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Garcia-Post steps in to lead academy

By Brook Stockberger
Las Cruces Bulletin

About 200 students from Kindergarten to eighth grade will start their school year Wednesday, July 15 at the J. Paul Taylor Academy at 3900 Del Rey Blvd.



GARCIA-POST

Students and family members are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch — along with an ice cream social — to celebrate the beginning of another academic year and to meet the school's new administrator/principal: Aine Garcia-Post.

She officially started her job July 1 as she took over for the academic institution's original administrator Cynthia Risner, who has retired.

"This is going to be fun," Garcia-Post said of her new position. "I'm excited to get to know the culture and the school and all the students."

Jennifer Gorham, secretary of the

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Mia Binns, 10, poses with Tucker, a purebred Portuguese Water Dog who was a rescued from a shelter. Binns is in training to acquire a service dog, but needs help with the \$4,000 cost.

Building a relationship

Service dog will open 'whole new world' for autistic girl

By Marissa Bond
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It is her grin that leaps out from the fliers — broad, infectious, a 10-year-old's embrace of the world.

Mia Binns' smile is part of her request, searching out from frill-edged pages tacked to bulletin boards, for help from the community, from those

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Want to run for mayor or city council? File Sept. 22 for Nov. 3 election

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Before you start deciding among Hilary, Jeb, Bernie and Marco in the 2016 presidential race, there's a city election coming up later this year that will decide the mayor, three of the six members of the Las Cruces City Council and the

presiding municipal judge.

The non-partisan election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 3, and will be administered by the city clerk's office.

City council districts 1, 2 and 4 will be on the ballot. Districts 3, 5 and 6 will be up in 2017.

The incumbent mayor is Ken Miy-

agishima, who was first elected in 2007 and re-elected in 2011. Before that, he served six years on the city council, representing District 6. And, from 1992 to 2000, Miyagishima was a member of the Doña Ana County Commission.

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New trailer enhances fire safety

The Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department has a new fully equipped trailer to provide fire emergency preparedness and education for adults and children of all ages.

The 2015 BullEx Fire Safety Trailer is a mobile classroom that will assist staff in teaching on-site fire-fighting skills and fire prevention training throughout the county.

Some of the training scenarios the BullEx Fire Safety Trailer will be able to provide include teaching adults how to extinguish kitchen fires with simulated fires that are intense and true-to-life, but are completely safe. It can also teach children what to do in case of a fire emergency, and how families can conduct Exit Drills

in the Home (E.D.I.T.H.).

The E.D.I.T.H. fire drills are demonstrated using a bedroom environment that's included in the trailer.

"This is a tremendous asset to our educational outreach efforts," said Eric Crespin, Doña Ana County's deputy fire marshal. "People of all ages can benefit from these life-saving lessons that can be demonstrated in realistic settings the BullEx Fire Safety Trailer provides."

According to Crespin, Fire Administration staff will immediately begin scheduling training opportunities throughout Doña Ana County for the BullEx Fire Safety training trailer.

The total cost of the trailer was \$125,985 and was funded entirely through a state grant.



Educational outreach to communities, schools and community centers will be enhanced now that this trailer is operational through the Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department. The trailer was purchased with state grant funding in the amount of \$125,985.

PHOTO: Kelly Jameson

Deadly force clinic slated

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will offer a one-day class to educate the public on the use of force in police work.

The class is free and open to the public. Due to the subject matter, the class is limited to the first 25 people who apply.

A shoot/don't shoot simulated scenario will be presented to participants, along with detailed information on the various classes and curriculum law enforcement officers are required to learn.

The class will be hosted at the DASO main headquarters, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, on Saturday, July 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

To apply, email Kelly Jameson at kellyj@donaanacounty.org.

Citizens' Academy accepting apps

Applications are now being accepted for the fall class of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Citizen's Police Academy, which will kick off August 1, 2015. The academy will span eight consecutive Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at DASO's Las Cruces headquarters, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

To date, more than 100 Doña Ana County residents have graduated from the program, which was re-introduced in 2011.

Each Citizen's Academy applicant must be 18 years of age or older to be considered for the program, must be a resident of Doña Ana County, and must have a valid driver's license or photo ID. Because of the sensitive nature of police work, a brief background check will be performed on all applicants. Academy participants must not have any prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within the last three years.

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

ness. Academy participants are volunteers who wish to learn more about the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office; it is not the cadet academy for those who wish to become certified law-enforcement officers with DASO.

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

The fall 2015 Citizen's Academy is free of charge and runs through Sept. 26, 2015. Applications can be downloaded online at www.donaanacounty.org/sheriff, and are also available at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces. The deadline to apply is July 24, 2015, and class size is limited to 25 people.

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Bootcamps whip job seekers into shape

By Brook Stockberger
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you are applying for a job, do not give your potential employer an email address like “bootycall69” or something similar.

No one would do such a thing, right?

Rosa de la Torre-Burmeister, director of career services at

Doña Ana Community College, spoke at the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance luncheon Tuesday, July 7. She said she’s seen all kinds of inappropriate email addresses – and many other missteps – during her time helping out people who are looking for jobs.

“There’s a lack of professionalism out there,” she said.

Such stories are just one of the variety of reasons de la Torre-Burmeister and others believe job seekers need help. The idea is to also help provide a better-trained workforce for companies who may want to move to southern New Mexico.

DACC, MVEDA, the New Mexico Workforce Solutions and the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber

of Commerce have stepped up to the plate in the form of Jobs to Career Readiness Bootcamps.

“A collaborative environment is the only way we can compete,” MVEDA President and CEO Davin Lopez said.

There have been 10 such day-long events with a total of 2,624 participants.

“They earn technical and also

soft skills,” de la Torre-Burmeister said.

Governor to announce jobs

Gov. Susana Martinez is scheduled to be in Las Cruces at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 13 for “the announcement of a significant location that will create

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

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Persistence pays for Miss New Mexico USA

Sometime in 1995, Karen Duprey was driving away from White Sands Mall in Alamogordo.

Her daughter, Alexis, was five years old and had just participated in her first pageant. On stage, she had burst into tears.

Karen was sad for her child. She figured Alexis was traumatized for life.

Then a voice came from young Alexis: "Mom, aren't you so proud of me? I can't wait to come back next year!"

At that point, Karen nearly drove off the road in shock.

Alexis came back to the pageant the next year, and never looked back.

Karen was not one of the scary pageant moms portrayed on Lifetime Television movies.

"She would always tell me, if you don't want to do this, you let me know," Alexis said.

Alexis, now 24, kept wanting to do it and kept doing well.

She has won multiple pageants and titles, and as the current Miss New Mexico USA 2015, is one of 51 Miss USA contestants in Baton Rouge,

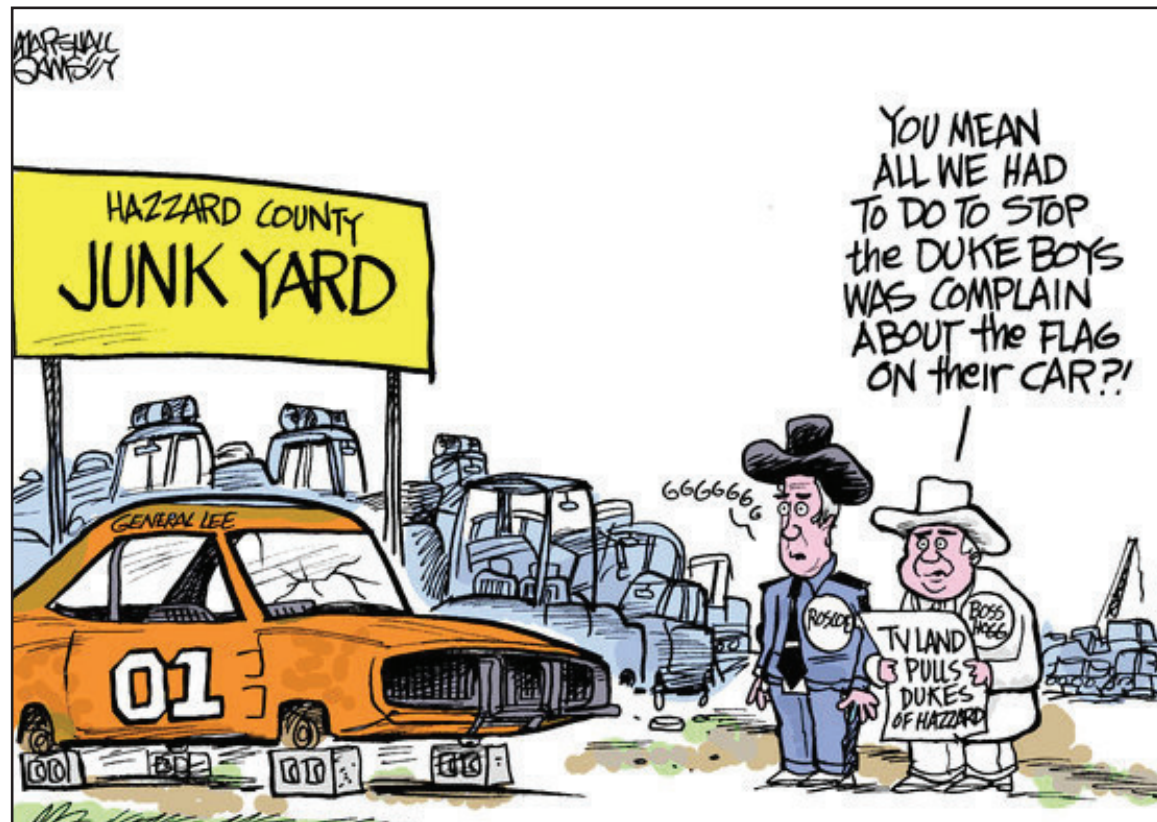
La., preparing for the July 12 pageant.

Here's a list of her titles: Miss Sacramento Mountains, Miss Las Cruces, Miss New Mexico Teen USA 2009, Miss Otero County (which led to her Miss New Mexico 2013 title) and Miss Mesilla Valley (which led to her current Miss New Mexico USA title). She's also won "Look Who's Dancing," the local competition supporting NMSU's Dance-sport team.

All throughout, Karen Duprey, who works as a District Court Clerk in Otero County, has been behind her daughter.

"She is my best friend, she's supported me in anything and everything I wanted to do, she's my biggest cheerleader," Alexis said of her mom. "I can't thank her enough. She's made me the person I am today."

Along the way, Alexis graduated from Alamogordo High School in 2009, then headed to New Mexico State University for a double major in communications and journalism. She finished her master's degree



in communications earlier this year.

For those who question the value of pageants, consider this.

Thanks to the scholarships and money Alexis has earned from her pageant participation, she leaves NMSU with her two degrees able to say something very few graduates can say: "I am debt free."

She's also managed to be unique and follow her own path.

If you asked the other 50

contestants of this week's Miss USA pageant, "What do you think of Nikki Sixx?" it's a good bet most of them would say, "Nikki who?"

For those of you not versed in 1980s metal hair bands, Sixx is the lead guitarist of Motley Crüe.

Alexis has long been a fan of 80s rock, and even had her own radio show on KRUX-FM as an NMSU student. The theme was, of course, 80s music.

In her role as Miss New

Mexico USA 2015, and her previous role as Miss New Mexico 2013, Alexis has met celebrities, politicians and heads of state.

Never did she get so giddy, though, as when she met Sixx backstage at a concert.

We'll all be wishing Alexis the best in Baton Rouge, but no matter the outcome, when she returns to her beloved New Mexico, somewhere in the back of her head will be Motley Crüe singing "Home, Sweet, Home."

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Our country's history is full of imperfect people

Our country's history is the history of people thrown into impossible situations. Sometimes these people did well and sometimes they did not. All were humans with both blemishes and shining moments.

Therefore, most people see in our history what they want to see. Want a hero? There's George Washington. But if you want a villain there's the same George Washington. He's the man who set our country free but he himself kept slaves. Like the rest of us he was imperfect.

I have been thinking about the history of our imperfect country. There is a political push to rewrite our nation's history to match the media's political agenda. The media commands the Confederate battle flag must never be seen again. Goodbye "Dukes of Hazzard" and "Gone with the Wind."

At the Gettysburg National Battlefield no longer can we speak of Robert E. Lee and James Longstreet. It was a great Union victory but we cannot mention the opponents, eh? The media says anything connected with the Confederate States of America is bad. The history of the CSA is likewise a history of people.

There are millions of citizens in the United States who are decedents of people in the Confederacy. After defeat those people rejoined our country and were part of our great deeds in the 20th century.

Know this, I have a Union Civil War sword and cap from my great-grandfather Adrian. I do not have a Confederate battle flag nor have I watched the "Dukes of Hazzard" or "Gone with the Wind." But I am incensed a pencil-neck do-gooder is prohibiting my viewing of shows I have no inclination to watch. It is the principle.

We in the Southwest have many opportunities for political correctness. There was the Spanish and later American conquest of Native American lands



Michael Swickard
In My Opinion

where atrocities took place. To understand what a slippery slope such a historical look becomes, remember that Native Americans first conquered each other with untold atrocities but they were not written down.

It was not peace and harmony before the Europeans arrived. The Spanish conquest of what is now New Mexico and surrounding environs was started by Don Juan de Oñate y Salazar in 1598. He was a merchant in charge of bringing the word of God.

Also he was tasked with picking up all of the gold and silver in New Mexico to send to the King of Spain. Later, upon his return to Mexico City, he was found guilty of being way too hard on Native Americans and banished in dishonor. But in the last century his name was returned to honor despite his misdeeds.

For those who want to give justice to Native Americans, what would have happened if the Spanish had not conquered New Mexico? Would the Southwest be an idyllic homeland to Native Americans? No, it was not if but when that land was going to be taken by Europeans.

In September 2005 a marble statue was unveiled in our nation's capital of Po'Pay, a leader of the Revolt of 1680 where hundreds of Spanish settlers were slaughtered. It made me laugh when I was told a statue was put up for this fellow even though we have no image of him.

A 1993 film, "Geronimo: An American Legend" was equally flawed since after death members of his tribe do not mention him. So the Hollywood writers just used a Hollywood plot: boy finds arrow,

boy loses arrow and boy gets arrow back. No I have not seen it, will not see it, but I will be incensed if it is banned.

There is a big push to put a woman on our currency because there are no women on currency. I will spend the currency regardless. If someone is to be thrown off of the currency, please select a woman who stands historically with the current person. Some of the complaints involve Andrew Jackson, that he

should be off of our currency.

Without Andrew Jackson we would all be kneeling before the Queen of England. Use care in adjusting the history of our country. Every American who moved the marker of freedom forward in our country has human blemishes. But the world is so much better because of Americans.

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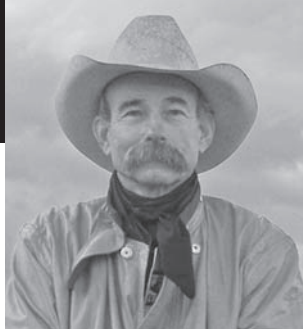
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No Respect For Baxter

A good friend from the Texas panhandle sent me a printed poster of a new program enacted by the Amarillo Humane Society. It is designed to encourage dog and cat owners to spay or castrate their pets. On the front is a picture of a frightened, bug-eyed brachygnathic Pug. The accompanying headline says, NO BALLS FOR BAXTER — MATCHING SPAY/NEUTER INITIATIVE!

I admit I didn't know how to take it...was it a compliment? Was it a signal to the pitcher to only throw strikes when I was at bat? Were they revoking my invitation to attend the dance in Cow Town? Did they make specific restrictions on what certain people would bring to the beach? Would I no longer be allowed to answer, "I'm havin' a b_____?"

There's an old celebrity saying that

says, "Any publicity is good publicity!" I have to say that in my case, it's not always been true. It's hard to deny Tom Foolery when there are witnesses!

The picture of the dog was not even flattering. I never considered myself handsome but coupling me with that pore misshapen, unloved, pitiful, smashed-face critter...was it intentional? You know how they say dogs and their owners look alike...I admit there is a certain resemblance, I do have floppy ears and cut my own hair.

Then again, the Humane Society advertisements feature sympathetic photos of yearning puppies, kittens with matted hair or starving horses in their donor solicitations. I could have lent them a photo of me looking miserable.

Which does bring up the issue, if they claim to have picked the name out of clean air and it is just coincidental, it sounds fishy to me. In my research, Baxter as a first or middle name ranks 1,590th in popularity, between Kimball and Serge. I actually know or have met maybe 15 to 20 people with that first name Baxter. However, I have been told and/or received hundreds of

Letter to the editor

Wolf recovery

Pope Francis had a wonderful quote in his recently released encyclical: "It is not enough, however to think of different species merely as potential 'resources' to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost forever."

I think Rep. Steve Pearce should be sure to read this quote before sponsoring such ill-thought out pieces of legislation like HR 2910.

The Mexican wolf is the southernmost, most genetically distinct, and most endangered sub-species of gray wolf. Rep. Pearce's bill would push lobos back to the brink of extinction, a place they have fought so hard to

recover from in the 17 years since the reintroduction program has started.

Starting with a population of seven wild wolves and growing to the current 2014 estimate of 109, the program can hardly be called a failure. It's evident, however, that the reintroduction program is in dire need of something: less politics. Release more wolves into the wild, open more areas for wolf recovery, write a new recovery plan; all of these are necessary for wolves to truly recover in the Southwest.

Politicians like Pearce playing fast and loose with the survival of an entire sub-species is not.

It is time Pearce stop catering to the pressures of special interests and listen to the countless scientific experts explaining the importance of wolves to a healthy ecosystem.

Nicole Sylvester

photos of animals ranging from rodents to reptiles and porpoise to parakeets named Baxter.

In my defense, there are so many other names they could have chosen to represent the program; Phyllis, for instance, Esubio, maybe Chuck or Shani-sha. How does Roper sound? NO BALLS FOR ROPER, NO BALLS FOR FITZHUGH, NO BALLS FOR THE FORMERLY CALLED PRINCE. And to

be fair, there are women in the Amarillo Humane Society; how 'bout NO OVARIES FOR CAMILLA!

Alas, the name Baxter has always been a burden. In the movies, the men whose last name is Baxter are usually slime-ball investor types, sadistic drug-smuggling secret agents or left-handed ropers.

Ah, well, I can't complain. They spelled it right.

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Council approves Rio Grande Theatre management agreement

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council, meeting in regular session on Monday, July 6, unanimously approved a number of resolutions regarding city facilities.

The council approved the second year of a five-year agreement with the Doña Ana Arts Council (DACC) for the operation of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

The city and DACC entered into a five-year management agreement in June 2014, and the July 6 vote continued the agreement for another year. It also increased the management fee the city will pay DACC from \$100,000 to \$120,000 per year.

DACC Executive Director Kathleen Albers said it costs about \$300,000 annually to operate the theater. DACC makes up what the city doesn't pay with other fundraising activities, including the Renaissance ArtsFest.

Artists to paint Theatre mural

Approving a mural to be painted on the west side of the Rio Grande Theatre. The theater, which opened in 1926 as a movie house and re-opened in 2005 as a performance arts theater, was added to the National Historic Register in 2004.

Volunteer Irene Oliver-Lewis, who made a presentation to the council about the mural project, said the west (back) wall of the theatre where the mural will be painted is not part of the historic structure, as it was added during renovations about a decade ago. She said the mural will be painted principally by local artist Sebastian Velazquez, 23, and six to eight young artists from the Ignite Engage Youth high-school afterschool program of Las Cruces and Anthony.

The painting will be paid for with a \$10,000 grant from Paseo del Norte Health Foundation based in El Paso. The mural, with the title "Historic Rio Grande Theatre," will depict some of the theater's nearly 90-

year history, including what the place looked like when it was built, what it looks like now, the first and last movies shown when it was a movie theater, musician Randy Granger (representing local artists) and other historic figures.

Klein Park renovations

The council approved a master plan and the first phase of renovations to Klein Park, which is located on east Griggs Avenue, between San Pedro and Mesquite streets.

The project is expected to cost about \$900,000 to \$1.2 million.

