she said.

She said previous research on potential markets included interviewing more than 100 people who work out at NMSU. "We look for those who are gym- and free-weight oriented," she said. "They are very disciplined and are looking for something to document their work."

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Locating the workshop at Burrell supports the growing health-tech interest in southern New Mexico.

"We are pleased to welcome members of academic and business sectors ... for this NIH workshop," said Joseph Benoit, director of research at BCOM. "We are excited about meeting innovative thinkers who

are committed to developing translational ventures that put research to work in southern New Mexico."

NM FAST program manager Zetdi Sloan sees the workshop as an opportunity for local

health-tech firms to take advantage of this funding.

"Businesses can receive up to \$1.15 million in each two-phased grant," Sloan said. "That includes an initial \$150,000 for six months to prove

a technology's viability, followed by up to \$1 million more for two years to build a working prototype that companies can begin commercializing. There are very few sources of capital that provide non-dilutive financing of this

magnitude for early-stage technology and research-focused companies."

For more information, contact Dana Catron, program coordinator for the NM FAST program, at 505-358-4039 or dderego@ad.nmsu.edu.

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Race, Justice, Love and Unity: Baha'is of Las Cruces will host a fireside discussion on "The Most Challenging Issue: A Fire-side Discussion on Race, Justice, Love and Unity" at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 9, at 3220 Jupiter Road. This is an opportunity to learn what the world's religious traditions have in common. Guests also are invited to share their own ideas and stories related to this topic. Entertainment by folk-blues musician Darrell Elmer Rodgers. Guests are asked not to wear any fragrance. Info:

575-556-9050 or localspiritu-
alassembly@yahoo.com.

Race Unity Day: People of every race, culture, religion and nationality are invited to celebrate Race Unity Day with a potluck picnic sponsored by the Bahá'is of Las Cruces from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, 1151 N. Roadrunner Parkway. A brief program will be followed by music, recreational activities for adults and children and fellowship. The picnic is open to the public. No donations are accepted. Just bring your own lunch and a bit extra to share. Race Unity Day was established by the Baha'is of the United States in 1957. It promotes racial harmony and the understanding of the essential unity of humankind. One of the basic principles of the Bahá'í faith is elimination of all prejudices, including racial prejudices, which Bahá'is believe is a prerequisite of achieving their most sacred goal, world unity. Info: 575-556-9650 or localspiritu-
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A Post-Christian Community: 7 p.m., consecutive Tuesdays through June 27, at the Fellowship Hall, 518 N. Alameda Blvd. Explore the difficulties Christians feel in seeking to follow the Christian path in our time. This course will be interactive rather than lecture format and aim toward practical continuation after the course ends. Leaders from St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission will host through the side door from the parking lot at Hadley and Alameda, near the St. Anthony sign. RSVP: Fr. Gabriel, 575-520-1916.



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Heroes can turn enemies into their friends

Once had a congregant who claimed that the “us/them” approach to community and the world primarily came from the Bible.

I didn't agree with him when he first suggested the idea. As I think about it, he may have been right up to a point, given the dividing lines between peoples and nations that are expressed in a wide range of passages and that, sadly, come to fruition in real life.

I believe, however, that sacred texts, such as the Bible, also provide a partial antidote to the “us/them” perspective.

A small dose of that antidote comes in a passage about enemies in Exodus, Chapter 23.

In verse 4 of that chapter, the word for enemy is the common Hebrew term *oyeiv*. In verse 5, the word for enemy, *sona-a-cha*, means “one who hates you.”

The presence of these terms seems to acknowledge that we will, inevitably, have people in our lives with whom we may never have positive interactions.

These verses present guidance on

how to act if one should come upon certain situations. Here is the passage: “When you encounter your enemy’s ox



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or donkey wandering, you must take it back (to the owner). When you see the donkey of one who hates you collapsing under its burden and you would refrain from raising it, you must nevertheless help raise it (that is, you must help your enemy raise the animal).”

One commentator notes that the primary concern expressed here is for the animal that is lost or overburdened. Still, assisting the animal leads to helping one’s enemy, whether the “helper” likes it or not.

Members of study groups I led in recent years discussed this passage. In their comments, they expressed the importance of “taking the high road,” not missing out on an opportunity to reduce enmity with one’s enemy, showing

respect for all people (whether enemy or friend), loving one’s enemy (echoing Jesus’ teaching in the New Testament), and considering all people as deserving of help or assistance based in justice, fairness and impartiality.

This passage from Exodus was not the first one that crossed my mind regarding enemies. I have recently been thinking about Proverbs Chapter 24, Verse 17: “Do not rejoice when your enemies fall, and don’t be happy when they stumble.”

When we consider what is happening in the world around us, this statement may seem relevant and helpful, or it may seem impossible to put into practice.

It is clear that both teachings from Exodus and from Proverbs suggest that we human beings do have it in us to step away from conflict and hatred, even for a brief moment.

There is a rabbinic story about what could have been happening in heaven after the Israelites crossed the Sea of Reeds, when they became free after hav-

ing been slaves for so long. As the Egyptian army drowned, the angels were rejoicing. God offered them a quick rebuke, “My creations — these people — are drowning, and you sing praises?”

