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Volunteers give heart to hospice 'It's my baby'

By **Brook Stockberger**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Editor's note: This is the first of several stories about Mesilla Valley Hospice to be published in the upcoming weeks. The nonprofit organization has been in operation for more than three decades and is in the midst of its Continue the Legacy campaign to raise \$1 million.

As a nurse for five decades, Pat Marshall helped deliver many babies, often right in a mother's house.

Her personal experience with the other end of life's journey, though, has given her purpose long after retirement.

Marshall's husband, Jack, died in 1992. He spent his final days in the care of Mesilla Valley Hospice. Nurses would come to the couple's house.

"They were wonderful," Marshall said of the professionals who provide medical care as well as specialized care for those who have life-limiting or even terminal illness.

"They were always there when I needed them."

Jack, who resisted hospice care at first, even threw a little party for his nurses.

"He told me to get them some wine," Marshall said. "That was the Friday before he died."

The experience with Mesilla Valley Hospice made such an impact on Marshall she decided to volunteer with the nonprofit organization.

That was 21 years ago. Though she will turn 90 next month, Marshall still visits MVH's facility at 299 Montana Ave. twice a week, where she helps with medical records.

"I've done everything," she said of her time as a volunteer.

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Chris Cruz of Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces shows Gov. Susana Martinez the newly renovated swimming pool area Tuesday, July 8, after her stop in Las Cruces to talk about record-breaking growth in tourism since the start of the New Mexico True advertising and promotional campaign. Hotel E also will be host to future passengers of Virgin Galactic (see related story in the Business section).

Governor tours to tout tourism gains

By **Todd G. Dickson**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Since partnering with local communities to illustrate a broader array of activities and attractions in New Mexico, Gov. Susana Martinez said there are more visitors to the Land of Enchantment than ever before.

At the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces Tuesday, July 8, Martinez credited the New Mexico True campaign with luring 2.4 million visitors since the start of her

administration.

"That more than the total population of the state," she said.

Not only did the state see more visitors, but the tourists are beginning to spend more during their stays, she said.

Overall spending by visitors to New Mexico increased by 7 percent in 2013, which translates to about \$300 million in new revenue for communities throughout the state, according to Martinez. As a result, the leisure and

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Community pitches in for weary immigrants

By **Todd G. Dickson**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Since Las Cruces Bishop Oscar Cantú last week called on Las Cruces to help provide shelter for the flood of Central American women and children crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral has seen more than 80 as they make their way to relatives elsewhere.

Finley Hall, the cathedral's large parish hall, normally used

for social functions, quickly became a temporary shelter with cots, showers, dining tables, a play area and showers for the first group of women and children numbering more than 30.

Leonel Briseño, manager of the effort dubbed Project Oak Tree, said the Las Cruces community has once again stepped up with a small army of volunteers and generous outpouring of donations that made it possible to get the shelter operational by

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NMSU to give details on med school deal

Press conference Monday, July 14, to be held on public-private partnership with NMSU and UNM.



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hospitality industry was able to create 1,700 new jobs last year, with an additional 700 new jobs already created between January and May of 2014, she said.

"New Mexico True in a very short time has grown," Martinez said. "We are growing our tourism and it continues to grow."

Part of the success of New Mexico True is that it tells more about things to see and do during the visit - from a mountain ranch experience in Red River to the Country Music Festival in Las Cruces. Martinez said the previous administration's tourism campaign tried to be gimmicky by focusing just on Roswell's UFO reputation to define the whole state.

The other part of the New Mexico True success was getting local communities to partner with the state tourism department to get more exposure, Martinez said. With local communities helping to shape what would be promoted and chipping in funding, the state was able to spend more on advertising and promotions, while also cutting administrative costs by the state, she said.

Philip San Filippo, executive director of the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau, said the New Mexico True partnership with the state helped get the word out better about the Country Music Festival than could have been with just local funding.

"The fact is we're starting to build on something," he said. "We needed a signature event, and this did that for us."

In addition to Las Cruces, Martinez was traveling the state to tout the program and encourage visitation to the different activities the state has to offer. She also was announcing that more communities have signed on as New Mexico True partners.

"It is gratifying to see so many New Mexico communities working together to create a unified message about our wonderful state," Martinez said. "The New Mexico True campaign has proven to be a powerful and successful tool in increasing tourism revenue, thanks in a large part to those of you who have



New Mexico Tourism Secretary Monique Jacobson addresses members of local businesses at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces Tuesday, July 8, after Gov. Susana Martinez announced record-breaking tourism gains during her administration. Behind them is Philip San Filippo, executive director of the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

come on board and brought to life the unique adventures and culture of your area."

In early 2012 the tourism department unveiled the New Mexico True campaign, which celebrates the "adventures steeped in culture" experiences in New Mexico. Following the national launch, the state tourism department rolled out brand guidelines, free advertising templates and additional resources to help communities create their own New Mexico True ads.

"We wanted to make it easy for communities to be part of something bigger" said Tourism Cabinet Secretary Monique Jacobson. "We know it is important to have a unified voice in the marketplace, so we looked for ways to help communities come onboard with the New Mexico True campaign. In doing so we have both improved the quality of the ads reaching travelers and helped our cities and counties

extend the impact of their advertising budgets."

More than 25 communities will be spending their own dollars (lodger's tax, chamber money, etc.) to apply the New Mexico True brand to their marketing efforts. The total dollar value of these contributions is an estimated \$2 million.

"Since becoming a New Mexico True community in August we've seen double digit increases in lodgers tax revenue," said Red River Mayor Linda Calhoun.

In March, the City of Alamogordo reported an increase in visitation of 15.3 percent over last summer, and visits at White Sands National Monument have increased 9.5 percent compared to last year. The Town of Taos has also reported double-digit increases every month this year through April, and Roswell has seen a 10 percent gain in lodgers tax revenue through May.

Martinez announced Monday that 2013 was the third consecutive year for tourism growth and the second consecutive record-breaking year for tourism in New Mexico.

"Tourism is a strong economic driver and a critical component of the diverse economy we are working to create in communities throughout New Mexico," she said. "More people are experiencing the adventure and beauty of New Mexico and spending more money while they're here. This leads to new jobs and growth in cities, towns and villages throughout the state."

The governor made her stop at Hotel E because it had just been selected by Virgin Galactic to be host hotel for its space passengers after the company invested heavily into renovations (see story in the Business section).

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Rocket visionary Gaubatz dies

Military tests in 1993 paved way for private spaceport

By **Todd G. Dickson**

Las Cruces Bulletin

In 1993, my life changed thanks to an audacious rocket program called the Delta Clipper Experimental (DC-X) that was to be tested at White Sands Missile Range.

It was a third-scale test vehicle for a reusable rocket that would launch, fly and land vertically in hopes that it would bring launch costs down for the ambitious "Star Wars" defense program to have orbiting lasers shoot down nuclear missiles from orbit.

The man behind the DC-X at McDonnell Douglas was William "Bill" Gaubatz, and as a reporter from "Las Nowhere, New Mexico," I had to get in his good graces to competitively report on the program amid international media interest.

While I was able to teach myself enough about rocketry to not sound like an absolute idiot, Gaubatz was gracious enough to teach me a lot along the way. I can still see him, wearing a dark windbreaker and tennis shoes whiter than the gypsum flats he was standing on where the DC-X would be test flown, talking

about how he believed that a small fleet of these vehicles could drive down the cost of flying into space so low – under \$1 million a launch into orbit – that "space tourism is not out of the question."

In a time when cell phones were just becoming used by the general public, the business potential for a less costly rocket seemed to be telecommunication satellites, perhaps zero-gravity manufacturing of pharmaceuticals and materials, but space tourism?

When the "Star Wars" program lost political and public support, the Delta Clipper program was handed off to NASA, which wasn't ready yet to change its culture, and the project was shelved. However, its short series of mostly successful test flights would inspire others by showing that a small team of committed people – outside of NASA – could actually build and fly commercially viable rockets.

In 2004, a small team in the Mojave Desert did just that with SpaceShipOne to win the \$10 million Ansari X-PRIZE. The team was led

by Burt Rutan, whose pioneering composite materials was used on the DC-X shell 11 years earlier. The success would lead to the eventual creation of Spaceport America, another "crazy idea" I had first written about in 1993 as part of my DC-X coverage.

Space tourism did turn out to be the market force to finally "crack the nut" of opening space to private companies outside of traditional government funding. It didn't surprise me to learn that Gaubatz was on the X-PRIZE Foundation.

With Pat Hynes of the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium, he was a co-founder of the annual International Symposium for Personal Spaceflight, held annually in Las Cruces, which has become the major gathering for these new space entrepreneurs to rub elbows with traditional rocket scientists.

When I learned Gaubatz died Saturday, July 5, I emailed Hynes to share many of these same thoughts. I concluded by saying, "Visionary is sometimes an overused word, but for Bill it both fits and doesn't say



William Gaubatz, at far left, is joined by Joaquin Castro and Jess Sponable of the Delta Clipper Experimental rocket team at the DC-X 20th anniversary reunion symposium Aug. 16, 2013, at Spaceport America. Gaubatz died Saturday, July 5.

enough."

Gaubatz joins a too-large cadre of true believers in space flight's potential to become something accessible to the general public for more than 20 years. With him is his fellow DC-X team member Pete Conrad, as well as Len Sugerman,

Lonnie Sumpter and Kent Evans. At least, Gaubatz got to see more of the pieces of the future he could clearly see begin coming together, and I'm sure he knew that his belief in the potential of space tourism wasn't out of the question, but part of the answer after all.

In the news

Las Cruces City Council makes global warming statement

In a 5-2 vote, the Las Cruces City Council on Monday, July 7, passed a resolution urging federal officials to take global warming seriously.

"The Earth is getting warmer and we humans are causing it," said Councillor Gill Sorg who pushed to have the council issue a statement on global warming.

Sorg said not only do most scientists agree that global warming is happening, but there also are business leaders concerned about property damage and lower production because of damage caused by severe weather and prolonged drought.

Not everyone agreed with Sorg, however. Councillor Ceil Levatino said she has read conflicting news reports about global warming and that there was "no conclusive evidence" to what is causing the unpredictability of weather.

"Science on this is not settled," she said.

Councillor Olga Pedroza countered that the Union of Concerned Scientists has been calling attention to global warming for years. The effects of warming temperatures on the climate makes people more vulnerable to water shortages and heat, Pedroza said.

Councillor Nathan Small said residents in the Southwest know first-hand the effects of global warming because of the drought, loss of snow pack for water in the Rio Grande and flash flood risks during the monsoon season.

Residents were also split on global warming.

Vince Gutschick said the U.S. military considers climate change as the greatest threat to national security today.

Other residents disagreed, saying there are other factors affecting weather, such as sunspot activity.

Bob DeKinder agreed with Levatino that the science community isn't in full agreement about global warming.

Ron Camuñez called global warming "a big scam" for government to gain more control over the people.

Wayne Miller said acknowledging the problem of global warming is the first step to coming up with solutions through thoughtful community discourse.

"Instead of ending up with a future that we fear, we get a future that we want," he said.

After making some adjustment to language in the resolution, councillors passed it with Levatino and Mayor Ken Miyagishima voting against it.

County website honored again

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

The county's website is ranked seventh in the nation in its category. The website ranked fifth in 2013, seventh in 2012, eighth in 2011, third in 2010, second in 2009, fourth in 2008, eighth in 2007 and ninth in 2006.

"Our website – as well as the county's new expansion into social media – will always strive to improve," said Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown. "I'm proud of the ongoing collaboration between the Information Technology Department and the Public Information Office that led to this prestigious award, and I am confident that new efforts which will be launched in the coming months will result in continuing improvement over time to meet this dynamic county's many unique challenges."

The website was overhauled in June of 2013 in a joint project by the Doña Ana County Information Technology Department and the Doña Ana County Public Information Office. It is updated on a near-daily basis.

Doña Ana County will be among the top digital counties honored July 11 at a national awards ceremony, which coincides with NACo's national conference held in New Orleans.

The full list of winners can be viewed at www.centerdigitalgov.com.

Each April, all counties in the U.S. are invited to participate in the Digital Counties Survey. County officials respond to questions that include more than 100 measurements and data points about online service delivery, infrastructure, architecture and governance models.

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

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

Doña Ana County's award-winning website can be accessed at www.donaanacounty.org.

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Migrant crisis response Compassion ensures smooth transition

Las Cruces, you never cease to amaze.

It's been well documented how this community shines when it comes to charity. We've raised more than a half million dollars each of the past several years for breast cancer research. The It's Burger Time Golf Tournament (if you're reading this on Friday or Saturday, it's going on as you read) will likely again raise in the neighborhood of \$300,000 this year for our local high school activities programs. The March of Dimes raises more money in Las Cruces than in Albuquerque, despite the massive difference in population. And many, many charitable efforts go on throughout the year, generating a great deal of funds for many important causes.

All of those efforts are planned and organized year round by a dedicated group of individuals.

A new effort, the Oak Tree Project, demonstrates how our community can and will respond with little or no notice.

By now you're familiar with the thousands of women and children fleeing violence in Central America and entering the U.S.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces quickly stepped up to coordinate humanitarian support and relief. Hundreds of volunteers have pitched in. Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church has opened the doors to its Finley Hall. As of this writing, the church has welcomed more than 80 of these migrants and more are expected.

David McNeill, deacon at St. Albert the Great Newman Center, and one of the organizers of the support effort, described the first two groups of arrivals.

Naturally, all were grateful for food, drink and a comfortable place to rest, especially after weeks of difficult journeys of more than 2,000 miles.

However, there were two things McNeill said the migrants were most appreciative of: toys for the children and showers.

The simple act of a warm shower can mean so much, McNeill said. Particularly if it's the first one you've had in 28 days, which McNeill said was the case for many of them.

None of the migrants stayed long. It's part of a processing procedure. They are listed, tracked and readied for the next step in the journey. For many of them, the next stop is Dallas. In accordance with a federal law enacted by the 2008 Congress and signed by President George W. Bush, unaccompanied minor children are entitled to an immigration asylum hearing before being deported. Some may wind up with family already living here. Others will return to the chaotic, unstable and violent countries in Central America from which they came. Because of backlogs in the courts, it could be two years or more before they get a hearing.

Here in Las Cruces, volunteers and other assistance will be needed on an ongoing basis. Clothing, toiletries, towels and, of course, food are needed.

Project manager Leonel Briseño can be reached at the Las Cruces Catholic Diocese at 523-7577 or lbrisen0@diocesoflascruces.org.

Food donations can be made to Casa de Peregrinos, 999 W. Amador Ave., Suite F, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Bishop Oscar Cantú of the diocese has pledged that those coming through our community will receive humane treatment and care.

Cantú said the name Oak Tree Project comes from a Bible verse, Genesis 18:1-8, which reads, in part, as follows:

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oak of Mamre, ... while the day was growing hot. Looking up, he saw three men. ... When he saw them, he ran ... to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said, "Sir, if it please you, do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest under the tree ... let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." "Very well," they replied, "Do as you have said." ... and set (food) before them, waiting on them under the tree while they ate.



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Letters to the editor

Data errata

In my letter to the editor published in the June 27 Bulletin, I made an incorrect statement. I wanted to correct the mistake in case alert readers pay attention. The Bureau of Labor Statistics figures I quoted apply to minimum wage workers, not all workers. My wording was intended to apply only to minimum wage workers, but my unfortunate wording did not come out that way. The correct wording should have been: "According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2013, of all workers who were paid minimum wage or below in the United States, 76 percent were 19 and older and 50 percent were 25 and older."

Reed R. Burn

New Mexico is No. 1 again for wrong reason

I read a very disturbing article on the Internet. I am not surprised by this article, but I am very sad and upset by it.

The headline reads: "The state where the most Americans drink themselves to death."

It doesn't take much thought to realize that

they are talking about New Mexico! What a terrible legacy this state has built and continues to perpetuate every single day.

Now, we can tie together four evils that persist in New Mexico and are absolutely related to each other. The excessive drinking of alcohol, drivers with 10 or more DWI arrests, coupled with animal abuse and cruelty linked to the ongoing child abuse resulting in the child's death many times.

Now that should make anyone think about the horrible legacy we have created, but we apparently do not consider it important enough to launch an all-out campaign to stop this insanity.

Evelyn Hancock

“ The state where the most Americans drink themselves to death. ”

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Our way today of being American

Many have wrong notion of U.S. being a free country

Michael Swickard

In My Opinion



Talk show host Dennis Prager was asked to name the biggest threat to our country a few years ago.

“We have not passed on (to the next generation) what it means to be an American,” he said, and he is correct, but it is much worse than that. Many Americans today only think of themselves and their needs. And our politicians feed this insanity to the point our country may not recover.

America was not founded on what you get. It was founded on an ideal of having a chance to get what you want by earning it. There was never a thought back in 1776 that as soon as America was rid of England the treasury would be thrust open for everyone to have all the money they wanted.

The American treasury then, much like today, was firmly in the red. We are lucky foreign governments still take our non-backed paper because we are no longer a rich nation. We have not been food independent since 1992, have not been energy independent even longer and we no longer have military dominance.

We are acting rich as a country but the time of consequences is near. Today, with heads firmly in the sand, despite our treasury being empty, free is the political way of life. Even the media dare not tell Americans that the bank is empty and Fort Knox has no gold. Yes, some Americans know, but no one is listening.

Americans put themselves before country and feel no obligations. President John Kennedy in his 1961 inaugural speech implored, “And so, my fellow Americans: Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.”

He would be voted out of office today. Many Americans wait patiently and not so patiently for a government check from our treasury. However, this column is not about those Americans who are entitled to a check, and by that I mean they paid in and

are receiving what they are truly entitled.

Rather, let us think of the Americans who play the system and receive more than they paid in or are receiving when they did not pay in at all. Those Americans vote the money to themselves with the political word entitlement, but they are only given that money in a political trade of votes for spoils. The spoils go to those Americans who vote the givers into office trading votes for plunder.

We must distinguish the word entitlement from political reward. Food stamps are not an entitlement like Social Security, even though politicians have labeled food stamps an entitlement. The money given in food stamps is not being returned to the entitled citizen. It is political patronage.

Much of the spending for benevolence is a political reward for voting for the people who set up the system and keep it going. It is well known that the opponents might stop all of the political payola so those getting must keep electing the givers to office to keep getting.

But do not forget, whither it is entitled or not, this country is spending about 40 percent more than it takes in. That means the bad check will have to be picked up someday. Inflation is how we pay bad checks. Is inflation coming? Yes, but we do not know when.

The problem in trying to define what it means to be an American is that many citizens among us believe that the money is just sitting in America's treasury wait-

ing for someone to grab it so they decide it is right to get more than they give. As W.C. Fields said, “My dear, we are like Robin Hood, we take from the rich and give to the poor.” The woman asks, “Which poor?” Fields hastily concludes, “Us poor.”

Is that what it means to be an American? That each of us should get more than we give? In decades past there was the idea of duty and honor to our country. Now, a tiny sliver of Americans defend us while we ignore their plight and often spit upon them.

We are going to have to get enough Americans to act American, or we will lose this country.

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“ In decades past there was the idea of duty and honor to our country. Now, a tiny sliver of Americans defend us while we ignore their plight and often spit upon them. ”

Letter to the editor

Wage debate reflects change

I am writing in response to Reed R. Burn's letter in the June 27 edition. In it, Mr. Burn mentioned that the minimum wage as passed in the 1930s was to be a living wage, and so therefore, should be a living wage today.

I am in my mid 50s. My grandparents were peasant immigrants. My one grandmother never went to school, and could not read or write. My parents and their siblings lived through the Great Depression and served their country during World War II. My mom's older sister and my dad were pulled out of high school to go to work to help the family. One of my mom's other sisters voluntarily dropped out of school to also help the family. The “greatest generation” could get decent paying jobs without having to finish high school or go to college. We baby boomers needed to finish high school to get a decent job without having to get post high school education. However, I have noticed, since the 1980s, that the only way to get a good job was to get a college education or training for such careers as to be a plumber, electrician, etc. We will always need carpenters, plumbers, electricians, etc.

So, to say the minimum wage should still be a living wage in our current time is to miss one point: The human condition is advancing where one must get more and more education. One only has to think of the Pilgrims and other immigrants. They did not need to be educated. Over time, as our country was developing, education became a must. The more education one has, the more one earns over a lifetime.

Christine Cach

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Food for reflection

Agriculture part of U.S. greatness

By **Jeff Witte**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"It will not be doubted that with reference either to individual or national welfare, agriculture is of primary importance." – President George Washington

The Fourth of July is a day to celebrate the birth of our nation and to reflect.

Agriculture has played – and continues to play – a vital role in what makes the United States of America the greatest country in the world. When one thinks of independence, there is no greater group that continues to provide the sustenance of nutrition to our people than American farmers and ranchers. Societies that can feed themselves are societies that can thrive.

New Mexico agriculture producers are part of a select group of individuals across our great nation who provide the wide variety of food that

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New Mexico farmers and ranchers are some of the most independent, dedicated and resilient producers in the USA. They face all challenges and continue to produce the food products we all enjoy during our holiday celebration.

As we celebrate the birth of our nation, let's also celebrate one facet of our society that provides the most reliable, safest and affordable food supply in the world. Thank you, New Mexico farmers and ranchers. Happy Birthday, America.

Jeff Witte is secretary of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture.



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Guest column

Behavioral providers picked before audits

Senator: Governor above the law for Arizona businesses

By **Mary Kay Papen**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin



PAPEN

On June 29, The Santa Fe New Mexican broke a story detailing how the Human Services Department (HSD) has "subsidized" Arizona behavioral health providers welcomed into the state last summer by the Martinez administration.

According to reporter Patrick Malone's article, HSD paid the expenses of at least one Arizona provider months before completion of an audit that we now know was used as a pretext to replace local businesses with those from Arizona. In case it's not already clear, these payments to the Arizona companies were not for services provided to New Mexico's behavioral health consumers, they were for overhead and start-up expenses. According to the article, HSD continued to pay operational expenses for the Arizona companies through the end of 2013.

After suspending payments to them last June, HSD chose to deny most of the audited New Mexico providers what is called a "good cause exception not to suspend payments." The granting of an exception would have enabled a local audited provider to stay in business while an investigation of the provider was pending, with measures in place to protect public funds. Each of the audited New Mexico providers would have met the criteria for a good cause exception; each requested one. According to Elizabeth Jeffreys, a former HSD attorney, the only

plausible explanation for HSD's refusal to grant an audited provider a good cause exception was because there was already an Arizona company chosen to take its place. HSD not only subsidized the Arizona companies, HSD eliminated any potential competitors.

Last September, Diana McWilliams, the former director of HSD's Behavioral Health Services Division, told legislators that the Arizona providers were selected for their "operational expertise during a transition" and knowledge of "everything a business would need" to hit the ground running. Whatever unique expertise the Arizona providers were supposed to have, it didn't include the financial wherewithal and savvy to enter into the New Mexico market on their own and compete fairly with New Mexico businesses.

According to Ms. Jeffreys, standard procedure after an attorney general's investigation finds no evidence of fraud is for HSD to reach an agreement with the provider on any amounts that the state claims are still owed and promptly release the balance of suspended payments. Under federal law, HSD has no regulatory authority to continue its suspension of payments after the office of the attorney general concludes its investigation.

Months after two providers were cleared of fraud by the attorney general, hundreds of thousands of dollars due them still have not been released, despite requests to do so. Perhaps the administration is worried that with funding restored, these New Mexico

providers would compete with the Arizona providers. In the meantime, the administration continues to favor the Arizona companies over New Mexico businesses. Word has reached me that the Martinez administration is pressuring the Medicaid managed care organizations to give preferential rates to the Arizona companies.

According to a June 2014 survey conducted by New Mexico Rising Up for Community Mental Health, 83 percent of respondents think New Mexico's behavioral health system is worse than it was one year ago.

Under the anti-donation clause of New Mexico's Constitution, the state may not donate or lend public funds to a private enterprise, regardless of whether it is for a public purpose. For example, a county may not pay relocation expenses to induce physicians to locate in the county or pay for the operation and maintenance of a private hospital, according to attorney general opinions interpreting the anti-donation clause.

Clearly, the Arizona providers haven't delivered on promises made after what appears to be an unconstitutional investment of more than \$24 million in taxpayer funds and continuing special treatment and protection from the Martinez administration.

I call upon HSD Secretary Sidonie Squier to immediately release suspended funds, less any overpayments as determined by the attorney general, to New Mexico providers who have been investigated and cleared of fraud.

Mary Kay Papen of Mesilla Park is a state senator for District 38 and president pro tempore of the Senate.

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Water degrees on tap

Program graduates have many choices

By **Terry Mount**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Water is a valuable and scarce resource in New Mexico. It is important enough to be the subject of legends and stories handed down from one generation to the next.

Whether you grew up in Española, Albuquerque, Silver City or Las Cruces, you heard the legend of La Llorona, a mythical character who chased children home by dark, and frightened them away from playing in ditches, arroyos or rivers.

In literature, "The Milagro Bean Field War" by John Nichols discussed the importance of water, including the statewide politics of water. One of the primary questions the novel raised is still relevant today: How can we make the most of the water we have?

By training those who will work in the water industry, the water technology program at Doña Ana Community College (DACC) is at the forefront of water issues faced in New Mexico and other states.

Students at the community college are helping ensure municipalities and other users

of water are being wise stewards of this precious resource. During the program, students receive instruction in industrial and municipal water systems and water reclamation. An Associates of Science degree is earned for successful completion of the two-year course of study.

Opportunities are offered so students gain knowledge and skills in

operations, maintenance and laboratory areas. Courses are a mixture of classroom training, hands-on laboratories, field trips, guest lectures and training on the program's own water and wastewater plants.

“ Graduates can transition to NMSU to earn engineering degrees. ”

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



Sundays, headed home

I have been a travelin' man a good part of my life. Most of my speakin' jobs are on Friday and Saturday nights, so Sunday means I'm usually on the road and headed home.

For me, Sunday morning on the road is a good part of bein' me. Nine times out of 10 I'm in a rental car drivin' to an airport where I board a flight to a major hub where I connect to another flight that gets me within an hour of bein' home.

Since my territory covers the U.S. and Canada, I get to see fresh country every week. In different seasons, in all kinds of weather, day or night ... it's like a travel movie. I stop and take pictures for the office Facebook page. I always try to include photos of cows on green pasture, high desert, corn stubble, palmetto, cactus, forests, woods, swamps, the frozen north and mesquite higher than your horse. A picture I think might interest any farmer watchin' from another part of the country.

I'm a good traveler but a poor tourist, though sometimes I can't resist taking pictures. Like ice on the Mississippi River, a bridge in Duluth, the peaks and rock formations on the road from Reno to Bishop, the state house in Albany, Cullman to Nashville, Thibodaux to Baton Rouge, Livingston to Billings, Van Horn to Alpine, Audubon to Omaha, Stockville to North Platte, the Walmart in Silver City, Moab, London, Ohio, Portland (both of them), Springfield (both of them), Emporia to Eldorado, Denver to Lamar, Pittsburgh

to Elkins, the Appalachians, at least three Greenfields, Miami to Brandon, Miami to Tulsa, Miami to Wauchula and, finally, Tucson to Benson.

On the road most Sunday mornings my spirits are high. The folks who come to my programs are my folks: rural country people who are involved in agriculture, its land and its animals. They invite me to their town, they make me welcome and I do my best to give them their money's worth.

So when I head out the next morning with a cup of convenience store coffee in the cup holder of my rental car, I am uplifted, the world is good, I don't have to worry about next week yet. I have time to let the camaraderie of last night sink in and I inevitably talk to God and thank Him for another good time, for the wonderful people whose world I get to be a part of, and the fortuitous blessing that I was born in America.

