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by Dave Thomas

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## EDITOR'S NOTE | ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

# About People

## Each a new adventure

One man has hope for community journalism, one takes his love for food to heart, another tries to set up a bordello in Lordsburg. Then there is the couple who connect natural remedies, like cannabis, to those who can use some much needed relief.

It is this, after 26 years of the journalism business, that still astonishes and delights me daily – people. Talking with Harvey Yates Jr., managing member of El Rito Media, made me a little teary and emotional as I found he believes in community journalism. El Rito Media has recently taken ownership of Alamogordo Daily News, Carlsbad Current Argus and Ruidoso News with the goal of making them local again.

Meanwhile, behind the counter of a little food cart, taking hold of his own independence, Dorian Varada brings world fusion to Silver

City in his creations. The Los Angeles transplant has found a niche where he is happy and brings joy to people as Fork Off offers decadence at affordable prices.

Brian and Karen Arrington have a thing going, it seems to be love and manifests itself as a place to heal called BOA Holistic where cannabis is available but is but one part of the business focusing on healing energy. Their connection and intent reaches out across the whole of southern New Mexico and will soon bring together growers and dispensaries with music and food for a giant CannaCopia event.

I did not, of course, meet Charles Manson in Lordsburg, where his efforts to set up a bordello could well have resulted in a child conceived there. But “Unfortunate Son” writer Jason Watkins gathered information over three years to assemble his careful sto-

ry about Manson's notorious stint in New Mexico and had the opportunity to connect with numerous people about the time.

Then there are the chimpanzees in Alamogordo, whom I have been covering for many years and from several newspapers. I met some of those animals, too. When I started, in the early 2000s there were around 500 research chimpanzees in the city in two different facilities, one of which is on Holloman Air Force Base. The other facility, Coulston Research Facility, was acquired by Save the Chimps and those former research animals were all moved to a Florida sanctuary. It was there at that place, with chimpanzees clattering in the background, I met and interviewed Dr. Jane Goodall, primatologist, activist and messenger of peace.

Like I said – it's all about the people – all astonishing.

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## WILD PLACES

## Gila Celebrated

100 years of wilderness

The Gila National Forest is celebrating 2024 as year of celebration of the world's first wilderness. The Gila Wilderness was designated on June 3, 1924.

"One hundred years ago, Aldo Leopold held with conviction that wilderness is a value unto itself and a precious resource to be protected. He also had the influence and power of persuasion to effect change," said Gila National Forest Supervisor Camille Howes. "He argued for large swaths of land to

be set aside for ecosystem function and recreation, where man is only a visitor. Convinced of his wisdom, the Southwestern Region of the Forest Service answered the call for protection by designating the Gila Wilderness."

Forty years later, the Wilderness Act of 1964 secured the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness for present and future generations as a policy of the U.S. Government.

Together with community partners, the National

Forest has been featuring the Gila Wilderness since February and the Natural History of the Gila Symposium and will close with the Gila River Festival in October.

The main event is Gila Wilderness Centennial Week, May 27 to June 3, in Silver City and Bayard. This includes a speaker series, family-friendly celebrations at Gough Park, a screening of films from New Mexico State University's Gila Film School, art, music, and primitive skills demonstrations and



Gila Film school students cross the Gila River. From left Paty Soto, Bardo Sanchez, Wiebke Boeing, Araceli "Blue" Hernandez, Megan Saenz and Phillip Walrod. The Gila Film Showcase consisting of seven short documentary films premieres June 1-2 as the centerpiece of a week of festivities hosted by the U.S. Forest Service for the Centennial Celebration of the Gila Wilderness. The Gila Film Showcase will have two screenings at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1 and 1 p.m. Sunday, June 2 at the Silco Theater in Silver City. (Courtesy photo)

## Resonating with history

Perhaps no other wilderness area in the Southwest or elsewhere so much embodies and reflects this national history and natural philosophy as does the Gila. Many of the important events in the development of the region, from the first expedition of Coronado in 1541 to the more recent raids of Geronimo, occurred either directly in the Gila Wilderness Area or in the immediate vicinity. The cliff dwellings of the ancient Mogollon civilization are present here, as are the campsites and battlegrounds of the Apache and the U.S. Cavalry, the abandoned cabins of pioneers, the secret retreats of outlaws, and the remnants of once active mines. A peculiar human richness abounds throughout the Gila country, and the hills and valleys resonate with a multitude of historical associations while at the same time offering the spectacular beauty of the desert uplands (1988).

— John A. Murray in his book, "The Gila Wilderness: A Hiking Guide"

a crosscut competition.

Other events held throughout the year include hikes, articles, stargazing events, youth murals, trainings, books and a wide variety of other community activities.

Watch for news and information about scheduled events throughout 2024. Visit "World's First Designated Wilderness" webpage to view a calendar of events, learn interesting facts, and find links for partners, historic photos and more. For more information contact Maribeth Pecotte at 575-388-8211.

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## FRONTIER

## Oil and Ink

Magnate inspired by freedom of the press

By Elva K. Österreich

In the early 1900s, attorney and publisher Carl Magee moved to New Mexico with his wife in the hopes of alleviating her consumption. While here, he bought one newspaper from Senator A. B. Fall. Later, he gave up that paper and founded another which later became the Albuquerque Journal. Magee worked to expose corruption in New Mexican politics, gained some powerful enemies, was attacked in the streets and in a hotel by a judge for

things he had written and spent time in court and in jail on libel charges for writing the truth about a judge.

“Carl McGee stood for the need to have a free and open press,” said El Rito Media managing member Harvy Yates Jr., in describing El Rito’s purpose in purchasing what is now a total of five of New Mexico’s community newspapers.

Two years ago, El Rito Media purchased the Rio Grande Sun in Española. Last year it went on to buy the Artesia Daily Press.



Oil man, and now newspaper publisher, Harvey Yates Jr. is seen on horseback on his ranch west of the Manzano Mountains of central New Mexico. (Courtesy photo provided by Harvey Yates)

Now, effective June 1, it will add the Alamogordo Daily News, Carlsbad Current Argus and Ruidoso News to its collection.