In that tale, even the angels gave in to the impulse to celebrate the defeat of the foe. The purpose of the story is to remind us to consider choosing another response when an adversary meets his or her demise.

The ultimate goal of our relationships and community ties might be best expressed in this teaching from a 1,300-year-old rabbinic wisdom text: “Who is a hero? One who turns an enemy into a friend.”

Even if it seems unrealistic to do so, perhaps it’s time to get to work, taking small steps towards becoming that kind of hero.

Rabbi Larry Karol has served as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El (www.tbelc.org) in Las Cruces since July 2011. His writings are available at rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com.

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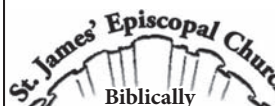
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Learning to cope with change and loss

At this time of year, change is a heavy burden which many are dealing with. While most of this change is positive, it often can cause sadness and depression even when this change is a grand milestone. Kindergarten teachers who have spent the school year helping to set a positive foundation for their little students for many future years of learning are now at the point in the year where they must bid these children they have grown to love a fond goodbye. It is a time to be proud of these young students as they move up the ladder of their educational path, but it is also a time of loss and change.

In fact, each teacher in every grade from preschool to college must say goodbye to his or her students as the school year

comes to a close. Students who are graduating and changing schools, going off to college or finishing up their education are also dealing with a loss as they say goodbye to their friends and colleagues and the structure that they have become so familiar with.



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Parents too, often are feeling the pride that comes from their children's educational accomplishments as well as the loss that comes with the change of parental responsibilities. Their children have grown into independent, self-sufficient and responsible individuals, and parental roles

have now changed.

A promotion or change in employment is usually a positive move, as is retirement. However, these changes can also create a sense of loss. Perhaps the hardest change and sense of loss comes from the death of a loved one or dear friend. While it is an inevitable step, it brings with it sadness, loss and change.

According to licensed clinical social worker Maud Purcell, change, whether positive or negative, creates a component for loss. When loss occurs, grief then becomes the process for healing that follows. Each individual grieves in his or her own way in various stages that are not all the same for everyone, including fear, anger, disbelief, denial, depression, sadness, guilt and acceptance. Take care

of yourself and treat yourself kindly during this process, just as you would a friend. Try to avoid any major changes or decisions.

While we may miss times and situations of the past or a loved one who is no longer with us, reminiscing about good times and sharing memories with others can bring a smile to our faces and a warmth to our hearts. I share this first hand, as over the past couple of months some of our dear and sweet residents have passed away; and one resident, beginning to feel the sands of time, moved to another state to be closer to her children. I think many of us at Good Samaritan have felt the loss of these wonderful people and have missed them terribly. However, just a few days

ago at a picnic in the prayer garden, we shared stories and memories and it felt good to talk about these people we had loved so much. I believe we all felt a little better and made a baby step in the direction of healing.

Unfortunately, loss is something we all have to deal with. Allowing ourselves to take the time to grieve is very necessary. I personally think looking back on relationships and memories with a fondness in our heart helps us to heal and gives us a precious gift.

Penney McClarin is the director of resource development and marketing at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village. She has lived in Las Cruces for 11 years. Contact her at pmclari@good-sam.com.

On vacation? Social Security is still here for you

By **RAY VIGIL**
For the Bulletin

Summer is here and millions of vacationers are packing their bags to visit a new locale and soak up some sunshine. You might be traveling quite a ways. You're used to staying connected to important information like your bank accounts and social networks, especially on the go. Social Security is there in the same way — easily accessible when you're away from home or the office.

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not. It allows you to request a replacement Social Security or Medicare card if you meet certain requirements; check the status of your application or appeal; get your Social Security statement or get a benefit verification letter stating that you: 1) receive retirement, disability, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicare benefits, or 2) never received Social Security benefits, SSI or Medicare, or 3) received benefits in the past, but do not currently receive them. (The letter will include the date your benefits stopped and how much you received that year.), or 4) applied for benefits but haven't received an answer yet.

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the "my Social Security" portal provides a secure service delivery channel that allows us to provide detailed status information about your claim without requiring a confirmation number. With the new application status, you can see the re-entry number for in-progress online applications, detailed information about the current status of the application or appeal, the location where your claim is being processed and scheduled hearing information for appeals.

With an easy-to-access "my Social Security" account, you can use multiple online services while barefoot on the beach. You don't even have to put your lemonade down at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Ray Vigil is a Social Security public affairs specialist based in El Paso, Texas.

SENIOR BRIEFS

AARP events: Join in one or more of the events held by AARP in the month of June.

- June 3: AARP information table at the Farmer's Market. The information table is set the first Saturday of the month to inform the public about AARP programs and info pertaining to seniors.

- Smart driving classes: At Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., presented by Las Cruces AARP President Dave Lynch. 1-5 p.m. on Mondays, June 5 and 19. Info/reservations: 575-522-0502. At Good Samaritan Village, 3025 Terrace Drive, presented by AARP volunteer Ernie Apodaca. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays, June 24 and Aug. 19 and Thursdays,

July 13 and Sept. 28. Info/reservations: 575-642-2582. AARP members: \$15, non-members: \$20.

