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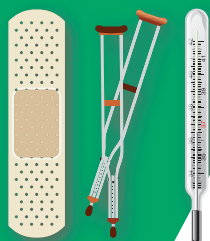
Barbara Hubbard, the grand lady of the Pan American Center's musical legacy, celebrates a milestone with a few close friends.

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For the eleventh consecutive year of Doña Ana County entering the contest, the Center for Digital Government and the National Association of Counties (NACo) have named Doña Ana County's website among the 10 best in the United States for counties with populations under 250,000.

The county's website is ranked seventh in the nation in its category. The website ranked ninth in 2015, seventh in 2014, fifth in 2013, seventh in 2012, eighth in 2011, third in 2010, second in 2009, fourth in 2008, eighth in 2007 and ninth in 2006. The county did not enter the contest in 2016.

"Our website – along with our five-platform social media presence – will always strive to improve," said Doña Ana County Interim Manager Chuck McMahon. "I remain proud of the ongoing collaboration between the Information Technology Department and the Public Information Office that led to this prestigious award yet again, and I am confident that we can retain our place in the top 10 next year by emphasizing continued improvement to meet this dynamic county's many unique challenges."

The website was overhauled in June of 2013 in a joint project by the Doña Ana County Information Technology Department and the Doña

Ana County Public Information Office. It is updated on a near-daily basis.

Doña Ana County will be among the top digital counties honored July 22 at a national awards ceremony, which coincides with NACo's national conference, held in Columbus, Ohio.

In April of each year, all counties in the United States are invited to participate in the Digital Counties Survey. County officials respond to questions that include more than 100 measurements and data points about online service delivery, infrastructure, architecture and governance models.

The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute on information technology policies and best practices in state and local government.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is a full-service organization that provides legislative, research, technical, and public affairs assistance to county governments. Created in 1935, NACo continues to ensure that the nation's 3,066 counties are heard and understood in the White House and Congress.

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Miss New Mexico, from Las Cruces, promotes arts, youth opportunities

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

During her reign, the new Miss New Mexico, Taylor Rey of Las Cruces, would like to visit every school in New Mexico. Rey, 22, won the crown

in June, after her selection as Miss Las Cruces in February, a title she also held in 2013.

Rey wants to spend her reign helping students across the state realize the opportunities available to them through a

platform she created and calls Promoting the Love of Arts in Youth (PLAY).

Through PLAY, she hopes to inspire young artists in Las Cruces and throughout New Mexico to pursue their dreams of being professional performers though they live far from New York, Hollywood and other entertainment meccas.

"You can get there from here," said Rey, a 2013 graduate of Las Cruces High School.

Rey is also raising money for the Miss New Mexico Scholarship Organization, which she said is "really important to me."

"This is my full-time job," she said.

Rey spent a year preparing for the Miss New Mexico Pageant, and "went in feeling very confident." She was selected from among 29 contestants statewide.

Just a month earlier, Rey graduated from Oklahoma City University with a bachelor's degree in music, and is now among 62 state title holders honored in OCU's Hall of Queens. Three of those women are former Miss Americas, and Rey hopes to become the fourth when she competes in the 2017 Miss America Pageant in September in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Winning the title of Miss New Mexico "hasn't really sunk in yet," she said. While riding in Las Cruces' Electric Light

Parade the evening of July 3, Rey said she realized she had transitioned from "just being Taylor to being Miss New Mexico and a celebrity in my community."

Las Cruces will continue to be her base as she travels across the state, she said. Her plans to pursue a career in musical theatre are on hold

as she fulfills her duties as Miss New Mexico.

Rey is well-known to Las Cruces audiences for performances in "Nine" and "Chicago" for Scaffolding Theatre Company, "Dames at Sea" and "White Christmas" for Las Cruces Community Theatre and "Twitch," at Black Box Theatre. She has also done a number

of shows at Boba Café and Cabaret.

Her favorite role, Rey said, was "Audrey" in "Little Shop of Horrors" at Rio Grande Theatre at age 15. "It was awesome," she said.

Rey was a student at Michelle's Dance Academy in Las Cruces and

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Miss Las Cruces – and Miss New Mexico – Taylor Rey, wearing the necklace that is given to Miss New Mexico winners. She will represent the Land of Enchantment at the Sept. 10 Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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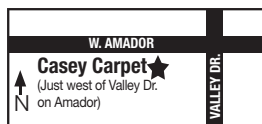
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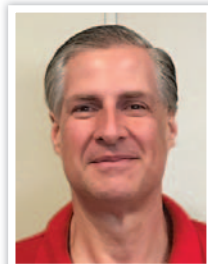
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Convention center hotel delayed

BULLETIN REPORT

Aggie Development Inc. has given developers a two-month extension on their agreement to build a hotel adjacent to the Las Cruces Convention Center.

"The Contractual Obligations between LC University, LLC and Aggie Development, Inc., has been extended from July 11, 2017 to September 18, 2017," Aggie Development Inc. President Scott Eschenbrenner wrote in an email.

Eschenbrenner commented that the extension "will allow the hotel developer to finalize their financing package as well as submit plans for approval and permitting with the City of Las Cruces and the State of New Mexico's Construction Industries Division."

Eschenbrenner said it is both parties' goal to see dirt moving on the site in

mid-September.

"The Aggie Development Board of Directors realize that the hotel developer has invested significant funds, time and effort towards this endeavor and we feel that an extension of two months is not unreasonable given the scope and scale of this project," he wrote.

Aggie Development Inc. in April 2016 signed a lease for the 2.7-acre parcel. Announcing the agreement, Aggie Development Inc. said DMC Holdings Inc. and Total Management Systems plan to build a 120-room hotel.

Eschenbrenner said the hotel will be a Court-yard by Marriott prototype, with a restaurant, outdoor pool, two breakout rooms and a fitness center.

The hotel will serve the convention center and create an additional revenue stream for the university, he said.

REY

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also was a member of the Doña Ana Youth Choir. She learned to play the viola in the sixth grade.

Rey said she is paying close attention to politics and current events in preparation for the 10-minute private interview that will be part of the judging in the Miss America Pageant. She's also staying in top physical condition and main-

taining a healthy lifestyle. "You've got to be the best version of you" for the competition, she said, adding that "it's really important to me that I stay me."

"I'm a real person," Rey said. "I'm not a beauty queen; I'm a servant to my community."

For more information, visit ww.missnewmexico.org.

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Papen, Domenici feted for mental health efforts

BULLETIN REPORT

State Sen. Mary Kay Papen of Las Cruces, former U.S. Sen. Peter Domenici and his wife Nancy



PAPEN

Domenici are joint recipients of the national 2016 Torrey Advocacy Award, given by the Treatment Advocacy Center of Washington, D.C., in recognition of efforts to make treatment possible for more people with severe mental illness.

The award is for individuals who “have demonstrated courage and tenacity fighting for the right of individuals with severe mental illness to receive treatment, even if they are unable to seek it,” according to a press release from Papen’s office.

Papen’s and the Domenicis’ efforts led to the passage of SB53, the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Act (AOT) in New Mexico.

Also known as “involuntary outpatient treatment,” AOT allows family members and others, such as hospital directors, to petition a district judge to order an adult with a mental illness to participate in an outpatient treatment plan while at the same time committing local mental health systems to serve such participants.

According to the press release, AOT laws reduce hospitalization, incar-



PETE AND NANCY DOMENICI

ceration, homelessness, victimization, and also prevent violent acts associated with mental illness. Its use is endorsed by the American Psychiatric Association, American College of Emergency Physicians, International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Sheriffs’ Association and National Alliance on Mental Illness.

“We are delighted to recognize three individuals who worked diligently in New Mexico to make assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) a reality for residents,” said Brian Stettin, policy director of the Treatment Advocacy Center.

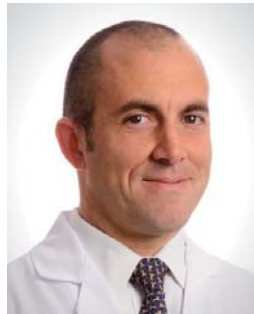
“I am deeply honored to receive this award along with Sen. Domenici and Nancy Domenici,” Papen said. “Getting compassionate help and care for New Mexicans suffering from mental illness is critical. Helping those individuals with the most severe mental illness live safely in our communities is an important step forward for treatment in our state, and an accomplishment that we may all take pride in.”

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Stage set for interesting primary

Democrats hope for pendulum swing in governor's race

There's a theory, with 30 years of history to back it up, regarding the governorship of New Mexico. The theory views the office as a pendulum, and the party holding power swings back and forth from term to term. Here's the breakdown.

2011-2018 – Susana Martinez, Republican
2003-2010 – Bill Richardson, Democrat
1995-2002 – Gary Johnson, Republican
1991-1994 – Bruce King, Democrat
1987-1990 – Garrey Carruthers, Republican
1983-1986 – Toney Anaya, Democrat

Democrats held the office from 1971-1986, and two of those terms belonged to Bruce King. He served three non-successive four-year terms; back then, the governor's office was term-limited to four years.

Three viable and intriguing Democrat candidates have tossed their hat into the ring for a June 2018 primary election. Expect those next 10 months to go quickly, but not quietly.

The principal candidates are Jeff Apodaca, Las Cruces Joseph Cervantes and Michelle Lujan Grisham.

Also running is Peter DeBenedittis, a communication specialist who runs the Alcohol Literacy Challenge in Santa Fe. All you DeBenedittis fans can go ahead and write your letter to the editor trashing me, but he's not a factor in the race.

Let's take a look at the Democratic race as it stands today, 318 days from the June 5, 2018, primary election.

JOSEPH CERVANTES: He brings a diverse background to the table – a practicing attorney, 17 years' experience in the state legislature, and lifelong ties to his family's agriculture business.

Cervantes used to tell the story of his

drives from Las Cruces to Santa Fe for the legislative sessions, and how he became more conservative the farther north he went on Interstate 25. Indeed, for the southern part of the state, he can be viewed as a moderate Democrat leaning left. But in the liberal climes of Albuquerque, and more so in Santa Fe, he's perceived as a conservative Democrat. That could help him among independents in a general election.



RICHARD COLTHARP
From the Publisher

Cervantes is a true local kid, born and raised here, and a graduate of Las Cruces High School. He went to the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, where he earned both undergraduate and law degrees. He also earned a master's degree in architecture from Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo.

He served for 12 years as a state representative and is in his fifth year as a state senator. From 1998-2001, he was a Doña Ana County Commissioner.

Cervantes is sincerely frustrated by New Mexico's troubles, and deeply believes strong leadership is needed, and that he can deliver it. He exhibits a calm, thoughtful demeanor, with enough toughness to know he means business. His understanding of the inner workings of both the state House and Senate would give him great insight.

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM: Grisham has served in Congress since 2013, representing New Mexico's District 1, which encompasses Albuquerque. She's also built a big war chest, more than \$1 million so far for campaigning.

Grisham grew up in New Mexico and graduated from St. Michael's High School in Santa Fe. She got her undergraduate degree and law degree from UNM.

For years, she was director of New Mexico's Agency on Aging, and was named secretary of the department of health under Gov. Bill Richardson. She also served as a Bernalillo County Commissioner from 2010 to 2012.

She has not yet made it to Las Cruces for a formal event. I've met her only once, when she was secretary of health. I remember her as short, with lots of energy, recalling the line about dynamite and small packages.

JEFF APODACA: He lived in Las Cruces until he was 12, when he moved to Santa Fe upon his dad Jerry's 1974 gubernatorial victory. He graduated from Santa Fe High School, a football star whose career was interrupted by cancer. He recovered well enough to be a three-year starter at UNM.

Apodaca has built a specific strategy to help New Mexico, built primarily on the idea of investing 5 percent of the state's \$21.5 billion in reserves (the "rainy day fund") into key areas of focus.

Apodaca believes it's clearly raining in New Mexico, describing it as a "hurricane." He said if we're comfortable investing our funds in Wall Street and even international ventures, why not invest at least 5 percent in our own people and amenities.

He spent most of his business career in media, notably helping expand and innovate Univision. Like Grisham and Cervantes, Apodaca has a palpable energy, with an extra edge of intensity.

The winner of this free-for-all likely gets a November date with Steve Pearce, our Dist. 2 U.S Representative, who so far is the only person who has announced a bid for the Republican ticket. We'll look at that side in a future column ...

Editor's note: Apodaca visits Las Cruces, page 19.

We want your letters The Las Cruces Bulletin invites readers to submit letters, preferably by email to editor@lascrucesbulletin.com. They can be sent in by fax at 575-526-4621. Letters also can be mailed or dropped off at 1740 A Calle de Mercado, Las Cruces, 88005. Letters should not exceed 200 words and must include the writer's name, address and telephone number for verification. Anonymous letters will not be published. Letters may be edited for length or content.

We are addicted to our addictions

"We aren't addicted to oil, but our cars are."

— James Woolsey

While that sounds good, it's wrong. Our cars are inanimate so they can't be addicted to anything. It is we, ourselves, who are addicted to transportation. This is not a bad addiction like to drugs, speeding or ignoring railroad warning lights which can get you killed.

The transportation industry is addicted to energy. Electric transportation is more addicted to coal than oil but all transportation other than sailboats are done with energy. They only work for us when the energy is abundant, depend-

able and cheap.

Most people are unaware of how important energy is in our lives. But know this: without energy, there would be little available food or water and most people on Earth would die.

We are so accustomed to having energy at our fingertips that we do not normally think about it. Flip the switch and the light comes on. Maybe some few people living out off the grid could survive for a while.

The rest of us would perish without energy.

There are more addictions in our society that we do not think of often. Driving much of our society is the entertainment industry. It

is so pervasive that we, as a society, are ignoring great threats to our well-being because we are enmeshed in, and mesmerized by, our entertainers and celebrities.

Many people are more concerned about the fortunes of the Dallas Cowboys than the threat of a huge asteroid killing off life on our planet. Or global thermonuclear war. Or some disease with no cure extinguishing the human race.

The social networks all run on devices that are operated using electricity. Many people are so addicted to these social connections that they will risk death while driving rather than put off looking at the device for a few minutes.

Imagine the day that the electricity quits. Millions

of people will stare at their dead cellphones in confusion. There's no way to lodge a complaint without electricity. They will have to speak to real people around them instead of being in their own world online. How awful.

My Great Grandfather came from Sweden to New York and then to New Mexico at a snail's pace. However, I could get on an airplane and be home in New Mexico in one day. Amazing.

People are very concerned about who is dancing with whom but not how redundant are the systems protecting our electrical grid. Or, with the environmental push against coal and oil. What would we do instead of coal and oil?

The first thing we must do

is admit our addictions and if they are good addictions make sure every effort is made to protect those energy resources. The point is that we should not look down our noses at those people who work in the oil patch. Profitable, system-wide solar and wind power are years away, and petroleum is used to manufacture much more than gasoline.

Even if the roughnecks are covered in black gold and are a bit wiffy after working all week, we should thank our lucky stars that someone is making our addictions work.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Transit system is serving its purpose

To the editor:

At the last Doña Ana County Board of County Commissioners meeting, Commissioner Ben Rawson criticized the South Central Regional Transit District (SCR TD) and proposed several amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the county and the transit district.

New systems will, of course, have disparities, but as a system only in its second year, the SCR TD is doing remarkably well.

According to the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) Transit and Rail Division report, the SCR TD compares very well with the long-term providers in the state. The SCR TD is ranked in the middle of the 22 systems at number 13. Its administrative operating ratio is ranked no.10 out of 22, and it received a high mark in terms of the prioritization of applications. See http://dot.state.nm.us/content/dam/nmdot/Transit_Rail/FY18FinalAwardPacketRecommendation-s5310and5311.pdf).

Commissioner Rawson also proposed a geographical restrictions amendment that could prohibit connections to El Paso's Sun Metro and other systems within and outside of our transit district.

According to state legislation, the purpose of regional transit districts is to provide for the "creation of

regional networks" and to allow "multijurisdictional public transportation options for residents" (<http://law.justia.com/codes/new-mexico/2013/chapter-73/article-25/section-73-25-2/>).

Establishing a point of contact between SCR TD and Sun Metro is a giant step toward developing a regional network that allows for multijurisdictional public transportation. El Paso is contributing to that effort by allowing SCR TD buses to use their transit centers without charge.

As state legislators, we want to ensure that all residents of Doña Ana County can take full advantage of the services offered by the SCR TD, including regional economic development.

Jeff Steinborn

State senator, Dist. 36

Nathan Small

State representative, Dist. 36

Correction requested

To the editor:

There needs to be a correction in the article written about me (and Steve Montanez) in the July 14 Bulletin.

It states, "During his term, Roadrunner Parkway is being widened from two lanes to four north of U. S. Highway 70, from Bataan Memorial Highway to Set-

tlers Pass." That is not factual and very misleading.

There is no connection between Bataan Memorial to Settlers Pass by way of Roadrunner. There are no lanes, no street or road there. It also needs to cross the Sandhill arroyo in making the connection.

What the city (not me, although I have asked for it to be done for eight long years) has done is budgeted funding to make that connection between Settlers Pass and Bataan Memorial (which isn't a "highway" but a service road) by way of Roadrunner Parkway, a future four-lane street with turn lanes and median. The design is nearly done, negotiations with the landowner need to happen for the arroyo crossing and other decisions on the Right of Way. That, I am told, may happen by August. Request for Proposals will go out, bids for construction, and construction may begin by the end of October. The city will only construct two of the four lanes now; the developer is responsible for the rest of the street.

Never was there talk or discussion of "widening from two to four lanes" by me or the city. It was always to be just two lanes now until new development happens.

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Promise to education retirees is a sacred trust

By **JAN GOODWIN**
For The Bulletin

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I consider this a sacred trust. Personally, I never want to diminish benefits for our retirees, nor do I like adjusting the plan.

The NMERB Board of Trustees and I have consistently taken a proactive position to ensure that future retirees have the benefits they deserve, have earned and substantially contributed toward in the fairest and most realistic way possible.

Earlier assumptions for the plan never anticipated the increasing life spans of our retirees, the stagnating number of educational employees to pay into the plan (the number paying into the plan was virtually the same on June 30, 2000 and June 30, 2016), nor the two downturns in the financial markets that took place in the early years of the 2000s.

That is why in 2015 we began using "generational mortality," which recognizes all the future expected increases in the lifespan of our members immediately. And that's

why in April the board voted to decrease our long-term earnings assumption from 7.75 percent to 7.25 percent. While those watching the stock market have seen significant increases in returns



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in recent years, financial experts and our own advisors tell us we cannot expect that trend to continue.

We are pleased with the earnings of 11.8 percent on investments, net of fees, for the 12 months ended March 31, but as fiduciaries to our member beneficiaries, we must take a strictly realistic view of future performance.

Also, contributions in the NMERB plan, like that of most public pension plans, have been too low to sustain the fund. Most of our members pay 10.7 percent of their compensation toward their retirement benefit – one of the highest employee contribution rates in the country, higher than educational employees in neighboring Colorado and Texas (8.2 percent and 7.7 percent, respectively).

The median employer contribution rate was 14.8 percent as reported in a recent national study, compared to New Mexico's employer contribution of 13.9 percent. Many other states have made a commitment to pay the actuarially required contribution rate to ensure that their retirement plans will be 100 percent funded within 30 years or less.

The board and I strongly believe that part of our duty as trustees is to use the most realistic and conservative assumptions in valuing our liabilities. Because of these changes, it will now take about 84 years for the NMERB retirement pool to be fully funded. The plan is currently 61.5 percent funded, below the median funding level of 73.7 percent for public pension plans as of June 30, 2015. Keep in mind that we have sufficient assets to pay benefits for many years to come so there is no cause for alarm.

We recently met with a group of educational employees, employers and retirees to explain why NMERB's assumptions have changed. We will conduct a series of town

hall meetings this fall across the state to discuss these changes with our members and seek ideas on possible long- and short-term solutions.

These will include hard but honest discussions of whether contributions should increase from the state or employees and will measure future retirees' goals for what income replacement level they expect in retirement. We anticipate there may be some creative ways to further secure the future for

teachers and all education employees.

NMERB plans to analyze these recommendations, along with financial reform models in other states and actuarial data, and bring forward a recommendation to the 2019 Legislative session.

It is time for New Mexicans to have an honest discussion on our priorities. We are beginning this discussion with NMERB members, though we know a final decision will rest in the

hands of the New Mexico State Legislature and the governor at that time.

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Volunteers at the hospitality center serve meals to guests.

The new reality: Gifts bordering on grief

BY PAULINE HOVEY

For The Bulletin

We are grieving our loss. My fellow volunteers and I – the women and men who worked alongside me at the Loretto-Nazareth hospitality center for migrants and refugees in El Paso, Texas.

A few months ago, our center closed. We know we've lost something special.

For more than two-and-a-half years this formerly unused wing of a health care and nursing center met the needs of many who were running for their lives. And it accomplished this while completely funded and supported by donations and volunteers. Generous Borderland residents, and others around the country, provided everything we needed, from hot meals to personal hygiene items, from backpacks and snacks to winter coats for those traveling to colder climates, to bedding and towels. They even donated their time to wash those linens, cook and serve those meals, and drive people to bus stations or the airport.

Most of the "guests," as we called them, who passed through our center had presented themselves to U.S. Customs Border Protection (CBP) at the El Paso port of entry requesting asylum. CBP turned them over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for processing and then they'd be placed in holding cells for two or more days before ICE delivered them to our door, first by van, and later, in busloads, as the daily numbers of refugees doubled (sometimes even tripled) in the weeks and days prior to and following the U.S. presidential election.

Our job was to connect the refugees with their relative or sponsor living elsewhere in the U.S., who would purchase their bus or airline tickets, contact us with the trip details, and then we'd send them on their way, usually within 24-48 hours. During their short stay, we offered them hot showers, meals, a change of clean second-hand clothing, food for the long bus rides, and something more. Something

they'd rarely experienced on their journeys. If ever. Compassion.

In exchange for that compassion, we received overwhelming gratitude, witnessed incredible faith, heard harrowing and heartbreaking stories, and learned invaluable lessons. People who seemingly had nothing gave us invaluable gifts. The realities of their lives made me reset my own priorities. Again and again.