I usually have a big ol' grin on my face. He travels with me, He's always there, regardless of my behavior. I guess on those "coming home" Sundays I get to spend a little private time with Him. Which is pretty generous considering all the church services He's committed to on Sunday mornings. I mean, ya know He's got to be busy. But it doesn't stop me from rattlin' on and, somehow, He always seems to have time to listen me, and I don't take it for granted.

Baxter Black may be contacted through his website at www.baxterblack.com

Alex Sanchez, the first president of DACC thought a water technology program was very important. The program was developed in conjunction with New Mexico State University engineering professors John Hernandez and Jess Lunsford. They, along with Max Summerlot, the first DACC water technology program coordinator and instructor, and others applied for an Environmental Protection Agency grant that created the water technology program in 1973.

With graduates working throughout the state, nation and several foreign countries it is considered one of the best in the nation. Graduates have found work in New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Arizona, California, Vermont, New Hampshire, Iraq and Puerto Rico.

Four hundred graduates have begun careers in the water field, working in diverse industries. Some fields include semiconductors, food processing, aerospace, electrical power and

city water and wastewater departments. Other graduates work with municipal or contract analytical laboratories, water reuse or recycling plants, metal plating, engineering consulting and state planning offices.

In addition to beginning careers in the water field, graduates can transition to NMSU to earn engineering degrees. One of the most recent, Clarissa Gonzales, received her bachelor's degree in civil engineering and then earned her master's degree in industrial engineering at NMSU. Gonzales is now employed by Pantex in Amarillo and credits much of her success to the water technology program at DACC.

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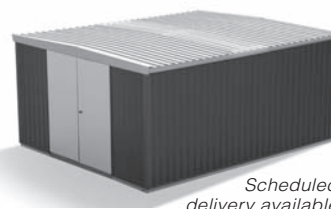
Terry Mount is the department chair for technical studies at Doña Ana Community College, which includes the water technology program.



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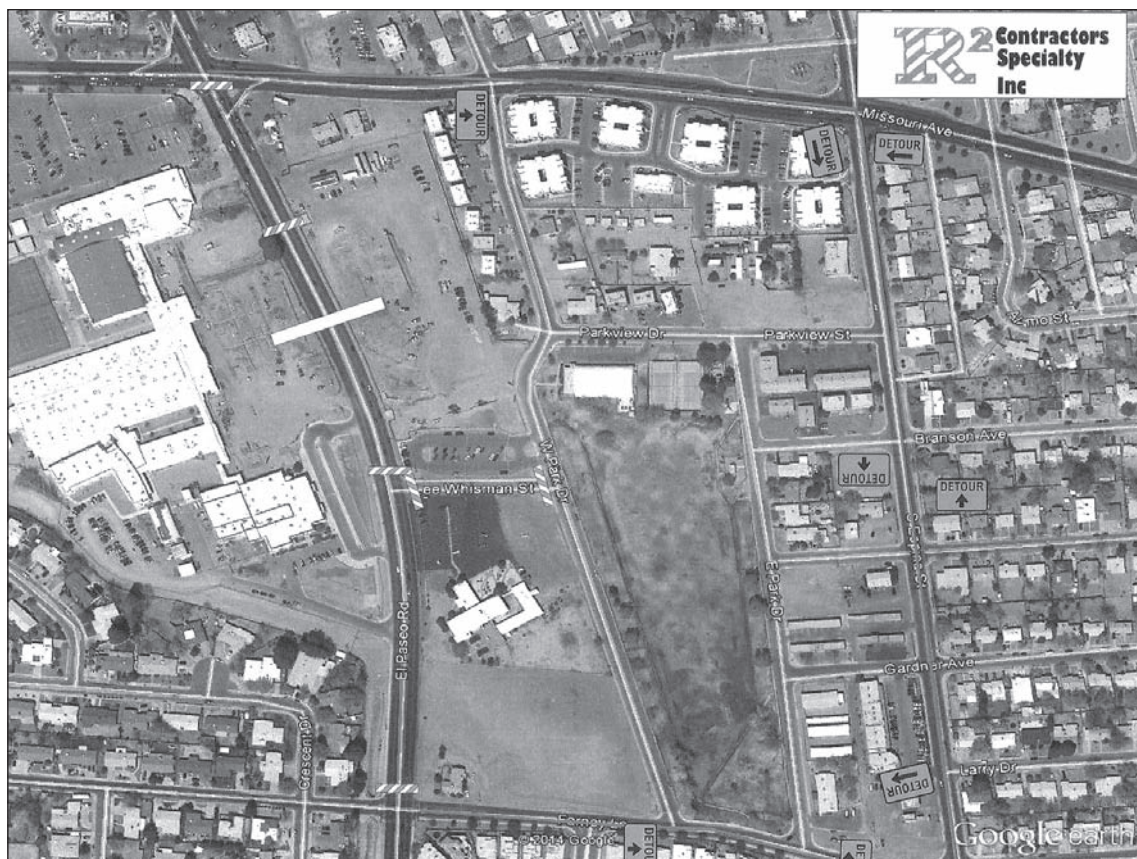
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Coming up

Detours around Las Cruces High School are planned from 5 a.m. Friday, July 11, to 10 a.m. Saturday, July 12, resulting in a partial closure of El Paseo Road for about 30 hours.

Las Cruces Public Schools map Illustration



El Paseo closure planned for span

Installing LCHS footbridge expected to take 30 hours

El Paseo Road is scheduled to be closed for about 30 hours beginning at 5 a.m. Friday, July 11, for the installation of a foot bridge across the road that will connect Las Cruces High School with new school construction on the east side of El Paseo.

Traffic will be detoured during bridge installation to either Espina Street (to the east) and/or Main Street (to the west) starting at Farney Lane and Boutz Road, said Las Cruces Public Schools Construction Projects Director Gloria Martinez. El Paseo is expected to re-open at noon Saturday, July 12, she said.

There will be a viewing area for the public to watch the bridge installation. Parking is limited on a first-come, first-served basis. The parking and viewing area will be in the parking lot at the intersection of Park Drive and Lee Whisman Street, across El Paseo Road east of LCHS.

Construction contractor Wooten Sundt will start erecting shoring to support the bridge at 5 a.m. July 11 and will continue work until the bridge is secured in place. Installation of the first section of the footbridge is expected to begin at approximately 10 a.m. It will take six to eight hours to complete the bridge installation, Martinez said.

The fully enclosed installation of the footbridge is part of the first phase of LCHS renovations and additions, which includes a bus drive, a parent drive, student parking, an athletic field and about 156,000 square feet of new construction. The work so far is on schedule, Martinez said.

"The project team is working hard over the summer to help accommodate new vehicle circulation, new parking lots and Las Cruces' first skywalk," she said. "Building construction on the east side (of El Paseo Road) property began in late November 2013. Structural steel framing and concrete decking on the east side is approximately 90 percent complete. West side building structural steel framing is approximately 25 percent complete."

The primary structural components of the bridge are currently being assembled on site.

For more information about the LCHS construction project and scheduled road closures, contact Brian Higgins of Wooten Sundt at 602-920-2698 or bphiggins@sundt.com, Gloria Martinez of LCPS at 527-6052 or glomartinez@lcps.k12.nm.us, or visit www.lcps.k12.nm.us and www.wootensundt.com.

“ The project team is working hard over the summer to accommodate new vehicle circulation. ”

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Coming up

Annual Las Cruces Moms Mix and Mingle

Las Cruces Moms is hosting an annual event from 3 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

The event is free and open to women age 18 and older. Eighty area vendors will be in attendance for meeting and shopping.

Gecko Tans will be giving away free custom air brush tans, Massage Envy will be giving away free mini massages. Glitz will be offering \$8 manicures. Mainstream Boutique will host a fashion show at 6:30 p.m. There will also be chances to win prizes such a trip to the Lodge in Cloudcroft and a Michael Kors gift basket.

Attendees will be able to bid on silent auction items and all proceeds of the auction will benefit Las Cruces area teachers.

Mariachi Fuego del Sol performs July 12

Come listen to Mariachi Fuego del Sol at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, at White Sands National Monument. Founded in mid-2013, Mariachi Fuego del Sol has been dubbed the "happiest Mariachi in the Southwest." Bound together by a deep passion for Mariachi music, this nine-person band has gone on to win the three awards from Western New Mexico University and the League of United Latin American Citizens Council. They will share their love of Mariachi music beneath the full moon.

For more information, call 479-6124 Ext. 230 or visit www.nps.gov/whsa.

Las Cruces Embroiders Guild of America to gather

Las Cruces chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America, a national organization of stitchers, meets twice a month at the Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building.

Meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the second Saturday and fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings are for anyone who enjoys cross stitch, needlepoint or crewel.

For more information, call 522-4684.

DWI checkpoints scheduled for July

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office has scheduled sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols during the month of July. These activities are part of an ongoing effort to reduce DWI-related crashes, injuries and deaths.

Checkpoints and patrols will be conducted on July 14, July 17 and July 19 at various undisclosed locations throughout Doña Ana County. Checkpoints are usually set up between 6 p.m. and 4 a.m. Deputies will be looking for all types of violations, with an emphasis on intoxicated drivers.

The Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department offers county residents a low-cost taxi ride home through Project HOME (Helping Others Make it Home Every time), which is available on Fridays, Saturdays and holidays from 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The project is a collaborative initiative

with Las Cruces Shuttle and Taxi by which a person or group who has been drinking any amount of alcohol can call 524-TAXI to be picked up for a discounted ride home. For up to two people, the taxi fee is a flat \$5 to any destination within Doña Ana County. For up to four people, the flat fee is \$10.

Project HOME will only take people from a bar or residence to that person's current residence.

HTC meeting to be held July 19 at Hotel Encanto

High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, July 18, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

This month's speaker will be Bill Mattiace, former mayor of Las Cruces, who is a volunteer to various local organizations and boards and current executive director of the New Mexico Border Authority. Mattiace will address the implications for technology growth in the area.

HTC membership meetings are open to the public and free. Anyone interested in growing technology in southern New Mexico is encouraged to attend. The price for the optional lunch \$20.

For more information, call Terry Jack at 522-3868.

Mayfield High to offer cheerleading camp

Mayfield High School is hosting Mayfield Kids Cheer Camp for kids ages 3 to 13 years old at 8 a.m. to noon on July 29 through Aug. 1 in the MHS gym. The camp costs \$85 per child and includes a T-shirt and daily lunch.

For more information or to register, email mayfieldcheerleading@gmail.com.

Share the Road Visibility Ride set for Monday

Share the Road Las Cruces Visibility Ride will be held at 7 a.m. on Monday, July 14, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St.

The Share the Road Visibility Ride helps build awareness that bicyclists and motorists can share the road safely and that commuting to work on a bicycle is a viable transportation choice.

The ride starts at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum at the west end of Las Cruces Avenue and ends at Starbucks on the corner of University Avenue and Espina Street at about 7:40 a.m. All bicyclists are asked to wear helmets and follow the rules of the road. Join the group for coffee if you can't make the ride.

Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club to hold meeting

The Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club will hold its monthly general meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at 1103 N. Solano Drive, which is Rawson's Self Storage.

Anyone interested in the sport of model flying is invited to attend. An Academy of Model Aeronautics membership is required to fly with the club. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each

month. MVMAC members fly electric or fuel-powered airplanes, helicopters, gliders and jets. Instruction is available.

For more information, contact Jim Caldwell at 680-8195 or John Womack at 522-0785 or visit www.mvmac.org.

Get pop-cultured at Barnes and Noble

On Wednesday, July 23, Barnes and Noble is hosting Batman Day, a celebration of Batman's 75th anniversary, with activities and giveaways, including a free, special edition of Detective Comics No. 27. They will be also be celebrating DC Comics and graphic novels July 23 through 27.

On Friday, Aug. 1, Barnes and Noble is hosting Frozen Friday: Cool off with Olaf. The event is for children and features Olaf from the movie "Frozen," along with story time, sing-along, crafts and activities. On Saturday, Aug. 2, Marvel's 75th anniversary will be honored with activities and giveaways.

On Sunday, Aug. 3, Barnes and Noble is celebrating author James Patterson with discounts, fan trivia and discussions.

Barnes and Noble is located at 700 S. Telshor Blvd. and is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the week. For more information, call 522-4499.

Mesilla Valley Hospice seeks Men Who Cook

Mesilla Valley Hospice Foundation and Helping Hands Event Planning are looking for men in the Doña Ana County community who enjoy cooking to participate in the seventh annual Men Who Cook event Saturday, Aug. 9.

This event raises more than \$50,000 each year to support charity care needs for Mesilla Valley Hospice.

If you are interested in participating or for more information, visit www.mvhfmenwhocook.org or call Helping Hands Event Planning at 522-1232.

Compassion and Choices meeting

Compassion and Choices of Las Cruces will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 20, at Montana Senior Village Community Building, 355 Montana Ave.

The film "A Good Goodbye: Funeral Planning for Those Who Don't Plan to Die" is being featured at this meeting, along with host Gail Rubin. The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, call Judith Scott at 527-8432 or email jmaomiscott@comcast.net.

Schwab Investing workshops and events

Schwab is hosting Washington Snapshot with Michael Townsend at 11:30 a.m. July 31, at the Schwab Las Cruces location, 141 S. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 141C. Participants will learn what's on the front burner in Washington and what it means to investors.

Schwab will be hosting a workshop on using online tools for managing finances, researching and trading at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Liz Ann Sonders will host Schwab's straight talk workshop at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11. She will engage in a candid conversation with her featured guest on topics ranging from markets to politics. This lively and in depth discussions are timely and address key issues on investors' minds.

For more information and to register for the workshops, call 993-5050 or visit www.schwab.com/branchworkshop.

City holds Youth Gymnastics

Summer Session II Youth Gymnastics began Monday, June 30, at Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 Bell Ave., and Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Registration will be ongoing until classes are full. All youth class sessions consist of eight classes. Session II will run through Thursday, July 24. Cost is \$30 per person, per session. A parent must be present with children during class time.

Youth gymnastic classes offered include:

- Ages 6 to 13: 11 to 11:50 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, 1 to 1:50 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, 11 to 11:50 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 1:50 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Ages 3 to 5: noon to 12:50 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 to 10:50 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 12:50 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call 541-2455 or 541-2661.

LCHS-MHS class of '69 host combined reunion

The Las Cruces High School-Mayfield High School Class of 1969 will hold its 45th combined reunion Friday and Saturday, July 25-26. Visit www.reunion1969.org for details and registration form.

For more information, contact Julie Holguin 524-4298, Karen Willis Perkins enrudes@yahoo.com, Richard Jones rjent@fastwave.biz 740-7633, Peggy Kiser kiserpeggy@yahoo.com (MHS), Lisa Gray troop2030@aol.com 524-7898 or Robert Francis rwfrancis69@hotmail.com 649-9565 (LCHS) with any questions or information regarding the reunion.

LCHS Class of 1964 hosts 50th reunion

LCHS Class of 1964 will hold its reunion on Friday, Oct. 17, and Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 S. Don Roser Drive. For details and registration, visit www.lchs1964reunion.com.

For more information, contact Raymond Sandoval at 521-4564 or raymondsandoval@msn.com or contact Pam (Taylor) Brosius at 524-1149 or lchs1964reunion@yahoo.com.

MHS Class of '84 to gather for reunion

The Mayfield High School class of 1984 will hold its 30th reunion celebration Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26.

For more information, call Monica at 644-0054 or email mhstrojans84@gmail.com.

Refugees

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Thursday, July 3, barely four days after Cantú made the call.

Briseño said the Las Cruces shelter helps provide relief to McAllen, Texas, one of the border communities overwhelmed by the tide of Central American women and children seeking refugee status in the United States, as well as to strained shelters in El Paso.

According to the Associated Press, more than 50,000 young people – mostly unaccompanied minors – have shown up since last fall, many fleeing oppressive violence in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, but also are drawn by rumors that once in the U.S. they would be allowed to stay.

Conservatives blame President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals executive order in 2012, which

permits teen illegal immigrants to stay in the U.S. for up to two years.

Others point to the 2008 law signed by President George W. Bush that guarantees immigration hearings to minors who arrive in this country from noncontiguous countries, meaning anywhere other than Mexico or Canada. The law meant to combat sex trafficking.

Officials in the Obama administration also have said drug cartels are encouraging the rumors to overwhelm border security forces in order to smuggle more drugs across the border. On Tuesday, July 8, Obama appealed to Congress for \$3.7 billion in emergency spending to deal with the "humanitarian crisis."

Briseño said he has been too busy to follow the political fallout of the crisis.

"All I see is that here's a human who needs help," he said. "They're just here, so we should help them."

One woman who brought her children from El Salvador told him about pretending to

sleep on her bus ride across Mexico to avoid Mexico's custom officers. One Mexican officer wasn't fooled and tried to pull them off the bus. The woman told Briseño she had to pay the officer a bribe to stay on the bus.

"This is not an easy or safe journey they've taken," he said. "The risks – I just can't imagine what they are going through. The conditions they are fleeing from must be pretty horrible for them to bring small children to a foreign country where they don't know the customs or anything about the country really."

By the time they arrive in Las Cruces, the young people have been processed by federal officials to be given a court date – which can take years – and the next task is to find their relatives in the United States, Briseño said. Nearly as immediately is providing them with food, water and shelter, volunteers begin working on helping the refugees make their family connections so that can move on, he said.

"For a lot of these people, their relatives are in the East and Northeast," he said. Many arrive with just the clothes they wear, he said, which are usually more suited to a tropical climate than what they'll need when they finally do catch up with their families.

That's where the clothes donations really help, said Monica Sotelo, who is coordinating donation for Project Oak Tree. Light jackets for women, teens, toddlers and infants are needed, she said. The women from these Central American countries are smaller framed than women in the United States, she noted.

Other donation needs include backpacks, suitcases, travel bags, shoes – women sizes 8 and 9, feminine products, bottled water and chicken, Sotelo said. Food donations should be given to the Casa de Peregrinos emergency food bank on the Community of Hope campus at 999 Amador Ave. Other donations can be brought to the parish hall on the corner of



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Chris Biad cleans a cot with bleach Tuesday, July 8, in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral parish hall that is being used to help handle the flood of Central American women and children crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

South Espina Street and East Idaho Avenue, or the diocese thrift store, Recycled Treasures, at 2205 S. Main St., Suite B.

Cash donations also are taken and of great assistance to getting the refugees quickly back on the road to a relative's home, Sotelo said.

For more information, Sotelo can be contacted by calling 915-633-4510.

Todd G. Dickson may be contacted at 680-1983 or todd@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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 Kathy Fusco and Pat Marshall review medical records at Mesilla Valley Hospice. Both Fusco and Marshall have volunteered for the organization since the 1990s.

Hospice

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She said she's worked in patient care and cooked, worked at health fairs and even delivered flowers.

"It's part of me now," Marshall said. "It's my baby."

Minnette Rich is the volunteer coordinator for Mesilla Valley Hospice. She said that about 100 people volunteer their time for the nonprofit organization.

"They save our company close to \$200,000 a year," Rich said. "It's amazing all the things they do and are involved in."

Rich said that the overwhelming majority of those who sign up to help have had some experience with hospice already.

"I would say that probably 95 percent have had some experience," she said. "Maybe it's been a grandmother or someone else they knew. That's the reason they come here."

The rest are often students who wish to work in the medical field.

Men and women both pitch in to help and Rich said that the age range of volunteers also varies widely.

"I have some wonderful young volunteers," she said.

Rich said that people interested in volunteering must fill out an application and go through a training program.

"We interview them very carefully," she said.

She said the training program introduces the new volunteers to what can be expected.

"This isn't easy work," Rich said. "This is work that you have to really have a heart for it to stay with it."

Kathy Fusco has volunteered for Mesilla Valley Hospice since 1997, about the time she moved to Las Cruces from California. She has also served on the board of directors and is active in fundraising.

Originally she worked at a service center at the Mesilla Valley Mall for the organization.

"I believe in the concept (of hospice)," Fusco said.

She said that many of the volunteers she has crossed paths with through the years have been people who had first-hand experience with hospice.

"A lot of them have had someone in their family who has been in hospice," Fusco said.

She said if someone wants to volunteer but is hesitant to become involved in patient care, there are still a variety of ways to help.

"There's patient care, but there are also runners," Fusco said. "There are people who go to the drug store and deliver medicine; people who deliver medical records."

She said that one volunteer takes care of the facility's garden.

"It's nice to see everybody here," Fusco said. "It's a friendly place."

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Finalists named for NMSU Honors College dean

Four faculty members being considered for vacancy

After an internal search, four New Mexico State University faculty members have been named finalists to serve as the next dean of the NMSU Honors College.

William Eamon, who has served as the college's dean since its establishment in 2004 and as director of its precursor, the Honors Program, since 1995, will retire at the end of July.

The finalists are Timothy Cleveland, a professor of philosophy at NMSU who served as head of the Philosophy Department from 2002-10; Martha Mitchell, associate dean for research in the NMSU College of Engineering; Miriam Chaiken, a professor and academic department head of the NMSU Anthropology Department; and Mark Andersen, associate dean of the NMSU Honors College.

Cleveland earned his bachelor's degree in English from

Hardin-Simmons University, his master's degree and Ph.D. in philosophy from Johns Hopkins University, and his master's of fine arts in creative writing from NMSU. He is a 2003 recipient of NMSU's Donald C. Roush Award for Teaching Excellence.

Cleveland met with members of the campus leadership and community Wednesday, July 9, including a public forum at the Zuhl Library. He also met with Honors College students and Crimson Scholars at the William Conroy Honors Center, followed by a public reception.

Mitchell served as professor and academic department head for chemical engineering before becoming an associate dean. She earned her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from University of Wisconsin-Madison and her Ph.D. in the same discipline from the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis. She

held the Robert Davis Professorship in the College of Engineering from 2008-11. She planned to follow the same schedule of meetings and public forums on Thursday, July 10.

Chaiken is a distinguished achievement professor in anthropology in addition to serving as department head. She earned her bachelor's degree from Arizona State University and her master's degree and Ph.D. from University of California in Santa Barbara. She came to NMSU in 2009 after more than 20 years teaching at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Chaiken's interviews with the campus community will be Friday, July 11.

Andersen is a professor of fish, wildlife and conservation ecology in addition to serving as associate dean of the Honors College. He's also director of the Office of National Scholarships and International Education at NMSU. He earned his bachelor's degree in environmental biology and his master's degree in biology from California State University-Fresno, and a master's degree in biomathematics and Ph.D. in zoology from University of Washington-Seattle. Andersen will be available Tuesday, July 15.

For more information, including a complete schedule and curriculum vitae for each finalist and details about the Honors College, visit www.webcomm.nmsu.edu/hire/dhs.

Sustainability program gains recognition

Water conservation focus of joint research efforts

A group of New Mexico State University researchers received regional and national recognition from Western and national land-grant university directors for a sustainability project that aims to conserve water.

"NMSU works in many aspects of sustainability," said Steve Loring, administrative adviser representing the Western Agricultural Experiment Station directors. "We have been part of this ongoing project for a very long time and it is an honor to be selected and recognized for the work we've done."

The project, called W-2128 Microirrigation for Sustainable Water Use, was created in 1972. It is a multistate project in which NMSU, in collaboration with University of California-Davis, Iowa State University, Oregon State University, University of Idaho, University of Wyoming, Colorado State University, University of Florida, Texas A&M University, University of Puerto Rico, University of Hawaii, University of the Virgin Islands, Cornell University and Kansas State University and United States Department of Agriculture research laboratories, has conducted many experiments in order to improve the design of the irrigation system, educate farmers and increase the adoption of the microirrigation system, which in turn saves money and water and improves crop yield and quality.

Microirrigation is a system that delivers water to farmlands in smaller and more efficient ways. Over the last five years, researchers from each university have worked in different areas such as science, economy, agricultural engineering, plant physiology, agronomy, soil science and outreach.

NMSU's participation ranged from testing different models of drip tubing to developing a 2-D model for scheduling microirrigation for shallow-rooted plants, among many other soil and irrigation experiments.

The regional recognition will be awarded in Nevada this month and the national recognition will take place in Orlando, Fla., in November.

"Every region, every year makes a nomination to honor what they consider to be the regional award of excellence for multistate research and this year we were nominated and selected by the directors as the awardee for the Western Region Award of Excellence," Loring said.

Loring said the recognitions show the research is worth doing, especially for states such as New Mexico, which suffer from a water shortage, and that the researchers have been successful in different areas such as technology, modeling, outreach and education.



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CrimeStoppers

Man's homicide remains unsolved

Victim found shot to death next to truck by Rio Grande

On June 28, 1994, 43-year-old Robert Rocha got in his 1985 Ford pickup and headed out to a shady area near the Rio Grande River south of Las Cruces. He was looking for a nice spot to have a party for his niece, who was getting ready to go to college. Just as the sun was about to go down, Rocha's nude body was found shot to death next to his truck.

Twenty years later, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office is still hoping that someone who knows something about the murder will come forward.

According to investigators with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Unit, a woman in her 20s who went to the river to target practice with a group of friends made the discovery. The vehicle she was in had become stuck in the soft sand and she left the group to hike up the hill about half a mile to look for help.

The homeowners in the area who agreed to help the woman drove her back to the area where the vehicle was stuck. On their way, the group made the gruesome discovery of Rocha's body. He was nude, covered in blood and lying on his back. Autopsy reports would later indicate he had only been dead for about an hour.

Over the last 20 years, investigators have logged more than 200 interviews with people who might have had a connection to Rocha or knew someone who might have had a motive to kill him. In that time, investigators say they haven't found the missing pieces of the story that would lead them to a suspect or other persons of interest.

"Someone knows something," said Becky Garibay, Rocha's sister and vocal advocate over the past two decades. "My father died not knowing what happened to his son. My mother needs closure – we all need closure. All we ask is that if you know something, please call."

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers, a local nonprofit that historically has offered cash rewards for information that lead to the arrest of suspects wanted in criminal investigations, has offered to pay for several digital billboards that feature Rocha's case. The publicity is part of a new effort on behalf of Crime Stoppers to bring exposure to cold cases that otherwise might go unnoticed.

"The key to generating tips is to keep this information in the public eye," said Jake Miles, board president for Las Cruces Crime Stoppers. "If this message helps to jog someone's memory, then hopefully investigators can follow up, move forward and ultimately help to bring closure for this family."

In the future, the digital boards will also feature other cold cases being handled by the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office and the Las Cruces Police Department.

Anyone with information on who killed Robert Rocha is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also send a tip via text message to CRIMES (274637) using the keyword LCTIPS.

Information can be made anonymous and you do not have to give your name to collect a reward.



To the left is a crime scene photo of the victim's truck. To the right is a map showing where Robert Rocha's truck was found June 28, 1994, with his body next to the vehicle.



“My mother needs closure – we all need closure.”

BECKY GARIBAY
victim's sister



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Fireworks thrill at the Fourth of July celebration

Photos by Erik LeDuc

The Harris family – Cambria, Kimberly, Derrick and Brielle – watches in wonder the fireworks finale at the City of Las Cruces' Fourth of July event Friday, July 4, held for the first time at the Field of Dreams.



The U.S. and New Mexico flags were backlit by the rocket's red glare and waving as the bombs burst in air, celebrating more than two centuries of liberty.



Alejandro Jurado reaches for a lit sparkler, getting a feel for the pyrotechnics.



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A young couple leaned against each other as the fireworks show continued.