Work will include wall repair and stage (band

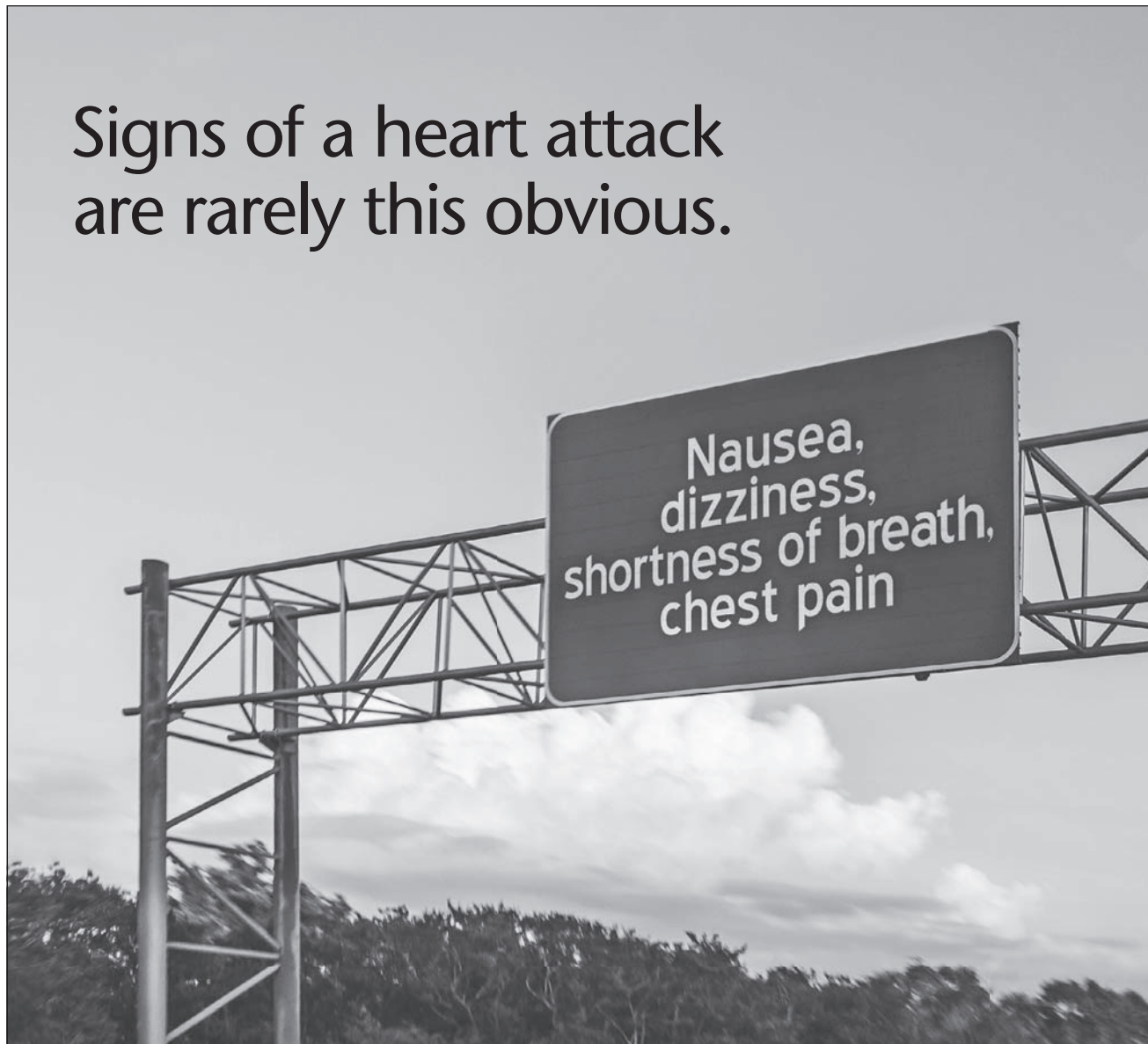
shell) repair, with the addition of electrical power, said Eric Martin, the city's facilities administration manager. The project has been presented at a number of public hearings since last October, Martin said. Many of the planned renovations are based on suggestions from those meetings.

"The neighborhood came together and said, 'Let's upgrade our park,'" Councillor Miguel Silva said.

Costs for the project will include funds from the city and the State Legislature. Martin expressed particular appreciation to

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Signs of a heart attack are rarely this obvious.



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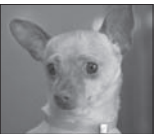


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Coming up

Family Game Day at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum

Turn off your devices and come to the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla Street, for Family Game Day, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 11.

The museum hosts a variety of old-fashioned games that have been popular for centuries, as well as wooden and jigsaw puzzles. Come into the Las Cruces Railroad Museum to have fun as the forefathers did. Bring your family or challenge your friends.

If you need an accommodation for a disability to enable you to fully participate in this event, please contact the museum 48 hours prior to the event.

The museum is open 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 647-4480 or visit <http://las-cruces.org/museums>.

Centauros Motorcycle Club motorcycle run

The Centauros Motorcycle Club — Las Cruces Chapter will be hosting their third annual motorcycle run in partial support of children and families affected by autism 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 11.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. at Barnett's Las Cruces Harley Davidson, 2600 Lakeside Drive. The last stop will be 2 p.m. at the V.F.W., 709 S. Valley Drive,

where there will be food, a dunking booth and activities for the entire family.

Entry fees for the motorcycle run are \$10 per rider and \$5 per passenger. This event is open to the public and donations are greatly appreciated.

The Centauros Motorcycle Club — Las Cruces Chapter has donated more than \$4000 to the Hearts for Autism Fund over the last two years. With the generous funds from the Centauros Motorcycle Club, over 25 children have been sponsored to attend Camp New Amigos. Camp New Amigos is a week-long day camp for children diagnosed with autism held every summer at New Mexico State University.

Mesilla Valley Freedom Rally

The Mesilla Valley Freedom Rally to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project will be held 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, July 11, at the Las Cruces Homes and Land Office, 1701 Calle de Mercado, Suite 1.

Event activities include a Poker Run and Classic Car Show. Registration for the Poker Run opens at 10 a.m., with a return time of 3 p.m. Registration for the Classic Car Show opens at 8 a.m. and judging will be held at noon.

The event will feature live music by the Neal McCowan Band, starting at 5 p.m. Food and souvenir vendors will be available all day.

For more information, contact 527-3700 or email mesillavalleyfreedomrally@gmail.com.

LCHBA Happy Hour

The Las Cruces Home Builder's Association Happy Hour will be held 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, at De La Vega's Pecan Grill and Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd.

For more information, call 526-6126 or visit www.lchba.com.

NMSU engineering to hold robotics camps

Two robotics summer camps will be held at New Mexico State University for students ages 10 to 17. Advanced Robotics Summer Camp will be held July 14-16 and Beginning Robotics Summer Camp will be held July 21-23. Both three-day camps will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The camps are provided by the Engineering New Mexico Resource Network, part of the College of Engineering.

The beginning camp provides an introduction to robotics using radio-controlled components and basic programming skills. The advanced camp provides a more in-depth look at these topics.

In both camps, participants will utilize the engineering design process as they build a robot with teammates. The robot will be used in a competition at the end of camp. The camp is a great way to prepare for the BEST (Boosting Engineering Science and Technology) robotics competition and the VEX Robotics Competition sponsored by NMSU's College of Engineering. In addition to building a robot for competition, students will work in teams, write an engineering manual, learn basic tool skills and be exposed to a variety of engineering technologies. The camps offer a great opportunity for students to learn to work together with others, communicate ideas and develop leadership skills.

Students will need to bring their own lunch. The camps will be held on the NMSU main campus engineering complex.

The cost is \$75 per student. For more information or to register for Advanced

Robotics, visit <http://2015advancedrobotics-lascruces.eventbrite.com>. For more information or to register for Beginning Robotics, visit <https://2015beginningrobotics-lascruces.eventbrite.com>.

Questions may be directed to enr-nm@nmsu.edu or 646-2913.

ABC's of Supervision class

The ABC's of Supervision class will be held 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, with instructor Victoria D. Lusk, SPHR, SHRM-SCP. The class is designed to help you overcome many of the supervisory problems you will face as a new boss, whether you are a team leader, a project manager or a unit coordinator. Sometimes it isn't easy, but it doesn't have to lead to discouragement. Some of the topics include: clarifying roles and responsibilities, developing your skills in listening and communication, resolving conflict, giving feedback and more.

The cost of the class is \$139. For more information, contact 527-7776 or ctp@nmsu.edu.

Green Party of Doña Ana to meet

The Green Party of Doña Ana will meet 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, at the Thomas Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Board Room.

22 Annual Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet

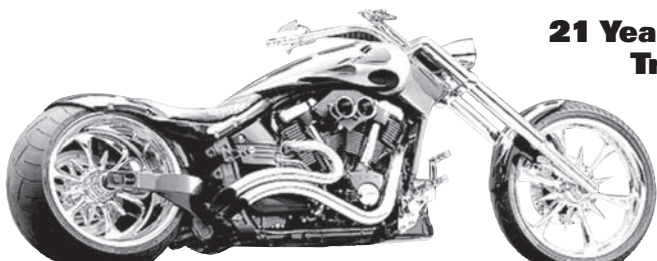
The Las Cruces Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will hold its annual fundraising banquet Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. Local outdoor enthusiasts who have a passion for the conservation of New Mexico's wildlife and habitat are invited to attend.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is a nonprofit wildlife organization dedicated to the conservation of elk and other

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wildlife and their habitats. It also has played a key role in the restoration of wild, free-ranging Elk in 10 states and Ontario, Canada. RMEF has helped to create or improve hunter access in many states and has funded more than 3,300 hunter education projects.

Since 1985, RMEF and its partners have completed more than 300 different conservation, public access and educational projects in New Mexico with a combined value of nearly \$24 million. Private dollars raised at our fundraising event are needed for matches from state and federal dollars.

You can get in on the fun with games, raffles and live and silent auctions by registering to attend the banquet. For more information or to register, call Amy at 644-5342 or visit www.rmef.org.

Horses, Horses and More Horses children's art class

Explore the wonderful world of horses 9 a.m. to noon, July 20-23. Horses are not only graceful and majestic animals, they are also excellent subjects to draw and color. Learn to draw horses of all

shapes, sizes and styles. Use different media to create colorful compositions to strengthen coloring skills. On the final day, create a large drawing with pastels. The class is available for kids age 6 to 12. For more information about this new DACC Community Education course, contact 527-7527 or commed@dacc.nmsu.edu.

Video Game Animation children's class

Take your game design to the next level by creating and animating your own character sprites, objects, and backgrounds, 1 to 4 p.m., July 20-24. Start with a name, develop the character's personality, signature moves, special powers and a story line. Finish with a fully animated character to be used in future games. The class is available for kids age 8 to 14. For more information about this new DACC Community Education course, contact 527-7527 or commed@dacc.nmsu.edu.

Business After Hours

Come network with other members and leaders in the business community at the July Business After Hours, from 5:30 to 7

p.m. Thursday, July 23, hosted by Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Make Your First 3D Video Game children's class

Develop a game concept that goes well beyond the limitations of traditional 2D game design, 9 a.m. to noon, July 20-24. Learn the physics behind 3D games, explore beginner event scripting, level design, controlling flow of gameplay and storytelling. Student created games will be available on a password-protected Black Rocket Web site to share with friends and family. The class is available for kids age 8 to 14. For more information about this new DACC Community Education course, contact 527-7527 or commed@dacc.nmsu.edu.

Creative Engineering Workshop children's class

Work with an advanced three dimensional construction kit that is yours to keep and take home, 9 a.m. to noon, July 27-31. Design and build simple or complex models of a vehicle, robot or buildings. Use the 3-volt geared motor that is includ-

ed to power up a moveable Radar Surveyor and learn different ways to make your motor run. Hands-on is the only way, so prepare to build from directions and from your own imagination. The class is available for kids age 7 to 12. For more information about this new DACC Community Education course, contact 527-7527 or commed@dacc.nmsu.edu.

Electronic Lab children's class

Thirty different projects and experiments are built with an electronic kit that you keep in this hands-on workshop, 1 to 4 p.m., July 27-31. The Science Electronics Lab will stimulate kids' minds by using easy-to-understand experiments to increase knowledge of electronics. Science project ideas will come alive as you build the 30 projects while working with Electronic Circuits. The electronics kit is reusable. Have fun designing your own projects once you've built all 30. The class is available for kids age 7 to 12. For more information about this new DACC Community Education course, contact 527-7527 or commed@dacc.nmsu.edu.

In the news**Residents warned of warrant fee scam**

New Mexico State Police Las Cruces District has received numerous reports from citizens advising they received a phone call and informed they had a warrant for their arrest and were required to pay over the phone a warrant fee to clear the arrest. Additional citizens recently

stated they were told over the phone they had defaulted on a student loan, their classes for next semester would be dropped, and a warrant would be issued for their arrest. The return phone number of the caller in each instance was displayed as the New Mexico State Police Las Cruces office.

The following numbers are associated with the New Mexico State Police Las Cruces office and have been displayed as the caller's return phone number in this scam: 575-382-2507; 575-382-2508; 575-382-2509; 575-382-2510; 575-382-2511; 575-382-2512.

If any citizen receives such a phone call or any similar request for money, please contact the nearest New Mexico State Police office. In Las Cruces, that number is 575-382-2500.

Las Cruces author Chávez wins international awards

On Saturday, June 27, at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis, the largest Latino cultural awards in the U.S. were held as part of the American Library Association (ALA) 2015 Conference: The 17th annual International Latino Book Awards. Winners included Las Cruces Denise Chávez, cofounder of the Border Book Festival and Museo de la Gente at Casa Camino Real.

Denise Chávez is a native of Las Cruces. She received First Place in the Popular Fiction Category of the International Latino Book Awards ceremony for her novel, "The King and Queen of Comezón," published by the University of Oklahoma Press. The day before, Chávez was a Silver winner in the IndieFab awards ceremony held at the ALA. The same book, "The

King and Queen of Comezón," was second-place winner in a group of nine national finalists.

For more information, contact 523-3988 or casa@casacaminoreal.org.

Illegal fireworks confiscated over holiday

Las Cruces fire, police and codes enforcement confiscated an estimated \$2,000 worth of illegal fireworks and responded to several hundred calls related to fireworks during the 2015 season when vendors were allowed to sell their products.

The \$2,000 worth of illegal fireworks confiscated included several varieties prohibited for use or possession within city limits including aerial and ground audible devices. No major injuries or fires related to the use of fireworks were reported locally.



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Crime Stoppers

Man sought in Sav-O-Mat robbery

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that helps identify the man suspected of committing an armed robbery Sunday at a local

convenience store. Shortly after 11 p.m. Sunday, July 5, Las Cruces Police were dispatched to the report of an armed robbery at the Sav-O-Mat convenience store at 920 El Paseo Road. Officers learned that a masked man entered the store, displayed a hand-

gun and demanded cash from the clerk.

The man obtained an undisclosed amount of cash and fled from the store. No injuries were reported.

The suspect is described as 6-feet tall and weighs approximately 185 pounds. He was wearing a black-and-gray checkered shirt and a black ski mask.

Store surveillance cam-

eras captured images of the suspect and police are hoping someone might recognize him.

Anyone with information that can help identify the suspect is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip by text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

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NMSU's addition of solar panels cut costs, energy usage

By Jocelyn N. Apodaca

For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University has partnered with Ameresco Inc. on a solar panel project, saving the university energy, money and lowering its carbon footprint.

The solar panel canopy, located in Parking Lot 100 on Stewart Street, will produce 108 kilowatts of power at full capacity. The carport also will provide shade for 46 cars at no extra charge and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"The array will serve to offset power consumption by the Satellite Chiller Plant by up to 108 kW per hour maximum. That means NMSU is buying that much less power from El Paso Electric," said George Davis, senior project manager of Ameresco. "The amount of power serving the Satellite Chiller Plant can be affected by many things including weather and dirt accumulation on the surface of the panels."

Energy converted from the solar panels will directly affect the Satellite Chiller Plant, where the



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Positive Energy system installers Steven Fonseca, left, Eddie Marruto, center, and Mark Eshelman, right, are joined by Joni Newcomer, second from left, and Ameresco senior project manager Doug Hill as they celebrate the completion of a new solar panel array installation on campus.

Las Cruces campus cooling system is controlled. It houses two large chillers. The 2,500-ton centrifugal duplex chiller cools water to 41 F. Water is then pumped to buildings across campus for use in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems to cool the buildings. The second system is a 1,000-ton glycol chiller, which contains ethylene

glycol in order to chill water to 23 F for ice production. The ice is produced at night, during El Paso Electric's off-peak billing hours, saving NMSU a significant amount of money.

"With the correct permit for Lot 100, anyone can park in the shade of the panels," said Joni Newcomer, manager of environmental policy and

sustainability at NMSU. "But remember that idling a car engine is one of the worst things we can do for the environment, so if no space is available, find another place to park – walking is good for you."

Ameresco, an energy services company, custom designed the system to fit NMSU's exact specifications and budget needs. A

total of \$550,000 was spent to complete this project. In 2013, NMSU entered an energy performance contract with Ameresco in an effort to cut energy consumption and costs. The energy conservation contract has made improvements completing the following projects: updating interior and exterior lighting, exterior pole-mounted lighting, retro commissioning, variable air volume retrofits, economizer upgrades and chilled water pump bypasses. The solar panel project used 75 percent local subcontractors, helping keep jobs local and costs efficient.

Solar panels use particles of light from the sun to set electrons free from atoms, which generates a flow of electricity. Solar panels comprise many smaller units called photovoltaic cells. Each photovoltaic cell is a combination made up of two semi-conducting materials, usually silicon. Photovoltaic cells need to establish an electric field in

order to function.

"Solar panels actually work better the colder it is, and work off the light of the sun, not the heat," said Mark Westbrook of Positive Energy Solar.

The project is not NMSU's first venture into solar energy. The first solar panels on campus, installed in 2007, are on a parking structure at the NMSU Campus Health Center, located on Stewart Street and Breland. It is an 18 kW grid-tied photovoltaic parking structure where one third of its energy directly affects the health center.

"As part of the energy conservation project we hope to install another array of solar-covered parking spaces at Lot 39, south of Chamisa Village," newcomer said. "It will be a bit smaller than the 108 kW array at the Satellite Chiller Plant."

For more information on the energy managing projects and sustainability on the NMSU campus, please visit <http://sustainability.nmsu.edu/>.

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State Sen. Lee Cotter, R-Doña Ana, and State Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D-Doña Ana, for their support.

When completed, the project is expected to include upgrades to play and recreational equipment, security and lighting, walking paths, picnic areas, restrooms, public art, brickwork and more, said Martin.

ADA improvements

The council also approved Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to a portion of Solano Drive between Cactus and Mulberry streets.

The \$110,000 project includes a grant of nearly \$45,000 from the New Mexico Department of Transportation's Local Government Road Funds program. The work will include improvements to sidewalks, on-ramps and corners. It is a continuation of ADA improvements on Solano Drive.

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new jobs," according to a release.

The announcement will take place at the flight test hanger for New Mexico State University's Physical Science Laboratory at the Las Cruces International Airport, 8990 Zia Blvd.

Lopez did not disclose any details about what company is involved – something in the aerospace industry – but did report a lot of work went into whatever deal was reached.

"It was challenging," Lopez said. "There needs to be a lot of thanks given out to the university, the city and the state's economic development office."

Barela set to speak

Jon Barela, secretary of the New Mexico Economic Development Department, is scheduled to speak at MVEDA's August luncheon. For more information, call MVEDA at 525-2852. The group's website is www.mveda.com.

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school's governance council, said in a statement that Garcia-Post fits the position "perfectly."

"(Her) philosophy on education and student centered learning blends perfectly with the mission and charter of J. Paul Taylor Academy," Gorham said.

A native of Freemont, Calif. — just outside of San Jose — the 34-year-old Garcia-Post has been a bilingual teacher in the Golden State as well as in Las Cruces and has most recently served in administration as an assistant principal at MacArthur

Elementary in the Las Cruces Public School District.

The state-chartered J. Paul Taylor Academy is an independent, non-tuition school and not affiliated with LCPS. Students are chosen with a lottery system.

She pursued higher education at UC-Santa Cruz

and earned her teaching certificate at San Diego State. She earned a master's degree in education at San Jose State and is currently in a doctoral program at New Mexico State University.

"I love teaching and still consider myself a teacher," Garcia-Post said. "I have so much respect for teachers."

She said she will have a lot of interaction with students.

"This is where I want to be," she said.

Garcia-Post wants students and teachers to constantly think of ways to approach education.

"I want to give teachers the ability to innovate," she said. "Innovation is huge. I want them to have the opportunity to try things and explore."

"We want to have a continuous mindset of growth," she said.

A support system is important too.

"We want to engage families," she said. "They are an asset in education."

Garcia-Post will also help oversee the last stage of a major development for J. Paul Taylor Academy. The school will move into a brand-new building, probably by the end of the year.

The new location is next to the Court Youth Center, which houses Alma d'Arte Charter High School at 402 W. Court Ave.

"It looks great," Garcia-Post said. "It'll be bigger

The new building is being funded through a lease-purchase agreement with LCPS.

The academy opened for classes in 2011.

More information can be found online at www.jpaultayloracademy.org.

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Miguel Silva is the District 1 incumbent. He was first elected in 2007 and re-elected in 2011.

The incumbent in District 2 is Greg Smith, who is also the mayor pro-tem. Smith was first elected in 2011. He has already indicated his plans to run for re-election to his seat on the council.

Nathan Small is the incumbent in District 4. He

was first elected in 2007 and re-elected in 2011.

The current presiding municipal judge is Melissa Miller-Byrnes. She was first elected in 1999 and re-elected in 2003, 2007 and 2011.

The mayor, city councilors and municipal judge all serve four-year terms. There are no term limits on city offices.

All candidates for the

city election must file for office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22 in the city clerk's office at city hall, 700 N. Main St., said Interim City Clerk Linda Lewis. That is the only day to file. Candidate packets are now available in the city clerk's office.

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Looking Back



This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



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- A front page story in the July 10, 1915 Las Cruces Citizen reported that, during an excavation by the Bascom-French company for a new convent building, “the bones of a wild boar’s head were unearthed, in which was a pair of remarkably fine tusks, in excellent preservation.”
- Resident John Bingham “complimented the Citizen two weeks ago for ‘having gotten the sheet out on time for the first time in six years.’”
- Frank T. French “hiked out of the Citizen’s office yesterday with Senator Holt’s newly framed picture under his arm,” the Citizen reported. “Everybody likes the Senator’s picture so well that we have a notion to have a bunch of postals made and retail them.”
- Carl W. Strickler, linotype operator at the Deming Headlight, was in Las Cruces on business. “Carl is looking so hale and hearty,” the Citizen opined, “we do not believe our honored contemporary, Editor Val, is working him strenuously enough.”
- Since installing its new linotype machine, the Citizen “has been literally swamped with work,” but was “prepared to handle everything, from visiting cards to the most complicated tabulated and book work PROMPTLY.”