- June 15: Chihuahua baseball game in El Paso. Join this trip planned by President Dave. 17 people have already signed up for the game and there are three remaining tickets, \$15 each. Be prepared to pay for your ticket at the meeting. Transportation is not provided. Bring your baseball glove to catch fly balls.

Info on AARP Chapter 1230 Las Cruces: www.aarp.org, www.nmaging.state.nm.us, on Facebook at AARP New Mexico, call AARP President David Lynch at 317-385-8874 or email him at dLynchio@hotmail.com. AARP dues are \$5 per year.

Wednesday evening Farmers and Crafts Market begins June 8

BULLETIN REPORT

There is something for Las Cruces to do again to help get rid of those mid-week humdrums.

The first Wednesday evening Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market of the summer will be held from 5 until 9 p.m. on June 8, along Main Street Plaza, between Las Cruces and Griggs avenues.

Organizers of the outdoor market said all but one of the once-a-month evening markets will be conducted

the second Wednesday of the month for the next six months.

Other Wednesday evening markets are scheduled — weather permitting — on July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14 and Oct. 26.

Hundreds of artisans and vendors, food trucks and entertainers will be on the street for the event, according to a post on the market's Facebook page.

The Wednesday evening market has continued to grow in popularity the past

two years, and has become a family-oriented event.

"It's a pretty good time," said Las Cruces Raylene Flores. "I've gone the past two years and took my kids. It's fun, the food is good and the things you can buy are pretty affordable. It really is a nice way to get out of the house, (and) usually enjoy a nice night, and just relax a little."

For more information, visit www.fcmlc.org and find them on Facebook at Wednesday Night Markets.



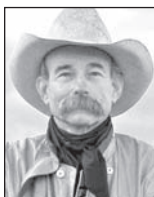
BULLETIN PHOTO BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Food trucks are a fixture at the monthly Farmers and Crafts Market downtown.

The Grapevine

What better way to impress his new lady friend, thought Rob, than to take her to his friend's rancho for an afternoon branding and BBQ? His '84 model two horse trailer had been repaired so many times that it looked like a well drillin' rig! The '98 pickup was using two quarts of oil to a tank of gas and his horse was... well, ol' Yella looked right at home.

Rob was eager as a piddlin' puppy when he picked up Delilah and headed north outta Los Angeles. One large obstacle lay in the pit of his stomach like a pea in the Princess's mattress ... THE GRAPEVINE! It was a monster of a hill dreaded by truckers and people who still drove a small hatchback. The engine was screamin' when they finally leveled out at the summit of the Grapevine. Rob gave Delilah a comforting look. She smiled back uneasily. Then the motor blew! A big dent appeared in the hood and it sounded like some-



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one had dropped a Caterpillar track into his fan! They crossed silently into a service station at the bottom of the grade. He assured his sweetheart there was 'no problema'.

By dark he'd borrowed a pickup and they both

agreed returning back home was the best option. He loaded Yella, hooked up the trailer and back over the Grapevine they flew! Halfway down, Rob managed to slip his arm behind Delilah's neck. Soon she was lulled into discussing her dreams of home and family. She snuggled closer as he noticed a tire bounce by him on the driver's side! He couldn't help but see the huge rooster tail of sparks spraying up from beneath his trailer!

Rob wheeled the screeching rig to the shoulder. Together they unwired the trailer doors and Yella stepped

out, unhurt. Rob tied him to the highway fence and unhooked the trailer. Rob's facial tic had returned. He jumped in the pickup and headed south for the nearest place to borrow a trailer. He returned to the scene to find Yella grazing in the median with semis whizzing by on both sides and his date shivering over the still warm axle, forgotten. She, herself, was smoldering.

In the space of 12 hours and 50 miles he had left his pickup, his trailer, his horse and his girl scattered from one end of the Grapevine to the other.

Next day he towed the pickup to the shop. He left his trailer to be impounded by the state police. His horse made it home safe but Delilah changed her phone number, wrote him out of her will and had not been heard of since!

Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at www.baxterblack.com.

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Roewe is Realtor of the month

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR) board member of the month for May 2017 is David Roewe of Exit Realty of Las Cruces.

“Roewe established his Realtor roots in



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Las Cruces nine years ago and has flourished by driving his passion in the real estate industry,” according to an LCAR news release.

“Roewe comes from a line of Realtors, as his mother began in the business when he was a young boy. Roewe’s sister lives by the family business as a realtor in Washington, and his son continues the legacy with his own real estate company, according to the news release.

“Roewe buys, flips and sells homes and commercial properties, which ignites his desire to continue in the industry,” LCAR said. “I thrive on making buyers’ dreams come true,” Roewe said.

Roewe began his term on the LCAR board in 2016 after spending 28 years as the CEO of non-profit organization, the news release said.

When not attending to LCAR or Exit Realty duties, Roewe enjoys an 18-hole golf game or gardening at his Las Cruces home. Roewe spent seven years in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam era, retiring as a sergeant, LCAR said.

For more information, contact William “Bill” Arnold at LCAR at 575-524-0658 or ceo.lcar2016@gmail.com. Visit www.lascrucesassociationofrealtors.com.