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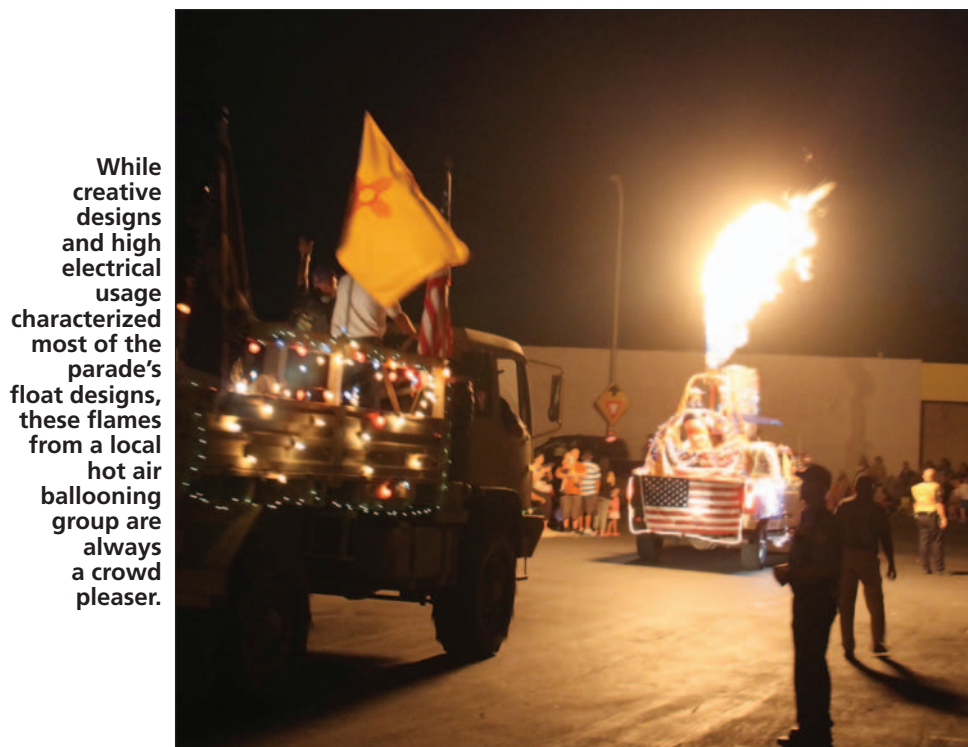
Shining on at the Electric Light Parade

Photos by Erik LeDuc

Young dancers warm up as their float begins the annual Electric Light Parade Thursday, July 3, on a route that circled the core of Downtown Las Cruces. Unlike last year, in which parade participants and spectators endured rain, the skies were clear and weather warm for this year's parade.



The Marine Corps League El Perro Diablo Detachment led the parade that started and ended at Las Cruces City Hall.



While creative designs and high electrical usage characterized most of the parade's float designs, these flames from a local hot air ballooning group are always a crowd pleaser.



Nick Garcia holds up his somewhat sleepy son, Nick Jr., to watch the show of neon colors during the Electric Light Parade.

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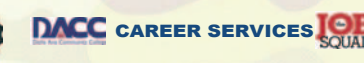
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On the field

Any chance to develop a golf game?

The annual It's Burger Time Sandra B. McGrath Golf Tournament – where a bunch of money is raised for high school activities – started on Thursday, July 10, and lasts until Saturday, July 12, at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course.

From what I'm told, and have seen, this great event is also a lot of fun. I wouldn't know first-hand, though, because I haven't ever wound up my swing and let loose on a little, white, dimpled ball during this tourney.

You see, I'm not much of a golfer.

Sure, I think the sport is great and I really wish I could go out on the links and walk the beautiful green courses and have fun. Heck, I could maybe shave off a few pounds in the process.

But my history is sketchy with golf. After all, I once ended up in the emergency room with a concussion when I was hit in the head with a golf ball. Actually it was my own ball and, well, it actually happened during a heated game of miniature golf when I was a lot younger.

You see, there was this course in Greensburg, Pa., that had a very steep, enclosed mine shaft. If you did not hit the ball hard enough, it would just roll back to you. After some failed attempts by my cousin, I told him to step aside and I would show him my power.

So I swung my club as hard as I could and completely missed the opening of the mine shaft; the ball rebounded back, smacked me square in the forehead and then bounced clean over the entire hole and into the woods.

Being the superior athlete I was as a lad, I played out the rest of the course, but I could not hide the large red mark on my forehead or the fact that I was having a bad headache and some vertigo.

So you see, the gods of the greens do not like me. As a teenager, I would while away a Sunday afternoon with a few friends by hitting a bucket of balls at a driving range or even playing 18 holes on a par-3 course. I always could drive the ball far, but never very straight.

On the green? Forget about it. Patience is not a virtue I have acquired, and each time the ball would

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LEGEND



New Mexico State University illustration

NMSU unveils new look for field

Installation of synthetic surface continues at stadium

Bulletin Staff Report

When New Mexico State University football fans walk into Aggie Memorial Stadium on Thursday, Aug. 28, for the team's opening game of the 2014 season, they'll be greeted by the overwhelming green of a new synthetic field.

The colors, though, will not end with the hue of the artificial grass.

NMSU's athletics department reports that the field design will use a liberal amount of crimson, with the Pistol Pete logo emblazoned across the center of the field.

"The bright and vibrant colors will make Aggie Memorial Stadium a place of pride for the entire community," NMSU said when it released the new design on Tuesday, July 8.

The Aggies – 2-10 a year ago playing an independent schedule – join the Sun Belt Conference in football this year and their field will sport a pair of Sun Belt logos.

NMSU's first game and the new turf's debut will be against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in a nonconference contest.

A \$1 million donation from businessman Stan Fulton, owner of Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino, and a \$300,000 contribution from Associated Students of NMSU, allowed NMSU to fund installation of the synthetic turf at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

The new turf is expected to improve player development, enhance player recruitment and increase campus and community access to the stadium.

Events at Aggie Memorial stadium have been severely restricted to prevent damage to the natural grass, but this will not be a concern with synthetic turf. Additional high school and other football games can be played at Aggie Memorial Stadium without damage and the stadium can also host band and cheerleading competitions, outdoor concerts and other NMSU student organization activities.

Construction is scheduled to be complete on Aug. 25, three days before the first game.

The field will include a new drainage system to deal with inclement weather without impacting play.

Those interested can keep track of the progress of the project by accessing the free stream at <http://www.nmsu.edu/memorialstadium/>.

The Aggies are scheduled to play six home games this year, including a Sept. 20 showdown with in-state rival the University of New Mexico. NMSU's first Sun Belt game at home will be Oct. 4 against Georgia Southern. The team's final home game is Nov. 22 with the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

2014 schedule

NMSU football slate

| Date | Opponent | Time |
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| Aug. 28 | CAL POLY | 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 6 | @Ga. State | Noon |
| Sept. 13 | @UTEP | 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 20 | NEW MEXICO | 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 27 | @LSU | TBA |
| Oct. 4 | GA. SOUTHERN* | 6 p.m. |
| Oct. 11 | @Troy* | 1 p.m. |
| Oct. 18 | @ Idaho* | 3 p.m. |
| Oct. 25 | BYE | |
| Nov. 1 | TEXAS STATE* | 6 p.m. |
| Nov. 8 | UL-LAFAYETTE* | 6 p.m. |
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Ag baseball prepares for new look

Next head coach could be named by Aug. 1; stadium renovations set

Bulletin Staff Report

The phrase “new look” could be an understatement.

When New Mexico State University's baseball team takes to the diamond in the upcoming school year, it'll be in a newly renovated Presley Askew Field and with a new coach.

Former head coach Rocky Ward, who had been with the program since 1997, was fired at the end of the previous season. His replacement will come on board in time to see the \$1.4 million upgrade to the baseball stadium.

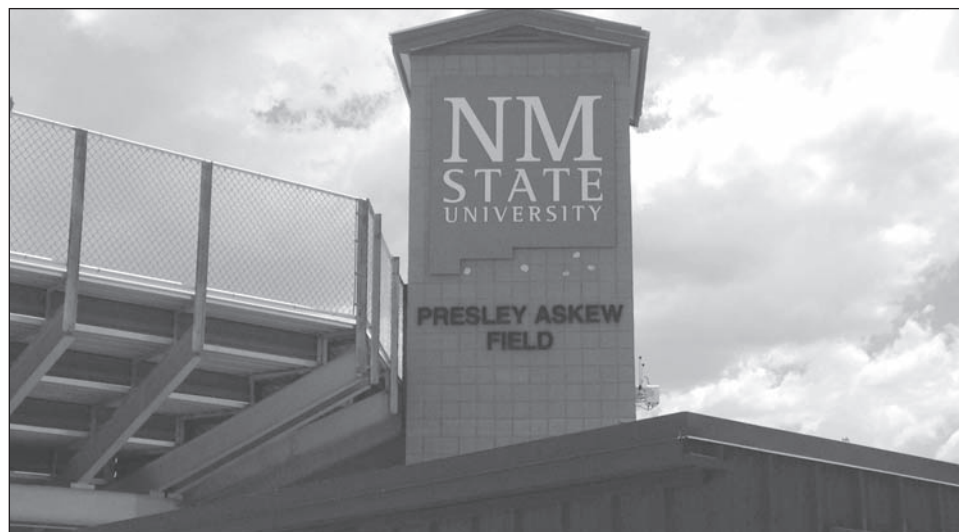
NMSU Athletics Director McKinley Boston said that he hopes to have a new coach on board by Aug. 1.

“The search process is under way,” he said via email.

The search committee has met once but soon plans to meet again to decide which candidates to interview.

“(We’re) hoping to identify a finalist by the third week of July,” Boston said.

As for Presley Askew Field, Associate



Presley Askew Field at New Mexico State University is set for a renovation.

Athletics Director James Hall reports that work is expected to start before the end of July at the NMSU baseball facility.

The work is scheduled to be completed in late December.

The project was made possible when NMSU alumnus Michael Johnson and his wife, Judy, announced in 2013 that they would give \$1.4 million to baseball program

for facility upgrades.

The renovation will include: the addition of more stands; installation of chair-back seats; stadium sun cover; dugout expansion and renovation; upgrade of clubhouse lighting and systems; sprinkler repair; work on exterior fences; repair of outfield wall; an upgraded press box; an upgraded scoreboard with video display.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Brook Stockberger

Sports Briefs

Ume-Ezeoke named to trophy watch list

The Rimington Trophy Committee has released its 2014 Fall Watch List, which features 66 of the best centers in Division I football, including New Mexico State's Valerian Ume-Ezeoke. This is the second year in a row that Ume-Ezeoke, a native of Garland, Texas, as made the list.

Ume-Ezeoke started at center for the Aggies offensive line during the 2013 season, recording 56.5 knockdowns, second highest on the team.

He had a season-high 10 knockdowns against UL-Lafayette on Nov. 2



Ume-Ezeoke

Women's basketball team dismisses player

New Mexico State University head women's basketball coach Mark Trakh dismissed senior Danesia Williamson from the team due to academic ineligibility.

Williamson sat out the first-half of the 2013-14 season for academic reasons, but returned during Western Athletic Conference play to have five 30-point games and set a new WAC and NMSU record with 17 free throws made in the quarterfinals.

NMSU athletics adds to social media

The New Mexico State University Athletics Department completed the social media trifecta on July 1, and created an Instagram page to complement its Facebook and Twitter accounts.

The page was created to coincide with the Aggie football team officially joining the Sun Belt Conference.

The NMSU Athletics Department can be followed on Instagram and Twitter @ NMStateAggies and can be found on Facebook at NMSU Athletics.

Former Trojan eyes successful senior year



Barbara Boxleitner
Keeping up

Alyssa Prince feels a whole lot better about her play entering her senior year of college soccer.

The Eastern New Mexico University midfielder rebounded from a knee injury her freshman year and a disappointing sophomore season to become the team's second-leading scorer last year.

The Mayfield High School graduate had nine points on three goals and three assists in playing all 17 games. She was an all-Lone Star Conference second-team selection.

“It was a more successful year,” she said.

“I was a lot more confident.”

Prince, who scored twice as a freshman, tore her anterior cruciate ligament at the end of that first year. The injury was a first.

“I had never tweaked anything, pulled any muscle,” she said.

Prince said she couldn't do any soccer activities for six months after the offseason surgery and wore a knee brace for a full year when training, practicing and playing.

She didn't score or assist her sophomore season.

“I was not playing like I should,” she said. “When I got back, I was really timid. The first full year after surgery, I wasn't scared anymore.”

Last year she was a right outside midfielder. She had one goal and two assists during a 4-1 win over West Texas A & M University.

It was the most goals Eastern New Mexico scored in one game the whole season.

“Mostly my goals were really simple,” she said.

“I make the runs when I'm supposed to. It puts me in the perfect spot for an easy goal.”

At this point, Prince is training to get ready for her final season, which will be with a new coach.

Prince will take classes during the fall, then student teach in the spring. The health and physical education major wants to coach soccer, perhaps at the high school level. She said she likely will play in an adult soccer league with her mother, who, like her, plays the wing position.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at BKLE3@aol.com

Golf

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roll past the hole I'd become more and more amused by the situation and eventually card my 4-over 7 for the hole and move on.

Still, I always had fun. I remember that very clearly. I think I could have fun again, if only I could find the time, money and ability to make the hobby worthwhile.

Also, I'm always afraid I'll embarrass myself.

In college, after high school football as well as track and field were behind me, I took up racquetball and found the pace and energy thrilling. Plus all you needed was a racquet, goggles and a ball.

Now, many years later, I consider it a good day if I make it to the gym and put 20 minutes on the stationary bike.

I miss competing, though. I miss having something to work toward.

I recently interviewed some

bodybuilders here in Las Cruces and thought that might be a path to investigate. But my physique would take years, if ever, to mold into one even half-way decent.

OK, I was reading about the Senior Olympics and saw that shot put is one of the sports. I used to be decent in the shot put in high school and I still have the better part of a decade to prepare to compete in that venue. But that seems like a goal too far in the future.

Maybe the best step would be to just try and lose some weight, build some muscle and improve my physical fitness. Every little bit will help, right?

Maybe I should compete against myself. Try to beat my best time on the stationary bike.

Even try to beat the best weight I've lifted.

Then, when the kids are a little older, maybe a golf lesson or two could be in order and some day, I could proudly participate in the sport Mark Twain called “A good walk spoiled.”

After all, when you golf, there are a lot more Father's Day gifts available to you.

I hope all you duffers out there have fun, whether in a fundraising tourney or just on

your own time.

Watch out for those mine shafts.

Brook Stockberger is the managing editor of The Las Cruces Bulletin

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Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

Years ago, baseball legend Yogi Berra offered us this piece of wisdom: "Half of the game is 90 percent mental."

Maybe it's even more than that.

Teaching gurus, golf writers, sports announcers and coaches all expect us to assume they know all about the "mental game." But do they? Let me give you my take on such a complex topic.

First of all, I don't believe it's really possible to compartmentalize the physical skill from the mental skill in any human endeavor. That would be like separating mind and body, or thought and spirit. The two are inexorably connected, whether for an NFL quarterback, a concert violinist or a professional golfer.

Nearly 100 years ago, James Allen wrote the small but profound book "As A Man Thinketh," in which he explained that all of behavior, including perceived conditions in life, is connected to thought, and with the proper attitude anything is possible.

"Thought and character are one, and as character can only manifest and discover itself through environment and circumstance, the outer conditions of a person's life will always be found to be harmoniously related to his inner state," Allen counsels.

I notice a great many beginners and struggling golfers on the practice range attempting to swing the club and hit the ball seemingly without a clue to how they are supposed to do so. They look oblivious to the thought and mental image resembling a vaguely correct golf swing, yet still they persist in trying and trying.

It's like they are trying to disengage their brain from their body and it isn't working.

Folks, you can't do golf all by yourself.

The true mental game is knowing how to learn, how to think and how to practice. The mentally alert golfer is one who recognizes his shortcoming and is smart enough to ask for help, take lessons and get some feedback.

The mentally competent golfer is also someone who sets specific goals for himself or herself and keeps their expectations realistic. You can't get anywhere in life without having goals and a plan.

There's a saying about having a purpose and making plans: "If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there."

I coach students to set long-term goals as well as medium-range and short-term goals. An example for a wannabe pro would be: to become a professional on tour (long term); to get to be a scratch handicap (medium); to win one tournament this season (short term).

A plan of action would be to add 30 yards to driving distance, to hit 70 percent of greens in regulations, to up sand saves to three of four and to improve putting to less than 30 putts per round.

We don't have the space here, but each of the major plans requires a detailed, specific plan for how you're going to accomplish those stats.

In the words of James Allen, "Until thought is linked with purpose, there is no intelligent accomplishment ... that strength can only be developed by effort and practice."

A hundred years ago, Allen seems to have put a pen to what we call the mental game and the principles of total focus, lack of fear, a systematic routine, methodical preparation and emotional resiliency, and they still remain critical for success.

Raw talent will take a player only so far in any sport. Coachability, constantly striving for improvement, a super-positive attitude and the heart of a champion will produce a

winning performance, even when talent is seemingly underrated.

One thing I notice with exceptional performers is they are absolutely fearless. There is no fear of failure and no fear of success. There's more to self confidence – which is learned and deliberate – than lack of fear, but still it is required.

Take putting, for example. Young junior golfers who are grounded in solid skills and fundamentals are all fearless on the putting green. Younger tour pros tend to be fearless with their putter for the most part. It's only when they get older that they let problems with nerves creep into their game.

Legends Sam Snead and Ben Hogan developed the yips in their later playing years. Johnny Miller admitted to the yips when he turned 40; even Tom Watson – the man who made everything as a 20-year-old struggled with yips as an older player.

I guess a certain measure of fear simply happens with aging, when we know much more about the consequences of failing, and we no longer feel 10 feet tall and bulletproof. Allen writes, "He who has conquered doubt and fear has conquered failure."

In my view, the most underestimated aspect to the mental game happens to be the ability and determination to bounce back from a setback.

A setback may be anything from a quadruple bogey on an early hole in an important tournament or a devastating loss in a match because of a stupid self-imploding mental mistake.

“ Life is virtually guaranteed to be full of setbacks and losses and disappointments. The challenge is how we respond after we have suffered enough. ”

Setbacks take all forms, even serious injury.

Life is virtually guaranteed to be full of setbacks and losses and disappointments. The challenge is how we respond after we have suffered enough. To respond successfully means to pick yourself up, forget the temporary painful moments and go out and perform stronger than ever the next time. That's called emotional resiliency.

Through the past decade or so, the whole notion of "mental toughness" – which I have always thought was highly meaningful for sports – has given way to a new paradigm. When we talk about steadfastness, confidence and resilience, we're talking about what is now called "emotional intelligence," or "EQ" for short.

Corporations hire executive coaches to train senior managers for greater self-awareness and social competency through EQ. Professional sports teams hire trainers to enhance their players' full control of emotions. The best golfers in the world have sport psychologists at their disposal to help them take command of their sometimes frail and scattered emotions, when so much pressure is on the line.

Shouldn't you get on board with better EQ? For a basic primer, try reading "Emotional Intelligence: Why it can matter more than IQ," by Dr. Daniel Goleman.

One of the most effective ways of raising your own EQ as a golfer is to become more aware of yourself and everything around you.

Let's go back to the fear factor. If you are oblivious to the insidious workings of fear, which often creep below your threshold, you're going to have practically no control of its effect on lowering your performance. If, however, you monitor your shortness of breath, galloping pulse rate and anxiety level, you can gain control of your fast-approaching nervous mental collapse.

We need to learn from our past mistakes when we didn't handle the pressure well, while becoming fully aware of the telltale signs and circumstances that trigger and emotional freeze.

There are literally hundreds of different emotions available to us while trying our best to perform in sports, or business, or politics or the arts.

Emotions run an entire spectrum.

For example, in the negative realm, there is rage, anger, frustration, irritation and even just being mildly upset. Anger isn't usually favored for good performance. Neither are volatility, inattention, dejection and carelessness. We need to get control of our emotions before they control us.

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Golf calendar

Las Cruces Bulldawg Football Golf Tourney

When
Aug. 2

Where
New Mexico State University Golf Course, 300 Herb Wimberly Drive

Information
Call 642-0169

Jackalope Cup Golf Scramble

When
Sept. 19

Where
Red Hawk Golf Club, 7502 Red Hawk Golf Road

Information
Call Las Cruces Homebuilders Association at 526-6126

NMSU Junior Golf camps

When
Throughout the summer

Where
NMSU Golf Course, 300 Herb Wimberly Drive

Information
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'We need to keep telling the story'

Cooperative Extension Service reaches throughout Doña Ana County

By **Tiffany Acosta**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

As a young girl growing up on a ranch in Otero County, Martha Oliver Sayles didn't have access to youth development programs such as 4-H. After graduating from New Mexico State University and returning to the family ranch, she decided to volunteer her time with the Cooperative Extension Service.

"There's no doubt in my mind that 4-H is the very best youth program there is," Sayles said.

In Otero County, Sayles set up workshops and clinics teaching youth about livestock. She called on staff from NMSU to come in as special speakers.

"I would be called upon to judge contests and the funny thing was many times I would be judging my nieces and nephews, but they knew how tough I was being a horse show judge. So I became more and more involved," she said.

"The 4-H program is the flagship program of the Cooperative Extension Service not only in New Mexico but nationally," said Jon C. Boren, associate dean and director of the New Mexico Cooperative Extension Service at NMSU. "It impacts many youth in Doña Ana County and across the state of New Mexico."

Sayles and her husband, Danly, moved to Doña Ana County 42 years ago to build a registered quarter horse farm, and she continued to volunteer with the Cooperative Extension Service. The couple continues to raise, train and show horses. As accredited judges in seven different breeds of horses, the couple has judged across the country and globe. But their hearts are still with the youth development programs.

The Smith-Lever Act of 1914 formally established the Cooperative Extension Service. The collaboration between the U.S. Department of Agriculture, state land-grant universities and counties connects the people of the state, so they can benefit from the science-based knowledge generated at their land-grant university.

"Unfortunately, the best-kept secret is the far-reaching effects of the Cooperative Extension Service for adults and youth. I'm very adamant that we need to keep telling the story of what the programs do for individual lives,"



New Mexico State University photo

Longtime Doña Ana County resident Martha Sayles of Sayles Quarter Horses knows how important the New Mexico Cooperative Extensive Service office is to the citizens of the region.

Sayles said.

"We really work hard to bring the information from the university to all parts of the county, including Sunland Park, Chaparral, Hatch, everywhere in Doña Ana County," said Karim Martinez, county program director and home economist.

The NMSU Doña Ana County Cooperative

Extension Service office offers a diverse selection of programs focused on topics such as agriculture, natural resources and home economics along with youth, community and economic development. Funding for each Cooperative Extension Service office is split between the county government, the state government and the federal government through the U.S.

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MARTHA SAYLES,
Sayles Quarter Horses

Department of Agriculture.

"By having that funding come from the county, we are focused on serving our county clientele, and that means everyone in the county," Martinez said. "We really work hard to make sure we are addressing whatever needs are important here in our local area."

A few of the current issues facing Doña Ana County include the movement toward more school and community gardens along with additional urban agriculture and food safety issues.

"When you look at New Mexico as a whole it's a fairly rural state, however Bernalillo County, where we have Albuquerque, and Doña Ana County, are two of our areas where we have different extension programs," Boren said.

"They are oriented not only to our traditional rural programs but also meeting the needs and mission of more urban-type communities."

"A huge component of extension really is our volunteers," Martinez said. "We could not do what we do without all of our volunteers: 4-H leaders, youth participants, Master Gardeners. We have quite a few volunteers in different program areas."



New Mexico State University photo

New Mexico State University students and employees turn out for a Veteran's Day picnic near Garcia Annex in honor of U.S. military veterans. The NMSU Military and Veterans Programs office hosted the event.

Program serves those who serve

NMSU's Military and Veterans office reaches out to students

By **Tiffany Acosta**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Adapting to college life can be a challenge, and for military personnel it can seem overwhelming. Military and Veterans Programs at New Mexico State University strive to ease that transition.

"Our goal is to serve our veterans the best way possible," said Jacobo Varela, director of Military and Veterans Programs and an Army veteran himself.

"They have served our country, now it is our turn to serve them. That's our primary goal."

The office, located in Garcia Annex, is often one of the first stops for students who are veterans or military members because Varela and his staff are responsible for certifying GI Bill and tuition assistance benefits.

"In the last year, we have made

tremendous strides in developing a more robust Military and Veterans Programs office," said Bernadette Montoya, NMSU's vice president for student affairs and enrollment management.

"We are focused on working toward providing more holistic programming for both our veterans and active duty military students. We have a director in place, and a highly dedicated staff to serve our students."

Following a reorganization of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, the Veterans Program and All Things Military offices were merged, and renamed Military and Veterans Programs in the summer of 2012.

The office works with about 800 students per semester, which includes veterans to active duty military to dependents receiving benefits.

In spring 2013, the Military and

Veterans Programs office began hosting a veteran-specific welcome and orientation session each semester. They also started sponsoring a Veterans Day picnic in 2012. The Military and Veterans Programs office offers veterans priority registration and special red, white and blue cords at commencement.

Varela, who has a bachelor's and master's degree from NMSU, personally knows how tremendous a change going from the military to academia can be for a veteran.

"Luckily, I knew one person that was here, and she helped me to navigate the university, because I came back from Europe on a Monday, I ETS (expiration term of service) on a Tuesday out of Fort Jackson, got back here on Wednesday and school started on Thursday," he said. "It was Army, Army, Army and then suddenly school."

Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



David Salcido
Reflections

100 years ago

1914

• Two “valuable horses belonging to Attorney W.A. Sutherland” were said to have “died from some unexplained cause.” The horses were believed to have died within an hour of each other in the same corral, “apparently from some sort of poisoning.” Mrs. Sutherland and her children were said to be “especially disconsolate over the loss, for despite the fact that the Sutherlands recently invested in a six cylinder automobile, they had not been able to get their own consent to give up” the horses.

• State College President George Ladd announced that he had “secured the services of Prof. F.A. Barnes as dean of engineering.” Barnes was “widely known in the engineering world” and, at the time, was head of the engineering department of Middlebury College, Vermont. Other professors hired by Ladd were, “Dr. Kupl, as professor of English and Prof. M.S. Bowen, as professor of practical mechanics.”

75 years ago

1939

• Launching a campaign against drunk

driving in the state of New Mexico, Gov. John Miles was scheduled to broadcast a state-wide “appeal to all parents and citizens of the state, direct from the Governor’s Mansion in Santa Fe.” The broadcast was to be carried by radio stations “throughout the entire Southwest, this being the first time in the history of radio that such a hook-up has been attempted.”

• Mrs. Juanna Parra Romero, 42, was “accidentally drowned when she fell into the family’s well at her home on Sierra street.” Mrs. Romero was discovered by her daughter Lydia and the death was declared an accident.

50 years ago

1964

• The State Health Department warned that “cone-shaped objects, apparently coming into New Mexico from Texas, may be radioactive and should be turned in to public health authorities.” The warning was issued after a child found “a 4-inch cone apparently cast from concrete, which emitted radiation at four milliroentgens per hour.” The cone was stamped “Radioactive Thomas Cone,” but the Texas Department of Public Health was “keeping mum” as they tried “to confiscate all such cones.”

• Private homeowners were filing petitions of protest against “the construction of a multi-family apartment unit by developer Ed Binns” in the Lindsey-Thomas streets neighborhood, saying the apartments constituted “a threat to their property values.” The neighborhood had been zoned R-3, allowing for apartment



New Mexico State University Library Rio Grande Historical Collections photo

The original Las Cruces railroad depot, circa 1901, was a wood frame building that was later moved on flatcars to Anthony, Texas. In 1910, a Mission Revival-style building was built to replace the frame depot.

construction, but new homeowners in the subdivision argued they had not been informed.

for the new administrator would be charging higher parking fees for preferred lots.