Realities like the woman who fled after five members of her family were killed; a father traveling with his 10-year-old son whose life had been threatened because the father operated a drug rehabilitation clinic, which the local gang saw as a detriment to their business; a mother heading to a relative living in Los Angeles with her two younger sons after her oldest had been killed for refusing to join a gang. She hoped to keep her remaining sons safe, but she worried about the influence U.S. life and culture would have on them.

By mid-January, our daily numbers began dropping to single digits. ICE brought us fewer and fewer people. The political climate in Washington was changing. So was the emotional climate at the border. Fear was spreading; the plight of refugees in this country, growing more uncertain and worrisome. Our center was no longer needed.

One evening I run into fellow volunteers at a local event. We're so glad to see one another. Immediately our conversation turns to the migrants and refugees we accompanied. Every one of us expresses a sadness akin to grief. Not only do we miss interacting with the people, we're concerned. We know that the pandemic violence and death threats, the poverty and corruption, still exist in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador – the three main countries from which our guests originated. The people's situations haven't changed. So, where are they running to now? Are they finding a safe haven somewhere?

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We've heard that some are seeking shelter in Mexico. Others are making their way to Canada. Some with "credible fear" cases who come seeking asylum are being turned away at the border, despite CBP not having the authority to make such determinations. Others are being placed directly into detention facilities. And many of these are denied parole and bond, despite posing no threat or having no criminal record.

Much of the information we've received comes from the Border Immigration Council (BIC), an El Paso-Las Cruces-based coalition of immigration attorneys, service providers, advocacy organizations, and community members. Along with Border Network for Human Rights, the Detained Migrant Solidarity Committee, and Las Americas, BIC is attempting to report on the growing increase in human rights abuses along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Recently, the BIC published a disturbing report, Discretion to Deny, based on information the organization compiled from months of interviews conducted with legal experts in the El Paso and Las Cruces areas. Human rights attorneys representing asylum seekers claim they are not only losing more cases but are losing touch with their clients who are being relocated to other detention facilities or deported without them

being notified. Others are languishing in detention.

Unable to ignore this situation, and no longer having the hospitality center as an outlet, I sign up with Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement (CIVIC), based in Las Cruces, to visit migrants and refugees caught in detention. I begin writing to detainees, hoping to offer some encouragement and provide a different type of accompaniment.

One of those I write to is Martin Mendez Pineda, a 26-year-old Mexican journalist from Acapulco whose life was threatened repeatedly after he reported on alleged abuses of the Mexican federal police. Several Mexican journalists have been killed since the beginning of 2017, causing Martin to flee to the U.S., requesting asylum. In his letter, he asks if I am interested in knowing about the abuses and indiscriminate asylum denials that he's witnessed in the three separate detention facilities where he's been assigned while awaiting his case.

Martin has no criminal record, poses no danger to our society, yet when he arrived here, he was placed in detention without parole. Before I have a chance to respond, I discover Martin has withdrawn his request for asylum after being denied release under parole for the second time. I imagine he would rather be free and risk losing his life in Mexico than continue to endure prison-like conditions where he allegedly has experienced

intimidation and harassment.

I think of my own 23-year-old son, pursuing a career in broadcast journalism in Alaska. Although we are separated by a vast distance and I miss him, he is safe. His life has never been in danger because of decisions he's made to live with integrity, to not succumb to violent threats, and to report the truth. I am not concerned for him. But I am for Martin.

Once again, the refugees have given me a gift – an appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy and a passionate commitment to work so that other mothers won't have to grieve the loss of their sons.

Pauline Hovey is a resident of El Paso. Visit paulinehovey.wordpress.com.



A hospitality center volunteer accompanies a mother and her daughter to the El Paso airport.

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Church and Water conversion project has smooth start

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The conversion of Church and Water streets from one-way to two-way traffic has gotten off to a smooth start.

The project began June 12, with about three-quarters to one mile of Church and Water (about 10 city blocks) between Lohman Avenue and Picacho Avenue to be re-configured. It also includes street resurfacing, new curbs and sidewalks, and utility upgrades for parts of both streets, as well as complete reconstruction of Griggs, Bowman and Las Cruces avenues.

Construction is expected to continue through the winter of 2018.

“The contractor is just flying through this project,” City of Las Cruces Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume said at the city’s Church-Water open house on July 13 in Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science downtown. “They are just doing an amazing job.”

As the project progresses, city workers are removing and replacing utility lines underneath the streets that are, in some cases, 60 to 80 years old, Project Manager Jimmy Moreno said. Some old sewer lines are made of baked clay, he said, and some water lines are asbestos with concrete reinforcement. Those lines have to be removed without creating airborne fibers, Moreno said. Other lines are made of cast iron, and some run as deep as seven feet below the surface.

“I think we’re well on



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John Darden, left, discusses the Church and Water streets conversion project with Project Manager Jimmy Moreno.

our way to accomplishing some things we’ve been working on for a long time,” Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith said at the meeting.

The conversion is “one of the largest public works projects the city has ever undertaken in scope and in cost,” Hume had said at an April 18 public meeting about the project. It will “promote the goals of revitalization that have been developed and implemented over 20-plus years,” according to a project poster, and will, Hume said, make downtown “a place to drive to, not through.”

The city’s goal is to “complete the roadway project with minimal disruption to businesses and their customers,” Hume said. The city will “keep at least one lane of travel open throughout the entire project.”

The city is “making an extra effort” to keep the public – and especially downtown business owners – informed about the progress of the project, Smith said at the July 13 meeting. “The city is doing a lot of things correctly” to help businesses stay open and accessible.

The project, he said, will make downtown an “easily accessible and engaging part of town. It’s coming together.”

To keep current with the construction, visit www.las-cruces.org and click on “Church-Water Conversion.” You can also follow the construction on the city’s and Downtown Las Cruces Partnership’s Facebook pages and on Twitter. And, you can call the city Public Works Department at 575-528-3098 for more information.

The city has published a “Construction Survival Guide” (also on the website) for downtown businesses to help them “with some best practices and ideas to assist in surviving construction projects,” Mayor Ken Miyagishima said in a letter to business owners in the guide.

Hume said the construction project will be conducted on a 30-day cycle, with city staff meeting with the contractor every month to discuss the previous month and what’s coming up.

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Work is progressing on the Church-Water conversion project downtown.

Centennial students attend state leadership programs

BULLETIN REPORT

Two groups of students from Centennial High School (CHS) spent a portion of their summer honing their leadership skills at separate trainings across New Mexico.

CHS juniors Connor Olson, August Rannow, Andrew Angel and Ryan Ortiz participated in the American Legion's New Mexico Boys' State Leadership Program ending in June at Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) in Portales.

The annual program is designed to foster an understanding of how state government works, according to the American Legion Boys' State website.



CHS Students (from left): Kieran Binkley, Noah Butcher, Kaden Taylor, Stephanie Mayfield, Nic Sandoval, Adam Garcia and Eric Romero.

The students completed a college-level political science class at ENMU, each earning three college credits. Expenses were provided by the American Legion Posts

and community organizations.

In separate leadership training, CHS sophomores Kieran Binkley, Noah Butcher, Kaden Taylor, Stephanie May-

field, Nic Sandoval, Adam Garcia and Eric Romero attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar ending in June at the University of New Mexico in



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Centennial High School Juniors, from left, Connor Olson, August Rannow, Andrew Angel and Ryan Ortiz.

Albuquerque.

The seminar is designed to help sophomores recognize their leadership talents and

apply them in becoming effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace, and community.

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Gospel Mission Clothing Room prepares drive

By ANTHONY ALBIDREZ

For the Bulletin

The hallways of Doña Ana County schools will flood with the laughter and excitement of students once again.

But before school starts, families begin to prepare for the new school year with allocating funds for supplies, new clothing and new shoes.

Some families, however, are facing hardships that don't allow for them to purchase new clothing for their children. Many turn to the Gospel Rescue Mission's Clothing Room that supplies in-need students in Las Cruces and surrounding regions.

"How do we expect children to be sitting in a classroom to learn math, English and reading if

they're worried that their clothes don't look as good as the child next to them," said Wylene Saunders, manager of the Clothing Room. "We're hoping to give them something that would let them feel at ease at school in their clothing so that then they can address all the other things they need to do in school."

Saunders said the program's main focus "is to help those who really need a little extra help."

The Clothing Room has sponsored their back-to-school drive for 35 years. This year's drive is Aug. 7-11 and should provide clothing for hundreds of students.

Saunders describes the event as a calm, fun and comfortable experience for students and



their families.

Families who utilize this resource must register in July. To sign up, visit the Clothing Room, 1416 S. Solano Drive, between 9 and 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday or Friday. No paperwork is required.

The event also encourages local youth to get involved and give back to their community. The Mesilla Valley Christian School volleyball team has been volunteering.

"It's a humbling experience thinking about helping others and begin a part of something that is really great for our community," said Lauryn Hodges, 16, senior, who is a middle hitter for the volleyball team. "It shows how our community may be big, but it's also small and we can support each other."

The Clothing Room operates year-round and is



ABOVE: The Mesilla Valley Christian Schools Volleyball Team poses for a photo after an afternoon of volunteering at the Gospel Rescue Mission's Clothing Room.

LEFT: Players from the Mesilla Valley Christian School volleyball team are volunteering at the Gospel Rescue Mission's Clothing room for the upcoming back-to-school drive where in-need families can receive free clothing, shoes, socks and underwear. "I like the fact that I'm here with my team, and it's a bonding experience for all of us, just knowing we're helping a greater cause," said senior Jordan Franzoy (right), 17.


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BY ANTHONY ALBIDREZ

currently in need of clothing in all sizes. The drive also seeks volunteers. Contact Wylene Saunders

at 575-642-9619 for more information.

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Program encourages solid waste careers

By **SHELBY KAPP** and
SUZANNE MICHAELS
For the Bulletin

What gets elementary kids excited at school? Trash trucks!

First through sixth grade students at Desert Trail Elementary in Chaparral made their way outside the classroom for Career Day in mid-May. Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) Solid Waste Section was there to tell them about career opportunities and about helping to protect the environment.

Marcelo Archuleta, LCU equipment opera-

tor senior, had the big Green Grappler parked outside the elementary school for demonstrations, and to explain its role in protecting the environment. Every year, the Green Grappler picks up tons of green waste (yard waste) from residents' curbs in Las Cruces and transports it to be recycled into composted mulch.

It takes nine months for that process to be complete and then that mulch is given back free to local residents and businesses to control weeds, control dust and preserve moisture

in the ground.

Joshua Dominguez, LCU solid waste equipment operator senior, also showed off his work vehicle. The residential side loader is used to collect residential trash from homes in Las Cruces.

However, the real excitement didn't begin until Marcelo and Joshua fired up the trucks. The children broke out in squeals of excitement as the trucks' lift beams moved up and down. The Green Grappler reached down and picked up a traffic cone with its claw. "It's



PHOTO COURTESY LCU

A first grade class in Chaparral listens to LCU Solid Waste Section workers talk about the importance of their jobs to the citizens of the community they serve.

just like the Toy Story 2 movie!" exclaimed one excited first grader as

the trucks showed off their moves.

The students learned about the purpose in having these trucks to keep cities clean. "A career in solid waste management is a career promoting recycling and safely putting trash in its place in the landfill," said Archuleta. "It's a job you can be proud of." He hopes the career day visit from LCU starts the kids thinking about what they may want to do in their own careers.

In addition to Career

Days, LCU Solid Waste also participates in "Touch a Truck Day," where kids get to see inside different work vehicles, Earth Day events, and other educational opportunities in and around Las Cruces.

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DACC students shine in competition

BULLETIN REPORT

Seven Doña Ana Community College (DACC) students finished in the top 20 in the nation in the 52nd annual National Leadership & Skills Conference sponsored by Skills USA.

More than 6,000 students participated in about 100 competitions.

Five DACC students placed in their respective technical areas against other state winners. They were Doug Bourdon, who finished 6th in Electronics Technology, Alejandro Angel (6th in Job Skill Demonstration), Michael Zischukau (7th in Information Technology Services), Noemi Rosales

(14th in Interworking) and Arturo Lara (14th in plumbing).

Two other DACC students participated in the conference: Nancy Villalobos served as a voting delegate representing New Mexico in the House of Delegates and Joni Lujan was a member of the national Courtesy Corps.

DACC faculty coaches included Wade Matthews, Kevin Gall, Leilani Benoit, Marco Garay, and Tim Chappell.

“We are extremely proud of our DACC students who participated at the national level and represented the State of New Mexico and DACC,” said Sandra Castillo,

DACC Dean of Advanced Technology. “Also, congratulations to the instructors and staff who played a vital role in preparing our students for the competition. Many of these areas of technical competition were a first for DACC.”

The national event featured union and management representatives from career and technical education and industry. According to the Skills USA website, “the philosophy of the championships is to reward students for excellence, to involve industry in directly evaluating student performance and to keep training relevant to employers’ needs.”

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The Doña Ana Communities United (DACU) mural on north Tornillo Street was a collaboration between DACU's social equity mappers, downtown Mesquite Historic District residents and DACU timebank members from Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, according to DACU's website. Saba was the mural's lead artist.

Local project bridges gap for underappreciated residents

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Two of Doña Ana Communities United's (DACU) biggest projects are social equity mapping and a timebank.

DACU was created three and one-half years ago to "bridge the gap between underappreciated residents and decision makers," DACU Director Kari Bachman said. It's helping community members explore their neighborhoods "to bring health inequities as well as community assets to light" as part of its mission to "build the capacity of communities" within the county to "improve social, economic and environmental conditions."

DACU is one of three organizations of its kind in New Mexico (the other two are in San Juan and McKinley counties) and about 20 nationwide, said Bachman, who has been director for more than two years. It is funded mostly by grants from the Kellogg Foundation and the Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities, she said, and has "an amazing partnership" with the City of Las Cruces Sustainability Office.

One of DACU's most important successes is its timebank, Bachman said. Using an international model created in the 1980s, she said DACU's timebank has about 150 members who are "starting to form interesting connections between people who might never have talked to each



other before."

Members volunteer services doing everything from yardwork and teaching English or a foreign language to storytelling and giving rides. They bank their volunteer time and are then entitled to that same number of hours of service from other timebank members.

One member, Bachman said, is a woman in her 90s who requested help packing and moving into a retirement community. In exchange, she has assisted DACU with timebank orientations and as a storyteller.

A young man who had been homeless got his bicycle repaired through the timebank, Bachman said.

A recent arrival from Iran helped Bachman fix the locks at her houses. In exchange, she helped him practice his English. That's something students attending New Mexico State University from other countries are also doing through the timebank, she said. In exchange, they might cook dishes from their native countries for a DACU potluck or other event.

"It's a new behavior," Bachman said. "We're all needing things from each other. The process is as important as the product."

New members can join the timebank without cost or a background

check, although they do have to sign a release form, Bachman said. Visit www.da-cu.org and click on timebank to learn more.

In late May, DACU volunteers and community members completed a colorful mural to enhance the city's youth services campus on north Tornillo Street, which includes the Juvenile Citation Program and Weed 'n Seed office. The project received "an overwhelming response ... bringing community and government together," Bachman said at the Las Cruces City Council's July 10 work session.

DACU is also working with Mesilla Valley Community of Hope in Las Cruces on ways to make its campus safer and to bring a city bus stop nearer the property, Bachman said. It's working on projects to bring more green infrastructure and shade to the city and to help repair "underappreciated residents'" homes and make them more energy-efficient she said. And, DACU is working with Doña Ana County Community Development on a walking-trail project in Chaparral, New Mexico.

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Gubernatorial candidate favors tapping reserve fund

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico needs to tap into its multi-billion-dollar reserve and invest in itself to address its budget woes.

That's the message gubernatorial candidate Jeff Apodaca delivered during a campaign appearance in Las Cruces on Monday, July 17.

Speaking to more than 75 people at Hotel Encanto, Apodaca said it's not just a rainy day in New Mexico, "It's a hurricane." Just taking five percent of the state's \$21.6 billion reserve fund and investing it in the state could create 225,000 new jobs, he said.

Apodaca, 55, a Democrat, is an Albuquerque businessman and former Univision executive. He is the son of former New Mexico Gov. Jerry Apodaca. Las Cruces was the third stop on a mid-July "Apo Tour" that also included Ruidoso and Silver City.

Apodaca said he "got to know people around the state" while campaigning with his father. The senior Apodaca, a former Las Cruces state senator, was elected governor in 1974. A native of Las Cruces, Apodaca attended Loma Heights Elementary and Alameda Junior High before moving to Santa Fe after his father's victory.

Apodaca said his father, as governor, signed the first medical-marijuana law in the nation. Two years later, Jeff Apodaca would use it in his battle with cancer.

In his own campaign, Apodaca supports the decriminalization of marijuana, and said producing medical cannabis could create 32,000 jobs and \$200 million in taxable income in the state.

Apodaca said his father also created the state's first year-round kindergarten program in 1975, and, as the next governor, he wants to "invest into year-round preschool, early childhood development and after-school programs."

With a greater investment in state tourism, he said, more New Mexicans could be induced to spend more of their vacation time in-state, generating hundreds of millions of dollars in additional revenue.

Apodaca also advocated saving about \$160 million the state currently spends to incarcerate about one-third of its inmates convicted of minor offenses and lesser drug crimes. That money could instead be spent on rehabilitation and training, he said. He also suggested that offenders in Albuquerque could be moved to Las Cruces and vice versa to get them away from their criminal connections.

Apodaca said restructuring the state's tax code to make it "fair for all" could save the state \$400 million. He also said he "would be open to a universal health care system," which could lower costs by 30 percent.

The state's investment fund, he said, is third-largest among all



Democratic candidate for governor Jeff Apodaca discusses his strategies to turn New Mexico around if he were elected. He visited Las Cruces Monday, July 17, and spoke to a crowd at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

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RICHARD COLTHARP

est unemployment rate and is 50th in education and job creation. "We're broke," he said. "We're \$400 million in the hole."

"It's time we invest in New Mexico," he said. "It's time we invest in ourselves."

"Is it luck or leadership?" Apodaca asked, touching on a frequent theme of his campaign speech. "What if we do this a better way?"

Apodaca and his wife, Jackie, have 9-year-old twin sons, Asher and Gage.

For more information, contact the Apodaca campaign at 505-433-7160 or info@apo18.com. Visit apo18.com.

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states and 14th largest in the world, and dwarfs similar funds in neighboring states. Some of the reserve

fund should be invested in agriculture, mining, oil and gas, nuclear and aerospace, technology and other New Mexico

industries, he said.

"I'm tired of being last," Apodaca said, noting that New Mexico has the nation's high-

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Serious fun

The Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces enjoyed a “Family Fun Night & Resource Fair” July 15, hosted by the Southwest Women’s Law Center of Albuquerque. The free event featured face painting, food, vision screenings and raffles, in addition to promoting economic opportunities for women and families.



Alejandra Orquiz hands Glen Preston a churro from Orquiz’s food truck, Twins Shaved Ice.



Cara Lanee puts face paint on Serena Martinez, 4.



Pamelya P. Herndon, executive director of the Southwest Women’s Law Center, and Kalonji Mwanza, director of the office of African-American Affairs in New Mexico.



Allison Smithkier and Elizabeth Bates from the Southwest Women’s Law Center.



Guests hang out by the Twins Shaved Ice food truck.



Amorette Griego, 4, shows off her new book, “Callie asks for Help.”

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Partners link resources to build a skilled workforce

By ALTA LeCOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

Creating pathways to move the unemployed and working poor into growth sector jobs is “where you change the future,” Tracey Bryan, CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexican told July Business in the Borderplex attendees.

The monthly MVEDA (Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance) forum was held July 11 at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

Bryan said that following The Bridge’s successful role in bumping up high school graduation rates, the organization has assumed a new goal: a skilled and ready workforce in the Borderplex region of Doña Ana, El Paso, Sierra and Luna Counties.

“High school graduation comes with economic benefits,” she said, “\$55 million in increased wages for high school graduates added to the Doña Ana County economy each year.”

For high school graduates who continue their training, the annual economic impact is as high as \$820 million to date.

“How do we capture this and keep them in the county?” Bryan asked. “We leverage what we have.”

The path forward

What we have, Bryan said, are 10 Borderplex growth sectors: health care, food, the arts, retail trades, wholesale trades, administration and support, waste management, education, services and construction.

Most, however, are not projected to produce a lot of high-paying jobs.

“If we don’t do anything, Bryan said, “median income will go down and there will be more people under the poverty level.”

The answer, she said, is a comprehensive approach to workforce development that “takes what we already have, connects the dots and drives up earnings.”

Getting comprehensive

Bryan said a comprehensive approach to workforce talent development entails collaboration by training



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALTA LeCOMPTE

Business in the Borderplex speaker Tracey Bryan of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico encourages business leaders to support workforce development by offering leadership, mentorship, internships and externships.

providers, employment-focused nonprofits, business organizations and policy makers to produce the following:

- supportive policies
- STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) proficiency
- business engagement to provide leadership, mentorship, internships, externships and apprenticeships
- links that create a path that includes career and technical education (CTE), associate degrees and work-based learning as well as four-year college
- a culture of completion, high expectations and life-time learning

Connecting the dots

Working with The Bridge to connect the dots are members of the Workforce Talent Collaborative chaired by Debbi Moore of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and Kevin Boberg of New Mexico State University. Together they have defined

pathways that can bring workers into each sector that promises both growth and good jobs.

“The economic development targets, we all agree, are health care, defense, agriculture, digital media, advanced manufacturing, transportation and logistics, energy and aerospace,” Bryan said.

Bobbing between the podium and the screen where a series of slides appeared, she pointed out career opportunities, projected earnings and pathways into each promising sector.

For each sector, the collaborators have identified traditional and nontraditional training opportunities as well as work-based learning paths. Pathways include links between educational institutions – high school, NMSU and others – as well as links to agencies that assist nontraditional students.

To date, there are 20 aligned pathways between the public high schools and Doña Ana Community College, Bryan said.

Putting assets to work

Many of the assets are in place for targeted growth, she said, singling out the digital media sector.