Co-author of Wild Lives to give a reading

BULLETIN REPORT

The Southwest Environmental Center presents a special reading, discussion and book signing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, with Janie Chodosh, co-author of the recently published book, *Wild Lives*. In *Wild Lives*, twenty conservationists share their stories of saving our planet and the wild creatures that call it home.

Chodosh, co-author of the recently published book, *Wild Lives*, will provide an eye opening glimpse into the lives of 20 of the world’s leading conservationists. With new species becoming endangered or extinct every

day and natural habitats dwindling, the work of conservationists across the globe is our only chance for survival. *Wild Lives* provides an eye opening glimpse into the lives of 20 of the world’s leading conservationists. Booklist Online describes the significance of *Wild Lives* by saying,

“With the world facing an unprecedented state of species extinction, the survival of iconic wildlife, such as the polar bear and such lesser-known creatures as Israel’s long-billed hoopoe, is often up to courageous individuals who commit to their passion and sacrifice their comfort so that the planet maintains

a healthy biodiversity. Thanks to the environmentally committed inter-viewers Robinson and Chodosh, 20 conservationists succinctly tell their stories in this illuminating volume that may well inspire readers to take up the cause.”

The presentation is free and open to the public. The Southwest Environmental Center is located at 275 N. Main in downtown Las Cruces. For more information, call (575) 522-5552.

Established in 1992, the Southwest Environmental Center works to protect and restore native wildlife and their habitats in the Southwest. Visit wildmesquite.org to learn more.

Registration deadlines approach for camps

BULLETIN REPORT

Registration deadlines are approaching for some of the eight summer camps that will be offered in June, July and August at New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

There is a discount for each camp for members of the Friends of the Museum. Pre-registration is required, and cash and checks are accepted.

The camps and their costs, dates and registration deadlines are:

- **Happy Scribbles**, for ages seven through nine, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 13, 14 and 15. The cost is \$35 for non-members and \$30 for members. Children will get to draw, paint and do craft work. The registration deadline is Thursday, June 8.

- **Express Yourself**, for ages 10 through 12, 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 13, 14 and 15. The cost is \$40 for non-members and \$35 for members. Young artists will learn about the different mediums and techniques used in creating art. The registration deadline is Thursday, June 8.

- **Broncos, Ropes & Spurs**, for ages five to eight, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 20, 21 and 22. The cost is \$35 for non-members and \$30 for members. Little cowpokes will make their own cowboy attire, including hat,

vest and cuffs, design a bandanna, ride a pony and learn how to rope cattle. The registration deadline is Thursday, June 15.

- **Greenhouse Extravaganza**: For ages nine through 12, 9:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 27, 28 and 29. The cost is \$35 for non-members and \$30 for members. Children will learn about the different plants in the museum’s greenhouse, create their own greenhouse and learn about water. The deadline to register is Thursday, June 22.

- **Can You Dig It?** For ages eight through 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 11, 12 and 13. The cost is \$40 for non-members and \$35 for members. Students will explore a dig site for artifacts and learn how archeologists study ancient peoples. Participants should bring a lunch each day. The deadline to register is Thursday, July 6.

- **Nature Gone Wild**, for ages eight through

12, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 18, 19 and 20. The cost is \$35 for non-members and \$30 for members. Children will study bees, lizards, birds and other animals as they go on hikes to study wildlife and plants in the area. Participants should bring a lunch each day. The deadline to register is Thursday, July 13.

- **Animal Planet**: for ages five through eight, 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 25, 26 and 27. The cost is \$30 for non-members and \$25 for members. Children will meet and learn to care for chinchillas, rabbits, ducks, chickens, turtles and other animals. The deadline to register is Thursday, July 20.

For more information about the camps or joining the Friends of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, call 575-522-4100. Visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

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Health information exchange coming to southern New Mexico

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Imagine being rendered unconscious in a traffic accident or a fall. You are transferred to a local hospital, but the staff don't have access to your medical records, so they don't know what pre-existing medical conditions, allergies to medications or other health issues you may have.



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Two regional organizations that specialize in the secure exchange of health information have announced they are working together to improve the exchange of health records among patients, hospitals and providers in southern New Mexico and west Texas.

In a May 15, news release, PHIX, formerly Paso del Norte Health Information Exchange, and the New Mexico Health Information Collaborative (NMHIC) said they "are currently in discussions to formalize a relationship."

The partnership will "centralize and standardize" health care data and make it electronically accessible to everyone in the PHIX/NMHIC network, PHIX Deputy Director Emily Hartmann said. That will "give area hospitals and providers a more complete picture of each patient's health," according to the news release.

"Effective exchange of health information can significantly improve the quality of care and reduce costs," NMHIC CEO Dr. Thomas East said. "We have seen real-world examples, such as a 37-week pregnant woman involved in a motor vehicle accident. By the time she arrived in the emergency department, they used the NMHIC health information exchanges (HIE) to have all of her prenatal records from a different health system," he said. "This data helps make all the difference for these patients."

NMHIC and PHIX each includes major healthcare organizations in El Paso or in New Mexico, including hospitals, labs, doctors and provider groups, pharmacies, Medicaid Manage Care Organizations, the New Mexico Department of Health and New Mexico Poison Control.

