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**HONORING
 A HERO**

Left: Sitel Security Guard Diana Rojo watches the procession of law enforcement vehicles and citizens that accompanies the hearse carrying slain Hatch Police Officer Jose Chavez on Monday, Aug. 15. "This is hitting me hard," Rojo said. "I come from a family of law enforcement. I know what the families are going through." A public funeral for the fallen officer is scheduled for 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21, at the Pan American Center on the New Mexico State University campus. To read more, turn to Page 9.



JOSE CHAVEZ

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We remember Officer Jose Chavez

By Sheriff Enrique 'Kiki' Vigil
Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department

These past few days following the death of Officer Jose Chavez have been long and difficult. No one at the helm of a law enforcement agency is prepared to handle the events that unfold when we lose one of our own. It is the toughest on-the-job training any of us will ever receive, and it is an experience we hope to never repeat.

Police officers are trained to get the job done, and to do it without exception. We are conditioned to speak only of the facts and remove ourselves from any bias or emotion that might cloud the investigation that is to come.

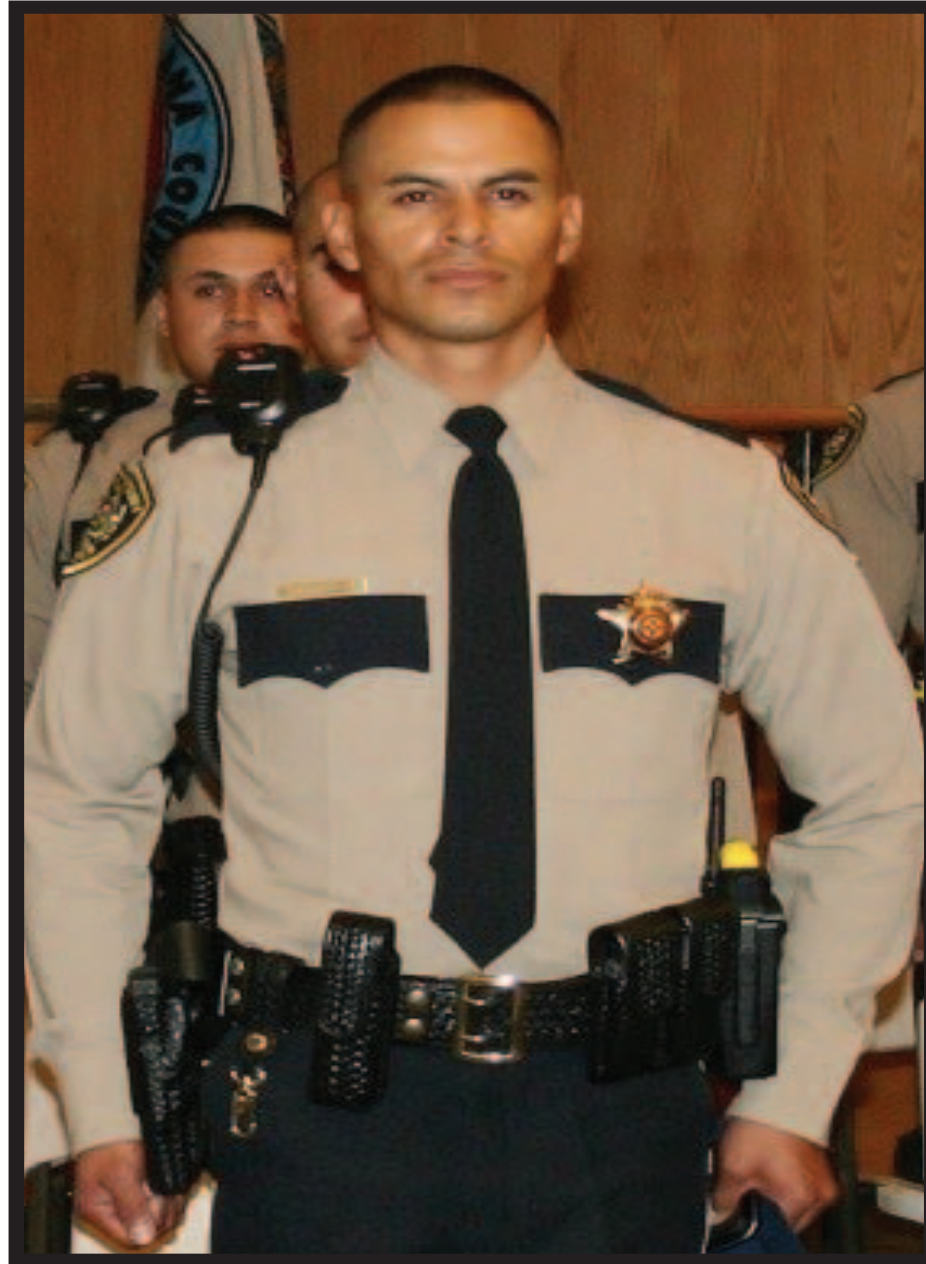
But under the uniform we are human, and our hearts hurt along with the family of Officer Chavez, the men and women of the Hatch Police Department, and all who are left to mourn his passing.

Watching the images of the motorcade that brought our fallen hero home on Monday are some that I will never forget. It was a rare and humbling opportunity to witness virtual strangers come together to ensure our brother is given the dignity and honor he deserves.

I hope you will join us at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 21 at the Pan American Center as we pay tribute to a loving son and brother, dedicated father, and fine officer.

If you cannot make it, or if you have an opportunity, I urge you to make a contribution to a memorial fund that has been established for Jose's two children. Donations can be made to the Jose Ismael Chavez Memorial Fund at any Wells Fargo Bank or you can mail them to the Village of Hatch, P.O. Box 220, Hatch N.M. 87937.

Godspeed, Officer Chavez. You will be long remembered.



OFFICER JOSE CHAVEZ — May he rest in peace.

Fundraiser to benefit Chavez kids

Some free comedy is coming to town to buck up the spirits of the community and raise funds for the family of Hatch Police Officer Jose Chavez, 33, who died in the line of duty after being shot a week ago today.

Tony Baker, an alumnus of New Mexico State University and former contestant on NBC's "Last Comic Standing" will headline a benefit comedy show at the Rio Grande Theater in Las Cruces on Saturday, Aug. 20.

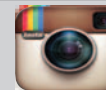
Patrons can choose from two shows that day — one at 3 p.m. and another at 7 p.m. The show is intended for audiences 18 years of age and older.

The show is sponsored by the Communication Workers of America Local 7911, a union organization that will be collecting donations.

A car wash last weekend to benefit the families of fallen officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge raised about \$1,400, according to Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Deputy Jamar Cotton, who helped organize the event.

Online contributions to the cause can be made by visiting this website: www.gofundme.com/2futp3g.

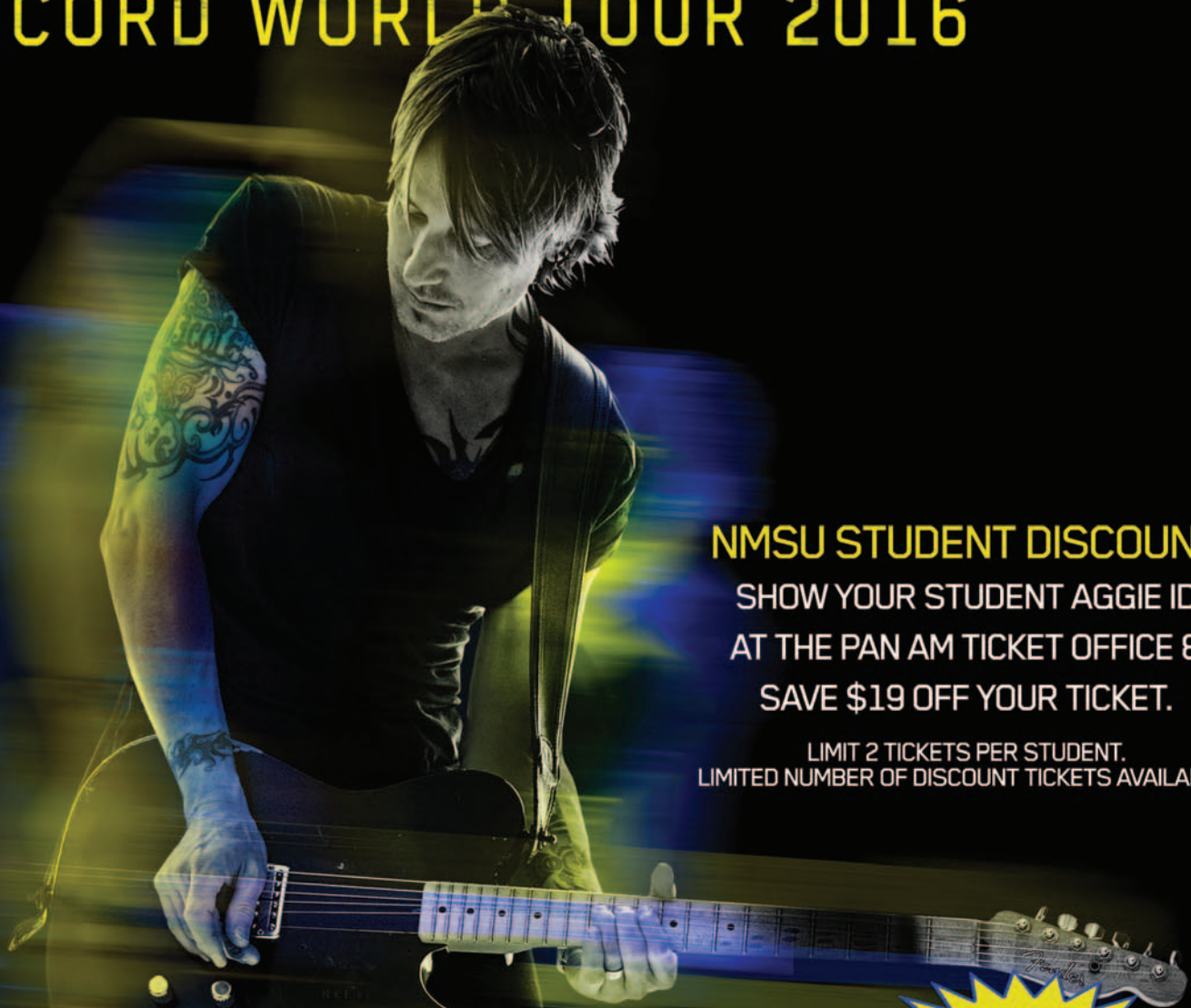
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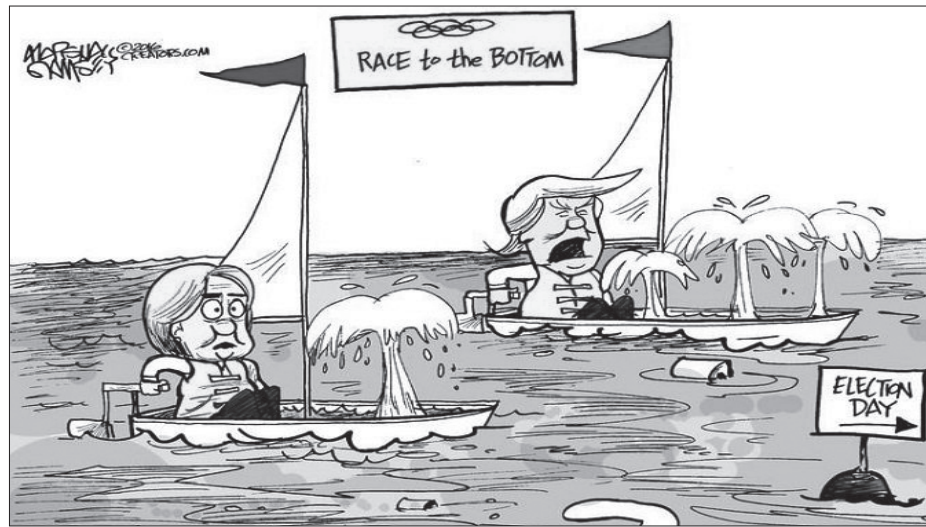
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Gary Johnson and the power of the vote

“Don’t vote for Gary Johnson. You’re throwing your vote away!”

By now, you’ve heard that comment if you’ve paid any attention to the presidential race.

If you’ve paid any attention to the presidential race, you might also believe voting for Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump is throwing your vote away too.

There are some folks who believe the contentiousness of this campaign, and the high unfavorable ratings of both Clinton and Trump, make this an ideal year for an independent or third-party candidate to make an impact.

So far, though, Gary Johnson doesn’t seem poised to deliver that impact.

Johnson is the former two-term Republican governor of New Mexico and now the Libertarian Party’s candidate for president.

Among outsiders, Johnson is portrayed as a carefree marijuana guy who rides bicycles and climbed Mount Everest.

Even among New Mexicans, that’s a widespread impression.

Because it’s been 14 years since Johnson finished his second term, a lot of younger New Mexicans and newcomers to the state don’t know much about him.

As governor, Johnson was less

socially liberal than he is now, but more socially liberal than most Republicans. On the fiscal side, he was as conservative as they come. He vetoed everything that came down the pike that wasn’t in his mind an absolute necessity for the governing of the state.

As a consequence, New Mexico’s fiscal house was in apple-pie order when Johnson left. On the downside, nothing much got done. Johnson’s most notable effort was more of a drive by his then-wife, the late Dee Johnson. That was the Dee Johnson Clean Indoor Air Act, which didn’t get done until five years after Johnson left office.

In a sense, he was the opposite of his successor, Bill Richardson. Richardson got a lot of things done (many of them, in hindsight, maybe weren’t necessarily good things for our state). When Richardson left, though, our fiscal house looked like an apple pie devoured by my old dog, Buster the beagle. Richardson also made a bid for the presidency.

As a Libertarian, Johnson might even be more Spartan than before regarding government finances. It’s hard to tell what else he might be like as president, and the voters might not get a chance to hear his vision on the



RICHARD COLTHARP
From the Publisher

Horse Psychology

Some people are just flat good at handlin’ horses. They’ve got that good “horse savvy.” Matter of fact, there are people actually makin’ a livin’ trainin’ horses! I admire these folks’ ability and special talent. It’s always a pleasure to see a good horse workin’ right. But horses look at veterinarians like kids look at Sunday School or cowboys look at weddings.

They make’m uncomfortable.

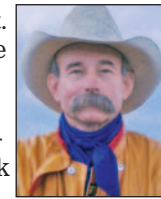
Even though everybody tells ‘em it’s for their own good, they’d lots rather be someplace else. But, in the case of the horse, you can’t really blame them. Most every time I have to handle a horse it’s to stick something in him like a tube or a shot or a plastic sleeve!

And, they remember you! I’ve seen horses go bug-eyed and snorty at the sight or smell of a vet truck! The only way you could give’m a shot was to sneak it to the cowboy and let him do it from horseback.

Years back I went to a lecture and demonstration on “horse psychology for vets.” The gist of the whole philosophy says it is a matter of wills. Since the horse is a social animal, each band has a pecking order. It’s not always the strongest or fastest or biggest that’s the leader. It’s the one with the most dominant personality. So every time a person meets a horse one has to dominate the other.

Well, I took the schoolin’ seriously and came back ready to test my new horse

psychology skills. I practiced on several “bronky” ones before I tried it out on my archenemy. He was a dark brown, non-descript, bad-headed, ill-tempered, big-footed, long-haired typical Nevada-raised feedlot slogger named Scrap Iron! In six years I had never tube-wormed Scrap Iron or given him so much as a vitamin shot! He wouldn’t let me within 20 foot of him!



BAXTER BLACK
On the Edge
of Common Sense

Following my instructions, I crouched real low and approached him. He mistook me for the Ferrier and let me pick up a front foot. I buckled on the one-leg hobble and stood up. He realized immediately the trick I pulled on him and promptly went into his “bad actor” routine. He ran around the corral on three legs, he reared, rolled, snorted, slobbered, kicked, fell, cussed and generally just made a fool of himself. Which, of course, was the plan.

After soakin’ him like this for twenty minutes, I went over and humiliated him in every way I could think of. I tickled his flank, handled his tail, patted his belly, stuck my fingers in his mouth, nose and ears. He stood and took it, glaring at me. Then I took off the hobble and repeated the tickling, handling, patting and poking while he stood there shaking and hating me. But he did stand.

I tubed him two or three times and gave him his first

How do they campaign 20 hours every day?

Ask any astronaut what question they are asked most. Is it about the wonders of the cosmos or dangers they face or what launch feels like? According to many astronauts, they're most often asked how they use the biffy in space.

Lately, I have been thinking about the presidential contenders. While I don't care about their biffy use, I wonder: how can they campaign 20 hours a day, seven days a week, and do so for months and months?

Speaking for myself, I work 10-hour days usually five or six times a week, and get plenty tired. The presidential contenders could be tougher than me, or, as some people suspect, they enhance their stamina pharmacologically.

There is no chance the current presidential candidates will disclose what drugs they take to campaign relentlessly. I wonder about the side effects?

Maybe none of them take drugs. A few years ago I remember watching New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson spend much of six years running for president

while he was also the governor of New Mexico.

Sometimes in debates he was sharp and collected. Other times he was sweaty and off target. Could it have been too much caffeine?



MICHAEL SWICKARD

In My Opinion

He has the Guinness handshake record for an eight-hour span. He shook one hand every 2.15 seconds for eight hours. How much energy does that take?

The 38th Vice President of the United States, Hubert Humphrey, was elected in 1964. He was known as the Happy Warrior because he could campaign around the clock. Interestingly, he was a licensed pharmacist. Perhaps there was a connection.

This presidential election cycle we are getting some very odd statements from both major candidates. In 1972, Ed Muskie broke down weeping uncontrollably at one campaign stop while reportedly taking drugs to keep his energy up. This kind of behavior on a slow news day spelled the end of his candidacy.

Writer Hunter S. Thomp-

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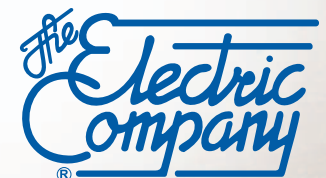
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national stage. Apparently he won't be invited to the big kids' debate unless he's polling at a 15 percent clip. Right now he's about half that.

Many have forgotten, but you don't have to go back too far to find a presidential election when an independent made an impact.

In 1992, H. Ross Perot, the squeaky Texan with the big ears, collected 19 percent of the popular vote. Bill Clinton got 43 percent and incumbent George H.W. Bush got 37 percent.

Perot got the 19 percent even after he pulled completely out of the race with no satisfactory explanation, then hopped back in a few weeks before Election Day.

But did Perot really make an impact? Not if you look at electoral votes, of which he got zero.

That's likely the same thing that will happen to Johnson.

You'd think a likeable guy, and a Republican with enough crossover appeal to twice win the governorship of a very blue state, would have a shot to win at least his home state's five electoral votes.

It won't happen, though.

That said, voting for Johnson (or anyone else) is NOT throwing your vote away.

Your vote is your choice and it is a sacred one. What you do in that booth is what separates our country from so many others. It's one of the many things that makes America great.

BAXTER

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full series of vaccinations without a twitch, a foot up or an ear. The only restraint was a halter, my voice and his knowledge that when it was him against me, it was ME in charge. It took forty-five minutes and was the pinnacle of my horsedom.

He never forgot and the times I worked on him over the years he allowed it. It was a good arrangement, I got him vetted and he still hated me.

For those of you who think this little experience swelled my head some of you'll be pleased to know that the last time I wormed Scrap Iron, I turned my back on him and he bit me on the shoulder. I whirled around and he had this innocent look on his face. I stared at him. He smiled just a little and seemed to say, "I'm just keepin' you on your toes, kid, so you don't get too cocky. It's for your own good!"

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son wrote in a 1972 edition of Rolling Stone Magazine: "It was not until his campaign collapsed and ex-staffers felt free to talk that I learned working for Big Ed was like being locked in a rolling boxcar with a vicious 200-pound water rat. Some of his staff considered him dangerously unstable. He had several identities, they said, and there was no way to be sure on any given day if they would have to deal with Abe Lincoln, Hamlet, Captain Queeg, or Bobo the Simple-minded..."

Thompson captured the antics of politicians in the extreme on the campaign trail. Some stand for hours at fish sliming plants shaking hands with workers before they wash their hands at the end of their shift. Mechanically they say, "Shake hands with the next president, shake hands with the next president..."