“Remarkably to me, I picked up a newspaper recently, a local newspaper,” Yates said. “There

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was no local story or editorial. Even though it has the name of a local paper, they are just filling pages with other stuff. I hope to fill pages with local and regional news relevant to the reader in that area.”

He called the appropriation of the New Mexico newspapers an experiment asking the question: “Can a formula for the salvation of local community newspapers be derived?”

The papers will report on graduations, deaths, marriages, robberies, problems with local government and so forth, Yates said. When the company came in to manage the Rio Grande Sun, people in the community were angry with the paper, claiming everything covered was negative. The Sun continues to report on crime, but now is also focused on writing about the good in the community.

“So, we have created a better newspaper,” Yates said. “We are beginning to understand the communities.”

The papers will continue to have internet presence and it will take time to get reporters and other staff back into the swing of the communities, he said.

“I hope that the readership is patient,” Yates said. “It’s also going to take the commitment of local advertisers. Without that, it will be a failed experiment. It has got to have revenue.”

El Rito’s hope is that with the local news, investment in community, local events, opinions and stories, the advertisers will participate in the newspapers again.

Yates was born in Artesia, grandson of Martin Yates Jr.

“My grandfather, born in 1910, discovered the first real commercial field in New Mexico in 1924,” Yates said. “I know he went to work, and he was sure going to put every one of his five sons to work keep them out of trouble and let them learn a little bit.”

Those five sons went to work in the oil fields when they were 14 and when it was young Harvey’s turn, he, too, went to work in the fields at 14. Today, at 80, Yates is referred to as an oil magnate and has holdings across the state, well known in southeast New Mexico.

“My father hired a fellow, Jimmy Monroe, who went in World War II as a private, came out as captain,” Yates said, remem-

bering his introduction to the oil field as a boy. “He said to me, ‘see that pile of rock? I went to work there breaking up rock for \$1.50 a day,’ and that stayed with me.”

Yates grew up working in the oil field and a farm and then ranching a little later. He went to school in Artesia and ran for president of Artesia student council.

“I won it and haven’t run for office since then,” he said, “except for Republican chair if you count that.” Yates served as the state Republican Party chair from 2009 through 2010. He was later elected to represent the state party at the Republican National Committee in 2016.

Attending the University of Texas, Yates studied geology, science, government and history. When

## Coltharp set to lead transition in Alamogordo and Ruidoso

By Elva K. Österreich

Former Alamogordo Daily News editor, then publisher, Richard Coltharp, will be helping El Rito Media make the transition with the Alamogordo and Ruidoso papers over the summer.

Coltharp was managing editor in Alamogordo from 1995-1998 and publisher from 1998-2007. He also became Las Cruces Bulletin’s general manager starting in 2010 and served as publisher from 2012-2023.

“I am very excited,” Coltharp said. “When I left (the Alamogordo Daily News) in 2007 we had about 35 employees and now they have one reporter who lives in El Paso. We are not going to be back to 35 any time soon but I want to help bring local news back to the people of Alamogordo and Ruidoso.”

Starting on the ground in Alamogordo, Coltharp has been spending time talking to the people in the community.

“I am reconnecting with all these people,” he said, “seeing what they want, what they need, finding out what’s going on – starting at ground zero. I’m having a ball talking to the people of Al-

amogordo about what their hopes and desires are about the future of this community. I plan to talk to the people in Ruidoso soon, too.”

He said the communities in Alamogordo and Ruidoso are unique and special. For example, he said Holloman Air Force Base is one of the most important installations in the Department of Defense and is poised to become even more important and Ruidoso is a big vacation destination for two countries, “Texas and Mexico.”

“To me Ruidoso and Alamogordo are examples of what is so great about southern New Mexico,” he said. “They could not be more different from each other but are both wonderful places in their own right.”

To Coltharp community news means highlighting the people and what makes the community go. While the company changeover to El Rito Media takes place June 1, the paper and websites will continue to follow the existing Gannett strategies through the month. In July 1, he said, the new community news format will begin to roll out. “The first step is restoring some semblance of local news,” he said.



**RICHARD COLTHARP**

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## OIL AND INK

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WNMU cultural event  
features Mexican focus

The Western New Mexico University signature cultural event, ¡Fiesta Latina!, returns to campus June 6-9. Through ¡Fiesta Latina!, WNMU seeks to recognize, celebrate and assist in the preservation of New Mexico's connection with its Mexican heritage, customs and traditions.

At the center of the four-day festival is a juried artisan mercado that features the handmade work of approximately 50 highly skilled traditional artisans from across Mexico. These folk artists will be on-hand to educate fiesta-goers about their processes and to answer questions about their artistic traditions. In addition to traditional art such as metal working, ceramics and textiles, the mercado this year will feature new artists working in media that have not before been part of WNMU ¡Fiesta Latina!, including masks, embellished shoes, leather and wooden utensils.

Artisans will also be demonstrating their techniques at a dedicated tent where patrons can get hands-on experience with projects that vary from papermaking to alebrije, brightly painted wooden sculptures of animals and mythical creatures. A children's tent will have activities for children, coordinated by the Silver City Museum.

The fiesta includes music and dance by traditional and contemporary performers. The opening night concert at the Fountain Stage at Regents Square starts with a showcase of mariachi music performed by students attending the university's mariachi conference, El Son de la Gila. The showcase is followed by a concert by Son Rompe Pera, a Mexico City fusion band that combines marimba music with the influences of other genres, such as danzón, rock, punk, ska and others.

The winner of Thursday's mariachi showcase will be the opening act for Friday evening's concert, which features Ma-



Western New Mexico University will host WNMU ¡Fiesta Latina! on June 6-9. At this signature cultural event, the university welcomes artisans and musicians to campus for performances, demonstrations, and an artisan mercado.

riachi Plata de WNMU and Mariachi Estrella de México.

The music continues Saturday afternoon with Conjunto Mapeye, a folk music group from Puerto Rico. In the evening, the Texas-based group Los Chamacos will open for the Kumbia Kings, who combine cumbia music with influences of hip hop and R&B.

On Sunday afternoon, Grupo Bella takes the stage, combining the sounds of mariachi with musical influences from different cultures and decades.