25 years ago

1989

• New Mexico State University President James Halligan announced the addition of a new administrator to his staff whose job would be “to regulate parking problems on campus.” One of the first orders of business

• The Mesilla town board of trustees approved a \$360,000 construction bond for the paving of seven streets. Streets earmarked for rehabilitation were, Los Arenales, Calle Santiago, Calle Del Oeste, Estrada Road, Calle de Los Huertos, University Avenue and Guadalupe Street. The project was expected to be completed within 90 days.

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Yoga encourages proper body alignment and brings balance, strength and calmness. Classes are from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is \$2, or \$1 for those 60 or older.

DANCESPORT HOSTS CLASSES

New Mexico State University's DanceSport team teaches two weekly lessons from 7 to 8 p.m. and from 8 to 9 p.m. in the Rentfrow Gym on NMSU campus, 3165 Williams Ave. The first class is a beginner class and is free, the second class costs \$5 and is intermediate. The styles of dance vary.

For more information, call 646-5704.

GROUP TO SHOW FUNERAL PLANNING FILM

Compassion & Choices Las Cruces will meet 1:30 to 3 p.m., Sunday, July 20, at Montana Senior Village Community Building, 355 Montana Ave. – adjacent to Mesilla Valley Hospice. The film "A Good Goodbye: Funeral Planning for Those Who Don't Plan to Die," will be shown with host Gail Rubin. The meeting is open to all. For information call Judith Scott at 527-8432, or email jmaomiscott@comcast.net.

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.

THE VOYAGERS TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club trips currently being booked:

- **Pigeon Forge & Smokey Mountains Show Trip** Nov. 14-24, \$1,030 double, \$1,330 single.
- **Christmas Markets in Germany/Austria** Dec. 1-9. Early sign up: \$2,999 double, \$3,199 single. For more information, call Helen Glover at 805-4920.

THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at the Saratoga Room, 1763 E. University Ave.

For more information, call Judy at 373-9309 or Ann at 522-7240.

SHUFFLE BOARD

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

Open to all VFW members and their sponsored guests.

For more information, call 525-5761.

BINGO MANIA

Bingo Mania is from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. There is no cost to play.

AEROBICS AT MEERSCHIEDT

Move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activity.

Classes are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is \$2, or \$1 for those 60 or older.

BINGO AT MUNSON EACH WEDNESDAY

Free bingo is offered from 1 to 2 p.m. each Wednesday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

Players have a chance to win a prize and have fun with friends and neighbors. For more information, call 528-3000.

BINGO HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION

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.

QUILTERS MEET

The Munson Quilters meet from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Quilters 50 and older of all levels are encouraged to participate.

On Fridays, work on quilts donated to local organizations.

CARD AND TABLE GAMES

Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to play bridge, pinochle, canasta, Hands N Feet, chess and Mah Jongg.

For more information, times and location call 528-3000.

SENIOR CIRCLE YOGA CLASSES

MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., offers classes targeted to the senior market.

Senior Circle yoga classes for ages 50 and older are \$15 per year or \$2 per class.

- **Gentle yoga sessions – with and without chairs:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays at Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.
- **Stretch yoga – gentle:** 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays at MountainView Regional

Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Marketing & Women's Resource Room 404.

- **Laughter and gentle yoga:** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursdays in the Golden Mesa Activity Room, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Guided by Blissful Beth. For more information, call 522-0011 or 640-7614.

CHAIR EXERCISES HELD EACH WEEK

Chair exercises led by Lisa Ortega are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

Participants must be age 60 or older and Senior Programs members. A \$1 donation is suggested.

Frequently called numbers

Munson Senior Center

975 S. Mesquite St. 528-3000

AARP

1045 McClure Road..... 636-5877

Henry Benavidez Community Center

1045 McClure Road..... 541-5185

Eastside Community Center

310 N. Tornillo St. 528-3012

Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center

304 W. Bell Ave. 541-2455

In-Home Services

975 S. Mesquite St.....541-2451

Resource Center

975 S. Mesquite St.....528-3011

Senior Nutrition Program

Reservations and cancellations..... 528-3012

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CITY RECREATION SCHEDULE

The following classes are at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. For more information, call 541-2653:

- **Aerobics:** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Pickleball:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Pilates:** 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

The following class is at Benavidez Recreation Center, 1045 McClure Road. For more information, call 541-2550:

- **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays

The following classes are at Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. For more information, call 541-2782:

- **Yoga:** 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Aquatic Fitness:** 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays through Fridays; 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Wednesdays; 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturdays; and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Circuit Training:** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Aqua Zumba:** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Aqua Fit:** 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays; 10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Safe and Gentle Cardio:** 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays
- **Aquatic Fitness:** 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Cardio Core & More Basic:** 10:30 to 11:30

- a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
- **Super Seniors Water Aerobics:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
- **Lunch Break Yoga:** Noon to 12:50 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
- **Tai Chi:** 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Indoor Cycle:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays
- **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

The following classes are at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. For more information, call 528-3000:

- **Enhance Fitness:** 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Tai Chi:** 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

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Las Cruces Public Schools bus routes revised

Las Cruces Public Schools bus routes have been revised for the 2014-15 school year, Transportation Department Director Larry Altamirano said.

A new web-based bus information program has been created to make it easier for parents and students to access information.

"Bus stops for all grades have been

condensed to create more efficient routes," Altamirano said via a release. "Bus routes will be updated twice each week day, in the morning and late afternoon, on the LCPS website: <http://lcps.k12.nm.us/departments/operations/transportation/>.

"During the first few weeks of school, changes will be made to bus routes to adjust

bus stop times or the addition or deletion of bus stops. Parents are asked to check the Transportation Department page on the LCPS website for bus route changes – click on the 'Bus Routes' box at <http://lcps.k12.nm.us/departments/operations/transportation/>. Once school starts Aug. 11, students riding school buses will be given written notice of any changes," he said.

This year, Altamirano said LCPS will add a new program that will allow parents to see bus information (bus stop, bus number and bus pick-up time) based on their home address and child's grade. The program, called e-Link, will be operational by the last week of July, he said.

"On the Transportation Department page of the LCPS website, parents will be able to click on the e-Link address and request information. Instructions for using the program will be provided on the Transportation Department page," he said.

STS-NM, a part of Student Transportation Specialists of McKinney, Texas, will continue to provide pupil transportation services to LCPS for the 2014-15 school year.

The company will be paid \$4.6 million for these services. It will be STS-NM's fifth year as the school district's bus contractor.

STS-NM also will provide ancillary student bus transportation services for LCPS during the school year, including field trips and athletic trips. STS-NM will be paid for these services on a per-trip basis, based upon its ancillary contract with the school district.

During the 2013-14 school year:

- An estimated 10,000 students were transported to and from LCPS schools each school day
- Buses traveled an estimated 1.7 million miles taking students to and from school
- LCPS had 135 bus routes (91 regular routes and 44 special needs routes, of which 25 are lift buses) 135 bus drivers and 44 bus attendants are employed by STS-NM. All buses have surveillance cameras and several special need buses are equipped with air conditioners

"We are pleased that STS-NM will continue to provide student transportation services for LCPS during the 2014-15 school year," said Altamirano.

For more information, contact Altamirano at 527-5998 or laltamir@lcps.k12.nm.us. Or, call STS-NM at 523-5686 for additional information about bus service or with questions about hiring bus drivers. You can also visit www.stsbus.com.

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Lunch prices to increase

The price of school lunch will rise 20 cents for all elementary school students who pay for lunch during the 2014-15 school year, said Las Cruces Public Schools Nutrition Services Department Director Nancy Cathey. No other meal prices will change.

Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, all students at 15 schools will automatically receive meals at no cost: Alameda, Booker T. Washington, Central, César E. Chávez, Conlee, Hermosa Heights, Loma Heights, Mesilla Park, MacArthur, Sunrise, Tombaugh, University Hills and Valley View elementaries; and Lynn and Mesa middle schools. There is no need for parents to make special application for free meals at these schools.

In addition, breakfast is free for any student at the schools that serve breakfast in the classroom: César E. Chávez, MacArthur, Booker T. Washington, Mesilla Park, Sunrise, Loma Heights, Hermosa Heights, Central, Conlee, Sonoma, Valley View, Doña Ana, Alameda, University Hills, Columbia, Jornada and Sonoma elementaries, and Lynn Middle School.

Regular prices for student meals

Regular prices of LCPS meals for students:

- Breakfast for all students: \$1.00 (no change).
- Elementary lunch: Price increasing from \$1.60 to \$1.70
- Middle school lunch: \$1.85 (no change)
- High school lunch: \$2.00 (no change)

The price of lunches served to parents and other school visitors: \$3 (no change)

Reduced-price meals:

- Breakfast for all students: 30 cents (no change)
- Lunch for all students: 40 cents (no change)

Eligibility for free, reduced-price meals

For free or reduced-price meals, check out:

- Household income: If a family has a total household income at or below federal government guidelines, children in that family can receive free or reduced-price meals.
- Food stamps, food distribution program, Indian reservations funds. If families receive food stamps or food distribution program on Indian reservations funds for any child, that child can receive free meals at school.
- Foster children may be eligible for benefits regardless of family income.

To apply for free or reduced-priced school meals, parents must pick up an application form from the Nutrition Services Department cashier in their child's school cafeteria or the secretary in the school's front office. The completed application form should be returned to the cashier. Application forms should not be turned in to the child's teacher.

For more information, contact Cathey at 527-5996 or ncathey@lcps.k12.nm.us.

LCPS releases registration dates

Student immunization clinics scheduled

Las Cruces Public Schools has released the dates for student registration, schedule pickups, student-parent orientation and starting dates for the 2014-15 school year for all LCPS elementary, middle and high schools.

Arrowhead Park Early College High School follows the New Mexico State University calendar and is located on the NMSU campus. The fall term begins for Arrowhead Park on Monday, Aug. 18. For more information, call the school at 527-9540.

For all other LCPS schools:

- Throughout summer break: High school students who are new to LCPS can register Monday through Thursday at all high schools. Call your school to see when counselors are available to meet with students and parents.
- Through Monday, Aug. 4: Kindergarten-Three Plus program for students in grades K-3.
- Tuesday, Aug. 5: Staff returns to work.
- Wednesday, Aug. 6: Ninth-grade student-parent orientation is set for 6 p.m.

- Thursday, Aug. 7: Registration for students in kindergarten through fifth grade from 9 to 11 a.m. Parents are requested to register their students even if they are attending the same school as last year so that all student/family information is up to date.
 - Thursday, Aug. 7: Sixth-grade student/parent orientation at 6 p.m.
 - Monday, Aug. 11: Classes begin, grades one through 12; kindergarten transition begins.
 - Tuesday, Aug. 12: Kindergarten classes begin.
 - Thursday, Aug. 14: Pre-school transition begins.
 - Friday, Aug. 15: Pre-school classes begin.
- For more information, call the LCPS Instruction Department at 527-6628.

Student immunization clinics scheduled

In partnership with the New Mexico Department of Health, LCPS has scheduled student immunization clinics shortly before the

start of the 2014-15 school year, said LCPS Director of Health Services Ellen Williams.

The school district follows NMDOH student immunization requirements exactly, Williams said.

Student immunization clinics will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Allen Theaters Cineport 10, Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., on these dates:

- Thursday, Aug 7
- Monday, Aug. 11
- Tuesday, Aug. 12

Additionally, the West Las Cruces Immunization Center, Doña Ana Public Health Department, offers free, walk-in immunizations throughout the year.

Call 523-7335, Ext. 106, for days and times.

For more information, contact Williams at 527-5884 or ewilliam@lcps.k12.nm.us. Or call Debby Hanus of the New Mexico Department of Health at 523-7991, Ext. 110.

For immunization verification, call the New Mexico Immunization Hotline at 888-231-2367 or visit the New Mexico Department of Health website at www.health.state.nm.us/immunize/public.html.

Researcher's work highlighted in book

By Emily Kelley

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A New Mexico State University scientist's work in carbon sequestration is turning heads – not just here in New Mexico, but also in Austria and Australia. His work suggests a potential solution for dealing with the carbon dioxide-related problems that seem to be causing global warming.

There are nearly seven billion people on Earth with a collective carbon footprint from energy usage of more than 30.5 billion tons of carbon dioxide per year. If reducing this footprint will return the planet to more moderate climatic conditions, experts say we need a safe and inexpensive system to efficiently capture carbon dioxide from ambient air and safely store it, with few negative impacts on the economy or environment and no long-term liabilities for storage.

David Johnson, NMSU research scientist and molecular biologist at WERC, a consortium for environmental education and technology development housed in the College of Engineering, does research for the Institute of Sustainable Agricultural Research at NMSU.

Johnson's research in carbon capture and storage in agricultural soils was recently highlighted in a book called "The Soil Will Save Us," by Kristin Ohlson.

"We have plenty of issues in both our climate and in agriculture," Johnson said. "What this research pursued is how to best capture that CO2 and get it back in the soil, while also improving our agricultural systems. It turns out that our farmers are 'the key' to successfully reducing greenhouse gases within a sustainable agricultural system."

The work started in 2004 when Johnson had a project with the United States Department of Agriculture, trying to solve the problem of what to do with manure from dairy cows. The USDA wanted a product that would sell and also would be good for agriculture, so Johnson developed a composting process that basically reduced the salinity of the manure, but also created a compost that yielded a reduced salinity that was good for the soil, but



New Mexico State University photo

New Mexico State University scientist David Johnson stands in a field at Leyendecker Plant Science Center where he is doing research on changing soil microbial community structures. His work suggests that the solution to global warming lies in the soil.

most importantly, it contained a diverse microbial community structure.

"Most composting is done in windrows, turning it each day or every other day, which disrupts fungal growth," Johnson said. "The process we developed was a no-turn process, so you didn't disrupt the fungal community, allowing it to thrive. What we noticed while growing plants in this compost is what focused us onto how to change soil, and how to move the soil microbial population from a bacterial to fungal-dominated community."

Johnson had a microbial community structure analysis done on the compost. There were microbes first discovered in different places around the world, in the Arctic and Antarctic, along with pelagic bacteria from the ocean, and there were intestinal bacteria, as well. This

diversity of microbes ended up in a compost that used only materials originating from the Las Cruces area.

What is it that makes Johnson's compost unique?

"It's not so much making the compost, but it was the change in plant growth we observed when we shifted the soil microbial community structure, moving it from bacterial-dominated to fungal," Johnson said. "That's what we're now trying to do in agriculture – trying to shift the microbial community structure in soils."

This isn't accomplished by applying compost, as that is not practical for the large acreages agricultural producers manage. Instead, the Institute of Sustainable Agricultural Research is trying to implement this change by growing it into the soil.

First Day of School Holiday set

Principal: White Sands Elementary School to host 15th annual celebration

White Sands Elementary School will host White Sands Missile Range's 15th annual First Day of School Holiday from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at the school Principal Thomas Bulger said.

The school is located at 1 Viking St. on the missile range.

The event is scheduled to begin with a welcome-back-to-school ceremony and remarks from attendees, including Las Cruces Public Schools Deputy Superintendent Steven Sanchez, WSMR Garrison Commander Col. Brian M.

Michelson, WSMR School Liaison Officer Dolores Lopez and others.

"This is a wonderful event for the community and the school," Bulger said.

The celebration will include a mini-festival for students with booths, free handouts and games from various organizations. Students will also get their class schedules/assignments and students and parents can find classrooms and meet teachers.

For more information, contact White Sands School at 674-1241.

“ This is a wonderful event. ”

THOMAS BULGER,
principal

Obituary

ALICE TERRY

Alice Terry passed away at her home in Saddle Brooke Ranch in Oracle, Ariz., on Wednesday, July 2 after a terminal illness.

Her husband of 44 years, Cliff, lovingly cared for her and was by her side, with friends, at her passing. Alice celebrated 77 years this June.

A "Celebration of Alice's Life" is being held at Saddle Brooke Ranch in Oracle, Ariz.

on Friday, July 11 at 10:30 a.m. Alice and Cliff lived in Las Cruces for ten years before moving to Arizona last year. Alice was a wonderful artist, using oils in vibrant colors, making nature and beautiful objects, come alive.

Her body was donated to Life Legacy Foundation.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be sent to Mesilla Valley Community of Hope in Las Cruces, attn. Gary Culte; P.O. Box 6875; Las Cruces, NM 88006.

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Businesses prepare for first flight

Virgin Galactic partners with hotel, restaurant

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Local businesses are focusing on the possibilities for joining the Space Age as service providers for Virgin Galactic and Spaceport America in nearby Sierra County.

A Mesilla restaurant and a Las Cruces hotel have been awarded exclusive contracts by Virgin Galactic, the company committed to launching tourists on suborbital flights at the spaceport.

Savoy de Mesilla will provide gourmet catering for Virgin Galactic at spaceport. Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, managed by New Mexico's Heritage Hotel and Resorts, will be Doña Ana County Future Astronaut hotel, offering a uniquely tailored, premium experience, Virgin Galactic announced Monday, July 7.

"By partnering with Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces and World Class Gourmet (Savoy), we further our vision of investing in the local New Mexico community while we define the Virgin Galactic astronaut experience," said Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides. "Future astronauts will come from around the world to New Mexico, so it's important that they experience the outstanding local offerings and character as part of their experience."

Supporting the ability of local businesses to reach the spaceport, Doña Ana County is moving ahead with plans for upgrading the southern access road into the facility.

County engineers have completed design for the road and in August will seek a contractor for the project.

Although tourism is the most visible aspect of gearing up for spaceport, other local industries are seeking and finding business opportunities there.

Spaceport America recently awarded a contract to Pure Operations of Las Cruces for water services, according to the July spaceport newsletter.

To better connect local businesses with emerging opportunities at spaceport, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce are joining forces to provide input for a database of local providers of goods and services available to current and prospective tenants of Spaceport America.

Christine Logan, community economic development representative for the New Mexico Department of Economic Development, is assembling the database in collaboration with the New Mexico Spaceport Authority and its director, Christine Anderson.

Meanwhile, the spaceport is recruiting a flight control specialist and an aerospace engineer and Virgin Galactic has announced its intentions to do more local hiring.

"In addition to relocating a number of existing staff to New Mexico, Virgin Galactic plans to hire staff from the nearby community in the coming months," the Virgin Galactic press release stated. "Combined, this will provide an opportunity to support local businesses in the area and create a more complete on-the-ground and localized experience for Future Astronauts. Virgin Galactic is also currently exploring several additional



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

While a crew works on the surrounding gardens, vacationers splash in the new pool at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, which, along with Savoy de Mesilla restaurant, has won a contract to provide services for Virgin Galactic.

partnerships in Sierra County and hopes to announce their completion shortly."

Extending Las Cruces hospitality

A flurry of excitement swept through the local business community this week with the

announcement that Savoy and Hotel Encanto had won high-profile opportunities to do business with Virgin Galactic.

"It's fabulous," said Savoy's catering manager Diana Mengling.

"I can't begin to put into words how excited I am."

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Valley focuses on irrigation and flood control

Sales brisk at hardware stores and home centers

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As a multi-year drought drags on and, simultaneously, the monsoon begins, area hardware stores and home centers are doing a brisk business in tools that help conserve water, as well items to protect homes from flash flooding.

According to a list compiled by city and county officials, a total of eight stores in the Las Cruces area sell sandbags, which homeowners can stack against doorways when a major rainstorm is on its way. (See info box on page B2)

The bags are sold empty. The purchaser fills the bags.

"We have sand here," said Peter Westfall, manager of Johnston's True Value Hardware, "but most people just go out in the desert and get it."

Even Las Cruces Public Schools is preparing for flash flooding, said Virginia Wiley, owner of Hayden's Hardware on Foster Avenue.

The district has ordered a supply of sandbags, she said.

Wiley and other local retailers who sell sandbags said there's an annual spike in demand, typically just before and just after the first monsoon rain of summer.

"It's kinda dried up now," Wiley said the week after the first rain.

What drives the market?

Geography and demographics appear to play a role in the volume of sandbag sales.

"Believe it or not, as weird as it sounds, we've had very few inquiries," Victor Doornink, certified nursery specialist with Home Depot, said.

He attributed lack of interest to the fact most of the customers of the Telshor Boulevard store live on high ground in Sonoma Ranch.

"We just sold out and we're getting in 100 more," Westfall said Saturday, July 5.

He said most sandbag sales are local with his West Picacho Avenue store selling to residents near Picacho and in the Fairacres section.

"Usually customers come in during or after a rain," he said.

Carlos Vargas, assistant manager of Sun

Valley Do it Best Hardware, said customers from all over the city shop for sandbags at the store at 3563 S. Main St.

Most are elderly homeowners, he said. They typically buy 20 to 30 of the smaller bags and also buy sand that's a little coarser than the variety used in sandboxes.

Water shortage motivates buyers

While sandbag demand has declined a bit year over year during the current drought, retailers say customers getting creative – in dealing with both the drainage challenges presented by downpours and the challenge of keeping a garden growing when there isn't any rain.

"French drains are a good way to make sure water doesn't collect anywhere," Doornink said, addressing flooding concerns.

He said the drains are fairly simple for homeowners to install in low-lying areas that flood or are slow to drain.

"You just dig a trench, and lay gravel and pipe," he said.

Conservation-minded gardeners buy a lot of rain barrels at Home Depot, he said. They connect their rain barrels to soaker heads that

deliver water to garden areas.

"When it does rain, they have an automatic water source to put in their garden."

Doornink said he typically sells out just before a storm arrives or after the rain starts, but currently has "plenty in stock."

Other ways homeowners adjust to limited rainfall and farmers cope with low allotments

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Mengling said Virgin Galactic went through an extensive research, vetting and taste-testing process before selecting Savoy.

Inside Spaceport America's Gateway to Space terminal, chef Tatsu Miyazaki, known for his top restaurants – Savoy de Mesilla and Aqua Reef Euro-Asian Cuisine – and his Las Cruces-based team from World Class Gourmet, will serve as the exclusive caterer.

"Any time there's a launch, we will cater all the meals for the four or five people going into space," Mengling said. "After the landing, we will provide an extensive meal for the astronauts and others at spaceport.

"We've been preparing for quite a while," she said, adding Virgin Galactic hasn't given the restaurant a start date.

Hotel Encanto also has been preparing a long while – about two years according to a spokeswoman for the hotel's management company, Heritage Hotels & Resorts Inc.

Hotel Encanto is continuing to upgrade its facilities and service in order to become a four star hotel catering to those who can afford a \$250,000 space ride, as well as those who accompany them to New Mexico.

A series of renovations and service upgrades have been completed and there are more to come, the company spokeswoman said, noting the initial objective is bring the hotel up from three-star to four-star status.

"There is no five star hotel in New Mexico," she said.

The hotel plans to hire dedicated guest concierges to help manage the Virgin Galactic guest experience, as well as add new rooms, facilities and multi-lingual staff for Virgin Galactic's international travelers.

"Hotel Encanto is uniquely designed to reflect its community through its art, food, music, landscape and

architecture, helping to preserve the rich cultural traditions of New Mexico. In the last year, the hotel has started upgrading work designed specifically for the Virgin Galactic experience, including newly remodeled guest rooms to accommodate Virgin Galactic's Future Astronauts," Virgin Galactic commented. "Other enhancements include a redesign by award-winning architects of the outdoor pool and terraced gardens along with an expanded 2,500-square-foot outdoor seating area of Azul Nightclub & Lounge."

Hopes and concerns

Spaceport's other high-profile tenant, SpaceX, recently conducted another low-altitude test of its Falcon 9R reusable booster at the McGregor engine test facility. This flight was the first test of a set of steerable fins that provide control of the rocket during the fly back portion of return, according to Spaceport America. SpaceX is expected to start high-altitude testing of the Falcon 9R reusable booster at Spaceport America later this year.

Virgin Galactic plans no further spaceship test flights, according to a recent article in Spaceneews.

The company is, however, switching from a rubber-based fuel grain to a polyamide to give passengers a higher ride.

Whitesides told Spaceneews both have been tested "a lot," but the new fuel has given better performance indications.

While there is evidence of activity in preparation for flights, skeptics continue to question whether Spaceport America will achieve its original vision of making New Mexico the center of not just space tourism, but the whole commercial space industry.

Blogger Josh Wheeler contends Mojave is where the action is.

"Including Virgin Galactic, there are 17 commercial space companies using 19 rocket launch sites at Mojave," he wrote in a lengthy essay published in March on Buzzfeed.

Wheeler also questions the spaceport's ability to provide the on-the-ground tourist experience he said was expected to provided 50 percent of spaceport's revenue.

Spaceport's boosters speak up

Locally, Paul Deason, a member of the Spaceport Authority Board of Directors, as well as the two chambers contributing to the supplier database, and a member of the High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico, said he's bullish on the opportunities ahead for southern New Mexicans.

Deason said he's pushing all the groups he's affiliated with to make the database project a success.

"The commercial space community will have a showcase where local companies can show what they can do," Deason said. "One of the main purposes is not only for the benefit of suppliers or commercial space companies in situ right now, but so we can go to others – Sierra, Lockheed, Boeing – any other companies that may come here, and say: "This is what you can do here. You don't have to go to Mojave or the space corridor in Florida or Silicon Valley to find quality intellectual capital."

In other words, Deason believes in the potential of southern New Mexico to provide the high-level technical skills the space industry requires.

He aims to convince southern New Mexico it's up to the job.

"The people of New Mexico can do anything at a world-class level they set their minds to do," said Deason, who holds a doctorate from New Mexico State University and served 30 years in the Department of Defense performing experimental design and analyses for field tests, among other assignments.

"I'm 100 percent just excited about what New Mexico has with its history, its legacy, the universities and the people. This place is phenomenal. The folks outside the region need to know this; people from here need to know it. All they have to do is realize they can do it."

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Flood control

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from Elephant Butte Water District (EBID) include turning in their sprinklers to drip systems.

"There's decreasing demand for sprinklers," Vargas said. "Water prices are going up. People like their lawns, but not that much."

His customers are turning to drip irrigation that uses as little as a half gallon an hour.

"They're selling like crazy," he said.

Options include kits and buying components to install a system from scratch.

"We're selling a lot more drip irrigation supplies this year," he said. "We're running out of them constantly. It's an item we have to restock frequently."

At Sun Valley Hardware, many customers are pecan farmers, with special water needs.

"I've talked to a few and they've said after the rain happened they used water off the river for two or three nights," Vargas said.

He said the store sells 150-to-200-gallon sprayers to target the trees, using less water than flood irrigation.

Walking the walk

Westfall said those who irrigate with well water are buying blue discharge hoses to bring the precious moisture to both lawns and trees. The hoses run off a well that pumps water first into two inch PVC pipe and from there into soaker hoses.

He said the store has carried the hoses for about four years – approximately the time the current drought set in.

Those who sell irrigation supplies also buy them for their own property. Their approach is holistic.

"I'm all for conservation myself," Westfall said. "I have mostly xero landscaping, just some plants a couple of trees.

"We don't have any grass at all at the house."

He said his yard consists mostly of stones.

"We had some grass, but we let it dry out, because we're on well water."

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Carlos Vargas, assistant manager of Sun Valley Do it Best Hardware, explains how to use a drip irrigation kit containing all the elements a customer needs to set up a home system.