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- City Attorney E.G. Shannon filed condemnation proceedings on behalf of the City of Las Cruces to obtain land for the new municipal airport site east of the city, the July 11, 1940 Las Cruces Citizen reported. The suit was against “the largest number of separate land tracts ever filed on in Doña Ana County and involve(d) the largest number of descendants ever named in a New Mexico condemnation suit.” The 640-acre tract had been sold years earlier as a promotion subdivision to people all over the world, none of whom paid any taxes.
- The Las Cruces Drug store was burglarized by four men, “one of whom has an extensive criminal record,” who escaped with \$1,900 in cash and jewels “in addition to a large amount of narcotics,” the Citizen reported. The men entered the building through the ceiling and left through a side door, and the safe had been opened with a drill and sledgehammer. A pair of gloves was left at the scene.
- Wilbur Gray, shot by an Old Mesilla constable weeks prior, had re-entered the hospital for treatment and observation.
- Plans were rapidly being completed for a trade and industrial school at the New Mexico State College, the Citizen reported. The

school, which would give instruction in “electrical engineering, designing, personnel supervision, welding and many other occupations which will play an important part in the national defense program,” was expected to enroll 75 men.

50yearsago

- The July 11, 1965 Las Cruces Citizen reported the previous week’s building permits had surpassed the entire previous month’s permits, totaling \$517,237 for four commercial structure and 12 new homes. Of those commercial structures, the largest was Ikard’s new main phase, which topped out at \$200,000.
- “The number of Doña Ana County residents receiving monthly retirement checks from the government continues to rise” and had reached its highest number the Citizen reported, with some 3,462 former workers and their families in the county collecting Social Security checks. In 1960, that number was 1,811.

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Fourth of July celebration



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Members of the Family Stone perform at the Field of Dreams Saturday during the 4th of July Celebration.



Sariah Romero, 9, enjoys the 4th of July celebration Saturday at the Field of dreams with sparkler.

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Keith Tomesky and his his daughter Destiny Tomesky, 2, take part in the darts game at the 4th of July celebration Saturday.



Fabian Martinez and Jose Villegas enjoy the 4th of July celebrations at the Field of dreams Saturday.



Ryan Byrd enjoys the 4th of July Celebration in a festive head wrap Saturday.




Todd Gray of Kona Ice serves patrons snow cones Saturday at the Field of dreams.

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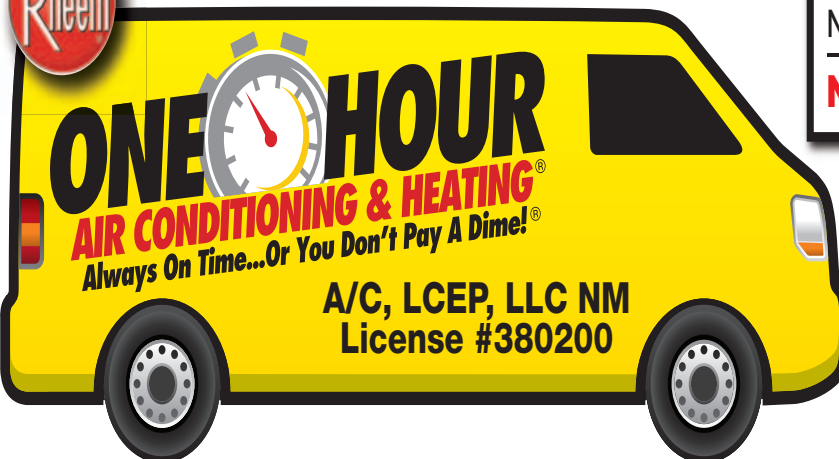
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who know her and those who do not. Mia has autism spectrum disorder, and is raising funds for a service dog specially trained for her needs.

A segment on the news gave Mia's mother, Christina Binns, the idea.

It was Christmastime, and a story was running about how a mall Santa, afraid of a autistic girl's pitbull service dog, didn't want her to bring it close for a photo. It was a sad story, a child crying at Yuletide, but it was the first time Binns heard about service dogs being beneficial for people with autism.

"I saw this story, and it just sparked something in me," Christina Binns said.

She started researching service dogs for children with autism.

Unlike service dogs which help with physical tasks, service dogs for children with autism provide emotional support. People with autism spectrum disorders are unable to filter sensory information, and can become overstimulated by the flood of sensory input they experience.

A service dog can serve as a place to focus the handler's attention when out in public, so the stimuli do not become overwhelming. A service dog can also interrupt sensory overload or alert the handler when he or she is doing repetitive behaviors, called stimming, which can sometimes be

harmful.

"What this dog is going to provide to my daughter in particular is emotional support," Binns said. "My daughter has mental disabilities. She has a low IQ, she has ADHD and she has autism. She displays emotional highs and lows, she has trouble regulating her emotions, socializing – that's all probably the biggest thing with autistic children. They have trouble socializing with other people.

"She is social, she likes to be around people, but she has a hard time interacting with them. I think the dog will be the bridge between interacting with other kids her age and provide her that constant companion where she feels – I mean, she knows she's different, so for her to feel that she belongs somewhere, that she has something of her own, so she won't feel so different."

Larger dogs are preferred as autistic service animals. While this is not necessary for Mia, some autistic children may take off running, unaware of dangers such as traffic. To protect the child, he or she may be tethered to the animal, and the dog may keep the child from running or slow him or her down. Some autistic children are also comforted by pressure on their bodies when overstimulated, such as with a weighted or tightly wrapped blanket. A large dog can be present to provide that comforting pressure.

A service dog can also help Mia become more independent, Binns said.

"She's slowly learning, I'm allowing her to do more things by herself, but I'm paranoid, I watch her do a lot of things, and I think having the dog will allow her to become more confident in herself and independent."

The only hurdle was the price.

Binns said she didn't know how much a service dog would cost when she first started researching them. Though the dogs are expensive, American Service Dogs, 725 S. Solano Drive, uses a business model that both makes service dogs more affordable for those who need them while reducing the number of dogs in the shelter.

Jared Latham, lead trainer and facility manager for American Service Dogs, said the company restructured last year in order to better serve the needs of the community – those with two and four legs. While the average cost of a service dog across the country is \$20,000, by partnering with area animal rescues and reimagining their training process, American Service Dogs has been able to cut the average price down to about \$4,000.

Rather than purchasing a purebred dog and training it before trying to find it a family, Latham, a combat veteran whose training experience includes four years as part of the Department of Defense

Working Dog Program, combs through local shelters for dogs who have the right personality and temperament for service work. The dog is then paired with the owner, and Latham trains the owner and family on how to train the dog.

"We don't just train the dog and give it to a family," Latham said. "We incorporate the whole family, train the whole family on how to handle and manipulate the dog.

"What that does is cut down costs, because I'm only working with the family once a week. We train the dog for the first couple of months, and then it is up to the family. We give them all the tools necessary to train that dog."

Even though the pricing model through American Service Dogs was much more approachable than elsewhere, the \$4,000 was a daunting amount. Binns decided to reach out to the community for help as she worked to pull the funds together.

"There's research showing that it works," Binns said. "And besides, if there was even a five percent chance that this could help your child – wouldn't you do everything possible to help your child? I mean, that's not even a question you ask."

Binns said they have done a lot of footwork, posting flyers in veterinary offices, gyms and other public spaces, as well as sharing on Facebook. She said most of the contributions that have helped them secure the down payment came through friends and family who heard about the fundraiser through social media. The support from friends and family have just passed the halfway mark, which allowed the Binns family to put down payment on a dog for Mia and begin the

training process.

She has worked with Tucker, a purebred Portuguese Water Dog that was a shelter rescue dog.

Binns said the service dog can make a difference for her whole family.

"I have a hard time taking her to certain restaurants or just shopping because she just gets distracted very easily with other things going on and she throws fits and people don't understand," she said.

"And when I was reading these stories about people who have these dogs with their children, it just opened up a whole new world because now they are able to go to church – because you know you have to be quiet at church, and the dog keeps the child calm so they can go to church, they can go shopping, to the mall – you can do so many things now, whereas before you were kind of a prisoner in your own home."

Binns said she hopes that the fundraiser will help other families with autistic children learn about the potential benefits a service dog may provide.

"Maybe other families will see this and think, 'Maybe this will help my child, too,'" Binns said. "Because I wouldn't have thought of it if I hadn't seen it. I think getting this information out there can really help. Sometimes you just feel so isolated, you just don't know what to do."

For more information on Mia Binns' service dog fundraiser, visit her GoFundMe site at <http://gofundme.com/wsxa9g8>. For more information on American Service Dogs, call 323-1727 or visit www.americanservice-dogs.us.

Marissa Bond can be reached at 680-1845 or marissa@lascrucesbulletin.com.



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STORM SEWER SYSTEM ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

The City of Las Cruces will be submitting an Annual Report for the reporting year of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 for storm water discharges from its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as required under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. NMR040000. The Annual Report summarizes the storm water activities that have been addressed in accordance with the City's Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). The SWMP is intended to be used as a guide to help reduce pollutants associated with storm water and urban runoff which is considered a non-point source pollutant. Copies of the Annual Report will be available for public comment at the Public Works Department, City Hall, 700 N. Main St., 2nd floor, (575-528-3075). The Annual Report will also be available online in PDF format at:

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BRIEFS

MVEDA receives state grant

The New Mexico Department of Economic Development has selected 15 rural economic development projects were selected to receive Local Economic Assistance & Development Support (LEADS).

Through its newly created LEADS program, the state will leverage a total of \$176,260 to supplement the work of local communities in their efforts to diversify their economy and create good-paying jobs that have a multiplier effect.

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance has been awarded \$6,000 to expand the Job to Career Boot Camp. The program will be offered at locations throughout Doña Ana County, MVEDA CEO Davin Lopez said.

Projects for LEADS can include a sales mission or trade show; business visitation program, property site design, permitting and development plan; an incubator, accelerator, shared space or commercial kitchen or workforce development.

LEADS is a retooling of the current Certified Community Initiative (CCI) award process while maintaining the certification itself.

“LEADS is a wonderful new tool to stimulate economic-base job growth by working strategically with these communities and together stretch limited resource,” said NMED Cabinet Secretary Jon Barela.

NMED received 30 applications for LEADS funding.

Hispanic Chamber seeks health conference sponsors

The Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce invites individuals and organizations to become sponsors for a health education conference to be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

The event will bring together family caregivers and professionals.

Attendees will hear from experts on their topics that include Caregiver Burden of Care, Altaf Ahmed, M.D.; General Wound Care for the Care-

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Entrepreneur seeks investors for uniquely southwestern spirit

By **Mike Cook**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

It took an entrepreneur who is a native of Connecticut and came to Las Cruces by way of Maui to come up with a uniquely southwestern-flavored liquor and a company to market it that he calls “1 Seed Craft Spirits.”

John Patrick Ryan has big plans for the product and the business and he loves Las Cruces.

Ryan, who turns 40 at the end of June, has had careers in solar energy and water technology. He also was a successful chef on the East Coast, where he became a “big fan of a well-made cocktail.”

He has a wealth of experience as a mixologist (he prefers the term “al-

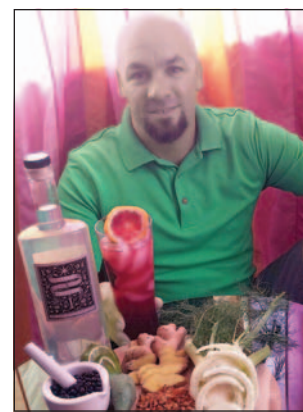
chemist”) and as an entrepreneur — this is the fourth company he has started. Ryan estimates he has met with more than 100 potential investors in the course of his business experience; and, he hopes to meet with more interested in backing his venture in Las Cruces.

Ryan came to Las Cruces five years ago, when his wife, Rebecca, a molecular biologist, was offered a position with Sapphire Energy. He fell in love with the area and its people and decided to put

his knowledge and experience to work in a brand new start-up venture that kicked off at the beginning of this year when he served 1 Seed Craft Gin at Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe during the 2015 legislative session.

Ryan chose gin as his base because the wheat to make it is available nearby in Texas and Oklahoma and can be bought in bulk and shipped to a distiller. He began experimenting with local-source ingredients,

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LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK
John Ryan, business owner and local tourism booster, poses with some of the ingredients in his 1 Seed Craft Spirit (gin). The drink is called a blood orange ricky and is made with his gin.

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“building world-class spirits from otherwise overlooked desert flora,” to quote his website, *www.1SeedCraftSpirits.com*.

He prefers the word “spirit” to alcohol or liquor because it’s a very old word with “a little more meaning,” he said. “I’m crafting a spirit and I’m bottling it and sending it out into the world, honoring Las Cruces.

Ryan knew he wanted to include the flower of the chaparral bush in his spirit because of its evocative aroma. He also added juniper berries (*Juniperus monosperma*, better known as one-seed junipers, which are the most common juniper species in this part of the world—hence the name of his product), lemon, lime, coriander seeds, prickly pear and a couple of ingredients that aren’t locally available—he wants to work with New Mexico State University to grow them here.

Modeling himself on the success of Tanqueray gin, originally distilled in the Bloomsbury district of London, and Jack Dan-

iel’s whiskey, which made Lynchburg, Tenn., famous, Ryan decided to build a business around his new creation and engineer a product that would be enjoyed in Las Cruces, across the country and around the world. That included designing a uniquely shaped bottle, an attention-grabbing name and (with the help of a local artist) an eye-catching label.

Ryan wants his gin to be “a sustainable spirit that speaks to folks” in and around Las Cruces and creates positive “food memories” for local residents and visitors. His long-range business goal is “to flood the community of Las Cruces with living-wage jobs and to constantly improve the life quality of all of those living in this beautiful valley,” according to his website.

“‘Local first’ is not only our mantra, it is our way of life,” Ryan said.

Early taste tests of his new product have yielded encouraging results. “We really have something here,” he said. The great-

est fear of any gin maker is, “Does it make a good martini?” The answer: “It makes a great martini.”

Once he has obtained the dozen or so local, state and federal licenses he needs to open the business (including securing a state liquor license), Ryan wants to “build a facility here and start selling.”

He’s now looking around Las Cruces for a suitable location, and plans to include a tasting room where people can learn about the flora of this area.

“We want to give them a tour of what’s in the bottle,” he said. “Each plant has a spirit, and healing properties. I want to be able to honor that.”

If it sounds a little “out there,” that’s okay with Ryan.

“You’ve got to have fun,” he said. “I’m doing exactly what the hell I want to do.”

He’s already completed a business plan and gotten advice from the local chapter of SCORE, a non-profit that helps small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Ryan said he has gotten

great cooperation from the Green Chamber and the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, including its Young Professionals committee.

“They have helped me go from being a fresh transplant to having a network of business contacts and friends. “This group has their stuff together,” he said.

Eventually, Ryan hopes his business will become a destination for locals and travelers. He’s building relationships with the owners of area restaurants and bars. His eventual hope is to create spirits that can be paired with each course of a fine meal, like people do now with wine and sometimes with beer.

Ryan started blogging and tweeting about his process and created his own website to help “other people like myself to get into the entrepreneurial field. It really isn’t rocket science,” he said.

When the 1 Seed Craft Spirits product is successful in Las Cruces, Ryan plans to help people set up the same kind of business in other parts of

the country—in Portland, Oregon, for example, where that area’s uniquely “piney, earthy” scents and flavors would be ideal for a new spirit, or somewhere in Hawaii, taking advantage of the islands’ fruity flavors, including ginger root.

“There is no prouder moment than taking someone who doesn’t have a job and making them a part of a company that is turning out an amazing product,” said Ryan.

Ryan couldn’t be more pleased with the reception he’s found in Las Cruces. “I think it’s damn near the perfect size, with the perfect population,” he said. And, it has a large retirement community, which is an important demographic for his business.

“I love the attitude here,” Ryan said.

He is also very taken with the Organ Mountains, the sunsets and the

monsoon season, with “the lighting coming up the valley.” “I just saw beauty. I don’t want to go anywhere else.”

As he builds his business, Ryan is now working as a product engineer for Pure Ops, a water utility company based in Las Cruces.

Ryan and his wife recently bought a house near Downtown. Their son is attending Centennial High School, and their daughter goes to Sierra Middle School.

“Las Cruces needs a bunch of these little ideas and concepts,” Ryan said. “El Paso and Sunland Park are growing. Let’s get them to come to Las Cruces ... and make a day of it. It’s about helping people relax and bringing joy. I want to give Las Cruces a product that will bring people here.”

For more information, contact Ryan at 860-235-4467 or jryan@1seed-craftspirits.com.

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Toucan owners, staff pitch in to thank Las Cruces

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

Celebrating Toucan Market's 10th anniversary was a family event Saturday, June 27, with customers stopping at the hospitality table to take a piece of cake or pizza and staff and owners serving up the treats with smiles and thank yous.

The gourmet and specialty grocery opened its doors June 25, 2005, in the same location, the Pan American Plaza at 1701 E. University Ave.

"This is almost as big as our grand opening 10 years ago," Christy Cole, co-owner with her husband, Richard Cole and Bob Bauer, said as she greeted guests from behind the hospitality table.

Customers, managers and staff agree that, although, the 15,000-square foot store stocks some 30,000 items offering a noteworthy variety of organic vegetables, fresh fish and local and organic beef, the real reason shoppers keep coming back, however, is the way they're treated at Toucan.

"Our associates believe in customer service," said Rob Bauer, son of co-owner Bob Bauer, who like his father is a veteran of the grocery business. Hiring is obviously a big part of how that happens. The owners and the managers all believe if you take care of the customer, the customer

will come back."

"We lead by example," said Bauer, who is often on the floor helping customers find what they're looking for. "Our associates say hi to everybody who comes in the door. It's not that they're required to — I want it to be sincere."

Donna Villarreal, a Toucan associate for 10 years, said she has good reasons to stay.

"I love it," she said. "I love the customers, I love the bosses. And we have good benefits."

"It's the best job I've ever had," said assistant produce manager Joseph McGee. "The people I work with are really cool."

The market currently employs about full- and part-time associates and five managers.

Bauer said the owners provide a health insurance package with dental coverage that is "comparable to many corporations" and frequently re-evaluate the available benefits in order to add more.

Bauer joined the family business in 2011 after working for Albertsons for 11 years, including more than three years as a store director in Phoenix.

He said he has an additional reason to love his customers, the associates and his job.

"Las Cruces is the rea-

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son we're here." he said. "If it weren't for the customers, I'd probably still be living in Arizona in the 118 degree heat."

Bauer said the market has a long list of loyal customers, some of whom have been shopping there since it opened.

"It's fantastic," he said. "They won't shop anywhere else. They're the real reason we're here."

Chuck Spicka, who was shopping during the anniversary celebration, said he knew co-owner Bob Bauer back when Bauer was an Albertsons store director and followed him to Toucan.

"Bob's a great guy," he



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ALTA LECOMPTE

Co-owner Christy Cole and Toucan associate Stacey Glover serve pizza to customers during the store's 10th anniversary celebration Saturday, June 27.

said.

Rob Bauer said every year the owners try to put money back into the store, making changes such as adding produce cases in response to consumer demand. As a result of upgrades that optimize available space, Toucan can offer hard-to-find items such as dragon fruit and lemon grass,

which is becoming increasingly popular with consumers who juice — and even those who share it with their cats as an aide to digestion.

"We have local tomatoes almost year round from Deming," he said.

New meat scales — the special addition for this year — are due to arrive any day.

The extra effort pays off.

"I like all the different organic options," said Angela Gardner. "I'd rather spend a little more than Walmart. It's better quality food."

Alta LeCompte can be reached at 680-1840 or alta@lascrucesbulletin.com.



Angela Gardner checks out the juice case.

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Specialization brings benefits, limits flexibility

Businesses leaders often tout the benefits of diversification. Here in New Mexico, many complain of our over reliance on federal R&D spending.

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This was first pointed out by Adam Smith, the secular saint of free markets and founder of economics as an independent discipline. He used the famous example of the pin factory as an illustration. By dividing jobs among different workers, each specializing in a particular task, it was possible to increase production by 4,800 times.

The result of increased production resulting from specialization is, however, the need for trade. Without trade, there

Chris Erickson
State of the Economy



is no market for mass production.

There is another wrinkle to this story, first pointed out by Nobel laureate Kenneth Arrow, which is learning-by-doing.

Take the example of General Electric. GE developed expertise in turbine manufacturing as a byproduct of construction of electric generating plants beginning in the 1880s. The expertise has been developed and perfected with ever expanding applications. Each generation of GE engineers teaches the next generation. This has allowed GE to

develop an expertise in turbines that allows it to continue to be a world leader after more than century.

GE's story is repeated with variation at other companies such as Boeing in commercial aircraft, GM, Toyota in auto manufacturing and IBM in business equipment.

The story even applies to regions like Silicon Valley, and also to individuals.

But here is the problem: Having developed an expertise over many years, companies (or regions or individuals) find it hard to develop a new expertise in another field. GE is not going to become a bakery. Silicon Valley isn't going to become a textile manufacturing center, and I'm not going to become an auto mechanic.

The benefits of specialization, coupled with huge time commitment of learning-by-doing, means it is very difficult to diversify a local economy. It's hard to develop the expertise to be competitive in an industry. Once an expertise is developed, it is best to stick with it, except under extreme circumstances.

We in New Mexico are specialists in federally funded R&D as a state. We have two national labs; a military testing facility; and considerable university-based R&D. That is what we do. Add to this our four military bases plus the spillover from Fort Bliss and you find a state heavily dependent on federal spending.

There are two points to make here. First, weaning ourselves from dependence on federal spending will be a long, labori-

ous process. Second, weaning ourselves probably isn't desirable anyway as there are huge benefits to specializations.

Dependence on a particular industry, in our case federally funded R&D, does make us vulnerable to the vagaries of the economy. When federal funding stagnates, as it has in recent years, that's not good news for us, as attested by the slow to negative growth our states and city are experiencing.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. He has taught economic development theory for many years at both the graduate and undergraduate level. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.