The weekend includes dance performances, including Kaltonaka Dance Group and youth groups Baile Encanto and Baile Folklorico Alfaro.

Film screenings and discussion will also



be a highlight of ¡Fiesta Latina!, with showings of La Laguna, a film about a Mayan boy's journey from childhood to adolescence, and Esto Somos, a series of documentaries about contemporary art design in Mexico. All the film screenings will take place in the Light Hall Theatre.

For the first time this year, WNMU ¡Fiesta Latina! will include a fashion show that highlights the textiles and other wearables available in the artisan mercado. The show will be held Satur-

day, June 8, 2-3 p.m. on Regents Square.

Also on Saturday, there will be a tequila tasting 4-6:30 p.m., with an opportunity to sample traditionally handcrafted tequilas from across Jalisco, Mexico. Tickets for this event are \$45 for 10 tastings and \$10 for a handcrafted Fiesta Latina 2024 tequile-ro. In addition, food vendors will be on campus throughout the festival.

"The people living in the border regions and beyond continue to be influenced by these roots not only in art,

food, and music but in the language and customs as well," Alexandra Tager, WNMU Director of Cultural Affairs, which produces the event, said. "As an Hispanic serving institution, WNMU and Fiesta Latina aim to highlight those connections by creating fun, engaging, educational experiences for folks living in or visiting the borderlands to enjoy."

A schedule of activities, tickets, and additional information are available at [fiestalatina.org](http://fiestalatina.org).

## OIL AND INK

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When asked if the readers can be brought back to the newspapers, Yates said he has had people call him to express their interest and support.

"We will see," he said. "I cannot answer that question right now. What I hear is [positive]. We are willing to stick with it for a good while. I think we have vibrant business communities."

The investors backing El Rito Media first attracted attention when the group purchased the Rio Grande Sun. Among the investors were political figures like Yates as well as Ryan Cangioli, another

former state GOP chairman, and state Rep. Joseph Sanchez of Alcalde, a Democrat.

Addressing questions about political influence over the Rio Grande Sun's reporting, publisher Richard Connor, an investor in El Rito Media, told Searchlight New Mexico in 2022 he was calling the shots in the newsroom, not the ownership: "And I gotta say that there has been absolutely not one ounce of interference, not one."

El Rito Media papers will cover local news, Yates said. The company will stand behind its reporters so long as they have followed the law.

"We know that there is so much to be exposed in New Mexico in terms of money that needs to be reported on and there is so much to do," he said. "You first have to get the newspapers up and running. A local newspaper helps make a community, and strong communities are important to our state and nation."



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## TUMBLEWEEDS

## CannaCopia

Silver City event brings local growers, producers together

Story and photo  
by Elva K. Österreich

When you walk into the BOA Holistic Pot Lounge, 2140 Highway 180 E. in Silver City, it takes a few minutes for your eyes to adjust. The low light cavernous space could be the depths of a medieval castle – only welcoming.

Brian and Karen Arrington have given the spacious former Billy's Restaurant a warm aromatic cast with comfortable corners and a balcony for dancing and painting in black light.

"We are huge believers in the natural cures God's put on this earth," Brian said. "Cures that are underutilized I would say."

The space outside, once you walk through the hall and onto the back patio is equally as spacious with classical marblesque pillars and a rounded stage. It's here that bingo occurs as well as tea parties, poetry and comedy nights.

"You can come back and enjoy any part you like," Brian said. "The events include the cannabis which I don't do like most people."

What he means is Brian has developed germinations of cannabis and hemp. Sometimes events include planting your own in red plastic cups.

"We are going to focus a lot on hemp because it is an underutilized part of this whole medicine," he said. "Cannabis everybody is going into, its good but the other ones are good (medicinally) as well like hemp, ginger and yerba mata. I've seen yerba mata do a lot of cool things."

Exploring not only cannabis but also those other potentially healing substances is what BOA Holistic's upcoming event, CannaCopia, is all about, Karen said. On June 15 local cannabis farms and microbusinesses will be on site at the lounge and welcoming visitors.

"People will be able to



Brian and Karen Arrington are at home at BOA Holistic in Silver City.

come in, talk to the businesses, learn their processes, see their product and be able to purchase through us," Karen said. "We'll have gift baskets so you can enter for a drawing."

Growers and dispensaries are coming in from Las Cruces, Truth or Consequences, Deming, Cliff, Gila and even Reserve, she said. Following the event the products of the partic-

ipants will be available on the shelves at BOA Holistic as well.

"We want to try and keep our farms in mind," she said. "They are struggling now. We need to help them out over corporate. Corporate is where you just all get the same thing."

Karen believes cannabis is medicine.

"After being a nurse for 20 years, you want to treat

people," she said. "Even retired you have the same mind set."

But CannaCopia is not all just about cannabis. Outside, next to the building the parking lot will welcome more than 50 non-cannabis vendors, including food trucks. Live music starts at noon and the event goes through until 7 p.m.

"People can go out, sit and listen to the music," Karen said. "Inside we will be filled with people talking and networking. Chronic and Kurple (marijuana) magazines will be here too. We are just excited to be here really."

A CannaCopia cup will be awarded at the end of the day. A panel of judges has been brought on to smoke the local products and judge them. Charlotte Sierra is one of those judges. She has faced chronic illnesses in her life including cancer and seizures. She relies on a pacemaker to keep her heart steady.

"It's been a roller coaster of trying to find out what strain works and what doesn't," she said. "Brian is working on a strain that might help me more."

Brian had started his cannabis journey in 2010 as a medical patient with a medical marijuana license, Karen said. He had a lot of cancer friends and started working with the plant genetics that would help with pain and with sleep.

"He would just play with it in the back yard with his medical license and he would help others with the medical licenses, giving them the genetics to grow their plants," she said. "People think cannabis is just to get high but you go around the plants and there is this energy. We focus on the whole medicine."

"We just want to get the community out and make cannabis a lot more friendly because it's had this stigma for so long," Brian said.

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## Arts Scene

## Upcoming area art happenings

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Submissions are due June 30. Click on the festival link at [friendsofbosquedelapache.org](http://friendsofbosquedelapache.org) to register.