As I watch this presidential race I wonder: is this the best we, as a nation, can do to select our leaders? Further, will this process produce the best leaders? After they have spent many a disgraceful year pandering to the voters, will they be able to step into the White House prepared to be presidential?

This election is not

about how many hot dogs they can eat or a parking ticket or if a friend of a friend heard someone say they didn't leave a tip one day. They are asked "Gotcha" questions which are routinely misreported by media sources who are pushing a candidate.

Both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have stumbled on the stump. Perhaps they took just one too many of the energy drinks or whatever they take to keep going. Wondering is not proof but both have had some bad moments on the campaign trail.

The over-hyped media makes each day on the campaign trail sound like the Hindenburg has just crashed: "Trump is one point up in Indiana today. We will have 24 non-stop hours of analysis to know what the people of Indiana are thinking just 142 days before the election."

Going back to Kennedy/Nixon, I've watched each presidential election, somewhat in awe and often in horror. This presidential cycle is worse than any other I have experienced. If they are like this normally and not taking dangerous drugs - it will be a long four years.

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Public funeral scheduled for fallen officer

BULLETIN REPORT

Members of the public have a chance to say "Goodbye" to Hatch Police Officer Jose Chavez during a funeral scheduled for 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21 at the Pan American Center on the New Mexico State University campus.

Doors open at 1 p.m.

Chavez, 33, was killed Friday, Aug. 12, when he was shot during a traffic stop in Hatch. He was a two-year veteran of the Hatch Police Department and a 2013 graduate of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Cadet Law Enforcement Academy.

A law enforcement-escorted procession traveled with the hearse carrying Chavez's body from Albuquerque – were it had been sent for an autopsy – to his hometown of Las Cruces.

A 38-year-old man who reportedly had an outstanding warrant for aggravated murder in Ohio was arrested and charged in the shooting death. Jesse Hanes, whose last known address was in the 3300 block of Parklane Avenue in Columbus, Ohio, currently faces one count of willful and deliberate



COURTESY PHOTO

Hatch Police Officer Jose Chavez receives his badge at his graduation from the Doña Ana County Sheriff Department's Law Enforcement Academy on Oct. 31, 2013. Chavez died from a gunshot would suffered during a traffic stop in Hatch, Friday, Aug. 12.

Saying 'Goodbye'

WHAT: Public funeral for fallen Hatch Police Officer Jose Chavez

WHEN: 3 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21 (doors open at 1 p.m.)

WHERE: Pan American Center on the NMSU campus

SECURITY: Backpacks, suitcases or large bags of any kind will not be allowed inside

first-degree murder. Additional charges are pending.

Hanes was the driver of a silver 1991 four-door Lexus that was stopped by

Chavez at 3:41 p.m. There were two passengers in the car.

A responding Hatch officer – who had just left his assignment as a school resource officer – reportedly spoke to Chavez on the phone and understood Chavez was about to make a stop in front of a Pic Quik convenience store. The responding officer told Chavez he would meet him there to assist.

When the assisting officer arrived, he reported seeing Chavez at

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Las Cruces mother crowdfunding for service dog to assist son

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

John David Kulpa, 8, was playing soccer when he saw his father pull into the parking lot beside the field. This sight sent him into what his mother, Donna Kulpa, called “a meltdown.”

“Nobody knew that he had autism,” Kulpa said.

John David’s is low-functioning autism.

“He says about 25 words,” his mother said. “He gets really overwhelmed in different environments.”

Loud sounds, such as hand dryers and flushing toilets, cause him to panic, Kulpa said.

“That’s our normal,” Kulpa said. “We always get an audience.”

She said John David even needs monitoring in the home. When she makes pasta for dinner, she stores the leftovers in Tupperware and wraps the containers in grocery bags in the refrigerator to hide them from John David because “it’s almost like he doesn’t know when to stop eating or drinking.”



Derek, left, comforts his brother, John David, right, after a meltdown. Derek has high-functioning autism, while John David has low-functioning, and is nonverbal. Their mother, Donna Kulpa, is crowdfunding in order to get John David a service dog to help with his autism.

The event at the soccer field, which included the 4’2” John David repeatedly kicking mother in the chest and accidentally breaking one of her fin-

gers, compelled Donna to start looking for a service animal for her son.

“John David loves dogs,” Kulpa said.

On average, however,

autistic-support dogs range anywhere from \$10,000 to \$15,000 nationwide, said Jared Latham, manager at American Service Dogs, a Las Cruces-based dog-training facility.

Latham said his costs in training an autism-support dog adds up to about \$4,000.

To raise this money, American Service Dogs helped Donna in setting up a crowdfunding campaign on YouCaring. As of Aug. 11, the campaign had raised a little more than \$800 of a \$5,000 goal. (The difference in Latham’s fees and the goal goes toward miscellaneous costs involved in training, not website fees.)

There are four primary services an autism-support dog could render to John David.

Kulpa said John David is a “runaway risk.” A service dog could help by being “tethered” to John David, meaning the two would be tied together like mountain climbers, so the dog could bring John David back beside his mother.

“A lot of (people) with autism are really texture-oriented,” said Latham, who has worked with

Donna in searching for a service dog for the past two years.

This means autism-support dogs are typically “fluffier”—St. Bernards, golden retrievers, Portuguese water dogs,” Latham said. A sensation such as feeling soft fur often calms down autistic people when they have meltdowns, said Latham, who is also the parent of an autistic child.

Also, autism-support dogs are often larger and heavier — more than 70 pounds, Latham said.

“We teach (the dogs) deep-pressure therapy, which works really well for autistic (people),” Latham said, going on to mention additional weighted devices used by autistic people for therapeutic reasons: weighted jackets, weighted blankets.

Autistic-support dogs also need to be particularly bold, Latham said, and not get frightened when their owners have meltdowns. In such situations it is not uncommon for the owner to harm the dog, such as biting and hitting, so the dog needs to have a strong commitment to its owner.

The combination of the weight and texture of an

autistic-support dog can quickly calm down an autistic person during a meltdown.

Finally, for people with low-functioning autism who are nonverbal, such as John David, the dog can help them come out of their shell.

“When people would come up and talk to him, they would talk to him about his dog, not about him, because he didn’t want to talk about himself,” said Latham, referring to a past client whom Latham help pair with an autism-support dog.

A service dog could also enable John David to go into public men’s restrooms by himself. Kulpa said without a service dog, no matter how big John David gets, she’ll be too uncomfortable not to take him with her into the women’s restroom.

“If (a service dog) helps 10 percent of the time, that takes pressure off the parent,” said Latham.

Donna has two other children, one of whom also has autism, though the high-functioning kind.

“I wouldn’t want my kids any other way,” Kulpa said.

But a service dog would make life more enjoyable for John David, she said.

Kulpa’s crowdfunding campaign has no time limit. Visit <https://www.youcaring.com/john-david-kulpa-586137> to donate. Also find Donna Kulpa on Facebook.

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Multi-faith coalition hosts open conversation on respect

By **SUSIE OUDERKIRK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Rabbi Larry Karol believes respect is key. So in December of 2015, Karol, the spiritual leader of Las Cruces' Temple Beth-El, came together with members of Christian, Muslim and Buddhist faith communities as well as leaders of a variety of local groups, including Kaleidoscope, Peace Village and the NMSU Interfaith Council, to foster "understanding and collaborative relationships through which local residents give and experience compassion and respect," he said.

"There seems to be a feeling among some people that we should be 'free to speak our minds' through 'straight talk,'" Karol said, "even if what is said has

Save the date

WHAT: Interfaith Coalition for Compassion community discussion

WHEN: 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23

WHERE: Community Action Agency, 3880 Foothills Drive

INFO: Rabbi Larry Karol at rabbi@tblc.org

no basis in truth and has as its intention to cause hurt, destroy relationships or dehumanize individuals or groups of people."

Based on concerns related to positive relations between members of different local faith groups, Karol said, "a number of us from several multi-faith and social justice groups began meeting last December."

At the first meeting,

Karol said, they discussed the possibility of creating some type of coalition to bring together people of different faith groups, as well as community members who were not affiliated with a congregation, for thoughtful conversation and dialogue.

Since then, the group has been meeting on a regular basis to develop mission, vision and values statements, to deepen the connections with one another and to engage in discussions on the values chosen as a foundation for the coalition, he said.

The Interfaith Coalition for Compassion (ICC), formed in early 2016, was inspired in part by author and biblical scholar Karen Armstrong's book, "Charter for Compassion," which includes this

"Our goal is to create a safe place where all can be heard."

— Rabbi Larry Karol

declaration: "We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity."

The ICC and Peace Village of Las Cruces present an open conversation about respect at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 at Community Action Agency, 3880 Foothills Road, ac-

cording to a press release.

The discussion will focus on such questions as: "What behaviors and attitudes do we respect? How do we show respect? How and when does respect break down?"

A group of local clergy recently read and thoroughly discussed Karen Armstrong's book, "12 Steps to a Compassionate Life," which offered insights into her reasons for creating the charter, Karol said. "One of the more poignant insights in her book is that we should be open to the possibility to be changed, even in a small way, by the conversations

that we hold with people with whom we agree and with those with whom we disagree."

"Charter for Compassion" (<http://www.charterforcompassion.org>) was an outgrowth of a TedTalk Armstrong delivered in 2008, Karol said.

Karol recently attended a workshop that took on the challenge of change by noting the difference between "listening to agree" (where lack of agreement ends the dialogue) and "listening to understand" (where the conversation can continue even without agreement).

"We believe that mutual respect is a value that needs to be reiterated in our society and nation," Karol said. "There are

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Council rejects renaming road for former coach

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Mayor Ken Miyagishima and five members of the Las Cruces City Council voted against a proposed resolution that would have changed the name of a portion of Tashiro Drive to Jim Bradley Drive, in honor of the late Mayfield High School football coach.

City Councillor Ceil Levatino abstained on the vote.

"I won't be supportive



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of this," said Miyagishima. "This is really difficult because this is the only Japanese name in the entire city of a road. And once that's gone, there will be nothing," he said. The mayor said Bruins Lane that "goes right to Mayfield" would be a better choice for a name change honoring Bradley.

"I'm not going to vote for this either," said Councillor Olga Pedroza. "The main reason is, in my experience, there is a tendency to kind of gloss over, possible erase, some history. And that's not something that I agree with. There is no need to begin to erase one group's history in order to honor another. We have all kinds of streets available. Why do harm to one by trying to honor another? I think we can honor both. I will not take an eraser and

erase the history of the Japanese," Pedroza said.

"I think it would be disrespectful to the Tashiro family" to pass the resolution, Councillor Casandra Gandara said.

"I believe naming a street or road after Coach Bradley is a good thing," Councillor Gill Sorg said. He suggested that Motel Boulevard or Bruins Lane rather than Tashiro Drive be considered for the name change.

"I very much wish that the folks at Mayfield High

will find a way to honor the contributions of Coach Bradley," Councillor Jack Eakman said.

"I'm always opposed to naming roads after people because somebody's feelings are always hurt and this is a perfect example of this," Councillor Ceil Levatino said. Levatino said she could support splitting the name of the drive between Tashiro and Jim Bradley or renaming Bruins Lane in Bradley's honor.

"The ways that we

honor our history and remember our history" are important," Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith said. "Yes, let's find a way to honor Coach Bradley," Smith said, but in a way that continues to honor others. "Japanese American farmers in this area had an important role to play and the naming of that street helps us to remember that," he said.

"I want to thank you guys," Miyagishima said after the vote. "It means a lot to me."

City honors 'Voice of the Aggies'

BULLETIN REPORT

At its Aug. 15 meeting, Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and the six members of the city council honored long-time Las Cruces broadcaster Jack Nixon with a distinguished service award for his service as the voice of the New Mexico State University Aggies for 36 years.

Nixon said he was hired by Walt Rubens at KOBE Radio in Las Cruces on Aug. 13, 1976. He left Las Cruces in 1982 and returned in 1986.

"Thank you to the peo-



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ple of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County for enabling me to have a wonderful life, and frankly a lot of fun," Nixon said.

"I've been a huge Aggie fan since I was a kid," said Miyagishima. "It's incredible how you announce those games and make people feel as if they're on the field or the basketball court," he said.

Nixon has twice been

named the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association New Mexico sportscaster of the year and is a member of the US Bank New Mexico State Athletics Hall of Fame.

"Only 11 other college-radio announcers have a longer tenure at one school than Nixon has at NM State," according to www.nssafame.com. "The 'Voice of the Aggies' has broadcast more than 400 Aggie football games and more than 1,000 Aggie men's basketball games," the website said.

Funding approved for five local events

BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces City Council unanimously approved a resolution awarding \$22,500 in funding to support five events sponsored by local non-profit organizations, with funding for a sixth group pending.

Receiving funding under the resolution are Critter Christmas that benefits the Spay Neuter Action Program of Las Cruces (\$6,000); the Las Cruces Symphony (\$6,000); the Big Event, which is a three-day

event sponsored by Cancer Aid Resource and Education (CARE), Inc. of Las Cruces (\$5,000); the Chile Drop, an event sponsored by Project Mainstreet of Las Cruces that will be held Dec. 31 on the new downtown plaza (\$3,000); and the seventh annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Mudd Volleyball Tournament that will be held Sept. 17 at New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum (\$2,500).

Assistant City Manager and Chief Administration Officer David Dolla-

hon said the council will receive a recommendation at its Sept. 6 meeting for funding of another event, the Tough Enough to Wear Pink public awareness campaign. He said that recommendation will be for \$6,000 in funding.

The city will provide funding during two annual cycles, with applications due July 15 and Dec. 15. The city will allocate a total of \$50,000 in funding from the city general fund budget to cover approved applications during both cycles, he said.

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Tickets on sale for Dress the Child

BULLETIN REPORT

Tickets are now on sale for the 30th annual Dress the Child dinner, which is the major fundraiser for the Rio Grande Rotary Club Foundation's program that provides new clothes and shoes to hundreds of needy children in Doña Ana County.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 25 at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Tickets are \$60 each, with a maximum of 250 tickets to be sold.

This year's chefs – who are donating their talents and all the food to produce the event – are Alfredo Vargas, executive chef of the Las Cruces Convention Center; Luke Roberts, executive chef at the Double Eagle; Felipe Chavez, executive chef

at Sunset Grill; Gabriel Hernandez, executive chef and dietary director for the Good Samaritan Society; Russell Hernandez, owner of and chef at Salud de Mesilla; Tom Drake, executive chef at The Spotted Dog; and Arturo Tovar, executive chef at Pecan Grill and Brewery.

For the first time in several years, the menu will be chef's choice, with Vargas preparing the soup, Roberts the entre, Chavez the sorbet, Gabriel Hernandez the fish, Russell Hernandez the dessert, Drake the appetizer and Tovar the salad.

Long-time event coordinators are Doug Boberg, Matt Holt and Vince Campbell.

Again this year, all the food and labor for the din-

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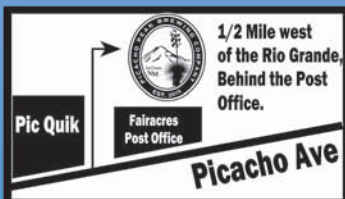
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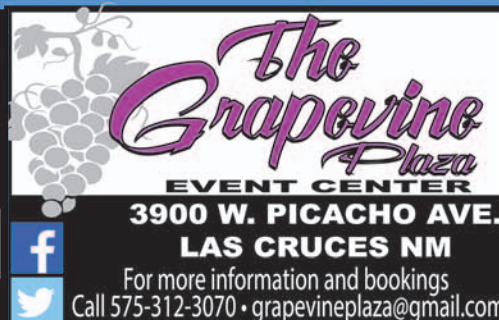
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Space symposium takes flight in October

BULLETIN REPORT

Commercial space industry leaders from around the world, along with academia, state and federal government officials will meet to discuss the evolution and diversification of personal and commercial spaceflight on Oct. 12-13 at the 12th annual International Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight (ISPCS) at the New

Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

“Our industry has multiple milestones within reach and focus is necessary,” said Patricia C. Hynes, Ph.D., curator of ISPCS. “This highly energetic and competitive industry is at a pivotal point in shaping the future of aerospace as commercialization of low Earth orbit becomes reality. During

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DACC renames hall in honor of its first president

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Ceremonies will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Aug 26 in Room 75 of Alex Sanchez Hall formerly known as the Main Building or DAMA. This is the first time a DACC building has been named after a person.

"Dr. Sánchez helped build an institution that was suited for students seeking smaller classes, more face-to-face interaction and a shorter path



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to well-paying jobs," Scott said. "His educational leadership is exemplified by the positive impact DACC had on the community, developing the college into more than had been envisioned and by the success of his students."

Sánchez helped start programs that are still educating students today, including radiological technology, building trades, nursing, welding, adult education, engineering

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SAVE THE DATE

WHAT: Building Naming Ceremony for Alex Sanchez Hall

WHERE: Doña Ana Community College, Central Campus Room 75, Alex Sanchez Hall, 3400 South Espina

WHEN: August 26, 2016 from 10 am to 1 pm. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am.

WHO: Dr. Alex Sanchez, Dr. Renay Scott, NMSU Chancellor Carruthers, dignitaries from NMSU and DACC

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President's Associates Scholarship: Gifts keep talented students in New Mexico

By **COURTNEY LOPEZ**

For the Bulletin

Emerson Morrow always knew he was going to attend college; it had been a goal of his from an early age. He just wasn't sure exactly what he wanted to study. He enjoyed broadcast journalism and the opportunity to inform others, but he was also interested in public relations and advertising. To top off his mixing pot of advanced-degree ideas, he found politics calling his name on more than one occasion.

After receiving acceptance letters from several other universities, Morrow chose journalism and mass communications and government majors at New Mexico State University thanks to the President's Associates Scholarship he received. Since arriving on campus, Morrow hasn't stopped making an impact across campus, and across New Mexico.

Morrow ran for, and won, a seat in the Associated Students of New Mexico State University Senate and completed an internship in the office of a U.S. Representative, both uncommon for a freshman. Most recently, as a sophomore, he worked as an intern with a U.S. Senator's communication team on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Morrow is an example of the best and brightest that remain in New Mexico because of the competitive President's Associates Scholarship.

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opportunities that I might not have otherwise, like being part of a healthy democracy," Morrow said. "Not only is this scholarship going to help me graduate debt-free, it is making it possible for me to gain hands-on experience in my field of study."

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PA Scholars joined donors and friends of NMSU at the 2016 PA Ball to say thank you and share a little about themselves. Pictured left to right are a few of the scholarship attendees: Allison Jenkins, Kaitlin Garrett, Sarah Phillips, Kelly McNeil, Sofia Bali and Cindy Yeh.

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Family philanthropy: passing on values, tradition

“Benjamin Franklin, an icon of individual industry and frugality even in his own day, understood that with the privilege of doing well came the price of doing good,” wrote Time contributor, Darren Walker. Giving back is important, and that belief traces back to the founding fathers of our country.

Charitable giving isn't a fad, something that will be out of style in five or so years. It possesses a sense of timelessness and knows no boundaries. It's not limited by gender, ethnicity or social class; giving is accessible to all who feel compelled to help others and the communities in which they live.

“Family philanthropy is a rewarding way to bring change to communities,” wrote Cynthia Gorey, president of the New Canaan Community Foundation, in an article titled “Raising charitable kids – Anyone can be a philanthropist:” “With careful planning, it can also tighten family bonds, transmit family values to future generations,

and create a lasting family legacy.”

Individuals who commit to building and passing down a culture of philanthropy can be described as compassionate and generous, but their selfless character might be the most inspiring attribute of all.



COURTNEY LOPEZ
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Of all the things families can do together, why not give? Giving extends far beyond monetary contributions. Volunteering together at a local soup kitchen during the holidays or reading to children at a local camp or shelter during the summer months counts as giving too.

Through family philanthropy, older generations can rest assured that the organizations and causes they care about will continue to be supported by their family as future generations inherit values that invoke a passion for philanthropy, and most importantly, a heart for helping.

Organizing philanthropy is wise as well, especially when it comes to ensuring

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Misty Phy's Mysterious Optical Illusions Page

Rita, I found a whole bunch of cool optical illusions! Can you solve this riddle with them?