"It is very important that NMHIC and PHIX work to provide comprehensive, quality data to providers who see patients from New Mexico," East said. "Care may be given in Texas, Colorado, Arizona, Utah or elsewhere. We are not only working with PHIX but the national eHealthExchange and regional HIE in bordering states."

Hartmann said the network will follow "all the same privacy rules and regulations" that other health organizations do in both states, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability

Patient Summary

Showing: All Inpatient Outpatient ER

Additional Records May Be Available

Encounters Most Recent

Date	Description	Facility	Type
04/20/2013	Dyspnea, CHF	Metro South	Inpatient
02/04/2013	Diabetes Mellitus Type 2	City Clinic	Outpatient
02/02/2012	Hypertension	City Clinic	Outpatient

Medications Most Recent

Date	Description	Dose	Quantity
05/15/2013	Metformin (Glucophage)	500 mg	90
12/10/2012	Lisinopril HCTZ (Prinzide)	12.5 mg / 10 mg	30
12/10/2012	Simvastatin (Zocor)	40 mg	30

Clinical Summaries Most Recent

Date	Description	Source
02/19/2013	System Generated Summarization of Episode	HIE
02/07/2013	Summarization of Episode	Metro South
01/28/2013	Summarization of Episode	City Clinic

Test Results Most Recent

Date	Description	Value	Range	Flag
02/16/2013	Glucose	117 mg/dL	65 - 105	High
02/13/2013	A1C	9.9 %	4.0 - 6.0	High
11/02/2012	Lipid Panel			

Allergies Most Recent

Date	Description	Severity
01/21/2013	Pollen	Unknown/Not Provided
01/31/2013	Penicillin V Potassium	Severe
11/02/2012	Strawberries	Mild

Immunizations Most Recent

Date	Description
01/21/2013	Pneumococcal
11/31/2012	Influenza
10/22/2011	Influenza

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An example of a patient summary that would be used in a southern New Mexico/west Texas health information exchange.



Act (HIPAA) and whichever state-specific law is stricter. A patient's healthcare information will be released through the network on a need-to-know basis, Hartmann said, and only to those with authorization to see it.

"We are all very conscious about the security and privacy of our health records and the potential liability that an organization may have in sharing them," East said.

Hartmann said there is no



set timeframe for the network will be operation. In the meantime, it welcomes "feedback from the community on how we can best work together to bring value to southern New Mexico."

NMHIC is "staffed and operated by the nonprofit LCF Research," according to the news release. "LCF was established in 1990 to foster health services research and promote professional education for healthcare," East said. "It created NMHIC in 2004 "among a variety of key stakeholders in New Mexico," he said.

The nonprofit PHIX "was founded in 2010, through the

collaboration of the major healthcare organizations in the greater El Paso area," according to the news release. "PHIX is working toward exchanging data with Veteran's Administration and the Department of Defense."

For more information on NMHIC, contact East at 505-938-9901 or thomas.east@nmhic.org and visit www.nmhic.org. For more information on PHIX, contact Hartmann at 915-242-0674 or ehartmann@phixnetwork.org and visit website www.phixnetwork.org.

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

Medical cannabis helps with opioid addiction

Cannabis is in the news every day! Have you noticed there has been a great deal of coverage on the epidemic of opioid addiction in our country? It is not hard to become addicted. If you have ever been in pain, you probably received a prescription for pain medication. It is a common medical practice to prescribe opioids for pain. So many of us use the prescription without really knowing the long-term ramifications.... inability to function, constipation and, if abused, addiction, as your pain tolerance is increased.

I know first-hand the



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for more than 30 days. While there, I was given numerous pain medications for the intolerable and unexpected pain. I remember IV Unban, which did not ease the pain, but did make me hallucinate. I was not able to sleep and saw things crawling out of the walls. I asked for something other than Unban and was given

trials and tribulations that opioids bring. After a botched surgery, I ended up in the hospital

Hydrocodone, Percocet and a few other drugs. I could not tolerate the side effects: continued pain, paranoia, indigestion and constipation. When I finally was released from the hospital, I had lost 25 pounds, I was still healing and in a great deal of pain. Oh, did I mention my colon was perforated during the surgery? and not only did I have pain but systemic infection of *Clostridium difficile*, one of the deadliest bacteria found in the colon.

I left the hospital with a handful of prescriptions, some for pain, some for infection, some for opioid-induced con-

stipation ... a vicious cycle.

Long story short, I managed to survive that experience. It was not easy and it has taken me years to recover my health. I still suffer some residual effects, most of which I manage with alternate delivery methods of cannabis *Indica* and hemp.

The good news is that I was able to get off the opioids with the use of integrative medicine, IV therapy of Alpha Lipoic acid and mega doses of minerals and antioxidants, herbal medicine including cannabis oil and cannabis alternate-delivery methods.

Today, I see hundreds

of patients suffering from pain and opioid addiction. There are stronger opioids being used for pain, including fentanyl. In the cannabis world, we have had great success with numerous patients who have been able to wean off fentanyl by ingesting cannabinoids, which is one of the most effective ways to manage chronic pain.