Applications are open for the **53rd Annual Renaissance Arts Faire**, set to take place on Nov. 2-3 at Young Park in Las Cruces. This event is an opportunity for entrepreneurs, artists, food vendors and non-profit organizations to showcase their talents. Interested artist applicants can visit [zapplication.org](http://zapplication.org) to complete the online application form. The deadline for submission is Aug. 16. Early applications are encouraged and a payment plan is available. Interested food/non-profit applicants can apply at the Doña Ana

Arts Council office or request an application to the email [admin@daarts.org](mailto:admin@daarts.org). For organizations interested in sponsoring the Renaissance Arts Faire and for more information on how to get involved and support this ongoing event visit the council office at 230 S. Water St. Las Cruces, NM. Volunteers are also needed. For information contact event coordinator Nikayla Rios at 575-523-6403.

The third **Plaza Classic Film Festival Screenwriting Competition** is accepting entries through July 3. It will award a \$500 first prize, a \$250 second prize, and Final Draft 13 screenwriting software to the top two finishers. The first prize winner also receives a consultation with El Paso writer-director Lucky McKee and a table read of their screenplay. The contest is open to anyone 18 and older. Entries must be feature-length scripts of no more than 120 pages. There are no genre restrictions. Go to [plazaclassic.com/screenwriting](http://plazaclassic.com/screenwriting) or Film Freeway to enter. The deadline is 11:59 p.m. July 3. Cost is \$30 through June 14, \$40 from June 15 through July 3. An entrant may receive written feedback, or coverage, for an additional \$15. Screenplays must be uploaded in PDF format only, must be anonymous and include a cover sheet with only the screenplay's title (name and contact details are on the entry form), a logline and payment. Entries will



**Above: Evolution by Ann Lowe is on display at a) s p... "A" © e Studio • Art • Gallery in Silver City**  
**Below: The work of Mary Prentice can be found at Gallery 925 in Las Cruces. (Courtesy photos)**



be graded on a point system, with a 50-point maximum. Scripts will be awarded up to 10 points each for premise, plot, characters, dialogue, and the script's prospects. The top two finishers will be announced before the 17th annual Plaza Classic Film Festival, which is July 18-28. Details: 915-533-4020, [local@plazaclassic.com](mailto:local@plazaclassic.com).

**The City of Las Cruces Public Art** program seeks an artist, or artist team, to create a site-specific outdoor art piece to beautify the soon-to-be-open East Mesa Public Recreation Complex. The art piece will be installed at the EMPRC's 10-acre park located off Sonoma Springs Avenue in City Council District 6. The Organ Mountains provide a backdrop to the park that is surrounded by undeveloped desert landscape that is home to a variety of indigenous wildlife. Archeological evidence of the property shows it was once covered by prehistoric waters that provided a habitat for amphibious animals, such as giant jellyfish. The commission is open to all artists and artist teams. Artists are not required to have previous experience in public art but should demonstrate a level of expertise and professionalism that is commensurate with the project scope and budget. All submissions will be reviewed by jury process. The winning design will be presented to the City Art Board and the Las Cruces City Council.

The selected artist or art team must collaborate with the City of Las Cruces Public Works Department and the LCPA program coordinator in the specifications and completion of this project. Artists must apply via [callforentry.org](http://callforentry.org). Info: Ceci Vasconcellos, public art coordinator, at 575-541-2780 or email [cvasconcellos@lascruces.gov](mailto:cvasconcellos@lascruces.gov).

## SILVER CITY

**a) s p... "A" © e Studio • Art • Gallery** presents **"Dream Devas,"** paintings by Ann Lowe. Lowe said she set an intention and opened a space to merge forms with the canvasses she prepares with wrinkles. "When I start painting I look into the wrinkles and that's when the Deva shapes emerge," she said. "I never know what will appear." The gallery is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday to Sunday, 110 West 7th St., in Silver City. Info: [aspace.studiogallery@gmail.com](mailto:aspace.studiogallery@gmail.com), 575-538-3333.

**The Silver City Art Association Studio Group** is hosting a pop-up art exhibit and art sale June 7 and 8, at the **Seedboat Center for the Arts**, 214 W. Yankee St. The SCAA Studio Group is known for their studio tour held annually on Labor Day Weekend. This is a preview for the studio tour. The reception is from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, June 7 and the exhibit

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continues 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 8. Info: 607-398-8110.

• **Light Art Space**, 209 W. Broadway in Silver City, features the work of clay artist, Zoe Wolfe until June 29. Wolfe's large clay pieces can be found in the outdoor sculpture garden at the gallery. Commemorating the Gila Wilderness 100 anniversary, Light art Space features "Four Artists Celebrating Wilderness," an exhibition of paintings and drawings by **Jane Seavers, Fred Barraza, Gay Scheibl** and **Paul Hotvedt**. These four Silver City artists interpret the wilderness in their work. Curated by Paul Hotvedt. "Inspirations From the Wild" is an exhibition of photography and clay works by Karen Hymer and

Zoe Wolfe. The reception for both exhibitions is scheduled for 5-7 p.m., Friday, April 5. The gallery is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday; and by appointment. Info: lightartspace.com.

## ALAMOGORDO

• **Otero Arts** shares the Veteran Arts Showcase Exhibit which features 22 artists for the Month of June. The show honors veterans, active duty personnel and their families with a month of activities dedicated to and featuring artwork by our military-related community. The exhibition opens with a reception 5-8 p.m. on June 7. The gallery is open 1-4 p.m. Thursday to Sunday every week. Info: oteroarts.org.

## CLOUDCROFT

• The **Cloudfroft Art Society** features original art



Ceramic jewelry by Tamara is on display at the Mesilla Valley Fine Art Gallery. (Courtesy photo)

works by members including paintings in several media, photography and photographic art, pottery, basketry, greeting cards and more. CAS holds meetings from March through November the first Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. in the historic "Red Brick Schoolhouse" in the heart of the village of Cloudfroft. CAS also has a gallery in

the building and hosts shows there from June through December. Info: ccartsociety@gmail.com.