Grants to focus on health of community through organizations

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is ready to help make a difference by granting money to deserving organizations dedicated to the health of the community.

The Healthcare Committee of the CFSNM is requesting proposals from 501 (c)3 community-based nonprofit organizations or groups with a 501 (c)3 fiscal sponsor that are focused on addressing health-related issues. The organizations receiving the award must be located in and working with children, youth, families and community mem-

bers living in Doña Ana, Lincoln, Otero, Luna, Hidalgo, Grant or Sierra counties.

Approximately \$71,000 is available and the committee anticipates making six to eight awards.

The Healthcare Committee of the CFSNM hopes to see a wide variety of proposals that address health-related issues, including, but not limited to health education, for example, teaching people how to manage high cholesterol; prevention/wellness, such as a campaign like NFL's 60 minutes of exercise a day; direct services, such as providing food

to hungry children; community engagement, such as working with a community to enhance health for all residents; the built environment, for a project such as creating a bike trail, park, or children's playground; and policy, including updating school policies related to healthy outcomes; educating elected officials on health related policies.

To meet funding objectives, preference will be given to proposed projects/activities that ensure geographic diversity; promote healthy outcomes whether innovative or on-going projects and can be completed with measurable outcomes by Sept. 15, 2016.

The Healthcare Committee of the CFSNM review process will include assessments of an applicant's overall organizational strength, community involvement, project timeliness and successful fiscal management experience.

The RFP, the grant application summary form and the grant application project narrative form are available on the CFSNM's website at www.cfsnm.org.

Proposals must be emailed by noon, July 17, 2015.

Notification of awards will be Aug. 3. Proposals and inquiries should be emailed to both Angel Solis, administrative assistant,

adminasst@cfsnm.org, and Luan Wagner Burn, Ph.D., luan@cfsnm.org with the subject line: Healthcare Request for Proposal.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is a charitable resource linking donors with community needs in seven counties: Doña Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Luna, Otero and Sierra. This is done through grant making, educational scholarships, advocacy and unique program expertise. Interested donors and organizations are encouraged to call the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico at 521-4794 or visit www.cfsnm.org to utilize their serves or to contribute to programs and organizations serving our community.

Save the date

SAT 7/11

Noon to 1 p.m. Global Snapshot with Jeffrey Kleintop, Charles Schwab Independent Branch, 141 S. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 141C. Reservations at <https://client.schwab.com>. Call 993-5050.

TUE 7/21

8:30 to 9 a.m. Las Cruces Young Professionals Caffeinated Conversations – connecting over a cup of Joe, The Bean Cafe of

Mesilla, 2011 Avenida de Mesilla. Email Rosa Banuelos at rbanuelos@lascrucos.org.

THU 7/23

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Market Snapshot with Liz Ann Sonders, Charles Schwab Independent Branch, 141 S. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 141C. Reservations at <https://client.schwab.com>. Call 993-5050.

4 to 6 pm. Patenting: Intellectual Property Protection, at the Hub of Human Innovation technology incubator, 500 W. Overland Drive, Suite 230, El Paso. Email info@hubofhumaninnovation.org.

org or call 915-321-3125.

5:30 to 7 p.m. Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, Hotel Encanto de La Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Drive. Email Monte Rout, mrout@lascrucos.org.

WED 7/29

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Las Cruces Young Professionals Leadership Roundtable, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla. Speaker, CEO John Harris of Memorial Medical Center Cost. \$20. Seating is limited. For more information, email Rosa Banuelos at rbanuelos@lascrucos.org.

Young riders saddle up for Doña Ana County 4-H rodeo

By Jocelyn N. Apodaca
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The Doña Ana County 4-H Rodeo, held at 8 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, July 11-12 at the Southern NM State Fairgrounds, draws in youth from throughout the state. 8 a.m.

The rodeo is open to 4-H members and is free for spectators.

“Sanctioned 4-H rodeos provide a venue for exhibiting the skills 4-Hers learn throughout the year,” said Teresa Dean, agricultural livestock and 4-H agent for New Mexico State University’s Cooperative Extension Service office in Doña Ana County. “Local businesses provide sponsorships and community members are invited to attend the event for an introduction to rodeo and the 4-H Youth Development Program.”

About 125 youth participants are enrolled in the event with 16 disciplines offered: barrels, poles, flags, goat tying, break-away roping, step-down roping,



Group photo of youth competing in annual 4-H Dona Ana County Rodeo.

NMSU PHOTO PROVIDED BY TERESA DEAN

ribbon roping, tie-down roping, team roping, steer stopping, steer wrestling, bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, steer riding, junior bull riding and senior bull riding.

4-Hers are limited to four dis-

ciplines. Seniors, ages 15-19, will compete in their own bracket, while juniors, ages 12-14, and novice, 9-11, will compete in their respective age groups. A booster rodeo for youth younger than 8 years old

will follow each performance.

A dance will follow Saturday’s events from 7-10 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

“The 4-H rodeo project engages youth in activities that build skills related to ranching

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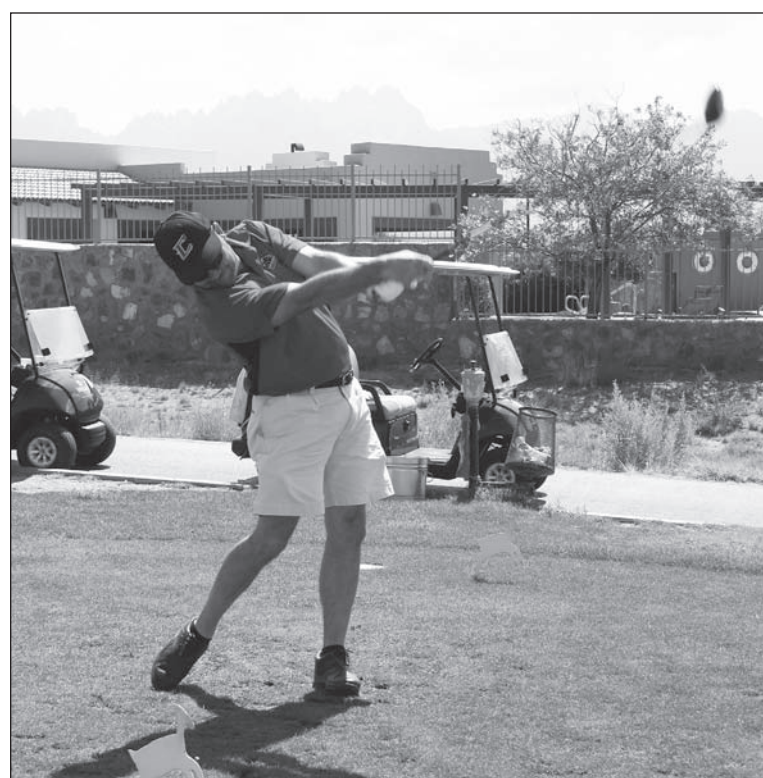
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and horsemanship, while increasing life skills such as responsibility, critical thinking and self-discipline,” Dean said. “Youth also receive training related to personal safety and animal welfare before participating in rodeo.”

Awards are given out to the All Around winners of each age group for the overall weekend. Winners will receive a cash prize and saddle certificate. Reserve weekend All Around winners will be awarded buckles. Daily winners will also receive buckles for their accomplishments.

For more information on the 4-H Doña Ana County rodeo, contact Teresa Dean at 525-6649.



Jeff Brilliant smacks the ball off the tee during the 2014 Burger Time “All Activities” High School Golf Tournament.

Hitting the links for schools

Golf tourney raises money for students

Bulletin Staff Report

Last year the annual Burger Time “All Activities” High School Golf Tournament brought in \$275,000 for high school activities in Las Cruces.

Scheduled for Thursday to Saturday, July 9 to 11 at Red Hawk Golf Club, the event is in its 22nd year.

The tournament started out as a fundraiser for Las Cruces high school football teams, but has expanded to include a variety of programs. More than \$2 million has been raised so far.

Basketball, baseball, track, swimming, cheerleading, ROTC – anything that’s recognized by the school district as an activity – can receive funding.

This marks the first time the tournament will be held at Red Hawk Golf Club, 7502 Red Hawk Golf Road.

“We started out at the old Las Cruces Coun-

try Club and had a wonderful run there,” Burger Time Foundation president Kevin Mc-Grath said.

“And recently Sonoma Ranch has been a terrific host.

“But, as they say, if you’re not moving forward, you’re falling back,” Mc-Grath said.

“The tournament committee and I are excited to play our tournament at Red Hawk this year.”

The 2015 tourney will be made up of five flights.

Play began the afternoon of Thursday, July 9, and will wrap up the afternoon of Saturday, July 11.

The annual sponsor dinner will be held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Museum — 4100 Dripping Springs Road — after the conclusion of play on Friday, July 10.

Savage joins NMSU as new deputy athletics director

New Mexico State University has appointed Chet Savage as the Aggies new deputy athletics director, Director of Athletics Mario Moccia announced.

Savage will primarily direct annual fundraising for the Aggies through the Aggie Athletic Club among other duties closely tied with donor-related functions.

Savage comes to NM State from Southern Illinois University where he served for the last eight years and as deputy athletics director since 2010.

"I am pleased to welcome Chet to our Aggie Family," Moccia said. "I have worked closely with Chet for many years and he is an outstanding professional. He has a proven record of success in overseeing annual giving programs as well as capital projects. I'm very happy he's decided to

join us at NM State."

"I see a great opportunity at NM State," Savage said.

"The sports programs are doing really well right now and Mario has a great track record of growth. I'm looking forward to getting in on the ground floor, building the team and moving forward."

Savage directed all revenue production for the Salukis, including capital fundraising, the Saluki Athletic Scholarship Fund, marketing, licensing, multimedia, media services, broadcast / video operations, special events and ticket sales. He also provided administrative oversight for the men's and women's golf programs and baseball.

Under his direction, SIU raised more than \$11 million in private giving for the "Saluki Way" capital campaign, and helped increase cash contributions to the Saluki Athletic Scholarship Fund 129 percent.

Savage also worked in the negotiations of contracts for multimedia rights, all-school apparel and outbound ticket sales for SIU.

Savage served from 2002-2007 at the University of Missouri. In his role as Director of the Tiger Scholarship Fund, Savage oversaw growth in

the fund of \$2.5 million during his tenure.

He also played an integral part in Missouri's Champions for Life capital campaign, in which more than \$120 million were raised to fund capital projects such as Mizou Arena and the Mizou Athletic Training Complex.

Prior to his tenure at Missouri, Savage was a Development Assistant for the Mike Ahearn Athletic Scholarship Fund at Kansas State University from 2001-02.

Savage, a native of Riverside, Calif., received his bachelor's degree in Public Relations (2000) and master's degree in administration (2002) from Kansas State, where he was a two-year starter at catcher for the Wildcats' baseball team (1998-99).

"I'm originally from the west, so I'm very comfortable with the area: the mountains, the climate, the people," Savage said. "It's very familiar to me. No adjustment to it at all."

Savage also brings a tie to NM State through Aggie baseball coach Brian Green. Green, an NM State alumnus, was an assistant coach for Riverside (Calif.) Community College team when Savage played at RCC.

"It's great to get back on the same team as Brian," said Savage.

At the same time, Moc-

cia announced David McCollum has moved into a new role that will oversee a new entity dealing primarily with former Aggie student-athletes from all sports.

McCollum will assist in building data bases for former student-athletes from all sports that will allow for much better communication. He'll also oversee the dissemination of information to the former Aggies, including current events, reunions and targeted sport-specific fundraising projects.

"I want to thank Dave for taking on this new and very important role to Aggie Athletics," said Moccia. "Over the last few months we've found that we haven't always connected back with our former student-athletes and this is a role that Dave and I feel is important for us right now. A strong varsity club is vital to the outreach portion of our mission in the NM State Athletic Department."

"I'm sincerely pleased to be part of the athletics team and support the Aggies in this role," said McCollum. "The energy and excitement for the projects that we have underway is contagious and we're headed in direction."

McCollum has been with the Aggies since 2013.



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NMSU BRIEFS

NMSU selected for UAS inspection of Elephant Butte Dam

The Bureau of Reclamation has selected New Mexico State University to be its lead unmanned aircraft system subject matter expert to perform the first Reclamation dam inspection. This proof of concept aeronautical research project will occur at Elephant Butte Dam in New Mexico later this summer.

The research flight will include working with the Reclamation dam site personnel to develop the concept of operations and addressing the safety requirements, selecting the sUAS and the correct sensors, validating the flight procedures

and performing the inspection.

The purpose of this inaugural dam inspection flight is to determine the applicability of UAS as a tool for this type of infrastructure inspection. Multiple sensors including light detection and ranging, thermal, video and other cameras will be used to assess various mapping and structural aspects of the dam. The products of these sensors used for the follow-on analysis will include georeferenced 3-D model of the dam and spillway, an ortho-photography and digital surface model for photogrammetry processing. The ultimate goal of the project will be to determine potential issues with the dams' structure including concrete cracks, spalls and other subsurface defects including moisture where it should not be, and any erosion

or other topographical changes to the dam and spillway.

Los Alamos National Lab selects physics professor for award

New Mexico State University Assistant Professor Edwin Fohtung was named the 2015 Rosen Scholar, a high-profile fellowship, which comes with \$150,000 in funding.

The fellowship was created to honor Louis Rosen, whose career at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) spanned more than 60 years and included the conception of the Los Alamos Meson Physics Facility (LAMPF), a unique nuclear science research tool through the 1990s. The facility is now the Los Alamos Neutron Science Center (LANSCE), LANL's flag-

ship science facility, which plays an important role in national security, academic and industrial research.

An assistant professor of physics in the College of Arts and Sciences, Fohtung is also the current LANSCE professor at NMSU. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Freiburg in Germany.

The Rosen Scholar fellowship attracts visiting scholars to LANSCE in the fields of Nuclear Science, Materials Science, Defense Science or Accelerator Technology. It is awarded to individuals whose career accomplishments in fields of research covered by LANSCE facilities are recognized as outstanding by the scientific community and exemplify Rosen's innovative and visionary qualities. He worked at LANL from 1943 during the

Manhattan Project until his death in 2009. The Rosen Scholar brings scientific expertise not only to LANSCE but also to the broader LANL scientific community.

"Edwin's dedication to science and learning embodies the qualities of hard work, vision, and affection for the broad range of science and innovation performed at the Los Alamos Neutron Science Center and beyond. His accomplishments in and service to the scientific community exemplify the spirit in which the Rosen Scholar is intended," said Kurt Schoenberg, LANSCE User Facility Director.

A materials physicist, Fohtung is involved in multiple efforts at NMSU and LANL, including consulting on the Mater-Radiation Interactions in Extremes (MaRIE) project.

Chile Pepper Institute breaks down the science of the fruit

By Justin Bannister
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

From sweet bell peppers, to spicy jalapenos and the super hot Trinidad Scorpion, chile peppers are popular around the world for their various shapes, sizes, colors and heat levels. According to New Mexico State University's Chile Pepper Institute, that popularity goes back thousands of years.

"The very first chile peppers evolved around Bolivia in South America," said Paul Bosland, an NMSU Regents Professor and director of the Chile Pepper Institute. "The early wild peppers were very small and round and spread, probably by birds, for tens of thousands of years to the southern portion of the United States and all the way to the tip of Chile and Argentina."

Experts believe that when the first humans arrived in the Western Hemisphere, probably around 15,000 years ago, they began to cultivate chile peppers and select



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There are thousands of varieties of chile peppers grown across the world.

them for various traits. The plants also naturally cross-pollinate well, so new varieties are easily developed and constantly being made. Today, there are thousands of chile pepper varieties.

"Early on, chile peppers were used mostly for medicinal purposes," said Danise Coon, a senior research specialist at the Chile Pepper Institute. "Later, people started integrating them into their food and they started selecting for bigger pods, for different flavors, for colors, and from

that is why we have so many different ones today."

Chile peppers have chemical compounds called capsaicinoids. When humans or other mammals eat or even touch capsaicinoids, it sends a sensation to the brain that the pepper is hot. In addition to food purposes, capsaicin can be used in pain relief patches to relieve muscle aches and pains.

"We believe chile peppers evolved the capsaicinoids to keep mammals from eating them," Bo-

sland said. "It's interesting that birds do not have the heat receptors, so they can eat the fruits of a very hot chile peppers and spread the seeds. We, as mammals, have the receptors the capsaicinoids attach to, so we taste chile peppers as being hot."

Today, chile peppers are used in a wide variety of cuisine, depending on the heat level produced. The bell pepper, or the sweet pepper, has no heat at all. Those can be used fresh in salads, or cooked in various dishes. Mild to hot chile peppers include poblanos, New Mexico chile pepper varieties and jalapenos. Those can be eaten fresh, dried or cooked and used traditional Mexican dishes and salsas. Further up the heat scale are tabascos and similar peppers used in hot sauces. Habaneros and chiltepins, are considered very hot. Anything above one million Scoville Heat Units, including the Bhut Jolokia and the Trinidad Scorpion are considered

super hot.

"There's a lot of people out there who love that burn," Coon said. "We can make sauces out of those kinds of peppers, but they really are incredibly hot. The good news, every one of those is edible. As long as it's a true capsicum, it's edible. Even if it's an ornamental chile pepper, it's edible."

Chile peppers tend to be rich in vitamins A and C and have other nutritional values as well. The purple pigment present in some peppers is produced by anthocyanin, an antioxidant that can help prevent cell damage in the body. Red chile peppers are rich in carotenoids,

which is considered good for eye health.

"A green chile pepper, compared to a red chile pepper isn't going to be as sweet," Coon said. "Once you get into the red stage, it's going to produce more sugar so it's going to be a little sweeter."

Going forward, Coon says the Chile Pepper Institute's efforts will focus on helping chile growers compete in an ever-changing environment, with economic, environmental and sustainability challenges. For years, their research has focused on disease resistance in plants and helping to breed other useful traits in chile peppers to make them better for growers.

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Enhance Fitness with Alex Palacios is free from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at

the Sage Café Senior Center, 6121 Reynolds Drive.

Call 528-3151 for more information.

Enhance Fitness is also held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

For more information, call 528-3000.

DANCESPORT

New Mexico State University's DanceSport team teaches two weekly lessons from 7 to 8 p.m. and from 8 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays in the Rentfrow Gym, 3165 Williams Ave. The first class is a beginner class

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Bingo will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E.

Madrid Ave.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and first game is at 6:30 p.m. Food and sodas will be available.

For more information, call 526 9139.

Free bingo on the East Mesa every Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Sage Café Senior Center, 6121 Reynolds Drive.

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Come and join the fun at train dominoes Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sage Café, Senior Center, 6121 Reynolds Drive, on the East Mesa.

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SHUFFLE BOARD

Shuffle board tournaments are held every Sunday at VFW Post 10124, 709 S. Valley Drive.

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AQUATICS FITNESS

Aquatics fitness class combines cardio with strength building and is for all ages and fitness levels. Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday through

Friday.

The classes take place at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is \$2, or \$1 for those 60 or older.

VOYAGERS TRAVEL

Voyagers plan day and overnight trips for seniors older than 50.

Upcoming trips are as follows:

- Nashville Show Trip, Sept. 26-Oct. 4, \$886 double
- Costa Rica, Oct. 24-Nov. 1, \$2,399 double
- Hawaii Cruise, Dec. 5-12, \$3,486 and up double.

For more information, call Helen Glover at 805-4920.

Las Cruces Vaqueros Baseball Camps

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department, in partnership with the Las Cruces Vaqueros baseball team, will

provide baseball camps through July 24th.

Players assist the youth with the basic fundamentals of the game of base-

ball. The Dream League, a program for persons with special needs, has also been given a mini-camp as a part of the program. All baseball camps will be provided at no charge to the participants.

The camps for youth will be July 14, ages 10-13. July 21, ages 5-9; and July 24, ages 10-13. All camps will be held at 9 a.m. at Paz Baseball Complex, 1875 East Hadley Ave.

For more information on

the baseball camps, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 575/541-2550.

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Billy is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, James W Harrison, her son Jamie Dryden, her daughter, Tina Bradshaw (Bob), and her only granddaughter Sveta, all of Las Cruces; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.



Her proudest moments were serving as the President of the Las Cruces Board of Realtors and the President of the Ethics Committee. She enjoyed life to the fullest. She enjoyed being with family and loved to dance, water ski, travel, and experiencing the world.

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doing good deeds —
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The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Mesilla Valley Hospice and the memory care unit, Dessert Wil-

lows at The Village at Northrise for their kindness and professionalism.
In lieu of flowers the family is requesting that contributions be made to La Posada — Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E Montana Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005 and give your loved ones a hug.

Arrangements have been entrusted to La Paz-Graham' Funeral Home.
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ROBERT R. GAGE

June 30, 1937 to May 8, 2015

The family of Robert R. Gage invites family members and friends to attend the Memorial Service to honor our brother, father, husband, grandfather, cousin and friend on July 11, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, Organ View Terrace Room, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, Las Cruces, NM.

Following the service, a no-host dinner will be held at La Posta Restaurant in Mesilla, NM.