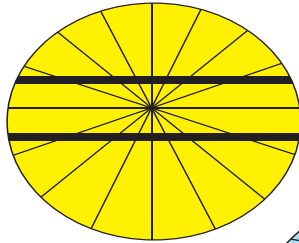


To solve the riddle, you need to study the optical illusions on this page. Use a ruler to find the correct answer to each optical illusion question. Match the letter that corresponds with each correct answer with the number in the code that spells out the answer to the riddle below.
 (For example, if the correct answer to #1 is **C. Bent**, then put a **C** above the number **1**.)

What do you need to spot an iceberg 20 miles away?

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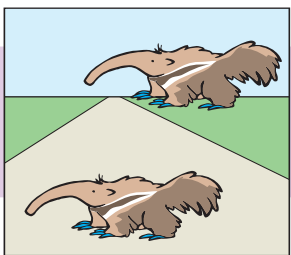
1. The thick lines are:
 C. Bent.
 D. Straight.



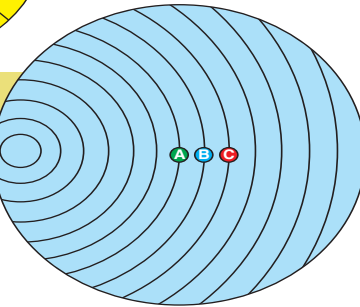
2. Which rainbow is longer?
 M. The one on top.
 N. The one on bottom.
 O. They are the same length.



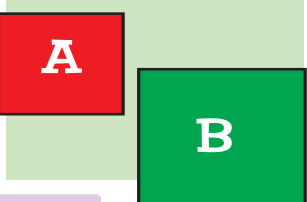
3. Which anteater is larger?
 U. Top
 B. Bottom
 G. Same



4. Which dot is in the center of the circle?
 H. Dot A
 J. Dot B
 K. Dot C



5. Which square is larger?
 R. A is larger.
 S. B is larger.
 T. They are the same size.

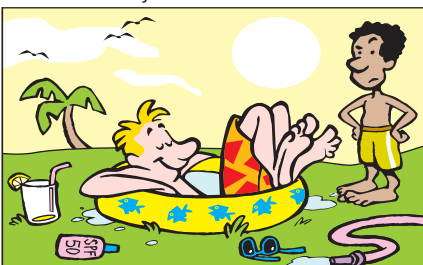
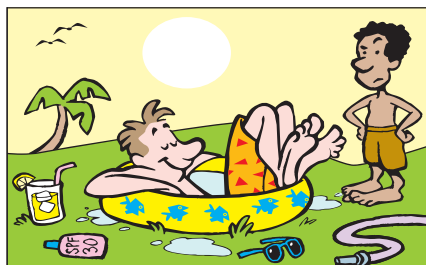


Be sure to check your answers with a ruler!



6. Which of these two lines is longer?
 X. Line A-B
 R. Line C-D
 E. They are the same length.

Find at least 10 differences between these two silly summer scenes.




Extra! Extra!
Treasure Trove
 Circle all the money amounts you can find in the newspaper in one minute. Now tally the amounts you found. How much do they add up to?
 Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums using money.

Get a Clue
 at Your Library This Summer!

When the most valuable baseball card of Elizabeth's collection disappears, her mother's new date and a suspicious baseball card dealer are likely suspects.


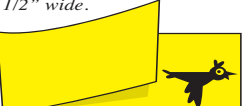
Unscramble the title of this book. Then, check it out at your local library this summer! - Bert Bookworm

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 by Vicki Berger Erwin



Kid Scoop Together: Get Animated!
 Here's a fun project that lets you create simple animated cartoons!

Fold a strip of 3" X 11" paper in half, so that it is 3" tall by 5 1/2" wide.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.


OPTICAL
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 BORDERS
 DEALER
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 TROVE
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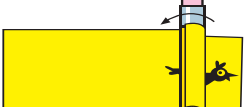
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R	Y	L	E	C	S	R	T	D	B
E	E	R	D	U	I	R	A	S	N
N	S	S	L	C	O	T	E	R	I
I	O	L	C	V	E	Y	P	K	A
L	I	C	E	B	E	R	G	O	R

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


Open the folded "book" and draw a little bird with its wing pointing down as shown.



Close the "book" and trace the little bird, but draw his wing pointing up.



Curl the cover of the "book" around a pencil as shown. Wrap it tight and keep it there for a few minutes.



Move the pencil back and forth quickly again and again so that the curled paper covers and uncovers the picture of the little bird below. It should look like the bird is flapping its wings!

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Line Items
 Collect examples of the many different borders and lines used throughout the newspaper. Why do you think the editor may have selected one particular border instead of another? Remove or replace a border and notice how each change affects your feeling about a page.
 Standards Link: Visual Arts: Know how different techniques communicate ideas.

Write On!

School Closed Forever?
 Imagine you arrived at school and the gates were closed. A big sign reads "SCHOOL CLOSED." What would happen if you no longer had the opportunity to get a school education?

Here are a couple of other animations to try ...



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

Standards Link: Investigations: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Use fish to fight mosquitos

By **SUZANNE MICHAELS**
For the Bulletin

Kamden Buckman comes every year with his grandpa on a summertime Tuesday morning to pick up Mosquitofish at the Doña Ana County fish-ponds at 4605 W. Picacho Avenue. He helps net the fish out of the water for release into stock tanks on the family ranch. Mosquito control is the goal.

Mosquitos lay eggs in still water like stock tanks, abandoned swimming pools and ponds. Within 7 – 10 days adult mosquitos are flying off ready to spread disease, some hatch out of the egg carrying West Nile virus.

But if Mosquitofish are in the water, those voracious eaters of mosquito larvae can stop the spread of mosquito-borne diseases in southern New Mexico – diseases like Zika, West Nile, Dengue Fever, Chikungunya and St. Louis Encephalitis.

What Kamden doesn't know is these smallish freshwater fish can consume 42 to 167 percent of their own body weight in mosquito larvae every day. He probably doesn't know Mosquitofish have been shipped all around the planet since the early 1900s to control epidemics of yellow fever and malaria – diseases spread by mosquitos.

Ken Sholar, Doña Ana County (DAC) Vector Control supervisor, is well aware of the vector control propensity of this little fish and hands out free bags of Mosquitofish on Tuesday mornings to help control mosquitos in our area.

Mosquitofish are fabulous in the battle against



Kamden Buckman with a bag of Mosquitofish at the Vector Control Mosquitofish Ponds at 4605 W. Picacho. The goal is mosquito control.

mosquitos in the situation described above – abandoned swimming pools, stagnant ponds, stock tanks.

But a different scenario is playing out in the backyards of most homes in the area: children's toys, garden pots, buckets, a scrap tire tossed in the corner or leaning against a wall. It only takes a little rainwater for mosquitos to lay eggs. Check your yard every week and dump out any standing water. Don't provide a space for mosquito eggs to hatch right outside your door.

"Especially after our recent rains it's most impor-

tant to be diligent," says Sholar. "The EPA has just identified illegal dumping as a Border Health issue right here along the border in southern New Mexico, in part because of the risk of hatching disease-carrying mosquitos in illegally dumped trash, as well as in your own backyard."

You can pick up free Mosquitofish through the end of October from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesday mornings at 4605 W. Picacho. Release the fish in stagnant ponds, stock tanks and abandoned swimming pools. For more information call DAC Vector Control at 575-526-8150.



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technology and water utility operations. He worked collaboratively with NMSU and DACC professors to garner a \$250,000 EPA grant to build the first water and wastewater technology program in New Mexico. In addition Sánchez was instrumental in gaining \$1.259 million from the state to build the DAMA building on the Central Campus.

His passion for community colleges began at DACC which was then known as Doña Ana

County Occupational Education Branch. Sánchez went on to serve as president at several community colleges, Central New Mexico College (TVI) in Albuquerque, and Rio Hondo College in Whittier, CA.

Sánchez also served as Vice President for Community and International Programs at the University of New Mexico, and Academic Dean at New Mexico Military Institute. He finished his career at Oregon State University teaching doctoral students in Community College Leadership. Sánchez mentored

many students in the program, 26 of whom completed their Ph.Ds.

He served on numerous community, university, and non-profits boards at national, state and local levels. A veteran, Sanchez retired from the Air Force Reserve as a Colonel after serving at Tachikawa Air Base in Japan, the Air Force Academy, the Air War College, and the U.S. Air Force Headquarters in the Pentagon. Dr. Sanchez and his wife Elaine have eight children, nine grandchildren, and one great grandson. They reside in Salem, Oregon.



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Men Who Cook fundraiser



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Rainbeaux Trujillo and daughter Arianna, age 12, have fun at a photo booth set up during Men Who Cook.



Four-year defending champions Josh Beyer, Eric Fraass and Art Johnson.



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Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith and wife Allison enjoy the food and company with Jim and Frances Turrentine.



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A Community Discussion Sponsored by the Las Cruces Interfaith Coalition for Compassion & Peace Village of Las Cruces

Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm
Community Action Agency,
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The discussion will focus on such questions as: "What behaviors and attitudes do we respect? How do we show respect? How and when does respect break down?"

The Interfaith Coalition for Compassion (ICC), formed in early 2016, adopted as its mission the goal of "fostering understanding and collaborative relationships through which local residents give and experience compassion and respect."

The inspiration for the coalition's work is author and biblical scholar Karen Armstrong's "Charter for Compassion," which includes this declaration that is deeply relevant to our world today: "We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity."

The ICC welcomes Las Cruces community members to join in this first program of dialogue. For more information and to reserve a place at the discussion table, please contact Rabbi Larry Karol at rabbil@tblc.org.

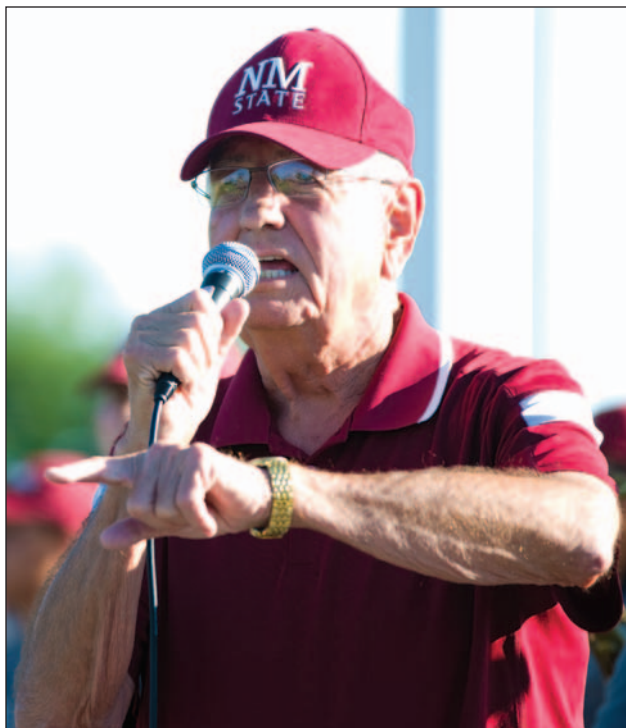
Move-In day at NMSU



Speaking with a Sodexo representative, education major Nichole Fox asks about food options and packages offered.



Freshman Jorge Aguilar Jr., eating with his parents stops to take a picture during the 2016 NMSU Aggie move in day.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY CHRISTOPHER BELARDE

New Mexico State University chancellor Garrey Carruthers speaks to students and parents during Move-In day on campus Sunday, Aug. 14.

Cheerleader Taylor Jacobs sings the Aggie fight song while new freshmen move in for the first time.



Residential assistant and psychology major Parker Murphy checks out the free BBQ offered at Taos Cafe.

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EDUCATION BRIEFS

East Mesa after-school programs registering now

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will provide ongoing registration for the East Mesa Recreation Center Activity Program which is open to youth 6 to 17 years of age and provides homework time, recreational activities, arts & crafts and a healthy snack. The program is held from 2:30 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 5589 Porter Road.

Participants may register at any time and a parent or legal guardian is required to register. No unattended children allowed in the facility. Only youth registered in the program will be allowed in the building during program times. The program is provided on a first-come, first-served basis and space is limited. Transportation will not be provided to and from facility. The program is free. Open recreation is available after the Activity Program from 6 - 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Info: Recreation Programs at 575-541-2455.

Free Health Information Technology online course open for registration

The New Mexico Health Information Collaborative (NMHIC) introduces HICATT, a free online informatics training course for healthcare professionals, which is now open for registration. HICATT is Health Informatics Curriculum and Training for Transformation, which is funded by a grant from the Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC).

Any currently employed health care professional working in hospitals, clinics, long-term care facilities, accountable care organizations, and other settings are eligible to participate. Students will upgrade their health informatics knowledge, improve the quality of health care in

their communities and gain new skills to advance in their profession.

The course offers learners a choice of four tracks of the full curriculum, each with recorded lectures and slides, quizzes, optional activities and required course assessments. Each track will take between 12-15 hours to complete. NMHIC will also offer in-person tutorial workshops covering the data analytics content. Info: visit GO.UTH. EDU/HICATT, e-mail April Salisbury at LCF Research/NMHIC at april@nmhic.org, or call 505-938-9925 or 1-866-586-7802, ext. 9925.

Vision screenings at elementary schools

The New Mexico Lions Operation Kidsight is beginning annual vision screenings on children up to first grade. Parents need to make sure children are at school on the appropriate day. If they currently wear glasses, children should bring them on screening day. Schedule is as follows: Booker T. Washington-Aug. 23; Cesar Chavez-Aug. 25; Columbia-Aug. 30; Conlee-Sept. 1; Dona Ana-Sept. 6; Hermosa Heights-Sept. 8; Loma Heights-Sept. 13; MacArthur-Sept. 15; Mesilla Park-Sept. 20; Tombaugh-Sept. 22; University Hills-Sept. 27; Valley View-Sept. 29. Info: 575-525-5631

World travel programs at Las Cruces Academy

A program of the world travel adventures of Vince Gutschick and Lou Ellen Kay with pictures, stories, and artifacts from 38 nations of the world, occurs twice a month at Las Cruces Academy. Gutschick and Kay are the school's board chair and head, respectively. Presentations with light snacks take place at 2 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of every month at 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. Free of charge; children are especially welcome. For information, call Vince at 571-2269.

Workers comp ruling under fire

By ALTA LECOMPTE

Las Cruces Bulletin

Advocates for the agriculture industry are urging state legislators to fight a recent New Mexico Supreme Court decision requiring farmers and ranchers to provide workers compensation insurance for their workers.

Whether the lawmakers can or will do anything to mitigate the impact of the ruling on

“I wanted to debunk claims by the Center for Law and Poverty that the agricultural industry is this grand, profit making, gentleman’s industry,”

— **Zach Riley**, director of governmental affairs for the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau

small farmers and ranchers remains to be seen.

The legislature’s interim Economic and Rural Development Committee heard from both the

Workers Compensation Administration (WCA) and opponents of the change at an Aug. 3 meeting held in Las Cruces.

The mandate to insure work-

ers applies to agricultural businesses with three or more paid employees, the court stated in its June 30 opinion. The ruling struck down the long-standing exemption of agricultural workers from workers comp insurance coverage.

Legislators voice concerns

“From what Rep. Hall said, the final mandate has not come down yet, but it looks like the Supreme Court is saying the

provision covers agricultural workers,” said committee chair Rick Little, a Republican representing Doña Ana and Otero counties. “We’re going to see what comes down. If it stays like it is, things are going to be tough (for small farmers).”

Little, who owns R. Little Enterprises in Chaparral, said as a small business owner, he is concerned about the impact on

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Harvesting the 2015 crop on the Arnold Brothers farm in the North Valley.

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Grant aims to keep pecan production profitable

BULLETIN REPORT

Improving the sustainability and profitability of pecan crops is the aim of a \$4.4 million federal grant to support research at New Mexico State University.

The grant awarded to NMSU was one of 19 grants totaling \$36.5 million awarded nationally through the Specialty Crop Research Initiative.

The funded project, Coordinated Development of Genetic Tools for Pecan,

is a multi-institutional collaboration between NMSU, the University of Georgia, the University of Arizona, the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation and the USDA Agricul-

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Sales associates Randall Gonzales and Emily Maese assist a customer at Big Star Hardware.



Owner Brennen Jeffers inspects the Stihl power tool inventory in the warehouse.

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Big Star Hardware ventures into ag supplies

By **ALTA LECOMPTE**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's Sunday morning and your "to do" list just took a turn for the worse. You need a little backhoe, pronto.

There's only one place to go: Big Star Hardware on North Valley Drive.

Brennen Jeffers, new owner of the former RTD Do It Best hardware store, said his is the only store in greater Las Cruces that rents equipment on Saturdays and Sundays — just the time when you turn your attention to your list of unfinished projects.

Opening on Sundays is itself a new service Big Star Hardware is offering under Jeffers' ownership.

Equipment rental is new as well.

You'll also find a line of Stihl power tools available for purchase, and a gold-certified Stihl

technician on staff to make small engine repairs, Jeffers said. The line includes chain saws, weed eaters, blowers and much more.

In addition, there's a comprehensive line of Craftsman tools.

Better than basketball

Although he is only 29, Jeffers has 10 year's experience in the hardware business.

He majored in business at New Mexico State University, where he played basketball for the Aggies during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 seasons.

Brad Achon, owner of Sun Valley Inc. hardware stores, introduced him to the hardware business and he knew he had found his niche.

"I got to working part time for him in 2006 and I really enjoyed it," Jeffers said. "I started working full time in 2007. I was doing a balancing act, but Brad got me

really pumped up and excited about the hardware business. He gave me awesome opportunities to go after."

Jeffers said the business is rewarding because he can aggressively pursue his retailing goals while at the same time helping customers get the products they need for their projects.

"I'm really a people-oriented person," he said. "It's a really honest way to earn a living. I never knew what I wanted to do with my life. It worked out."

In 2009 he was named manager of the Deming store, the highest volume store in the Sun Valley group. For five years he managed the group that includes Mesilla Park, Hatch, Deming, and Truth or Consequences.

"This opportunity came up and we jumped all over it," said Jeffers, who has been a North Valley resident for many years.

He said he is majority partner.

His stepdad and brother, who have businesses of their own, are also partners.

ACE is the place

Jeffers said the opportunity to join the ACE co-op came up about the same time he was purchasing the RTD.

"I had been familiar with hardware co-ops and I always was very impressed with ACE," he said. "I wanted to be with the best. ACE has the incentives you need to serve the public best."

As times change, ACE and its products change, Jeffers said.

"Signing with ACE, we had an opportunity to update the entire store — products, display, every ounce of every department."

The updates include creating a paint studio that features Valspar and Clark + Kensington products.

"We're a full-blown paint powerhouse," Jeffers said.

He also is expanding the plumbing department.

"It seems to be the No. 1 department in every store I've ever worked for," Jeffers said. "Lawn and garden also is really good in this area."

Big Star Hardware will buy much of its merchandise from ACE, but also carry the products of many other vendors, he said.

"ACE has the lowest costs of goods of anyone in the industry," he said. "If we were to sell everything at list, we would be dead on with Lowe's and Home Depot and probably a lot cheaper in a lot of areas."

Store caters to homeowners, farmers

"The store has been here 30 years and has quite a loyal following," Jeffers said. "The previous owners did a really

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New Mexico's farmers.

"I think we're going to have to take a look at it in the legislative session and see where we can find some common ground," said Senate Pro Tem Mary Kay Papen, a Democrat representing Doña Ana County and an advisory member of the interim committee.

"I think it's important that we look at our agriculture industry and what we're doing to it. We can't afford to put our agriculture industry out of business," Papen said.

While unpaid family members are still exempt from the coverage mandate, family members who are paid must be insured.

"If two sons and daughters are out picking onions, what do you do?" Papen asked. "I think if only family members are working, a farmer shouldn't have to pay for workers comp insurance."

Papen declined to speculate on whether exempting paid family members would be the "common ground" she advocated.

In the details

According to a fact sheet the New Mexico Workers Compensation Commission distributed at the legislative committee meeting, "family members would be volunteers and not employees. However if the member is paid wages for services performed, they may be counted as an employee for purposes of determining whether workers' compensation coverage is required."

Farmers and ranchers who perform work on each other's property also would be considered volunteers unless they are paid wages, the WCA states

An owner or executive

employee may elect to be excluded from coverage, but must be counted as an employee when a determination is made as to whether the business has three or more employees.

Determining who is a paid worker gets a bit murky, however, in the case of independent contractors. The Workers Comp Administration states that this determination must be made on a case-by-case basis. The decision would be based on whether the business owner or the contractor has the right to control the work being done.