“This one is going to grow,” Bryan said. “The assets we have here are almost unparalleled. Virtual reality programs exist only at DACC and in Berlin and Stockholm.”

She said the work the collaborators have done to date has demonstrated that this region has the potential to be the next North Carolina or Austin.

“That’s the moment we’re in,” she said.

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Virgin Galactic New Mexico headquarters is in the Green Offices on Roadrunner Parkway. The office complex is the first privately funded professional office building built in New Mexico using LEED certification standards.

Virgin Galactic is expanding its space

By ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Las Cruces Bulletin

Moving into a space to accommodate for expanding needs, Virgin Galactic has shifted its Las Cruces offices. Located at the Green Offices, 166 S. Roadrunner Parkway, the space tourism business is now on the ground floor in larger accommodations.

During a reception at the new office space held July 13, Virgin Galactic Director of Operational Services Nick Kaczmarek addressed the guests, mostly local suppliers, on the company's ambitious plans.

He said when Virgin Galactic came to life in 2004 the intent was to become the world's first commercial space line. Since then, the company has broken into three separate organizations: Virgin Orbit, building launch capabilities; The Spaceship Company, creating the ships; and Virgin Galactic itself, bringing together the elements to take people to space. "Our mission is that to-

gether we will open space to change the world for good," Kaczmarek said. "Seven hundred-plus future astronauts are signed up to go up with us."

He said spaceflight testing is well underway and when they are ready to fly, Spaceport America is going to be home.

"Over 100 employees and their families are coming from California, then we start commercial operations," he said. "New Mexico is going to shine."

"We are here, we are spending money in the state right now," said Jonathan Firth, executive vice president of Spaceport & Program Development. "If you hear those naysayers out there saying Spaceport has no benefit right now, they don't know what they are talking about. It's already having a massive impact on this area and it's only going to get better."

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Above, comfortable nooks are available for brainstorming meetings at the new office space for Virgin Galactic as designed by an Albuquerque-based office specialty company.

Left, Virgin Galactic Director of Operational Services Nick Kaczmarek speaks at an office space opening July 13. Behind him on the screen is an image depicting the 100-plus employees who will be moving to New Mexico with their families as the company brings its operations to the state.

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ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

As part of a collaborative recruiting campaign, a City of Las Cruces bus features a vehicle graphic promoting the LCPS Head Start program, Doña Ana County Head Start and La Clinica de Familia (LCDF) Early Head Start.

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Partnership bolsters Head Start efforts

BULLETIN REPORT

Thanks to a collaborative partnership between the LCPS Head Start program, Doña Ana County Head Start, La Clinica de Familia (LCDF) Early Head Start and Ngage New Mexico, buses throughout Las Cruces are now featuring advertisements touting the variety of free support services offered through all three community Head Start programs.

“This is part of an ongoing effort to work collaboratively with the other Head Start programs in the county,” said LCPS Head Start Director Dr. Maria Artiaga. “Not everyone realizes all the support services Head Start has to offer. Last school year alone, our program served 465 children, providing educational instruction, health and nutrition services, disability services, counseling, parent engagement services and activities.”

As part of the campaign, one city bus will feature a large vehicle graphic promoting the Head Start programs from June to December, and a total of 15 city buses will feature interior posters highlighting the programs from June 2017 to March 2018. The campaign was made possible with support from Ngage New Mexico.

In addition to the campaign, the LCDF and the LCPS Head Start programs also recently hosted a recruiting fair in May. Artiaga mentioned all three organizations are exploring ways to collaborate on future recruiting efforts.

“Our program is funded for 413 children and there are still openings available in the program for the 2017-2018 school year,” Artiaga said.

Head Start is an optional early-childhood program, funded by the federal government, which provides educational and support services to children and families who fall within federal poverty guidelines.

The LCPS Head Start program is available at the following 12 LCPS elementary schools: Booker T. Washington, César E. Chávez, Columbia, Conlee, Doña Ana, Hermosa Heights, Loma Heights, MacArthur, Mesilla Park, Tombaugh, University Hills and Valley View.

Formerly headquartered at Valley View Elementary, the program has since moved to Booker T. Washington Elementary School.

For more information, contact Artiaga at 575-527-6020, martiaga@lcps.net or visit www.lcps.k12.nm.us/departments/instruction/federal-programs/head-start.

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Friends and colleagues gathered at the Pan American Center on Thursday, July 13, in a room named for the guest of honor, Barbara Hubbard, to celebrate her 90th birthday. Known as “Mother Hubbard” to folks in the entertainment business worldwide, she was instrumental in attracting some of the biggest acts of the era to perform in the Pan Am. With Hubbard still working with the connections she has made, some of the greatest entertainers of the past 50 years have entertained Las Cruces at the Pan Am. You may have heard of one of her friends who dropped by a few months ago to play a few songs. He goes by the name of Garth Brooks.

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New Mexico State University Chancellor Garrey Carruthers congratulates Hubbard.

Tina Byford, Leslie Cervantes and Andrea Tawney listen as Hubbard introduces her younger brother, 87-year-old Parker Johnston.



Hubbard greets a teary-eyed Nan Napier, whose mother grew up with Hubbard in Arkansas.

A music-themed cake says, "Happy Birthday, Barb."

Commission contribution to Transit District delayed

By LYNN MOORER

For the Bulletin

The Doña Ana County (DAC) Commission at its July 11 meeting delayed for two weeks approval of a written agreement between the South Central Regional Transit District (SCRTD) and DAC that would implement a May 23 commission decision to contribute \$350,000 to the SCRTD. The district provides bus service in Doña Ana, Sierra, and Otero counties.



RAWSON

This culminated a contentious two-hour period of public comments and commission discussion sparked by charges from Commissioner Benjamin Rawson that the SCRTD board "is not doing a responsible job in managing this organization."

As evidence, Rawson cited a New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) report published May 25 that he said showed that the SCRTD was the "worst performing" and "least efficient" of the state's 22 transit organizations and that the state was unable to validate the district's performance data.

As a consequence, Rawson said, he offered an amendment to the agreement that, among several features, required statistics-filled monthly reports and prohibited pickup and drop-off of passengers in any county or municipality that "is not a full dues-paying member of SCRTD."

Sen. Jeff Steinborn (D-Dist. 36) expressed skepticism of Rawson's interpretation of the report and concern about "launching the transit district's endeavor from a negative point of view." Indeed, the NMDOT report, which SCRTD Executive Director David Armijo said was based on the first seven months and one week of district operation, does not appear to support Rawson's contentions.

The NMDOT did not respond to requests for comment by story deadline.

Armijo said in an interview and e-mails after the meeting that Rawson's data are "from the past." He said the SCRTD received the highest prioritization by NMDOT for funding for Fiscal Year 2018.

In addition, the administrative-to-operational-costs ratio for the district's performance for Fiscal Year 2018 was "competitive" and "[a]gencies with twenty years of experience are operating at a much higher cost

than SCRTD."

After Armijo stated that Rawson's amendment provision prohibiting services in jurisdictions that did not pay dues would jeopardize federal funding because it created a geographical preference forbidden by Federal Transportation Administration policy, the commission delayed further consideration until July 25 pending development of a legal opinion from county attorney Nelson Goodin on the issue.

New county manager search

The county is taking preliminary steps to hire a new county manager. Following extensive commission discussion during the July 11 meeting regarding a draft request for proposals (RFP) seeking consulting services for the county manager search, contracts administrator Pamela Wood said the RFP could be advertised in newspapers by July 16.

"Your involvement in the process is this today,"

purchasing manager Don Bullard explained to the commissioners. "It's giving us direction on the scope of work, on evaluation criteria, on how you want to see the process work."

He said the actual selection of the consultant is performed by an evaluation committee, to include community members (such as from NMSU, the City of Las Cruces, and Memorial Medical Center) who have been involved in high-level executive recruitment.

"State law requires that we have a committee that follows the criteria set out in the RFP process," Bullard said. "You have the ultimate approval. If you don't approve [the committee's selection], we'd put out another RFP."

Commission Chairwoman Isabella Solis repeatedly stated her desire that two commissioners or other elected officials sit on the evaluation committee. Commissioner Billy Garrett replied there would be "no way" the elected officials wouldn't be given "social

deference" that colored the process.

Similarly, Bullard said he wouldn't recommend it because it would not "be a fair process." He explained, "I think two commissioners will have influence on the rest of the committee" because, by virtue of being elected officials, their input would be given more weight.

"I'm interested in getting a firm that wants to help us, not just someone who's been in business for 50 years," Commissioner Rawson stated. In the same vein, Commissioner Garrett said, "I would like ... to make sure there's no implicit bias in the evaluation of the RFP that favors big firms with lots of time." He noted that the scope of work "could probably be done by two or three people if they know what they are doing."

County staff expect to present the consultant selection for approval at the Sept. 12 commission meeting.

The search became nec-

essary after the commission fired former county manager Julia Brown, by a 4-1 vote, on April 25. Former Assistant County Manager Chuck McMahon is currently serving as interim county manager on a one-year contract.

Voter data protected



KRAHLING

County clerk Scott Krahling told commissioners he stands firmly with New Mexico Secretary

of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver who, in accordance with state law, has refused to release voters' private information to President Trump's Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. Detailing the steps taken by the clerk's office to maintain the integrity of voter rolls daily, he stated, "I can say with confidence that there is already integrity built into our elections."

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Family donation benefits College of Engineering scholarships

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**
For the Bulletin

As the daughter of one of the most beloved former deans in the College of Engineering at New Mexico State University, Dorothy Jett Barr knew she wanted to give back to the university loved by her father, Daniel Boone Jett.

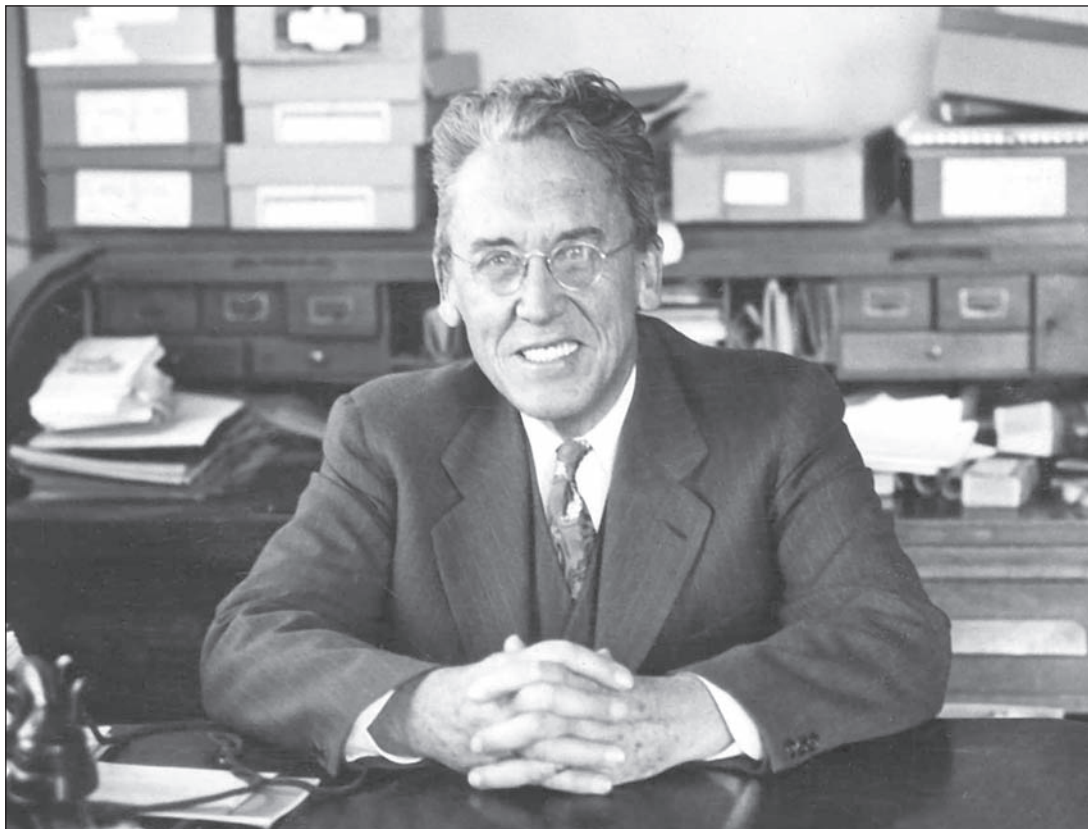
Following the sale of the Jett family home at 935 N. Main St. in Las Cruces, Barr has donated the proceeds to the D.B. Jett Memorial Scholarship, which supports outstanding junior engineering students.

“Our family is pleased to give back to NMSU in the same spirit of our father, Daniel Boone Jett, who, as a professor and dean for many years, pas-

sionately believed in people helping people,” Barr said. “My mother, Louise, sister, Marie, and brother, Daniel B. Jett Jr., would also be proud to know that the proceeds from our home, in which we grew up while my father taught at the university, would contribute to help students in the Engineering College that he loved.”

“The legacy of academic contributions Dean Jett left behind is an important part of the history of NMSU College of Engineering,” said Lakshmi Reddi, dean of the college. “This generous contribution from the Jett family adds to that legacy and makes a significant impact on our student success.”

Nicknamed “Dad Jett,”



The family of a former New Mexico State University College of Engineering Dean, Daniel Boone Jett, donated the proceeds from the sale of their home in Las Cruces to the D.B. Jett Memorial Scholarship.

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he was hired in 1926 as a civil engineering professor and in 1933 became department head. He was dean from 1938 to 1947. After stepping down

as dean in 1947, Jett returned to teaching and served as head of civil engineering until his retirement in 1956. Jett Hall was

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“People are calling our office asking us not to release their personal information. They want their personal data to remain private,” he said. Currently 44 other states, like New Mexico, have refused to release the personal data requested by Trump’s commission, according to Krahling. “I’m proud of Secretary Toulouse Oliver for her decision to follow New Mexico’s law and assure our voters that their information will be kept secure.”

Animal shelter overwhelmed

“In the first part of July, there was an unprecedented influx of animal surrenders at the public animal shelter,” according to Commissioner Garrett. “Basically, the shelter was overwhelmed with people turning in their animals, mostly dogs.” He said that

this “overwhelm[s] the system of trying to find homes for animals” and results in “the death of many, many animals.”

“I implore anyone who has an animal that you are thinking about ... giving up ... [to] please reach out to the animal advocacy groups in the county,” Garrett said. “Look for help before you surrender. There are people who will work with you.”

Other commission business

At its July 11 meeting, the commission also:

- Approved DAC’s continued membership with the South Central Council of Governments.
- Appointed Wayne P. Grinnell and James E. Koons to the DAC Valuation Protest Board for two-year terms. The commission appointed Valerie Fernandez and Edie Adamiak as board alternates.
- Approved publication of title, general summary, and notice of public hearing to consider adoption of an industrial wastewater ordinance.

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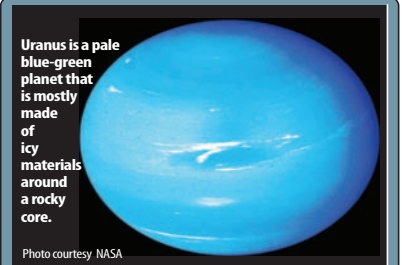
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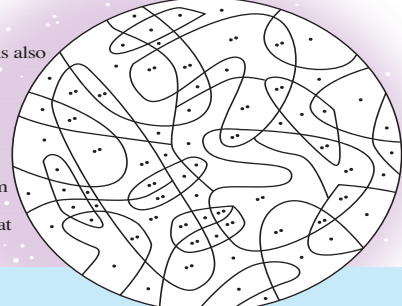
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URANUS WEIGHT: 267,000 lbs.
DIFFERENCE: _____ lbs.

Automobile
EARTH WEIGHT: 4,000 lbs.
URANUS WEIGHT: 3,560 lbs.
DIFFERENCE: _____ lbs.

(TRY IT: Multiply any weight by .89 to calculate its weight on Uranus.)

Use this chart to answer these questions.

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DISTANCE FROM THE SUN	1.88 BILLION MILES	93 MILLION MILES
TIME TO ORBIT THE SUN	84 EARTH YEARS	365 DAYS
ORBIT SPEED	14,763 MILES PER HOUR	70,000 MILES PER HOUR
LENGTH OF DAY	17 HOURS	JUST A BIT OVER 24 HOURS
DIAMETER	32,000 MILES	7,926 MILES
NUMBER OF MOONS	27	1

SOURCE: planetfacts.org

Extra! Extra!

Uranus Adjectives
Look through the newspaper to find five adjectives that describe Uranus.
Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

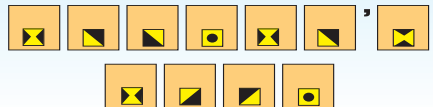
Kid Scoop Puzzler

How Uranus Got Its Name

Sir William Herschel wanted to name the planet Georgium Sidus after King George III. Astronomer Johann Bode suggested keeping with the previous tradition of naming planets after ancient Roman

gods. Bode suggested naming the planet for Uranus, the god of the sky. But he made an error. Uranus was not a Roman god! Uranus was a Greek god.

What does Georgium Sidus mean?

■ = A ■ = E ■ = G ■ = O ■ = R ■ = S ■ = T


Double Double Word Search

- CONSTANT
SUNLIGHT
EQUATOR
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URANUS
GEORGE
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SIDUS
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AXIS
POLE
STAR
SUN
SKY

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

E	L	O	P	A	D	I	S	K	Y
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N	E	U	O	L	E	I	T	E	O
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognized identical words, Skim and scan reading, Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

All About Names

The newspaper is full of names. Names of people, places and things. Find five names in today's newspaper and research their origins.

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

Write On!

Summer Laughs
Tell us your favorite summer jokes and riddles.

Kid Scoop Together

Moon Names

All of the moons circling planets in our solar system are named for Roman gods, except the moons of Uranus. These are named for characters in works by William Shakespeare and Alexander Pope.

Do the math problem under each name. Uranus' moons are the ones with even numbers. Odd-numbered are not a name of one of Uranus' moons.

Romeo
17 + 16 =

Oberon
22 + 6 =

Titania
34 - 8 =

Desdemona
14 + 4 =

Petunia
15 - 6 =

Puck
10 + 20 =

Angelica
13 - 8 =

Portia
23 + 3 =

Juliet
17 + 9 =

Delilia
14 - 1 =

Miranda
31 + 7 =

Kid Scoop-doku

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

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IN THE NEWS



Eagle Man statue

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums is making an urgent plea to keep the Eagle Man statue in Las Cruces.

Eagle Man, created in 1996 by world-renowned sculptor Michael Naranjo, was loaned by the artist to the Las Cruces Museum of Art in 2011. The sculpture currently resides in the courtyard on Main Street between the museum and the Branigan Cultural Center. The loan is about to expire.

Eagle Man symbolizes the unique cultural heritage of New Mexico, tying Native American themes with the resilience of nature and life in the Southwest. It is an icon in Downtown Las Cruces.

In describing Eagle Man, Naranjo, known as “the man who sees with his hands,” once wrote: “This man’s soul has joined with the eagle. He can now begin his dance.”

In order to purchase the sculpture, the foundation is asking for pledges totaling \$63,000 by Aug. 31 from businesses, organizations and individuals. Anyone wishing to pledge, or needing additional information, can visit www.foundationlcm.com/eagleman or call 575-636-3732.

Customer service survey

The City of Las Cruces Community Development Department is conducting a Customer Service Survey, which citizens are asked and encouraged to complete.

The Community Development Department provides public service in the areas of community and transportation planning; land development and building construction review; building permitting and inspections; housing and home rehabilitation; business registration; and geographic information services.

The purpose of the survey will be to identify the department’s current level of customer service, customer service gaps, and ways to provide superior customer service to the community.

All survey responses are confidential. The survey is available at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Build4LC. For more information call 575-541-2192.

Game & Fish open house

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has scheduled an open house to discuss plans to transition its Southwest regional office from the east side of Las Cruces to Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park.

The open house is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5000 Calle del Norte. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

The department’s move is designed to “provide the public more educational and recreational opportunities,” according to a press release.

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park sits on the bank of the Rio Grande west of Mesilla. The 300-acre park features a visitor center with meeting rooms and offices, an amphitheater, group picnic shelter, hiking trails and wildlife viewing.

For more information, visit, www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

Scholarship delegate

Maria Wright, a senior at Oñate High School, has been selected as the state delegate to obtain the American Legion Samsung Scholarship.



WRIGHT

She was chosen from among 77 delegates attending the American Legion Auxiliary’s Girls State program held at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales in June.

Wright will receive a \$1,250 scholarship for her selection. She is currently competing with 100 finalists throughout America to receive another part of the scholarship, up to \$10,000 for college.

Girls State is the premier program of the American Legion Auxiliary, established in 1948. The delegates studied local, county, and state government processes during this week and received special instruction in parliamentary procedure. The young women then campaigned, held rallies, debated, and ultimately voted to elect city, county and state officials.

Also attending the session were Jillian Hughes and Jessa Gegax of Centennial High School and Abigail

Hunter of Mayfield High School

The American Legion Auxiliary’s mission is to help veterans, service members and their families.

Ngage New Mexico

Nonprofit organization individuals who aspire to become an executive director or a program leader in the nonprofit sector will be given the opportunity to participate in Ngage New Mexico’s first Emerging Leader Program.

Ngage New Mexico is a nonprofit committed to “engaging community to make change happen,” according to their slogan.

The Emerging Leader Program will be piloted beginning in late July and continue until February 2018. It will be accepting from 10 to 15 leaders.

The leadership program will include group discussions, case studies, videos, workshops, and individual exercises. Participants will meet executive directors throughout Doña Ana County and become educated on various styles of leadership.

The application deadline for the Emerging Leader Program is Friday, July 21. For more information, contact Ngage New Mexico at info@NgageNM.org



Leadership New Mexico

Las Cruces Russell Allen, president and owner of Allen Theatres, Inc., has been re-elected to serve a three-year term on the Leadership New Mexico 2017-2018 Board of Directors.