Please attend and help us honor Bob Gage by wearing blue, his favorite color. We invite you to share memories of Bob during the service, as we celebrate his life.
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SALOME L. ANAYA

October 22, 1931 to June 24, 2015

Salome L. Anaya passed away peacefully on June 24, 2015 after a brief struggle with lung cancer. He was born on October 22, 1931 in La Isla, Texas near Fabens. He is the second of nine children born to Refugio and Eutemia Anaya. He grew up on the banks of the Rio Grande where he learned the art of farming from his father and grandfather. His family lived in La Isla during the depression until they moved to La Mesa, New Mexico where the family went to work for Joe Apodaca Farms. At Christmas 1949 the family moved to Phoenix Arizona. Salome soon went to work for the Jackson and Perkins Rose farm, where he learned to grow and care for

beautiful roses.
The family would like to thank the nurses at Memorial Medical Center for their kindness and professionalism. A special thanks goes to Dr. Azabala and the Drs. with the Family Medicine Group.
In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations be made to CARE (Cancer Aid Resource and Education) 125 N. Main Suite 114, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

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CONSUELO F. SEGOVIA

August 5, 1924 to June 24, 2015

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, aunt, and friend, CONSUELO F. SEGOVIA, 90, of Anthony on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at her home surrounded by her loved ones at the home of her sister-in-law, Esperanza Jimenez. She was born August 5, 1924 in Anthony to Merced and Esther Tellez Florez. Consuelo worked as a pharmacy clerk for many years and was a member of the Catholic Church.

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Bulletin report

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conditioning.

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administrators and instructors at the HVAC/R laboratory on the DACC central campus.

"This is a fantastic gift to our program," Edward Lopez, assistant professor for the HVAC/R program said. "This will help our students on commercial

systems so they will know how to repair and install the newest units upon graduation."

As the dog days of summer continue in the Mesilla Valley, technicians are being prepared to work on air conditioning units. There continues to

be a need for mechanics, service technicians, operating engineers, maintenance supervisors and trained crews. Students enrolled in HVAC/R can choose to pursue an Associate Degree in Applied Science or gain a certificate in residential units.

"This VRF unit has

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School district launches 'Let's Talk' program

Bulletin report

Las Cruces Public Schools is taking another step to having an "open, transparent relationship with the community," announced Superintendent Stan Rounds

LCPS has launched "Let's Talk" — a web-based communication program where anyone can share opinions, feedback and questions with the school district. Rounds said the submissions will be addressed by an appropriate district administrator who will follow up with residents who want a quick reply.

"It's important that our school system continues to be accessible to our stakeholders, which includes parents, students, staff, business people and all residents," Rounds said. "Through Let's Talk, we can offer one more way for our community to reach out and offer their suggestions, questions, concerns and compliments about our schools."

Managing the Let's Talk initiative is LCPS Coordinator of Community Relations Jaime Calderon who said the program is accessible from the home page of LCPS website: www.lcps.k12.nm.us. After clicking the purple Let's Talk icon, users will be prompted to select an "interest area" that relates to their comments.

The categories are: Administrator/Principal; Assault; Athletics; Attendance/Truancy; Busing; Compliance; Discipline; Harassment and Bullying; Health/Counseling; Inappropriate Behavior; Teacher/Curricular; Transfers/Magnet; Violence/Gangs; Other.

"These are the categories that LCPS tends to hear about the most, but if someone has something they want to share that doesn't fit into these topics, they can select the 'other' category," Calderon added.

After picking a topic, the submitter is prompted to select whether they are sending a question, comment, suggestion, concern or compliment. Then, the submitter can type in their comments or questions. Calderon said an attachment (as a Word, JPEG or PDF file) can also be attached.

All submitters must give a telephone number (with area code) or their e-mail address so that an administrator can send them the information they seek or the answers to their questions.

For more information, contact Calderon at 527-5801 or jcalderon@lcp.k12.nm.us.

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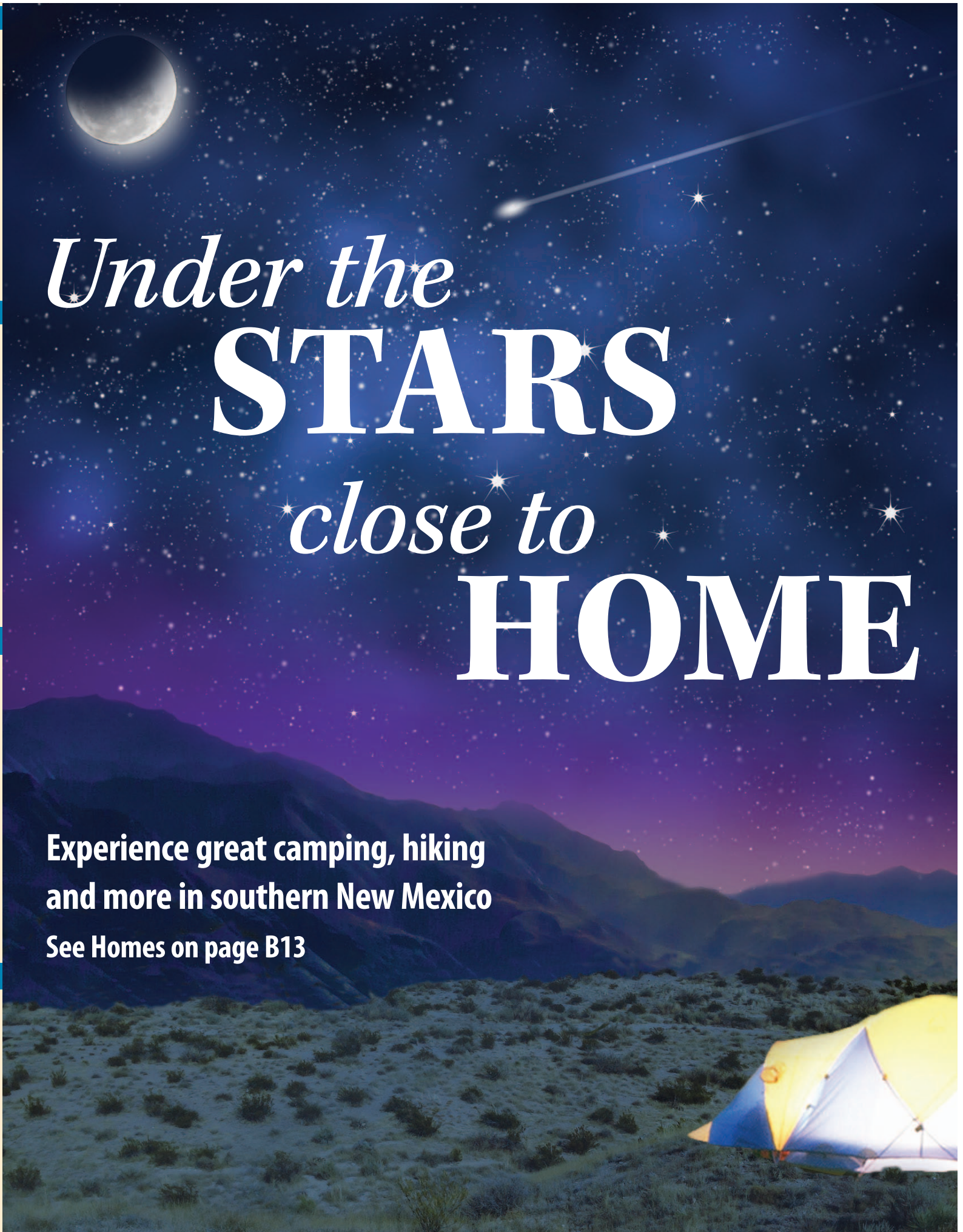
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Starlight Children's Theatre Co. presents 'Iolanthe'

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Opening Friday, July 10, Las Cruces' own Starlight Children's Theatre Company will present six performances of the beloved Gilbert and Sullivan musical comedy "Iolanthe, or The Peer and the Peri," to further its mission: to educate children in a safe, secure environment while cultivating literacy, a love of theatre and an understanding of history, geography, culture and community.

In "Iolanthe," Strephon, a lowly shepherd and half-fairy, falls deeply in love with the beautiful shepherdess Phyllis, who remains held close by her guardian, the Lord Chancellor, who sighs at her feet along with his fellow members of the British Parliament — his "Peers."

To complicate matters, Phyllis knows not of her beloved's magical background — the son of the fairy, "or Peri," Iolanthe and a mortal man, a love for which she was banished — and when she sees him with a seemingly younger woman, actually Iolanthe, she agrees to marry the highest ranking Peer.

An escalating battle ensues between peers and peris that brings these wily sprites all the way to the halls of Parliament, where they turn the legal system on its ear — but also risk breaking fairy law, which holds "it is death for a fairy to marry a mortal," when the female fairies come into contact with the handsome, if foolish, parliamentary men.

Rife with the social commentary and satire that made their work so lasting, Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe" sparkles with song and memorable music, making it perfect for Starlight's annual summer production.

According to director Ginger Scarbrough Andersen, "Iolanthe' is pure fun! The beauty of the fairies, contrasted with their mischievous nature, is delightful, and the clash of immortal fairies with mortal men is delicious.

"Iolanthe' is a show for all generations. It is true to the Gilbert and Sullivan trademark of twisted plots intertwined with sparkling music. It's a romp in Fairyland that you won't want to miss."

More than just entertaining local audiences, though, Starlight is very much invested in helping its young cast members — between the ages of 9 and 18 — learn and grow through reading, re-



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Emily del Plain and Mason Hooley star in the Starlight Children's Theatre Company production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe, or The Peer and the Peri," opening for six performances beginning Friday, July 10, at Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus.

hearsal and performance. To that end, pieces are chosen to both entertain and challenge, and every cast member is assured at least one speaking line in every production.

Debra Darmata, whose son, Jacob, has been performing with the troupe since he was 12 years old in 2008, said, "What started as a group of parents trying to keep their kids busy and enriched over the summer months has turned into a major musical theatre production company for children and adolescents in Las Cruces."

SCT is held in a "summer camp" style, with children auditioning in April, rehearsing mid-June and, by early July, "a mere four weeks later, an

outstanding performance is delivered," Darmata said.

"Everything is extraordinary, from the acting, vocals, costumes and sets. Most of this is accomplished through parent and community volunteerism — and the talents and dedication of Ginger and her staff.

"Starlight Children's Theatre is by far one of the best things that our son has ever been involved in. Ginger is an amazingly gifted and giving person who through the years has provided our child and many, many other children in this community with an amazing opportunity. It has helped Jacob to become a talented actor and vocalist but more importantly increased his

sense of worth, provided him with a passion for the performing arts, and provided him direction regarding a potential career path."

Performances of "Iolanthe, or The Peer and the Peri" are 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, July 10-11 and 17-18, along with a 1 p.m. matinee Saturday, July 11, and special children's matinee at 10:30 a.m. Friday July 17. Tickets are \$7 at the door and at Spirit Winds, 2600 Locust St., and \$8.50 at www.holdmyticket.com. For more information, call 642-2980, 505-795-8470 or visit <http://starlightchildrenstheatre.org>.

Zak Hansen can be reached at zak@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Call to Artists

New play submissions sought at Black Box Theatre

Write On! New Plays is currently seeking unpublished plays by Las Cruces and El Paso playwrights for a public reading series to take place during the 2015-16 season at the Black Box Theatre. Selected plays will be presented in rehearsed, concert-style readings. Full-length plays for consideration should be submitted by sending an electronic copy of the script (PDF or Word only) to writeonnewplays@gmail.com. Deadline for submission is Wednesday, July 15.

No Strings Theatre Company announces 'Sweeney Todd' auditions

Auditions for the No Strings Theatre Company production of "Sweeney Todd" will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 19, at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

Roles available are: Sweeney Todd, a greatly depressed barber gone mad (bass-baritone); Bea-

dle Bamford, Judge Turpin's beadle (tenor-counter tenor); Judge Turpin, a local judge (baritone-bass); beggar woman, a deranged woman (mezzo soprano); Anthony Hope, a young sailor (tenor); Johanna, Sweeney Todd's

daughter and Judge Turpin's ward (soprano); Tobias Ragg, Pirelli's assistant (tenor-falsetto, can be cast as child or "man child"); and Adolfo Pirelli, a famous barber (tenor).

Auditioners for lead roles should plan to sing a song the character sings in the play. Auditioners for the chorus should plan to

sing a 20th century Broadway show piece or anything by Stephen Sondheim. Auditioners should bring their own sheet music; accompanist will be provided. No tracks or singing a Capella. For more information, call 642-9305 or email noraqthomas@gmail.com.



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- FRI JULY 10 • 3:00 P.M.** **Branigan Library**
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- FRI JULY 10 • 7:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
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- SAT JULY 11 • 10:00 A.M.** **Branigan Library**
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- SAT JULY 11 • 11:00 A.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Missoula Children's Theatre - Red Riding Hood - Performance
- TUE JULY 14 • 10:30 A.M.** **Branigan Library**
Read to Me (Stories for ages 3 and up)
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- WED+THU JULY 15+16 • 10:00 A.M.** **Branigan Library**
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7 to 10 p.m. Live music, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

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7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, Main Street Downtown. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art, pet adoptions and more. Free. Visit www.fcmlc.org.

9 to 11 a.m. Introduction to Anatomy Drawing with Greg Decker, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. This two-session workshop – next class is from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 18 – is for those interested in the basic proportions and large muscle groups of the body to make more convincing figures, with emphasis on drawing proportion, large areas of the figure and a classical understanding of the figure. Cost is \$30 for both sessions. Call 541-2217 or email afierro@las-cruces.org.

9 a.m. to noon, Mountain View Market Co-op Farm volunteer day, Mountain View Market Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the Mountain View Market Farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 523-0436 for direction

10 a.m. Book signing with local author Harry James Fox, COAS Books, 317 S. Main St. Las Cruces author Harry James Fox will sign copies of his novel "The Stonegate Sword." Fox has been an award-winning finalist in the 2015 International Book Awards. Call 532-1027.

10 a.m. Family Science Saturday: The Science of Rockets, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Learn the science behind rockets and how the different parts help guide and steer the rocket. Free. Call 522-3120.

10 a.m. to noon, Family Game Day, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. What types of games did families enjoy in the years before electronic games were invented? The Las Cruces Railroad Museum hosts Family Game Day on the second Saturday of each month. Develop hand-eye coordination with Jacks and Cup and Ball Toss, stimulate your mind with jigsaw and wooden puzzles or challenge friends to a game of Dominoes. Free. Call 647-4480.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Gloria Hacker will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Nancy Banks will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who

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1 to 3 p.m. Collage mixed media with Greg Decker, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. This two-session workshop – next class is from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 18 – will study simple children's stories and myths to design images from, as well as using water-based, watercolor, tempera, acrylic and paper, completing two large collages with cut/ripped paper. Decker is an experienced art instructor and professional painter. He has taught in NYC, at MoMa and the Metropolitan Museum of Art as a visual teaching artist, and teaches adult education in Las Cruces as well. He has taught his own workshops in classical drawing, painting and sculpture in Nashville, Tenn. Cost is \$30 for both sessions. Call 541-2217 or email afierro@las-cruces.org.

2 to 4 p.m. Workshop: Glass & Mirrors – The Making of a Telescope, Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. The museum will host a workshop for adults to teach about how glass and mirrors are used to make telescopes. Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of Pluto, used a homemade telescope mounted on an old lawn mower to teach schoolchildren about the wonders of the cosmos. Participants in this workshop will experiment with lenses, filters and focal length with the assistance of staff and volunteers. Free. Call 522-3120.

2 to 6 p.m. Live music with Travis Manning, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Learn to play Middle Eastern rhythms, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. No drum required but must call ahead for loaner drum. Cost \$2 per lesson. Call 693-1616.

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8 to 11 p.m. Live music with No Reservations Jazz Trio, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

9 p.m. Live music with Soulshine, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SUN. 7/12

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Farmers Market, Tractor Supply Co., 1440 W. Picacho Ave. This is a true farmers market with produce and food as the primary items, along with some arts and crafts. Free. Call 993-6521.

Noon to 4 p.m. Arts and fine crafts show, BPO Elks Lodge 1119, 3000 Elks Drive. Show will feature works from members of the Artistic Moments art group and the Las Cruces Arts Association, as well as many other fine crafters and artists. Work includes watercolor, ink, oil, pencil, pastels, wood carving, wood burning, gourd art, mosaic, clay work, fabric art and more. Free. Call 805-4352.

2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Live music with Matt Morgan, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. No cover. Call 915-241-4349.

MON. 7/13

9 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Chris Baker and Friends, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 5214-1099.

TUE. 7/14

5 to 6 p.m. Belly Dance Club, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Join one of the longest-running dance groups in the area. Open to ages 11 and older. Great low-impact exercise. Cost \$4 per lesson. Call 639-1616.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango de Las Cruces, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla. Daniel Haverporth will teach a class from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., dances from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. Cost \$5, NMSU students free with ID. Call 620-0377.

7 p.m. Hidden Treasures of White Sands Missile Range, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Encompassing more than 3,200 square miles of mountains and desert in the Tularosa Basin, White Sands Missile Range is the largest military installation in the U.S. and home to a variety of wildlife, natural habitats and cultural sites rarely glimpsed by the public. Staff biologists and archaeologists with WSMR's Environmental Stewardship Branch will discuss their efforts to inventory and protect some of these treasures. Free. Call 522-5552.

7:30 p.m. Literary open mic, Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. Bring up to three poems or five minutes of prose to read. Sponsored by Sin Fronteras. No cover. Call 521-7311.

WED. 7/15

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, Main Street Downtown. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art, pet adoptions and more. Free. Visit www.fcmlc.org.

9 a.m. to noon, Mountain View Market Co-op Farm volunteer day, Mountain View Market Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the Mountain View Market Farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 523-0436 for directions.

5 to 8 p.m. Open Mic, New Mexico State University Barnes & Noble, University Avenue and Jordan Road. Poetry and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

8 to 10 p.m. Open mic, Q's Steak, Pasta and Brewhouse, 1300 Avenida de Mesilla. No cover. Call 571-4350.

8 to 10 p.m. Old-time fiddle music with Los Cacahuates, Spotted Dog Brewery, 2900 Avenida de Mesilla. No cover. Call 650-2729.

THU. 7/16

1 to 3:30 p.m. Beginning to Advanced Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Watercolor, acrylic and water-soluble oil painting classes taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$45 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

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7 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The Big Band Dance Club invites you to join us to dance ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. This week, music will be provided by a DJ, Dale Ellis. Beginner's group dance lesson begins at 7 p.m., dances from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost \$7. Call 526-6504.

8 to 11 p.m. Live music with The DAMN Union, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

FRI. 7/17

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7 to 10 p.m. Live music with Bourbon Legend, The Game Sports Bar and Grill, 2605 S. Espina St. No cover. Call 524-4263.

7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Contra Dance, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society, a nonprofit organization that sponsors dances and music jams, will hold a contra dance. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth discount \$1. Call 522-1691.

8 to 10 p.m. Live music with Jack Hansen, Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Guadalupe. No cover. Call 523-9463.

9 p.m. Live music with Derrick Harris, Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

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9 to 11 a.m. Mosaic glass art class, Nopalito's Galería, 326 S. Mesquite St. Artist Mary Lou LaCasse will lead this class on working with mosaic glass. An exhibit of LaCasse's work, "Shards of Life," is currently on display at the gallery. Free, open to the public, no experience necessary. To register, email gallegospatricia@gmail.com.

9 to 11 a.m. Introduction to Anatomy Drawing with Greg Decker, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. This two-session workshop – first class was July 11 – is for those interested in the basic proportions and large muscle groups of the body to make more convincing figures, with emphasis on drawing proportion, large areas of the figure and a classical understanding of the figure. Cost is \$30 for both sessions. Call 541-2217 or email afierro@las-cruces.org.

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Sparky's lives up to reputation

By Brook Stockberger
Las Cruces Bulletin

Often my confession was met with some sort of combination of slack-jaw disbelief or a sad, rueful, slow shake of the head.

"You've lived here how long?"

I was asked that often.

"You've never been to Sparky's?"

Sure, I have been to Hatch a fair amount of times. Sure I've always heard how good Sparky's was and I even drove past a time or two and noticed the restaurant's, shall we say, eclectic décor.

Sparky's

Where: 115 Franklin St. in Hatch

Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday to Sunday; closed Monday to Wednesday

Phone: 575-267-4222

Website: www.sparkysburgers.com

When work required me to take an excursion to Caballo Lake recently — dang that work — I told my beautiful wife, Terri, "We're stoppin' in Hatch and I'm going to have a green chile cheeseburger at Sparky's"

If for some reason you are not familiar with the eatery, Sparky's welcomes customers at 115 Franklin St. in the Vil-

lage of Hatch, a municipality of about 1,600 people 40 miles or so north of Las Cruces.

Just take I-25 north until you see an overpass with one green and one red chile affixed to it; exit there.

When you arrive at Sparky's, you are welcomed by life-sized statues of fast food icons Ronald McDonald and Col. Sanders. There are a variety of large figures on the roof too, including a rooster and space aliens.

My 5-year-old, Grant, found the whole scene stimulating. He ran around the front, looking at different elements and then started with the questions.

"Why do they have the McDonald's guy?"

"Who is this guy?"

"How did they get the chicken on the roof?"

"Why is there a chicken on the roof?"

"Have you ever been here before?"

"Why not? Don't you like it?"

"Are we going to eat here?"

Once Grant was finally corralled, we headed inside. This was before noon, and the place was just about half full.

The business' website reports: "In the works for more than 20 years, Sparky's was born from one couple's combined dream. Josie Nunn's love of design and handcrafted coffee, and her husband Teako's desire to make exceptional wood-fired barbeque and made from scratch, green chile cheeseburgers."

The burgers are "world famous" according to the words stretched across the front of the building. The website www.tripadvisor.com reports that Sparky's has one of the best green chile cheeseburgers' in Hatch and is the best restaurant in the village.

You order when you walk in and then you find a seat in the dining room or in the adjacent room, known as the Green Chile Room. There are advantages and disadvantages to both. In the Green Chile Room you might be treated to live music on a Friday or weekend afternoon.

But I found that room to be a little stuffy and hotter than the main dining room.

I like to eat in moderate-to-chilly environs. If the air conditioner is at full blast, I'm a happy man.