"If you are unsure how to classify workers employed by your business, you should consult an attorney," the WCA recommends.

Classification codes and premiums are determined by insurance company underwriters, not the WCA, the WCA states.

If an agricultural operation fails to obtain a policy, the WCA may seek a temporary restraining order. The agricultural business could face penalties of as much as \$1,000 a day for non-compliance.

If an employee is injured when the employer does not have coverage in place, the employee can file a claim with the Uninsured Employers' Fund. If the fund pays benefits, the business will be ordered to reimburse the payments plus penalties of 15 to 50 percent, interest and fees.

Ag industry concerns

The most frequently voiced concern appears to be the impact of the cost of covering workers on small agricultural businesses — which make up most of the state's farms and ranches.

"Only 3 percent of farms in New Mexico are corporate farms," said Zach Riley, director of governmental

affairs for the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau.

Riley said he found out about the legislative committee hearing a week before it took place, and learned the WCA was to be the sole presenter. He got on the agenda, and refuted some common beliefs about farmers' and ranchers' ability to pay, Riley said.

He said last year the state's gross output was \$4 billion. In Doña Ana County, for example the average farm income in 2014 was \$13,000.

"I wanted to debunk claims by the Center for Law and Poverty that the agricultural industry is this grand, profit making, gentleman's industry," Riley said. "If we're part of a multi-billion dollar industry, clearly someone is not writing me a healthy enough paycheck."

Riley said one rancher and one ranch hand would likely fall below the level at which coverage is required, but "we're being advised it should be considered."

"I've told my story to three different committees," he said. "There's always the same outcome — empathy and the understanding that something has to be done to safeguard the oldest industry in our state. "Sen. McSorley ... looked at me and said, 'Now we're going to have to figure out how to protect the mom and pop shops.'" Riley said: "They're hearing us."

He acknowledged, "a complete and total exemption is probably out of the picture."

Riley said better guidelines are needed for the sector to deal with the workers comp insurance process.

The issue now, he said, is how to mitigate costs to the small producer.

"That's something we'll work on with the legisla-

ture," he said.

Ag's unique challenges

Riley said although small businesses in other industries have had to learn to deal with workers comp, agriculture has unique challenges, including the degree of difficulty of labor management and the inability to source costs.

"Beef on the hoof has to be sold for whatever the price is at the time," he said. "We can't say we're going to raise prices."

He said there's a great deal of uncertainty around what the cost of insurance will be for each individual producer.

"The problem I foresee is the same that has happened in several other states," Riley said. "The only people able to continue to do business are the big corporate guys who can pay to play."

Compliance starts now

"As of August 4, any agricultural laborer injured on the job (is entitled to claim benefits)," Diana Sandoval-Tapia, public information officer for the WCA, said.

Sandoval-Tapia said the WCA in fall 2015 did state-wide tours to inform employers about the law.

"Our compliance bureau recently sent out a mass mailing to every employer we know of. We encourage people to get coverage as soon as possible through anybody licensed to sell insurance."

She said agricultural employers who don't know where to find an agent should call the Independent Insurance Agents of New Mexico at 505-843-7231.

She said employers who have questions for WCA should call the compliance bureau chief at 505-841-6851.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Facebook business event set

A Facebook Boost Your Business event, free to the public, will be held starting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, in Exhibit Hall 2, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

The Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce is co-hosting the seminar.

Facebook's Boost Your Business events provide businesses around the country with the most up-to-date tools, insights and best practices for growing a business on Facebook and Instagram. Attendees also have the chance to learn from local business owners during a small business panel discussion, as well as connect with business resources in the community.

Areas to be covered during the presentation include: tips for creating content, understanding where content is distributed, tools for targeting to ensure a message gets in front of the right people, advertising and measurement tools with which to see how people respond to pages and ads.

A Facebook notepad and pen will be provided. If you prefer to take notes on a computer or tablet, feel free to bring yours along.

Although the event is free, registration is required. For more information and to register, visit: <https://fbascruces.eventfarm.com>.

Sun Power named top installer in Doña Ana County

In a recent report from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), SunPower by Positive Energy Solar was ranked as the top solar contractor in Doña Ana County, installing the most solar energy systems in the region. Along with this regional accomplishment, the company held on to its rank as the leading solar installer for the entire state of New Mexico.

"Even with the sunset of the state tax credit, solar continues to be a great investment because of the dramatic decrease in prices over the last eight years," said Mark Westbrook, Las Cruces branch manager of SunPower by Positive Energy Solar. "This affordability, combined with Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) available at least through the end of 2016, continued net metering and the 30 percent ITC make it possible for Las Cruces residents to continue making a great financial investment while powering their home with solar."

Since 1997, the company has installed more than 13 megawatts of solar.

Visit www.positiveenergysolar.com.



Sandra Nordstrom of Basic Merchandising stocks the shelves with ACE products.

BIG STAR

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good job.”

His intention, he said is to build on a good business and make it even better.

“It’s really a convenience store, home-owner-oriented, for the do-it-yourselfer,” he said.

Big Star Hardware’s target market also includes nearby health care facilities and family farmers.

“The highlight of my experience at Sun Valley was establishing relationships with farmers and learning the (agricultural) inventory,” he said.

Big Star Hardware won’t sell heavy farm equipment, but it will stock agricultural supplies, including fertilizers, fittings and valves, polydrip lines, irrigation gates, baler twine and sprayers.

A warehouse at the rear of the property will become headquarters for all things farming.

Partnering with SBDC

Jeffers said he spent much his youth on his stepdad’s pecan farm, watching but not working.

“I’m 29 years old and I’m buying a business,” he said. “I’ve been in the busi-



Sales associate Emily Maese and owner Brennen Jeffers of Big Star Hardware on North Valley Drive.

ness but never been the master.”

He acknowledged there was a lot he didn’t know when he set out to open his own business.

Fortunately, a banker recommended he contact Jo Ann Garay, director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Doña Ana Community College.

“I never knew that part of NMSU existed,” he said.

“I had been working with a CPA, but I couldn’t afford it. Jo Ann helped me dissect the financials. I spent hours and hours with Jo Ann.”

In addition, he said, he was fortunate enough to “inherit” the store’s accounting manager, Victoria Sanchez.

“She’s my boss,” he said. Jeffers said the store now employs nine full- and

part-time associates, most of whom worked for the previous owner.

“We kept everyone who wanted to stay and I brought in a guy who worked with me previously,” he said.

Jeffers said he’s fortunate his wife, Tierney Jeffers, also is a small business owner and has a commitment similar to his own.

He said the couple “randomly connected” after she returned to Las Cruces after spending her college years in Utah.

She opened the Total Body Bar women’s fitness business in October, 2014 at 841 S. Main St.

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SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, Aug. 25

9:30 a.m.-noon: Facebook Boost Your Business event, Exhibit Hall 2, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Free. Registration required. For more information and to register, visit: <https://fb.lascruces.eventfarm.com>.

Thursday, Sept. 1

Mindfulness in Business, Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 S. Don Roser Drive. Cost: \$15. Register online at www.lascruceshispanicchamber.com.

Friday, Sept. 2

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Lunch and Learn First Friday, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. What form of

business is best for you? With Frank Lopez, executive director of Ngage New Mexico. Free and open to the public. Bring a bag lunch.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

5-6:30 p.m. L.C.Y.P. Welcome Wednesdays, every Wednesday, Azul Lounge, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. For information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 575-524-1968

Friday, Oct. 7

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Lunch and Learn First Friday, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. How to maintain an effective website with Paul Angel, owner of Cheddar Social. Free and open to the

public. Bring a bag lunch.

Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 9-10

“Innovation and Discovery in Agriculture and Food” event. Innovators are invited to apply to present their agriculture, agriculture-related food or value-added food discovery/innovation/product to experienced business advisers. Application deadline is Friday, Oct. 7. For information, call the New Mexico State University Arrowhead Center at 575-646-6120.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

11th annual Agricultural Employer Conference in Las Cruces. Info: www.ag-growers.com or call Angela at New Mexico Workforce Connection, 575-740-6484.

PECAN

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tural Research Service.

The project seeks to identify the genetic elements of crops that control traits, such as nutrient uptake, drought tolerance and nut quality— and to identify trees that will yield the largest and best quality crops in specific environments, yet require less input by growers.

“The economics of pecan farming have been good for the last several years, but now is the time to look for opportunities to prepare for the future, especially on the production side,” said Jay Lillywhite, head of the Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business Department in NMSU’s College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences.

Lillywhite said in the first three or four years of the five-year project biologists would seek a better understanding of the genome, a better understanding of how pecan trees function.

“They like a lot of water,” he said. “We might be able to come up with a variety that would better withstand drought.”

As an agricultural economist, he would look at how new varieties might affect the overall profitability of the industry, Lillywhite said.

The funding was awarded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture Specialty Crop Research Initiative.

It was authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which U.S. Sens. Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich of New Mexico sup-

ported.

“This significant investment in research at New Mexico State University to support the pecan industry will help pecan farmers in New Mexico and across the country expand their production and increase the yield and quality of their crops,” Udall said.

“This research will help pecan farmers select the varieties of crops that will thrive and be most profitable.”

“These funds will further position New Mexico State University as a leading agricultural research center,” Heinrich said. “Many growers in New Mexico come from families that have cultivated land for generations. However, challenges today such as long-term drought have made farming difficult. This research will help ensure that the pecan industry can continue to thrive.”

Aggies, officers team up for charity

The New Mexico State football team and local law enforcement personnel are partnering together for a flag football charity event on Friday, Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. Funds raised will be donated to the Officer Jose Ismael Chavez Memorial Fund.

The event, which is free to the public, will be held in Aggie Memorial Stadium. Donations for the cause will be accepted.

Officer Chavez was killed in the line of duty on Aug. 12. He was a New Mexico State student majoring in criminal justice.

Teams will be made up of members from the NM State football team, the Las Cruces Police Department, the New Mexico State University Police Department, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, the Mesilla Marshal's Department and the Doña Ana County Fire Department.

Deputy Cotton, the Doña Ana County Sheriff Office's Crime Prevention/Community Outreach Officer, played for the Aggies from 2006-09. Cotton racked up 118 tackles over 39 games and was Academic All-WAC for his final three years in Crimson and White.

NMSU gets new threads



COURTESY PHOTO

The NM State Athletics Department will host a special event to unveil its new Under Armour uniforms at the Barnes & Noble Book Store on campus on Sept. 1. The event will begin at 5 p.m. with a uniform unveiling at 6:15 p.m.

NMSU running back Rose selected for award watch list

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State University running back Larry Rose III has been selected for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List, announced SPORTyler and the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday.

The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award is given to the top offensive player in Division I football who was born in Texas and/or graduated from a Texas High School and/or

played at a Texas-based junior college or four year college.

Rose III led the SBC with 1,651 rushing yards on 240 carries during the 2015 season. Following his spectacular sophomore campaign, the Fairfield, Texas native was named the SBC's Offensive Student-Athlete of the year and was selected for the Associated Press All-America Third Team. Rose III was the only SBC student-athlete chosen as an AP All-American following the 2015 season.

Additionally, he was the first Aggie to earn this honor since Karl Dean, who was named to the Third Team in both 1974 and 1975.

After rushing for 1,102 yards as a freshman, Rose III became the first back-to-back 1,000-yard rusher for NM State since Denvis Manns. Manns rushed for over 1,000 yards each of his four years as an Aggie (1995-1998).

Rose III broke the NM State all-time single season rushing record 10 weeks into 2015

season with a 191-yard performance against UL Lafayette. Overall, he concluded the season ranked No. 6 all-time in the SBC in single season rushing yards.

Rose III finished the 2015 season with three 200-yard rushing games and seven 100-yard rushing games. He rushed for a career-high 260 yards at Rio Grande rival New Mexico, but the highlight of his season was a 212-yard,

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Three former Aggie women tee it up at Rio Olympics

NMSU Aggie faithful will be pleased to know that three former Aggie women golfers are competing for their birth countries in the Rio Olympic Games. They are: Urusla Wikstrom representing Finland, Gwladys Nocera, France and Alena Sharp, Canada.

The women will compete individually for four rounds of stroke play, with the top three scores winning medals.

Urusla Wikstrom, who went by Tuutti when she was an Aggie gofer, earned All-American Honorable Mention status, as well as First-Team All-Sunbelt Conference in 2001. She turned pro in 2003, playing 12 to 20 tournaments a season on the Ladies European Tour. In 2015 she had four top-10 finishes and tied for 2nd in the Deloitte Ladies Open. So far this year, her best finish is a tie for 13th at the Buick Championships at Shanghai Qizhong Garden Golf Club.

Gwladys Nocera turned pro in 2002 and played on the LPGA Tour for about eight years before switching mostly to the Ladies European Tour in 2010. As an Aggie golfer, Nocera earned All-American Honorable Mention in 2000 and was selected to First-Team Big West Conference in 1999 and 2000. She was picked by the Euros for the European Solheim Cup Team in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2015. Across the pond Nocera won the Deutsche Bank Ladies Open in 2006, the KLM Ladies Open in Holland and EMAAR-MGF Ladies Masters in India, both in 2007, and then won five tournaments in 2008 including the prestigious Aberdeen Asset Management Ladies Scottish Open. In 2013 she won the Allianz Ladies Slovak Open and the Suzhou Taihu Ladies Open in China, and in 2014 she was back in the winner's circle at the Hero Women's Indian Open. Nocera turned in a solid performance at the 2016 U.S. Women's Open with a tie for 38th.

The third former Aggie golfer is Alena Sharp, who perhaps stands the best chance of winning a medal in

Rio. Sharp was a standout amateur golfer in Canada, as a two-time winner of the Ontario Junior Championship (1997-98) and captured the 1999 Ontario Ladies Championship as well as the 1999 Canadian Junior Championship. At NMSU she won five collegiate tournaments and was named Sun Belt Conference Female Athlete of the year and was an NCAA All-American First-Team selection in 2003. In 2008 Sharp was inducted into the NMSU Sports Hall of Fame. Since her LPGA rookie year in 2005, her career earnings are now over \$1.8 million.

Those earnings are pretty much a result of a lot of cuts made and a lot of top 25 or better finishes, which is what you need to do as a pro to stay in the hunt.

Sharp is also a person who strongly believed in the value of giving back when she became a professional golfer. In 2006 she started the Alena Sharp Charity Classic, which annually benefits the Alzheimer's society of Brant-Hamilton-Halton in Canada. In 2008 she was named the ambassador for the RCGA Golf For the Cure program.

Representing the U.S. will be Stacy Lewis, Lexi Thompson and Gerina (Mendoza) Piller, who is from Roswell and played golf for UTEP.

Golf in the Olympics dates to 1900 and 1904. In 1900 both men and women competed in France on the Compiègne Club golf course, with the men playing a 36-hole stroke event and the women 9 holes. Gold was won by Charles Sands and Margaret Ives Abbott, both of the U.S. [They were awarded prizes rather than medals. The IOC should stamp medals for their heirs.] Before this week in Rio, the last time golf was played as an Olympic sport was 1904 at the Glen Echo Country Club in St. Louis. The field of men consisted of 77 Americans and three Canadians. No women were allowed to play. The gold was won by George Lyon of Canada, which may provide Alena Sharp a measure of inspiration.



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
The Golf Doctor

Golf tournament benefits Luke's Wings



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY KIRSTINA SANGSAHACHART

From left, Gabe Sanchez, Vince Zamora and Robbie Fresquez with the Las Cruces Fire Department practice on the green before the start of a golf tournament to raise money for Luke's Wings, a nonprofit that helps wounded warriors, at Red Hawk Golf Club in Las Cruces on Friday, Aug. 12. Luke's Wings raises money for wounded warriors and helps them reunite with their loved ones while in their recovery. For more information, visit www.LukesWings.org.



Dakota Bierly and Mary Catherine O'Neill with Luke's Wings, give a speech at the start of a golf tournament.

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four touchdown rushing performance against Idaho on Oct. 31. Rose III rushed for two touchdowns in the final 3:56 of the game and then added a touchdown in extra time to lift NM State to victory.

In addition to his rushing yards, Rose III led the conference with 1,934 all-purpose yards. Overall, he racked up four 200-yard all-purpose games and nine 100-yard all-purpose games. Rose III earned two consecutive SBC

Offensive Student-Athlete of the Week awards after standout games against Idaho and Texas State.

Rose III also racked up 283 receiving yards and two touchdowns on 30 receptions. This included a flat-pattern pass, which he carried 77 yards for a touchdown at Texas State.

This is the fourth watch list Rose III has been named to in advance of the 2016 season. He is also on the Doak Walker Award Watch List, the Maxwell Award Watch List and the Walter Camp Award Watch List.



Shop with a Cop event



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY TABITHA ROSSMAN

ABOVE: Officer Erika Flores from the State Police office shops with Dezaraie Lozano and Manuel Villalobos and their kids.

LEFT: Officer Daniel Thomas gives kids a high five during the Shop with a Cop event at Walmart on Walton Avenue.

Brig. Gen. Timothy Coffin receives proclamation from Chamber

Brig. Gen. Timothy Coffin and his wife, Kristy, received a proclamation from the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, Aug. 16. Coffin, who served as commander of White Sands Missile Range for the past two years, is retiring after 35 years in the U.S. Army. The Coffins will retire in Colorado.

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BULLETIN PHOTOS
BY RICHARD COLTHARP



Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Rick Jackson reads a retirement proclamation for outgoing White Sands Missile Range commander Brig. Gen. Timothy Coffin and his wife, Kristy. Also pictured is Bill Connor, head of the chamber's Military Affairs Committee.

Ouch!

Students get shots at clinic



PHOTOS BY KIRSTINA SANGSAHACHART

Nurse Cecilia Sanchez puts a bandage on the leg of Godric Robles, 4, after his vaccination shots during the New Mexico Department of Health annual back-to-school immunization no fee walk-in clinic for children 18 and younger at Cineport 10 theater at the Mesilla Valley Mall in Las Cruces on Tuesday Aug. 16.



ABOVE: A nurse gives high school student Francisco Fernandez, 17, his vaccination shots.

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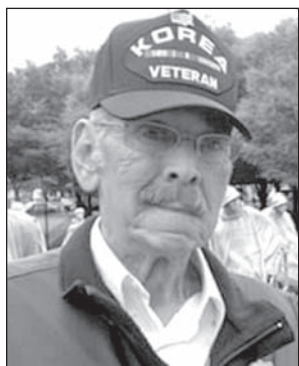


Nurse Susie Arredondo gives a vaccination shot to Tyler Nathan Tafoya, 4, while his dad, Tyler Tafoya, holds him.



David Martinez Jr., 4, get a band aid after his vaccination shot.

OBITUARIES

**Andres G. Padilla Jr.**

ANDRES "NUNI" G. PADILLA, JR. (SGT. MAJOR RET.) age 85, lifelong resident of Anthony passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, August 7, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. "Nuni" as he was fondly known to family and friends, was born June 5, 1931 to Andres, Sr. and Placida Guerrero Padilla. He served his country honorably in the United States Army. Nuni worked for

the Department of Defense at Fort Bliss as a Production Expeditor, and was a lifetime member of VFW Post #4384 in Anthony, NM, and also the American Legion Livesay Chavez Post #122 in Anthony, TX.

Those left to mourn his passing include his two daughters, Rosie Aldaz of Anthony, and Irma Gallegos (Arturo) of Canutillo, TX; his twin sons, Henry Padilla (Yolanda) of Anthony and Hector Padilla (Bernice) of La Mesa. Other survivors include eleven grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Nuni was preceded in death by his wife, Consuelo "Connie" Ramos Padilla on December 12, 2008; two brothers, Jesus and Francisco Padilla, and son-in-

law, Luis Aldaz, Jr.

Visitation for Mr. Padilla was held on August 15, 2016 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 224 Lincoln Street in Anthony where the Prayer Vigil followed. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on August 16, 2016 in the same church with the Reverend Rafael Castillo, Celebrant. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow at Anthony Catholic Cemetery where he will be laid to rest alongside his wife. Full military honors will be accorded by a Fort Bliss Honor Guard.

Serving as casket bearers will be Damian Gallegos, Sr., Luis Aldaz III, Enrique and Ricardo Padilla, Mike Guerrero, Jr. and Jorge Araiza, Jr. Honorary bearers will be Jaime and Jacob Araiza and Nathaniel Rubio.