## DEMING

\*• In June, the **Deming Art Center** presents an exhibit featuring "Landscapes of New Mexico." New Mexico's scenic wonders are beautiful, varied and diverse. The

exhibit represents as many as possible in as many mediums as possible. The show will be up from June 2-28, 2024. There will be a time to meet the artists on Sunday, May 5 from 1-3 p.m. The Deming Art Center is at 100 S. Gold St., Deming. The gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday. Info: 575-546-3663 and at www.demingarts.org.

## TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

• **RioBravoFineArt**, 110 North Broadway in Truth or Consequences, presents "The Quest, The Struggle, The Journey," a retrospective of work by Dave Barnett will be up through July 21. There will be a reception at the gallery 6-9 p.m. on June 8. The gallery describes Barnett as one of New Mexico's most talented and original paint-

ers, and this show will fill all three of the main-level gallery spaces. Barnett creates bold images of southwestern flora and fauna, bosque and mountain landscapes, small town street scenes and geologic formations, both large and small. His images offer a fresh perspective and unique view of both the natural and man-made worlds. Rio Bravo Fine Arts Gallery is at 110 N. Broadway in Truth or Consequences. Info: riobravofineartgallery.com.

## LAS CRUCES

• At the **Las Cruces Museum of Art**, "Washi Transformed: New Expressions in Japanese Art" spotlights the works of nine contemporary Japanese artists who explore the artistic potential of handmade washi by pushing its boundaries in terms of texture, dimension, and scale. The exhibit is on view



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through Aug. 10. The exhibit focuses on washi (Japanese handmade paper) as a medium for contemporary art and spotlights the works of nine diverse, contemporary Japanese artists who are exploring the artistic potential of this traditional material. There will be an exhibit opening reception from 5 - 7 p.m. on Friday, June 7 featuring a drumming performance by Torii Taiko, that uses traditional Japanese drums and other Japanese instruments. Then from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 8 there will be an educational program featuring Torii Taiko where they discuss the drums, tools and oral traditional associated with Japanese drumming. The museum is located at 491 N. Main St. and is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Info: [lascruces.gov/museums](http://lascruces.gov/museums) or 575-541-2137.

• For the month of June, Gallery 925 combines two shows. "The Chair Show" features a group of local artists invited to interpret the CHAIR in an assortment of mediums. Featured artists are Diane Alire, Nancy Frost Begin, Christina Camp-



Nancy Begin chair on display at Gallery 925 (Courtesy photo)

bell, Zach Carpenter, Linda Gendall, Chris Kemler, Vickie Morrow, Noel Sandino, Penny Scribner and Diane Sperling. Happening at the same time, "The Papaya Collective" is a new local artists group having their inaugural show at the gallery. Papayas include Shaunna Foster, recycle artist/painter; Lauren Goldstein, metalsmith; Coy Lowther, painter/illustrator; Mary Prentice, painter; Julia Serrano, mul-

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Jane Seavers work is on display at Light Art Space Gallery in Silver City. (Courtesy photo)

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timedia; and **Natasha Zella**, pottery and embroidery. The opening reception is 4-8 p.m., Friday, June 7. Gallery hours are 1-5 Fridays and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Gallery 925 is located in the Mesquite Historical District near the corner of Spruce St. Info: gallery925nm.com;

Gallery925LCNM on Facebook and Gallery925LC on Instagram.

• **“Making as Knowing • When I was Here, Thinking of There”** will run through July 20 in New Mexico State University’s Devasthali Hall and features work from MFA candidates **Karly Jean Ka-inz** and **Blanca Martinez** as they explore ideas of home and personal ritual. From 5 to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 13,

**“Loteria Game Nights”** will close out the summer activities. Martinez invites the community to join her in playing Loteria, a tradition and game that has inspired some of her work in the exhibition. Curated in response to the exhibition and its events, UAM Collections Curator **Courtney Uldrich** and graduate assistant **Olivia Juedeman** are presenting a selection of works from

NMSU’s Permanent Art Collection. **“Selections from the NMSU Permanent Art Collection: 2024 MFA Thesis Exhibition”** which will open alongside the MFA exhibition and run until July 20. Visit [uam.nmsu.edu](http://uam.nmsu.edu) for more information on the artists and the exhibition. The UAM is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday at 1308 E. University Ave. in Las Cruces.



Jan Severson's work is on display at Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery. (Courtesy photo)

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• **Branigan Cultural Center**, 501 N. Main St., features a new exhibit titled **“Tlazoh Amoxochitl: Florecimiento del Conocimiento Precioso: Flowering of Precious Knowledge.”**

The exhibit features artwork that investigates pre-Hispanic Mesoamerican cultural traditions painted by kindergarten to fifth grade students at

the **Raices del Saber Xinchtl Community School** in Las Cruces. The runs through Saturday, June 22. Branigan Cultural Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. There is no admission charge. Info: lascruces.gov/museums or 575-541-2154.

• **The Tombaugh Gallery** presents the **“2024**

**Fire and Fiber Show”** with 16 artisans and more than 30 artworks.

Works vary from elaborate pottery and macrame hangings, fine figurative sculpture with a bit of fiber, Ravens, tortoise, and an ancient cliff dwelling to a warrior goddess with a tile and fiber crown. With a Friday Opening from 5 to 7 p.m. on June 7 with awards presented at 6 p.m.

Complimentary wine and light refreshments will be served. The show continues through June 30.

The Tombaugh Gallery is at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano in Las Cruces. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. Info: 575-522-7281.


• **The Mesilla Valley**

**Fine Arts Gallery**, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the historic Fountain Theatre features two local artists for the month of June: **Patricia Black** and **Jan Severson**. Black is a gourd designer and Severson is a weaver. The gallery is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Info: 575-522-2933, mesillavalleyfinearts.com.