Allen is a 2008 graduate of LNM’s Core Program, designed to expose participants to the state’s current issues and opportunities by hearing from knowledgeable speakers in various fields, and then encouraging leaders to work together and create solutions to these problems.

Established in 1995, Leadership New Mexico has identified and enhanced leadership throughout New Mexico by providing a forum for participants to strengthen their knowledge of challenges and opportunities facing the state.

Currently there are more than 1,500 participants from 84 communities across the state who have participated in the Core Program, Local Government Leadership Program, or Connect New Mexico Program. Program participants include business owners, educators, local officials and state and nonprofit leaders.

Leadership New Mexico is a nonpartisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization directed by a board of directors from throughout the state. For a complete list of the 2017-2018 board members, visit www.leadershipnm.org.

COMING UP

Friends of the NRA: 25th annual dinner banquet and auction, 6 p.m. Friday, July 21, Elks Lodge, 3000 Elks Drive. Fun, family-friendly atmosphere with game tables and silent and live auction. Tickets \$45, purchase online at www.friendsofnra.org/nm, call 575-639-8767 or through Stryker's Shooting World, 415-B S. Valley Drive. Info: 575-523-2424.

Farmers & Crafts Market: Local produce and crafts, 8:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 22, Main Street Downtown.

Stories for Grownups: Presented by Storytellers of Las Cruces, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano. Produced by Judith Ames and Storydancer Terry Alvarez. Tellers this year are Jessie and Juba Addison, Judith Ames, Florence Hamilton, Gloria Hacker and Loni Todoroki. Info: 575-526-5940 or 575-526-3247.

"Conversations with Democrats": 2 p.m. Saturday, July 22, NMSU Arrowhead Park Early College High School Building 8. Dr. James Lenhart, MD, FAAFP, MPH, of Tacoma, Washington, will lead the topic "Why America Needs Healthcare for All." RSVP merrieleeoules@gmail.com. Info: Connie, 575-521-0096.

A Decorated Night: Honoring law enforcement and fire department, 5-9 p.m. Saturday, July 22, 110 N. Main St. Food, live music and presentation of recognition.

ADA celebration: Commemorating the 27th anniversary signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, Mesilla Park Community Church, 1040 El Paseo Road. The informal event is an outreach to the community.

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

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

Las Cruces Police Athletic League: Open meeting to in-

July at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

Crafts for Kids: *Ladybug, Ladybug Fly Away Home*

10 a.m.-1 p.m. July 22

Come celebrate this wonderful bug and all they do for plants and gardens. Join us in creating your own ladybugs. Crafts are free, but regular museum admission is required for all family members: \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, \$3 for children 4 to 17, and free admission for children 3 and under.

Crafts for Kids: *Back to school*

10 a.m.-1 p.m. July 29

Celebrate the end of summer and returning to school with crafts. Crafts are free, but regular museum admission is required for all family members.

Summer Camps for Kids

- **Animal Planet** – July 25-27, for ages 5-8

clude election of the executive board and to discuss and formally approve any changes in rules or regulations, 6:30 p.m., Aug. 9, Las Cruces PAL Gym, 700 N. Solano. Info: email lascrucespalboxing@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

is a nonprofit store staffed entirely by volunteers.

Branigan Memorial Library: Free summer programs, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

- Sound session – Guitar lessons for teens, 1 p.m. Saturday, July 22

- Movie Making Mondays – Movie Making for teens, 5 p.m. Mondays

- Read to Me – Story time for ages 3-7, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays

- Game Night – Games for teens, 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Mother Goose Time – Activities for infants and their adults, 11 a.m. Wednesdays

- Teen Screen – Movies for teens, 1 p.m. Wednesdays

- Toddler Time – Story time for ages 1-3, 10 a.m.

Wednesdays and Thursdays

- Summer Screen – Movies for children, 2 p.m. Thursdays

- Rhythm Roundup – Music and motion for ages 2-5, 10:30 a.m. Fridays

- Library Lab – Activities and stories for ages 6-10, 3:30 p.m. Fridays

Las Cruces Civitan Club: Meets at noon the second Tuesday of each month; 6 p.m. fourth Tuesday of each month, Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

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



— PUBLIC NOTICE —

Applicants sought for Las Cruces City Art Board

The Las Cruces City Art Board is seeking applicants to fill a four-year term on the Art Board. Applicants should have a commitment to building community appreciation for public art and cultural experiences in Las Cruces.

Interested candidates should contact Board liaison, Garland Courts, at gcourts@las-cruces.org for application and more information.

www.las-cruces.org



WE WANT YOUR SUBMISSIONS

Please send your events and announcements to editor@lascrucesebulletin.com the Thursday before the desired Friday publication.

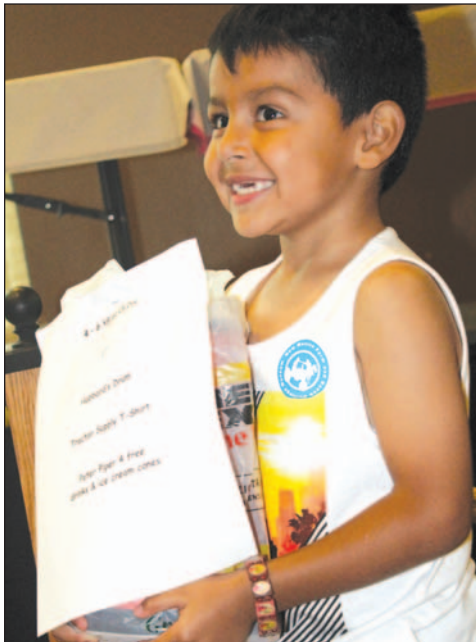
I scream for ice cream

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum hosted its 14th-annual Ice Cream Sunday July 16 with an ice cream sandwich eating contest, an ice cream-making clinic and other fun events.

PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE



Jerry Schickedanz makes homemade ice cream in his gas-powered ice cream maker.



Mauricio Leon, 5, won the 4- to 5-year-old age division in the ice cream sandwich-eating contest.



Kenneth Andrews makes tin can ice cream.



Layla Gonzales, 9, competed in the 7 to 10 age division.



Sante Fe Grill masters Carlitos Morales and Juan Morales make burgers and burritos for guests.



Guests enjoy the blacksmith's workshop.

City addressing equal pay for women

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Women who work for the City of Las Cruces make less money on average than men, but the city is working to correct the imbalance.

During its Monday, July 17, regular meeting, the city council unanimously adopted a resolution supporting equal pay for equal work.

The council also adopted resolutions revising the city's mission statement, adopting the city's 2017 strategic plan and beefing up its authority to deal with nuisance-abatement.

EQUAL PAY

City Manager Stuart Ed said an internal review shows that of the city's 1,260 full-time employees, 355 (about 30 percent) are women, and they make, on average, 88 cents for every dollar earned by male employees. The national average is 80 cents on the dollar, Ed said.

"We're doing better than national standards," he said. "We're making inroads, we're making progress. But we have a

lot of work to do. We're not going to be satisfied until there's an equal level of pay for work."

"Our greatest challenge is recruitment in certain sectors of our workforce," Ed said. An example is the Las Cruces Fire Department, he noted, where only two of the city's more than 150 firefighters are women.

Both "are entry-level, both hired within the last year," Ed said, which means they have lower salaries compared to the average for males in the department, a group that includes longer-serving firefighters and administrators. He said the two female firefighters are "paid the same as male peers hired at the same time."

Now that city staff have analyzed city pay based on gender, it can begin to address "unrepresented and underserved areas by recruitment and retention," Ed said. "We're going to keep chipping away at this."

Ed said he also is making adjustments of about \$100,000 annually to address some gender-based salary inequities within city salaries.

"I'm very grateful that you're taking this seriously and you've moving forward with it," Councillor Ceil Levatino said. "It's stunning to me that we are not that far above the national average. We should be at 100 percent and the faster we can get there, the better."

"This is an idea whose time has come," Councillor Olga Pedroza said.

NEW MISSION

The council unanimously adopted a new, slightly longer city mission statement that is "more reflective of the desires of city council as to how the organization should and will function," according to the resolution adopted by the council.

The revised statement says, "The mission of the City of Las Cruces is to provide customer-focused municipal services to residents, businesses and guests so they can experience a quality of place to live, work and play."

For the first time, the mission statement will be provided in both English and Spanish, Ed said.

In Spanish, it reads,

"La mision de la Ciudad de Las Cruces es proveer servicios municipales enfocados al cliente a residentes, negocios e invitados para que puedan experimentar una 'calidad de lugar' para vivir, trabajar y jugar."

The old mission statement said, "The mission of the city is to provide responsive, cost effective and high-quality service to the citizens of Las Cruces."

STRATEGIC PLAN

Council members unanimously adopted the city's 2017 strategic plan, which has four themes: capital improvement and infrastructure; communication, involvement and follow up; economic and community development; and education.

The plan is "a long-term planning document ... that will help guide council and staff," according to city documents.

"I am humbled by the aggressiveness of this plan," said Councillor Jack Eakman. "I think all of us look forward to com-

pleting the actions that are in this plan."

The plan places too much emphasis on downtown Las Cruces at the expense of other parts of the city, Councillor Gill Sorg said. There are "a lot of places we're not quite remembering when we got to our strategic plan," he said. The plan also should place "more emphasis on capital improvements and infrastructure," he said. "I would like to see us emphasize the medians, the parks, even the streets that are missing."

"We hear you," Mayor Ken Miyagishima said. "I think we're taking care of that."

The mayor said the strategic plan doesn't reference many city services that are "operating presently at an adequate level." Rather, it emphasizes specific initiatives for improvement.

"We're not going to drop anything," Miyagishima said.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT

The council unanimously adopted a revised

set of "clearer and more robust" nuisance abatement ordinances that give city staff "more efficient means ... to abate nuisances on abandoned and poorly maintained properties," according to city documents.

"Any nuisance is a major nuisance," according to a new city definition, "when that nuisance in any way negatively affects the public health and safety and includes, but is not limited to, nuisances that necessitate police, fire and rescue services."

If a nuisance requires "the dispatch of police, fire or any emergency services" or creates a threat to public safety, ordinance revisions give the city manager authority to "remediate whatever hazard ... needs to be taken care of immediately until due process can be followed," Assistant City Attorney Thomas Limon said.

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OBITUARIES

MARGARET RUIZ

Margaret Ruiz, 78, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on July 13, 2017. Services are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.

LUPE OGAZ

Lupe Ogaz, 65, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on July 12, 2017. Services are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.





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Cutting the ribbon

Cherry Creek Mortgage Company's staff flank Las Cruces Branch Manager Marcos Montes as he cuts the ribbon for the company's office at 840 N. Telshor Blvd. July 7. The ribbon-cutting was presented by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Conquistadores.

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NMSU scores in equal access to higher education

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**

For the Bulletin

In a recent report from the Brookings Institution, New Mexico State University was listed as a leader in equal access to higher education. The report gave NMSU the second-highest score in the nation as a public university that provides opportunities for social mobility to students and produces valuable research.

Helping students achieve their goals starts when graduates first arrive at NMSU.

Kaylene Womack, as a first-generation college student and teenage mom when she enrolled at NMSU, was determined not to become a statistic. She encourages other students not to give up when times are difficult.

"It's not going to be easy. You'll go through hurdles every semester, every year, but keep pushing forward and know what your end goal is," she said. "The end goal is to get that degree and be a role model for younger siblings and cousins to show them it is possible. Being that leader within your family is huge, so keep pushing forward."

An NMSU Daniels Fund Scholar, Womack said she found a caring community on campus to help achieve her



PHOTO COURTESY ANDRES LEIGHTON/NMSU

New Mexico State University was listed in a recent report from the Brookings Institution to be a leader in proving social mobility and valuable research among public universities.

goal of becoming a teacher, and she credits Tony Marin, Michelle Saenz-Adames and Terry Cook from the student success center as mentors. A 2016 graduate, Womack now teaches kindergarten at Hillrise Elementary in Las Cruces.

In the Brookings report, "Ladders, labs, or laggards? Which public universities contribute most" by Dimitrios Halikias and Richard V. Reeves, the pair evaluated 342

of the nation's selective public four-year universities "using newly-available tax data from the Equality of Opportunity Project at Stanford to gauge mobility and an independent ranking from the Carnegie Foundation to assess research activity – to determine which universities are ladders or labs, and which universities are laggards less deserving of public funding." Private universities, historically black

colleges and universities, public liberal arts colleges and military-oriented institutions were not considered.

NMSU ranks second as a leader for acting as both a ladder for social mobility and laboratory for research. Of the universities considered, NMSU, as a leader, is among only 20 percent of the universities accomplished in both categories.

Among the top 25 universities

selected as leaders, NMSU surpassed the University of New Mexico, University of Houston system, University of California Riverside, University of Texas San Antonio, University of California Irvine, University of South Florida, Binghamton University, University of Texas Arlington and others.

NMSU is considered a ladder for promoting social mobility by helping low-income students achieve higher levels on the income ladder following graduation. Nearly 18 percent of NMSU students come from the bottom 20 percent income bracket.

"I was absolutely delighted to receive the Brookings report, which indicated New Mexico State University is not only a great science university, but is also paying attention to upward mobility," said NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers. "It's very important to our state to have good science, but we also have a number of students who we can move up through our process and make their quality of life much finer through a quality education. We're very proud of our standing as number 2 in the country."

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NMSU professor studies gangs in the Borderland

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**

For the Bulletin

A New Mexico State University criminal justice professor recently published a book detailing criminal gang activities in San Antonio, Texas, for the past 100 years.

Mike Tapia, an assistant professor in NMSU's College of Arts and Sciences, first became involved in criminal gangs after graduating from St. Mary's University in San Antonio. He took a job as a caseworker for gang intervention. His interest in the topic of crim-

inal gangs, specifically juvenile delinquency, compelled him to go back to school, eventually earning his doctorate in sociology.

"I teach a class at NMSU called Street Subcultures & the Underclass, and we try to understand these subcultures that emerge in high-

poverty areas and we try to understand what keeps people in this cyclical gang lifestyle," Tapia said.

His book, "The Barrio Gangs and Criminal Networks of San Antonio, Texas, 1915-2015," examines



Mike Tapia, NMSU assistant professor of criminal justice, recently published a book on criminal gangs of San Antonio, Texas. Tapia has begun a new study focused on gang activity in Las Cruces, Anthony and El Paso.

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NMSU client addresses food insecurity in rural areas

By **AMANDA BRADFORD**

For the Bulletin

A New Mexico-based agricultural technology company is working to solve a global food problem at the local level with support from the AgSprint accelerator program at New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center entrepreneurship and innovation hub.

Founded in 2016, Revolution Agriculture is a veteran-owned business based in Albuquerque that creates closed-system organic farms. The modular farms produce eight times the yield per square foot and run 100 percent on renewable energy, using 90 percent less water, said founder and CEO Richard Brion. The farms can eventually sell produce to retailers, targeting the estimated \$161 billion in nationwide unmet demand for local, organic produce.

Brion, a U.S. Navy veteran and business development strategist who also teaches business courses at Southern New Hampshire University, brought Revolution Agriculture to NMSU's AgSprint accelerator as entrepreneurial lead. His team includes COO and technical lead James Kaminsky, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who is a marketing and operations executive based in Albuquerque, and business mentor Michael Eberhardt, head of global talent acquisition at Hyperloop Transportation Technologies, Inc.

Earlier this year, Revolution Agriculture was the only U.S.-based startup out of more than 50 companies to participate in the finals of the Global Entrepreneurship Congress Future Agro Challenge in Johannesburg, South Africa. Brion, whose work over the past 15 years has taken him throughout Africa and the Middle East, said the experience at the Future Agro Challenge gave him added perspective on how other companies around the world are tackling the problem of food insecurity and corporate sustainability.

"When I got down to talking to the capital companies down there, even some of the commercial African banks, the first question out of their mouths after you tell them what you're working on is 'How do you see the social impact? What's your social currency? How much are you going to improve the economic

capacity within the region?'" he said.

That resonates with Brion's own philosophy on the importance of social responsibility – it's the driving force behind his desire to work with tribal governments in New Mexico to implement Revolution Agriculture's systems locally, as a means for rural communities to improve access to nutritious food and create economic opportunities for workers without the need for high-tech training.

The Dreaming New Mexico Foundation recently released a study which found that New Mexico sells about \$2.5 billion in agricultural goods per year – 80 percent of which comes from exports of dairy products and cattle or from sales of the grains to support these animals. With Revolution Agriculture systems placed in New Mexico, Brion said, a desert state with a continuing drought problem and issues of water access could actually become a net exporter of clean produce.

The patent-pending modular farms require fewer labor hours than a traditional farm and can be placed virtually anywhere – including arid locations – increasing access to food, even in remote areas or logistical deserts.

"We're talking about a population in the middle of the United States that is actually more food insecure than some African countries," he said. "We're talking about being able to turn an economically depressed area with limited access to good jobs into a net exporter of food products while also supplying themselves. We're starting to solve a global food problem by first propping up a community around it."

Revolution Agriculture was one of six teams – five from New Mexico and one from Colorado – that were selected for AgSprint, a five-month venture-builder program designed to support innovation in agriculture by connecting entrepreneurs to financing, demonstration and validation partners, academic faculty, corporate partners and other resources.

The program's first five weeks followed the I-Corps model that tests the feasibility of the venture. I-Corps is a National Science Foundation initiative to leverage university research to create



PHOTOS COURTESY GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONGRESS

Richard Brion, founder and CEO of Revolution Agriculture, explains the ag tech startup's modular farm design to a participant at the Global Entrepreneurship Congress Future Agro Challenge in Johannesburg, South Africa, in March. Revolution Agriculture was one of six participants selected for the AgSprint startup accelerator program at New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center, which wraps up Aug. 10 with an AgSprint Assembly event at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Richard Brion presents his startup company, Revolution Agriculture, at the Global Entrepreneurship Congress Future Agro Challenge in Johannesburg, South Africa, in March. Revolution Agriculture was the only U.S.-based startup out of more than 50 companies to participate in the global finals of the challenge event, now in its third year.



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new innovative businesses and increase the economic impact of inventions created at research institutions around the country. NMSU is one of only 51 academic institutions nationwide to be selected as an I-Corps Site.

“The customer development portion was interesting,” Brion said, “because with our backgrounds, customer development is something we’ve done for years. Between me and the COO, we’ve helped businesses grow over \$1.6 billion in revenue. But through the interview process, we ended up both significantly reinforcing the positions we came into the program with and even identifying a couple of opportunities that we missed from a marketplace perspective.”

Graduates of the AgSprint accelerator received \$2,000 and the necessary National Science Foundation lineage to apply for the \$50,000 national I-Corps program. Additionally, participants are eligible to apply for investment from the Arrowhead Innovation Fund, a venture capital fund focused on seed and early-stage funding for NMSU- and

Arrowhead Center-affiliated projects.

For Brion, one of the main goals of participating in AgSprint was to develop connections and partnerships with researchers at NMSU.

“A lot of our novel intellectual property has to do with connecting existing technologies in an agricultural space,” he said. “The relationship is helpful because when you start talking to investors about any type of agricultural science, having the credibility of a research university attached is extremely helpful. New Mexico State is a leader for agricultural technology.”

The benefit of that relationship goes both ways, said AgSprint Program Manager and Arrowhead Technology Incubator Director Zetdi Sloan.

“These connections can lead to new research and validation opportunities for NMSU’s faculty and graduate students,” Sloan said. “NMSU researchers are working directly with people in the industry who are on the cutting edge of developing and commercializing new technologies. It’s a great pipeline for both sides of the partnership.”

On Aug. 10, Revolution Agri-

culture and the other AgSprint participants will converge on the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum near NMSU for the program’s culminating AgSprint Assembly event. AgSprint Assembly will bring together a group of productive ag-market leaders to talk about demands from the frontlines, how to translate ideas from vision to reality, and the future of agricultural technology investment.

AgSprint startup companies will also take the stage to showcase their products and services, and engage with their corporate and funding peers in a one-on-one format. AgSprint Assembly is open to the public and registration is \$35, which includes lunch. More information and registration link can be found at arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu/agassembly.

Funding for AgSprint is provided by the U.S. Economic Development Administration University Center program and New Mexico Gas Company.

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these questions and others regarding the role of networks, family influences, and generational changes in gang structure and norms.

Barrio gangs, Tapia said, are a phenomenon that has occurred for the past 100 years in poor southwestern communities.

“I want to conduct this kind of study for the Borderlands region,” Tapia said. “I’ve just begun a study of that nature here in Las Cruces.”

The new study will focus on criminal gang activities in Las Cruces, Anthony, and El Paso, Tapia said.

“My students inform me in that process,” he said. “It’s not only me teaching them, it’s also them teaching me, telling me what they’ve seen in terms of gang culture here.”

Tapia said his research into historical criminal gang activities is important because it gives his students a better understanding of gang culture, which will make them better law-enforcement officers, can educate veteran law-enforcement officers, and spark interests in criminal justice or sociology for graduate study.

“We tend to think of gangs as this kind of separate thing that happens underneath the surface of conventional society but on the contrary, especially in a working-class Mexican-American town like San Antonio, or El Paso, you really don’t have to look far to find that average folks have some kind of con-

nection,” Tapia said.

Tapia’s research found that some kind of youth gang activity in San Antonio was pretty normal.

“When you get to know the people that participated in gangs, you find that they have very normal, mundane qualities,” Tapia said. “It’s called human capital in sociological terms and it struck me that gang members have high levels of human capital.”

Tapia’s research into 100 years of criminal gangs in San Antonio found that less than 10 percent of youth joined criminal gangs or continued criminal activities into their later lives.

“Most people age out or some event happens in their life that takes them out of it,” he said.

Tapia used archived records—newspapers mostly—to detail gang activity in the earlier periods of his research. As he moved forward chronologically, he was able to arrange interviews with former gang members, both men and women.

“As a gang social worker, I interacted a lot with modern gangs through the 1990s,” Tapia said. “So a lot of the later chapters reflect my own personal knowledge and observations.”

With the exception of graduate school, Tapia lived in San Antonio from 1992 to 2015.