The Padilla Family

has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care". For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas-cruces.com

**Francisco S. Montes**

Our beloved son, brother, uncle, and friend, FRANCISCO "FRANK" S. MONTES, entered eternal life on Friday, August 5, 2016 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. He was born October 4, 1949 in Las Cruces, NM to Manuel A. Montes and Paula Saavedra.

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**Troy E. Watson**

Troy Eugene Watson, 66, of San Miguel, NM passed away on August 15, 2016. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.

Kathleen A. O'Mara

KATHLEEN A. O'MARA, age 68, of Las Cruces died Saturday, August 13, 2016 at La Posada- Mesilla Valley Hospice. Cremation will take place and no services are planned. Condolences may be sent to: Anne M. McDonley, 6 Newfield Road, Scituate,

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**Reynaldo C. Gonzales**

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother, REYNALDO C. GONZALES, age 72 of Las Cruces, on Monday, August 8, 2016 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

The Gonzales Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces - 527-2222. For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas-cruces.com



Three-day unmanned aircraft workshop scheduled

By **TIFFANY ACOSTA**

For the Bulletin

With the increasing popularity of unmanned aircraft systems or drones, New Mexico State University's Unmanned Aircraft Systems Flight Test Center will offer a three-day workshop to teach government, civil and business officials about the new technology and regulations.

The workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 13-15, at the Physical Science Laboratory at Anderson Hall. The cost is \$300 per person with a working lunch included. Registration is available online at <http://psl.nmsu.edu>.

The workshop will focus on helping officials understand the technology, determine the right sensor and UAS for a particular application, prepare

for the changes in this fast-moving field, become aware of the administrative and FAA regulations, and learn how to develop a plan and achieve each organization's goals. NMSU's UAS experts will guide participants through the requirements process addressing the many nuances to optimize budgets and perform the mission.

"The workshop was developed and is being offered in answer to the many phone calls and questions we receive from state, county and city employees and even businesses. UAS is a new tool and it is easy to go the wrong direction when you purchase one because of lack of education. The problem is, the cost for the wrong decision can be substantial and can set your timeline back months or even years," said Dennis Zaklan, deputy director of the NMSU UAS Flight Test Center

and UAS Flight Operations Team.

For more information contact Zak-

lan at dzaklan@psl.nmsu.edu or 575-646-9417.



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COMING UP

Candidate interview event set

The local Republican Party is hosting a candidate "job interview" event 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25 at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. There is social time before and after event. Tickets are \$10 at the website nmbizcoalition.org or by calling 505-836-4223. Candidates for the following seats will be present: Secretary of State; NM Supreme Court; NM Court of Appeals, Senate Dist. 37 and Doña Ana County commission.

NMSU Chancellor featured at MVEDA lunch

The September meeting of the MVEDA Business in the Borderplex Forum will feature an update on the ongoing changes at NMSU by Chancellor Garrey Carruthers and will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6 at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor. The meeting begins with a hot entree buffet followed by a MVEDA update. Advance registration is \$25/person, payable by major credit card via the secure PayPal portal on the registration form. Payment at the door with cash, check or credit card is \$30/person. Reservations are required. Registration closes Thursday, Sept. 1. Register online at www.mveda.com/blog.

Dillard's celebrates new cosmetics area

Dillard's-Mesilla Valley Mall invites visitors from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, for make-up artists, live entertainment and refreshments at the Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

Support Your Local Police Committee hosts speaker

At 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 at Mountain View Baptist Church, 705 N. Main (across from City Hall) the Las Cruces Support Your Local Police Committee presents a program in which police will be honored; former police detective from New Jersey to speak. Tickets \$2, at door \$3. Info: 575-520-7938.

Bow Wow Swim Luau scheduled

The Annual Bow Wow Swim Luau is scheduled for noon to 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20 at Desert Hills Pool, 5800 La Reina (northeast of Doña Ana, off Hwy

25, exit 9). People and well-behaved, leashed dogs are invited to a day of swimming, food, drinks and live entertainment with prizes throughout the day. Bring towels; chairs are optional. Proceeds support Action Programs for Animals. Admission \$10/person. Info: Dee at deedee08@q.com or 575-382-9508.

Model Railroad Club meeting

Southern New Mexico N Scalers Model Railroad Club monthly meeting and model railroad running day is the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the club layout at the Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds (located in the white Quonset hut.) Enter from the far west gate. Info: Mike Fifer at 575-526-8834.

Dowsing class at Center for Spiritual Living

A Dowsing class will be offered from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Jeanne Gehringer of the American Society of Dowsters will give a talk on the highlights of the 2016 West Coast Dowsing & Metaphysical Conference. There is a fee for the class. Info: Jeanne Gehringer at 575-522-4667 or at mjeanne@zianet.com.

Good Samaritan Society holds Taco Tuesday Fundraiser

Good Samaritan - Las Cruces Village holds a Taco Tuesday luncheon fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 23 in the Creative Arts Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Drive up area available. Pre purchase tickets, cash and checks accepted. Plates include tacos, rice, beans and dessert. Proceeds go to the Alzheimer's Association and Founders Day Project for Camp Hope structures. Info: Penney McClarin 575-556-2119.

Interfaith Council hosts discussion on respect

A community discussion set for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23 at Community Action Agency at 3880 Foothills Road, will focus on respect. The event is presented by the Las Cruces Interfaith Coalition for Compassion, comprised of community leaders from local faith groups and organizations, and Peace Village of Las Cruces. Info: contact Rabbi Larry Karol at rabbi@tblc.org.

Free admission at Carlsbad Caverns Aug. 25-28

Carlsbad Caverns is celebrating the National Park Service's 100th anniversary on Thursday, Aug. 25 with free admission and special events throughout the week. Info: 505-797-6673.

Fall gardening classes at Mountain View Co-op

Gardening expert Jackye Meinecke will present gardening classes at 2 p.m. Saturdays starting Aug. 27 and continuing through Nov. 5 in the Community Room at Mountain View Co-Op, 1300 El Paseo Road. The topic for Aug. 27 is Fall Vegetable Gardening. Classes last 1 hour and cost \$10/person or \$8/person for Co-Op members. Reservations requested. Reserve space at gardens@zianet.com or call 575-323-0903.

Tickets on sale for Farm to Fork Brunch

At noon, Sunday Aug. 28 at Ardivino's Desert Crossing, 1 Ardivinos Way, Sunland Park, NM, Las Semilla Food Center's Farm to Fork Bruch takes place. The fundraiser is part of Paso Del Norte Foundation's Challenge Fund. Each \$1 dollar donated is eligible for a 50 cent match. Brunch features a locally sourced, gourmet meal, prepared by Paso del Norte's finest chefs and a cocktail hour on the Sunset Patio. Tickets available online at www.lasemillafoodcenter.org at \$60 per person/ \$100 a pair. Various table sponsorships are available. Info: Elena Acosta 575-882-2393, Elena@lasemillafoodcenter.org.

Story time, discounted shopping

At 10:45 a.m. Wednesdays at 300 El Molino Street Tutti Bambini hosts a children's story time. Attendees can shop for children's clothes at half price. Info: 575-526-9752.

Doña Ana County Republican Party office hours

The Doña Ana County Republican Party Headquarters, 3201 S. Main St., is open to serve the public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Info: 575-523-8683.

Toastmaster Club meets every Wednesday

Las Cruces Toastmasters Club meetings are held: at NMSU, from 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday; at Good Samar-

itan, Community Center, Kiva Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Info: 575-640-8951 or email lascrucestoastmasters@gmail.com, or visit the Toastmasters International website at www.toastmasters.org.

MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

Group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room, Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle for emotional support and MS education. Date, time, location are subject to change. Info: 575-373-5130 or lascrucessmselfhelp@gmail.com.

Las Cruces Civitan Club Meeting

The Las Cruces Civitan Club meets monthly at on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Second Tuesday meeting starts at noon; fourth Tuesday meeting starts at 6 p.m. at Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. Info: 575-649-0165.

Elite Business Builders Group meets on Wednesdays

Elite Business Builders BNI Group meets from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Picacho Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre. Open networking, questions and answers. Info: Cheryl 575-524-1201 or 575-520-730-4456.

Las Cruces Shrine meets on second Monday

The Las Cruces Shrine meets the second Monday of each month at 1150 W. Brown. All Shriners are invited to attend. Info: 575-526-8396.

Vital Records Office hours

The Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1170 N. Solano Dr. (Office is closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.) Info: Las Cruces Vital Records Office at 575-528-5046.

Immunizations available at Department of Health

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office provides immunization services for children and adults on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1170 N. Solano Drive. Info: 575-528-5017.

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that other life happenings don't interfere with your family's giving traditions. So if your family is going to volunteer at a local non-profit every year, pick a date and stick to it. If you want to allocate funds you've set aside to help vulnerable populations, have this conversation together and discuss

what you hope your gift achieves. Think about the following questions to guide the conversation:

- What are you passionate about?
- Who do you want to help?
- Who is most in need in your community?
- What do you know about the non-profits fulfilling this mission?
- What results do you aspire to accomplish through your contribution?

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico can help you identify the non-profits in our area that align with your philanthropic interests and goals. We not only serve as a vehicle for giving, but as a source of knowledge for our community members. Giving doesn't have to stop with you. Consider this – you just might be the first step in doing good.

Are you interested in

learning more about family philanthropy? Contact the Community Foundation at 575-521-4794 or stop by our new offices located at 2600 El Paseo Road.

Courtney Lopez is the Assistant Director for Development and Communication for the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. She can be reached at courtney@cfsnm.org.

SPACE

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ISPCS, we will discuss vision, pathways and executable plans to accomplish our near-term and future goals."

This year, 35 international government and industry speakers will

discuss topics including: space traffic management; a self-sustaining commercial economy in low earth orbit; international policy for space resources; persistence and perseverance in human spaceflight.

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leaders and international representatives of the commercial space transportation industry, government agency officials and academia gather to discuss topics relevant to personal and commercial spaceflight. ISPCS is a partner with New Mexico Space Grant Consortium,

a member of the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program.

Sponsorships and exhibitor packages are still available. Contact Joylynn Watkins at 575-646-6414 or jwatkins@nmsu.edu. For more information, visit www.ISPCS.com.

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ner, as well as the venue, will be donated by the chefs, the convention center and Las Cruces restaurants and businesses, Boberg said. That means 100 percent of the money collected from dinner ticket sales will go to buy clothes and shoes for participating students, who are selected because of financial need by Las Cru-

ces Public Schools and the Gadsden Independent School District.

Dress the Child volunteers, which include individuals, Aggie athletes, local high school students and Rotary Club members, take participating children shopping at local merchants in November and December. \$100 is funded for each child. With the support of participating merchants, each child actually re-

ceives \$120-\$150 in new clothes and shoes, said Boberg. The shopping events have not yet been scheduled, but volunteers will be needed to assist children with shopping.

To purchase tickets to the dinner, call Dress the Child Co-Chairs Doug Boberg at 575-644-9469 or Matt Holt at 575-993-2331; or send an email to dougboberg@comcast.net. For more information about Dress the Child events, go

online at <http://dressthechild.weebly.com/how-you-can-help.html>.

To purchase tickets, make out your check to the Las Cruces Rio Grande Foundation and send it to LCRGRF Dress the Child, P.O. Box 550, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004. Or, checks can be taken to the First New Mexico Bank at the corner of Lohman Avenue and Nacho Drive and given to Julie Koenig.

RESPECT

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ways to speak respectfully to our fellow community members, and to do so with humility and decency. We hope that our discussion will help us get clear in our heads that

respect is key to open dialogue and interaction."

The ICC's first discussion on Aug. 23, and future programs, will be conducted on the basis of guidelines for "how to speak to each other in a way that will allow us to listen intently" and how "to learn from one an-

other," Karol said.

"What we hope to do is to take away any fear that people may harbor through productive conversations that can lead us to hope and positive, ongoing relationships," he said.

The ICC welcomes Las Cruces community members to join in this first

program of dialogue. For more information and to reserve a place at the discussion table, contact Rabbi Larry Karol at rabbi@tblc.org.

Susie Ouder Kirk may be reached at 575-680-1983 or via email at susie@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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the passenger side of the Lexus. The assisting officer said Chavez was holding paperwork, but appeared to also be reaching for his service weapon. The officer said he saw smoke and then reported that Chavez fell to the ground.

The assisting officer returned fire toward the silver Lexus before it sped away on Franklin Avenue toward Interstate 25. He then alerted dispatch to an "officer down."

An additional Hatch Police officer, who was also en route to the traffic stop on Franklin Avenue, initiated a pursuit of the Lexus. She reported speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour and eventually lost sight of the vehicle.

Chavez died following surgery at University

Medical Center in El Paso just after 8 p.m. that day.

James Nelson, 36, was in the front passenger seat. He was arrested on a fugitive from justice charge on an outstanding warrant for a murder in Ohio that also allegedly involved Hanes.

The other passenger, Tony Jones, 44, was taken into custody.

A search warrant filed and executed revealed a large amount of methamphetamine in a suitcase that was in Jones's possession when he was arrested Friday, Aug. 12.

Law enforcement described Jones as a hitchhiker who was allegedly picked up by the two Ohio fugitives.

A public funeral for Officer Chavez is scheduled to take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21, at the Pan American Center on the campus of New Mexico State University.

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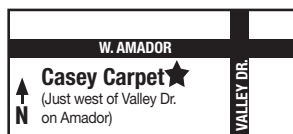
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IN THE NEWS

Moran promoted to tax manager at Beasley, Mitchell & Co.

Beasley, Mitchell & Co., a privately owned Las Cruces accounting firm, is proud to announce the promotion of Francisco A. "Tony" Morán, CPA, to tax manager for the firm.

Moran joined Beasley, Mitchell & Co. in 2008, and has been providing individual and corporate tax preparation services since then. He has a master of accountancy with a minor in finance from New Mexico State University and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant. He grew up in the Hatch Valley, and works with a wide range of local business owners including farmers, contractors and restaurateurs.

Moran is a past president of the Doña Ana Chapter of CPAs and has served as a board member of the New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants (NMSCPA). He received the 2013 Outstanding New Member Award issued by the New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants, and he is actively involved with numerous non-profit organizations in the community. He also has successfully completed the Upstream Emerging Leaders Academy, a three-year leadership development program for emerging leaders in accounting firms.

NMSU College of Education doctoral student receives APA award

Jamey Leeanne Rislin, a counseling psychology doctoral candidate at New Mexico State University's College of Education, is the recipient of this year's American Psychological Association's Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race (Division 45) Toy Caldwell-Colbert Student Contributions to Service Award. The award recognizes a graduate student who has made outstanding service or clinical contributions targeted at psychological issues of importance among ethnic minorities, according to the APA. The award will be presented during the APA Convention this month in Denver.

Interim CEO named for United Way

The United Way of Southwest New Mexico Board of Directors in August announced the appointment of Stacy Cox as interim CEO. Cox is a principal with Stacey Cox Consulting and has extensive experience in non-profit financial oversight, program planning and program implementation. She will replace Michael Zaragoza. The Board has formed a special committee to launch an expansive search for UWSWNM's next leader. Info: 575-644-0896.

Kitten fundraiser seeking jewelry

Project Save a Kitten is preparing for its March 2017 fundraiser jewelry sale. Donations are requested of jewelry, jewelry boxes, small decorative items, lace and linens and other small treasures. To donate, contact us for pick up or drop off at Better Life Pet Foods, 365 Avenida de Mesilla. Cash accepted as well. Info: Jackye at Project Save a Kitten at 575-323-0903 or gardens@zianet.com.

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Las Cruces GameCon ready to roll

By **BILLY HUNTSMAN**
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you're a video gamer, an arcade gamer, a board gamer, a trading card gamer, a martial artist or a cosplayer, the fifth annual Las Cruces GameCon is an event you don't want to miss.

Taking place Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19 and 20, at the Ramada Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave., the convention will open its doors at 3 p.m., and

Save the Date

WHAT: Las Cruces GameCon

WHEN: 3 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19-20

WHERE: Ramada Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave

COST: \$25 at the door

INFO: At Las Cruces Game Knights on Facebook.

commence with Super Smash Bros., Tekken and Mortal Kombat competitions until 7

p.m.

There will be Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3, Halo 5, Killer Instinct, Mortal Kombat XL, Super Smash Bros. 4 Wii U, Super Smash Bros. Project M., Super Smash Bros. Melee, Pokémon X, Y, Omega, Ruby, Alpha, Sapphire and Street Fighter 5 tournaments throughout the convention.

Each tournament has an entry fee of

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Fountain Theatre offers 'old fashioned' comedy

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Fountain Theatre, 4269 Calle de Guadalupe near the historic plaza in Mesilla, will welcome two long-time comedians for three shows in August, September and October, said the show's producer, Stan Blitz, of Las Cruces.

Comics Goldie Garcia and Roger C. Blair will perform from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month – Aug. 25, Sept. 29 and Oct. 27 – at the Fountain, Blitz said.

Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes a margarita, he said. Tickets are available in advance at La Posta de Mesilla, 2410 Calle de San Albino on the Mesilla Plaza, or at the Fountain Theatre the nights of the show.

Blitz described Gar-

Save the Dates

WHAT: Comedy shows with Goldie Garcia and Roger C. Blair

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays Aug. 25, Sept. 29 and Oct. 27

WHERE: Fountain Theatre, 4269 Calle de Guadalupe

PRICE: \$20

cia as “the first lady of comedy in New Mexico.”

A Harvard graduate, Garcia is a native New Mexican who now lives in Albuquerque. She has been a comedian for more than 30 years and has performed in clubs, casinos and other venues across the country. She has opened for Paul Rodriguez and other comedy stars, Blitz said. Garcia headlined a sold-out show for the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Com-

merce at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, he said.

Blair, who also lives in Albuquerque, is the Southwest Borscht Belt Comic who performs “Take my wife, por favor” kinds of jokes, Blitz said. He also has performed at a variety of comedy venues across the country for the past 30 years and has opened for Joan Rivers and other comedy stars, Blitz said.

Blitz referred to Garcia and Blair as “old-fashioned” comics whose shows are performed without vulgarity and are designed for family-oriented events.

Blitz said he hopes the shows spawn additional comedy performances and perhaps a lecture series at the Fountain Theatre, which is owned

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GAMECON

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\$5 per person. First, second and third place winners will receive 60 percent, 25 percent and 15 percent of the pots, respectively.

The games require players to “bring-your-own-controller.”

At 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, 16 contestants will vie to see who can eat three cups of ramen the fastest.

At 7 p.m. Las Cruces-based metalcore band I, The Constellation will perform video-game

music covers, and at 8 p.m. there will be video game trivia.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20, will be a Minecraft building contest. At 3 p.m. there will be a panel discussion regarding why your favorite anime and/or video game still sucks.

At 5 p.m. there will be a cosplay contest, and at 9 p.m., closing ceremonies will commence with a raffling of T-shirts and gifts from sponsors and vendors. Sponsors include Best Buy, GameStop and Aaron's, and vendors include Neko Angel's

Anime & Manga, Ricardo Adam Granado's Bear's Cave Comics, Dark_Art_Komics and Insert Coin Juarez. Raffle tickets will be available for \$1.

In addition to pay-to-play games, there will also be free-play arcade, console and trading-card games.

At-the-door tickets are \$25 for both days; kids from Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mountain Region – Doña Ana and Grant Counties get in for free.

The convention is a joint production of Albuquerque's Hangout

Gaming and the Las Cruces Game Knights. The Knights are responsible for such past events as Pokémon GO Day! at Young Park. The organization has been around for seven years and is a certified nonprofit club. It regularly hosts smaller-scale game nights at 1501 N. Solano Drive, the Lion's Club of Las Cruces.

More information can be found at Las Cruces Game Knights on Facebook, as well as with Mario Saucedo at 575-621-3858, with the request that all calls come after 6 p.m.

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by La Posta de Mesilla owners Tom and Jerean Hutchinson.

Producer Blitz is a native of Philadelphia who has lived in Las Cruces for the past seven years and is a long-time producer and manager. His clients have included the Fireballs, which he said are the only New Mexico group with a number one hit – 1963's “Sugar Shack.”

Blitz also has hosted a local radio show and served as marketing director for “Southwest Senior.” And, he is the author of “Bandstand The Untold Story: The Years Before Dick Clark,” which he said details the long-running television series before Dick Clark became the host. You can purchase the book from him for \$24.95.