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Sandbags for sale

The following list of local retailers that sell sandbags to the public was compiled by the Doña Ana County/City of Las Cruces Office of Emergency Management.

| Business | Phone Number | Address |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Hayden's Hardware | 522-7220 | 1210 Foster Road |
| Home Depot | 521-1327 | 225 N. Telshor Blvd. |
| Johnston's True Value Hardware | 524-3586 | 1002 West Picacho |
| McCoy's Building Supply | 526-9207 | 1856 S. Valley Drive |
| ProCon Tools | 524-1372 | 1905 S. Valley Drive |
| RTD Hardware | 525-2446 | 4501 N. Valley Drive |
| Sun Valley Do it Best Hardware | 647-3665 | 3563 S. Main St. |
| Sutherlands Lumber | 527-1055 | 845 El Paseo Road |

The Las Cruces Fire Department makes up to 10 free sandbags per homeowner available at the following fire stations: No. 1, 201 E. Picacho Ave.; No. 2, 1199 E. Foster Road; No. 3, 390 N. Valley Drive; No. 4, 2802 E. Missouri Ave.; No. 5, 5998 Bataan Memorial East; No. 6, 2750 Northrise Drive.

Profile

Executive chef to sales manager

John Ryan named Las Cruces Young Professional of the Month

By **Tara Melton**
Las Cruces Bulletin

From an apprenticeship as a chef to sales manager for Consolidated Solar Technologies, John Ryan has pursued an interesting career.

Ryan originally hails from a small town in southeastern Connecticut. He dropped out of college shortly after starting and became involved in an apprenticeship program as a chef.

At 24 years old, he became an executive chef at a country club.

Recently married and starting a family, Ryan has shifted his priorities.

"It was my calling and it still is my calling, but having a family and kids that you want to see and wife that you want to spend time with and being a chef doesn't work," he said.

Ryan said he and his wife took a big leap of faith and moved to Maui, Hawaii, but found he couldn't stand being inside anymore.

He sought out a pilot program in sustainable technologies at the University of Hawaii.

"It was rough at first – they didn't know what they really wanted to do, didn't know what they were trying to accomplish, but thankfully because of that I got a really wide view of the world of sustainability and renewable energy," Ryan said.

Heading back to college, Ryan said he was fearful but embraced the program and landed a good internship that taught him the world of solar. Upon completion of the program, Ryan returned to the mainland and was named partner at the Mystic Energy Group in Mystic, Conn., where he managed the firm's administration and business development.

In early spring 2012, the Mystic Energy Group was acquired by AirWell Water Inc. and Ryan was retained as the product development

specialist for AirWell's humanitarian infrastructure development division. In this role, he was tasked with the development off-grid solar infrastructure for water projects in both sub-Saharan Africa and Central America.

In April 2014, he joined Consolidated Solar Technologies (CST) to further develop business in the southern New Mexico and West Texas region. He became the sales manager for CST solar, where he builds and trains a team of sales professionals.

"Basically taking folks that come from either a tech background or a sales background and teaching them the beautiful dance of the two," Ryan said.

With his background and career, it's no wonder Ryan was named the Las Cruces Young Professional of the Month for July.

"As young professionals, we're always fighting to kick in the door and find a way in to that network of people," Ryan said.

When Ryan moved to Las Cruces 10 months ago, he became involved with the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals and immediately "ran into some very effective, very experienced young professionals whom I gravitated toward naturally."

Ryan said the group has allowed him to "meet personalities outside the nine to five" and find people within his industry.

"It's not just a way to meet folks to do business with, but also meet people that you connect with, and by connecting with people in more of a



RYAN

social setting, it makes it very easy for you to ... trust them and work with them, find a cohesive relationship during business hours," Ryan said.

The openness, friendliness and mutual respect of the Las Cruces community has Ryan making a home for himself and his family in Talavera. After living in Hawaii for a little more than five years and moving back to the world that he came from, New England, Ryan found less caring and respect there.

This is not the case in Las Cruces, he said. Whether it's driving a car or meeting people or opening a door or showing respect for elders, Ryan immediately found a sense of community and caring upon moving to Las Cruces.

"It's a very friendly and open community – it's a community that's not afraid to learn from and embrace outsiders," Ryan said. "I think it's a young, vibrant community that's deeply steeped in tradition, which is gorgeous; it's a perfect balance."

Ryan advises anyone, from early in their career or middle to upper management to join the Chamber's Young Professionals group to create relationships that will "last through your entire career."

While Ryan said he feels that there are great social networking tools such as LinkedIn and Twitter, he believes in the Young Professionals

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Organizations

- Las Cruces Young Professionals
- Legacy Leadership Group

Family

- Wife: Becky
- Children: Zane, 13; Cassidy, 12

group because of the one-on-one aspect the group offers.

"We live in a time where there are clubs and groups and other ways of building (relationships)," Ryan said. "I think the Young Professionals shows a great cross section of the business community."

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| February | Flowerama |
| March | Digital Solutions |
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| June | Waltrex Corp. |
| July | Bosa Donuts & Burritos |

HOW TO NOMINATE A BUSINESS

Tell the chamber about a great local business. Go to www.lascruces.org, click on the Membership button, scroll down to Business of the Month Nomination Form and hit "click here" to download a nomination form. Candidates for Business of the Month will have more than 10 employees. Candidates for Small Business of the Month will have 10 or fewer employees. For more information, call the chamber at 524-1968.

THE LAS CRUCES **Bulletin**

Las Cruces offers new job incentive

City to give businesses \$1,500 for creating high-paying jobs

By **Todd G. Dickson**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council on Monday, July 7, approved using \$80,000 to offer businesses \$1,500 for each job created that pays at least 10 percent better than the current county median wage.

Called Wage Plus, the program is similar to the state's Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) that allows the city to offer industrial park land at no cost in exchange for job creation.

Businesses wishing to get the \$1,500 Wage Plus credit must qualify under the LEDA requirements, which include green standards. City Councillor Nathan Small, who helped find the funding for the Wage Plus program, said the state's Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP), which provides money to businesses to support job training, will provide compliance monitoring for the businesses getting the Wage Plus support.

To cash in the Wage Plus credit, Small said the new full-time jobs must stay in place for at least six months, be within city limits, make a product in the state or provide non-retail

services – such as in a call center – in which more than half of the revenue comes from outside the state. The employees hired must have been New Mexico residents for at least one year in their lives.

According to the City Council action, the positions should pay at least \$15.24 per hour, based on the 2012 Doña Ana County median of \$13.85 per hour.

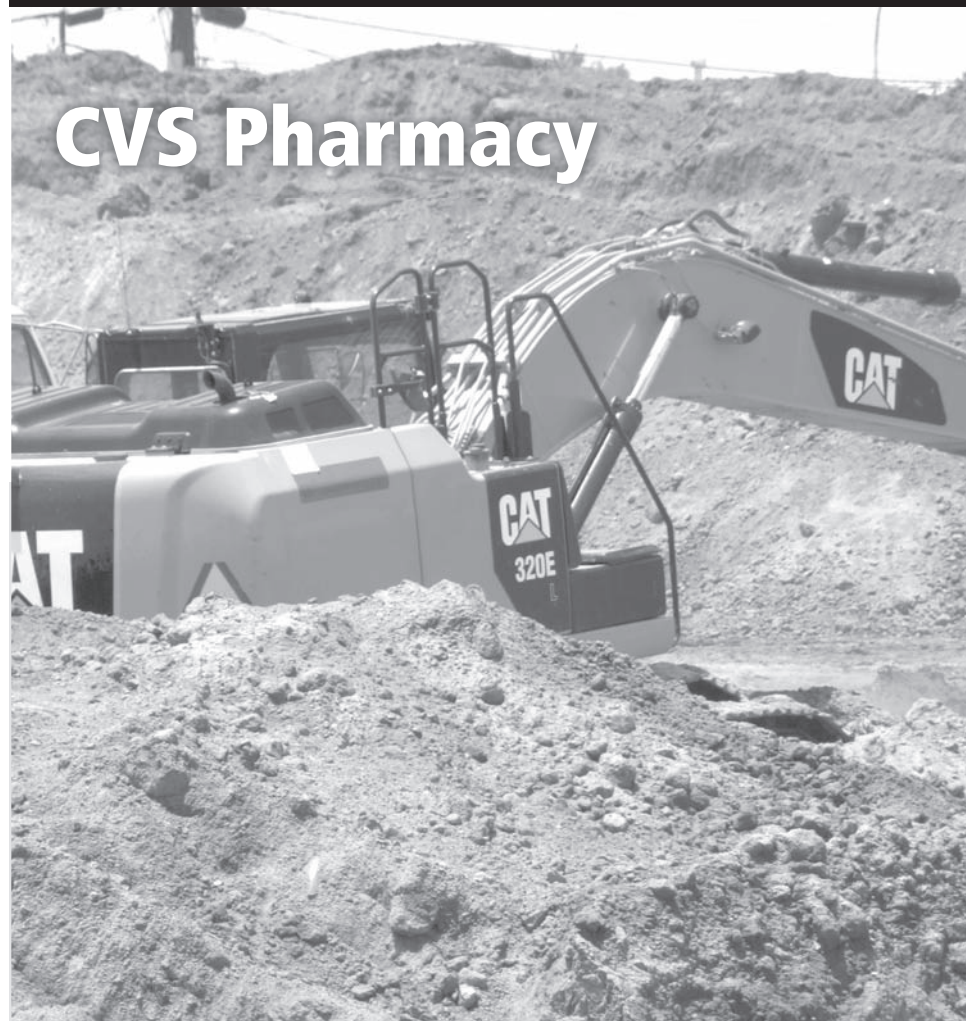
After the first \$80,000 in city credits is used up, Small said, City Council would review the success of Wage Plus to decide if the job-creation incentive will get future funding. Hundreds of companies could qualify for money, he said.

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith said the Wage Plus program is a good way to build on the incentives allowed under LEDA, which provided a way around the state constitution's anti-donation clause.

Having Wage Plus complementing LEDA gives Las Cruces a unique advantage to other cities in the state, Small said.

Todd Dickson can be reached at 680-1983 or todd@lascrucesbulletin.com

Building Las Cruces



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte
Excavation for the new CVS pharmacy at the corner of Main Street and Picacho Avenue got underway the week of June 30. The store will become the second CVS in Las Cruces. The first, located 3011 N. Main St., opened in summer 2012.

Rising world incomes push oil prices up

Future of energy important for New Mexico



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

New Mexico is an energy-exporting state, so the dynamics of energy markets are important for us.

Higher energy prices mean more energy patch jobs and higher tax revenue – overall good news for the state.

Predicting short term energy prices is notoriously difficult. It's a game I'm not going to play. But long run relationships are easier to discern.

Consider the impact of income on energy demand. As per capita income rises, demand for consumer goods increases, thus, so does the demand for the energy to produce those goods. But the relationship is not proportional. Higher incomes are associated with increased productivity. As it turns

out, energy demand increases at about 70 percent of the rate of income growth. That is, for every 10 percent increase in income, the demand for oil increases by about 7 percent.

Global income growth averages around 4 percent per year, less for high income countries, more for low income countries. This translates into global energy demand increasing 3 percent per year.

This is good news for New Mexico, as much of that increased demand will be satisfied by oil and natural gas, which we in New Mexico produce.

Of course, like any good economist, when I talk about demand you know a discussion of supply can't be far behind. And it's on the supply side that the energy market gets interesting.

Looking at increases in U.S. production made possible by the adoption of fracking, one might think the world is awash in oil. But, in the big picture, U.S. oil production is relatively small potatoes.

In fact, global energy production has been essentially stagnant since 2005, as James Hamilton, professor at University of California at San Diego, has pointed out. Right now, oil production is 13.5 million barrels less per day than would be expected given recent economic growth.

That production shortfall has been made up by higher prices. In 2005, a barrel of oil was going for about \$60, today the price is \$105.

Of course, it is not just a coincidence that the newly achieved U.S. energy independence is happening during a period of high energy prices. Talking to energy patch types, you often hear that \$60 a barrel is the magic value that makes fracking profitable. So it is high oil prices that have encouraged domestic production.

The dynamics in natural gas are a little different. Markets are not global like oil, but more local, based on the geography of pipelines. Intercontinental shipping, while

not unheard of, is an expensive and difficult proposition. So a relatively small increase in local production from fracking can sharply depress natural gas prices, which is exactly what has happened.

In the U.S., historically, natural gas prices have averaged about one-twelfth the price of oil prices. This reflects the high energy content of a barrel of oil plus the secondary products (e.g., plastics) that can be produced from oil but not easily from natural gas. Right now, natural gas is valued at 1/25 of oil.

This exceptionally low price for natural gas reflects the impact of fracking on locally isolated natural gas markets versus the impact on the global oil markets.

Over time, the historical relationship between natural gas and oil should be restored, meaning either a fall in oil prices, an increase in natural gas prices, or both.

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City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report June 30-July 4

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

| Permit # | Permittee | Owner | Address | Contractor | Total Fee | Project Value |
|----------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 20143021 | B005 COMMERCIAL ALTERATIONS | TACO BELL OF AMERICA INC. | 770 WALNUT ST. | HORIZON GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC. | \$264.60 | \$45,000 |
| 20143048 | B005 COMMERCIAL ALTERATIONS | PEERLESS LAND & WATER CO INC. | 2100 TRIVIZ DRIVE, A | WESTERN BUILDING AND DEV LLC | \$327.37 | \$62,442 |
| 20143103 | B005 COMMERCIAL ALTERATIONS | LONNIE E. & NADINE C. MAHRES | 840 S MAIN ST. | JLP CONSTRUCTION & ELECTRIC LLC | \$86.67 | \$10,000 |
| 20143075 | RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS | BRENDA BALTIERREZ | 6330 GAS LINE ROAD | BRENDA BALTIERREZ | \$116.12 | \$15,000 |
| 20143084 | RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS | ELSA C. ARMENDARIZ | 1415 SIXTH ST. | ELSA C. ARMENDARIZ | \$81.38 | \$1,500 |
| 20143029 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | BROOKS & TANI L. HINDES | 4419 LA CIENAGA PLACE | BROOKS & TANI L. HINDES | \$6,806.10 | \$251,330 |
| 20143054 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | RINCONADA DEVELOPMENT OF LAS CRUCES LLC | 3189 RIO ARRIZA LOOP | FLAIR HOMES INC. | \$6,674.22 | \$174,086 |
| 20143055 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | BPS LLC | 4583 ARABELA DRIVE | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$3,906.80 | \$169,740 |
| 20143056 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | MISSION SANTA CLARA LLC | 1950 VILLA NAPOLI LOOP WEST | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$6,666.80 | \$169,740 |
| 20143080 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | HUNT LOS PUEBLOS LLC | 4232 LYRA COURT | SUMMIT DEVELOPMENT | \$6,728.40 | \$205,820 |
| 20143088 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | SIERRA NORTE DEVELOPMENT INC. | 3641 SANTA SABINA AVE. | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$2,989.38 | \$194,094 |
| 20143089 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | SIERRA NORTE LAND HOLDINGS LLC | 3665 SANTA MARCELLA AVE. | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$2,982.10 | \$189,830 |
| 20143090 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | SIERRA NORTE LAND HOLDINGS LLC | 3674 SANTA SABINA AVE. | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$3,024.94 | \$214,922 |
| 20143096 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | CHARLES W. III & BARBARA P. O'DONNELL | 2998 LONG BOW LOOP | JURNEY BUILDERS | \$4,156.40 | \$222,220 |

* Information provided by LCHBA from information provided by City of Las Cruces

Briefs

Sparky's in national spotlight

Two New Mexico restaurants – Sparky's in Hatch and Big D's in Roswell – have been selected among the 10 best burger joints in the nation, according to the reviews and opinions of millions of tourists, the travel website TripAdvisor announced Tuesday, July 8.

Rankings are based on the reviews and opinions of millions of tourists.

Sparky's earned the third spot, thanks to their "tantalizing green chile cheeseburgers."

A TripAdvisor reviewer said, "The Hatch Green Chiles – WOW words cannot describe the mellow heat and great taste!"

Big D's Downtown Dive in Roswell was selected as the eighth best burger joint.

TrippAdvisor praised the restaurant's garden fresh ingredients. Customers especially loved creations such as "The Tomahawk," which is topped with aged cheddar, red chile and avocado lime mayo.

Mattiace to speak at HTC July Meeting

This month's High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting will begin 11:30 a.m., Friday, July 18, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

The speaker will be Bill Mattiace, former mayor of Las Cruces and current executive director of the New Mexico Border Authority.

The New Mexico Border authority is the state agency that manages border economics and commerce at the state's ports of entry and advises the governor about potential business opportunities along the border.

He will discuss the economic transformation along the Santa Teresa border and the Union Pacific's \$400 million, 2,200 acre, rail facility that is expected to add \$500 million to New Mexico's economy. He also will address the implications for technology growth in the area.

HTC membership meetings are free and open to the public. Anyone interested in

growing technology in southern New Mexico is encouraged to attend.

Lunch is optional and costs \$20 – check or cash preferred.

For more information, call Terry Jack at 522-3868.

State Chamber requests public records

The Association of Commerce and Industry (ACI), New Mexico's statewide chamber of commerce, Wednesday, July 2, submitted requests under the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA) for records pertaining to contract purchases by the New Mexico Department of Transportation, the New Mexico Department of Information Technology and the New Mexico General Services Department.

The records requested will show what percentage of state taxpayer money in these departments is being spent outside of New Mexico, instead of in contracts with in-state businesses to promote local growth.

ACI President and CEO Beverlee McClure said the purpose of the request is to hold the state government accountable for any decisions that may adversely affect New Mexico jobs.

"ACI is working to keep businesses, jobs, and opportunities here in New Mexico. Our members have raised concerns that New Mexico companies may not be getting a fair chance to compete for New Mexico tax dollars through the procurement process.

"If we want to grow as a state and improve the opportunities available to New Mexicans, our state government needs to be looking for opportunities to keep our money here in New Mexico, instead of handing over even more jobs, opportunities and money to other states.

"We hope ACI's IPRA request will shed light on these concerns, and we will continue to work closely with the state government to improve process and opportunities for New Mexicans."

In the requests, ACI asks state officials to provide "the dollar amount of contractual

purchases ... from companies with billing addresses located in New Mexico versus companies with billing addresses located outside of New Mexico," for Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014.

The three departments in question were selected as they represent the greatest percentages of state expenditures.

Any business that has experienced or knows of issues with the procurement process is encouraged to contact ACI at 505-842-0644, or info@aci-nm.org.

ScottHulse attorney speaks on cross-border estate planning

ScottHulse shareholder R. Glenn Davis, an estate planning attorney in El Paso and Las Cruces, was a featured speaker at the 38th Annual Advanced Estate Planning & Probate

Course, sponsored by the State Bar of Texas.

The course was held June 10-12 in San Antonio, and was attended by approximately 400 legal professionals.

Davis spoke on the topic "Administration of the Estate with Cross-Border Issues."

The course will be replayed by video in Dallas and Houston later this summer.

"The administration of an estate with foreign parties typically involves complex procedural and tax issues," Davis said. "Our estate planning lawyers have substantial international and cross-border estate planning experience."

Davis advises individuals, families and institutional clients in a variety of estate planning, wealth transfer, preservation and taxation matters. He is board certified in estate planning and probate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Save the Date

TUE. 7/15

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Las Cruces Young Professional Leadership Roundtable, Savoy de Mesilla, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. Cost: \$20 per person includes lunch. Denten Park, CEO of MountainView Regional Medical Center, will speak. The event is limited to the first 20 paid LCYP members who RSVP. Register www.lascruces.org or 524-1968.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Farm Bureau Primetimers meeting, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Emily Calhoun and Tracy Esslinger of Floriography Flowers from Seeds to Dollars will speak. Cost \$10 lunch includes tip. For more information or to RSVP call John and Povy Bigbee, 233-4820.

WED. 7/16

11:45 a.m. Accounting & Finance Women's Alliance Las Cruces Chapter 121 meeting, Citizens Bank Conference Room, 505 S. Main St. Elke Wunderlich, executive coach at TopView Leadership, will speak. CPE credit awarded. Cost: \$15 members, \$18 non-members, \$12 students.

FRI. 7/25

4:30 p.m. Main Street Bistro & Ale House ribbon cutting, 139 N. Main St. The event is open to the public. For more information visit www.mainstbistrolc.com.

MON. 7/28

8 a.m. Free SCORE veterans breakfast, Loretto Towne Center, 505 S. Main St. This is an opportunity to learn about free services for existing and emerging veteran-owned businesses. RSVP to 523-5627.

THU. 7/31

11:30 a.m. Schwab Washington Snapshot with Michael Townsend, 141 S. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 141C S. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 141C. Participants will learn what's on the front burner in Washington and what it means to investors. For more information and to register for the workshops, call the Schwab Independent Branch at 993-5050 or visit www.schwab.com.



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Clouds build – as do the hopes of Mesilla Valley farmers – during the early afternoon Monday, July 7. Rain failed to materialize and the clouds moved on.

Monsoon outlook hopeful

Ongoing drought impairs Hatch onion harvest

By **Marvin Tessneer**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The ongoing drought is taking a toll on the Hatch Valley onion crop.

“If the drought doesn’t end soon, we’re going to be in terrible shape,” Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) board member and Hatch area farmer Jerry Franzoy said. “The drought is hurting our yields and bulb sizes.”

Franzoy and other Hatch farmers grow and ship 10 varieties of onions. They currently are in the middle of the onion harvest.

In spite of the impact of the multi-year drought, Hatch farmers continue growing onions to offset their large investment in packing sheds.

They also grow chile, cotton, alfalfa and pinto beans.

“This drought is going to affect all crops,” Franzoy said.

To the south, pecan farmers also expressed concerns.

Ground water wells are bringing up mineral-laden water due to heavy pumping the past few years.

“Our quality and production of our trees depend on the availability of water,” said Greg Daviet, who grows 250 acres of pecans south of Las Cruces.

The EBID still is running water in his orchard, although the district ended delivery in the Hatch Valley to the north.

Surface water delivery is expected to end completely in mid-July when the district runs out of water.

Daviet and farmers in the Mesilla Valley will have to rely on ground water and wells.

“Well water is very expensive and the quality of ground water isn’t always very good,” he said.

His orchard has just passed the flowering stage, and he’s checking the nutlets to anticipate what kind of harvest he’ll have.

The long-range outlook is mixed, state climatologist David DuBois said.

The Elephant Butte Reservoir storage is 233,500-acre-feet, 10 percent of storage capacity. Last July, the storage was 3 percent of capacity.

The monsoons, however, have arrived.

The Climate Prediction Center has forecast slightly better than normal precipitation for southern New Mexico, DuBois said.

NMSU to host onion field day

Growers invited to attend annual event on July 16

By **Emily Kelley**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University’s departments of Plant and Environmental Sciences, Extension Plant Sciences, Doña Ana County Extension and Leyendecker Plant Science Research Center will host an onion field day from 7:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 16, at Leyendecker farm.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., with a welcome from David Thompson, associate dean for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, scheduled for 8 a.m.

Chris Cramer, professor of horticulture, will lead a walking tour of NMSU’s Onion Breeding Program to show growers results of NMSU’s current research on fusarium basal rot, iris yellow spot and onion thrips. This will be followed by a discussion on “Soil-Borne Diseases of Onions” led by Soum Sanogo, associate professor of fungal plant pathology.

Other topics to be covered are “Weed Management in Onion Fields” by Brian Schutte, professor of weed physiology; “Identification and Management Strategies for Iris Yellow Spot Virus” by Rebecca Creamer, professor of plant virology; and “Thrips Control Options” by Brad Lewis, assistant professor of entomology.

Two New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) pesticide applicator continuing education units will be available for participants attending the weed and pest management portion of the event. There is no cost to attend the field day.

Leyendecker Center is located about six miles south of NMSU. For a map and directions to Leyendecker, visit <http://leyendeckersc.nmsu.edu/map.html>.

For more information about the field day, contact Walker at 646-4398 or swalker@nmsu.edu.



New Mexico State University photo

Chris Cramer, professor of plant and environmental sciences at New Mexico State University, checks the condition of a flowering short-day onion variety.



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Enjoying sunshine and shopping at the *Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces*

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Tom Maxwell of Maxwell Farms welcomes guests with his sunflower bouquets on Saturday, July 5, at the Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces on Main Street.



The market was bustling by mid-morning.



A hopeful face from the Animal Service's Center of Mesilla Valley's pet adoption corner peers out.

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Adrianna Poppenburg enjoyed the cool morning breezes.



Sephra of Starlit Skies Henna Garden practices henna on coworker Monica's ankle.



Benjamin Hales of Royal Images works on his spray paint artwork while greeting customers.



Members of the Starlight Children's Theatre Co. of Las Cruces walked down Main Street singing and promoting their upcoming musical, "Patience."



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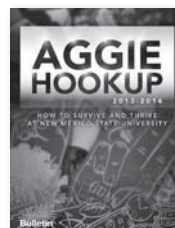
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Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 29, 2014, Carolyn J. Horner, 20805 N. Valley Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-4161-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-4161-1, 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 proposed well LRG-4161-POD3 to a depth of 150 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the NW¼ of Section 25, Township 20S, Range 02W (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°32'37.455"N and 106°59'47.368"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and discontinue the use of existing wells LRG-4161 & LRG-4161-S, located on land owned by Ted H. Horner located within the SW¼ SE¼ and the SW¼ NE¼ of Section 24, Township 20S, Range 02W (NMPM), respectively, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°32'57.109"N & 106°59'48.111"W and 32°33'16.289"N & 106°59'55.794"W (WGS84), 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, for the irrigation of 22.5 acres of land, owned by Ms. Horner, located within the SE¼ of said Section 24 and within the NE¼ of said Section 25 as described in Subfile Order No. LRR 28-012-0005-A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-4161-POD3 will be located northwest of Radium Springs, NM and may be found approximately 4.5 miles northwest of the intersection of Faulkner Canyon Rd. and NM Highway 185. Existing wells LRG-4161 & LRG-4161-S 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: 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 11, 2014, Andy Jacques for Robert L. & Flavia U. Pavia, PO Box 1802, Edgewood, NM 87015-1802, filed application numbered LRG-13776 POD2, OSE File No. LRG-13776-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well, LRG-13776 POD 1, also known as LRS 17-0032, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31°58'23.348"N, 106°38'10.832"W, WGS84, on land owned by applicants and drilling a new well, LRG-13776 POD2, to a depth of 250 feet with 16 inch casing to be located within N½ SE¼ of projected Section 09, Township 27 South, Range 03 East NMPM, and more specifically at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31°58'23.318"N, 106°38'11.383"W, WGS84, on land owned by applicants, 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 18.54 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within Pt SE¼ & SW¼ of said Section 09, NMPM, as described by Subfile No. : LRS-28-017-0032 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The site for proposed well, LRG-13776 POD2, is located northeast of La Union, NM approximately 1.138 feet south of the intersection

of Westside Rd. and Day Lily Ct Existing well LRG-13776 POD1 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: 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 13, 2014, Salopek 6U Farms Inc. (Contact: James Salopek), 5090 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-15812-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-15812-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-15812-POD2 to a depth of 300 feet with a 6-inch casing, in a location within the NW¼ SE¼ of projected Section 12, Township 24S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°14'2.32"N and 106°47'34.657"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-15812-POD1 (formerly known as LRS01-0086), located on land owned by the applicants located within the NW¼ SE¼ of said projected Section 12 and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°14'2.399"N and 106°47'34.375"W (WGS84), and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and

Dates: 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 25, 2014, Lupe L. Garcia & Margarita A. Garcia, 9303 Doña Ana Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, and Moises T. Garcia, 2639 Desert Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88001, filed application numbered LRG-15753-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-15753-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-15753-POD1 to a depth of 120 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the NW¼ SW¼ of Section 32, Township 21S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and

Longitude intersect at 32°26'17.166"N and 106°52'13.373"W (WGS84), on land owned by Lupe L. Garcia & Margarita A. Garcia, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-7931, located on land owned by Kathryn Lacy & Wade Dougherty located within the SE¼ of Section 31, Township 21S, Range 01E (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°26'11.771"N and 106°52'43.815"W (WGS84), 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 12.39 acres of land, owned by Lupe L. Garcia & Margarita A. Garcia, located within the SW¼ of said Section 32 as described in Subfile No. LRR 28-003-0046 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-15753-POD 1 will be located northwest of Doña Ana, NM and may be found approximately 330 feet southeast of the intersection of Furrow Rd. and Doña Ana Rd. Existing well LRG-7931 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.