Still, when the green chile cheeseburger arrived, a

minor complaint about temperature was lost in the enjoyment of the goodness.

I had ordered sliced sausage — in the kielbasa type — and was already floating through a nirvana of food delight. My first bite of burger elicited a smile and a moan.

"You like it," Terri asked.

"An understatement," I told her.

So now, after nearly two decades in southern New Mexico, I'm a Sparky's fan. Sure, you can get some wonderful green chile cheeseburgers here in Las Cruces. I have multiple favorites.

There is something fun, though, about taking a road trip, visiting another town and having good food, good music and a few pops — wink — to wash it all down.

Check out the eatery's website for menu options as well as the schedule of musical performers.

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I'm several bites into my first-ever green chile cheeseburger at Sparky's in Hatch and already realize I'm on to something special.

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter.

Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

BEGINNER

	5	7	9	2		6		1
				3	8			5 4
1					7			
		9		8			2	
4	8	6				9	1	5
	2			5		4		
			3					8
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CHALLENGER

		7						2
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			4	7	2			
6			1					
		8	5			1	3	
9		1						5
4						2		

EXPERT

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	6		2		8		9	3
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

4	2	9	6	3	8	1	7	5
1	6	5	4	7	9	2	8	3
3	8	7	1	5	2	6	4	9
7	3	6	2	4	1	5	9	8
9	1	2	7	8	5	3	6	4
8	5	4	9	6	3	7	1	2
5	7	3	8	9	6	4	2	1
2	4	8	3	1	7	9	5	6
6	9	1	5	2	4	8	3	7

CHALLENGER

7	5	6	1	4	9	3	8	2
2	3	8	5	6	7	9	4	1
9	4	1	8	3	2	7	5	6
4	1	5	7	8	6	2	9	3
8	2	7	3	9	1	4	6	5
6	9	3	4	2	5	1	7	8
1	6	4	2	7	8	5	3	9
5	7	9	6	1	3	8	2	4
3	8	2	9	5	4	6	1	7

EXPERT

3	8	1	4	9	7	2	6	5
6	9	2	3	1	5	7	8	4
4	5	7	6	8	2	3	9	1
1	6	3	9	4	8	5	2	7
2	4	5	1	7	6	9	3	8
8	7	9	2	5	3	1	4	6
7	1	6	8	3	9	4	5	2
9	2	4	5	6	1	8	7	3
5	3	8	7	2	4	6	1	9

BrainGames



Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

RELATIONSHIPS

ENGLISH
 ACQUAINTANCE
 ADOPTED
 COMMITMENT
 DIVORCE
 FRIEND
 FRIENDSHIP
 MARRIAGE
 MARRIED
 RELATED
 SEPARATED
 SEPARATION
 SINGLE

SPANISH
 CONOCIDO
 ADOPTIVO
 COMPROMISO
 DIVORCIO
 AMIGO
 AMISTAD
 MATRIMONIO
 CASADO
 EMPARENTADO
 SEPARADO
 SEPARACIÓN
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 O E P T O D G T A A C D I A E
 R N T E M T N Ó S T R N R U D
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Crossword Puzzles

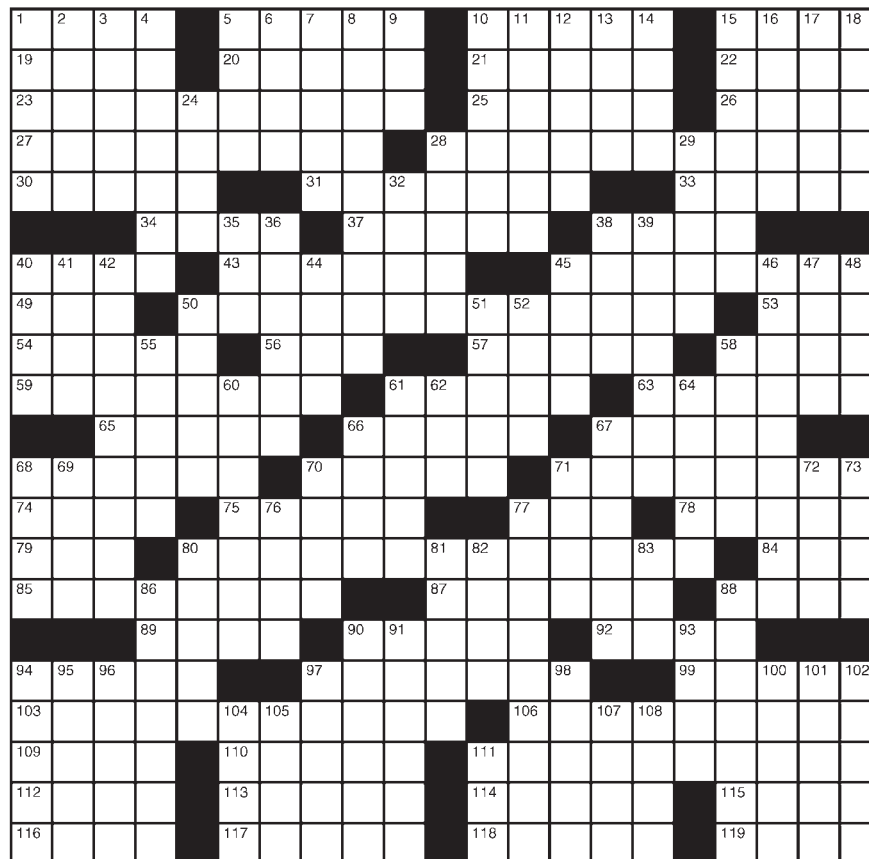
Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Scuff
 - 4 Married
 - 7 Band Aid alternative
 - 8 Fin
 - 10 Stretched the neck
 - 13 Candy basis
 - 15 Customs
 - 16 Give as a penalty
 - 19 Mafia head
 - 21 Nautical response
 - 22 Greek myth, daughter of Tantalus
 - 23 Salesman, for sht.
 - 25 School buddy
 - 29 Ball holder
 - 30 Heavenly body
 - 31 Poem
 - 32 Users of clotheslines
 - 33 Bedridden
 - 34 Career with numbers?
 - 35 Witness
 - 36 Desert plants
 - 40 Transgress
 - 41 Artist, Maxfield
 - 44 Hundredweight
 - 47 Result
 - 49 Relaxation noise
 - 50 Camel's hair fabric
 - 51 Capitalize
 - 52 Gem like a beetle
 - 55 Pipe down!
 - 56 Geneous starter
 - 57 Phi ___ Sigma
 - 58 Rubber-like substance
 - 62 Turned over
 - 63 Beach material
 - 65 Get even
 - 69 "___ stop, wet day, she's there I say..." The Hollies
 - 71 Carbolic acid
 - 72 To make known
 - 73 Wearing away
 - 76 Involved and difficult
 - 77 Klutzy
 - 78 Deer kin
 - 79 Denny's has two
 - 80 Whisky type
- DOWN**
- 1 Madman
 - 2 Chemical group used to make aspirin
 - 3 African/Arabian water body
 - 4 Pinot Noir, for example
 - 5 Aim
 - 6 Genetic code
 - 8 Model for
 - 9 "Troilus ___ Cressida", Shakespeare
 - 10 Half a Latin dance
 - 11 Alien's gun
 - 12 Freedom Pres.
 - 13 Key ___
 - 14 Lettuce eater
 - 16 Vacuous
 - 17 Carpenter's saw
 - 18 Verse artists
 - 20 Someone who provokes
 - 24 Skin remover, in the kitchen
 - 26 Dreamily out of touch with reality
 - 27 Err
 - 28 Latin American shaker
 - 37 Bordeaux producer
 - 38 H or T followers
 - 39 Ash to Jess
 - 42 Public company issues them
 - 43 Tasmanian seaport
 - 44 Created
 - 45 Cleaning area for clothes
 - 46 International Court of Justice seat
 - 48 Prohibition
 - 52 Coat shine
 - 53 Second largest violin
 - 54 In the slightest degree
 - 59 Magic, maybe
 - 60 In equal amounts
 - 61 Take back
 - 63 Attempt to score
 - 64 Bantam
 - 66 Mosquito protection
 - 67 Coastline passage
 - 68 Cathedral town in England
 - 70 Socially responsible investment (abbr.)
 - 71 Spots on a card
 - 74 "___ night love affair": Bryan Adams
 - 75 McCain or Clinton title

BREAK UP TO MAKE UP

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sign of sadness
 - 5 Temperamental
 - 10 Kind of card or bomb
 - 15 Frozen treats
 - 19 Spokane event of '74
 - 20 Concur
 - 21 Gives up
 - 22 "The Lion King" character
 - 23 Result of an XL body in S clothing?
 - 25 Range name
 - 26 Oxen pull
 - 27 Pile of discarded stuff
 - 28 Dinner servings for an NFL athlete?
 - 30 Up and about
 - 31 Shortfall
 - 33 Much searched-for guy
 - 34 Louis and Bill
 - 37 Fall toiler
 - 38 Joyride
 - 40 Macadamize
 - 43 Oil source
 - 45 Calm area of the Atlantic
 - 49 Just like
 - 50 Kisses done in error?
 - 53 By what means
 - 54 Halloween supply
 - 56 ___ de la Plata
 - 57 "___ of God"
 - 58 "Thief" star
 - 59 Tabby
 - 61 Calm intervals
 - 63 Postal needs
 - 65 WWII prowler
 - 66 Pry open
 - 67 Show again
 - 68 Lamentation
 - 70 Popular aquarium fish
 - 71 Disaster relief group
 - 74 Cloud of comets
 - 75 Easy mark
 - 77 Dog days mo.
 - 78 At the right moment
 - 79 Windup
 - 80 Best-in-class vessels?
 - 84 Novelist Kesey
 - 85 Shuttle trips
 - 87 British gas
 - 88 Furtive summons
 - 89 Writer Ferber
 - 90 Take an oath
 - 92 Songwriter Laura
 - 94 Party ticket
 - 97 Car style
 - 99 October gems
 - 103 Testimonials for reformed prisoners?
 - 106 Winter weather song refrain
 - 109 Churn
 - 110 St. Petersburg's bay
 - 111 Nutty reason for doing something?
 - 112 Salinger girl
 - 113 Frog call
 - 114 Former name of Guam's capital
 - 115 Between ports
 - 116 Garden invader
 - 117 Male red deer
 - 118 Skeptical sort
 - 119 Unwind
- DOWN**
- 1 Judith Krantz title heroine
 - 2 Upper management
 - 3 Off to one side
 - 4 Iceberg alternative
 - 5 SAT section
 - 6 Grimm creature
 - 7 Mountain nymph
 - 8 Outlaw
 - 9 A nod, often
 - 10 Hard to come by
 - 11 Personal account
 - 12 Go with the flow
 - 13 Truckee River city
 - 14 Old autocrat
 - 15 Kentucky neighbor
 - 16 Holiday tune
 - 17 Large antelope
 - 18 Authority
 - 24 Light-footed
 - 28 Cheapskate
 - 29 Little sticks
 - 32 Notoriety
 - 35 Night sch. course
 - 36 Premier pointillist
 - 38 Oft-requested encl.
 - 39 Trudged (on)
 - 40 Concordat
 - 41 Kirghiz mountains
 - 42 Alarms on certain vehicles?
 - 44 Huff
 - 45 Common IDs
 - 46 Prop boulders?
 - 47 Dial or Dove
 - 48 Fesses (up)
 - 50 Shelley cohort
 - 51 Mild and pleasant
 - 52 Hideous
 - 55 Account entry
 - 58 Marker made of stones
 - 60 Become all the rage
 - 61 "Adoration of the Magi" painter
 - 62 Diamond arbiter
 - 64 Hands-on food
 - 66 Begin skydiving
 - 67 Zone
 - 68 Ode or sonnet
 - 69 Anderson of "WKRP..."
 - 70 Chews though toothless
 - 71 Rhine feeder
 - 72 Grafton and Miller
 - 73 On its way
 - 76 Maui retreat
 - 77 Science of signs?
 - 80 Drink that can be hard
 - 81 Pages in newspapers
 - 82 Orderly
 - 83 Thickness
 - 86 Paid, as a bill
 - 88 Fan-favorite singer
 - 90 Made no changes
 - 91 Inflicts
 - 93 ___-Rooter
 - 94 Nail alternative
 - 95 Unattached
 - 96 Japanese cartoon art
 - 97 Funniness
 - 98 Nut for pies
 - 99 Liqueur flavor
 - 100 Treasures
 - 102 Fret about
 - 104 Hankering
 - 105 Silent films vamp
 - 107 "Beloved" author Morrison
 - 108 Apple offering
 - 111 Resinous secretion



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

M E G O D R A A M P R O C I N
 E Z U E P R O F T U I O N G O
 L U I L D I R I G I R I W U I
 C T O F W F I L M A C I O N C
 I R N O R I E M L I F O T P C
 T E W R I N O I C C U D O R P
 A C T O R W R N M E L T O M R
 M U R E H P O G A R C O A E O
 A D A C S F I L M A R D C L E D
 R O T C U D O R P O G I R O U
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 O P H Z M E L A I C O E L M T
 L A C T U A R O T I R C S E I O
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 M E L O D R A M A T I C O E N

Diagramless

S A D C R I S P A Y E S U M P
 A T S E A S K U L L
 P I P E T Y E S
 U F O E N D A K A
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 Here are the property guidelines: pretty much anything that isn't nailed down is mine. Anything I can pry loose isn't nailed down.

Galleries & Openings

OPENING

ART OBSCURA GALLERY presents "A Square is a Square is a Square," a collaboration with the NMSU Department of Art course Art 450, an advanced painting and drawing class offered this summer. Professor Tauna Cole-Dorn set the class' theme as "small works," challenging students to produce 16 paintings or drawings each based on their own written proposals for the series. Students chose either 4" x 4" or 6" x 6" to create a body of work. Artists include Lisa Lopez, Kerry Forsythe, Monique Harrison, Joseph Valdez, Katy Neely and Ann Marie "Alexis" Gallegos. Art Obscura Gallery is located at 3206 Harrelson St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 494-7256.

ONGOING

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA presents "Shards of Life," an exhibition of unique mosaic artwork by Mary Lou LaCasse. Shards are defined as a piece of broken ceramic, metal, glass or rock, typically leaving sharp edges. "Shards of Life" opens Friday, July 3, with a reception to be held from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 11, and will remain on display through the end of July.

Nopalito's Galería is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 524-0003.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY presents "Out of the Closet," an exhibit of watercolors, monotypes, silkscreens, oils and more by various artists that are normally stored away. "Out of the Closet" opens Friday, July 3, and will remain on display through the end of July.

Mesquite Art Gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 640-3502.

MAS ART presents the work of Marti Foschini, a mixed-media artist. Foschini's show opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 3, and will remain on display through the end of July.

Mas Art is located at 126 S. Main St. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 526-9113.

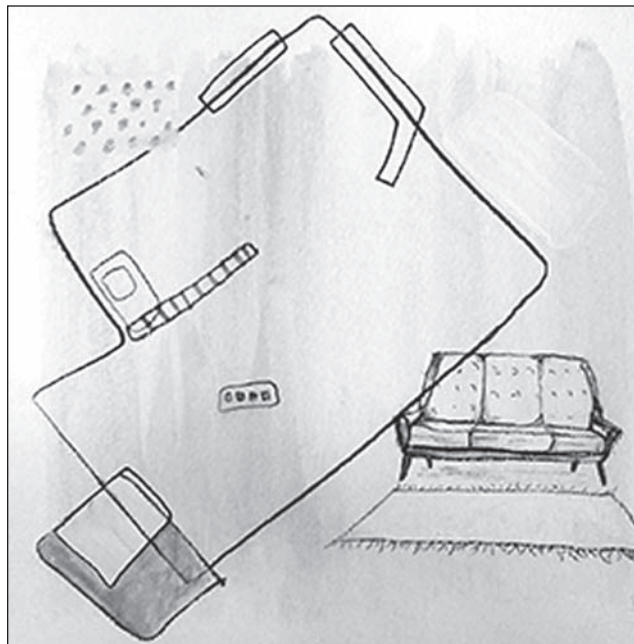
BIG PICTURE DIGITAL IMAGE EXPERTS AND GALLERY presents "Harmonies and Counterpoints," a show feature Rhoda Winters' unique interpretation of realism. "I have always been fascinated by the influence of color, the way natural patterns interact with each other and the differences between what the eyes see and what the mind remembers," Winters said. "While I love realistic colors, brighter colors help me explore the harmonies and counterpoints created as plants, sky and land interact." "Harmonies and Counterpoints" opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 3, and will remain on display through the end of July.

Big Picture Digital Image Experts and Gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

WEST END ART DEPOT presents a group exhibit titled "We. AD Members & Friends," with works in many media by more than 16 local artists. This is the sixth "Members & Friends" show since the gallery opening in 2012, and at least 12 members and four friends of the Depot have works on display in photography, ceramics, printmaking, drawing, sculpting and more.

West End Art Depot is located at 401 N. Mesilla St. Gallery hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday and by appointment. For more information, call 312-9892 or visit www.we-ad.org.

QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY presents featured artist Sara Arzola for the month of July. Arzola began drawing in high



The work of Katy Neely (pictured) along with Lisa Lopez, Kerry Forsythe, Monique Harrison, Joseph Valdez and Alexis Gallegos – NMSU students in Tauna Cole-Dorn's advanced painting and drawing class – will be on display as part of "A Square is a Square is a Square" at Art Obscura Gallery beginning Saturday, July 11.

school and found a love of painting. After raising children, she returned to exploring her art, using oils to portray many subjects, with a special fondness for landscapes. The Organ Mountains are a great source of inspiration for her. Arzola's show opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 3, and will remain on display through the end of July.

Quillin-Stephens Gallery is located behind COAS Books at 317 N. Main St. Regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 312-1064.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "Beyond Pluto: The Clyde Tombaugh Story," continuing through the month of July. Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto when he was only 24 years old and before he had any formal training. It was only the beginning of his story. Join the Branigan Cultural Center, in conjunction with the Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science, to learn about the history of this famed astronomer, from his rural Kansas roots through his work at White Sands Missile Range. The exhibit is timed to coincide with the exciting "flyby" of the New Horizons spacecraft, which will come within 6200 miles of Pluto on July 14. Throughout the run of "Beyond Pluto" the museums will bring you special programming to celebrate the life of Tombaugh and his many contributions to astronomy and to the Las Cruces region. The Las Cruces Museums will host a series of events, classes, and lectures during the months of June and July. Highlights include workshops on rockets at the Museum of Nature & Science, a "Night Under the Stars" evening event sponsored by the Friends of the Las Cruces Museums, and a star party at the Railroad Museum. For more information on these events, visit <http://las-cruces.org/museums>. "Beyond Pluto" will remain on display through Saturday, July 25.

Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

LULU FINE ART GALLERY presents "Influx: The Next Wave," a show of paintings, prints and photography by Chris Bardey, Deret Roberts, Cody Jimenez, Michael C. Gutierrez and Jodie Herrera. On the forefront of the current push in contemporary visual art in New Mexico are five artists, each carving their own path through the art world. "Influx" introduces key players in the wave of emerging artists that art shaping the contemporary art scene. "Influx" will remain on display through July 29.

LuLu Fine Art Gallery is located at 1800 Avenida de Mesilla.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 523-4747 or email luluelements@gmail.com.

EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY presents the work of middle-school students taking part in the Doña Ana Arts Council's annual Career Arts Path (CAP) program. The work will remain on display through the end of July.

El Paso Electric Gallery is located inside the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 523-6403 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

ART ON EASELS GALLERY, located inside the Community Enterprise Center, features nearly 50 works by members of the Las Cruces Arts Association.

The Community Enterprise Center is located at 125 N. Main St. Art on Easels Gallery is open from 5 to 7 p.m. during each First Friday Downtown Art Ramble, as well as during the Las Cruces Farmers & Craft Market on the first and third Saturdays of the month. For more information, visit www.lascrucesarts.com.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY features two local artists for the month of June, Mary Zawacki and Weeden "Rockwell" Nichols. Zawacki paints primarily with oils and pastels, and teachers group art classes in Las Cruces, drawing on a more than 20-year career as an advertising art director and graphic designer. Nichols has been a photographer for 48 years, and has digitized most of his color and black-and-white negatives and slides from years ago. He enjoys simple compositions of shape and color, landscapes and seascapes.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents its summer 2015 exhibit, "Re: Visioning the West," a group show curated by UAG gallery director Marisa Sage. This group show was juried by the UAG Review Board from more than 100 international applicants who applied for an open call made by the gallery for exhibition proposals. Featured artists are Jeffery DaCosta, Felice House, Dana Younger, Kathleen Scott and Millee Tibbs. "Re: Visioning the West" challenges the audience to consider our beloved West in a new light. We ask our viewers to examine the clichés and nostalgic visions of the "Old" West as myth, and consider these contemporary artists' views of the West as telling a layered story of our complex relationship with the tenet of Manifest Destiny. "Re: Visioning the West" will remain on display through Aug. 22.

The NMSU University Art Gallery is located inside D.W. Williams Hall, at the intersection of University Avenue and Solano Drive. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, visit <http://uag.nmsu.edu> or call 646-2545.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART presents its regional juried exhibit "Here and Now," featuring works in various media by artists living and working within a 150-mile radius of Las Cruces. "Here and Now" will remain on display through July 25.

Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER is currently displaying more than 100 pieces of new, original artwork created by students from Las Cruces Public Schools and Gadsden Independent School District in the center's first-floor corridor. The exhibit includes drawings, paintings, photography, etchings and more.

The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection held inside the center, featuring 41 original acrylics and oils by Joyce T. Macrorie, several historical photographs and landscapes, art from students attending J. Paul Taylor Academy and Hatch Valley Public Schools and more.