For more information, contact Blitz at 505-440-5310 or saprinting06@gmail.com.

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FRI AUGUST 19 • 3:30 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
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SAT AUGUST 20 • 1:00 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Family Game Day

SAT AUGUST 20 • 3 & 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Tony Baker Comedy Show

TUE AUGUST 23 • 10:30 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Read to Me (Storytime for ages 3-5)

WED+THU AUGUST 24+25 • 10:00 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Toddler Time (Storytime for ages 1-3)

WED AUGUST 24 • 11:00 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Mother Goose Time (Activities for Infants)

SAT AUGUST 27 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
The Mexican Consulate presents *Four for Tango*

FRI SEPTEMBER 2 • 7:30 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
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Craft Brew & Winery SummerFest

» The Craft Brew & Winery SummerFest is scheduled for noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at The Grapevine Plaza Event Center, 3900 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, half a mile west of the Rio Grande River, behind Fairacres Post Office.

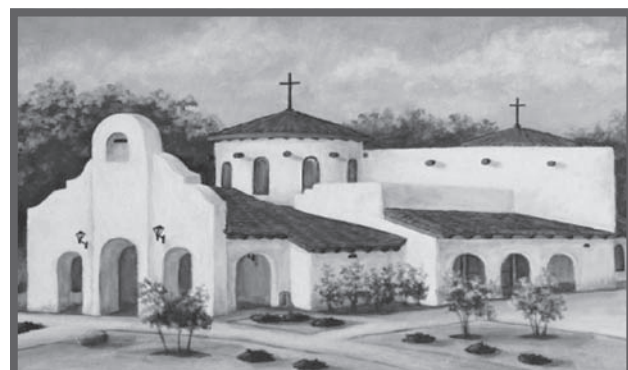
» Attendees can try hand-crafted beers from statewide brewers. The event includes New Mexico wineries, local

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» Friday, Aug. 19, 8-10 p.m. - Soulshine Rock, Pop, Classic Rock, Folk, Soul, Country, Southern Rock, an all-acoustic performance.

» Saturday, Aug. 20, 8-10 p.m. - Gold Hearted Crows, Western American folk /psychedelic rock brings out everyone's inner boogie-woogie

» Friday, Aug. 26, 8-10 p.m. - Paul Walter Kimball • Incorporating trumpet, guitar, percussion elements and a deep tenor voice

» Saturday, Aug. 27, 8-10 p.m., - Gleewood, blues, folk and rock 'n' roll with energetic guitar solos

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Contra Dance scheduled

» The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society is sponsoring a contra dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla. The Little Table Contraband from Las Cruces will be playing and Lonnie Ludeman will be calling. No partner is needed. Info: www.snmmds.org or 575-522-1691

» Contemporary dance classes

» The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will introduce two new dance classes to its schedule of dance classes. Jazz Funk on Heels and Smooth Contemporary will begin Aug. 22 at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatics Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

» Jazz Funk on Heels will be offered at 7 p.m., Mondays and Fridays. Smooth Contemporary will be offered at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Both classes will be offered on a drop in basis and the cost will be \$2 per class.

» Info: 575-541-2782.

Mosaic glass workshop set

» Nopalito's Galeria at 326 S. Mesquite will host an introductory glass mosaic workshop 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 27.

» No experience need. The cost is \$5 per person for material. To reserve a space, call (575) 524-0003.



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Soulshine will hit the stage at 8 p.m., Friday Aug. 19 at NM Vintage Wines, Beers & Cigars, 2461 Calle de Principal, Mesilla. The band will then be one of five musical acts scheduled to perform at The Craft Brew & Winery SummerFest Saturday, Aug. 20 at The Grapevine Plaza Event Center, 3900 W. Picacho Ave.

'Just Play' camp Dates Set

» Kathy Rodolph's "Just Play" camps are set for the 2016-17 season.

» The 'All Skills Camp' will hold two sessions on Aug. 20, with the first one running from 9 a.m. to noon. Session two runs from 1 to 4 p.m. for players in grades 9 through 12.

» Prospect Camp I will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 17 and 18. Prospect Camp II will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 12 and 13.

» The Team Camp will be held on Jan. 21-22, 2017. Info: contact Stef Ewing at sewing@nmsu.edu or visit

Jazzman Ross to perform

» Jazzman Ross will play live at 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23 at Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. No Cover. Call

575-680-6394.

September

Harvest Wine Festival at the fairgrounds

» Las Cruces is getting their country crush on at the 2016 Harvest Wine Festival, September 3 through 5 at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds. Come see Lucy Angel on Saturday, Sept. 3 and Josh Grider Sunday, Sept. 4 along with other bands. Festival is open noon to 6 p.m. daily. Tickets are \$20 in advance and include a \$5 coupon towards one bottle of wine purchase. Buy tickets at www.nmwine.org.

Foghat coming to Las Cruces

» Classic rock band Foghat will be in concert, Friday, Sept. 9 at Red Hawk Golf Club.

» The concert will proceed the Mesilla Valley Transportation Charity Golf Tournament on Sept. 9. The golf tournament and a portion of all Foghat concert ticket sales will benefit the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. The local charity helps address homelessness and poverty in Las Cruces and Doña Ana.

» This concert will again be held at Red Hawk on the green grass and all ages are welcome. Attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the food, beverages and vendors while listening to the music.

» For more information, call 575-571-3783.

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Fiber clay art to be displayed

» During the entire month of September, the Mesquite Art Gallery will feature the 3D work of Deming artist Diana LaMarbe.

» The show pays homage to women of the past. LaMarbe has recently found a new type of clay – fiber clay – that allows her to form sculptures of shawls and blankets to honor these women.

» A reception is scheduled for 4 p.m., Sept. 10 at the gallery, 340 N. Mesquite St.

» At the reception, LaMarbe will demonstrate the use of this new sculptural medium.

» Info: 575-640-3502

Ceramic Artist Claude Smith III presents at Art Salon

» The Las Cruces Museum of Art at 491 N. Main St. currently displays the exhibition, "Nature, Tradition, and Innovation: Contemporary Japanese Ceramics from the Gordon Brodfuehrer Collection" through Oct. 15.

» Admission to the Las Cruces Museum of Art is free. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, visit museums.las-cruces.org or call 575-541-2137.

'Keeping It Hot' until end of August

» The Gallery at Big Picture is hosting the Las Cruces Arts Association's juried exhibit 'Keeping It Hot' through the end of August. It features places, people or whatever in humorous and serious depic-

tions. Mediums include: oil, acrylic, dyes, watercolor, photography, sculptures in wood, stone, metals and gourds, and jewelry, fiber, glass and ceramics.

» The Gallery at Big Picture is located at 311 N. Main Street. Hours are Tuesday – Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9:30 - 1:30. For information, call 647-0508.

'Shining Stars' features artist with disabilities

» The Tombaugh Gallery presents the "Shining Stars" exhibit, the art work of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. By creating story boards, the artists tell their stories, expressing what makes them a "shining star." The Tombaugh Gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano, inside the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces.

» The Tombaugh Gallery is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 2 p.m. The show closes on Aug. 26.

'Impressions by Kay' features local artist

» Work by artist Kay Susin is scheduled to be featured in an exhibit titled 'Impressions by Kay' through Aug. 31. At Julie Ford Gallery, 311 North Downtown Mall.

» Weir, Leininger work on display

» The art paintings of Wendy Robin Weir and Marj Leininger are on permanent exhibit at Creative Harmony and Gifts at 220 N. Campo St. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. For information, call 312-3040.

We want your submissions

If you have an announcement you'd like to see in galleries, please send to BROOK@LASCRCESBULLETIN.COM.

EVENTS

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September

Live music at NM Vintage Wines

» Live music at NM Vintage Wines, Beers & Cigars, 2461 Calle de Principal, Mesilla

» Friday, Sept. 2, 7-10 p.m. - Alister M + Steve MacIntyre, indie-rock-folk group

» Saturday, Sept. 3, 8-10 p.m. - Cooper 'CW' Ayon, foot drums, guitar, vocals and harmonica.

Photography Boot Camp Workshop

» The Doña Ana Photography Club of Las Cruces offers the Photography Boot Camp Workshops to the community. The courses are 9 a.m. to noon, at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Space is limited.

» The Photography Boot Camp is open to the public; registration is required and the cost is \$5 per course for non-photography club members. Complete dates for the Doña Ana Photography Club Photography Boot Camps are:

» Saturday, Sept. 10 – How to take better photos

» Saturday, Oct. 8 – Getting your camera off auto mode

» Saturday, Nov. 1 – Editing

» Saturday, Dec. 10 – Image Critique and Question and Answer

» Register at www.dapcphotobootcampclass1.eventbrite.com. Info: Rob Peinert at education@daphotoclub.org.

October

Empty Bowls 2016 set for October

» The annual Empty Bowls event is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Paul's United Methodist 225 W. Griggs Ave. \$20 includes lunch and a bowl and lunch only is \$12.

» This event is sponsored by the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces. All proceeds go to El Caldito Soup Kitchen.

Learn to Play Bridge in a Day

» From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct.

22 the Belton Bridge Center is conducting a free five-hour seminar called Learn to Play Bridge in a Day. Pre-registration is required. No age limits. A light lunch will be served to participants. Call John Randall at 786-338-5970 or e-mail purvadabridge@yahoo.com.

Ongoing

Art Classes with Wayne Carl Huber

» The following art classes will take place at My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive:

» Beginning Drawing and Painting: Tuesdays 1 to 3:30PM

» Intermediate and Advanced Drawing and Painting: Thursdays 1 to 3:30PM

» High School students are welcome in either class.

» Payments of \$45 due every 4 weeks. Classes begin whenever students are ready.

» Contact Wayne at 575-647-5684, or visit www.waynecarlhuber.com.

Open Mic at Howling Coyote Coffeehouse

» The Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic continues on the first Friday of each month. The Coyote takes acoustic musicians/singers/songwriters/ storytellers and poets and takes place at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main, with a jam session at 6 p.m. and sign-up for performers takes place at 6:30. The Coyote has a full sound system and lighting and is free and open to the public. For more information, call Bob Burns at 575-525-9333.

Summer Classes at Museum of Nature and Science

» 411 N. Main St., 575-522-3120

» Camps run on a Monday through Friday schedule. Workshops run for two afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to attend varies, as noted below.

» Studio arts classes for adults at the Museum of Art

» 491 N. Main St., 575-541-2137

» Classes meet weekly, on Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, or Saturday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. Ceramics classes cost \$110;

all other classes are \$60.

Yappy Hour every third Wednesday

» Yappy Hour at St. Clair Winery is an event for pets and their people from 4 to 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Food, activities, contests, games and speakers. Fundraiser for the DAC Humane Society; \$5 donation. St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla.

'Blast from the Past' discussions

» Take a walk down memory lane when Stan Blitz and Jim Gibson lead discussions about the movies, music, television and stars of the 1950s and 60s from 2 to 3 p.m., every Friday at MountainView Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. For information call 575-522-0503.

Railroad Club

» Southern New Mexico N Scalers Model Railroad Club, has its monthly meeting and model railroad running day 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the club layout at the Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds. Layout is located in the

White Quonset Hut. Enter from the far west gate. For information, contact Mike Fifer, 575-526-8834.

Desert Writers meets Wednesdays

» Desert Writers, a program open to Doña Ana County writers age 55 and older, meeting Wednesday mornings from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., is seeking new members who write fiction, non-fiction or poetry. Each week authors share work in progress, followed by comments from writer mentors and other group members, who include both published and unpublished writers. Visitors always welcome. No fee. For more information, contact: kingorry@comcast.net.

La Frontera

» Hand-made artisan products from women's groups in Chiuhua and Chiapas, Mexico will be for sale this summer at NO-PALITO'S GALERIA, 326 S. Mesquite St., Las Cruces. The store is staffed by volunteers and will be open during August on Fridays (5-8 p.m.); Saturdays (12-5 p.m.), and Sundays (11-3 p.m.)

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Rio Grande Theatre season series set

BULLETIN REPORT

Season tickets for four shows that are part of the Rio Grande Theatre's 2016-17 national tour series and for its New Mexico heritage series are on sale now through Friday, Sept. 2, said Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) Executive Director Kathleen Albers.

All performances will be at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. downtown.

National tour series

Season tickets for the national tour series are \$125 (a 15 percent discount as compared

to the price of tickets bought individually for each show). The season includes these performances, all of which will begin at 7:30 p.m.:

- Karla Perry and her band performing a tribute to the late singer-actress Selena on Saturday, Sept. 17. The performance follows the dedication of the downtown Las Cruces plaza.

- The Sons of the Pioneers will perform on Friday, Nov. 11. The Sons of the Pioneers are one of America's oldest western signing groups.

- Rhythm of the Dance performs on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017. The group features

35 Irish dancers in a show reminiscent of Riverdance..

- Celebrating Black History Month, the African Guitar Summit concludes the national tour series with a performance on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017.

Heritage series

Season tickets for the New Mexico Heritage series are \$65 each. The season includes these four shows in 2016-17, all beginning at 7:30 p.m.:

- New Mexico native and three-time Grammy award winner Yolanda Martinez will perform Friday, Oct. 7. Her native drums program features her own hand-made instruments and music from her Apache, Comanche and Hispanic roots.

- Feliz Navidad! A

Christmas Celebration will bring together local talent for a performance on Saturday, Dec. 3. It will include traditional songs, dances and music.

- Las Cruces artist Randy Granger will perform on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, bringing together his talents as a storyteller and musician as he performs on drums and flute.

- Viva España! performances by New Mexico State University flamenco and Spanish dancers on Saturday April 8, 2017 and Sunday, April 9 (2:30 p.m.).

To purchase season tickets for one or both of these series, call 523-6403 or visit the Rio Grande Theatre box office on the second floor of the Rio Grande Theatre. The box office

is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets for the series may not be purchased online. Series tickets subscribers can reserve the same seats for the entire season. Individual tickets will go on sale Sept. 3 at riograndetheatre.com.

Other events

DAAC has a number of other performances lined up at the theater in the coming months as well, including:

- Comedian Tony Baker performs his free "Scaredy Cat" comedy show at 3 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 20 for ages 18 and older.

- Cuatro para Tango ("Four for Tango"), presented by the Mexican Consulate and the City of Las Cruces, will perform at 7 p.m. on

Saturday, Aug. 27. The performance is free.

- Dixieland Jazz with Mike Sizer will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2. Tickets are \$12 to \$17.

- Community Art Award: NMSU Theatre Arts Assistant Professor and singer/actor/director Megan McQueen;

- Public Service to the Arts Award: KRWG TV and FM radio;

- Papen Family Award ("presented an individual who has demonstrated exemplary commitment to the arts through leadership, service and/or financial support," according to the DAAC website): Teresita Gonzalez-Corral.

For more information, contact DAAC at 523-6403 or admin@daarts.org.

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Arts Council's community arts awards are Sept. 7

The Doña Ana County Arts Council (DAAC) will host its 29th annual Community Arts Awards from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at Hotel Encanto, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

This year's award recipients are

- Newcomer Award: J. Pat and Cindy Breedlove;

- Arts in Education Award: Las Cruces poet and Oñate High School teacher Tim Staley;

- Community Art Award: NMSU Theatre Arts Assistant Professor and singer/actor/director Megan McQueen;

- Public Service to the Arts Award: KRWG TV and FM radio;

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For more information, contact DAAC at 523-6403 or admin@daarts.org.

Read the entire Bulletin at
www.lascrucesbulletin.com

Aug. 19 summer house concert features A. Billi Free & Friends

A. Billi Free & Friends will be the featured artists at Kaleidoscope Creates of Las Cruces' summer house concert from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19 at the 2203 Durango Court.

A \$15 donation is suggested and attendees are reminded to bring a dish for the potluck and social hour that precedes the concert.

A. Billi Free will bring vocals, beats, lyrics and performance to the evening, said Kaleidoscope Creates Director Naoma Staley. She "grew up singing jazz and choral music," said Staley. "The undeniable influence of the house, electronica and hip-hop music wave of the late '90s into the 21st century blends with her past musical training to create a soulful, eclectic sound with a vibe not soon to be forgotten," Staley said.

Free has performed at Funky Buddha Lounge, Second City Improv, Abbey Pub and Subter-



A. BILLI FREE

anean. You can learn more about her at www.abillifree.com and www.facebook.com/abillifree. The 2016 Summer House Concert Series is "connecting neighbors who might not otherwise have a chance to

meet and spend time with each other in their homes," Staley said.

For more information, contact Staley at 386-0848 or info@kaleidoscopecreates.org. Follow them on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/SHCS16.

Corks and Kegs Festival is Labor Day weekend at Burn Lake

BULLETIN REPORT

A new event is coming to Las Cruces – the Corks and Kegs Festival – which will be held Labor Day weekend, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 2 to 4 at Burn Lake west of town (exit 139 off Interstate 10).

The event will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2 and from 3 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 3 and 4.

Admission for adults ages 21 and older is \$20 at the gate or \$15 online. It includes a tumbler, wine and beer samples and live music all three days of the event, said event director Staci Mays of Las Cruces Event Planning.

Those younger than age 21 will be admitted free with a parent or guardian. Designated drivers can attend the festival for \$10 and will receive a free bottle of water.

All attendees must



have a valid photo ID, regardless of age. Participating wineries include St.

Clair Winery, DH Lescombes, Blue Teal Vineyards, Heart of the Desert Winery, Kokopelli Winery, Soleil Mimosa, Slushie, Grove Selections, San Felipe Winery, Hatch Chile Wines, Vinos de los Muertos, AZ Wine Cellars, Troubled Minds, Cottonwood Winery and Willmon.

Participating breweries are expected to include High Desert Brewing, Enchanted Circle Brewing Co., Spotted Dog Brewery

LLC, Sierra Blanca Brewery, Tractor Brewing, Picacho Peak, La Cumbre Brewing Company, Abbey Brewing Co. and Marble Brewery.

Live music will feature the Canadian band Emerson Drive, whose number one song "Moments" was nominated for a Grammy award for best performance by a country duo or group. The band also was nominated for best vocal group by the Academy of Country Music.

To buy tickets online and for more information, visit www.LasCrucesCorksAndKegs.com. Contact Staci Mays at Las Cruces Events Planning at 522-1232 or Staci@LasCrucesEventPlanning.com.

'Outside Mullingar' opens at Black Box Theatre

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

No Strings Theatre Company of Las Cruces presents John Patrick Shanley's dramatic comedy "Outside Mullingar" to open the 2016-17 season at the Black Box Theatre (BBT), 430 N. Main St.

The play opens Friday, Aug. 26 and continues through Sunday, Sept. 11. "Outside Mullingar",

directed by Ceil Herman, takes place in Tom Reilly's kitchen on the rainy December day of the funeral of his neighbor, Chris Muldoon. Tony, who lives with his unmarried son, Anthony, meets elderly widow Aoife and her unmarried daughter, Rosemary, invited by Anthony to visit after the funeral.

Tony and Aoife are friendly neighbors. However, she won't sell back

a piece of land in front of the Reilly farm that her late husband bought years before when Tony needed the money. And Rosemary, who now owns the property, still holds a grudge against Anthony for pushing her down when they were children. She's also been romantically interested in the shy and socially awkward Anthony most of her life. "The plot complica-

tions and twists are very enjoyable to watch in this sweet and beautifully written play,". She and her husband and theatre co-owner, Peter Herman, saw the play at the Geffen Theatre in Los Angeles. "We loved it and immediately went online to see if we possibly could get the rights to produce it," she said.


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Genre: Drama
Director: Matt Brown

The Huntsman Winter's War

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action, adventure
Director: Cedric Nicolas-Troyan

Ratchet and Clank

Rated: PG
Genre: Animation, adventure
Directors: Jericca Cleland, Kevin Munroe

Top grossing Aug. 12-14

1 Suicide Squad

(Week No. 2) \$43,536,013

5 Bad Moms

(Week No. 3) \$11,362,783

8 Florence Foster Jenkins

(Week No. 1) \$6,601,313

2 Sausage Party

(Week No. 1) \$34,263,534

6 The Secret Life of Pets

(Week No. 6) \$9,064,565

9 Nine Lives

(Week No. 2) \$3,526,166

3 Pete's Dragon

(Week No. 1) \$21,514,095

7 Star Trek Beyond

(Week No. 4) \$6,892,793

10 Lights Out

(Week No. 4) \$3,215,446

4 Jason Bourne

(Week No. 3) \$13,846,875

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Kubo and the Two Strings



Rated: PG



Plot Overview: A young boy named Kubo must locate a magical suit of armor worn by his late father in order to defeat a vengeful spirit from the past.