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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: 7/04, 7/11, 7/18, 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 7, 2014, Christopher Franzoy and Tammy Franzoy, PO Box 959, Hatch, NM 87937, and Ag New Mexico Farm Credit Services (Contact: Elizabeth French), 1310 Picacho Hills Dr., Suite 1, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-4655-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-4655, 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-4655-POD3 to a depth of 100 feet with an 18-inch casing, in a location within the SE¼ SW¼ of Section 1, Township 19S, Range 4W (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°40'42.424"N and 107°12'26.642"W (WGS84), on land owned by Christopher & Tammy Franzoy, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-4655, located on land owned by Jason Franzoy located within the NE¼ SW¼ of said Section 1 and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°40'54.81"N and 107°12'32.086"W (WGS84), 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 38.32 acres of land, owned by Christopher & Tammy Franzoy, located within the SW ¼ of said Section 1 and the NW¼ of Section 12, Township 19S, Range 04W (NMPM) as described in Subfile No. LRR 28-006-0039-C of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicants have requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. The site of proposed well LRG-4655-POD3 will be located northwest of Hatch, NM and may be found approximately 0.65 miles west-northwest of the intersection of Cedar Grove St. and BB Romig Dr. Existing well LRG-4655 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: 7/04, 7/11, 7/18, 2014

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 08, 2014, Robert E. La Pierre, 3421 N. Doña Ana Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-06753 POD4, OSE File No. LRG-06753, 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-06753-S-2, located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°21'15.619"N and 106°47'56.801"W, WGS84, on land owned by applicant, the well is located within the NW¼ of projected Section 36, Township 22 South, Range 01 East, NMPM, and drilling a new well, LRG-06753 POD4, to a depth of 200 feet with 4 inch casing to be located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°21'15.409"N and 106°47'56.753"W, WGS84, on land owned by applicant, located within the SW¼ NW¼ of said Section 36, NMPM, 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 4.0 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within Pt. NW¼ of said Section 36, NMPM, as described in part by Subfile No. : LRR-28-008-0281-A (A) of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under



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PUBLIC AUCTION

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

The public is invited to view and bid on items by accessing PublicSurplus.com through a link on the City's webpage las-cruces.org. All sales are final.

For more information, please contact the City of Las Cruces Property Transfer & Disposal Coordinator at 575-541-2683, 575-541-2590 or auction@las-cruces.org

Dates 1/3 - 12/26, 2014



SOUTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The South Central Solid Waste Authority uses a web-based auction service to dispose of obsolete or surplus equipment. As items are available they will be posted to publicsurplus.com where the public is invited to view or submit bids using this online auction service.

For more information please contact the South Central Solid Waste Authority at 575-528-3709 or email scswa.prop@las-cruces.org.

Dates 1/3/14 - 12/26/14

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on July 22, 2014 at 11:45 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 5, LAS COLINAS P.U.D. PHASE 8, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4478 on October 20, 2006 in Book 22 Pages(s) 19-20 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 5337 Isabella CT, Las Cruces, NM 88012-0695. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 14, 2014 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$170,657.02 plus interest from February 28, 2014 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the

successful bidder for any damages.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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NM13-02876_FC01

Dates: 6/27, 7/04, 7/11, 7/18, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2014-00095

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

MARY ROGERS AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY ROGERS, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on July 22, 2014 at 11:45 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 5, Block 2, SHADOW RUN SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the

office of the County Clerk of said County on April 9, 1987, in Book 14 Page(s) 359-360 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 5024 Shadow Mountain Road, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 12, 2014 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$222,075.90 plus interest from March 31, 2014 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

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Dates: 6/27, 7/04, 7/11, 7/18, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2014-00099

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

REBECCA ALVARADO ALCANTAR, RAMON ALCANTAR, JR. AND PNC BANK, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on July 22, 2014 at 11:45 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 3, Block B, of VISTA DE LA LUNA, PHASE I, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on July 21, 2003 in Plat Book 20, at Page(s) 387-388 as Plat No. 3793, records of Doña Ana County.

The address of the real property is 5963 Moon View Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88012-7163. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any

prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 14, 2014 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$176,235.45 plus interest from March 5, 2014 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Dates: 6/27, 7/04, 7/11, 7/18, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2013-02794

OCWEN LOAN SERVICE, LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

CARIN D. BENNETT AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARIN D. BENNETT, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on July 22, 2014 at 11:45 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 110 of Mi Tierra Subdivision, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Mi Tierra Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 8, 1999 in Plat Book 19, Folio 258-259.

The address of the real property is 4151 Calle Americana, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 7, 2014 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$100,103.10 plus interest from March 10, 2014 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs,

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Dates: 6/27, 7/04, 7/11, 7/18, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.

D-307-CV-2014-00338

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Dates: 6/27, 7/04, 7/11, 7/18, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2014-00338

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

v.
LANCE B. ANDERSON, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LANCE B. ANDERSON, IF ANY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on July 22, 2014 at 11:45 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 6, Block 1, of PASTURA VERDE SUBDIVISION, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on March 1, 1996 in Plat Book 18, at Pages 421 and 422 as Plat No. 2774, records of Doña Ana County.

The address of the real property is 5053 Calle Pastura, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 5, 2014 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$128,623.89 plus interest from March 31, 2014 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2011-00435

MGC MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

CLAUDINE T. BERNAL, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on July 22, 2014 at 11:45 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 1, Block 1, Villa Encatada Subdivision Phase 1A, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico as shown and designated on the

plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on August 10, 1976, recorded in Book 12, at Pages 74-75, of plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1601 Birch Court, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on April 28, 2014 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$61,746.36 plus interest from November 1, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.020% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2013-02406

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

EMILIO M. PEREZ, JEANNETTE D. PEREZ, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE AND BANK OF THE RIO GRANDE, N.A., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on July 22, 2014 at 11:45 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 4 of River Court Subdivision, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on September 9, 2005 and recorded in Book 21 at Pages 321-322, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1889 River Court, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 12, 2014 in the above

entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$317,481.40 plus interest from April 4, 2014 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. Said sale will be made subject to the first mortgage of First Lien Holder.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-02459

BOKF, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor by merger to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.s.

MARIO A. JIMENEZ and KATHY ONTIVEROS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4933 Sherwood Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 27 IN BLOCK NUMBERED D OF RINCON MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID RINCON MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 2, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 201-211.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on August 1, 2014, outside the front entrance of the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on June 24, 2014, in the principal sum of \$138,615.06, plus outstanding interest due on the Note of \$7,808.71 through April 1, 2014, and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$19.75 per day, plus escrow advances for property taxes and insurance in the amount of \$3,295.04, plus late charges in the amount of \$252.04, plus property preservation expenses in the amount of \$161.00, plus NSF fees in the amount of \$50.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through April 1, 2014, in the amount of \$1,900.00 and costs through April 1, 2014, in the amount of \$605.15, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 5.20% per annum from date of the entry of Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and

assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

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

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Special Master
2222 Parkwest Drive, N.W.
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87120
(505) 228-8484

Dates: 7/04, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2014-00105

BOKF, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor by merger to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.s.

HARRY CARSON, II and BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 861 Sunbonnet Lane, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 9, BLOCK C, COUNTRY ACRE PHASE 3C, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 12, 1993, IN BOOK 17 PAGES 274-275 OF PLAT RECORDS.

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The sale is to begin at 11:00 a.m. on July 23, 2014, in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on June 16, 2014,

in the principal sum of \$68,841.10, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through May 1, 2014, in the amount of \$3,614.16 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$9.90 per diem, plus late charges of \$161.21, plus escrow advances for property taxes and insurance of \$1,908.33, plus property preservation expenses of \$144.00 to secure and winterize the Property, plus a BPO fee of \$150.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through May 1, 2014, in the sum of \$900.00, and costs through May 1, 2014, in the sum of \$797.29, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 5.250% per annum from date of the entry of Judgment until paid.

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

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

/s/ John A. Darden, III
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

Dates: 6/27, 7/04, 7/11, 7/18, 2014

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2013-01990

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

EFREN DOMINGUEZ AKA EFREN DOMINGUEZ, JR., THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EFREN DOMINGUEZ AKA EFREN DOMINGUEZ, JR., IF ANY AND WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on July 22, 2014 at 11:45 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A 3.01 acre tract of land situate in Section 26, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, of the USRS Surveys, being part of USRS Tract 27-51, northwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described

as follows to wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the east line of the East Drain being the northwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod, WHENCE the northwest corner of the 35 acre tract of H.B. McClure set on the north line of USRS Tract 27-51 bears N 00 degrees 03 minutes 20 seconds W, 153.44 feet;

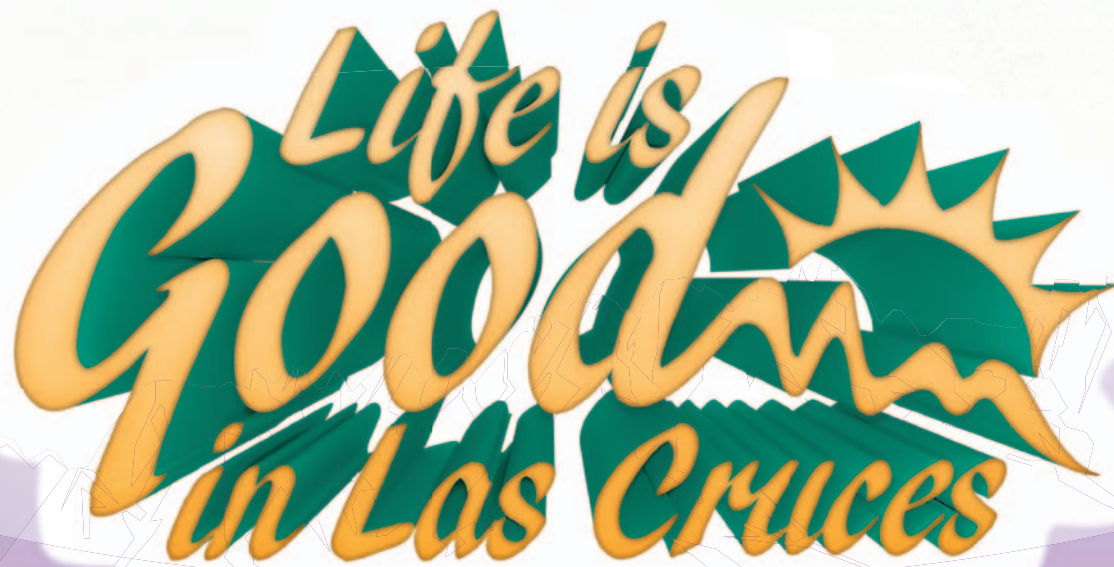
THENCE from the point of beginning leaving said drain N 89 degrees 05 minutes 00 seconds E, 975.17 feet to a point on the west line of a 20' road easement known as Mil Acres Street being the northeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod;

THENCE along said easement S 19 degrees 21 minutes 54 seconds E, 136.57 feet to the southeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod;

THENCE leaving said easement S 88 degrees 52 minutes 45 seconds W, 1020.39 feet to a point on the east line of the East Drain be the southwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a set iron rod;

THENCE along the East Drain N 00 degrees 03 minutes 20 seconds W, 133.20 feet to the place and point of beginning, containing 3.01 acres of land, more or less, and subject to easements of record and such as may exist on the ground. This legal is description is based on field data by Gerald Donohue, NM PLS 8172.

The address of the real property is 1241 Mil Acres, Anthony, NM 88021. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 5, 2014 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$190,249.23 plus interest from February 10, 2014 to the date of sale at the rate of 2.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.



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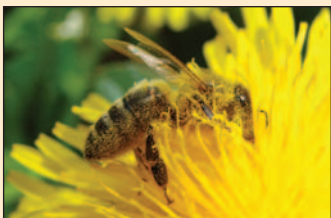
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'PATIENCE'

STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS GILBERT & SULLIVAN HIT

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'Patience' is a virtue, even for kids

Starlight Children's Theatre Co. brings Gilbert & Sullivan to life

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Starlight Children's Theatre Co. of Las Cruces will present its production of the beloved Gilbert & Sullivan musical comedy "Patience, or Bunthorne's Bride," with six performances Fridays and Saturdays, July 11, 12, 18 and 19, on the stage of the Atkinson Recital Hall on the New Mexico State University campus, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive.

The 32-person cast – ranging in age from 6 to 18 – will take on the famed duo's comic opera, centered on two pretentious poets, Reginald Bunthorne and Archibald Grosvenor, who both fall in love with the village milkmaid, named Patience, along the way leading on the fickle public that follows their every aesthetic trend. One of Gilbert and Sullivan's more-complex and less-performed works, "Patience" is a perfect fit for Las Cruces' Starlight Children's Theatre Co.

Starlight Children's Theatre Company was founded in 2007 by director, playwright and educator Ginger Scarbrough Andersen, who noticed a vacuum in terms of local children's theater companies dealing in musical productions.

"I was looking for some musical theatre opportunities for children and looking for something a bit challenging for them, and when I looked around town, I didn't find anything like that," Andersen said. "The other two children's theaters weren't doing musicals, so it was my little niche I would build."

Now in its eighth year, Starlight Children's Theatre of Las Cruces serves as an avenue for theatrically inclined youth in the Mesilla Valley to hone their acting skills and take the stage for a full-scale public performance each summer, working with material generally regarded as more complex, especially for a cast of those ages 6 to 18.

The director said she has found in the works of Gilbert and Sullivan the perfect avenue to challenge and engage her cast – as well as the community at large.

"I just love to do Gilbert & Sullivan, she said. "It allows me very complicated music that the children work on and develop through the summer. I was looking at the storyline behind 'Patience,' and it's so amusing. You have these two aesthetic poets who take themselves so seriously and who are both interested in the village milkmaid, while all the other maidens in town are lovesick over them. So much humor and fun goes on, along with the classic Gilbert and Sullivan music."



Photos by Jeannine Estrada Photography

John Paul Anderson, Mary Harrington and Jacob Darmata star in the Starlight Children's Theatre Co. production of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Patience," opening at 7 p.m. Friday, July 11, at Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. "Patience" will run for six performances through Saturday, July 19.

Though Gilbert and Sullivan's works are generally renowned and well-known, Andersen said she selected one of the duo's lesser-known works for a reason.

"It was a little bit of a risk because it's not as well-known, but Starlight Theatre is known and we've developed enough of a name and a reputation around town that people will come out and see what 'Patience' is all about," she said.

According to Andersen, this type of stimulating material is par for the course for SCT, and the kids are up to the challenge.

"Our motto is 'Where children rise to the occasion,' and that's one of the things I've found – that children can do a lot more than people realize," Andersen said. "In rehearsals, I never tell them the piece is difficult, they just learn it and, at the end, we let them know it's a difficult work."

"Before the show is over, they know everyone else's songs as well as they know their own."

Indeed, said Andersen, the 30-plus member cast of Starlight's summer productions does rise to the occasion.

"It's complex material but the kids are thirsty for it, and their minds are really active and ready to learn," she said. "I say every child who wants at least one line in the show, I will get that for them. I don't push them, and oftentimes when we start rehearsals, there will be kids who say they don't want a line, but within a couple of days, they will ask for one."

While each child has at least one spoken part available to them, the youth cast of "Patience" went above and beyond this minimum, Andersen said, with each member of the 32-piece ensemble taking several lines and developing full-scale musical production in just four short weeks, which Andersen calls "unheard of" in the world of musical theater, with most rehearsals spanning the course of several months.

Given that theater is by its very nature a collaborative, community activity, children involved in the Starlight's numerous performances also learn to work as a team with other children as well as adults, helping themselves as they help one another. Families – older and younger siblings, mothers and fathers,

grandparents and friends – are also invited to take part in the production process.

While SCT may be a great way for young thespians to hone and test their acting and singing chops, it also acts as an invaluable educational tool for students in their time away from the spotlight.

In fact, SCT's educational mission includes, beyond acting and theater skills, promoting literacy and an overall familiarity with the classics of theater, along with providing the historical, geographic and cultural contexts for the works performed, which often comes from times and places very different from our own – a standard into which "Patience" fits nicely.

"One of the things I love about Gilbert and Sullivan's works is that they take place in the 1880s – 'Patience' in 1881 – and it's a piece of history," Andersen said. "I tell my cast – we're preserving this history. The costumes you're wearing, we've researched them and this is what people wore. This is what was happening in the world. They really seem to soak that up and enjoy knowing they're a part of history."

Even more than placing a particular work in context, SCT productions also place children, some of whom will go on to act for the rest of their lives, in a lineage of those who came before them.

"That's why I like to do known works," Andersen said. "As these children grow up, they're going to see these titles up on marquees and say, 'I was in that, once, when I was young.' To me, it connects them to the community and to the world at large."

Tickets for the Starlight Children's Theatre Co. production of "Patience" are \$6 and are available at Spirit Winds, 2260 S. Locust St., online at <http://holdmyticket.com/event/172957-gilbert-sullivan-patience-las-cruces>, and will also be available at the door. For more information, visit www.starlightchildrenstheatre.org or call 202-7466.

Zak Hansen can be reached at zak@lascrucesbulletin.com or 680-1958.

Details

Starlight Children's Theatre presents 'Patience'

When

- 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, July 11, 12, 18 and 19
- 1 p.m. Saturday, July 12
- 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 18 (children's matinee)

Where

Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive, New Mexico State University campus

Tickets

\$6

Website

www.starlightchildrenstheatre.org

Phone

202-7466

Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

CUTTER GALLERY presents "Eclectic," an exhibit of new work from members of the Border Artists benefitting the Doña Ana Arts Council's Career Art Path (CAP) program, a two-week art immersion program held each summer in June. The exhibit features work from 23 artists including printmaking, mixed-media, ceramic sculpture, photography and more. A closing reception will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 12. A percentage of sales from the show will benefit the CAP program. At 2:30 p.m., a raffle will be held for a painting by Winfrey Hearst, "A Walk in the Bosque," with proceeds also going to CAP.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, visit www.borderartists.org.

OPENING

WEST END ART DEPOT presents "Boondoggle," featuring new painting works by Cody Jimenez, Rodolfo Medina and Joshua Flores. The exhibit opens with an artists' reception from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, July 11, and will remain on display through July 25.

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, visit www.we-ad.org or call 312-9892.

THE CLOSET POP-UP GALLERY and artists Michael C. Gutierrez and Stephanie Sweet present "Chapter One, The First 16," which will introduce viewers to the work of Gutierrez and Sweet. The show will consist of photographs from the "Imprint," "Woman," "Creation Destruction" and "Journey" collage series. The exhibit opens with an artists' reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 11, and will remain on display through Thursday, July 31.

The Closet Pop-Up Gallery is located inside West End Art Depot, 401 N. Mesilla St. Gallery hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

AA STUDIOS presents "Implied Energy: The Songs and Sagas Series," an exhibit of new paintings by Deborah Welch. The gallery will also feature works by gallery owner Roy van der Aa. The exhibit opens with a reception from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 11, and will be on display through Aug. 30.

Aa Studios is located 2645 Doña Ana Road. Gallery hours for "Implied Energy" are 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 11, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 12, and 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 13, and by appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 520-8752.

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA presents a series of historical photographs of St. Genevieve's Church on display for the month of July, and will be hosting a platica (talk) titled "St. Genevieve Church: The Past and Present" by the St. Genevieve Church Historical Society at 7 p.m. Friday, July 11.

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, email nopalitosgaleria@hotmail.com.

ART OBSCURA GALLERY presents a solo exhibition of new paintings by Texas artist Bud Clayton titled "Equilibrium & the Storm." The exhibit opens with an artist's reception at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 12, and will remain on display through Aug. 7. Art Obscura Gallery is located at 3206 Harrelson St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. For more information, call 494-7256.

thetheatregallery presents "And Wide Open Spaces," an exhibit of the watercolor paintings of Penny Duncklee. The exhibit will remain on display beginning Saturday, July 19, with an artist's reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1.

thetheatregallery is located inside Black Box Theatre at 430 N. Main St. Gallery hours are scheduled for one hour before showtimes and by appointment. For more information, gallery hours, showtimes or to schedule an appointment, call 522-1223.

ONGOING

CREATIVE HARMONY GALLERY & GIFTS presents "Into Color," an exhibit of the non-objective geometric work of contemporary painter and collage artist Roy van der Aa, the gallery's featured artist for the months of July and August.

Creative Harmony Gallery & Gifts is located at 220 N. Campo St. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. For more information, call 312-3040.



"Changes" by Cody Jimenez. Jimenez's work will be on display alongside new pieces from Rodolfo Medina and Joshua Flores in "Boondoggle," opening Friday, July 11, at West End Art Depot, 401 N. Mesilla St.

EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY presents artwork created by students in this year's Career Art Program during the month of July. The work includes ceramics, batik, fashion design, jewelry, portrait painting and recycled items turned into art. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of July.

El Paso Electric Gallery is located off 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 522-6403.

MAIN STREET GALLERY & BIG PICTURE present the Doña Ana Photography Club's juried exhibit "Scenes from Las Cruces" for the month of July. Artists include Jim Albertson, Dave Brown, Alex Burr, Charles Dube, Patrick Husler, Nirmal Khandan, Jenny Lackey, Jim Rodgers, Lois Wagner and Erik Winter. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of July.

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

M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY features 14 artists for the month of July, most of them local and including Nancy Begin, Linda Bridgers, Carolyn Bunch, Flo Hosa Dougherty, Phyllis Davis, Linda Hagen, Margaret Heath, Carol Henthorn, Winfrey Hearts, Julie Ford Oliver, Jo-An Smith, Ann Spier, Kathy Squires, Eric Wallis and more. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of July. Fifteen percent of sales at the gallery this month will go to the Wounded Warrior Project.

M. Phillip's Gallery is located at 221 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367.

QUILLIN-STEPHENS GALLERY welcomes Dawn Cheney as the gallery's guest artist for July, presenting her colorful geometric patterns. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of July.

Quillin-Stephens Gallery is located at 317 N. Main St., behind COAS Books. For gallery hours and information, call 312-1064.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART presents "Chicanitas: Small Paintings from the Cheech Marin Collection," an exhibit of 70 small-scale paintings from 29 Chicano artists from the actor's personal collection. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, July 19.

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.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI JULY 11 10:30 A.M.
Rhythm Roundup & music, motion for kids 2-5
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FRI JULY 11 3:00 P.M.
Summer Reading Craft Program ages 3 and up
Branigan Library

SAT JULY 12 3:00 P.M.
Teen Summer Reading Program Prize Drawing
Branigan Library

MON JULY 14 10 A.M.
Missoula Children's Theatre Casting Call
Rio Grande Theatre

TUE JULY 15 10:30 A.M.
Read to Me
Branigan Library

TUE JULY 15 4:00 P.M.
Teen Game Night
Branigan Library

TUE JULY 15 6:30 P.M.
Branigan BookClub
Branigan Library

WED JULY 16 + THU JULY 17 10:00 A.M.
Toddler Time
Branigan Library

WED JULY 16 11:00 A.M.
Mother Goose Time
Branigan Library

WED JULY 16 1:00 P.M.
Teen Summer Movie
Branigan Library

WED JULY 16 5:00 P.M.
Books To Movies
Branigan Library

THU JULY 17 2:00 P.M.
Summer Screen Movies for Kids
Branigan Library

FRI-SAT JULY 18-19 7 P.M. & 2P.M.
Missoula Children's Theatre Casting Call
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ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Art RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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Television Listings



SUNDAY AFTERNOON

JULY 13, 2014

Television schedule grid for Sunday Afternoon (July 13, 2014) with channels and program titles.

SUNDAY EVENING

JULY 13, 2014

Television schedule grid for Sunday Evening (July 13, 2014) with channels and program titles.

MONDAY EVENING

JULY 14, 2014

Television schedule grid for Monday Evening (July 14, 2014) with channels and program titles.

Hard Road Trio BENEFIT CONCERT Saturday, July 19, 7 p.m. Rio Grande Theatre, Las Cruces. Tickets: \$15/\$20 at the door. 12 & Under: \$7.50/\$10 at the door. Advance tickets: 575-646-2222 or http://www.riograndetheatre.com/month

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TUESDAY EVENING JULY 15, 2014

Table of TV listings for Tuesday Evening, July 15, 2014. Columns include time slots (5:00-11:30) and various channels (PBS, CBS, ABC, FOX, NBC, CW, WGN, ESPN, USA, TNT, TBS, COM, LIFE, FOOD, HGTV, A&E, HIST, TLC, DISC, ANPL, FAM, DISN, NICK, AMC, SYFY, CNN, CNBC, MSNBC) with their respective programs.

WEDNESDAY EVENING JULY 16, 2014

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THURSDAY EVENING JULY 17, 2014

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A few good reasons why you should attend the White Sands International Film Festival



David Salcido
Through the Lens

As most of you no doubt already know, it is my privilege to be the artistic director for this year's White Sands International Film Festival.

One of my first orders of business was asking the festival board to find out how some of our alumni have fared after making their appearance at the festival in past years. It's always good to know what you're working with and how it's being received by those in the trenches.

We sent out queries and the answers by those who have responded are now posted on our website. For the most part, they weren't really that surprising. I've seen many of those films and, quite frankly, I expected them to continue doing well on the festival circuit.

To make my point, I'll take some of our award winners from last year as examples.

Our 2013 Audience Choice Award winner, "Running for Jim," has won audience choice and best documentary awards at six other festivals, as well as the Neapolitan Award at the Naples International Film Festival and, in June of this year, won the NCAA Bud Greenspan Award for Best Documentary. ESPN called it "powerful" and "inspirational," while the San Francisco Chronicle claimed, "It will make you feel better about sports, and humanity."

Last year's Grand Jury Award winner, "The Retrieval," took audience choice and best film awards at eight different festivals, the Critic's Prize at the Deauville Film Institute and the Special Jury Prize at South By Southwest. It continues to win rave reviews in major cities across the country, as well as an incredible 90 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes. Variety called it "an outstanding example of regional



"The Retrieval," starring Tishuan Scott and Ashton Sanders and directed by Chris Eska, was the Grand Jury Award winner at the 2013 White Sands International Film Festival before going on to take audience choice and best film awards at eight different film festivals and earn widespread critical acclaim.

indie filmmaking accomplished with limited resources and abundance of skill."

Our Best Documentary Award winner last year, "From Zimbabwe To Santa Fe," went on to win awards for best documentary and audience choice at four more festivals and has received screenings all over the world. Other entries have also done spectacularly well on the festival circuit with alumni reporting awards, distribution deals and screenings. Many of those filmmakers are already busy at work on their next projects.

So, what exactly is my point? Just this: If you have never attended the White Sands

International Film Festival, you really should consider it. Not every city in the country has a film festival, though sometimes it seems that way. The fact that Las Cruces does have something like this here still seems to surprise many.