The Doña Ana County Government Center is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Five stars for '5 Flights Up'

Review by Jeff Berg

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

I have often made note that many film critics must live in alternative world, one inhabited by only pointed-headed meatballs who think that their taste – or lack thereof – is the only type that makes a difference in the entire universe.

I bring this up again due to the harshness of what I have read about

the charming, often funny and refreshing movie “5 Flights Up.”

Or maybe it is just because so many of them inhabit big cities.

Who knows, and what does it matter? They surely don't, since almost every movie that gets universally trashed by the media ends up making millions of dollars, since so many critics are so completely out of touch with audiences.

“5 Flights Up” offers the nice-

ly matched duo of Diane Keaton and Morgan Freeman as a married couple who need to sell the apartment they live in, since age-related issues are starting to settle in. Freeman, as Alex Carver, is an artist who has experienced some success in the past, but in one scene of the movie, which becomes an odd loose end, he is told by

some of those in the art world that his art is no longer desirable to younger art patrons. Well, duh! Alex must be approaching 80 (Freeman is 78, Keaton, 69) and still paints what is in him, not for the masses.

Keaton, as Ruth, is a retired teacher who is truly in love with her husband. Keaton's performance is a bit shrill and annoying at times, but that is what makes it realistic. She counterbalances Alex's curd-

mudgeonliness with her own slightly off-center behavior. It was funny to note that one critic said there was no “sexual chemistry” between these two actors. I can easily imagine what that critic would have said if both had appeared in a lusty naked bedroom scene – geezers making love, perish the thought! My eyes! My eyes!

Anyway, since they are considering selling, they hire Ruth's niece, Lily, as their real estate agent. Well played by Cynthia Nixon, Lily expertly parodies part of the pure lunacy that inhabits the real estate industry, even in Las Cruces. Everything must be done immediately, if not sooner, and if “you snooze, you lose.” Balderdash, I say, agreeing with Alex.

“5 Flights Up” also gives a nice look at the added idiocy of living in New York City, where Ruth and Alex are entertaining a bevy of buyers for their small, two-bedroom apartment, which carries a price that is close to a million dollars – and that's for a fifth-floor walk-up with no visible amenities. It would be hard to believe if it weren't true.



Diane Keaton and Morgan Freeman star in director Richard Loncraine's comedy/drama film “5 Flights Up,” now playing at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

A side story concerns their little dog, which has been with the couple for some years, but now has some health issues which need attention. A second subplot concerns the constant news coverage of a suspected terrorist, which allows the whole city to be thrown into a state of fake fear – so much so Lily insists that this story has caused real estate prices to fall. Oh, please. The third subplot, a minor one, attaches itself to some of the fun people who come to the Carver's open house, such as “The Dog Ladies” and “Blue Leggings.” There is also considerable flashback that shows how Ruth

and Alex came to be, which is quite lovely as well.

To me, it becomes apparent that the Carvers are still trying to live in the real world, not one made up of anxiety and false notions about everything.

The film soon comes to a crossroads – will the real world of Alex and Ruth defeat the world of high anxiety and artificial urgency?

And will Dorothy the dog make it through some serious surgery?

I'm not telling.

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Branigan Cultural Center receives 'Latino Americans: 500 Years of History' grant

Branigan Cultural Center has been selected to receive a competitive Latino Americans: 500 Years of History grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA).

As one of 203 grant recipients selected from across the country, Branigan Cultural Center will receive a cash grant of \$10,000 to hold public programming — such as public film screenings, discussion groups, oral history initiatives, local history exhibitions, multi-media projects or performances — about Latino history and culture.

The Branigan Cultural Center received the six-part, NEH-supported documentary film “Latino Americans,” created for PBS in 2013 by the WETA public television station. The award-winning series chronicles the history of Latinos in the United States from the 16th century to present day. (Learn more about the series at www.pbs.org/latino-americans/en/.) The first showing will be Saturday,

September 19 and will run through Saturday, March 19, 2016, excluding December. There will be open discussion panels after each showing with guest speakers. Check our website for updated schedule of programs.

The Branigan Cultural Center is joined by a number of community partners on this grant: the Amador Hotel Foundation, Community Cornerstones Partnerships, La Semilla Food Center, New Mexico State University Museum and Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, as well as a number of other regional scholars, organizations and community members.

Among the events and programs to be offered beginning in September 2015 and continuing through summer 2016 are lectures, discussions, book clubs and community research. A sampling of these offerings includes:

The Cultural Connections Book Club will read books dealing with the cultures and histories of the Southwest starting in September. The club meets the third

Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m.

Reading corners are going to be placed at the BCC, the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library and the NMSU Museum a resource of books, information and panels related to themes of “Latino Americans”.

History Note Lecture series, the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m., given by various speakers will focus on Latino American history in the Southwest beginning in 2016.

Learning where your food comes from and how to prepare it will be the topic of a three part “Crop and Cuisine” workshops present by the BCC, La Semilla and Dr. Lois Stanford. The workshops will be February 13 and 27, March 12 and May 7, 2016 at 10 a.m. Participants will plant seeds, learn about regional crops, study Southwestern food traditions and prepare a meal with key Hispanic New Mexican crops.

Meghan Healy, a PhD candidate in Evolutionary Anthropology at the Uni-

versity of New Mexico, will give a lecture on the relationships between ethnic identity, ancestry and culture in New Mexicans of Spanish-speaking descents. The talk is Thursday, March 24, 2016 at the NMSU Museum.

Lectures on two prominent 19th century Latino families, the Amador and Armijo families, will examine their legacies and their ties to the community on Friday, April 15, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. A historic building tour of the Amador Hotel followed by hands-on lectures dealing with Latino and Spanish architectural and environmental influences will be on Saturday, April 16, 2016. Guest lectures for the events are Niña Johnson, Eric Liefeld, Terry Reynolds and Francisco Uviña.

Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, visit <http://las-cruces.org/museums> or call 541-2154.

AtTheMovies

Coming soon on DVD Tuesday, July 14

Clouds of Sils Maria

Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Juliette Binoche, Kristin Stewart
Director: Oliver Assayas

It Follows

Rated: R
Genre: Horror
Starring: Maika Monroe, Keir Gilchrist
Director: David Robert Mitchell

Ex Machina

Rated: R
Genre: Science fiction, drama
Starring: Domhnall Gleeson, Oscar Isaac
Director: Alex Garland

The Salt of the Earth

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Documentary
Starring: Sebastiao Salgado
Directors: Wim Wenders

Top-grossing July 3-5

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| 1 Inside Out (Week No. 3)
\$29,771,224 | 6 Max (Week No. 2)
\$6,617,389 |
| 2 Jurassic World (Week No. 4)
\$29,242,025 | 7 Spy (Week No. 5)
\$5,137,677 |
| 3 Terminator Genisys (Week No. 1)
\$27,018,486 | 8 San Andreas (Week No. 6)
\$2,824,063 |
| 4 Magic Mike XXL (Week No. 1)
\$12,857,184 | 9 Me and Earl and the Dying Girl (Week No. 4)
\$1,246,803 |
| 5 Ted 2 (Week No. 2)
\$11,171,520 | 10 Dope (Week No. 3)
\$1,118,117 |

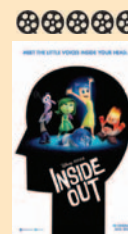
Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Movie reel based on a 5-point scale.

Inside Out

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Young Riley's emotions — Joy, Anger, Fear, Disgust and Sadness — have to decide how she'll navigate an upset life after moving to a new city, school and house.
Starring: Amy Poehler, Bill Hader (voices)
Director: Pete Docter,



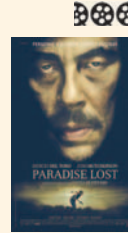
Ted 2

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Ted and his new wife want to have a baby, but before they can, he must go to court and prove he's human.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Seth McFarlane
Director: Seth McFarlane



Escobar: Paradise Lost

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A young surfer meets the girl of his dreams — then meets her uncle, drug kingpin Pablo Escobar.
Starring: Benicio del Toro, Josh Hutcherson
Director: Andrea Di Stefano



Hot Pursuit

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An uptight cop protects the outgoing widow of a drug boss from crooked cops and hitmen as they travel across Texas.
Starring: Reese Witherspoon, Sofia Vergara
Director: Anne Fletcher



San Andreas

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A rescue pilot makes a perilous journey to save his daughter in the aftermath of a massive earthquake.
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino
Director: Brad Peyton



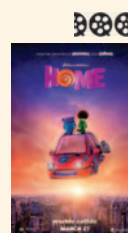
Terminator Genisys

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Kyle Reese is sent back in time to protect Sarah Connor, but when he returns to 1984, nothing is as it should be.
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Clarke
Director: Alan Taylor



Home

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Oh, an alien escaping his own people, lands on Earth and befriends the adventurous Tip, a girl on a quest of her own
Starring: Jim Parsons, Rihanna (voices)
Director: Tim Johnson



Max

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A military dog is adopted by his handler's family after a battlefield trauma.
Starring: Thomas Haden Church, Josh Wiggins
Director: Boaz Yakin



Jurassic World

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Twenty-two years after the events of "Jurassic Park," Isla Nubar has become a fully functioning amusement park, but a new attraction backfires with terrible consequences.
Starring: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard



Spy

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A CIA desk-jockey goes undercover to stop an arms dealer from carrying out a global attack.
Starring: Melissa McCarthy, Jason Statham
Director: Paul Feig



Magic Mike XXL

Rated: R
Plot Overview: The Kings of Tampa hit the road to Myrtle Beach for one last blow-out performance.
Starring: Channing Tatum, Joe Manganiello
Director: Gregory Jacobs



Minions

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Supervillain Scarlet Overkill recruits Minions Stuart, Kevin and Bob to help her take over the world.
Starring: Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm (voices)
Director: Kyle Balda, Pierre Coffin



Self/Less

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A wealthy dying man has his consciousness transferred to a young man's body, but not all is as it seems when he discovers the origin of that body.
Starring: Ryan Reynolds, Ben Kingsley
Director: Tarsem Singh



The Gallows

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Twenty years after a horrific accident during a school play, students try to resurrect the performance, but find some things are better left dead.
Starring: Reese Mishler, Pfeifer Brown
Director: Travis Cluff, Chris Lofing



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The Devil and same-sex marriage

Luce, aka the devil, sent me the following note regarding the recent same sex marriage U.S. Supreme Court decision. It seems the devil revels in our unhappiness but is never completely happy. He writes:

Dear Deacon Tom,

I am not totally pleased about the same-sex marriage decision by the Supreme Court. I regret reading the dubiously disagreeable dribble drafted by Justice Anthony Kennedy in his majority opinion: "No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family."

Yuck, people.

Yet, I must admit that it was



Rev. Mr. Tom Baca
Dwelling Places

ingenious of me to have influenced its drafting. This decision will gloriously cause incremental unrest among believers. That a Catholic drafted the opinion is the pièce de résistance. Of all the Catholics on this court — and there are six — I've been keeping very close tabs on Justice Kennedy, who is the least dramatic of all. While Justice Antonin Scalia is truly entertaining, I depend more upon "boring" to get the job done.

Early on, I worked behind the scenes to keep Judge Bork off the high court while Kennedy, President Reagan's pinch hitter,

would have probably remained in California practicing boring tax law. Boring and mediocre can succeed to make your world interesting. Kennedy is trying to be a good guy, attempting to ensure that "no one is condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilizations oldest institutions." Have a heart, people.

On the other hand, I abhor the institution of marriage in all its forms, including the Las Vegas ones. I think the court should have come up with an opinion that marriage between two of anything is bad. Marriage between a man and woman is as incompatible as between cats and dogs, oil and water, or eating pizza before riding the Aerosmith roller coaster

ride at Disney's Hollywood Studios. I would like them all to fail.

I have always thought that the "enduring bonds of marriage," as referenced in the court's majority opinion, are anything but enduring. Nothing is enduring, especially human beings. I love the irony of ambience and context of the decision. While I don't like Kennedy's language, I like how it works to deflower the pious meanings of marriage held by the Church. Marriage is really a prison.

And as such, this redefinition could be the elixir from which your species can, in Justice Kennedy's words, "find other freedoms, such as expression, intimacy and spirituality."

Well, damn, it all makes com-

plete sense.

Regarding those "other freedoms," — well, the sky's the limit. This is why I love the libertarian call to anarchy, to unleash those other freedoms.

On the other hand, dear Deacon, I really am in the details, in the thin, unobtrusive spaces between the lines of the fine print. If you listen to me, I'll always shed light where darkness is.

Sincerely,
Your BFF,
Luce

Rev. Mr. Tom Baca is an ordained deacon of the Catholic Church and the former executive director of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Las Cruces. He can be reached at nevarez_1@msn.com.

RELIGION LISTINGS

FREE CARWASH

Cornerstone Baptist Church youth group is having its annual car wash 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, July 11, in the parking lot of Sandoval Construction corporate offices, 2000 E. Lohman Ave. Local businesses have pledged to provide a donation for each car washed, so each car will be washed and towel-dried free of charge, and each passenger in the vehicle will receive a free hot dog and soda. For more information, call 532-0902.

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Religious Science minister, author, keynote speaker and radio personality Rev. Carol Carnes will speak at 11 a.m., Sunday, July 12, at Wellspring Church, 140 Taylor Road. Carnes has traveled with the Dalai Lama and other world leaders in conjunction with Synthesis Dialogues held in India, Tibet and at the Pope's summer palace. Her Sunday message is titled, "Dynamic Faith." A reception luncheon will follow the celebration.

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MASCULINE SPIRITUALITY

Men are invited to gather from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sundays at Wellspring Church, 140 Taylor Road, to discuss spiritual issues and the male persona. All are welcome for coffee, camaraderie and topics for guys in search of a path that works. For more information, call 647-

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Under the stars, close to home

By Marissa Bond
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The percussive fire-works ringing in the summer have exhaled into smoke, and the bright, dogstar days have settled in. Despite the heat, the season brings a gravel-hunger for traveling and being outside. In southern New Mexico, residents and visitors don't have to travel far to be able to appreciate sleeping in the great outdoors. Even with only a weekend or a single night, the Mesilla Valley and surrounding area offer plenty of locations for a quick camping trip to fill the long summer days from horizon to horizon with memories.

Leasburg Dam State Park offers both shade and spring — it is located right next to the Rio Grande River. The park has opportunities for swimming, fishing, kayaking and canoeing. It is

also popular, however, for its star watching, unburdened by most light pollution and featuring its own observatory. For camping, the park doesn't skip the creature comforts — it has 31 developed sites, 16 sites with water and electric hookups for RVs, a dump station, restrooms and showers. Picnic tables and a playground offer entertainment for all ages.

Due to ongoing construction of the bridge on NM 157, visitors parking for day use must take a different route than those staying to camp. For day use, travelers headed northbound on Interstate 25 must use exit 9, Doña Ana, and follow the detour signs. Campers must take I-25 to exit 19 and then take a left on Fort Selden Road.

One of the closest locations for camping is on the other side of the Organ Mountains, in

Aguirre Springs Recreation Area. Aguirre Springs is nestled high in the lean shadow of the Needles — the sharp, canine peaks of the Organ Mountains.

The campground is well-suited for group excursions to the outdoors, with 57 campsites available and two group sites scattered among the rough boulders and yucca plants. Restrooms are available, but no showers or running water, nor sewer and water connections for those traveling with RVs. Picnic tables are available at the campsites and for day use. To get to Aguirre Springs Recreation Area from Las Cruces, travel on U.S. Highway 70 for 14 miles east of where it intersects with I-25. Turn south on the Aguirre Spring Road, which will be on your right a little over one mile past the San Augustine Pass.



PHOTO BY RAFAEL MEDINA

Southern New Mexico has plenty of room to stretch out and reinvigorate in the wide open outdoors, and close enough to enjoy even if just for a night.

For those who only have a little time but want a little more grit in their camping trip, the Baylor Canyon Pass trail permits primitive camping. There are no fees, but also no designated campsites or facilities. The trail can be accessed from Aguirre Springs Recreation area in the east and off Baylor Canyon Pass Road from the west. Three-quarters of a mile from the pass on the western side there is a fire ring and a bench marking a recommended camping space, but it is only a suggestion.

To hike up from the Baylor Pass trailhead, take the Baylor Canyon Road exit from U.S. Highway 70 and travel south on Baylor Canyon Road for approximately two miles, until you see the trailhead parking lot to the left.

While there are no ac-

commodations available for those who want to camp overnight in an RV or another vehicle, White Sands National Monument also permits backcountry primitive camping.

Ten backcountry camping spots are available in White Sands on a first-come-first-serve basis. You cannot reserve a spot ahead of time due to unpredictable closures for testing in the nearby missile range. In order to obtain a permit, ask at the visitor's center at least an hour before sunset on the day you intend to camp. Like other primitive sites, no water or bathroom facilities are available.

July is a blue moon month, so though the earth's shadow may be winking dark the night sky, the end of the month will provide another opportunity to enjoy the

snowy glitter of moon-cast gypsum.

White Sands National Monument is located approximately 52 miles east of Las Cruces off of U.S. Highway 70.

Whether camping within reach of your vehicle or hoofing it to high and lonely places, be sure to research the regulations of each campground. Depending on location and recent rainfall, some places may not allow campfires. And wherever you are, leave it as you found it if not better — pack out all your trash and make sure all fires are out. Many places don't have running water, so be sure to bring at least a gallon per person per day.

Marissa Bond can be reached at 680-1845 or marissa@lascrucbulletin.com.



Backpackers can enjoy spending the evening in White Sands National Monument, but remember to pack in necessary water and supplies to enjoy the primitive backcountry campsites.

NMSU Student Gardens display new irrigation system

By Angela Simental
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A newly constructed rainwater harvesting system was unveiled June 22 at the Student Research and Education Gardens at New Mexico State University.

Mark Uchanski, NMSU associate professor of vegetable physiology and coordinator of the project, explained rainwater harvesting consists of the collection and storage of precipitation for use on

site, rather than letting it run off and drain away. It includes a structure, which is usually a metal shed, gutters and storage tanks.

The accumulated monsoonal rains water will be used to irrigate a small garden at the NMSU Student Gardens.

"This project constitutes our first step in providing an educational focal point for students and visitors," said Richard Pratt, NMSU depart-

ment head of the Plant and Environmental Sciences department. "It may also be considered another stride forward for advancing NMSU's commitment to sustainability."

Pratt has experience with rainwater harvesting system construction and its uses. He built a similar irrigation system at his parents' house in Tucson in 1979. His project was published in *Desert Plants Journal*.

"Various municipalities are already making progress in advancing water harvesting concepts and practice," Pratt said. "We need to get the word out about this very important water conservation system for arid lands. It is doable from the rain barrel to the year-around potable water supply level."

At NMSU, it will serve as a teaching and learning tool for students by encouraging cost-benefit

analysis, calculating storage tank capacity and how much water is needed for each crop.

"The rest of the Student Gardens two-acre plots will be watered through conventional irrigation systems and this project will demonstrate what can be grown using a modest-sized rainwater harvesting system," Uchanski explained.

"Students will benefit by helping to maintain the system, learning the

details of how it works and exposing them to the benefits and limitations to rainwater harvesting," he added. "We installed the system to serve as a demonstration, education and research site for our students and visitors."

The Student Gardens consists of two acres of research and demonstration plots plus a 60-by-200-foot field used by students, located within walking distance west of Gerald Thomas Hall.

New Mexico 4-H members, their dogs learn the skills of working together

By Jane Moorman
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Relationships are built on trust and communication — whether between humans or with their four-legged friends.

Youth have an opportunity to develop communication skills with their dogs by participating in a 4-H Dog Project. The National 4-H Dog Project curriculum consists of three levels that take a youth through the steps of selecting a dog, along with the basic skills for teaching a dog obedience and keeping it healthy. The advanced levels teach activities the youth and their dog may participate in, such as dog show and agility competitions.

New Mexico's 4-H Youth Development, which is endorsed by New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service, is funded and conducted by the volunteer parents and families from Dona Ana, Valencia, Quay and Chaves counties.

The event is held annually in Albuquerque to help youth and their families to become familiar with the 4-H Dog Project.

"The dog school is de-



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY PHOTO

Sherry Galemore, of Valencia County, cleans a dog's ear during a grooming demonstration at the New Mexico 4-H Dog School held in Albuquerque in June. Thirty-three 4-H members from 12 counties — and their dogs — participated in the annual three-day event where the youth and animal learn obedience, showmanship, rally-o and agility event activities.

signed to promote responsible dog ownership," Linda Herrera, coordinator of the school, said.

For 16 years, members of dog organizations from across the state have volunteered to teach youth how to take command of their dogs with the simple

words of "sit," "stay" and "come."

This year, 33 youth and their dogs from 12 counties gathered at the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse Arena in Albuquerque for the three-day event. The school is filled with workshops, demon-

strations and training times to help the youth develop a greater understanding of their dog and themselves as a team.

"The first two days, we spend time with the kids, teaching them showmanship, obedience, rally-o and agility," Herrera said.

"We also have demonstrations of different varieties of dog uses, such as barn hunt dogs, where the dogs are trained to find rodents in barns. The New Mexico Correctional K-9 teams did a demonstration on how they work together with their human part-

ners to find drugs and protect citizens."

Demonstrations are also given in grooming, Frisbee dogs, dancing dogs, earth dogs and herding dogs.

The final day's activity is a dog show, in which each youth is encouraged to show their dog.

"This experience will prepare them for other opportunities to show their dog in county 4-H dog shows, state fair 4-H dog shows and, perhaps, American Kennel Shows," Herrera said.

Traditional 4-H projects involve livestock, from as large as steers to as small as rabbits, but the 4-H dog curriculum may be the type of project any family can accommodate.