“Papayas Unite” by Coy Lowther (Courtesy photo)


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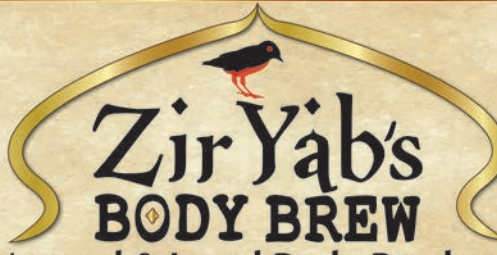
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# UNFORTUNATE SON

Books suggest Charles Manson conceived his second son in Lordsburg in 1959, a decade before the infamous murders

BY JASON K. WATKINS



Leona Musser



Manson in 1956

By December, he had been mentioned in Bugliosi's book, or for using stolen credit cards. The case was dropped for lack of evidence. The prosecutors were already

"The close call didn't fail to mention son: The Life and Times. Manson, whatever other girls he had, he always believed that he

His plan in those days was to create a harem of prostitutes and crimes for him. Stevens said the other girl was still under the influence. They were more than willing to

According to local legend, the shop either east or west of the bordellos operating out of the area seems to remember when the architect and historian visited. "Dorothy's 8-0" was the



**W**hen Charles Manson showed up in Lordsburg in a stolen convertible Triumph in December 1959, he wasn't the bearded cult leader the world later knew. Just 25 years old, he had already spent half of his life in prison and had only been out for a couple of years, despite begging parole offers in California not to release him, when he tried to set up shop in Lordsburg with two underage prostitutes, Leona Rae Musser, who went by the name Candy Stevens, and Elizabeth Olga Johns.

Charles Manson was always drawn to the desert. It's no surprise he would find a place like Lordsburg appealing, beyond the reach of the law yet rich with commerce.

According to the book "Helter Skelter" by Vincent Bugliosi, Manson was eventually arrested for "having transported two women from Needles, Calif. to Lordsburg, N.M., for immoral purposes." He spent at least a night in jail in the basement of the Hidalgo County Courthouse in Lordsburg, and then was sent back to California to face charges.

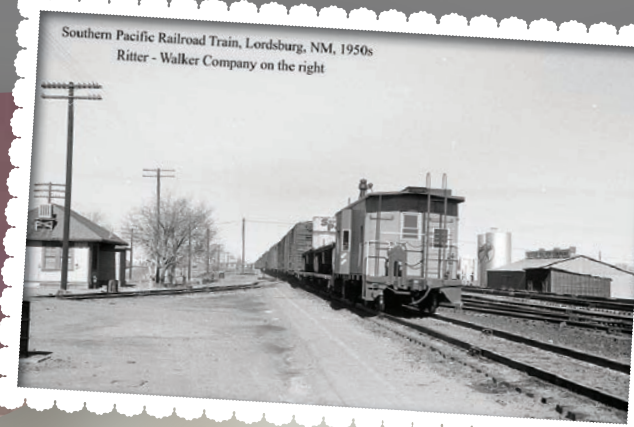
## The Timeline

A decade before the infamous Tate-La Bianca murders in Los Angeles, Manson was answering to charges that he forged a signature on a check he had stolen out of a mailbox. While being questioned in September 1959, police say Manson swallowed the check to destroy the evidence. He was sentenced to a decade in prison, until a teenage girl named Candy Stevens lied to the judge by telling him she was pregnant with Manson's child and planned to marry him. The judge took pity on them and suspended the sentence, giving him probation instead.

A couple of months later Stevens did get pregnant. The pair allegedly got married so she wouldn't be forced to testify against him.

Meanwhile, Manson fled to the desert to escape the heat, and Lordsburg looked like a good place to cool off. Located off Interstate 10 halfway between El Paso and Tucson, thousands of cars and semi-trucks passed through town every day and a percentage of them stopped and stayed the night.

Below, left: Main Street, Lordsburg. Right: Southern Pacific Railroad train, Lordsburg, 1950s.



been arrested two more times, according to grand theft auto and the other charges. The charges were eventually dropped, or more likely because federal prosecutors were building a harsher case against him. "He continued pimping out Leona and could attract to his stable. Even though the past indicated otherwise, Charles was never going to get caught again," according to numerous books, was to commit petty crimes he was barely over 18 at the time, but both, according to the books, to break the law for their leader. "Manson and his small 'family' set up a truck-stop motels, but no one alive in Lordsburg, said that the biggest and most famous of the bor-

dellos in town, but the Shady Grove Truck Stop and Motel, just outside of town near the Arizona state line, was a close second.

Like a lot of things in Manson's life, the details are murky. He made a lot of scattered court appearances around the west in the months before and after his time in Lordsburg, but most of the records, including "Helter Skelter," agree that he spent most of December 1959 growing his prostitution ring in Lordsburg before his arrest and extradition and eventual 10-year sentence.

December 1959 is also when Candy Stevens got pregnant.

Sometime at the end of December 1959, Manson was arrested in Lordsburg before he was extradited to California.

Journalist Tom O'Neill spent 20 years researching Manson and his connection to the CIA's mind-control experiments in the 1960s. His book, "Chaos: Charles Manson, the CIA, and the Secret History of the Sixties," has become a best-seller, and he's a podcast regular, including a massively popular appearance on The Joe Rogan Experience in April 2020.

He knows, more than probably anyone alive, about the Manson murders and Manson's life prior to the crimes, including what he might have accomplished in Lordsburg.

"Sounds correct to me," O'Neill told me recently. "I compiled a quick timeline for what I've been able to document of Manson's stay and arrest in Lordsburg. As you'll see, some of my info is taken directly from Manson's court records."

O'Neill's dates match up, proving Manson spent the latter part of December 1959 in Lordsburg.

All sources say Charlie and Candy parted ways in Lordsburg as he entered the 1960s incarcerated once again. Then they saw each other only once, while he was awaiting trial.

"I turned 21 years old in the L.A. County Jail," Manson told Diane Sawyer in 1993 in the famous 60 Minutes interview. "I wasn't out but a hot second. I've been in jail all my life."

That hot second produced three known children and cost the lives of at least nine people, not to mention instilling a new kind of fear in the human heart.

Writer Marco Margaritof reports Stevens visited her jailed husband back in California before her son, Charles Luther Manson, was born.

"This was a one-time scenario, though," Margaritof wrote. "The two would never meet again, and Manson would never meet his son."

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## EVENTS

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Little is known about Charles Luther Manson. He was born exactly nine months after Charles and Candy were in Lordsburg, on Sept. 24, 1960.

Candy would file for divorce on June 4, 1963, claiming that Manson “has been extremely and repeatedly cruel.”