“So for pretty much all of my adult life, I’ve been studying Chicano gangs in San Antonio and I learned quite a bit,” he said.

Billy Huntsman may be reached at 575-646-7953 or wthv8420@nmsu.edu

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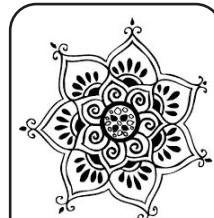
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**STATE OF
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THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2016-02124

**BANK OF THE WEST,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**THE UNKNOWN HEIRS
OF DAVID JULIAN LUCERO,
DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS
OF MARIE C. LUCERO,
DECEASED, AND JAMIE A.
STULL, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE
ON FORECLOSURE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1555 Mariposa Dr., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 24, BLOCK M, COUNTRY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION PLAT #3 IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS PER THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF DATED DECEMBER, 1961 AND FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO UNDER PLAT NO. 564.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on July 28, 2017, outside the front entrance of the Third Judicial District, 201 W. Picacho, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Bank of the West.

Bank of the West was awarded in rem Judgment on May 22, 2017, in the principal sum of \$54,730.51, plus interest due on the Note through December 26, 2016, in the amount of \$2,132.23, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 4.990% per annum

(\$7.34 per diem) until paid, plus late fees in the amount of \$150.00, plus property preservation in the amount of \$302.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through December 15, 2016, in the amount of \$2,200.00, and costs through December 15, 2016, in the amount of \$799.09, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 4.990% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

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

Dates: 06/30, 07/07, 07/14, 07/21, 2017

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-00650

**WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL
NEW MEXICO,
INC., Plaintiff,**

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 16, 2017, at the hour of 10:00

a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 11835 Warrior Ln., Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

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

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the

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

No. D-307-CV-2015-00508

**BAYVIEW LOAN
SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON, if living, if Deceased, THE ESTATE OF GEORGE W. JOHNSON, Deceased; CARMEN JOHNSON, and if married, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARMEN JOHNSON, (true name unknown); NITA MARSHALL; GEORGIA JOHNSON; RAMON NEVAREZ; GUIELLERMO NEVAREZ; ESEQUIEL VASQUEZ; GARY LEE JOHNSON; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF GEORGE W. JOHNSON, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **July 26, 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 herein after described real estate to the

highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1722 McRae Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 110 in Block 19 of Sunrise Terrace Addition Phase IV, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 28, 1980 and recorded in Book 13 at Pages 47-49, Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on June 22, 2017, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$158,720.14 and the same bears interest at 5.250% per annum from May 17, 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 OF SALE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real

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/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela Carmody,
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Dates: 06/30, 07/07, 07/14,
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**STATE OF
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COUNTY OF
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No. D-307-CV-2016-02835

**MATRIX FINANCIAL
SERVICES CORPORA-
TION, Plaintiff,**

v.

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

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendants The Estate of Irene A. Tellez, deceased, Edward Tellez, Jr. and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Irene A. Tellez, deceased,

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 6915 Gopher Road, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

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

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1/2" iron rod found for the northwest corner of this tract;

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
WEINSTEIN &
RILEY, P.S.

By: /s/ Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
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Dates: 07/07, 07/14, 07/21,
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**STATE OF
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DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2017-01128

**MATRIX FINANCIAL
SERVICES CORPORA-
TION, Plaintiff,**

v.

JOHNNY C. TARANGO,

**BEATRICE TARANGO
AKA BEATRICE E. TAR-
ANGO, AND UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA
BY AND THROUGH THE
SECRETARY OF HOUS-
ING AND URBAN DE-
VELOPMENT,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1019s Espanola Street, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
WEINSTEIN &
RILEY, P.S.

By: /s/ Elizabeth V. Friedenstein
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**STATE OF
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Case No.

D-307-CV-2016-02407
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**FIRSTLIGHT FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**ZINA M. FLORES, and
MICHAEL TURNER,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, on **Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Doña Ana County District Court at 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all of the right, title, and interest of the above-named Defendant to the following described real property. The property to be sold is located at 2937 San Miguel Court, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and is more particularly described as follows:

Lot 193, LEGENDS WEST NORTH, PHASE I, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county on December 27, 2006, in Book 22, Pages 83-91 of plat records.

The sale will be made pursuant to a Default Judgment entered on February 9, 2017, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which is a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff. Plaintiff was granted judgment in the amount of \$127,439.15 plus interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum from February 9, 2017 to the date of sale; plus all costs of preserving the property; plus the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee and the gross receipts thereon; and additional amounts, if any, for which recovery may be had. Plaintiff has the right to bid at the sale and to submit its bid verbally or in writing. 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.

DEIDRE BOND, 2003 MONTE CARLO, SILVER; VIN 2GWX12K039141714; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. MYS931, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: RESPONDENT DEIDRE BOND:

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2003 MONTE CARLO, SILVER; VIN: 2GWX12K039141714; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. MYS931.

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

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

ded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff disclaims any responsibility for the valuation of the real property and improvements thereon by the County Assessor; for any environmental contamination, if any; and for any zoning violations, if any.

Notice is further given that the purchaser at the sale should take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

/s/ Kyle H. Moberly
KYLE H. MOBERLY
Special Master
2460 S. Locust Street,
Suite E
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Telephone No.:
(575) 541-1278

Dates: 07/07, 07/14, 07/21,
07/28, 2017

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

No. CV-2016-02606
Judge: Martin

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

vs.

DEIDRE BOND, 2003 MONTE CARLO, SILVER; VIN 2GWX12K039141714; NEW MEXICO LICENSE PLATE NO. MYS931, Respondents.

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RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: /s/ Thomas R.A. Limon
Thomas R.A. Limon
Assistant City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable Martin, James T., District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the district Court of Doña Ana County, this 30th day of June, 2017.

(Seal)

COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

By: Denika Frank
DEPUTY - Denika Frank

Dates: 07/07, 07/14, 07/21,
2017

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

No. D-307-PB-2017-00032
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
LUIS LARRY HILL,
Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **CARLOS HILL** has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of **LUIS LARRY HILL**, deceased. All persons having claims against the 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 Representatives in care of the Attorney for the Personal Representative, Lauren D. Serrano of SCOTTHULSE PC, 201 North Church Street, Suite 201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, Phone: (575)522-0765, Fax: (575)522-0006, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, located at the Third Judicial District Court, located at 201 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 28th day of June,

LEGAL NOTICES

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2017.

SCOTTHULSE PC
201 North Church Street,
Suite 201
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88001
(575) 522-0765
(575) 522-0006 Facsimile

By:/s/ Lauren D. Serrano
LAUREN D. SERRANO
Attorneys for Personal Rep-
resentative

Dates: 07/07, 07/14, 07/21,
2017

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

No. D-307- PB 2011-00014
Judge Driggers

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENARO DIMATTEO, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ES- TATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Edward DiMatteo, Personal
Representative of the estate
of Genaro DiMatteo, de-
ceased, gives the following
Notice:

1. Edward DiMatteo, has
filed a Petition for Order of
Complete Settlement of Es-
tate by Personal Representa-
tive of the Estate of Genaro
DiMatteo, deceased.

2. A hearing on the Petition
of Edward DiMatteo has
been set for August 8th,
2017, at 1:30 p.m., at the
Third Judicial District Court
Complex, 201 W. Picacho,
Las Cruces, New Mexico
before the Honorable Doug-
las R. Driggers.

/s/Edward L. DiMatteo
EDWARD DIMATTEO
Personal Representative
302 Capri Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005

KENNETH L. BEAL, P.C.

/s/Kenneth L. Beal
KENNETH L. BEAL
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-526-5511

Dates: 07/14, 07/21, 2017

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

No. 17-0145

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GUADALUPE MEDINA RAMOS, a/k/a GUADALUPE RAMOS DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that **SAMUEL
NORMAN** 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 Cru-
ces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: June 21, 2017.

SAMUEL NORMAN
8408 Traciney Blvd.
San Antonio, Texas 78255

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

Dates: 07/07, 07/14, 2017

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

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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATION- AL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2007-HSBC1 MORT- GAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HSBC1, Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFREY A. GARRETT;

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEFFREY A. GARRETT; LAS CASITAS CONDO- MINIUMS, INC.; OCCU- PANTS OF THE PROP- ERTY, 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 Coun-
ty, New Mexico, commonly
known as 24 Las Casitas,
Las Cruces, NM 88007, and
more particularly described
as follows:

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER

GIVEN that the real prop-
erty and improvements con-
cerned with herein will be
sold subject to any and all
patent reservations, ease-
ments, and all taxes and
utility liens, special assess-
ments and taxes that may be
due. Deutsche Bank Nation-
al Trust Company, As
Trustee For GSAMP Trust
2007- HSBC1 Mortgage
Pass-Through Certificates,
Series 2007- HSBC1, its
attorneys, and the under-
signed Special Master, dis-
claim 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, deactiva-
tion of title to a mobile or
manufactured home on the
property, if any, environ-
mental 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 Doyle,
Special Master
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181

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7/28/2017 8/4/2017

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

No. 17-0134

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MILDRED W. HOOKER a/k/a MILDRED HOOKER DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that **WELLS FAR-
GO BANK, N.A.**, as succes-
sor to **FIRST NATIONAL
BANK OF DOÑA ANA
COUNTY** 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 Cru-
ces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: June 19, 2017.

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as successor to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY

VALERIE WASHBURN,
Assistant Vice President &
Senior Trust Officer
P.O. Box 41629
Austin, Texas 78704-9926
Telephone: (512) 895-4030

Prepared by:
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Dates: 07/07, 07/14, 07/21,
2017

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

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

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

You are hereby notified that
the above-named Plaintiff
Ditech Financial LLC has
filed a civil action against
you in the above-entitled
Court and cause, the general
object thereof being to
foreclose a mortgage on real
property located at 885 West
Wicker Road, Chaparral,
NM 88081. The real prop-
erty which is the subject
matter of this action is
legally described as follows:

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

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

**McCARTHY &
HOLTHUS, LLP**

By:/s/ Jason Hoggard
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New Mexico 87113
Telephone No.:
(505) 219-4900
jhoggard
@mccarthylolthus.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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

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

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

JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

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

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

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

You are hereby notified that
the above-named Plaintiff
James B. Nutter & Company
has filed a civil action
against you in the above-
entitled Court and cause, the
general object thereof being
to foreclose a mortgage on
real property located at 400
Casad Road, La Union, NM
88021. The real property
which is the subject matter
of this action is legally
described as follows:

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

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

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP

By: /s/Catherine Sanchez
Karen Weaver
Catherine Sanchez
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csanchez
@mccarthylolthus.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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

NOTICE is hereby given
that on June 19, 2017, Rose
Mary La Plante, 4623 Grider
Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007
filed application numbered
LRG-3406-POD3. OSE File
No. LRG-3406, 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-3406-POD2 loca-

ted at X = 1,464,417.492
Y = 495,651.924 ft. NMSP,
Central Zone, NAD83, on
land owned by the applicant
and using replacement well
LRG-3406-POD3 located at
approximately X =
1,464,414.097 Y =
495,645.892 on land owned
by the applicant 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 1.76 acres of
land owned by the applicant
located within part of the
SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ of Section 27,
Township 22S, Range 01E,
NMPM, as described by
Subfile No. :
LRN-28-008-0011 (A) of the
Lower Rio Grande
Hydrographic Survey. Re-
placement well
LRG-3406-POD3 is located
at the physical address of
4623 Grider Rd, Las Cruces,
NM. The applicant has
requested emergency author-
ization to use a replacement
well under NMSA, 1978,
Section 72-12-22. Existing
well LRG-3406-POD2 will
be properly plugged.

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

Friday, July 21, 2017

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

Dates: 07/07, 07/14, 07/21, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 21, 2017, Deborah G. Michael & James A. Michael, PO Box 833, Fairacres, NM 88033, filed application under OSE File Nos.: 14534-1 & LRG-1472-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion, Change Purpose of Use, & Change Place of Use of Underground Water within the Lower Rio Grande Water Basin in Doña Ana County by changing the purpose of use of 2.0 acre-feet of underground water diverted from well LRG-14534-POD3 located within the SE^{1/4}SE^{1/4} of projected Section 1, Township 23S, Range 1E NMPM, & more specifically located at or near the intersection of X = 1,473,840 ft. & Y = 484,398 ft., NMSP Central NAD83 currently used for mobile home purposes located within the SE^{1/4}SE^{1/4} of said Section 1 (NMPM), to be instead used for the irrigation of 0.77 acre of land owned by Victor Perez IV & located within the NW^{1/4} of projected Section 15, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM) to be diverted from existing well LRG-1472 located within said NW^{1/4} of said projected Section 15 (NMPM) & more specifically located at or near the intersection of X = 1,460,492 ft. & Y = 477,795.6 ft., NMSP Central NAD83 located on land owned by Victor Perez IV. The place of use will change from mobile home use on the abovementioned property owned by the applicants to land owned by Victor Perez IV as described above. Well LRG-1472 is located approximately 1,208 feet southeast of the intersection of Highway 192 & Sequoia Drive south of Mesquite, NM at the property address of 705 Sequoia Dr, Mesquite, NM 88048. Existing well LRG-14534-POD3 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, & include the writer's complete name, phone number & 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; &/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 & 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 & postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 27, 2017, Allen Dean Bermes, 6401 Leyendecker, La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-1063-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-01063-3, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling replacement well LRG-1063-POD3 with a 6-inch casing to a depth of 200 feet, on land owned by the applicant, located within the SW^{1/4} NE^{1/4} SE^{1/4} of projected Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 2 East (NMPM) and more specifically located near the intersection of X = 1,489,792 ft. & Y = 438,620 ft., NMSP, Central NAD83, for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 1.59 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE^{1/4} of projected Section 21 as described by Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-003-0036-A Right A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. Existing well LRG-1063 Key Jr., located within the

SW^{1/4} NE^{1/4} SE^{1/4} of projected Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 2 East (NMPM) and more specifically described at the intersection of X = 1,489,351 ft. & Y = 438,372 ft., NMSP, Central NAD83. The applicant requested emergency authorization to drill and use replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The replacement well LRG-1063-POD3 is located at physical address: 6401 Leyendecker, La Mesa, NM.

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

Dates: 07/14, 07/21, 07/28, 2017

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 30, 2017, Dal J. & Krista J. Frost, 13300 Smokey Rd. Unit 2, La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-15565-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-15565, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-15565-POD1 to a depth of 400 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the NE^{1/4} SW^{1/4} of projected Section 35, Township 24S, Range 2E

(NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X: 1497524.3 ft. & 427801.6 ft (NMSP Central NAD83) on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-821, located on land owned by Richard Boyer & Barbara Ann Diver located within the SE^{1/4} of said projected Section 35 and more specifically at the intersection of X: 1497482 ft. & Y: 428145 ft. for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 7 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the NE^{1/4}SW^{1/4} of said projected Section 35 as described in Subfile No. LRS 280050099 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-15565-POD1 will be located northwest of Mesquite, NM and may be found approximately 870 feet north of the intersection of Vine Ave. and Smokey Rd., Mesquite, NM. Existing well LRG-821 will be retained for other rights.

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

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 7, 2017, Marty Dale and Ozena M. Franzoy, PO Box 217, Hatch, NM 87937, filed application numbered LRG-8526-POD5, OSE File No. LRG-08526-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by plugging existing well LRG-8526-A and drilling replacement well LRG-8526-POD5 with a 10-inch casing to a depth of 100 feet, on land owned by the applicants, located within the SW^{1/4} SE^{1/4} of Section 26, Township 18 South, Range 4 West (NMPM) and more specifically located near the intersection of X=1,342,735.9 Y=622,690 ft., NMSP, Central NAD83, for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, no surface water right in Court Order, for the irrigation of 4.55 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SE^{1/4} of said Section 26 as described by Subfile Order No.: LRR-28-005-0070 Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Adjudication. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill replacement well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The well, LRG-8526-POD5, is located north of Hatch, NM and may be found approximately 198 feet north of the intersection of Highway 187 and Carriage Hills Road, near Salem, NM.

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

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 19, 2017, Fort Selden, Inc. (Juan Colquitt), PO Box 205, Radium Springs, NM 88054, filed application numbered LRG-656-POD4, OSE File No. LRG-656-B, 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-656-POD4 to a depth of 100 feet with a 10-inch casing, in a location within the NE^{1/4} SE^{1/4} of Section 15, Township 21S, Range 1W (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near the intersection of X:1432365.38 ft & Y:538953.24 ft (NAD 1983 NMSP Central), on land owned by the applicant, which will supplement existing well LRG-656, located on property owned by the applicant and within the NE^{1/4} of said Section 15, and more specifically at the intersection of X:1432727 ft & Y:540342.6 ft (NAD 1983 NMSP Central), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 3.603 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SE^{1/4} of said Section 15 as described in Subfile No. LRN 28-001-0034 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-656-POD4 will be located southeast of Radium Springs, NM and may be found approximately 0.21

miles southwest of the intersection of N. Valley Dr. & Fort Selden Rd.

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

Dates: 07/14, 07/21, 07/28, 2017

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on July 17, 2017:

(1) Council Bill No. 17-030; Ordinance No. 2816: An Ordinance to Repeal and Replace Chapter 18, Article I (Nuisances) of the Las Cruces Municipal Code (LCMC), 1997, as Amended, to Create a Clearer and More Robust Set of Nuisance Abatement Ordinances.

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 18th day of July, 2017.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Dates: 07/21/2017

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NOTICE OF VEHICLE SEIZURE

TO REGISTERED OWNERS, GECU, CASH STORE, WESTERN FINANCE SECURED PARTIES, AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana, pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses: The below listed vehicles and contents will be auctioned to the highest bidder at our upcoming auction set for **Saturday October, 21, 2017 @ 10:00 AM** the event location is **2821-B LAS VEGAS COURT, LAS CRUCES, NM**

VIN #
DESCRIPTION
REGISTERED OWNER

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1998 WHITE
LEXUS 4D
MANUEL GARCIA

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1996 TAN
CHEVROLET PK
SMITH ROOFING

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1995 GRAY
CADILLAC 4D
AMELIA UNPINGCO

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1992 GRAY DODGE 4D
MARIA ESPARZA

1Y1SK5287YZ435989
2000 SILVER CHEVY 4D
GUADALUPE ESTRADA

If you do not demand judicial review within 35 calendar days from the date of the seizure, and/or this advertisement, by filing a claim for the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle and its contents.

Dates: 07/21, 07/28, 2017

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

2013 KYMC SCOOTER VIN # LC2D1A044DC100708 beige is being held at LUCHINI'S TOWING & RECOVERY located at 3621 W Picacho in Las Cruces, New Mexico for auction at 8 am on 10/2/17 at LUCHINI'S TOWING & RECOVERY due to mechanics lien of \$220.00 plus storage.

1988 International 1754 VIN # 1HTLCCFP1JH568645 white is being held at LUCHINI'S TOWING & RECOVERY located at 3621 W Picacho in Las Cruces, New Mexico for auction at 8 am on 10/2/17 at LUCHINI'S TOWING & RECOVERY due to mechanics lien of \$470.49 plus storage.

Dates: 07/21, 07/28, 2017

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

NO. CV 2017-1517
Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Eve Gutierrez FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Eve Gutierrez, a resident of the City of La Mesa, 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 **Eve Gutierrez** to **Eva Gutierrez**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 24th day of July 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Eve Gutierrez
Eve Gutierrez
6395 Camino Tesoro
La Mesa, NM 88044
575-640-6924

Dates: 07/14, 07/21, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-01346

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ASHRAF LAITH ABDUL--RAZZAK AL-JOUMAYLY FOR CHANGE OF NAME

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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

(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Ashraf Al-Joumayly
Ashraf L. Al-Joumayly

Dates: 07/14, 07/21, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-1513
Marc E. Beyer

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF David Porras FOR CHANGE OF NAME

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David Porras, 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 3rd District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from **David Porras to David Porras Montoya**, and that this Petition will be heard before the

Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the 4th day of August 2017, at the hour of 8:45 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ David Porras Montoya
David Porras Montoya
486 Calle de Oro
Las Cruce,
New Mexico 88007
575-649-9891

Dates: 07/21, 07/28, 2017

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

NO. CV-2017-2042
James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Reynaldo Amesquita FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Reynaldo Amesquita, 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 **Reynaldo Amesquita to Reynaldo Chavez Amezcua**, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 9th day of August 2017, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

(Seal)

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Reynaldo Amezcua
Reynaldo Amesquita
1856 Coyote Ridge Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
575-640-69877

Dates: 07/21, 07/28, 2017

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

Cause No. SA-2017-10
Judge Marci Beyer

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF RONALD STANFORD JOYNER, JR., Petitioner,

NOTICE OF PETITION

TO: ANDRE V. OSIPOV

Petitioner, Ronald Stanford Joyner, Jr., hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 40-14-9, NMSA 1978, to Andre V. Osipov, of the pendency of the adoption of Anastasiya Joyner by Petitioner, Ronald Stanford Joyner, Jr., in the above entitled cause of action. Andre V. Osipov is being served by publication of this Notice.

LAWRENCE M. PICKETT LAW FIRM
P. O. Box 1239
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-526-3338
larry@picklawllc.com

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

Dates: 07/07, 07/14, 07/21, 2017

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2016-02398

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

SABRINA L. PAYNE AKA SABRINA MCINTYRE ; JOSH MCINTYRE ; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; 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 1425 Fairway Village Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 54, FAIRWAY VILLAGE PHASE II, 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 OCTOBER 21, 2002, RECORDED IN BOOK 20, PAGE(S) 161-162, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,

The sale is to begin at 10:45

on August 24, 2017, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on June 12, 2017, in the total amount of \$124,613.86, with interest at the rate of 6.0000% per annum from February 27, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, 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 Doyle
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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

MESILLA VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, Plaintiff,

v.
ESTATE OF TINA PEREZ (A/K/A TINA LUCERO); THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF TINA PEREZ; ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTERESTS ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF; JIMMY RAY PEREZ, JANELLE PEREZ AND ALL UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on July 14, 2017, being an action to foreclose a real estate mortgage and assign-

ment of interest under which Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate securing payment of its Judgment in the principal sum of \$79,245.35, plus attorney's fees of \$8,516.00, taxes in the sum of \$873.68, insurance premiums in the amount of \$509.23, costs of \$631.66 and gross receipts tax of \$712.78, plus the costs of this action including the Special Master's fee and fee for publication of this notice. This sale is being made to satisfy the Judgment, and will be made to the highest, best and most qualified bidder for cash, provided:

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

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

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

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

KYLE MOBERLY
Special Master

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 17-0148

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CECILIA MIRANDA, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

DATED: June 23, 2017.