So, here is a challenge for you. Speak up when your doctor prescribes opioids. Educate yourself about the down side of opioid use. Research the value of cannabinoids.

In conclusion, be advised that we have

moved. We are now in the historic Mesquite District. We are delighted to be a part of the renaissance happening in the district. Let me hear from you, I am sure I can assist you with your chronic pain and more.

Hilda Luz Chavez, ND, is a third-generation healer and curandera. Her work in the Las Cruces community is all about educating and awakening the interest of the younger generations to herbal medicine and supporting the older generations with remedies they remember. She can be reached at chavezhl@aol.com.

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Registration is open for diabetes outreach classes

BULLETIN REPORT

Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach (SNMDO) will host three diabetes classes, Wednesday through Friday, June 6 through 8, at the Las Cruces Families and Youth, Inc. Building, 1320 S. Solano Drive, at the corner of Solano and Idaho.

All classes will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Session 1 will be held on Tuesday, June 6; session 2 on Wednesday, June 7; and session 3 on

Thursday, June 8.

Registration is now open for the classes. Class size will be limited to 12 and support persons are invited and encouraged to be present with each attendee. Classes will be taught in English and Spanish by diabetes educator T. J. Jasso, RN, BS.

SNMDO, a nonprofit, has provided diabetes services in Doña Ana, Catron, Grant, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Luna, Otero and Sierra counties since 1998.

For more informa-



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tion, call 575-522-0289 or email snmdo@snmdo.org. Visit <http://snmdo.org/>.

Low-cost microchipping, vaccination clinic is June 10

By **KRISTIE GARCIA**

ACTion Program for Animals
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Every day, many loose dogs and cats are picked up and taken to the local animal shelter. Many of those pets never make it back home because

they lack identification.

Not sure if your pet has a microchip? Or, do you know for certain your pet needs a microchip? Bring your dog or cat to Your Pet Space, 3920 W. Picacho Ave. (next to Pic Quik), from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 10, and get a

microchip for just \$7.

The following services will be provided:

- Pet microchip, including registration: \$7
- One-year rabies vaccination for dogs: \$12
- Three-year rabies vaccination for dogs: \$18

• Parvovirus/distemper vaccination for dogs: \$17

• Rabies vaccination for cats: \$18

Please help keep dogs and cats out of the animal shelter, and get them microchipped.

For more information, contact ACTion Programs

for Animals at 575-644-0505 or mail@apalascruces.org.

Visit their center at 800 W. Picacho Ave. from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays. Visit www.actionprogramsforanimals.org and www.facebook.com/APALasCruces.

The Cat's Meow: Spaying and neutering are important

By **EMILY WHITACRE**

For The Bulletin

We can help our community and our pets by having them spayed or neutered. It will prevent unwanted pregnancies and keep litters from being euthanized due to the shortage of homes. It will also help avoid animals' aggressive behavior and roaming. Cats will have longer and healthier lives.

Plus, your female cat will not go into heat. While cycles can vary, female felines usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. To advertise for mates, they'll yowl and urinate more frequently – sometimes all over the house! Your neutered male cat will be much better behaved as well.

The cost of your pet's spay/neuter surgery is a lot less than the cost of having and caring for a litter of unwanted puppies or kittens.

For more information, visit The Cat's Meow Adoption Center at 2211 N. Mesquite St. in the historic Mesquite district in downtown Las Cruces. Come by and visit with the wonderful kitty companions waiting to be spoiled in your loving home.

We are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Visit www.thecatsmeowlascruces.com.

CAT'S MEOW ADOPTABLE CAT OF THE WEEK

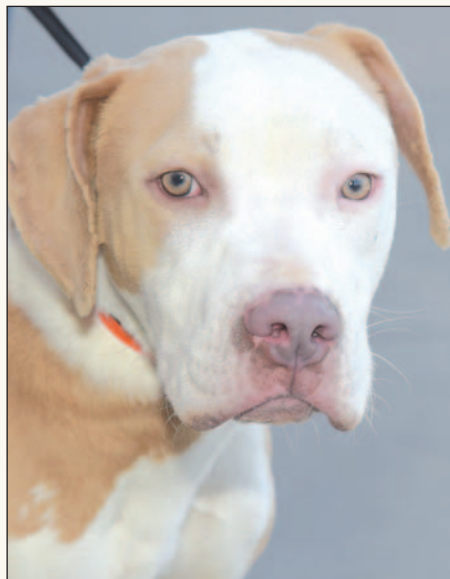
Hi, my name is White Tips. I am a three-year-old male, black and white tuxedo kitty. I have a lot of energy, so that means I love to play. I have a very sweet, affectionate disposition. I would love to be your forever companion kitty. You can visit me and my friends at The Cat's Meow Adoption Center, 2011 N. Mesquite St. in downtown Las Cruces. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Visit www.thecatsmeowlascruces.com.



ANIMAL SERVICES CENTER OF THE MESILLA VALLEY PET OF THE WEEK

Brody

This handsome guy is Brody, a fawn and white, male Pit-bull mix. A resident of the animal shelter since September 2016, he turned a year old in early May and is looking for his forever home. Brody is a very sweet guy ready for some adventures. So, if you walk, run, hike, and go on nature adventures then Brody is your man.