Starring: Charlize Theron, Art Parkinson, Ralph Fiennes

The Secret Life of Pets



Rated: PG-13



Plot Overview: A terrier named Max regularly invites his friends to hang out at his place while his owner is gone, but his quiet life is upended when said owner also takes in Duke, a stray mutt whom Max instantly dislikes.

Starring: Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill

Ghostbusters



Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: Dory, a friendly-but-forgetful fish, reunites with her loved ones, learning a few things about the meaning of family along the way.

Starring: Ellen DeGeneres

Nerve



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Ben-Hur

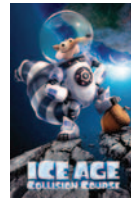


Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: The epic story of Judah Ben-Hur, a prince falsely accused of treason by his adopted brother, an officer in the Roman army. After years at sea, Judah returns to his homeland to seek revenge, but finds redemption.

Starring: Jack Huston, Toby Kebbell, Rodrigo Santoro

Ice Age: Collision Course



Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: Dory, a friendly-but-forgetful fish, reunites with her loved ones, learning a few things about the meaning of family along the way.

Starring: Ellen DeGeneres

Star Trek Beyond



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Starring: Ellen DeGeneres

Pete's Dragon



Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: The adventures of an orphaned boy named Pete and his best friend Elliot, who just so happens to be a dragon.

Starring: Bryce Dallas Howard, Robert Redford, Oakes Fegley

Bad Moms



Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: Dory, a friendly-but-forgetful fish, reunites with her loved ones, learning a few things about the meaning of family along the way.

Starring: Ellen DeGeneres

War Dogs



Rated: R

Plot Overview: Based on the true story of two young men, David Packouz and Efraim Diveroli, who won a \$300 million contract from the Pentagon to arm America's allies in Afghanistan.

Starring: Jonah Hill, Miles Teller, Steve Lantz

Suicide Squad



Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: A secret government agency recruits imprisoned supervillains to execute dangerous black ops missions in exchange for clemency.

Starring: Will Smith, Jared Leto, Margot Robbie

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'Under the Sun' anything but sunny

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

No smiles. No toys. No jewelry. No fun. No honesty.

Thus is the vision shown in this remarkable documentary about the initiation of a young girl into the Children's Union of North Korea.

Filmed on site, while monitored and censored at every turn, Russian filmmaker Vitaly Mansky was able to surreptitiously record moments of "real life" in North Korea, besides the sham set up offered to him by Communist officials.

Working in the capital of the country, Pyongyang, for almost a year, Mansky was more or less given a script to work from, show-



Director Vitaly Mansky filmed eight-year-old North Korean girl Zin-mi for a year for the documentary "Under the Sun."

ing the family of eight-year-old Zin-mi in various daily "poses", while the officials think they are actually going to get anyone in the known universe to think that what they are allowing Mansky to film is the truth.

The film follows a school lesson (segregated classes), where the teacher repeats the same thing

over and over about the country's glorious leaders and how they saved Korea from property owners, the Japanese, and the Americans and their puppets. One can almost tell that the kids don't believe a moment of it, but it is recited over and over.

We also visit Zin-mi's apartment, mostly barren, but looking quite modern,

especially that big teddy bear sitting on the sofa. Here we are shown a mini-feast of Korean food, where Zin-mi, again in rehearsal, is told over and over about wonderful kimchi – heavily spiced and fermented cabbage – and how it can prevent aging and even stop cancer. (Interestingly, this might be one of the few almost true facts in the film as studies have shown the fermented cabbage, if you can stand it, may help prevent the growth of cancer cells.)

A dance studio is also shown, where it becomes painstakingly obvious Zin-mi is disturbed by all of this – her long face and gentle tears are heart-breaking, as is a scene where she is "sick" in a hospital surrounded

by schoolmates who are cheered when they find out that the glorious Korean doctors have cured her and she will be out the next day.

There are two other scenes referring to the supposed work of Zin-mi's parents, her father an engineer (apparently he was given a better job for the film) and his mother, who is a highly productive seamstress.

Between these scenes we are witness to preparation for the upcoming birthday of "fearless leader," apparently the only national holiday offered by the government, but this is not much of a holiday.

A funny scene does exist, where a retired army officer, with so

many medals on his chest that I was surprised he didn't fall over, addresses a class, telling of the glorious victory over American planes in the 1950's war.

Memory is long, truth is short.

"Under the Sun" is almost boring in its content, but not its presentation. It is almost impossible to imagine how anyone could exist in this cheerless, gloomy, cold, and perhaps heavily polluted country.

During the ceremonies, which offer the only color and perhaps some mindless relief, "Under the Sun" shows what life is like under a true narcissistic sociopath, whose only claim to any form of leadership is being the devil's spawn of a previous leader.

2017 film festival to honor TV's Galecki



DON FOSTER



JOHNNY GALECKI

BULLETIN REPORT

Talk about a big bang! Television star Johnny Galecki, who has played experimental physicist Leonard Leakey Hofstadter on CBS television's "The Big Bang Theory" for the past 10 seasons, will be in Las Cruces next March as the special guest of the Las Cruces International Film Festival (LCIFF), LCIFF Executive Director Ross Marks announced.

Galecki will receive the LCIFF Outstanding Achievement in Comedy Award at the festival's VIP after party on Saturday, March 11. His co-honoree will be television writer and executive pro-

ducer Don Foster, who will receive the Mark Medoff Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment Writing Award.

Foster, a 1981 graduate of New Mexico State University with a degree in theatre, began his TV career in 1990 as a staff writer on the television comedy "Roseanne." He also served as a writer/producer for "Dharma & Greg" and as executive producer for "Two and a Half Men" and "Mike and Molly." Foster served as an executive consultant for "The Big Bang Theory" for four seasons. He has received Golden Globe Awards, Emmy nominations, People's Choice Awards and a

Peabody award, Marks said.

The LCIFF, presented by NMSU, will be held March 8-12, 2017 in Las Cruces, Marks said.

The festival "aims to bring the best of international cinema to the thriving film community of Las Cruces," he said. "With an eye toward connecting filmmakers with diverse and eager audiences, the LCIFF will feature workshops, exhilarating after parties and unparalleled access to some of the most exciting venues in Las Cruces."

For more information, contact Marks at 575-528-9032 or rossmarks@comcast.net. Visit www.LCIFFFEST.com.

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The production stars Jack Ullrich (recently seen in BBT's "The Explorer's Club" and "On Golden Pond") as Tony Reilly; Bobby Senecal, (BBT's "The Birthday Party," "On Golden Pond" and "Bob: A Life in Five Acts") as Anthony; Amy Gaume Whipple (BBT's "Godspell" and Las Cruces Community Theatre's "Leading Ladies") as Rosemary. Carmen Call ("Leading Ladies" and BBT's "Wonder of the Word" and "A Kind of Alaska") and Caryl Kotulac (BBT's "Murderers") share the role of Aoife. Peter Herman is light

and scenic designer for the show; Autumn Gieb is the costume designer; Karen Ross is the stage manager; and Rebekah Riley is the board operator.

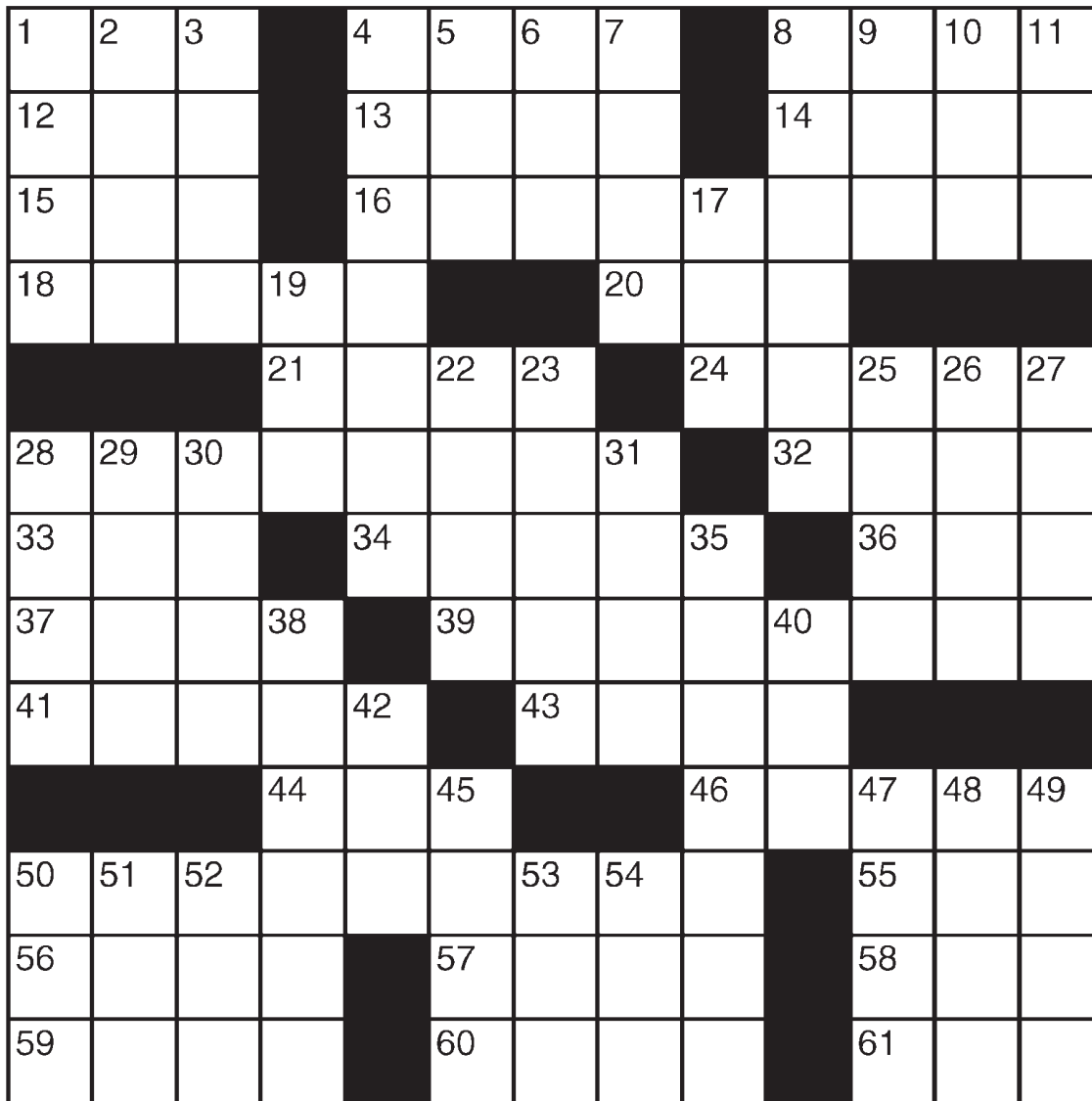
"Outside Mullingar" performances are Fridays and Saturdays, Aug. 26 and 27 and Sept. 2 and 3 and 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 4 and 11. There will also be a performance at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8.

Tickets are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students and seniors over age 65. Tickets for all seats for the Thursday, Sept. 8 performance are \$10.

For reservations, call 575-523-1223. Visit <https://no-strings.org/>.

PUZZLES

KING CROSSWORD



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33 Brewery product
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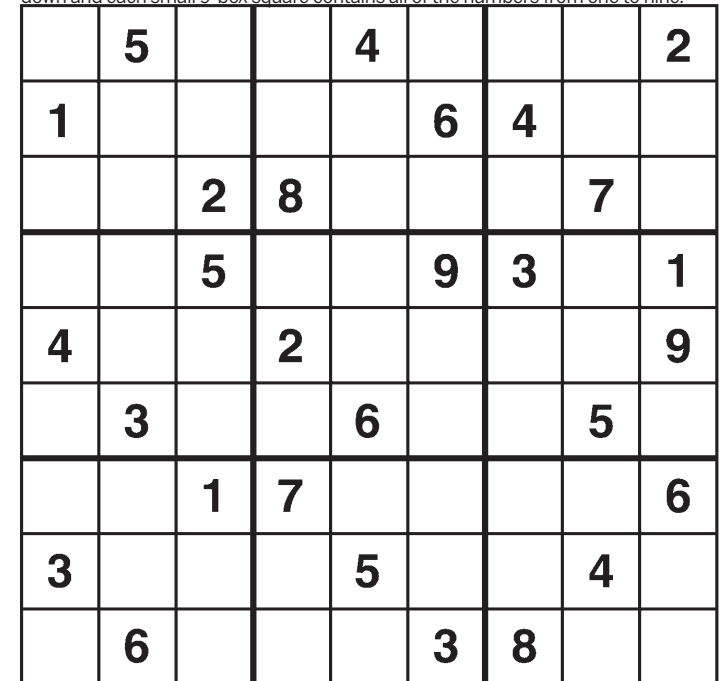
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25 Legal document
26 Tragic
27 Calendar period
28 DEA agent
29 Hodgepodge
30 Coop group
31 Actress Downey

35 Punch-bowl contents, maybe
38 With all one's heart
40 Pitch
42 Spy org.
45 Latvia's capital
47 Incite
48 Proper subject?
49 Incline
50 Profit
51 Rowing need
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53 Zero
54 Early bird?

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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



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WEEKLY SUDOKU

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KING CROSSWORD

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Pinter-Land: dark, menacing, hilarious

By **RICHARD RUNDELL**
For the Bulletin

Homecoming, for most of us, means a high school or college reunion, parties and dances with classmates and old friends, visiting favorite teachers, maybe a parade with band and floats and a football game.

Not this "Homecoming." This one dramatizes the return of a prodigal eldest son and his alluring wife after six years in America back to a nest of five nasty, difficult men in a dysfunctional family in North London. They say

atrocious, yet revealing, things to each other and are clearly and mutually interdependent, to a crippling extent.

Max (Mike Cook), the 70-ish paterfamilias, was once a butcher and is still a fine cook. His slightly younger brother Sam (Monte H. Wright) is now a private chauffeur. Max's three sons are Lenny (Matthew Esqueda), a pimp (as it is eventually revealed); Joey (Spencer John Taylor), an aspiring boxer who works in demolition; and eldest Teddy (James Travis Kirk), a philosophy professor, arriving home with his wife Ruth

(Annie Pennies) for an indeterminate visit which ends in a way no playgoer would ever predict. No last names.

This is a finely wrought ensemble effort under the deft and inspired guidance of director Mike Wise from the NMSU Theatre Arts faculty. Each actor gets opportunities to shine, and their interactions range from menacing and cruel to goofy and darkly hilarious. All in all, it is largely Lenny's play; he is the most adept at pushing people's buttons and is always in control, even when he feigns confusion. We are

never quite sure whether anyone is telling the whole truth. This vagueness casts a shadow over every conversational exchange. In his director's notes, Mike Wise mentions the power struggles, one-upmanship, and battles of wills in this family.

The character of Ruth undergoes the most change in the course of the two acts. She seems initially uncomfortable with Teddy's homecoming, but it takes most of the play for us to understand why. Annie Pennies captures Ruth's personality with great expressive finesse, since

she has very little dialogue at first. Max is a tyrant, constantly berating his brother and sons, and Mike Cook brings a furious energy to the old man's rage and resentment.

We are baffled by Teddy, Ruth's professor husband, and wonder why he wanted to come home at all. James Travis Kirk portrays the conflicting emotions in Teddy as he vacillates about staying or leaving. Monte Wright's Sam, proud of his station in life, suffers largely in silence but is an important foil to his older brother, the master of

the house. And youngest son Joey has the least to say or do, but his interaction with Ruth is telling. One struggles to imagine the shared childhood of these brothers.

Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, August 19 and 20 and 26 and 27, as well as 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays, August 21 and 28. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors and military, and \$9 for children under six (although a first-grader will get very little out of this production). For more information and reservations, call 575-523-1200 or visit lct-nm.org.

PUZZLES

CRYPTOQUIP

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

Clue: Z equals J

MEY VGYISYQ IRGOJQX MEY RJP

GJX TGY GYTPPH WQGYLJQYF.

T LYI XWHU IYGY ZWUM STOJQX

SCRAMBLERS

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



"I wouldn't say you're beefcake, honey.
'd say your more like a _____"

Strong
BUSTOR

Private
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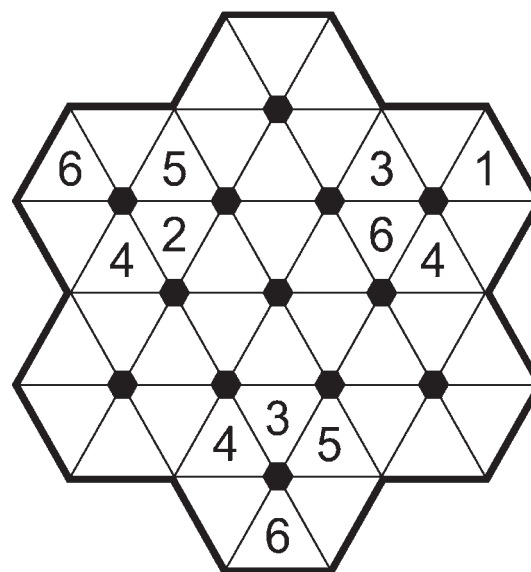
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TODAY'S WORD

SNOWFLAKES

By Japheth Light



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

The crewmen working the oil rig are really unrefined. A few guys were just making some crude jokes.

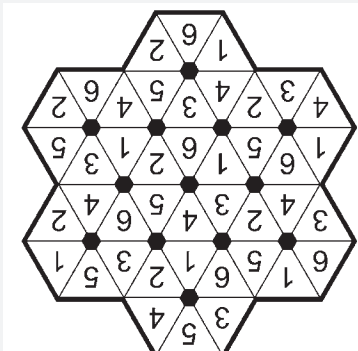
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Today's Word

1. Robust; 2. Remote; 3. Mingle; 4. Patrol

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

Herrera named finalist for Catholic Extension's Lumen Christi Award

Local Deacon Jesús Herrera has been named a finalist for the 2016 Lumen Christi Award, the highest national honor given out by Catholic Extension, an organization that builds churches and the Church in America's home missions.

Herrera's ministries embody the gospel message of compassion and hope, as he works to improve the social, physical and spiritual well-being of the people he serves as the administrator of three mission churches, and the creator of an impactful home-visit program.



HERRERA

Born in Mexico, Herrera suffered the loss of his mother and fought through poverty as a young child. When he moved to America as a teen, he decided to devote his life to his faith and serving others who struggle.

He was ordained in 1999, and was assigned to be the administrator of three mission churches — Immaculate Conception in Dexter, St. Catherine in Hagerman and Our Lady of Guadalupe in Lake Arthur — which operate as one parish. He launched a home-visit program to help those not engaged in church find support. He also works with his home-visit parishioners to assess their living conditions and improve their physical homes.



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Be for the good, not against the bad

Mahatma Gandhi said, "The future depends on what we are doing now."

We used to assume the "future" was sitting out in front of us waiting for us to walk into it. We might have surmised that things get better all by themselves.

Perhaps we look at the news today and think we had nothing to do with the violence we see. But this is the future we set in motion yesterday.

Does it have to do with our ignoring the suppressed rage of the disenfranchised? Is it the result of ignorant and superstitious religious beliefs that gave all power to the masculine? Or does it have to do with our repressed sexuality that allows for the abuse and trafficking of children?

What we refuse to heal will come up on its

own eventually.

That which is outside of the underlying Truth of love, intelligence, peace and prosperity, vitality and joy will be revealed to be healed. It is actually called up by those

of us who have been professing our oneness and wholeness; who say love is the answer; that we can live in harmony with diversity; that there is enough

everyone. When Truth is announced, spoken, believed in, it has the effect of routing out anything unlike it.

Are we saying that what is happening now is good? No, of course not. Not in the way that we normally label things.

But we cannot deny that today is the inevitable result of our yesterdays and is no longer hidden in our collective unconscious

where it gathered energy for eons.

Now is the time to step up our personal spiritual practice. Now is the time to take a personal inventory of our own "anti's" and to assess the level of anger and resistance in ourselves. Now is the time to come clean with our prejudices and get them out of our very creative minds.