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

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

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Laurel Weathersbee: Painting the problem away

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

For Las Cruces artist Laurel Weathersbee, painting with watercolors “is like nothing else.



WEATHERSBBE

“It is gorgeous, transparent, sparkling,” Weathersbee said. “I love the freshness and the intensity of watercolors.”

Little wonder that Weathersbee has been a member of the southern chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society

for more than a dozen years, and has been an active board member for most of that time.

A Nebraska native, Weathersbee has been an artist all her life, but her favorite tool as a young child wasn’t a paintbrush, it was a pair of scissors, cutting art out of catalogs.

At age 40, she launched an art degree at Park University in Parkville, Missouri. She lived in Kansas City and Dallas before she and her husband moved to Las Cruces 14 years ago to be closer to family.

Now 65, her love for the Southwest is evi-



PHOTOS COURTESY LAUREL WEATHERSBBE

“Canyon Light” is one of Weathersbee’s favorites.

dent in her art.

“Anything New Mexico turns me on,” Weathersbee said.

She used to favor landscapes but has found herself doing more floral work recently – large arrangements of brightly colored flowers in Native American pottery, including the black-and-white Mimbres design.

In addition to flowers, “quilts have always figured largely in my work,” she said. She also includes birds, along with “Southwest subjects of all kinds.”

“Undisciplined describes me in just about any way you care to mention,” Weathersbee said. “I’m a very creative problem solver, and paintings are problems, so I love that.”



“Make Out Mobile Small”



“Taos Sunset”

Weathersbee loves to use watercolor paper but also torn paper – pages that have been torn out of something else. One of

her favorites is a 40-inch-wide work on torn paper she calls “Canyon Light.” She also sculpts, using found objects.

While you “have to draw” to paint, Weathersbee said, there is a

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NM Watercolor Society has active southern chapter

The New Mexico Watercolor Society (NMWS) was founded in 1969. A southern New Mexico chapter (NMWS-SC) was created in 2001. There are about 350 members statewide, and regular meetings are held in Albuquerque and Las Cruces.

NMWS-SC has about 100 members, and holds two exhibits each year – during For the Love of Art Month in February and a spring-juried show.

The chapter has two exhibitions in Las Cruces right now: one at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St., and the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

NMWS-SC meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month, September through May, and begin at 2 p.m. in the crafts room of the Good Samaritan Retirement Home administration building, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The next NMWS-SC meeting is 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, and will include a demonstration by Las Cruces artist Shelley Black.

NMWS was founded “to elevate the stature of watercolor as an important painting medium and to educate the public to this effort,” NMWS-SC member Laurel Weathersbee said. “Our ultimate goal is to make New Mexico known nationally for its watercolor artists.”

The society’s monthly newsletter is called “Brushstrokes.” Annual memberships are \$20 for students and associate members, \$40 for active members, \$100 for contributing members and \$500 for patrons.

The state society and the southern chapter welcome new members, Weathersbee said. “We have to touch the public and engage them. It’s so important for artists to find ways to engage the public so that they know who we are and what we do.”

For more information, visit www.nmwatercolorociety.org. The mailing address is New Mexico Watercolor Society – SC, PO Box 1571, Las Cruces, NM 88004-1571.

— Mike Cook

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difference. “Painting is entirely expressive,” she said. “Drawing is technical.”

And while Weathersbee often uses a photograph for reference, she doesn’t copy photos to create her paintings. “I pull things from different places and assemble them.”

Being fully alive in the present, “that’s what real expression is,” she said. “The best paintings are the ones that just happen, that come up out of your guts because they’re not edited by your left brain.”

But she’s not too sentimental if they sell. “It’s just paper. It’s about the process.”

In addition to working at her home studio, Weathersbee teaches several art workshops and also teaches watercolor classes in El Paso.

“I encourage creative people of all kinds to engage with the public. The world needs more of what we’ve got to offer.”



“Golden Prickly Pear”

For more information, visit teacupinspiration.blogspot.com.

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

'Baby Driver': Everything means something

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

There is nothing I disliked about this movie.

A young man, caught up in a life of crime, is a talented getaway driver for Doc (Kevin Spacey), who comes up with detailed, well-thought-out plans for bank robberies. Baby (Ansel Elgort) owes Doc an old debt and is working to pay it off.

This movie starts with heart-beating action and doesn't let up. It's a Western, a heist flick and a driving show. Every scene, every angle,

every shot is planned out perfectly. Everything means something, from the sunglasses reflections to the way the camera reflects one scene after the next. I was constantly certain I was missing something because the compact pieces of this film are so intense.

Baby, who lives with earbuds in his ears, has tinnitus (a constant buzzing in his ears), which he drowns out with tunes. He can read lips so it doesn't really keep him from understanding what's going on around him. But, to a degree, he is able to use it to drown out the violence around him.

The characters are smart, super bad guys: Bats (Jamie Foxx), Darling (Eliza Gonzalez) and Buddy (Jon Hamm) are well-developed and compelling. Spacey is perfect in his role. Waitress and Baby's love interest, Deborah (Lily James), is iconic.

Directed and written by Edgar Wright, who made such classics as "Shaun of the Dead" and "Hot Fuzz," "Baby Driver" belongs in a category with the "Kill Bill" sequence, "Fargo" and "Pulp Fiction."

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

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Spider Rock Girls

The Branigan Cultural Center welcomes the Spider Rock Girls, Navajo weavers from Arizona, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, July 22.

Navajo weavers have created an iconic art genre that is admired and collected around the world. The Spider Rock Girls are three generations of weavers from the Chinle area in the Navajo Nation. The family has been weaving for generations, and through the sale of their beautiful weavings, they have provided food, clothing and education for the family.

Meet this extraordinary family and learn about their approach to both traditional and innovative weaving techniques and patterns. Members of the family will demonstrate traditional Navajo weaving techniques and will answer questions about their weaving.

Admission to the Branigan Cultural Center is free. The museum is located at 501 North Main St. and is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Throughout the summer, it is also open each Wednesday until 7 p.m. For additional information, visit museums.las-cruces.org or call 575-541-2154.

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Spider Rock Girls

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Read to Me (Story time for ages 3-7) | BRANIGAN LIBRARY |
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The Godfather | RIO GRANDE THEATRE |

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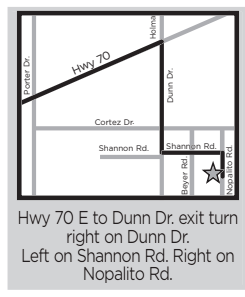


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Fundraiser set for local comedian

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces/El Paso entertainers will collaborate for a fundraiser for local comedian Shawn “S3” Scarborough, who is dealing with serious health issues.

The fundraiser will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, July 30, at the Moose Lodge, 514 N. Main St., on the northern end of the downtown mall in Las Cruces. The suggested donation is \$5.

“A floating blood clot that has been in Scarborough’s left ventricle has caused him to have a series of heart attacks,” said Las Cruces actor/comedian Teddy Aspen, who is hosting the event. “Because of

his health issues, Scarborough is unable to get a job. He has no family, he was the only child and both of his parents passed away by the time he was 35.”



SCARBOROUGH

without,” Aspen said.

“So, in order to help Shawn pay for his standard month-to-month bills, I have called upon the comedy community to help raise money for our brother of the stand-up stage.”

Comedians participating in the

fundraiser in addition to Sanchez include Jerry “El Malkreado” Karnes, Beto Armenta, Adam Dominguez, Sam Butler, Sarah Q, Robert “Bobcat” Young, Sean Towers and Joe Rodriguez.

Many of those participating “are nationally touring comedians,” Aspen said, along “with a few newcomers who want to give comedy a try.”

Aspen said he also has been contacting local business for donations for a prize raffle that will be part of the program.

For more information, contact Aspen theoaspen@hotmail.com.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@lascrucesbulletin.com

Do not miss ‘BOYsterous Broadway’ at Boba

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Boy, oh boy (oh, boy; oh, boy; oh, boy), what a show!

Five young men totally rocked the house in the latest offering – “BOYsterous Broadway” – at Boba Café and Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St. And there are only two more chances to see this show.

Cameron Lang, Calvin Chervinko, Matt Rosales and Juan Apodaca, with Mark Klett accompanying them on keyboards, perform songs from Broadway shows that were huge hits before any of these boys were born, such as “Guys and Dolls,” “My Fair Lady” and “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,” and from more contemporary fare like “The Book of Mormon” and “Evita.”

Performing solo, in duets, trios and quartets, the four vocalists are just fabulous – their vocals, of course, but also their dancing, their comedy and their chemistry.

Here is just a small sample of what the evening includes: Juan doing “On This Night of a Thousand Stars” from “Evita”; Calvin as Leaf Coneysbear singing “I’m Not that Smart,” from “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”; Matt performing “My Dogs,” from 2003’s “Elegies”; and Cameron singing “I Am What I Am,” from “La Cage aux Folles.”

Mark got into the act with a couple of lines in the show, and was flawless on keyboards, as always.

I’ve seen (and was lucky enough to be on stage briefly with) both Cameron (remember him from Scaffolding Theatre Company’s recent “Beauty and the Beast” and Las Cruces Community Theatre’s “Shrek, the Musical”) and Calvin (New Mexico State University Theatre’s “Urinetown”), so I know how immensely talented both of them are. I hadn’t seen Matt, who just graduated from Mayfield High School a couple of months ago, or Juan, who has done a ton of shows in El Paso. Both are also so gifted and so versatile on stage.

Cameron directed the show, as well, and the entire production is part of Megan McQueen’s ongoing brilliance as artistic director at Boba.

I actually do have one criticism of “BOYsterous Broadway” – I wish the show had about a dozen more songs, and I wish it had a longer run. Go see it!

The final two performances of “BOYsterous Broadway” are Friday, July 21. The evening’s dinner show seats at 6 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7 p.m. The cocktail show seats at 8:15 p.m., with the performance beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$27.50 for the dinner show and \$12.50 for the cocktail show. Reservations are recommended for both performances.

For reservations or more information, call Boba at 575-647-5900.

Mike Cook may be reached at mike@lascrucesbulletin.com

Arts Council plans to host Open House

BULLETIN REPORT

The Doña Arts Council (DAAC) will host an Open House from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 28, at their new location, 1740 Calle de Mercado in Mesilla.

The public is invited to “imagine the possibilities.”

After more than 10 years of managing and programming the Rio Grande Theatre in downtown Las Cruces, DAAC has settled into the 1,700-square-foot space located in the Bulletin Plaza, next to Paisano Café.

“We are excited about finally getting the boxes unpacked and hope the public will come and help us imagine the possibilities for this beautiful new space, DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers said. “With such wonderful windows, tall ceilings, wood floors, and wall space, we can easily host art classes, dance workshops and art exhibits. We also moved DAAC’s baby grand piano here, so concerts and cabaret-style shows are also possible.”

“We want to thank J. Paul Taylor for his tremendous support of the Arts Council and to the hundreds of volunteers and financial supporters who have helped us with this transition. We look forward to promoting the arts in our region from our new location.”

Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, visit www.DAArts.org or call 575-523-6403.

‘Yeomen of the Guard’ at Black Box Theatre

BULLETIN REPORT

Celebrating its 48th anniversary, and for the first time in its history, the Gilbert & Sullivan Company of El Paso (GSCEP) presents “Yeomen of the Guard, or The Merryman and His Maid,” for three performances at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

The performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, July 21-22, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 23.

Tickets are \$15 regular admission and \$12 for students and seniors over age 65.

The show’s artistic director is Stephanie J. Conwell. Marsha Watley is the vocal director. Ballard Colwell is the piano accompanist.



Mesilla Valley Dance Collective “Yeomen of the Guard.”

“‘Yeomen’ tells a tale of bravery, deceit and disappointed love, against the background

of the Tower of London, the notorious site of torture and royal treasure in the early

16th century,” Black Box Theatre owner Ceil Herman said in a news release. Colonel

Fairfax, a gentleman, soldier and scientist, has been sentenced to beheading on a false charge of sorcery. To avoid leaving his estate to his accuser, Fairfax secretly marries Elsie Maynard, a strolling singer. He escapes, throwing the tower into confusion, according to the news release.

GSCEP is a community theater group that has an unbroken history of annual Gilbert & Sullivan productions since 1969. The company is funded and supported in part by the City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

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'Graduation': Corruption's inevitable delusion

By **JEFF BERG**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Cristian Mungiu is from Romania, one of the few filmmakers whose works have escaped the boundaries of that shady country.

About 10 years ago, he directed the bleak but superb work, "4 Months, 3 Weeks, 2 Days," about a woman who needed an abortion in Romania, where the procedure, from 1967 to 1990, was illegal under the auspices of Communists who wanted "to increase the fertility rate" of the country." This was done through the abhorrent Decree 770, which you can read about in its entirety at this Website: search-

GRADE: B

Opens July 21 in Mesilla, at the cool and comfy Fountain Theatre. It is in Romanian, with subtitles.

inginhistory.blogspot.com/2014/01/decree-770-of-ceausescu.html.

Contraception was also strongly discouraged and women who had seven to nine children were awarded – are you ready? – the "Order of Maternal Glory," which was not well received. Sex education was also severely limited. Rather sounds like some state laws in the United States, doesn't it?



Although abortion is now legal, the film presented the issue in the 1980s. It was moving and

political, as are most of Mungiu's works, including "Graduation."

This film unfolds sparingly, like the recent Fountain offering, "The Salesman."

The story is about an upright and respected Romanian doctor, Romeo, who goes against type and formulates a plan, somewhat from desperation, to allow his daughter Eliza, to attend Cambridge University.

Unsure whether she will be able to retake and pass the necessary exams, he starts to put together what seems like a foolproof plan with a policeman, a corrupt official, and the head examiner for the school that Eliza attends. It goes against his values, since his homeland seems unendingly corrupt, but he is determined that Eliza will escape the dankness of Cluj-Napoca, the city where they live.

This all comes about after Eliza takes the test

after a barbarian attempts to sexually assault her the day before the exam. Although the assault itself is a failure, Eliza is injured and in a mild shock while taking the test.

The film, very talky and heavy, is like watching a real piece of social realism in a country befouled by its politicians and officials. It becomes saddening to watch Romeo's fall from grace while he works to make his plan work, while being a contradiction of sorts himself, as he is having an affair with a teacher, which Eliza discovers. She makes every effort possible to have her father confess to her mother, but all is for naught. The already unhappy Eliza is having second thoughts about her father's plan for her, and Romeo's wife, Magda, seems defeated and exhausted by life itself. Eliza also refuses to dump her biker boyfriend, as ordered by Romeo. While the country was

under Nicolae Ceausescu, a despot if there ever was one, Romeo lived in exile and is now somewhat powerless to reverse his decision to return to his homeland after Ceausescu's execution.

The film remains demanding and without a hero throughout. At first, I felt compassion for Romeo's plight and hope but after seeing who he really was, those feelings evaporated. Romeo is becoming one of those he detests, deluding himself as the plan fails to unfold the way he needs it to.

"Graduation" won a "best director" prize for Mungiu at the Cannes Film Festival and if you can stick with this overly long and mostly action-free film, you will certainly see why.

Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at nedludd76@hotmail.com.

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Hard Road Trio



PHOTO COURTESY STEVE SMITH

Regional bluegrass band **The Hard Road Trio** (Steve Smith, vocals, mandolin and guitar; Chris Sanders, vocals and guitar; Anne Luna, vocals and bass) will be joined by guitarist Tim May, 7 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

Yester Year



PHOTO COURTESY OF STAN BLITZ

New Las Cruces group **Yester Year**, comprised of, left to right, **Wayne Sikes**, **Wanda Sikes** and **Irving Torres**, will be joined by Albuquerque comic **Goldie Garcia** July 28-29 in the courtyard at **La Posta de Mesilla Restaurant**. "Their music will capture an era," said event host and promoter **Stan Blitz**, and "bring back memories of a golden age of music." Expect the songs of **Peggy Lee**, **Billie Holliday**, **Ella Fitzgerald**, **Sara Vaughn**, **Etta James**, **Peggy Lee** and others. Both performances are free. For more information, contact Blitz at Saprinting06@gmail.com.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Hard Road Trio: Bluegrass/American band in concert, 7 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at the Rio Grande Theatre. Tickets available online at krwg.org, at the KRWG offices (room 121 in Milton Hall on the NMSU campus, 575-646-2222) and at the Cutter Gallery, corner of University and El Paseo. \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door for adults; \$7:50 in advance and \$10 at the door for ages 12 and under.

Dance: Alan Kuncel's Dance Band plays ballroom, Latino, swing, country and salsa, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at Alma de Artes School, 410 Court St. Free dance lesson beginning at 6:45 p.m. taught by a member of the NMSU DanceSport Team. Admission \$8, \$5 students with ID. Beginners, singles and couples are welcome. Dance partner not necessary. Info: 575-496-2761.

Flamenco Fridays: Presents an action-packed evening show with

Phoenix-based Flamenco dancer Angelina Ramirez, backed by singer Olivia Rojas, guitarist Jake Mossman and palmas by Lucilene de Geus & Paco Antonio, July 28, Ramada Palms Lava Lounge, 201 E. University Ave. Food service and full bar. \$15. Reservations recommended at www.lascrucesmusic.com.

Vans Warped Tour: 11 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 1, NMSU Intramural Field. Info, tickets at www.vanswarpedtour.com.

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

July
29 – "Alice through the Looking Glass"

August
12 – "Sing"
26 – "The Lego Batman Movie"

September
9 – "The BFG"
23 – "Finding Dory"

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

July
23 – Phat Soul, soul; Caliente, variety
30 – The Deltaz, blues & country; Steve Smith & Hard Road, bluegrass
August
6 – Prime 80'Z, 80s music; Twisted Hams, classic rock
13 – Tom Morris, country; The Egyptian Lovers, rockabilly
20 – Natajja, variety; Animated Jukebox, R&B
27 – Nosotros, Latin; Never Ending Flame, rock

Argentine tango de Las Cruces: Meets 7-10 p.m. Mondays through July at 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla. Tango lesson taught by Tommy Nations of El Paso from 7-8 p.m., milonga 8-10 p.m. Cost: \$10 for the lesson and milonga, or \$5 milonga only. Info: Terri Coffman at 575-526-9197.

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- Wednesday, July 26, 8:30 a.m. - noon Plaza De Las Cruces
- A Decorated Night – Saturday July 22, 5-9 p.m.

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- Rhythm Roundup – Fridays 10:30 a.m.; Music/Motion for ages 2-5
- Meghan Casey and the Rocky Mountain Puppets – Friday, July 21 at noon.
- Sound Session – Saturday, July 22 at 1 p.m.; Learn to Play Guitar for Teens

Live Theater:

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Rabbi Larry Karol in his office at Temple Beth-El.

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Rabbi Karol: Music as a conversation with God

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

For Rabbi Larry Karol, music is “an accessible source of inspiration and strength” that has become a part of the weekly services at Temple Beth-El.

“The music is a much richer, deeper conduit for prayer for tapping into God’s oneness,” said Karol, who has been the rabbi at Temple Beth-El for six years.

Karol sings, accompanies himself on guitar and composes – in both English and Hebrew.

“Some people write books about theology,” Karol said. “I write songs.”

In addition to singing his songs during regular temple services when there is “a theme tied to the text,” Karol also uses them during holidays and other special events.

For his mother’s eulogy, Karol drew on Psalm 118 and used verses in Hebrew to write Zeh Hayom (“This is the Day”), about “people who live their lives to the fullest (and) find something new every day.” That song, he said, “is probably one of my best.”

When the rabbi was awaiting the birth of his first grandchild, he worked on a song that includes “words I would say to my grandchild,” Karol said. It took more than a month to compose, and this line is in the final version: “There’s not a soul in time or space

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RABBI LARRY KAROL

who could ever take your place.”

In addition to his faith, Karol has found inspiration over the years from Cat Stevens, Dan Fogelberg, Simon & Garfunkel, the Beach Boys, Billy Joel, Elton John, the Beatles and Carole King.

He has sometimes collaborated with others to create songs, including the translator of a Yiddish poem he used in “Don’t Let Me Fall,” and Jewish poet Alden Solovy, whom he met at a songwriting workshop. Using Solovy’s verses, the two created “Only Now” in about 45 minutes. (You can hear it on YouTube.)

“It does become a conversation with God, or a prayer to God,” Karol said. “It involves playing with the words and playing with the melody.”

A native of Kansas City, Karol began singing religious songs at age 4, playing on a swing set. He sang in the temple choir, and really began paying attention to music in 1965 as a sixth grader listening to “The Sounds of Silence,” “Turn! Turn! Turn!” and “We Can Work It Out” on the radio.

Karol played cornet in his school band, where he learned to read music.

A “friend from up the street” taught him guitar in 1969, and he began to “play and sing with other people” the following year at a Jewish summer camp. By then, he had been writing his own songs.

Over the succeeding decades, Karol has written 85 to 90 songs, and while many have found their way into his services, “sometimes, the message is for me,” Karol said.

“Something touched me; I have to find a way to convey it.”

“As I started singing my music, people said, ‘make it available,’” Karol said, so he recorded and released his first album, “Two Are Better than One,” in 2003, followed by “A New Beginning” in 2004 and “The Road Ahead,” released in 2014 with help from 160 backers of his Kickstarter campaign. He also authored “One Light Above: The Larry Karol Songbook.”

Because of his songbook and the availability of his music on the web, “There are a few people who are using my songs around the country,” Karol said.

For more information, contact Karol at Rabbi@tblc.org. Visit www.larrykarol.com, rabbilarrykarol.blogspot.com and www.tblc.org.