Off-Site Adoption Events

- Farmers & Crafts Market – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays
- Dog adoptions are located at the far north end of the market on the Downtown Mall.
- Cat adoptions are located at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.
- Petco – 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, 305 E. Lohman Ave. Bldg. D.

Additional Services Offered

Microchip your pet: \$20. Available daily, no appointment necessary.

Pet Licenses: City and County licenses available daily.

City: Altered \$7; Unaltered \$50

County: Altered \$7; Unaltered \$50

Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program: Dogs \$35, Cats \$25. By appointment only.

DONATION REQUESTS – ASCMV is in need of dog crates, blankets and towels. Collars and leashes are also always needed. Donations can be dropped off during normal hours of operation or left at the door.

ASCMV hours of operation are noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Call 575-382-0018.

Aggies bow out of WAC tourney, look to next year

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State baseball team ended its season in sudden, dramatic fashion, losing their first two games in the Western Athletic Conference double-elimination tournament in Mesa, Arizona.

The Aggies were seeded No. 1 in the tourney but left 13 runners on base in the opener, falling to Northern Colorado 5-4.

In the loser's bracket they then lost to familiar foe CSU Bakersfield, giving up six runs in the first inning before going down, 11-7.

In the process, NMSU, so hot in late May when they won nine consecutive games, dropped three straight to finish the year.

Still, the Aggies had a memorable season at 35-22 as the seniors on the squad represented head coach Brian Green's first recruit-

ment class, earning the first nationally-ranked class in New Mexico State baseball history.

"Obviously a disappointing end to a really good season and you know, just really proud of the seniors," Green said. "I feel for them, but that's the first recruiting class now. Those guys that will go away (have) put their mark on New Mexico State baseball, back-to-back 34 wins or better seasons.

"No. 2 seed last year coming into this and (No.) 1 this year; the program has changed because of them and all these kids. It's painful, it hurts and we'll go home, rest and get back to work and see if we can continue to elevate the program and keep taking strides towards winning championships."

At the same time, Green says he's looking

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PHOTO COURTESY DARRYL WEBB

The NM State baseball nine had their moments at the WAC Tournament in Mesa, Arizona. But in the end the Aggies came up short.

Aggies shine in All-WAC selections

BULLETIN REPORT

Seven New Mexico State players earned recognition on the All-Western Athletic Conference baseball teams, the most in school history since 2012.

Voting was submitted by the league's eight head coaches after the regular

season.

Catcher Mason Fishback earned a First-Team spot with a conference-leading .421 batting average.

He was joined by outfielder Dan Hetzel (.304 BA, a league-leading nine homers), shortstop LJ Hatch (.383 BA, 12 extra-base hits and a team-high 12 stolen

bases) and starting pitcher Kyle Bradish (5-1, a conference-best 51 strikeouts and .169 opposing BA).

Three Aggies were named to the Second Team: Infielder Tristen Carranza (.310 BA, eight home runs), second baseman Brent Sakurai (.365

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2017 First Team All-WAC

Catcher: Mason Fishback, Jr., **NM State**

First Base: Ian Evans, Jr., Grand Canyon

Second Base: David Metzgar, Sr., CSU Bakersfield

Third Base: Tyler Wyatt, So., Grand Canyon

Shortstop: Ryan Grotjohn, Sr., CSU Bakersfield

Outfield: Garrison Schwartz, Jr., Grand Canyon

Outfield: Tom Lerouge Jr., Grand

Canyon

Outfield: Dan Hetzel, Sr., **NM State**

At-Large: Ian Dawkins, Jr., Sacramento State

At-Large: LJ Hatch, Sr., **NM State**

Starting Pitcher: Max Carter, Sr., CSU Bakersfield

Starting Pitcher: Parker Brahm, Fr., Sacramento State

Relief Pitcher: AJ Franks, Sr., Grand Canyon

At-Large: Kyle Bradish, So., **NM State**

High Yield practice begins with a disciplined plan

Any professional golf teacher will tell you that very few recreational golfers actually practice, in terms of having a plan and going to the range in a disciplined fashion. They may stop at the range, hit a few balls and roll a couple of putts before stepping on the first tee. That's it, often due to time pressures.

One helpful answer is what I call "High Yield" practice, an accelerated process that helps you get the most out of your limited time crunch. Even practicing for 45 minutes at a time, two times a week, will provide surprising — even dramatic — results.

The first thing you need to do is develop your goals, a plan and a map of what you're going to do to improve your entire game; this is practicing with a purpose, not just going out and beating balls aimlessly. Have a pattern of clubs you can go through in a disciplined manner.



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Perhaps start out with a pitching wedge. Then move to an 8-iron, then a 6-iron. Go through a progression, just like the pros do, but you only have to hit three or four balls with each club to improve your timing.

If one of your weak areas is mid- and long-iron shots, practice lining up 150- to 180-yard shots with long irons or hybrid clubs. Get comfortable with how you hit each club and decide which you would hit when the chips are down. Visualize the shots you would hit on the course and swing the club like you really mean it in competition. Estimate your distances and understand how far you hit each club under the conditions you are facing, like wind, drizzle and dry heat.