Yet, for five years, we have been bringing some of the best independent features and short films from all over the world to our little corner of it. The majority are films you may never have the chance to see again, unless you want to drive to Albuquerque or Tucson to see them in an art theater.

Some might actually receive national

distribution, but still be too small to find a place at one of our cineplexes. It's just the way of things.

Lucky for you, whether you're a seasoned fan or a first-time attendee, this year's batch of entries is proving to be truly exceptional. We've got comedies, dramas, documentaries, family and student films from Spain, Greece, Italy, Germany, France, England, Australia, Iran and, of course, all across the U.S. We've also got a nice selection of New Mexico-made films and, because of that, we will be adding a special category to our awards ceremony specifically for them.

In addition, we have several events and parties planned to round out the five days of the festival, including special screenings, premieres, workshops, mixers, our awards ceremony and appearances by industry professionals like Michael Goi, ASC - who is director of photography for "American Horror Story," "Glee" and "My Name Is Earl" - and Kirk Ellis, the Emmy Award-winning screenwriter of the "John Adams" miniseries.

Still, when all is said and done, this festival is about the films and the filmmakers who bring them to us. For any true cinephile, it is your chance to find out what the rest of the world is creating, outside of the Hollywood system. It's a look into the future of filmmaking and a chance to meet many of the movers and shakers of tomorrow. And it's happening right here in your own backyard, so to speak.

If you haven't already begun thinking about what you'll be doing Sept. 3-7, now's the time to mark your calendars. Bragging rights for those who saw these exceptional films first are limited only to those who grab that opportunity when it presents itself. Will you be one of them?

For more information, or to stay updated on new developments, visit www.wsiff.com.

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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.

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EventsCalendar

FRI. 7/11

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.

7 p.m. Starlight Children's Theatre of Las Cruces presents Gilbert & Sullivan's "Patience," Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive on the NMSU campus. Presented by Starlight Children's Theatre of Las Cruces and featuring a cast of more than 30 youth ages 8 to 17, the musical comedy "Patience" sparkles with witty music and social commentary about two poets who take themselves very seriously, and seriously love the village milkmaid, Patience. The comedy parodies the fickle public's tendency to follow one fad after another. Tickets \$6. Call 202-7466 or visit www.starlightchildrenstheatre.org.

7 p.m. Live music with Soulshine, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

8 and 10 p.m. Real Live Comedy, Columbus Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Real Live Comedy is coming to Las Cruces, bringing two comedians from Phoenix, Robby Wagner and Keith Ellis, to entertain the town with two (clean) shows. An after party will be held at M FIVE, showcasing Odd-Lab fire-dancing troupe for two sets. A portion of proceeds will be donated to NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink. Tickets \$10 advance, \$15 at the door.

SAT. 7/12

6:30 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, Downtown Main Street. 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 days, 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.

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10 a.m. to noon, Book signing: Jason Salas, COAS Books, 317 S. Main St. Cartoonist Jason Salas will be signing copies of his latest book, "Another Day, Another Dollar," the second volume of comic strips from his webcomic series "Perk at Work." Call 524-8471.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Louise O'Donnell will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Judith Ames will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

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

5 to 6 p.m. Learn to play Middle Eastern rhythms, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. No drum required but must call ahead for loaner drum. Cost \$2 per lesson. Call 693-1616.

6:30 to 9 p.m. Live music with Jazzman Ross and Dr. Jack, Ump 88 Grill, 1338 Picacho Hills Drive. Dine and enjoy a great view of Las Cruces. No cover. Call 647-1455.

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

9 p.m. Live music with Matt Morgan, De la Vegas Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. No cover. Call 521-1099.

SUN. 7/13

6:30 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.

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

6 p.m. Music in the Park featuring The Sancho Kats and The Latin Funktion, Klein Park, 155 N. Mesquite St. Free. Visit www.las-cruces.org.

TUE. 7/15

1 to 3:30 p.m. High School Art Workshops, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Drawing, design and painting will be included and students may start any Tuesday. Classes taught by Wayne Carl Huber, prize-winning artist and educator. Cost \$40 for four consecutive Tuesdays. For materials list and details, call 647-5684.

4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday 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.

5 to 6 p.m. Belly Dance Club, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt

Drive. Join one of the longest-running dance groups in the area. Open to ages 11 and older. Great low-impact exercise. Cost \$2 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.

7:30 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. 7/16

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

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1 to 3:30 p.m. Figure-drawing and painting, My Place Jewell, 132-B Wyatt Drive. Open studio drawing with or without instruction. Cost \$40 for four weeks. Call Wayne Huber for details at 647-5684.

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

THU. 7/17

1 to 3:30 p.m. Intermediate to Advanced 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 \$50 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, live music will be provided by Steppin' Up. Beginner's group dance lesson begins at 7 p.m., dances from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost \$7 members, \$9 nonmembers. Call 526-6504.

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

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Call to Artists

NEW DESERT HARMONY SINGERS SEEKS NEW VOICES

The New Desert Harmony Singers will begin rehearsals and auditions for its Christmas season at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., at the intersection with Alameda Boulevard.

Membership is open to those who can sing in tune, do a few simple dance moves now and then and have fun doing it. NDHS sings all genres of popular music. Rehearsals are held at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Interested singers are welcome to attend a rehearsal. For more information, call Musical Director Don Harlow at 373-1816 or email NDHSingers@gmail.com.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY SEEKS ARTISTS

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, has openings for fine artists to display their artwork.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, stop by the gallery, call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE CASTING CALL FOR 'THE SECRET GARDEN'

The casting call for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of "The Secret Garden" will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 14, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. There are roles for students entering first through 12th grade.

Approximately 50 to 60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT tour actor/director. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. Students wishing to audition must arrive by 10 a.m. and stay for the entire two-hour session, until noon. The first rehearsal begins 15 to 30 minutes after the audition.

This is a group audition, so no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Students should be ready to come and have a good time.

Rehearsals will be conducted every day from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Rio Grande Theatre. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week and, if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role.

A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the audition. Cast members scheduled for the full four-and-a-half hours of rehearsal will be asked to bring a sack lunch, dinner or snack.

A registration fee of \$60 is required from all students cast in the play. Discounts for multiple students from one family and need-based scholarships are available upon request. The registration fee is due by 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, for all students cast in the play.

The performances will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, July 18, and 2 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at the Rio Grande Theatre. The students in the cast will be called for dress rehearsal before the performance that day. All those cast must be available for all scheduled performances.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is a nonprofit organization based in Missoula, Mont. This year, more than 65,000 cast members across the globe will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their



Auditions for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "The Secret Garden" will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 14, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Needed are 50 to 60 local students between first and 12th grade. Rehearsals will be from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily, culminating with two public performances, at 7 p.m. Friday, July 18, and at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 19, both at the Rio Grande Theatre. For more information, call 523-6403.

families, friends, community, neighbors and teachers. The MCT residency in Las Cruces is made possible by Doña Ana Arts Council with help from New Mexico Arts, Price's

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AtTheMovies

Deliver us from bad movies

'Evil' wears down already-tired horror tropes

Review by **Zak Hansen**

Las Cruces Bulletin

What do you call a possession horror flick that's light on scares and originality but heavy on tired clichés, jump scares and ear-splitting volumes?

You could call it "Devil's Due," certainly, or "The Last Exorcism," maybe, or "The Last Exorcism Part II," inexplicably, or "The Devil Inside" or "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" or "The Possession" or ...

This time around, it's called "Deliver Us from Evil," and it's nigh indistinguishable from its scores of fellow "Exorcist"-biting brethren, right down to its claims to have been "based on true events," which could be said for, well, anything. Aiming for "Se7en" meets "The Exorcist," it barely managed to cobble together something resembling "Law & Order: Especially Possessed Victims Unit" (© Zak Hansen, 2014).

The "true events" are, this time around, the material comprising "Beware the Night," the first-person accounts of retired NYPD officer and demonologist Ralph Sarchie, who crosses paths with a renegade Jesuit priest while working a case that turns out to be, against the grizzled PD vet's faded Catholic beliefs, demonic in nature. Teaming up – the cop and the priest, the buddy film that never was but definitely should be – they lead an investigation into the very depths of evil.

Or so the press materials would have you believe. In reality, "Deliver Us from Evil" is simply another in a long-ling of carbon copies from a guy who knows carbon copies – director Scott Derrickson helmed both 2005's "Emily Rose,"

along with 2012's "Sinister," both good movies hidden deeply inside very dumb, bad movies.

That nestled kernel of promise seems vanquished from Derrickson's latest effort. The visual effects are, at first, promising, as the tale cold-opens to a team of U.S. Marines raiding an Iraqi cave when they stumble across ... something. The film stock is washed out, grainy, something approaching the dulled tones of "Saving Private Ryan." Then it immediately devolves into rote, night-vision POV cam and all is lost, right along with the opening narrative, abandoned until it's inexplicably revived later only to be forgotten again for good.

Fast forward and Det. Sarchie (Eric Bana) is the standard movie-cop/husband; he works too much, brings the job home with him, tries to keep his wife (a bland Olivia Munn) and daughter safe from the horrors he faces daily ... you know the drill.

After a string of brutal crimes – a man viciously beats his wife, a woman tosses her child into the moat surrounding the lions at the Bronx Zoo – Sarchie begins to sense evil all around him, apparently manifested as radio static and giggling kids audible only to him. His investigation will lead him to meet with Mendoza, a rebel priest who drinks, smokes and screws with the best of them – when he's not doing exorcisms. Together, Sarchie and Mendoza come face to face with the ultimate evil ... eventually.

It takes an agonizingly long time to get to the exorcism in this by-the-numbers exorcism tale, and when it does, complete with pitch-shifted utterances and contortionist tricks, it's staggeringly dull and over almost as soon as it happens.

What should be the obvious climax of every possession/exorcism flick – the exorcism – is instead tossed off almost as an afterthought to a horror movie about repeated loud noises, or maybe being startled by animals.

That's right. While tired horror flicks of recent decades have increasingly relied on the visceral jumps caused by, say, a steady suspenseful build to a door slamming or a cat jumping and hissing, "Deliver Us from Evil" will retain the singular, dubious honor of featuring the most mammal-based scares of perhaps any film since "Cujo" (which it still has beat by a mile for its vast speciation).

Before this hobbling mess even gets to anything even remotely related to demons, you'll have been spooked by a cackling hyena, a growling bear, two roaring lions and some creepy bats making a sound I can't quite nail down in my thesaurus; after they've introduced the possession part, though, it's quickly left in favor of one cat-, one rat-, one

alligator-, one mousetrap- and two dog-based scares, along with some doors slamming and, of course, a spooky Jack in the Box sequence, the latter the hallmark of sloppy, unimaginative horror filmmaking.

"Deliver Us from Evil" tries to earn points early on with its cinematography, which isn't altogether terrible until it trades ambiance for complete, enveloping darkness. Which would have been more of a problem had there been anything onscreen worth seeing.

I've almost wholly omitted any mention of the film's overuse of music by The Doors (who were only good in the sense that anyone could play them in their garage and that Jim Morrison died young – sue me), but rest assured, its flimsy connection to the film's narrative – doors, The Doors, "Break on Through" and doorways to Hell, really – is utterly ludicrous.

I'll leave us with a prayer.

"... and lead us not into terrible, terrible movies – deliver us from schlock like 'Deliver Us from Evil.'"

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

Rated: **R**

Running Time: **118 minutes**

Starring: **Eric Bana, Edgar Ramirez**

Director: **Scott Derrickson**

Film Review

"Deliver Us from Evil" delivers nothing more than the thump and rattle of tired horror clichés.

Grade **D**

A vampire movie that doesn't suck

'Only Lovers Left Alive' packs darkly comic bite

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Vampires, vampires and more vampires. How many more scenarios can writers achieve using vampires (and zombies) as the key to their film?

Well, not many, but director Jim



Jarmusch was able to hold my attention with "Only Lovers Left Alive" in spite of the fact that I've only seen one vampire movie before this one I have ever liked, the 1922 classic "Nosferatu."

With a plot as thin as a rice-noodle and an excellent choice of location – Detroit (what vampire could resist Detroit as it is now?) – "Only Lovers Left Alive" follows the relationship/story of, well, Adam and Eve (Tom Hiddleston and Tilda Swinton).

They've been together for hundreds of years and are a rather unique brace of vampires – they don't turn into bats and go hunting each night. Rather, they survive on a sort of premium blood supplied to them in unique containers by Adam's roadie, who, I guess you could say, is their blood pimp.

Adam is also a famous musician, hiding in a rundown house in darkest, dreariest Detroit where he occasionally records music from his in-home studio. He also collects

vintage guitars and enjoys rolling through the night in his vintage Jaguar, showing the sights to Eve and her annoying sister, Ava (Mia Wasikowska), who arrives unannounced one day from Los Angeles – the zombie capital of the world, it's noted – and whose teenaged vampiric activity causes Adam and Eve to seek new resources, shall we say.

The other twist in this endlessly twisty and darkly comic film is that Adam is pursued by fans – all of whom are really zombies and who occasionally find out where he lives, and who to his dismay. This, coupled with the fact that he has some issues with immortality, are about the only plot points the film uses.

The zombies have also been tinkering with the blood and water supplies in slightly futuristic Detroit.

Eve is a literary vampire, embracing all manner of books and literature while living in Tangier.

After a series of slight mishaps and a lot of reminiscing (children of the 1960s – Adam and Eve were married in 1868, as noted on a wedding photo), their pale health begins to deteriorate and they need to head back to Tangier for Eve's connection to an ancient Elizabethan playwright (John Hurt) for more of "the good stuff."

Jarmusch does a good job of holding all of this together, relying a lot on music to help us overlook some of the plot holes (is it possible to fly from Detroit to Tangier and vice versa without encountering daylight?) and he mercifully holds the zombies and bloodletting at bay.

Hiddleston's Adam could be a stand-in for any of today's moody rock stars who survive on drugs rather than blood, and Swinton, my former favorite actress, turns in a lip-biting performance as Eve.

Once a project for Nicholas Ray ("Rebel Without a Cause," "Johnny Guitar" and the best unseen rodeo picture ever, "The Lusty Men"), Jarmusch, who notes that Ray is a mentor (Ray's version was set to star the Rolling Stones), has taken a tired and dreary subject and allowed it to once again see daylight.

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At The Movies

Picking the Flicks




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

Jersey Boys
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: The story of The Four Seasons, four guys from the wrong side of the tracks in New Jersey who came together to form the 1960s star rock group.
Starring: John Lloyd Young, Erich Bergen
Director: Clint Eastwood




How to Train Your Dragon 2
 Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Hiccup and Toothless stumble across the home of hundreds of new wild dragons.
Starring: Jay Baruchel, Cate Blanchett (voices)
Director: Dean DeBlois



Think Like a Man Too
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: On a trip to Las Vegas, couples land in some compromising situations that could risk the big day.
Starring: Kevin Hart, Gabrielle Union
Director: Tim Story




America
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A revisionist history tale in which the U.S. lost the Revolutionary War and, thus, never existed.
Starring: Russell Reed, John Koopman
Director: Dinesh D'Souza



22 Jump Street
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: Officers Jenko and Schmidt go deep undercover once again, this time at a local college.
Starring: Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum
Directors: Phil Lord, Christopher Miller




Edge of Tomorrow
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Caught in a time loop, an officer at war with an alien race hones his skills as he faces the same scenario over and over again.
Starring: Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt
Director: Doug Liman



The Fault in Our Stars
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A teenage girl with cancer attends a support group, where she falls in love with an ex-basketball player and amputee.
Starring: Shailene Woodley, Ansel Elgort
Director: Josh Boone



Transformers: The Age of Extinction
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A mechanic unearths a Transformer, landing him in between the Autobots, the Decepticons and the government.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Nicola Peltz
Director: Michael Bay




X-Men: Days of Future Past
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Wolverine travels back in time to change history to prevent an attack that ends both humans and mutants.
Starring: Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen
Director: Bryan Singer



Chef
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: After losing his restaurant, a chef opens a food truck and starts to pick up the pieces of his life.
Starring: Jon Favreau, Robert Downey Jr.
Director: Jon Favreau




Tammy
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: After losing her job and walking in on her cheating husband, a hard-drinking woman named Tammy hits the road with her grandmother.
Starring: Melissa McCarthy, Susan Sarandon
Director: Ben Falcone




Earth to Echo
 Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A group of children go on an adventure with an earthbound alien named Echo who needs their help.
Starring: Teo Halm, Astro
Director: Dave Green



Deliver Us from Evil
 Rated: R
Plot Overview: Investigating a series of horrific crimes, a New York cop begins working with a renegade priest to combat paranormal forces.
Starring: Eric Bana, Edgar Ramirez
Director: Scott Derrickson



Dawn of the Planet of the Apes
 Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The fragile peace between genetically enhanced apes and humans is threatened by a coming conflict.
Starring: Gary Oldman, Andy Serkis
Director: Matt Reeves



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New on DVD Tuesday, July 15

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| <p>Open Grave Rated: R Genre: Horror Starring: Sharlto Copley, Joseph Morgan Director: Gonzalo Lopez-Gallego</p> | <p>Under the Skin Rated: R Genre: Science fiction Starring: Scarlett Johansson, Paul Brannigan Director: Jonathan Glazer</p> |

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Is your garden pollinator friendly?

A few pointers to help bring life to your garden, the old-fashioned way

By **David Salcido**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Pollination is something we all learn about in grade school. The transfer of pollen from one flower to another is one of the basic building blocks of life, not just for plants and pollinators, but for human beings as well.

According to the Wildlife Habitat Council, an estimated one out of three bites of food we eat comes from a pollinator. As food for thought, consider the many foods produced locally with the help of pollinators, such as lettuce, onions, corn, pumpkins, pecans, apples, cherries, peaches, grapes and, of course, our beloved chile.

The council also reports that in the U.S., pollination by insects produces \$40 billion worth of products annually. Worldwide, of the estimated 1,330 crop plants grown for food, beverages, fibers, spices and medicines, approximately 75 percent are pollinated by birds, bees, bats, butterflies, moths, beetles or other animals.

Unfortunately, without knowing it, we have declared war on our native pollinators. We've done so through destruction of natural habitats, overdevelopment and shrinking plant diversity.

We plant flowers that are not native to our area, because they look good in the store. In fact, home garden centers such as Lowe's and Home Depot have come under fire recently for selling plants containing pesticides that can poison bees.

We put down black plastic or landscape fabric as weed barriers, then we overdose our lawns with herbicides to knock out those weeds that get through them, not thinking about all of the other insects, worms and microorganisms necessary for healthy vegetation that are also affected.

And, finally, we use artificial means of attracting pollinators, feeding them sugars rather than natural nectars, thus limiting their usefulness in the gardens and opening them up to diseases.

"It's a delicate balance and we're always finding ways to upset it," said Laura Solberg, beekeeper and owner of Sun Mountain Honey in Radium Springs. "For years and years we were able to collect wonderful cotton-blossom honey, here in the valley. Some years ago, they started spraying the cotton fields for boll weevils and it devastated our bee population. Now we have to be careful not to put hives too close to cotton fields, because it wipes out our bees. It's such a shame."

We forget that bees and other pollinators actually have a purpose and play a vital role in the health of our environment. Hope comes in the form of home gardeners who maintain pollinator-friendly habitats, by incorporating plants and exercising caution when landscaping. Everybody wants a good yield, especially when it comes to vegetable, herb or fruit gardens. The best way to ensure that is to attract pollinators to do what they do best.

Kelly Covert is a Master Gardener living in Las Cruces whose home garden is an inspiration to many. She's got an entire list of plants that she incorporates into her own garden and the gardens of friends.

"Desert grasses in our area are a great start," she said. "Blue Gamma, Buffalo, Feather Reed, Maiden, Pampus, Pink Muhly, Fountain Bear – all of these are native and will attract all sorts of flying pollinators."

For those wanting flowering varieties, she suggests Verbena, Yucca, Yarrow, Butterfly Weed, Desert Marigold, Chocolate Daisy, Blackfoot Daisy, Bee Balm, Pentsemons and Blanket Flowers. For more of a shrub type plant, she suggests any of the sages.

"Texas, Chapparal, Autumn, Cherry – all of these are pleasant to the eye and to the nose, as sage is a wonderful smell," she said. "There are also Apache Plumes, False Indigo, Fourwing Saltbush, Barberry, yellow or red Bird of Paradise, Fairy Dusters, Daleas, Brittle Bush – just to name a few."

She also suggests vines like Honeysuckle, Cat Claw, Coral, Silver Lace, Jasmine, Trumpet, Wisteria and Mandelvilla, as well as native trees such as Mesquite, New Mexico Locust, Soapberry, Sumacs, Red Leaf Plums, Golden Rain, Locust, Red Bud, Mimosa, Palo Verde and Desert Willow.

But even if you aren't a home gardener and prefer to pick up your veggies and sprouts at the farmers market, keep in mind it was pollinators that made those items possible. You may not grow the food you eat yourself, but somebody does. And every little bit of help you can give them, to keep pollinators happy, healthy and in abundance, means more natural foods for everybody.

There are many ways to do that. Wildflowers are easy to grow and take very little time to nurture. Their benefits, on the other hand, are far reaching.

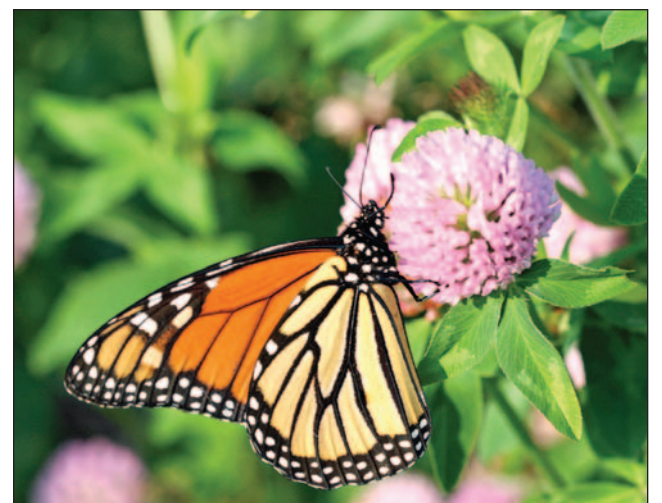
What follows are some helpful tips for maintaining pollinator-friendly gardens and landscapes from the Xerces Society, a nonprofit organization that protects wildlife through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitats:

- **Plant native flora:** Growing native flowers and plants will adapt better to the area we live in and provide a familiar food source to local pollinators.
- **Diversify your garden:** Bees are especially attracted to flowers in shades of purple, blue, white and yellow. Butterflies tend to like reds and purples. Hummingbirds, naturally, like red, but they are also attracted to oranges and purples.
- **Plant generously:** A large amount flowers, grouped together, will be more attractive to pollinators than single plants or those in pots.
- **Plant in the sun:** Bees in particular favor sunny spots over shady ones, but other pollinators also tend to gravitate toward bright colors, which aren't often found in the shade.
- **Provide water:** Pollinators are more likely to visit your garden if there is a source of fresh water nearby. Fountains, ponds and small pools are ideal.
- **Allow some plants to bolt:** Deadheading your herbs will make your yard look neater, but it cuts down on the number of available blooms. Also, lawn weeds such as dandelions are a natural source of food.
- **Limit pesticides:** Read and follow all label instructions when using any pesticide products, but consider natural over chemical when buying. We all hate pests, but pollinators should be protected.

"As a beekeeper, I feel I really have this opportunity to educate and remind people that every third bite, we should thank a pollinator of some kind – not just the bees," Solberg said. "There are thousands of pollinators and they each have their own specific plant that they pollinate. For a garden to be healthy, it needs to be balanced. That's the real secret."

For more information on the Xerces Society, visit www.xerces.org. For information on commercially available native plant species suitable for planned landscapes in New Mexico, visit the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center online at www.wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?collection=NM. For more information on Mesilla Valley honey blends, visit www.sunmountainhoney.com.

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Pollinators come in all sizes and shapes, ranging from familiar insects, such as bees, butterflies and moths to birds, bats and other small animals. Choosing just the right plants for your garden will guarantee visits from certain types of pollinators.

Pests are 'Truly' global

Know the warning signs of a mosquito-borne virus currently invading the U.S.



Scott Svenheim
ACE Pest Detective

The World Cup has a magic about it that brings globalization of the world as we know it to the forefront, making it more evident as fans from different nations and cultures come together to root for their respective teams. As half of the world gathers around their TV screens to watch games in anticipation of a big win, it also brings to light the globalization of pests.

Pests are truly global and have been known to threaten the lives of agricultural crops as well as humans. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has cited transboundary plant pests and diseases have spread to several countries including the U.S., in some cases reaching epidemic proportions, causing dramatic losses in crops and food sources. From the citrus in Florida that have endured stress through migrated pests to the Cikungunya virus that has recently invaded Florida and is now moving westward, pest management is proving to not only be around town, but reaching a global level.

The mosquito-borne Cikungunya virus is believed to have originated from the Caribbean, a close neighbor of our tropical Florida. In fact, the Pan American Health Organization has recorded more than 300,000 suspected cases from more than

20 Caribbean and South American countries.

There have been 114 travel-related cases reported in the U.S., all associated with recent travel to the Caribbean. So what can you do to help prevent yourself and your family from falling victim?

Know the signs. Symptoms can include severe joint pain, high fever, headache and muscle aches, and have been known to begin three to seven days after being bitten.

Take preventative measures. Taking precautions to deter mosquitoes can help avoid bites and infections. Preventative tips include:

- Remove anything from your yard or around your home that can hold standing water, such as buckets, tires, tins, etc.
- Drill holes in the bottom of garbage cans and or recycling bins so they don't accumulate water
- Keep pools clean and well chlorinated
- Remove leaves and debris from gutters so they drain properly
- Ensure all windows and doors are covered by screened enclosures
- Wear long-sleeved clothing and insect repellent when outdoors
- Utilize outdoor spray and devices as needed
- Contact a pest professional if infestations persist

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Global illnesses, such as the Cikungunya virus, which originated in the Caribbean, are making their way to the U.S. via mosquito bites.

Garden Calendar



NMSU's Leyendecker Plant Science Research Center will host its annual onion field day on Wednesday, July 16.

ONION FIELD DAY

New Mexico State University's departments of Plant and Environmental Sciences, Extension Plant Sciences and Doña Ana County Extension Master Gardeners will host Onion Field Day at Leyendecker Plant Science Research Center, 7200 Plant Science Circle, La Mesa, from 7:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, July 16. Field tours of onion breeding research plots will be followed by information on management of weeds, diseases and insect pests. The event is free of charge and pesticide applicator credits are available for participants. For more information, call 646-4398.

LUSH AND LEAN WORKSHOP

The City Water Conservation Program's last Lush and Lean workshop will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, July 17, at the WIA building, 340 N. Raymond St. The topic will be irrigation system installation and maintenance, part 2, presented by Ken Futrell of Ewing Irrigation. The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/lushandlean.

GOT A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN?

The Las Cruces Tour of Gardens committee has begun its search for local gardens for the 2015 garden tour. If you have a garden to share, this is your chance to get it seen. If you know of a beautiful garden that might be a contender, send the address, the owner's name and contact information (if you know it). For more information, call 680-7749.

MASTER GARDENER CLASSES

The Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension is now taking applications for residents wishing to become certified master gardeners (MGs). Applicants must successfully complete the 15-week master gardener classes and complete a 50-hour internship. Certified MGs must volunteer at least 50 hours each year to retain their certifications. Classes are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, through December. Cost is \$95 and covers textbook and other class materials. Application form is available at the Cooperative Extension Office, 530 N. Church St., or can be downloaded from <http://aces.nmsu.edu/county/donaana/mastergardener/apply.html>. Deadline for application is Friday, July 25. For more information, call 525-6649.