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Young performers dazzle in ‘The Gondoliers’

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

There are three performances remaining of Starlight Theatre Company’s outstanding production of “The Gondoliers.” Be sure to get to Atkinson Recital Hall at the New Mexico State University Music Center, 1075 N. Horseshoe St., at 7 p.m. on either Friday, July 21, or Saturday, July 22. There is also a children’s matinee at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 21.

There are 16 performers in this show, ranging from age 12 to 20. You will be amazed at their vocal range, stage presence and all-around talent.

The attention to detail that is one of the hallmarks of every Starlight production is another wonderful part of the evening – the fabulous costumes (oh, the colors!), the imaginative set design (including the gondolas) and the elegant choreography add so much.

The lead roles are performed by Luke Savage (Marco), Bridget Andersen (Gianetta), Quinton Kriner (Giuseppe), Madison Estrada (Tessa), Spencer Gilbert (the Duke), Sophia Diven (Casalida), Ethan Estep (Luiz, and doubling as Giorgio), Bethany Coletti (the Duchess), Thomas Bestelmeyer (Don Alhambra) and Valerie del Plain (Inez and Vittoria).

At 20, Gilbert is the oldest cast member, and he carries the role of the duke grandly. Savage, 18, is in his third year with Starlight, and he continues to blossom. He and Kriner, an astonishing performer at age 14, are delightful together in many numbers. They also played well in scenes with their talented “wives,” Andersen, 18, and Estrada, also an amazing 14-year-old.

Joining Gilbert in the Duke’s entourage were Diven, 17, Estep, 14, Coletti, 18, and del Plain, 15 – all outstanding in their roles.

You could see the family strengths and strains in their performances, and I especially enjoyed Diven and Estep’s duet of “There Was a Time.”

Bestelmeyer did his utmost to steal the show as the grand inquisitor. I cannot believe a 12-year-old has this much stage presence. Gilbert and Sullivan would have loved his work!

Equally important are the three young actors who joined Ethan Estep as Venetian Gondoliers: Damien Lucero, Richard del Plain and Jacob Estep; and the three who joined Valerie del Plain as Contadine: Jada Bryant, Callista Wilcox and Kolbi Del Frate. All six are 12 years old. And, if this show is any indication, they all have very bright futures indeed in the theatre world.

Ginger Scarbrough Andersen directs, and her crew includes Production Manager Alejandra del



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Performing in Starlight Theatre Company’s production of Gilbert & Sullivan’s “The Gondoliers” are, left to right, Madison Estrada as Tessa, Quinton Kriner as Giuseppe Palmieri, Luke Savage as Marco Palmieri and Bridget Andersen as Gianetta.

Plain, Music Director Pamela Quiñones, Assistant Director and Stage Manager Jacob Darmata, Scenery Designer Doug Roby, Costumer Christy Lou Sturman, Prop Master Cole Bryant, Makeup Designer Bridget Andersen, Sound Designer John Paul Andersen and choreographers that include several cast members, plus Heather Hosford and Jacob Darmata. The crew also includes Technical Director Michael Armendariz, Costume Manager Jill Wilcox and dozens of other volunteers.

Go see this show – you will really enjoy it very much.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and children, adult tickets are \$8 for groups of 10 or more. Call or email to arrange special group rates for children at the July 21 children’s matinee performance. Tickets are available in advance at Spirit Winds, 2260 S. Locust St., and online at StarlightOnStage.org.

Starlight regularly performs shows by Shakespeare and Gilbert & Sullivan with performers ranging in age from 12 to 20.

For more information, contact Denise Welsh at 575-642-2980 and dwelsh@nmsu.edu, or Jeannine Estrada at 575-642-3779 and jeannineestrada@yahoo.com. Visit StarlightOnStage.org.

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PTAP: Your path to seeking a government contract

By ALTA LeCOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

If you'd like to sell your brand of salsa to Las Cruces Public Schools or your firm's engineering services to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the best place to start is PTAP, the New Mexico Procurement Technical Assistance Program.

PTAP is a free service funded by the state and federal government to help businesses of any size do business with government agencies.

From their new office at 3655 Research Drive, Genesis Building A, Suite 101, PTAP advisers Karen Medina and Priscilla (Penny) Wilson work with clients in Doña Ana, Catron, Luna, Hidalgo, Grants, Sierra, Otero and Lincoln counties.

They even attend events to get a bead on upcoming projects.

"I was at Industry Day for Holloman Air Force Base in the fall, where contractors heard a forecast of upcoming opportunities," Medina said. "Their (Holloman's) small business director got up and said there were 56 construction projects coming up."

PTAP clients

Medina said a client can be anyone with a product or service to market to any level or branch of government, including local governments and public schools.

"Farriers are something the forest service can use," she said. "We've worked with truck drivers and even freelance writers."

One of the Albuquerque PTAP advisers helped a priest.

"You never know what is going to come across your doorstep," Medina said.

At any given time, the local office serves between 100 and 200 clients, with free one-on-one counseling and workshops. Topics the advisers address with clients include:

- How to register and certify your business for government contracting
- How to market yourself to the government
- How to identify and evaluate bidding opportunities



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Karen Medina and Penny Wilson are organizing their Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) offices after moving from the Small Business Development Center at Doña Ana Community College to New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center.

- How to respond effectively to a Request For Proposal (RFP) and a Request For Quotation (RFQ)

- How to create and deliver a winning presentation

- Federal accounting and invoicing practices

- Post-award assistance

- Research strategies for accessing federal, state, and local government markets

- Understanding government regulations

- How to be contract-ready

PTAP connections

Perhaps most important, PTAP serves as a bridge between business and government, because making connections is still important to winning contracts.

"People still buy from people," Medina said.

The two Las Cruces-based advisers recently visited the Columbus port of entry, where the Department of Homeland Security is expanding its presence.

"Homeland Security awarded an \$86 million prime contract," Medina said. "I hope the prime contractor will want us to do a meet-and-greet so they can meet potential subcontractors."

She said a Virginia contractor recently

contacted her regarding a Deming-area project.

"He asked me to send out an email blast to our clients," she said. "Several of our clients reached out to him and copied me. I am hoping they will get involved with Homeland Security."

Although subs and other contractors can look for work on government websites, it's always nice to get an opportunity direct from a prime contractor, Medina said.

In addition to making connections for southern New Mexico businesses, the advisers counsel them on how to get established in government databases and steer them toward certification opportunities through the Small Business Administration, which improve their chances of being awarded a contract.

While the advisers don't fill out paperwork for their clients, they do coach them on filing applications and estimating a price.

"We do not write proposals," Medina said. "We look at what they've done."

"We don't work as a middle man between the client and the government agency. We would never call up Holloman Air Force Base and tell them we have a client for a project."

Karen Medina

Karen Medina has a bachelor of business administration degree from New Mexico State University, where she later held positions as accounting and audit budget technician, buyer and senior buyer. She joined the City of Las Cruces in 2011 as senior buyer and became a PTAP adviser in 2015. Info: Karen.medina1@sfcc.edu; 575-646-1622.

Priscilla (Penny) Wilson

Penny Wilson held a variety of positions with the City of Las Cruces from 2009 to 2017, most recently as a buyer and contract analyst. She began her career as a radio traffic analyst with the U.S. Army in 1981 and later worked as an international development consultant for South Asia. Wilson graduated from the University of New Mexico with a degree in anthropology. Info: Priscilla.wilson@sfcc.edu; 575-646-1623.

The other side of purchasing

Medina and Wilson share a background in procurement and the women were colleagues working for the City of Las Cruces.

"Karen was my manager," Wilson said. "I was a buyer."

"We used to be the ones putting out RFPs," Medina said. "Now we're telling contractors how to respond to RFPs and prepare their capability statements. This is basically still purchasing – but now we're helping."

"We've seen so many little mistakes," she said.

When a business comes close to winning a contract but loses out in the final competition because of a small mistake, it's heartbreaking, Wilson said.

"Mistakes are costly for a business – and people spend months on those things," Medina added.

Wilson said she worked for a private sector company that went after bids, so she understands the stressors those businesses face.

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Pathways are the path forward

BY TRACEY BRYAN

“People want to know the value they are getting from one of the biggest investments (college education) they will make in their lives,” begins the newest think-piece on better connecting college to careers from national thought leader Anthony Carnavale at the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.

It is true that, just as we discuss how childcare can now cost as much as college, college can now cost as much as a home, which for decades was unchallenged as the largest investment one can make. But no longer.

Career Pathways: Five Ways to Connect College and Careers discusses the simultaneous explosion of occupations and college-level programs that has created not just more options than ever but more confusion and misalignment between education and true career readiness.

No longer is just getting any four-year college degree the answer. Micro-credentials, career certifications, skill-related “badges” and two-year degrees can now carry equal – and sometime greater – value to employers and a faster ticket into good-paying jobs. This, in turn, can provide a better return on educational investment. But underlying these options is the reality that, postsecondary education is increasingly a prerequisite for entering the middle class.

So how do we, in a county that suffers some of the highest poverty rates in the state, put these additional tools in our toolkit to work for our youth, our single moms, our young families, those who are unemployed and even those who are underemployed?



You’ve heard me say it before: Pathways are the path forward. Carnavale’s report stresses the importance of connecting post-secondary programs and workforce data to properly equip potential workers with skills valued by employers.

Thanks to the vision and commitment of the Workforce Talent Collaborative, Doña Ana County is already in the process of integrating the strategies outlined in this report into a connected, coordinated set of workforce development pathways aligned to eight economic development targets that could ultimately transform the future of our region by boosting the earning potential of its citizens.

The collaborative seeks to create an alignment to equip locals with the skills needed to be successful in higher-paying career ladders, not just jobs, in these eight industries: aerospace, defense, energy, health care, value-added agriculture, manufacturing, transportation and logistics, and digital media. The educational assets, federal and state workforce investments and jobs are already here.

A skilled and ready workforce in these eight industries will ripple across the county in an economic cascade of increased incomes and buying power, along with improv-

ing every social determinant of health that has, for far too long, been held back by the pervasiveness of poverty in our region.

The questions are, why aren’t they not yet working together, and how do we make that happen? It takes the same things Carnavale’s report points to:

- Connecting education, workforce entities and business to help individuals make better educational decisions, and therefore, investments in education and workforce preparedness
- Helping colleges align their programs with labor market needs
- Create a better balance between head knowledge and hands-on skills needed to be successful in a career
- More informed high school and college counseling to guide our youth and adult students in making the best choices in educational options and improving their likelihood for completion
- Helping workers understand how to use education options as they build, and possibly change, their careers over time

Our ability to change the future will be directly tied to our willingness to change what we do in the present. We can unleash the economic potential of this region, while breaking the generational hold of poverty, to improve the quality of life of individuals, families, neighborhoods, communities and the region. And thanks to the amazing partnerships that exist among the collaborative and throughout the community, I believe we will.

Tracey Bryan is the president/CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico. She may be reached at 575-644-6453 or 575-541-7325.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, Aug. 1

4-5:30 p.m. Entrepreneurship 101, WESST workshop, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Free. Registration required. Register at www.wesst.org; deadline Monday, July 31.

Friday, Aug. 4

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Talking to the Media about Your Business or Nonprofit, Lunch and Learn First Fridays, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Free. Info: WESST, www.wesst.org/las-cruces; 575-541-1583; agarcia@wesst.org.

Thursday, Aug. 10

9-11 a.m. Steps to Starting Your Business workshop, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 101 E. Free. Register at www.nmsbdc.org

Thursday, Aug. 17

2-4 p.m. Pasos Para Iniciar Su Negocio (Spanish) workshop

Aprenda los pasos necesarios para iniciar su negocio correctamente. Pasos como, como definir la idea de su negocio, como escoger el nombre, y como registrarse con el departamento N.M. Taxation and Revenue. Register at www.nmsbdc.org. Info: 575-527-7676.

Thursday, Aug. 24

2 to 4 p.m. Steps to Starting Your Business workshop, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 101 E. Free. Register at www.nmsbdc.org



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AUTO DEALERS IN GROWTH MODE

Valley Drive construction poses threats, opportunities

By ALTA LeCOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series on the auto business in Las Cruces.

A major traffic disruption is expected later this year when reconstruction of South Valley Drive from Picacho Avenue to Avenida de Mesilla gets underway.

Auto dealers along that section are bracing for the impact, but they're going ahead with plans for needed expansion.

Away from the construction zone, Nissan of Las Cruces on Boutz Road also is enjoying strong demand for vehicles and service – a catalyst for building bigger facilities.

It promises to be an interesting year on auto row.

Grow or choke

Vescovo Toyota of Las Cruces' new building, projected to open in late summer, will double its space for sales and service.

The property at 780 S. Valley Drive is three times the size of the current Vescovo lot across the street.

Parking spaces will double to 348. And there will be more new and used vehicles from which to choose.

Several factors contributed to the decision to build now.

"We've been slammed in both sales and service," said George Vescovo, the general manager.

Sales have jumped the past two years, he said, and this year are tracking 10 percent higher than 2016.

Vescovo expects the growth to accelerate following the move.

He said his parents, who operated the Las Cruces dealership on the east side of Valley Drive for more than 30 years, purchased the land



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Sisbarro Truck Store at 900 S. Valley Drive, one of the Sisbarro family of dealerships, has recently undergone a facelift. "It was time to update and make it look more appealing," said Sisbarro marketing director Rick Neizer. "It's a neat 30- or 40- year-old building, but you couldn't see it from the street."



The Vescovo Toyota of Las Cruces sales and service facility is under construction at 780 S. Valley Drive.

several years ago.

The need to expand became obvious when he took over management of the dealership. It was equally obvious to Toyota, which requires dealerships to expand when they've outgrown their facilities.

At 30,000 square feet, the new building will feature customer amenities such as a café, lounge and kid's play area.

But the biggest amenity is the space itself – for customer parking, 19 service bays and a showroom big enough to han-

dle the Toyota product line.

Service, parts and sales each will have separate entrances.

Noting that service is critical to the dealership's business, Vescovo said there will be a concierge curbside check-in for service customers, as well as valet parking for them.

More space for Kia

Kia of Las Cruces is poised to grow its footprint by moving from Valley to Boutz Road.

Partner Cliff Shamaley said the dealership is looking to upgrade its facilities to meet Kia's expectations.

He said they have signed a letter of intent to build on a 4-acre site near the Boutz and South Main Street location of the family's Nissan of Las Cruces. The Kia dealership currently sits on 1.88 acres.

The goal is to offer the consumer more product and bigger and better service facilities, said Buddy Shamaley, also a partner in the family's recently acquired Nissan of Las Cruces and Kia of Las Cruces dealerships.

"This is a two-year deal in the making," Cliff Shamaley said. "For us, it's the sooner the better. Our goal is to provide better service in a comfortable, friendly environment."

He said the Kia and Nissan dealerships would share a detailing facility and used-car sales space, but each would continue to operate their own showroom and service center.

Shamaley said being in closer proximity would make it easier for the sales team to cross sell new vehicles.

"We'll start ASAP."

Valley Drive: Good, bad and ugly

While acknowledging the Valley Drive project will be

a headache for businesses, Vescovo said the long-term benefits are huge.

"Valley Drive has done very well for us in our 35-plus years here. The traffic counts are great. There's tremendous exposure, and it's better to be where everybody else is.

"Revamping Valley Drive will solidify that for years to come."

Vescovo, who attends project meetings, is encouraged the reconstruction will be undertaken in phases.

"Any concerns about short-term impact are lessened by optimism on what Valley Drive will look like in the future," he said. "Not only is it one of the busiest streets in Las Cruces, it's going to be one of the nicest."

Rick Neizer, marketing director for The Sisbarro Dealerships, takes a dimmer view of Valley Drive reconstruction.

"It will hurt us very badly for six months or so," Neizer said. "There is no way we can stop that. The major concern is there's nothing we can do to prepare for it."

He said he has been talking with project engineers Molzen-Corbin, about Sisbarro's concerns.

"They're going to cut drive-ways for us," he said. "What's important is to keep us open."

Owner Lou Sisbarro tries to be optimistic.

"It's going to be prettier. We live in the greatest city in the country. I've enjoyed it for 36 years. Valley Drive is progressing and we have to support that."

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Credit deepening spurs growth but comes with dangers

One of the ongoing issues in economics is the role of credit in economic growth.

The United States has always been a well-banked nation. Even at the time of the Civil War, access to banking was routine for Americans while many in Europe were without banks.

Many economists believe that it is precisely access to credit that explains our status as the global productivity leader that America has enjoyed since the 19th century. Well-functioning financial markets allocate funds efficiently



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to their best uses, thereby increasing efficiency. Access to credit, for example, is often cited as the key in enabling entrepreneurs to pursue opportunities.

At the same time, debt is a two-edged sword.

Countries with high debt are more likely to experience financial crises. For developed countries, such crises are extraordinarily expensive, but in developing countries, lacking social safety nets, they can be downright deadly as illustrated by events in Venezuela, where sto-

ries about empty grocery stores and food storages are frequent.

As it turns out, new research indicates that there is a sweet spot. Economic growth is promoted by credit deepening to a point – but you can get too much of a good thing. When the total credit-to-GDP ratio reaches about 90 percent, the benefits from further credit turn negative.

The reason for this is not clear. A common argument is that debt overhang makes it difficult for businesses to borrow. But this can't be true. After all, the debt of the borrower is the savings of the lender, so that the net debt created is very small. Something else must be going on.

One idea is that at a credit-to-GDP ratio above 90 percent, too many resources are being channeled into finance and not enough into the production sectors of the economy. All those Ivy League graduates are going to Wall Street rather than working in manufacturing.

An example that might illustrate this is flash trading, a form of arbitrage involving trading large volumes on very small deviations in asset prices from the correct price. To work, the flash trader must be first into the market, else other traders will compete away the price difference. This leads to a rat race, with each trader investing in infrastruc-

ture in an effort to gain a small advantage to the point where trades take place on a scale of nanoseconds, maybe 50 transactions within the blink of an eye. All this is very wasteful as the value of finding the “correct” price of an asset within nanoseconds, rather than, say, over a few hours, is next to zero from society's viewpoint.

There are other examples of how an overgrown financial sector can become a drag on economic growth. As credit expands, it becomes harder and harder for bankers to find low-risk customers to lend to, so more and more credit goes to high-risk borrowers who are investing in marginal projects.

What to do about this is unclear. Ham-handed regulation can easily be more of a burden on economic growth than an over bloated financial sector. One thing would be to eliminate both explicit and implicit subsidies. Such subsidies often take the form of bailouts, the promise of which encourages excessive risk taking and over expansion.

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Downtown projects add fun, memories for Las Cruces

Summer in Downtown Las Cruces is all about the Splash Pad! One of my favorite sights is mothers shepherding their bathing suit-and-towel-clad youngsters to and from the Plaza. While the moms look both ways for traffic, the kids bounce back and forth trying to keep the cement heat off of their bare feet. This will be a happy downtown memory for all of these children for many years to come.

Though our office usually quiets down in the summer, this year we are busier than ever! Currently, DLCP is raising funds to transform one of our alleyways, or *callecitas*, into a small pocket park. The revamped area will have seating areas and some shade for parents as well as



ARIANNA PARSONS
Downtown Lowdown

chalkboard stations on which children can create works of art. This project has been made possible by the support of Edward Jones, which will match any donation received through the month of July, up to \$2,500. For more information, or to contribute, please visit <https://www.iooby.org/proj->

ect/chalk-park-las-cruces.

Downtown is getting ready to rock! Eyeconik Records and Apparel is set to open on Campo Street in the coming months. Organ Mountain Outfitters' retail location will also be up and running by late this summer. Personally, I'm excited about seeing the OMO onesies I am told are in the works. How cute will it be to dress up the youngest family members in gear that also supports the public school lunch program?! Finally, we are all eagerly anticipating the fall opening of a new restaurant in the former Main Street Bistro spot – but more on that in the coming months.

In event news, we can't wait for our own DLCP Events

Salsa Fest on Aug. 19. This revamped, free event is going to be all about dancing. Join us on plaza until midnight and dance, enjoy a beer in the beer garden and a meal from a great food truck, and then dance some more! Visit our website or Facebook Page to learn more.

We'll also see the continuation of great events like the Evening Farmers Market, Food Truck Fiesta and the Downtown Art Ramble. This summer you will also be able to view an awesome lineup of classic movies and kids matinees at the Rio Grande Theatre, which now serves concessions as well as beer, wine and spirits. “Singin' in the Rain” will be screened on July 8, followed by “Happy

Feet” on July 22. Be sure to download the free Heart of Las Cruces app for your iPhone or Android to stay current with all of the fun we are having down here!

In construction news, the first stage of work is in full swing and, though it may look like there is a lot going on, traffic has not seemed to be at all impacted by the roadwork. Come downtown and see for yourself. I am looking forward to Water Street being connected all the way to Lohman.

Have a great month – hope to see you downtown!

Arianna Parsons is the executive director of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership and co-owner of Beck's Coffee.

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Men's prayer breakfast: 7-9 a.m. Tuesday, 106 S. Miranda St., in the fellowship hall. Info: 575-524-3691.

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Accipiter Hawks at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park

On a cold Saturday this year in February at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, a male Cooper's Hawk watches us while catching the early sun from the Upland Trail sign. Just before the morning birding tour starts along the first trail loop, we observe the raptor as we wait for late-comers.

New Mexico has three species of hawks from the genus *Accipiter*: the small Sharp-shinned Hawk, the middle-sized Cooper's hawk and the largest, the Northern Goshawk. The smaller hawks are often present year-round, and occasionally in winter, the Northern Goshawk arrives. These magnificent hawks are fast and agile. Their short wings and long



RICHARD ANDERTON
For the Birds

tails make them perfect ambush stealth raptors able to turn in the air, very quickly manoeuvring around bushes and trees or any obstacles to surprise and capture prey. An interesting fact about all this genus is the difference between the size of the gender, known as sexual dimorphism. In all three, the female is much larger than the male – up to 30 percent by weight.