Now is the time to be real, to be honest, to be human.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "Do not waste yourself in rejection. Do not bark against the bad, but chant the beauty of the good."

We all know what we dislike. We are up on the bad news. We can recite the wrongs that have been done, if not to us, then to the multitudes.

There are injustices that must be made right. But have we noticed that positive change always follows the insistence that we are capable of creating beauty and justice? In other words, a reaffirmation of our potential.

We may be berating ourselves over past mistakes, yet they will keep us in their thrall until we stand up and announce our higher nature. Affirmations of the Spirit are very powerful. They set us on a new mental path. We might not believe them with our whole mind, but the spark of truth will ignite a series of realizations that lead

to new actions, new choices, new behaviors.

So it is in our assessment of the headline makers. We make enemies of those we reject as incapable of change. It is a waste of our valuable mind. Enemies become adversaries and take on the façade of power.

They are nothing but unrealized potential.

Of course we take action, but not against them; rather, in favor of the loving, the healing, the inclusive, the greater good of all. There is an ancient piece of advice that is needed today: Look for the good and praise it. This is not meant to make us nicer people. Rather, it is a statement of profound awareness of how to actualize the changes we wish to see.

If we start from the simple understanding that all people are capable of love and joy and kindness and compassion, we have extended the invisible hand of God. This is real prayer. This is the first step in the creative process, whether it be for ourselves or all of humanity.

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Jewish Federation hosts economic forum

Albuquerque event features discussion on trade between New Mexico, Israel

BULLETIN REPORT

The Jewish Federation of New Mexico, a non-profit organization that serves New Mexico's Jewish and broader communities through leadership, philanthropy, education and social action, will host the first-ever New Mexico-Israel Economic Forum from 10 a.m.



to 3 p.m. Sunday, August 21 in the 10th floor event room at the City-County Building, located at 1 Civic Plaza in downtown Albuquerque.

The event will consist of three panels: "The State of the New Mexico-Israel Relationship: an update from New Mexican and Israeli civic leadership," "Water Resource management and Hydrotechnology: the New Mexico-Israel connection," and "The New Mexico-Israel Business

Connection: what drives New Mexico's second largest trade relationship?" Eight speakers will present.

"One of our priorities as the state's Jewish Federation is to promote continued economic development between New Mexico and Israel, our state's second-largest trade partner after Mexico" said Zachary Benjamin, executive director of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico. "We are excited about the opportunity to educate business leaders, entrepreneurs, and civic leadership on how to leverage New Mexico's strong economic relationship with Israel,

a country with which we share so many important geographic, economic, and climate characteristics." Lunch will be provided. This event is hosted by the Jewish Federation of New Mexico with assistance from the New Mexico-Israel Business Exchange, the Bernalillo County Commission, and the City of Albuquerque.

For those interested in attending the event, it is suggested people RSVP to info@jewish-newmexico.org or by calling 505-821-3214. For more information about the Jewish Federation of New Mexico, please visit www.jewishnewmexico.org.

RELIGION LISTINGS

Special women's service at Living Waters

At 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 and 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 Living Waters (Agua de Vida) at 200 S. Espina holds a special women's service entitled "Finding rest for your soul" ("Encuentra el Descanso para tu alma Mateo 11:28-30") with speaker Carla Marroquin.

The woman's event theme is "Selah," which means "finding rest for your soul."

Interfaith Council hosts discussion on respect

A community discussion set for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23 at Community Action Agency at 3880 Foothills Road, will focus on respect. The event is presented by the Las Cruces Interfaith Coalition for Compassion, comprised of community leaders from local faith groups and organizations, and Peace Village of Las Cruces. Info and to reserve a place at the discussion table, contact Rabbi Larry Karol at rabbi@tblc.org.

Rey de Reyes Hispanic Lutheran Church service

At 7 p.m. every Thursday at Mission Lutheran Church, 2752 N. Roadrunner Pkwy., is a Spanish-language worship service. Info: 575-571-3210.

Services, class at Mission Lutheran

At 9 a.m. Sundays learn and study God's Word for fellowship, coffee and snacks, followed at 9:15 a.m. by Sunday School and adult Bible study, and at 10:30 a.m. divine worship at 2752 N. Roadrunner Pkwy. 10 a.m. Saturdays "Discover the Faith" class for newcomers. Info: 575-522-0465.

Men's prayer breakfast at First Baptist

From 7 to 9 a.m. every Tuesday at First Baptist is a men's prayer breakfast in the fellowship hall. Info: 575-524-3691.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Wisconsin Synod

At 10 a.m. Sundays at 2541 El Paseo Road is worship and fellowship, Sunday school and Bible class. Info: 575-649-5458.

Course in Miracles at Tesoro Integrative Health Center

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays at 1605 S. Main St. is a complete self-study spiritual thought system with Edward Alvarez. A \$5 donation is suggested. Info: 575-541-5660.

Holy Family America National Catholic events

At 10 a.m. Tuesday through Friday at 702 Parker Road is Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer in the St. Francis Chapel. 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday Evening prayer

with mass; 6 p.m. Thursday Community meeting followed by dinner. Open to all. Info: 575-644-5025.

Men's prayer meeting at Heart of the World

Heart of the World announces a 7 a.m. Saturday morning prayer meeting at 1605 S. Valley Dr. Manny Howie leads the prayer. Info: 575-523-1113.

Seventh Day Adventist worship service

Sunday services include: 9:30 a.m. worship service; 11 a.m. Sabbath School; 6 p.m. Wednesdays Bible study at 240 Three Crosses. Info: 575-526-5623.

Non-denomination Sunday night service at New Agape

At 5:45 p.m., Sundays at the Dream Center, 6th and Wilson Streets, the New Agape Christian Church offers a scriptural, theological, historical and scientific look at the Prophets. Agape is an all-people's church; everyone welcome. Children's church provided. Info: Pastor Herb 575-650-3915.

Discover the Faith classes at Mission Lutheran

All are welcome 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays at Mission Lutheran Church for a class for people who are new to the faith or who would like a refresher course on what being a Lutheran is all about. The class continues for several weeks. Info: 575-522-0465.

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Native plant society sets September meeting for Cruces

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

If you want to learn more about the thousands of plants that are native to New Mexico and the Chihuahuan Desert that Las Cruces is a part of, mark your calendars for Sept. 22 through 25.

That's when members of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico (NPSNM) will come to Las Cruces for the society's 40th annual meeting, held at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum (NMFRHM), 4100 Dripping Springs Road, said Las Cruces NPSNM President Carolyn Gressitt.

Registration is \$100 for members and \$115 for non-members who pay by Sept. 15. Register online at www.npsnm.org.

This year's theme is "Celebrating Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument (OMDPNM): Hidden Diversities/Secrets Revealed." The monument was established May 21, 2014 and includes 496,330 acres and is managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

The NPSNM conference begins Thursday night,

Sept. 22 with an NPSNM board meeting, at 2 p.m. and conference registration at 3 p.m. On Friday, Sept. 23, the conference continues with a book sale and live auction throughout the day and includes a film and panel discussion, a presentation on ferns, a Tortugas Mountain hike, a presentation on hummingbirds as pollinators and an evening reception.

The book sale and silent auction continue on Saturday, Sept. 24 as well as field trips to Mesilla Bosque State Park, Leasburg Dam State Park, Peña Blanca, Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, the North Sierra Vista Trail, Dripping Springs Natural Area, Bar/Solead Canyon and La Cueva near the OMDPNM visitor's center. There will also be an all-day hike at Aguirre Spring National Recreation Area. The afternoon will include workshops and talks. That evening's banquet will be keynoted by photographer Lisa Mandelkern, whose presentation will be entitled "Organisms – A Photographic Journey in Southern New Mexico."

Sunday, Sept. 25 will be a day of field trips to Valles Canyon, Aden Crater, Prehistoric Trackways New Mexico, Picacho Peak, Broad Canyon and Red House Mountain.

All conference field trips will have limited space availability and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on the conference, visit www.npsnm.org/events/2016-annual-meeting.

Las Cruces is one of seven NPSNM local chapters, Gressitt said. Others are in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Taos, Silver City, Alamogordo and El Paso, Texas. There are also members around the state and in other states who are not affiliated with any local chapter. NPSNM has about 800 members statewide, she said.

The society is a nonprofit that "strives to educate the public about native plants by promoting knowledge of plant identification, ecology and uses; fostering plant conservation and the preservation of natural habitats; supporting botanical research; and encouraging the appropriate use of native plants to conserve water, land and wildlife."

Gressitt said about 120 people are expected to attend the state conference, including native plant society members and non-members from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, California, Colorado and other states.

For more information, visit www.npsnm.org.

Local Native Plant Society chapter has 80-plus members

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Chapter of the Native Plant Society of New Mexico (NPSNM) has more than 80 members, and was one of the first chapters to organize after the state society was formed 40 years ago, chapter President Carolyn Gressitt said.

Gressitt defines a native plant as any plant "that grows here naturally and is not an introduced plant; it grows easily in the environment." The NPSNM and its local chapters are important because they help promote the study and protection of native plants, she said.

New Mexico native plants include the soap tree yucca, which is the official state plant, the ocotillo, a sub-species of the Mexican poppy and many varieties of cactus.

Some native plants will do well

in people's gardens, while others will not, said Gressitt's husband, John Freyermuth, who is a Las Cruces chapter member.

One of the functions of the NPSNM and its local chapters to "promote the use and appreciation" of native plants, he said.

Native plant society members in New Mexico and other states tend to fall into three categories, Freyermuth said: people who just want to get out and see things, plant collectors and gardeners/landscapers.


New Mexico is fourth among all states in the number of native plant species it has. The total is almost 4,000 statewide, he said. The La Cueva trail in Dripping Springs Natural Area is home to more than 100 species, while the entire recreation area has nearly 200, he said.

The state has so many different native species of plants because

it is so large and has so many climate zones, Freyermuth said. And, the further south you go in New Mexico, the more different species you will find, he said.

"It's really easy for people to think about wildlife in terms of animals," Gressitt said. "But rarely do we think about plants." Plants, she said, are a vital source of oxygen and food to animals, and also help absorb carbon dioxide and keep soil in place. Plants provide "all kinds of wonderful things," Gressitt said.


New Mexico's oldest herbarium, located at New Mexico State University, was started by Elmer Ottis Wooton, a professor of chemistry and botany at New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, in January 1890. Wooton, Freyermuth said, is considered the "father of native plants in New Mexico."



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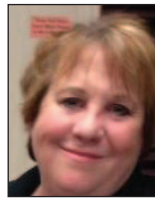
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Moto, one of the Totos training for the December production of "The Wizard of Oz" at Las Cruces Community Theatre, was neutered and micro-chipped as part of the Operation Spot-NM Fix & Chip discount clinic held Aug. 8-10.

Leading by example, Moto, the male canine star of the Las Cruces Community Theatre production of "The Wizard of Oz" stepped up for his turn at Operation Spot – NM, the low cost Fix & Chip clinic held at PetSmart Aug. 8-10. As cute as he is, Moto will not be guilty of contributing to any unplanned litters.

Moto and 166 other canines and felines were part of the program to stop pet overpopulation. Their owners, and in Moto's case, his trainer and foster mom Susie Ouder Kirk, made the socially responsible decision to "Fix & Chip."

The pop-up clinics have made a measurable differ-



KELLY BARKER

There's No Place Like Home

ence in the lives of pets in Doña Ana County: more than 150 dogs and cats will not contribute to the area's pet overpopulation.

Operation Spot – NM is grateful to community partner Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary

that committed to the vision and purpose and also provided more than 50 volunteers who contributed over 300 working hours to complete the clinic.

Sponsors Wal-Mart (Valley Drive, Main Street and Rinconada locations), Chick-Fil-A, Domino's Pizza, Peter Piper Pizza, Sam's Club, Target, McAllister's, Golden Corral, Dion's, Village Inn, Dunkin' Donuts and Burger Time all donated to provide the food, beverages and supplies for the team. Hilton Garden

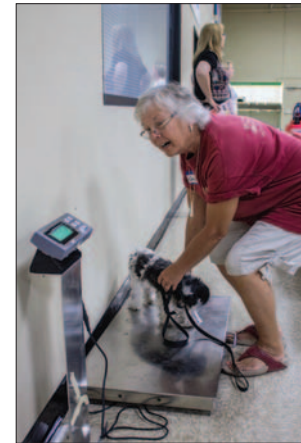


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Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary volunteer Carolyn Piirto checks the weight of a dog in preparation for microchipping and neutering.

Inn provided accommodations for the vet staff from Asavet Charities.

Check out the Operation Spot-NM Facebook page for photos by Tabitha Rossman.

Operation Spot-NM gives a very special thanks to location spon-

sor PetSmart, and the store management of Randal Peterson and Stephanie Saenz and the myriad of store staff who have been so supportive of the efforts to deliver affordable spay-neuter-microchip services for the pet parents of Doña Ana County. Due to a recent corporate decision this great space will no longer be available for these clinics, but Operation Spot-NM appreciated the opportunity to prove the need and provide the low cost services at www.OperationSpot-NM.org.

Kelly Barker is the founder of Uncaged Paws, Inc. a 501(c) 3 animal advocate organization. She is the creator of the Operation Spot-NM project, a turnkey solution for communities to access low cost spay-neuter-microchip programs. She can be reached at SavingLives@UncagedPaws.org.

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Pet owners wait in line at the Operation Spot-NM low-cost spay and neuter clinic Aug. 8-10. Over 150 animals were microchipped, spayed or neutered during the three day "pop-up" clinic.

Black and Blue

Bruises are a fact of life for horses and horse people alike. A bruise is an area beneath the skin where trauma, usually from a blow, stresses and breaks vessels allowing blood and serum to leak into the surrounding tissues. Inflammation sets in to supply fresh blood and often, to act as a natural “splint” kind of stabilizing the area. All of these occurrences cause localized pain!

Upon immediate injury, the application of cold will lessen tissue damage and reduce swelling. For horses, bags of frozen vegetables, long “ice pop” frozen sweets or simple cold water from a hose will cool the area of injury. At the time of the bruising, a dose of Homeopathic Arnica orally every 15 minutes for a few hours, then a few times daily can bring the damage to a halt. Arnica gels, ointments and sprays work wonders externally.

The herb comfrey is an amazing healer for bruises. The root, boiled in water, makes a strained liquid that can be applied every hour to an injury (cold for a new bruise, warm for an old



**KATHARINE
LARK CHRISLEY**
Stable Woman

injury site). I have used comfrey for catastrophic injuries of horses and had such success that even Veterinarians were impressed.

The equine hoof has a propensity for bruising because of its small size in relation to the bulk and the weight it carries. A bruise to the hoof can be helped by the oral dosing of Homeopathic Arnica immediately. I carry the pellets on trail rides in case a horse becomes sore-footed on rocks or hardened paths.

A bruised hoof will benefit from soaking in warm epsom salt water. Most of our horses here at Dharmahorse Sanctuary will stand with one hoof in a tub of medicine – Majic will stand with all four hooves in tubs. The epsom salt water will draw pain and inflammation away from the hoof and the magnesium reduces pain. After the soaking, I will cover the bottom structures of the hoof with pure, strong iodine. This is all repeated three times daily until the horse feels relief.

There are pain killers that can be administered to the injured horse (talk

with your Veterinarian) and there are herbs that will work in anti-inflammatory and analgesic ways also. These types of herbs that are safe to feed to most horses (do a test with a small amount at first) are: Meadowsweet, White Willow Bark, Devil’s Claw, Yucca Root, Turmeric, Comfrey Leaf in small amounts and Gotu Kola.

When I think a horse might be at risk of hoof bruising, I will put on a hoof boot to provide protection. If a horse has weak hooves, we will feed Methionine, Biotin, Lysine, Kelp and Rose Hips to strengthen the hoof structures. For protecting a horse’s legs, there are an assortment of sports boots and “bell” boots and large shipping boots to cushion any blows that might occur while riding or trailering or when turned out for a run.

And for any of us who receive a bruising blow or injury, the first step is to apply ice; second step is to protect the area from further damage; third step is to provide systemic healing through herbs, Homeopathics and essences that support the body’s healing rather than masking the symptoms.



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Temple Grandin to visit New Mexico State University

BULLETIN REPORT

World renowned author and designer of one-third of the livestock-handling facilities in the United States, Temple Grandin will visit New Mexico State University Aug. 25 and 26 to speak to students as well as the local community.

While the schedule of events is still being developed, Grandin will visit the NMSU campus, meeting

with a few colleges classes, giving talks on autism and animal science as well as doing a book signing. There will also be events open to the general public, which will be free and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Grandin's visit came through in part due to the "common read" program that is being tested at NMSU. The goal with the common read program is

to have all freshmen students read the same book. This semester, the book chosen was Grandin's "Thinking in Pictures."

Grandin lectures across the country on autism, as she is autistic herself. In the book, Grandin writes from the dual perspectives of a scientist and an autistic person and how she was able to break boundaries to function in the outside world. Currently, Grandin

teaches courses on livestock behavior and facility design at Colorado State University and consults with the livestock industry on facility design, livestock handling and animal welfare.

A more detailed schedule of events will be made available soon.

For information, contact the Animal and Range Science Department at asci@nmsu.edu.



Temple Grandin visits with an equine friend at a recent workshop on livestock behavior.

COURTESY PHOTO

Sharing a story is a way of giving a gift

I picked up a rock with writing on it. What it said was, "You helped me learn to read." I don't know who wrote on the rock, but I do know who it was written to and why. This message was one of many written on smooth river rocks at a celebration of life the day after my brother-in-law's funeral. Rocks and pens were on every table and guests were encouraged to remember Bruce in their own way. The plan is for family members to take a rock with them on hikes to beautiful places that Bruce would have enjoyed and leave it there in his memory. There must have been over 200 people at this party for Bruce, so the serendipity of me picking up that particular rock continues to captivate my imagination.

Many people spoke to the



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big things that Bruce accomplished in his life and, for a sister-in-law who has always lived a thousand miles away, those things were impressive but barely registered with my recollections of Bruce. But the rock, that rock, speaks volumes because it is so small and personal. One person helping another person learn to read. What a magnificent epitaph.

This particular event happened in Kalispell, Montana but the funeral could have just as easily been for you or me. We only have so much time on this planet to do those things, big and small, that make the difference. And given the current educational statistics, we could certainly spend some effort on helping children learn to read. That brings up a compelling question for our whole commu-

nity when we realize that our adult literacy and childhood poverty levels are high.

How do children learn to read if they have never been read to and, perhaps, never even see a book before they get to school? It's much easier to learn to do something if you already have some experience with it. For most of us who love books, we started early with someone reading to us.

We learned to love to read by being read to. Too many of our children go through their most formative years without the pleasure and sanctuary of being read to by someone who loves them. When they get to school, learning to read is a more mysterious process than it is for their book-enriched classmates.

As a teacher, Rhonda Karol cares deeply about kids and books. For the past three years, during her summer vacation

from teaching preschool, she leads a volunteer group to bring the joy of books read aloud to children. She and her cadre of adult avid readers share their favorite children's books by reading them to children. This summer twenty Las Cruces took their love of reading to 3,000 children in twenty LCPS K-3 Plus schools. Through their efforts and thanks to an Innovations in Literacy grant from the U.S. Congress, children also received a brand new book of their own to take home. I am proud to be part of this group.

We at Children's Reading Alliance wish to express a special thank you to Rhonda and Jennifer Haan, Coordinator of Elementary Education for Las Cruces Public Schools, and to our amazing and talented volunteer readers: Jan Reed, Alison Bills, Claudia Billings, Ruth Rubin, Jodie Nachison, Chris

Chaput, Glenda McShannon, Robbie Levey, Carol Winkler, Lynda St. Clair, Cindie Shonk, Bonnie Schranz, Maria Flores and to Jim Billings for delivering the books. All together they read approximately 200 times during the month of July.

The novelty of someone new provides an opportunity to make a big impression. Speaking from my own experience, children respond readily to the cozy environment of story time. They actually remember what a stranger says about loving to read and how sharing a story is a way of giving a gift. One child remembered me from a previous summer, and inquired, "Do you and your husband still read to each other?"

So keep your eyes open for a pretty rock. And remember that even the smallest of gestures on your part can reap a lasting impact for someone else.

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