FEED 'N SEED AT CO-OP

Learn how to save seeds and taste heirloom fruits and vegetables at the Feed 'n Seed workshop held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in the Café at Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road. During this informal workshop, the basic process of saving seeds – including planting, selection, harvest, cleaning and storage – will be discussed and demonstrated. Attendees are invited to bring their own harvested produce for Veggie Show-n-Tell. There will also be an optional potluck for those who bring food to share. Free event. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/seedsharelc.

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.

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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 Carboic 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
- 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

DOWN

- 1 Madman
- 2 Chemical group used to make aspirin

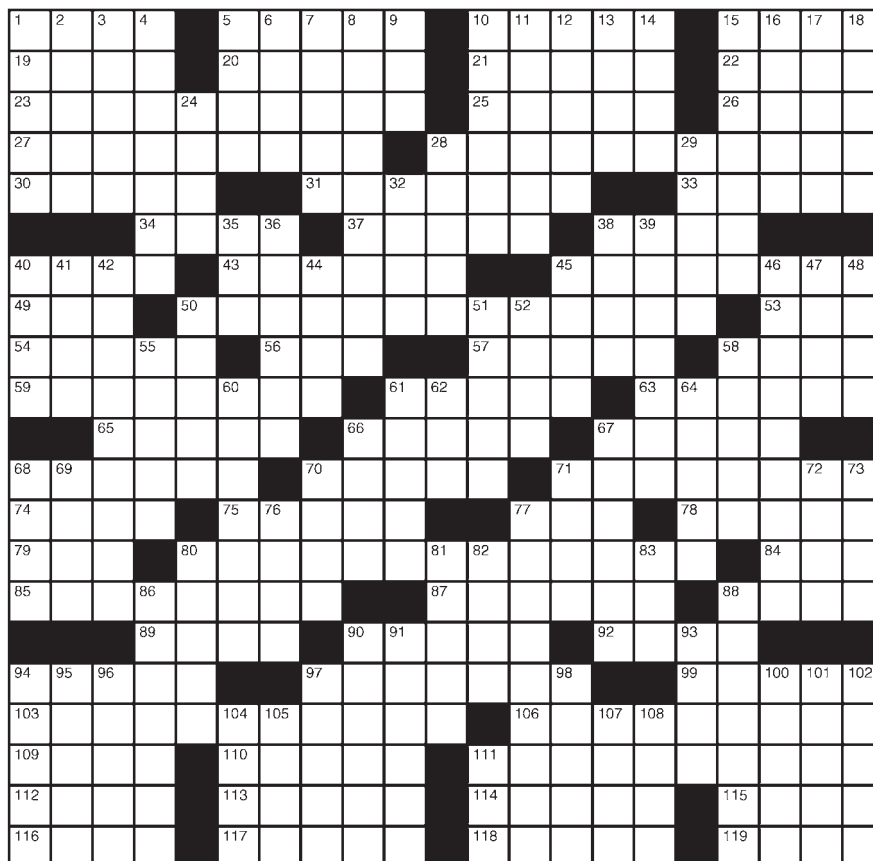
BREAK UP TO MAKE UP

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 Cheap skate
- 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
- 100 Liqueur flavor
- 101 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
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 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
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 R O T C U D O R P O G I R O U
 D R O G T C A O T P I R C S C
 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
 E P R O D U R G W R I T E R O
 M E L O D R A M A T I C O E N

Diagramless

S A D A Y E
 C R I S P 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
 L I S N O R M I S M
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True or False

C U T S E D G A R S C O O T S T I C I
 O B O E M O L L S T A N T R A M O T
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CRYPTOGRAM

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 K H V Q A T O G R A
 Z A R J D Z V D A R Q .

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.

Worship Services

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10:15 a.m. Adult/Child Bible Studies
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on the left at the curve
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Tuesday - 9:30 AM - Morning Prayer
Thursday - Noon - Holy Eucharist

Sunday Services
8:30 AM - Rite 1
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Rev. Travis Bennett

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Children's Activity 10:30 am

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Wednesday:
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WEDNESDAY
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Opposable thumbs and mastication

Darwin is dead and wrong: It's 'who' we've become, not 'what' we've become



Rev. Mr. Tom Baca
Dwelling Places

It is speculated that two factors of our development as a species differentiate us from other primates: Opposable thumbs and larger brain size. Anthropologically, anthropomorphically and paleontologically, the opposable thumb and the larger brain size is theorized to come about because of the following:

Opposable thumb development stems from an evolutionary adaptation of the need to develop refined tools (for hunting) from stone, copper, bronze and iron in order to avoid being eaten by either a Neanderthal or a tiger.

Larger brain development came about as our waning need to have a larger mandible (chewing mechanism) to masticate bone, or as a defense. As we began to genetically trigger development of smaller mandibles, our skull capacity for larger brains increased the development of cerebral structures and material conducive to the development of "consciousness."

That's a new way of appreciating the epithet "hand-to-mouth existence." Or, more skeptically, we might question whether or not our intelligence is a result of hoof and mouth disease. Chimps are laughing out loud, as is Johnny Weissmuller.

The truth is this: There is something beyond our own evolution or devolution which begs a larger question, depending if you are behind or in front of the camera, what speed the film

is set at, the depth of field settings, the quality of the lens and above all, the lighting.

Language could not have come about without the changes in our biological structure. Without language or complex symbology, there could be no understanding of anything in the present, much less in remembrances of past or contemplation of futures. Without the opposable thumb, we could not have ever held a quill or a stone with the precision required for ancient art, or even base graffiti, drawings of ancient aliens or whatever they were representing on caves 30 million years ago.

Do these things disprove creation accounts? Do these interpolations of paleontological, genetic and other scientific findings prove the non-existence of God, or the existence of the directional nature of consciousness toward some destination?

Certainly, it does not end in the apparent ignominious deaths of a Peking Man, Cro Magnon Man or Australopithecus if they are the reason we are here. In other words, even their destinations might just be our destination beyond carnal existence into a "somewhere" indescribably "true" and unchangeable.

Can opposable thumbs hold a snowflake? Can an opposable thumb hold sound? Can a larger brain hold the concept of existing outside the cranium? When my brother and I were children, we used to play a little game of trying to "go outside yourself." We would close our eyes and try with all of our will and heart to extend our existence outside our bodies. Obviously, we did not succeed, but that's not to say that it is not possible since the concept itself is can be formulated and there are also evidences of telepathic communication.

Additionally, there have been legends and testimonies of

persons who had the ability to bilocate.

I've digressed, but my point is that we homo sapiens are more than our genetic development, more than our findings in archeology, paleontology, biology and genetics. We are synergistic outcomes of a supernatural thought resulting in words, sentences, paragraphs, poems, novels, rap songs, symphonies, epics, frescoes, cave art, icons, sculpture, etc.

This intelligence is not a direct result of more grey matter or opposable thumbs at all. This intelligence is a result of a supernatural sharing of a truth that exists outside ourselves – one that penetrates our bodily boundaries and even our sentient limitations. The source of this intelligence has no limitations. Only the source of this intelligence can calculate that which exceeds a googolplex of symbols because the reality and the symbol are two different phenomena. The reality pre-exists the symbol as sound pre-exists the hearing of it. It sounds like Plato was onto something. Or perhaps it was his teacher, Socrates, for without Socrates, there could not have been Plato, and without Plato, there could not have been Aristotle.

I think if we studied more the origin of language and symbology, we would be able to better understand why we are truly not evolved creatures but rather, inspired creatures unlike any – forming a "tree of life" likened more to a "tree of thought" that is different (vis-a-vis divergent) from the anthropomorphic tree of life postulated by Darwin.

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Church Listings

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANCC BISHOP TO VISIT HOLY FAMILY

The Most Reverend Geroge R. Lucey, FCM, presiding

bishop of the American National Catholic Church (ANCC), has welcomed Father James Lehman, FCM, as the newest clergy to join the ANCC and will preside over mass at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19, and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 20, at Holy Family

Independent Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road.

A priest for nearly two decades, Father Jim left the Roman Catholic Church in 1995 to found, and currently pastors, Holy Family Independent Catholic Church. The ANCC is an inclusive Catholic community independent of the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to making the world a more caring place. The church has parishes across the U.S. and a host of ministries to the alienated, underserved and forgotten.

For more information, call 644-5025 or visit www.theancc.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT UUMC

University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St., will hold vacation Bible school for children aged 18 months through the completion of fifth grade, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 26, and 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. July 27. Registration and a light dinner will take place from 5 to 7:45 p.m. Friday, July 25. RSVP for dinner by Friday, July 18. Children under 4 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Registration forms can be found at www.uumclasruces.org. For more information, call 522-8220.

FREE DIY CLASSES

Calvary Baptist Church, 1800 S. Locust St., will demonstrate its caring spirit by hosting a series of free do-it-yourself classes from 9 a.m. to noon each Saturday through Aug. 9.

Because CBC believes service to the Las Cruces community is an important part of its mission, attendees will learn basic home and car maintenance, home repair and home remodeling skills from licensed professionals and non-licensed, experienced handymen. Light refreshments will be served. Classes will be limited to 30 attendees each.

For more information, including a complete list of classes and registration guidelines, call 522-7900.

WOMENSPIRIT REGISTRATION

Early bird registration has begun for the Unitarian Universalist Church's WomenSpirit retreat, which will end on Friday, Aug. 8, followed by late registration ending on Friday, Aug. 22.

The WomanSpirit retreat runs Friday through Sunday, Sept. 5-7. For more information, contact Marion at office@uuchurchlc.org.

ONGOING

SILENT MEDITATION

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., offers a 20-minute period of silent meditation after a brief reading at 9 a.m. Saturday mornings. A "sacred word" is selected and is returned to during times of distraction. All faiths are welcome. For more information, call 647-5684 or 522-7119.

DISCOVER THE FAITH

Mission Lutheran Church, 2752 Roadrunner Parkway, offers adult Bible study classes at 10 a.m. every Saturday. Regular worship schedule is 6 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday and a Spanish language service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 522-0465.

COURSE IN MIRACLES

Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main St., presents a complete self-study spiritual thought system called A Course In Miracles, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays.

Presented by instructor Edward Alvarez, the class is a three-volume curriculum consisting of a text, workbook for students and manual for

teachers, teaching that the way to universal love and peace is by undoing guilt through forgiveness of others.

All levels of students and spiritual seekers are welcome. A \$5 love donation is requested.

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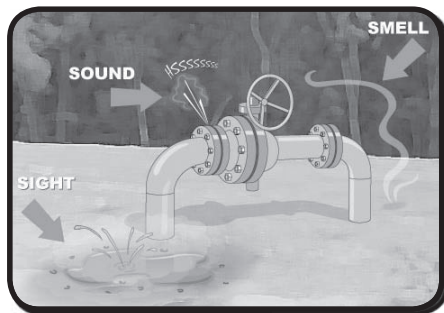
OPEN SPIRITUAL GROUP MEETINGS

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) Edgar Cayce Studies and General Spiritual Group hold group meetings from 10 a.m. to noon the first Sunday of each month. The meetings are hosted by local chapter leader Linda Aragon and are open to the public. Anyone seeking spiritual study, knowledge and awareness is encouraged to attend. For more information and location, call 405-2089.

KELP RADIO MINISTRY

Calvary Chapel Las Cruces hosts a radio ministry at 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on local station KERP 89.3 FM. The program features the ministry of Pastor Robert "Bob" Ortega Jr. For questions or comments regarding the program, call the church fellowship at 524-0985.

SIGNS OF A LEAK!



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Healthy Happenings



YOGA CLASS OFFERED BY GOLD MEDAL TAEKWONDO

Certified yoga instructor Olivia Solomon is offering all levels yoga classes at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Gold Medal Taekwondo, 519 E. Boutz Road, kitty-corner from Las Cruces High School. Bring a yoga mat and any props needed.

For more information, contact 522-5350 or email wildyoga@yahoo.com.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP MEETS EACH FRIDAY

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, 926 S. San Pedro St.

Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation.

For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If you drink, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking and can't, that's ours.

For more information, call 527-1803.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach presents the diabetes educational support group meeting for those informed they have diabetes, family and friends of those with diabetes and all who are interested in learning more about the disease.

The meetings provide open discussion, short teaching regarding diabetes and a question and answer period.

The meetings are held from 10 to 11:15 a.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Benavidez Community Center Game Room, 1045 McClure Rd.

For more information, call 522-0289.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship to food.

This 12-step program of recovery is based on Alcoholics Anonymous.

There are four weekly

meetings. There are no fees.

For more information, call 571-7864 or 647-5684.

TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support Group (TRIO) meets from 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.

YIN YOGA OFFERED JULY 20

Las Cruces Fitness and Dance is offering a Yin yoga workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 20, at 650 Montana Ave., Suite H.

Yin yoga is a meditative, passive practice, done mostly on the floor. Yin yoga is a wonderful way to maintain flexibility in the joints, as well as cultivate a curiosity for the deeper parts of your being. This style of yoga is appropriate for every level of practice. Workshop is \$25.

For information, call 496-1250 or email kristie@lascrucesfitnessanddance.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

The Southern New Mexico Bereaved Parents Support Group meets at 2:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Mesilla Valley Hospice, 410 Foster Road, in the Grief Center. Parents, grandparents and siblings are invited.

For more information, call Anna Cook at 527-1193.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

A Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group is held from 10 a.m. to noon the second Tuesday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Grandparents raising grandchildren on a full-time basis are asked to join.

For more information, call 528-3301.

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 Larry at 522-2625.

RECOVERY GROUP OFFERS SUPPORT

Art of Recovery, a support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at The Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St. The group matches those in need of support with volunteers.

For more information, call 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association New Mexico Chapter has the following support group meetings each month:

- 11:30 a.m. Thursdays at Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. For more information, call Jan at 522-7133 or Michael at 382-5200.
- 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Arbors of Del Rey, 3731 Del Rey Blvd. Respite care available during meeting. For more information, call Tony or Michael at 382-5200.

The Alzheimer's Association New Mexico Chapter has offices at 1121 Mall Drive, Suite C.

For more information, call the organization's 24-hour hotline at 800-272-3900.

GUIDED, SIMPLE HATHA YOGA

Guided, simple Hatha

Yoga classes are held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Classes are taught by Blissful Beth, a certified instructor. The class is gentle and non-competitive. Donations are accepted.

Attendees are asked to bring a mat or blanket.

For more information, call 522-0011 or 640-7614.

T'AI CHI CHIH AT MOUNTAINVIEW

T'ai Chi Chih sessions taught by Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado are from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays at MountainView Medical Plaza, 4351 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 404. Classes are free to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members or \$2 for non-members.

Free classes are also available to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.

For more information, contact 312-8320 or email rositaad4@gmail.com.

T'AI CHI CHIH

Instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado will teach T'ai Chi Chih classes at 8:30 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Sagecrest Park, 601 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

For more information, call 312-8320.

CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUP

A Cancer Care support group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Cancer survivors, those currently being treated and anyone in the community whose life has been touched by cancer are invited to attend.

For more information, call 524-3994 or 522-3261.

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For more information, call Susan at 496-2627.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 390

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter 390 weight loss support group. They meet Thursdays 5:45 to 7 p.m. at Morning Star United Methodist Church.

For more information, call Joanne at 373-9806.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly 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 of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the main room. For more information, call 523-6240.

SUICIDE SURVIVORS GROUP

This free, peer-led group is open to any adult survivor of suicide. Facilitated by the Southern New Mexico Suicide Prevention and Survivor Support Coalition, the group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of the month at the Center for Grief Services, 209 E. Montana Ave.

For more information, contact Dr. Satya Rao at 635-6265 or Dr. Margaret Short at margaret.short@lpnt.net.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 219

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 219 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. This support group assists members in achieving and maintaining healthy weight-loss goals.

For information, call Doris at 524-7461.

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In a study of factors for academic success in 42 countries, sociologist Mariah Evans compared results across cultures, economic levels and educational attainment of parents.

According to Evans, "Regardless of how many books the family already has, each addition to the home library helps children do better. This held true even after parents' occupations, education, and family wealth were taken into account. A home with books as an integral part of the way of life encourages children to read for pleasure and encourages discussion among family members about what they have read."

The greatest impact on academic performance occurs in families with little education and low-status occupations. Books provide children with information, vocabulary, imaginative richness, wide horizons and skills for discovery and play.

Books are especially important during the summer months. Many of our children are vulnerable to "Summer Slide," a loss of academic skills that occurs when there is a lack of mental stimulation during the summer.

Luckily, your neighbors are coming to the rescue with new books for kids in Doña Ana County. Children's Reading Foundation is providing 13,000 books through Innovative Approaches to Learning, a federal grant designed to improve educational opportunities for children ages birth through 8 years old. Rhonda Karol, Read Up! coordinator for Doña Ana County, has established book distribution sites in Las Cruces, Hatch, Anthony, Organ and Chaparral.

Las Cruces

Free books at story times are available at Branigan Library during July. On Tuesdays, activities for 3 through 5 year olds begin at 10:30 a.m. starting Tuesday, July 15. On Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. free books will be available at the programs for 2 year olds and younger beginning Wednesday, July 16. Toddlers are invited to pick out a book on Thursdays, starting Thursday, July 17.

Children in Las Cruces Public Schools will participate in Read Up! at the 16 elementary schools with K-3 Plus programs, and the Extended School Year program.

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Tara Melton

Valerie Martinez, prevention specialist at Families and Youth Inc. (FYI), demonstrates the process of the syringe exchange program.

Promoting health, not drugs

FYI reduces harm in the community by taking in syringes

By **Tara Melton**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In 1997, New Mexico passed the Harm Reduction Act, which made possible one of the largest syringe exchange and prevention services in the nation, in part because of Families and Youth Inc.'s (FYI) services to Las Cruces.

FYI has offered syringe and needle exchange to the Las Cruces community since it became legalized in the state, and offers education on drug use, tobacco use and sexual health as well as confidential testing.

The Harm Reduction Program works when a person age 18 and older confidentially enrolls and becomes assigned a yellow card. The yellow card helps the person receive syringes, but it doesn't protect them from law enforcement if they are caught carrying dirty syringes after FYI's weekly hours.

Syringes and works are properly and confidentially disposed of and exchanged for clean syringes and works. The program also offers education on safer drug use, education on tattoo and blood-borne pathogens, referrals and training for the Narcan overdose prevention program.

According to Valerie Martinez, prevention specialist at FYI, their plan of harm reduction is to "meet people where they're at with no judgment."

In addition, FYI hopes to not only prevent the spread of blood-borne diseases such as HIV and hepatitis, but also to protect the community.

"If we don't have somewhere safe and comfortable for someone to drop off syringes, we're going to find syringes all over the place and there was a time when it was like that," Martinez said.

FYI's Harm Reduction Program not only helps injection drug users (IDU), but also serves diabetics, others with medical issues and the transgender community. Martinez explained insurance doesn't cover everyone's syringe supply, even when a person is diabetic. Transgender individuals also face not being able to afford syringes when going through hormone replacement therapy, which is often not covered by insurance plans.

Martinez said she hopes in the future the Harm Reduction Program is "able to track down and eliminate hepatitis C and all the blood-borne infections and diseases" and that IUDs feel comfortable enough at FYI to seek help.

"If they say, 'I'm tired of this,' then we can make this a gateway to get a user in patient or outpatient treatment," Martinez said. "Granted,

Details

FYI Syringe Exchange

When

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday

Where

1190 Foster Road

Moble outreach

Elks Lodge

When

9 a.m. to noon, second Saturday of the month (July 12)

Where

3000 Elks Drive

Anapra Park

When

9 a.m. to noon, every other Tuesday of the month (July 17)

Where

Held in the Anapra neighborhood park in Sunland, N.M.

See **Exchange** on page C19

Health Briefs

NM State University Dance Camp offered

New Mexico State University Dance is offering a summer dance camp from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, through Sunday, Aug. 10, at Rentfrow Gym, 3165 Williams St., on New Mexico State University campus.

The camp is open to participants ages 11 and older and will teach ballet, modern, jazz and hip-hop dancing.

Participants will be divided into three levels. The culmination of the workshop will be a performance at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, of "Carnival of the Animals" and "Appalachian Spring" at the NMSU Center for the Arts, accompanied by the Las Cruces Symphony.

The cost of the camp is \$175 and includes classes, use of costume and two tickets to the performance.

For more information, call 646-2070 or email agavit@nmsu.edu.

Salsa and ballet classes offered for adults

Salsa and beginning ballet will be offered at Las Cruces Fitness and Dance, 650 Montana Ave., Suite H, in July. Salsa has four classes 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays.

The salsa classes will be held on July 7, 12, 21 and 28. No partners are required. Beginning ballet will have 10 classes on Monday and Thursday evenings. Advance registration is required.

For more information, call 469-1250 or email kristie@lascrucesfitnessanddance.com.

Medical-related volunteers needed

St. Luke's Health Care Clinic's mission is to improve the health and well-being of homeless and indigent individuals and family members in Doña Ana County.

The clinic welcomes anyone with a medical background to come be a part of the volunteer team. Needed are RNs, LPNs MAs, EMTs, NPs, MDs and DOs to work as providers, health educators, screeners and triage. For more information, contact Dorothy Portillo at 527-5482 or email dorothy@slhcc.info.

Lunchtime Yoga held through July

Mountain View Market Co-op (MVM) is offering Lunchtime Yoga, a 45 minute yoga class at Downtown Desert Yoga, 303 S. Alameda Blvd. followed by lunch from MVM. Lunch is \$6, class and lunch is \$12.

Classes are scheduled for every Wednesday and Friday from noon to 1 p.m. until July 30.

For more information, call 647-9642.

Yoga workshops to be held in July

Las Cruces Fitness and Dance is offering a series of yoga workshops this summer. The final workshop of the series will be held from 1 to 3

p.m. Sunday, July 20.

The workshops will offer practice inverting, or bringing the head below the level of the hips, which increases blood flow to the brain and improves immune function.

The workshop is \$25 and will take place at 650 Montana Ave., Suite H.

For more information, call 496-1250 or email skristie@lascrucesfitnessanddance.com.

Senior Olympics launches Walk4Fitness

The New Mexico Senior Olympics and Aging Matters are looking for seniors who enjoy walking in an organized group around their community during a six-week period. Walk4Fitness is a health-promotion activity that engages seniors to walk three times a week for an hour.

For more information, call Katherine Kloos at 571-7873.

When nothing else helps your pain: Ortho-Bionomy class may help

Mountain View Market will hold a class from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, on Ortho-Bionomy, which is a gentle, non-invasive system that reminds the body of its natural ability to restore balance.

Learn how to relieve both acute and chronic pain arising from old injuries, trauma and stress and reconnect your body, mind and spirit.

Exchange

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they do the work but we'll be there to support them and get them there."

Martinez said she wants Las Cruces to focus more on health issues within the community, instead of being surprised when a drug overdose happens here or to a celebrity.

"It's a human right for all of us to have public health care and be healthy," Martinez said.

FYI's Harm Reduction Program is helping Las Cruces because there are not as many syringes on the floor and being improperly disposed, Martinez said.

"The more we can properly dispose syringes, the safer it is in the community, not only for our children but also for law enforcement, us living in the community, homeless, everyone," Martinez said. "Properly disposing syringes makes a big difference."

Tara Melton can be reached at 680-1973 or copyeditor@lascrucesbulletin.com

Client and practitioner work together as a team to discover and utilize the best techniques to address the client's situation both in the session and through home self-care comfort and self-corrective reflexes.

Techniques will be demonstrated by Patricia Gray in the Co-op Community Room, 1300 El Paseo Road. This is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 636-3456 or email ptnggray@aol.com.

Reading

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Community volunteers will be guest readers at story time at these schools once each week.

Anthony

Lorena Sae nz will host story times and free books on Wednesdays, which started on Wednesday, July 9 at noon and 12:45 p.m. at Tierra del Sol, during the lunch program. Also in Anthony, Anedele Tutors and the New Mexico Children's

Foundation are sponsoring Summer Reading Camp at the Women's Intercultural Center.

Hatch

Lisa Neal hosts two story times with book give away opportunities on Tuesdays. Preschoolers are invited to participate from 10:30 to 11 a.m., and a story time for 5 to 8 year olds will be offered at 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Chaparral

On Tuesdays, Ida Garcia is at Chaparral Family

Development Center to host Story Time at 8:30 a.m. and distribute free books at 9 a.m.

Organ

At the Organ Community center, Richard Portillo will be reading stories and giving books during the Summer Program.

Rorie Measure is a reading specialist and trains teachers. Measure taught in Las Cruces Public Schools and the Gadsden Independent School Districts. Contact Measure at roriecrf@gmail.com.



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Pets Briefs

Shepherd mix 'Coal' named Pet of the Week

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She might be a little smaller than all her other Shepherd friends, but rest assured she has a big personality that more than makes up for it.

For information on Coal or other animals up for adoption, call the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 382-0018.



COAL

Shelter struggles to fill open appointments

Despite population numbers that continue to grow and an abundance of puppy and kitten litters at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley this spring, shelter Director Beth Vesco-Mock said appointments for affordable spay and neuter procedures at the facility remain vacant.

If you are a resident of Doña Ana County, the cost for

spaying and neutering at the clinic is \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats.

To make an appointment, call the shelter at 382-0018.

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary hosts Summer Saturdays to showcase pet adoptions

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary will be holding Summer Saturdays at the Sanctuary starting Saturday, July 12 and the first two Saturdays of each following month, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Safe Haven is a "no kill" animal facility as well as a non-profit organization. There are about 80 cats and dogs awaiting a new home. This super adoption event will include tours of the sanctuary and visits with the pets. Hot dogs and refreshments will be available.

Driving directions to Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary are as follows: Take U.S. Highway 70 to the Holman Road exit, then drive north to El Centro and right to 6890 Eagle Road.

Things to do if your pet is lost

Nearly one in five lost pets goes missing after being scared by the sound of fireworks, thunderstorms or other loud noises, according to a survey by The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. But 93 percent of dogs and 75 percent of cats reported lost are returned safely to

their homes. If you lose your pet, here are some tips to help reunite you with your furry friend as quickly as possible:

- Contact or visit your local shelters, animal control organizations and veterinarians. File a lost pet report with every shelter, dog pound and animal control office within a 60-mile radius of your home and visit the nearest shelters daily, if possible.
- Search your neighborhood. Walk or drive through your neighborhood several times each day. Enlist friends, family and others to help you. Go door-to-door to neighbors, letter carriers, and delivery people to see if they have seen your pet. Hand out a recent photograph of your pet and information on how you can be reached if your pet is found.
- Place posters and flyers throughout the neighborhood. Post notices at grocery stores, community centers, veterinary offices, traffic intersections, at pet supply stores and other locations. Also, place advertisements in newspapers and with radio stations. Include your pet's sex, age, weight, breed, color and any special markings. To avoid scams, when describing your pet, leave out one identifying characteristic and ask the person who finds your pet to describe it.
- Post info about your pet on all pet recovery websites and services. Sites such as www.craigslist.org, www.thecenterforlostpets.com and www.fidofinder.com allow you to broadcast your missing pet info quickly. National pet care providers can be hired to assist you in your search for your lost pet. Consider using a lost pet recovery service. There are now numerous lost pet alert services, such as www.findtoto.com.
- Place food and water outside your home. Your pet may eventually return to your home when they get hungry or thirsty. Consider placing the food in a rented or purchased humane pet trap to capture them.

Send us your pet briefs

The Las Cruces Bulletin encourages local nonprofit and health organizations to send brief notices, along with a photo and caption to health@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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