Male Cooper's Hawk

I have worked with Northern Goshawk, a very powerful bird, in Switzerland. Another intriguing fact is that the female starts to moult its flight feathers while brooding the eggs (normally in May). This means that she is flightless or incapacitated for a few weeks and unable to hunt. At the same time, the smaller male is busy hunting. The Northern Goshawk's activity is synchronized with an abundance of young songbirds learning to fly – providing easy prey. This is a well-known phenomenon between prey and predators. Raptors tend to breed later than prey species, making their young available as food just as hawks start their breeding cycle. The tiny male



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Cooper's Hawk juvenile



Juvenile Cooper's Hawk in flight

Goshawk can easily feed himself, his mate and the freshly hatched chicks. Remarkably, as the three to four young Goshawk grow, the female has grown her replacement feathers, and can hunt again. During the start of the nesting period, the male has taken many small birds in the area close to the nest. Now the larger female can hunt too, focusing on the larger prey that the male did not take.

The Sharp-shinned Hawk is the smallest of the genus *Accipiter*. The little raptor is another perfect master of flight and manageability, chasing in tight turns to catch small birds as they flee. Their relatively short, rounded wings and long tail make them capable fliers in a tight wooded area or around obstacles, trees and bushes. The Cooper's and the Sharp-shinned will take advantage of finches at bird

feeders, swinging around the corner of a building to surprise an unaware or slow bird.

These captivating hawks can be difficult to differentiate because of sexual dimorphism. In other words, a female Sharp-shinned can be as large as a male Cooper's. There are pointers: The Sharp-shinned has a straight edged tail and higher wing-flapping frequency.

Richard Anderton is volunteer resident ornithologist at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. He is a member of the State of Graubünden Ornithological working group and has been published in "The Birds of Graubünden" and the "Swiss Atlas of Breeding Birds." He is an established blogger at www.wildwestbirds.org.

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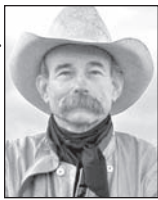
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Photosensitization: Animal sunburn

Like a good boy, I subscribed my mother to one of the papers that carries my column. Later I asked her how she liked it. She said, "It's fine, son. I like most of 'em but those where you ramble on about cow diseases and stuff like that I really don't find near as interesting."

Well, bear with me, Mom, here goes another. Summertime brings with it bathing suit ads, lawn mower commercials, kids home to help with the chores, mosquitos, firecrackers and PHOTOSENSITIZATION. Photo: light; sensitization; sensitive to. Sensitive to sunlight. And that is an understatement! We're talkin' hard core, fourth and goal, damn the torpedoes, all ahead full



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sunburn! Not to be confused with true sunburn or snowburn.

The animal is sensitized to the sun's rays so that even a lot of the weaker rays can cause damage.

An animal cannot be sunburned through a window glass but can be photosensitized through it.

It occurs in sheep, grazing cattle and I've seen it show up in the feedyard. Most

commonly it is related to the ingestion of specific plants the animal has eaten: St John's wort (Klamath weed) in the Northwest, agave and sachuiste in the Southwest, plus others including cultivated rape, horse brush and buckwheat. Sudan grass, clover or alfalfa have even been incriminated.

Either through liver damage or directly, breakdown products of the plant enter the blood stream and circulate to the skin. There they become exposed to the sun's penetrating rays. A chemical reaction occurs, damaging the surrounding capillaries and tissue. Thick hair or darkly pigmented skin usually blocks out the sun's rays

so the reaction only occurs in the lighter areas.

Following ingestion of enough plant toxins, the affected critter's skin begins to redden, itch and swell. By the second day, the muzzle and eyelids have a burned appearance. With continued exposure to sunlight, the skin dies, becomes hard and leathery and starts to peel at the edges of the eyes or muzzle.

Looking at an animal in this condition can often be confusing, until you feel the white parts of his skin. On a Hereford, the red-pigmented skin will be normal but as soon as you touch the border where the white begins, it feels like dry rawhide. It occurs in whiteface sheep, Her-

efords, Charolais, Holsteins and anything with non-pigmented white skin.

Supportive medicine to prevent infection and reduce inflammation may help, but shade is the only long-term treatment. They usually survive, but the affected skin may peel plumb off.

I've even taken the ol' blue lotion and painted a few. I did that to a Hereford steer one time and put a white paper star on his head. He looked like an American flag comin' down the alley!

Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at www.baxterblack.com.

Leave young wildlife alone

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish reminds the public to leave alone any deer or antelope fawns, elk calves, bear cubs or other wild animals they may find.

Most young wildlife people discover are simply hiding while awaiting their parents' return from foraging nearby. Removing these young animals can cost them their lives, Rick Winslow, a department biologist warned.

"You might think you're rescuing it, but in reality you're just kidnapping it," Winslow said. "In most cases, the best thing to do is just leave it alone and quietly leave the area."

People who pick up wild animals also risk exposing themselves to fleas and ticks that may carry diseases, he said.

Returning a young wild animal to its natural envi-



ronment after it's been carried off by a human can be very difficult and may not work in many cases, Winslow said.

"It's best to just let nature take its course. If there's still a doubt, call us and we'll check it out."

For more information about living with wildlife in New Mexico, visit www.wildlife.state.nm.us.

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Opening that jar: It's all a conspiracy

It seems that in recent years containers of all sorts have become harder and harder to open. Now, I'm not going to blame it on my advanced years! I believe that there is a conspiracy by food processing companies and various manufacturers to make it hard to open things. Perhaps they feel the necessity to protect the product from the customers or believe that the product will be more appreciated if it is difficult to get it out and used, or they have some secret grudge against the customers and people in general.

Take for an example, soup cans. It used to be that I could open a can of soup with my trusty old reliable can opener. It worked fine almost all the time. Then, without asking me, they began putting on the cans those cute little rings or thing-a—ma-

jigs that necessitated one to do some warm-up exercises before tackling.

One had to figure out a new strategy since it seemed to also present the strong possibility of injuring oneself. This might mean a trip to the ER. (I understand, accord-



RUTH MOORER

Not for Sissies

ing to some authority, that the most frequent cause of people going to the ER of a hospital are accidents resulting from trying to open cans and all manner of "containers.")

Especially difficult are the things in very heavy plastic, like tools, light bulbs, batteries, electric toothbrushes, etc. Sometimes it seems like trying to get into an armored vehicle or Fort Knox. Small things like envelopes, packaged books, and even tea bags

present their challenges.

My brother related to me his frustration of trying to open one of those jars with indented places on the lip. He tried many different techniques – pliers, screwdrivers, plastic grip pads, etc. and when he finally got it opened the food had spoiled! So much for that effort.

If you are experiencing similar difficulties, it might be helpful to share some strategies, which I have developed from all my experience, in order to win in this conspiracy game.

So here goes. First of all, assemble all of your tools. They are such things as:

scissors, hammer, pliers, wrench, knife, screwdrivers of various sizes and tweezers. Add items for protection like gloves, goggles and a hat.

Next, try to get in the right frame of mind. Think of a happy tune and start humming or whistling it. Look at the object to be opened and speak kindly to it so that it won't feel like you are taking your struggle out on it. Now get started and good luck.

Ruth Justice Moorer is a resident of Las Cruces having moved here in 1996 with her husband, Charles. She has been a public school science teacher and a United Methodist pastor.

Senior Circle hosts monthly lunches throughout year

BULLETIN REPORT

Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman Ave., behind Walgreens, hosts monthly lunches throughout the year.

Upcoming lunch dates

are 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 27, Aug. 24 and Sept. 28.

If you would like to attend, RSVP one week before the lunch. If you RSVP and can't attend, try to cancel your

reservation a week in advance as well. Food left over from each lunch is donated to local food programs. All Senior Circle exercise classes are cancelled on lunch days.

For more informa-

tion, and to RSVP for the lunches, call Senior Circle at 575-522-0503.

Senior Circle has regular special presentations

Senior Circle hosts a variety of special presentations throughout the year. Here is a list of presentations coming up

during the remainder of July.

High Blood Pressure:

Causes and Effects: 1-2 p.m. Monday, July 24; presented by Jaime Johnson, RN, Administrator, and Jan Carden, RN, MountainView Regional Medical Center home health program.

Tech savvy workshops: 1-3

p.m. Friday, July 28. Students from Oñate High School and Jeff Waugh offer one-on-one assistance for those with questions about cell phones, tablets and laptops.

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Health tech startups invited to new virtual accelerator

By **AMANDA BRADFORD**

For the Bulletin

In the health technology industry, innovation is a constant.

New ideas for devices, products and services are always emerging, but it can be difficult to access the potential customer base that's needed to test the feasibility of these innovations in a timely manner.

That's where Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University can help, with a new accelerator program targeting health-tech startups across the state in need of customer discovery research opportunities and a network of regional industry contacts to draw from.

Offering participants \$2,000 to accelerate their businesses, HealthSprint is the latest in a series of Arrowhead Accelerator programs being provided by Arrowhead Center, NMSU's entrepreneurship and innovation hub, through funding from New Mexico Gas Company, an Emera Company.

HealthSprint is a four-week program designed to launch successful health technology startups in New Mexico. The program is modeled on the National Science Foundation I-Corps program and designed to support growth-driven companies. Teams do not need any prior NMSU affiliation to be considered, and selected businesses can participate in the program's curriculum and its weekly workshops virtually or in-person, making HealthSprint accessible for health technology entrepreneurs across the state.

Previous Arrowhead Accelerator cohorts have included TechSprint, which focused on tech startups in New Mexico, and AgSprint, which attracted agricultural technology



businesses from across the Southwest. Another cohort, BizSprint, getting underway this month, will support New Mexico-based startups that plan to sell their products and services outside the state.

Khan Muhammad of Albuquerque recently participated in the TechSprint accelerator as the entrepreneurial lead for Electric Avenue Consulting, which is commercializing a technology for in-motion charging of electric vehicles. He said he was surprised by the unique approach that the program offered to learn more about his potential customer base.

"Within the first week," he said, "I found that what

the experience was offering was the opportunity for us to develop and grow our idea in a very short time period in a very safe space."

Each HealthSprint team has a required structure, including an entrepreneurial lead based in New Mexico, a technical lead and a business mentor, and Arrowhead Center can help connect applicants to potential team members who could fill any roles that are missing. Teams will conduct market research, and those that successfully complete the curriculum will receive \$2,000 to further advance their businesses. Each team will also receive access to additional follow-on funding

through the Arrowhead Innovation Fund and mentorship through Arrowhead Innovation Network Ventures.

"HealthSprint is a great opportunity for health tech startups in New Mexico to test the viability of their business, win \$2,000 and gain access to some substantial follow-on funding opportunities," said Kramer Winingham, director of Aggie I-Corps, NMSU's National Science Foundation Innovation Corps Site at Arrowhead Center. "We are excited to offer the program and look forward to supporting some great health tech businesses in New Mexico."

As an additional benefit,

HealthSprint teams may also be granted eligibility to apply for NSF's National I-Corps program, which includes a \$50,000 award.

Applications for the summer cohort of HealthSprint are open through Sunday, July 23, at arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu/healthsprint. The cohort will meet Friday mornings Aug. 11, to Sept. 1.

For additional information, contact Studio G at studiog@nmsu.edu.

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Spiritual evolution causes growing pains

It is impossible to make sense of what is going on in the world without a perception of the arc of the evolution of human consciousness. We are living in one of the most potent eras we have ever known. Perhaps we do not like to think of ourselves as having lived in the Ignorant Age, but we have. Oh yes, we have invented and discovered and created some almost magical devices for our use. But we have also ignored the fomenting unrest in our hearts; the deep seeking for connection with a higher truth that is shared with all people.

We have begun the process of unveiling our sight, as it were. We did it through our insistence on civil rights, equality and respect for diversity. They were mighty struggles with hard times attending, but we did it. We, in the West, have opened our eyes to the rest of the world, wanting to feed, clothe, educate and love the

entire human race. There are thousands of smart and caring people out there, of all ages, helping to make the world a better place for everyone.

Our shared efforts have resulted in a backlash from those who would benefit if we all stayed ignorant and isolated from one another. "Divide and conquer" is effective. But the



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forces of enlightenment are stronger than the forces of ignorance. We are in the midst of a spiritual revolution, evidenced by the growing awareness of our oneness and interconnection, along with our innate need to celebrate, not decimate, our Earth.

Humanity is ending its adolescence. Remember what that was like? Full of new ideas, we longed to get out in the world and do our thing. At the same time, we pined for our comfortable childhood, where we had few responsibilities and could ignore what didn't concern us. We could pretend that Mommy

and Daddy were gods, or that "father knew best" and would take care of us forever. That turned out to be a fantasy. And so we began the quest for self-reliance. That was a necessary development, but now we feel the pull to unite with one another. We have to interact in order to move forward.

We are in the throes of an awakening so powerful it will shatter our reality. When the dust settles, we will live according to the realization of our true nature, our Source, and how things come to be. The evolution will go on, of course. Young adulthood is not without its challenges. As we move through the stages of awareness we will see the merit in sharing wisdom, drawing from the ancients as well as the children among us. There will

still be conflicts, but we will have learned the art of solving them without waging war, emotional or physical. This is a scary time to be alive, but also one with great promise and enormous opportunity. Stay happy, stay available to the next moment, be involved, vote and hold humanity in your finer and higher sight. We are not dying, we are evolving.

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HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Immunizations: The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Public Health Office at 1170 N. Solano Drive is providing back-to-school immunization services for children up to 18 years of age, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday throughout the month of July. For an appointment call 575-528-5006.

Highlighting healthcare excellence: The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce presents awards in seven different categories of healthcare excellence. 5:30 p.m.-midnight, Friday, July 28, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Nominations accepted. Cocktails at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., dancing from 9 p.m.-midnight. Tickets are \$60. RSVP: bmisquez@lascruces.org.

One-Mile Challenge: This summer's One Mile Challenge Series, free to youth in eighth grade and under, is hosted by Las Cruces Running Club.

• Saturday, Aug. 5, at Sagecrest Park on Telshor Boulevard.

Participants collect tickets to win prizes. The Aug. 5 race will culminate in a free breakfast and awards ceremony for all participants, parents and volunteers. All races start at 9 a.m. Registration is 7:30-8:30 a.m. for each race. Parents can run with their children at no cost. Info: register@lascrucesrunningclub.com.

Junior Jazzercise: 12:30-3:30 p.m., Aug. 7-11, at Las Cruces Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real Road. Children ages 4-12 will get fit while having fun with Junior Jazzercise's Summer Bash summer camp. Junior Jazzercise offers a high-energy workout with an emphasis on physical fitness. The cost of each session is \$90 (siblings are \$50). Save \$10 by referring a friend. Students can register up through camp start date. Info: Amy Richards, 941-705-0800 or lascrucesjuniorjazzercise@yahoo.com.

Dyslexia programs: Dyslexia Institute of Southern New Mexico summer reading and math programs continue through Aug. 11, with flexible scheduling available. Certified master teachers provide individual or small-group therapy at two locations. Individual therapy is \$35 per lesson, small-group therapy (two to three students) is \$25 per lesson. Partial scholarships are available, based on need. DISNM is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping bright students who have unexpected difficulty with reading and/or math. Info: Call/text 575-649-2992 before 11 a.m.; visit www.disnm.org.

Alzheimer's and dementia support group: 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Uno Pizzeria & Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. Arbors of Del Rey Assisted Living Community support meeting offers information and interventions. Info: 575-382-5200.

Breast cancer support group: Meets 10-11:30 a.m. the

fourth Saturday of each month at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., west side annex building. Free, no pre-registration, open to all. Info: 575-524 4373.

Breastfeeding support group: 10-11:30 a.m. every Friday, Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room. Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group. Refreshments provided. Cost: free. Info: 575-521-5393.

Cancer support group: 6:30-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer Care is a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends). Info: Betty Harris, 575-524-3994 or the church office, 575-522-8220.

Diabetes support group: 10-11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month in the meeting room of Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave. Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings provide open discussion and teaching regarding diabetes and a question-and-answer period. Info: 575-522-0289.

MS support group: 4:30-6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Multiple sclerosis support/education group. Info/RSVP: 575-373-5130 or lascrucesmselfhelp@gmail.com.

Partnership to offer animal abuse intervention, prevention training

BULLETIN REPORT

Doña Ana County Animal Control and Codes Enforcement and Positive Links are partnering to offer an animal therapeutic intervention training for Las Cruces area therapists and social workers, according to a joint news release from the two organizations.

The Animal-Human Bond: Therapy Options for Intervening and Preventing Animal Abuse in Adults and Juveniles will be held from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

The cost is \$50 per person. "The Animal-Human Bond is very strong, with many people now considering their companion animals to be family members," said Vicki Lusk of Doña Ana County Animal Control & Codes Enforcement and Tammy Fiebelkorn, Positive Links board president. "This strong bond is increasing the involvement of



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A Positive Links animal abuse prevention and intervention workshop in Las Vegas, New Mexico, in October 2016.

animal cruelty in family violence situations because now more than ever, animals can be used to exert power and control over the people who love and care for them. By learning to spot animal abuse, and taking the crime seriously, we can identify other forms of family violence and even stop violent behaviors before they progress to include humans."

To register for the training, email your name, agency name and email address to Tammy Fie-

belkorn at tammy@e-solved.com, or call her at 505-410-3884.

All training materials are included in the training fee. Light snacks and drinks will be provided.

The agenda will include a review of the link between animal abuse and human violence, then move into an extensive training on therapy options for intervening and preventing animal abuse, the news release said. "This training is tailored to the needs of therapists and social workers who currently deal with cases that involve animal cruelty, or those who desire to add interventions that incorporate animal abuse prevention into their focus on other forms of family violence."

Positive Links "works to raise awareness about the link between animal abuse and human violence," according to <http://thelinknm.com/about-us.aspx>.

For more information, visit <http://thelinknm.com>.

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ASCMV is open from noon to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Info: 575-382-0018.

Off-site adoption events

- Farmers & Crafts Market: 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday, downtown (dog adoptions: far north end of the market on the Downtown Mall; cat adoptions: Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St.)
- PetCo: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday, 3050 E. Lohman Ave., Bldg. D.

Additional services offered

- Microchip: \$20, available daily, no appointment necessary.
- Pet licenses: City and county licenses available daily (City and county: altered \$7; unaltered \$50).
- Low-cost spay/neuter program: dogs are \$35, cats are \$25; by appointment only.

Donation requests

ASCMV needs human volunteers, along with dog crates, blankets (without filling, no sleeping bags), towels, collars and leashes. Donations can be dropped off during normal business hours or left at the door.

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ter, 2211 N. Mesquite St. in downtown Las Cruces. The center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. You can also arrange a visit by contacting Michelle at 575-639-3036 or corella@zianet.com. The center also welcomes volunteers and donations. Visit www.the-catsmeowlascruces.com.

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'Los viejos' toss 'shoes' against Father Time

"You don't stop playing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop playing." – Slogan of the New Mexico Senior Olympics

By **ROB MCCORKLE**
For the Bulletin

The old-timers who meet twice a week at the Munson Senior Center to pitch horseshoes beneath the towering elms certainly wouldn't argue with the Senior Olympics motto. Ranging in age from 62 to 88, "los viejos" measure their days in 3-point ringers and 1-point near misses during friendly but spirited team competition.

Two are competing in the New Mexico Senior Olympics July 19-23 in Albuquerque.

Their 86-year-old leader, Bert Trujillo, recalls the horseshoes heyday of Las Cruces years ago when up to 80 players would show up at places like the Meerscheidt Center for the camaraderie and to toss shoes. Now, fewer than a dozen dedicated players regularly show up on Tuesday and Friday mornings at Munson. On a recent Friday, eight seniors sat on picnic benches outside the center swapping tales and needling one another prior to heading to the two horseshoe pits out back.

"Most of 'em died off or went into assisted living," explains Trujillo, brandishing his homemade gancho, or hook, like a scepter. The device is crafted from a golf club shaft to retrieve horseshoes from the sandy pits so they don't have to bend over. It's just one ingenious way to stave off the infirmities of an aging body.



Sailin' shoe

"Some played into their nineties," Trujillo says. "We had one 91-year-old man and a lady we couldn't beat. I finally talked my neighbor into coming out to play and she beat him 21 to nothing. That was it for him."

One of the newest members of the Munson horseshoe gang is Peter Kenny, 73, who retired

to Las Cruces two years ago with his wife and learned of the Munson guys through a fellow church member. He started pitching shoes with them several months ago and is now a regular. His new buddies are the "quintessential good sports."

"They were so warm and accepting in taking me under



From left, Peter Kenny, Victor Banegas, Bernie Carrillo, Lloyd Outzen, Bert Trujillo, Fred Myers, Amelia Davis and Art Cuaron. Not pictured is Floyd Merrell, who left quickly after the day's matches.

their collective wing," says Kenny, who hadn't tossed horseshoes in 50 years. "It's gratifying to know that there are these kinds of guys who are mild-mannered, polite, considerate and have old-fashioned values. I consider them a true natural resource."

The accomplished athlete, who once ran cross-country and played multiple team sports, decided to take up horseshoes again after qualifying at the county level to compete in 8-ball billiards competition at the Senior Olympics and wanting to compete in an additional sport. Kenny medaled in golf at the 2015 and 2016 state games. Horseshoes seemed a logical next step.

The septuagenarian has been receiving horseshoe-pitching pointers from his fellow players, some of whom have been playing all their lives. One, 83-year-old Bernie Carrillo, also will be competing in Albuquerque in horseshoes, shuffleboard and huachas (washers).

Others in the Munson gang, such as Victor Banegas, 83, and Art Cuaron, 75, have in the past brought home the gold in horseshoes but won't be going this year.

Fred Myers is the latest to join in the biweekly horseshoe matches at Munson and, at age 62, the youngest.

"I like hanging out with people who are as mature as me," Myers says, grinning, drawing guffaws from his fellow horseshoe pitchers seated nearby.

As the Munson boys rise to head for the adjacent horseshoe pits, bantering good-naturedly about who will be whose partner in the day's first matches, Kenny ponders the New Mexico Senior Olympics motto about aging.

"Yeah, that's how I look at it," he says. "We know at our age we have limitations we didn't have 50 years ago. So what? We live within those parameters the best we can. Ultimately, the only person who's going to rob us of our youth is ourselves."

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