In a letter to pen pal Michael Channels, Manson wrote in 2002: “Leona Manson [Candy Stevens] had a son Charles Manson Jr. in Denver, Colorado. I wondered about him – She is a tricky bitch I called her Wonderwoman. We got a blood test and papers but never got married – She just forged the papers and filed divorce and got custody of my son.”

## Local lore

Manson would later take part in the gruesome murders of at least nine people,

including the actress Sharon Tate and her unborn baby in Los Angeles in the summer of 1969.

In Lordsburg lore, Manson is not discussed, but he is still an ever-present figure. Growing up, I remember finding a copy of “Helter Skelter” and finding Lordsburg mentioned in the text. It made the murders more personal, knowing I shared the same geography as a killer.

I grew up hearing stories about Manson’s stay, and rumors that he fathered a child in town persist to this day, but no one postulated as a candidate fits the timeline.

I spent a couple of years reading everything I could to see what grain of truth might lie in the rumors. I searched records in the Lordsburg-Hidalgo County Library for any trace of Manson, and found none. I also searched the local paper, The Lordsburg Liberal, which made no refer-



Lordsburg Main Street. (Historic postcard images courtesy of Edmund Saucedo)

ence to Manson in 1959; his name wouldn’t appear in those pages until 1969.

Sixty-five years have passed, so memories have faded, but not completely.

When Mary Moore, a lifelong resident of Hidalgo County, was an underclassman in high school, she remembers going to the movie theater in Lordsburg around 1959.

“My sister and I went to the movie there,” Moore said, “and when we got out of the theater, this guy pulled up to us and wanted to give us a ride.”

Moore remembers that the man was driving a “strange” dark-colored car and had a hat on. He pulled over aggressively and blocked their path for-

ward.

“My sister was younger than me, and she just jumped into the car,” Moore said. “And I jerked her out of that car and said, ‘no, we don’t want a ride.’”

Not long after, Moore said, the girls spotted the car again, this time in front of their grandmother’s house.

“The man came by and wanted to know where the dump was,” she said. “It seemed like the same car and the same guy with the hat on. He asked, ‘can I take her with me to show me where the dump is?’”

Protective of her little sister, Moore ran the guy off once again.

“Why would any man want to do that, take a

young girl for a ride like that?” Moore asked.

Years later, Moore said, her younger sister came to recognize the now-famous man. “She swears that it was Charles Manson who tried to pick us up.”

Moore looked at a photograph of a 1950s-era dark-colored convertible Triumph and said, “that looks like the car.” She also remembers that he was wearing a town hat.

“My sister was so sure it was him,” Moore said.

“I remember my brother-in-law Bill Horne talking about meeting Charles Manson,” wrote Jim Morris, who attended elementary and middle school in town. “Bill worked at the Tower Texaco in Lords-

burg 1956 to 1964, and he met a lot of celebrities and other famous people while working there.”

Manson’s name became a synonym for evil 10 years after his time in Lordsburg. In a San Quentin interview in 1989, Penny Daniels asks him what he would do if he got out of prison.

“I’d probably play some music. Get my guitar and go back out to the desert,” he says. He might have had Lordsburg in mind.

He died in prison in Bakersfield in 2017. Although nothing is known about her later life, Candy Stevens has almost certainly passed away.

So has Charles Luther Manson. According to public records, he changed his name to Jay Charles Warner in 1976. He died in 2007 in Colorado. Coincidentally, Manson’s first son, Charlie, Jr., also changed his name to Jay later in life.

Likewise, Manson’s name is almost gone from Lordsburg now, just whispers in the desert.

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## TABLE TALK

## Fork Off

## Sharing worldly fusion in Grant County

By Elva K. Österreich

Dorian Varada is a creator.

He creates art, music, hair styles and food. Today, food is his focus as he can be found Thursdays through Mondays at the corner of Texas and Yankee streets in Silver City dealing his creations out of his food cart, Fork Off.

“Essentially I’m from Los Angeles and I love food,” Varada said. “I love to create.”

Coming to Silver City from the California coast, one of his inspirations for Fork Off was a lack of variety. While he loves the New Mexican/Mexican food here, sometimes, he said, he would like something different.

“In LA, you can find Korean, Indian, every type of continent is at your fingertips,” he said. “So, the inspiration was trying to bring the world to everybody’s fingertips. Like basically all the amazing things that the world done.”

Varada calls the food he sells, “worldly fusion.” He wants those around him to enjoy the best they can in life. Food is one of the ways he connects with people.

“We all deserve that decadence, and I was just trying to create this decadent menu that really showcases affordable prices, you know, with all those flavor profiles and the way its brought together harmoniously,” he said. “Who would have thought that Moroccan meets Japanese, or



Dorian Varada cooks on his Fork Off grill. (Courtesy photos)

whatever I fuse, would work? And it’s really exciting.”

The Fork Off menu evolves as it changes, sometimes every week and sometimes every day. There have been a lot of requests lately for burgers, he said, so he makes worldly burgers. For example, the recent Juicy Lucy burger has appeared on the menu.

“The Juicy Lucy is a cheese-stuffed pat-ty,” Varada said. “It’s amazing. It got the

name because when this chef made a variation of a burger and he said this is my creation, when the first person said, “Wow that’s a Juicy Lucy.”

Describing something he created on the morning of his interview, Varada described a Korean fried chicken sandwich with a cucumber marinade served with pickles.

“It’s going to be delicious,” he said. “It’s all about how to conceptualize something to evolve further, to keep creating, and that’s the purpose of Fork Off.”

His work never stops, he said. His mind is constantly creating new things that have not been invented yet. Sometimes it keeps him up at night.

When Varada arrived in Silver City some 8 years ago, he worked with the Food Corps of America at the county’s commons to bring diverse vegetables and fruit to local tables. Now he still works at the Grant County Commons facility, in the commercial kitchen there, where he brings together the worldly fusion his mind creates.

This is where he marinates and cooks the meats and sides for his cart.

“To marinate all those meats it takes time,” he said. “Of course [the marinade] works better if you give it time to let it marry and those flavors come together.”

The next step for Varada is doing breakfast at Fork Off. He is “conceptualizing” his

breakfast menu, thinking about burritos.