Without using a rangefinder, try to estimate your distances so that you learn to play with a sense of feel. Since aim is so critical on the course, pick specific targets to aim at in the practice area. Golf

is all about fundamentals, so pay attention to one basic fundamental for each practice session, whether it be ball position, your grip, your posture, your spine angle, your balance or other basics.

Next, you can reap astonishing improvement by making your short game a priority. For your 45-minute practice session I recommend you spend 20 minutes at the putting green and short game area working on short pitches, chips and longer putts. Tour professionals are amazingly good at short chips, pitches and lag putts because they practice these elements endlessly, which leads to strong confidence. They practice shots from both tight lies and gnarly lies because they know they will face such shots in a tournament. You need to do the same. Spend enough time on chips, pitches and bunker shots until you get comfortable with what club you hit the best and how to stroke shots with solid results.

When you practice, whether it's on the range or around the putting green, use your customary pre-shot routine on those shots. It will get your timing

and movements so habitual they seem second-nature. The idea of practicing is to create productive, natural and repeatable habits. Don't beat out balls on the range mindlessly or hit the same putt over and over. Rather, go through your routine, hit the shot or putt and assess the results as you would on the course in actual play. The real secret of practice is to groove a confident, effective golf swing and eliminate self-induced mistakes. The use of practice devices, like alignment sticks, weighted, hinged and whippy clubs, and bodily attachments are fine, but can be overdone. High Yield practice relies on a golfer's commitment to follow the fundamentals and to stick to it.

In Part 2 of High Yield practice: putting; the 80-20 rule; engraining good habits.

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BA, a league-leading six triples) and starting pitcher Jonathan Groff (2.74 earned run average and a complete-game shutout).



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Summer soccer league gearing up

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will offer registration for the coed Summer Youth Outdoor Soccer League in June. The league is for pre-K through 2nd grade as of the 2017-2018 school year.

Registration for returning teams will be by appointment June 5-8, while open registration for new players will be from 6 - 8 p.m., June 5-8, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is

\$45 per individual due at registration and includes a game jersey (\$35 for returning teams if no new jersey is needed).

Participants must have a Parks & Recreation Activity ID card. To obtain a card, the parent or guardian, along with the child, must appear in person at Meerscheidt Recreation Center to fill out the permission form, provide proof of the child's age and grade level, and to have the child's photo taken. Cards

are issued Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All documentation must be submitted by individual players and returning teams during the registration dates in order to participate.

Games will be on Saturdays: July 8, 15, 22 and 29; and Aug. 5 and 12.

For more information, call 575-541-2563 or email Athletics@las-cruces.org.

Tortugas Open Golf Tournament prepares for scramble June 23

The Parish of Our Lady Of Guadalupe in the Village of Tortugas presents the 12th annual Tortugas Open Fun Golf Scramble on Friday, June 23, at the Tortugas Golf and Country Club a.k.a. Sonoma Golf Course. The Scramble is the opening event of the San Juan Turtle Fest in the Village of Tortugas.

The format is a four-person scramble with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

All proceeds from this event are used to complete parish projects and to sup-

port parish activities. Cost is \$100 per player.

Entry fee includes green fees, cart fees and a "Tortugas Style" meal at the Sonoma Pavilion.

There will be team prizes, longest-drive contest, a hole-in-one opportunity for a car and a players raffle for \$250.

Entry for teams and individuals are being accepted and are assigned on a first-pay basis.

For more information, call David Fierro at 575-496-1693 or Frank Torres at 575-640-4354.

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forward to developing his younger players after they saw how tough it is to take their game to the next level.

“I hope that the younger guys see that, how hard it really is to take that next step,” he said. “You can always do a great job with recruiting and really change a program if you can change the mentality, but that next step of winning championships is really difficult to do and it’s a big step.

“You hope the sophomore class really sees how hard and even look at what the seniors did this tournament. I mean, they played unbelievable. Our first five hitters were just off the charts and our older guys in the bullpen played great.

“You look at a Trey Stine who’s coming back, a Caleb Henderson who’s coming back and then you’ve got a large sophomore class coming back. You really hope those guys really take a look at that and understand how important leadership is, and that’s what the seniors did for us in terms of elevating the program.”

Bulletin editor Marty Racine contributed to this story.

By the numbers

Brent Sakurai finished the WAC Tournament with a team-high batting average of .600 (6-10)... the top of the Aggie order — Sakurai, LJ Hatch and Austin Botello — went 12-for-29, for a .414 BA.

Hoopin’ on the holiday

The 2017 Gus Macker Basketball Tournament brought out the ballers over the Memorial Day weekend at the Field of Dreams parking lot. The Las Cruces tourney was part of a six-month world tour celebrating pickup 3-on-3 basketball.

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Johnny McCants from the team Showtime goes up for a shot Sunday.



The teams Pimpin' Aint Easy and Ripetide are read the rules before the start of their championship game Sunday.



Kevin Chandler from the team Showtime goes up for a shot as Dylan Condarco from Bucket Team defends.



Leroy Alvarez from El Paso films his daughter Saxon Alvarez from the team Riptide.



Gus Macker fans supported their teams during the 3 on 3 tournament.