"Maybe all they want to do is to complete the project by becoming a more responsible pet owner for their pets around the house or in their neighborhood," Herrera said. "The dog project is something they can handle."

For more information on the Doña Ana County branch 4-H Youth Development, call 525-6649 or visit <http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/>.

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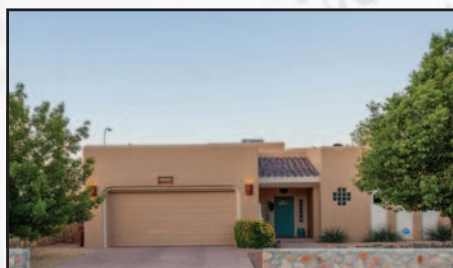


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Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 9, 2014, Joann Soto, PO Box 213, Tucson, AZ 85702 and Christopher & Tammy Franzoy, PO Box 959, Hatch, NM 87937, filed application numbered LRG-3989-1A into LRG-7955, OSE File Nos. LRG-7955 & LRG-3989-1A, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well and Place of Use within the Lower Rio Grande Under-ground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by transferring the diversion of 48.915 acre-feet per annum of groundwater, from existing well LRG-3989-POD2, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 19S, Range 03W (NMPM) on property owned by Joann Soto and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°40'15.125"N and 107°10'11.077"W (WGS84), historically diverted for the irrigation of 10.87 acres of land, owned by Joann Soto, located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, Township 19S, Range 03W (NMPM), as described as part of Subfile Order No.: LRR 23-007-0004 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from EBID, to existing well LRG-7955-POD2 located within the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 19S, Range 04W (NMPM) on property owned by Christopher and Tammy Franzoy, and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°40'8.969"N and 107°12'1.917"W (WGS84), to be exercised therefrom, combined with surface water from EBID, for the irrigation of 10.87 acres of land, owned by Christopher and Tammy Franzoy, located within Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 12 as described as part of Subfile No.: LRR 28-006-0061 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The physical site of the move-to well is west-northwest of Hatch, NM approximately 0.44 miles southwest of the intersection of Cedar Grove St. and Red Hills Rd. Well LRG-3989-POD2 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of

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

Dates: 06/26, 07/03, 07/10, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 10, 2012, Edward P. and Corry E. DeRuyter for the DeRuyter Family Management Trust, P.O. Box 167, Mesquite, NM filed application numbered LRG-1559-POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-1559, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°45.347"N, 106°38'27.539"W NAD 1983, on land owned by applicant, and drilling a new well, LRG-1559-POD3, to a depth of 250 feet with 16 inch casing to be located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°44'5.915"N, 106°38'51.912"W NAD 1983, on land owned by applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, for the irrigation of 248.52 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within Pt. W $\frac{1}{2}$ and Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-012-0032, LRS-28-012-0033, and LRS-28-012-0035 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed well, LRG-1559-POD3, is located west of Berino, approximately .8 miles north northeast of the intersection of W. Berino Rd and Three Saints St and is further identified by the property address of 300 W. Berino Road. Existing well LRG-1559 will be properly plugged.

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

Dates: 07/03, 07/10, 07/17, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 10, 2012, Edward P. and Corry E. DeRuyter for the DeRuyter Family Management Trust, P.O. Box 167, Mesquite, NM 88048 filed application numbered LRG-1559-POD4, OSE File No. LRG-1559, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Under-ground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling a supplemental well, LRG-1559-POD4, to a depth of 300 feet with 18 inch casing to be located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 4' 41.326"N, 106° 38' 57.215"W NAD 1983, on land owned by applicant, to supplement existing wells, LRG-1559-S and LRG-1559-POD3, located within W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 4' 44.291"N, 106° 38' 57.219"W and 32° 4' 45"N, 106° 38' 53"W NAD 1983 respectively, on land owned by applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New

Mexico, for the irrigation of 248.52 acres of land, owned by the applicant; located within Pt. W $\frac{1}{2}$ and Pt. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-012-0032 and LRS-28-012-0035 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed well, LRG-1559-POD4, is located west of Berino, approximately .69 miles north northeast of the intersection of W. Berino Rd and Three Saints St and is further identified by the property address of 300 W. Berino Road.

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Dates: 07/03, 07/10, 07/17, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 16, 2012, John J. DeRuyter, 5635 Georgia O'Keefe Road, Las Cruces, NM 88011 filed application numbered LRG-952-POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Under-ground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling a supplemental well, LRG-952-POD4, to a depth of 300 feet with 10 inch casing to be located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 05, Township 25 South, Range 03 East NMPM, and more specifically at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 9' 51.264"N, 106° 39' 50.081"W NAD 1983, on land owned by applicant, to

supplement existing wells LRG-952 and LRG-952-S, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 9' 43.163"N, 106° 39' 51.894"W and 32° 9' 56.348"N, 106° 39' 55.723"W NAD 1983 respectively, on land owned by applicant, for the continued diversion of up to 194 acre-feet per annum for dairy operations and related purposes as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-007-0046 (E) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed well, LRG-952-POD4 is located 1.5 miles east of Mesquite, and approximately .37 miles south-east of the intersection of Hwy 228 & Sterns.

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

Dates: 07/03, 07/10, 07/17, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 17, 2015, Nelson F. & Carolyn A. Clayshulte, PO Box 430, Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application numbered LRG-03308-POD4, OSE File Nos.: LRG-03308 & LRG-03308-A, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-03308-POD4 to a depth of 400 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 25S, Range 02E (NMPM) and more specifically located at

or near where X = 1,500,813.29 ft., Y = 395,196.83 ft., on land owned by the applicant, which will supplement existing wells LRG-03308 & LRG-03308-S, located on property owned by the applicant within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 25S, Range 02E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where X = 1,500,106 ft., Y = 395,583.4 ft., and X = 1,500,457 ft., Y = 395,914.9 ft. respectively, for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 118.79 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 25S, Range 02E, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 01, Township 26S, Range 02E, and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 25S, Range 02E NMPM as described in Subfile No.: LRS-28-011-0002 Right B of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-03308-POD4 will be located south of La Mesa, NM and may be found approximately 1,285 feet northeast of the intersection of W. Afton Rd and County Rd B 10.

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

Dates: 07/10, 07/17, 07/24, 2015

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

Dates: 07/10, 07/17, 07/24, 2015

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 5, 2014, Tom Salopek Farms, LLC, PO Box 705, Doña Ana, NM 88032, filed application numbered LRG-4546-POD8 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Under-ground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling a supplemental well to a depth of 500 feet for 18-inch casing to be located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 23' 55.8"N, 106° 51' 54.8"W WGS84, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement the following existing wells, all located on land owned by the applicant:

Well Subdivision Section Township Range
LRG-4546
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
16 22 South 1 East

LRG-4546-S-2
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
16 22 South 1 East

LRG-4546-POD5
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
17 22 South 1 East

LRG-4546-POD6
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
16 22 South 1 East

LRG-4546-POD7
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
16 22 South 1 East

for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 266.6 acres of land, and for an additional 44.913 acres irrigated solely with groundwater, for a total

irrigated acreage of 311.513 acres, owned by the applicant, located within the following, as described in part by Subfile No.: LRN-28-004-0001 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey:

Subdivision Section Township Range
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 17
22 South 1 East

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 17
22 South 1 East

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 17
22 South 1 East

E $\frac{1}{2}$ 17
22 South 1 East

N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 16
22 South 1 East

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 16
22 South 1 East

S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 9
22 South 1 East

S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 8
22 South 1 East

The site for proposed well LRG-4546-POD8 is located north of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 0.7 mile west-southwest of the intersection of North Valley Drive and Harvey Farm Road.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

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The City of Las Cruces (City) uses an online auction service to dispose of obsolete, unusable, or surplus equipment, furnishings, vehicles and supplies.

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Service through training, access

Crossroads Acupuncture offers affordable care and support to providers

By Craig Massey
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Whether it's using acupuncture to relieve pain, seek behavioral health solutions or provide a venue to promote artists, Crossroads Community Supported Healthcare is about serving people.

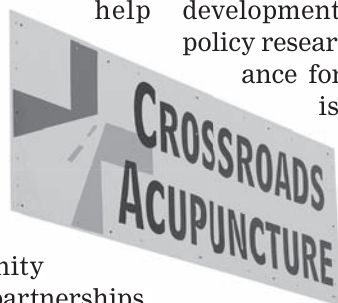
Established three years ago by Ryan Bemis, the nonprofit organization does business as Crossroads Acupuncture at its clinic at 130 S. Main Street. Bemis moved to Las Cruces from Portland, Ore. because "there were too many acupuncturists in Portland" and because he wanted to

help provide affordable healthcare in a region that included many who couldn't afford it.

"Our mission is to provide low-cost service to the under-served and also to help train health providers," he said.

The organization is strong on community action and partnerships. Its consultation has offered support for churches, recovery programs, shelters for the homeless and mentally ill, orphan-

ages, and for free medical clinics such as St. Luke's Health Clinic at Las Cruces' Community of Hope. Consultation is anything from technical support and curriculum development to public policy research and guidance for regulatory issues.



Crossroads Acupuncture's flat fee for the first acupuncture treatment is \$30 and follow-up visits cost \$20.

Krishna Chari, a clinical psychologist at the



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY TRACY ROY
Ofelia Ronquillo has a session with acupuncturist Janet Vialpando at Crossroads Acupuncture in May.

University of New Mexico, is one of many in the region who have shared Bemis' vision of helping those in need.

"The greatest thing is he's helping create access to health care for people who wouldn't normally have access to it," said Chari, who has consulted with Bemis and has traveled to Las Cruces to offer his expertise in the border region as a volunteer. "It's community-based intervention and the stronger your

community is, the stronger the individuals are."

The organization also is serving and assisting in Juarez through the Crossroads Border Project. Healthcare training is part of the mission there and the hope is sustainable clinics can be developed.

"We want to respond to the needs there as well, and a lot of our trainees there are women," he said. "It's provided us a way to help empower women in Juarez."

Crossroads also helps sell "prayer flags" and other artwork created by Juarez artists at the Las Cruces Farmers Market, and displays art for sale in a gallery at its clinic. "It's just one small way that we can help support some those in our region," he said.

"We're a small business that still has a lot to prove," Bemis said. "We're just trying to make it to year five and then we'll see if we can make it sustainable."

'Little House on the Prairie' – A great literary deception?

As the summer sun beats down, my mind wanders to cooler places. I imagine a little girl dangling feet in Plum Creek – a place I have never actually seen.

If that reference resonates with you, then your childhood, like mine, was touched by the same author. Whether through the Little House books or the TV series with the same name, Laura Ingalls Wilder's stories of her pioneer childhood are imprinted on our



Rorie Measure
The Reading Solution

brains. I never could have guessed that Laura, Almanzo and their grown daughter Rose would return to intrigue me as an adult reader.

Two new books, "A Wilder Rose," by Susan Wittig Albert, and "Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography," a 2014 publication of the South Dakota State Historical

Society, provide unexpected glimpses into the lives of the grown up Ingalls Wilder family and the secrets that Laura and Rose took to their graves.

In 2013, Wittig Albert published "A Wilder Rose" as historical fiction based on diaries and letters written by Laura's daughter. Rose Wilder

Lane was a professional author whose fame and financial success before the 1920s financial crash far outshone her mother.

"Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography," edited by Pamela Smith Hill, is Laura's unedited personal story, the one she intended to share with adult readers. Her account includes the dangers, grit and violence of a real life on the prairie, complete with photographs and letters.

Taken together, these

two accounts present tantalizing peeks into the very human and not-so-pretty side of westward expansion; the impact of the Great Depression and the New Deal a generation later; and the complicated mother-daughter relationship of two headstrong and capable women with vastly different lifestyles.

In "A Wilder Rose," we meet Rose Wilder Lane, an interesting figure in her own right. The world-traveling journal-

ist returns to the family farm to help her parents. She brings along her live-in best friend and entertains in a style that scandalizes her old-fashioned mother. The reader is invited to see the times and the family through Rose's personal correspondence and diaries. This primary source material reveals her take on the difficulties associated with the writing and selling of "Pioneer Girl." Accord-

Lots of room at Your Pet Space

By Marissa Bond
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When walking into Your Pet Space, 3920 W. Picacho Ave., you won't see the dizzying geometry of wire fences cutting the room into tiny kennels. Instead, there is a single, large room, sectioned into a few large play spaces by low fences and furnished with, well, furniture – beds, blankets and couches that would tempt even humans in for a nap.

Joy and David Jones, owners of Your Pet Space, wanted to branch away from what is called a “traditional” kennel, where each dog is separated from the others, with just an outside dog run and an inside space to sleep.

“The difference between traditional kennel and cage-free is the dogs all play together, just as if they were in day care as children,” Joy Jones said. “I think people are starting to treat their pets more like children. They are starting to understand they have the same emo-

tions that we do, and they have the same needs that we do – companionship, friendship, fun. And so it's really beneficial for dogs to socialize by playing in a group environment.”

Some people may worry their dogs are not well-socialized enough to handle open play with many dogs, but Jones said most dogs know how to interact with each other, as long as they are introduced properly.

“We do temperament testing here when new dogs come in, so we can kind of see what their personality is like, what their play drive is,” Jones said. “We like to know if they are an escape artist or a chewer or a climber so we can keep an eye on specific things for them, keep them safe.”

Your Pet Space has 24-hour supervision by employees. At night, the dogs remain in a communal space where they can choose whether they want to sleep on dog beds, the floor, blankets, furniture or in spaceship-shaped

doghouses.

“Our staff is here 24 hours, so if the dogs need anything, if somebody gets anxious or needs to go outside, they can take them outside right away, nobody needs to have to wait for somebody to arrive in the morning,” Jones said. “If there are any issues with the dogs, we are going to see it right away. And the dogs feel like there is a parent there so they tend to have lower stress level, lower anxiety.”

The overnight boarding includes the cost of day care.

“We are an all-inclusive facility, which means we aren't going to charge extra to give your dog medication, to give your dog playtime – all the dogs get playtime if they are here,” Jones said.

Jones said she is excited for the ways that day care can help the pet-owner relationship.

“People will sometimes give up their dogs because they're tearing up their

house during the day and they have to be at work, and there is nothing they can do about it,” Jones said.

“With day care, they can play all day in the company of other dogs, get all that energy out, and then when the owner comes to pick them up, they can take them home and sit in front of the TV and everybody is relaxing, all at the same time. So the dog gets what they need, to run around and have fun, and the owner gets what they need, which is an undestroyed house and a happy dog.”

For those who have cats or elderly or fragile dogs needing specialized care, Your Pet Space provides at-home pet-sitting services as well.

Your Pet Space does offer discounts for multiple dogs or dogs being boarded for five or more days, as well as for those who are looking for regular day care.

The facility is open now for boarding and day care,



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY MARISSA BOND

Joy Jones and Castle welcome visitors to Your Pet Space, 3290 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces' only cage-free boarding facility.

and in the coming months it has plans for the addition of many more amenities, including reiki by reiki master Veronica Fraser, massage by the Agile Animal and periodical training seminars by April Oxford of AJ's Canine

Academy.

For more information, call 652-4404 or visit www.yourpetspace.com.

Marissa Bond can be reached at 680-1845 or marissa@lascrucbulletin.com.

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ing to daughter Rose, publishers found Laura's “Pioneer Girl” unmarketable and they rejected it. Rose claims that she had to convince and connive an unwilling Laura to rewrite Pioneer Girl as stories for the newly-burgeoning children's market. The most intriguing part of the story of their collaboration is the mystery that is left in the reader's mind: Did Rose ghostwrite as much of the Little House stories as author Wittig Albert seems to suggest?

Laura's never-published autobiography, “Pioneer Girl,” has remained largely unknown until now. Last year, the South Dakota State Historical Society released the original manuscript with the author's own margin notes. Here is the true personal story that Laura wrote in 1929-30 while living at Rocky Ridge, the Ozark farm home she shared with

husband Almanzo (“Farmer Boy”) when she was in her early sixties. This is the story Laura was anxious to tell, the true story of her life.

Each of these remarkable women has something profound to communicate and it is enlightening to be able to pick up their books and absorb their observations of times long gone. Silver Lake, the Big Woods, the real and imagined places of childhood are important memories we return to during our lives.

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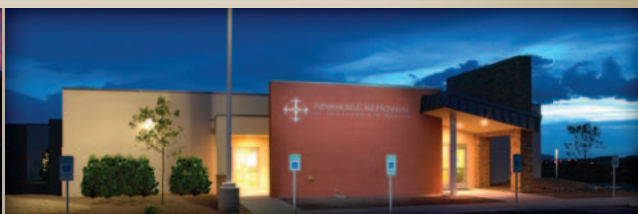


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Healthy Happenings



DINNER AND DOCUMENTARY SERIES

The seventh event in the dinner and documentary series, "The Truth About Cancer," will be Wednesday, July 15, at Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Compestre. The optional dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., with the film, "Diagnostic Do's and Don'ts – Proven Treatment Protocols, Part I" beginning at 6:15 p.m.

For more information, contact Laura Smart at 425-233-9082 or laura-smart@comcast.net.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Join the ADA Celebration Committee in commemorating the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 23, at Doña Ana Community

College East Mesa, 2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd., in the DASR Commons area. The celebration will feature art, activities, demonstrations, informational booths on community services and consumer products for people with disabilities, an ADA help table and exhibits from federal, state and local organizations. Admission to the event is free and open to the public.

FREE WELL BEING WORKSHOPS

Well Being Wednesday will be held at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Well Being Room at the Good Samaritan Social Center Building, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Each free workshop last about an hour. Topics of discussion will focus on the six areas of the Well Being Wheel, which include physical, emotional, social, occupational, intel-

lectual and spiritual health.

An additional workshop will be held 1 p.m. Friday, July 24, on "Dispelling the Myths of Joint Replacement" given by orthopaedic surgeon Dr. Edward Sweetser.

For more information, contact 556-2179 or producers@good-sam.com.

TOPS GROUPS MEETINGS SET

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 219 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. The support group assists members in achieving and maintaining healthy weight-loss goals.

For more information and location, call Doris at 524 7461.

TOPS Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh ins are

followed by group discussions.

For more information and location, call 523 6240.

TOPS Chapter 390 meets 5:45 to 7 p.m. Thursdays at Morning Star United Methodist Church.

TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support Group meets 6:30 to 8 p.m., the second Thursday of the month at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the conference room located on the right side at the entrance to the cafeteria.

For more information, call Susan at 496-2627.

SOUTHERN NM DIABETES GROUP MEETS MONTHLY

The Diabetes Educational Support Group meetings are held from

10 to 11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at Natural Grocers, 3970 E. Lohman Ave.

For more information, call 522-0287.

ADULT DIABETES EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

The Adult Diabetes Educational Support Group meets 6 to 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at MountainView Senior Circle Association, 3948 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 1, in the Game Room.

For more information, contact the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach at 522-0289 or snmdo@snmdo.org or visit www.snmdo.org.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association New Mexico Chapter will have a support group meeting at 11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Uno's Pizzeria

Grill, 2102 Telshor Court. For more information, call Jan at 522 7133 or Michael at 382-5200.

STROKE GROUP FOR SURVIVORS

Stroke survivors and caregivers share their experiences at support group meetings at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

For more information, call 522-2625.

BIKE AND CHOWDER

All levels of recreational bicycle riders are welcome to join in bike rides four days a week, beginning at the Mesilla Plaza. Summer rides start at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Coffee and/or food is available after the rides.

For more information, contact Dona at 647-0757, or Helen at 649-6150.

PET BRIEFS

Chihuahua mix named Pet of the Week

Say hello to Cosmo, a funny, friendly little Chihuahua mix who loves everybody and everything. He's super outgoing and gets along great with other dogs. He would fit right in as your only pet, or as the newest member of your pack. He may be a little guy at only 7 pounds, but his heart is huge and it's always wide open. He's ready for a home.

Cosmo is at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, 8551 Bata-



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an Memorial West. For more information, call the shelter at 382-0018.

Free Grumpy Dog seminar

Beginner/puppy training classes will start 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, and noon Sunday, July 19, at AJs Canine Academy, 2735 Desert Wind Way, two miles east off of the Doña Ana exit.

Grumpy Dog Daycare, where dogs are taught to socialize under strict, loving supervision, is also available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 635-9888.

July Yappy Hour is hot, hot, hot

Yappy Hour will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 15, on the lawn and outside patio at St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla. July 15 is National Pet Fire Safety Day, so get creative and dress your dog in a costume to help bring awareness to the day: bandanas, Smokey the Bear, smoke detectors, etc. Firefighters will be on hand for photographs and to explain pet fire safety, and an accelerant-detection dog and his trainer will also attend. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome. Music, games and prizes will be announced by emcee Wayne Sinclair. Food and beverages, including beer and wine, are available

from the menu. The \$5 entrance fee benefits the Dona Ana County Humane Society and the Spay/Neuter Action Program.

For more information, call 642-2648.

Dogs Deserve Better Chain-Off event

A chain-off demonstration, bringing awareness to the plight of chained dogs, will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at Albert Johnson Park, on the corner of Main and Spruce Streets near Branigan Library. The effort is to educate people and help animals. Posters and signs will be available for volunteers to use for the demonstration.

For more information,

contact Jean at jean@hssnm.org or 522-2529.

Seniors for Seniors Cat Adoptions

Senior citizens are special at the Cat's Meow Adoption Center, 2211 N. Mesquite St., the only shelter in southern New Mexico devoted just to felines. The center is a no-

kill facility, and all companions have been vaccinated, sprayed or neutered. The center is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.

Volunteers and donations from the community are also always welcomed.

For more information, call 386-6938 or visit www.thecatmeowlascruces.com.

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