Word of Fork Off spread through town and county following Fork Off’s beginnings in February of 2023. Referrals, neighborhood walk-bys and food adventure seekers all seem to find the little cart on the corner.

“It’s working,” he said. “I am very grateful.”

Varada calls cooking a form of love.

“When I cook its love,” he said. “Because I’m part Italian, we show that the best form of love is through our food. We are all artists in our own way and our expression of love varies weather it’s through food, or poetry or singing.”



Korean Carnitas/Asada Nachos created by Dorian Varada.

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**RaisingDad**

Guilty Me  
Adventures in chicken land

By Jim and Henry Duchene

My eight-year-old granddaughter and I were on the west side of town picking up her new glasses. We live on the far east side of town. Why we had to drive all this way, you'll have to ask my wife. She's beautiful, but she has no sense of distance.

"Are you hungry?" I asked her as we left the eyeglass store.

"A little," she said.

"What would you like?"

"Chick-fil-A."

Fortunately, there's always one close by. The last time we stopped at this particular one we took our food to a hiking trail and had an adventure. That was before the Great Toilet Paper Shortage. She must have been five or so. The time before that she was four. We were sitting next to the playground, but the rule was she had to finish eating her food before she could play.

A lady was sitting next to us. She had a boy and girl my granddaughter's age, and they were already playing inside. I had to, um, wash my hands, so I asked the lady if she would keep an eye on her. She politely said, "Of course." I told my granddaughter to be a good girl.

"Of course," she politely copied.

I was only gone a few minutes. When I got back the lady told me, "Your granddaughter is a sweet girl."

"Thank you," I said, and complemented her kids in return.

"She's so cute. While she was waiting she was singing

'Despacito.'"

"Despacito" by Luis Fonsi was my granddaughter's favorite song. As it turned out, it was that lady's favorite song as well.

"Thank you for watching her," I told her.

"It was a pleasure," she said.

This time we ate inside the restaurant. Actually, she ate. I wasn't hungry, so I just had a shake. A shake that she ended up drinking.

"Oh, the playground is open," she pretended to notice between chicken nuggets. I think part of my granddaughter wanted to go inside and play, but another part of her realized she was getting to be too big for that. When she was three, she accidentally kicked another child in the head as she was climbing down the different levels. I'd tell you that story, but I don't think the statute of limitations is up yet.

As we were leaving, I saw a lady and her son sitting on a patch of grass on the other side of the drive-through. I also noticed they had a grocery cart filled with their possessions.

"I think they're homeless," I told my granddaughter as we were climbing into my pickup truck.

The smallest bill I had was a twenty. It wasn't exactly burning a hole in my pocket, but something inside of me wanted to take my granddaughter over there and give it to them.

"Let's go and give them some money," I told her.

I thought she'd jump at the chance. She has the kindest, most generous heart, especially when you compare it to mine.

"I don't want to," she said, settling herself in the back. "You go,

and I'll wait here for you."

"I can't just leave you here," I said, surprised at her response.

"Well, we can drive by and you can give it to them," she said.

"No, we can't. They're not by the street."

"Besides," she kept making excuses, "I don't even think they're homeless."

Try as I might, there was no convincing her. I started my truck. In her carseat, she was looking at the book she got with her kid's meal. As we were driving away I told her, "Later tonight, you're going to think about them, and feel bad that we didn't give them any money. You're going to wonder if that little boy is hungry, and think about how you could have helped."

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**Everyday Observations**

Finding our own rhythm  
and sticking to it

By Abe Villarreal

We all know people who describe something in a way that means not to offend. Such as when a realtor says that the house is charming or an older person is defined as being in their advanced years. We all know what those things mean until we don't.

Sometimes, softening up language gets in the way of what we really mean to say or to understand. So, let's start a movement

of saying what we mean, when we mean to say it, and how we mean for it to be heard.

Old waitresses with names like Flo and Sunny do this every day. The waitresses who still wear aprons and nametags. They serve up coffee in ceramic mugs that should have been retired years ago. They take your order in cafés with large windows, bar seats, and the sounds of the local AM radio. I like those kinds of waitresses. They don't mess around, and they know what they were created to do on this good earth.

Old barbers are the same. The kinds with the perfectly lined up salt and pepper mustaches. They work in places called Joe's or just Barbershop. The seats are worn, and the red-white-and-blue barber pole sticks a little with each revolution. Still, everything is meticulously clean when you walk in, and they know what they are there to do – to give you the exact cut you've been getting for years. Don't ask for something different.

Old barbers and old waitresses don't deviate from their plans. They show up, they tell it like it is, they do a good job, and they go home to their families. There is a rhythm to their lives and to how they contribute to society. There's something noble about that rhythm.

Life should go in rhythms. Familiar rhythms and changing rhythms. Fast-paced and steady as a drum. It helps us know where we are going and what to expect. We all have rhythms, but to really know each other, we have to stick them.

We don't do that anymore. We walk on tippy toes, and we

speak with hesitation. We are afraid of how we are going to come off to others, and we are afraid of saying what we really mean to say. There's something to be said about not being able to say anything anymore.

The Soup Nazi on Seinfeld had a rhythm. A very short and declarative one, but he had one. It made him who he was, and it made us laugh because we all knew someone a little like him. We like characters on TV and in books because we all know a character like the ones we are seeing and reading. Characters with different ways of speaking, of sharing, of being.

The homogenization of our culture is causing us to lose our individual and distinctive rhythms. Rhythms that communicate culture and traditions. Rhythms of genetics, of nature, of nurture. Rhythms that sound different because we are different.

We can all soften ourselves when needed, just like a composition, changing from page to page but creating a sound of our own. We all need to soften from time to time. If we soften too much, we'll lose our shape, our notes, the real sound we were created to make.

The next time you stop by the diner on a historic route to somewhere, sit back, relax and let the old waitress be herself. Her direct and candid self. She's been that way all her life, and it's OK.

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#### Gila Film Showcase

1 p.m. at the Silco Theater,  
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7-9:30 p.m. Lyndecker Plaza,  
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#### Otero County Alamogordo Otero County Farmers Market

8-10 a.m. in Alameda Park,  
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#### Meet the Thunderbirds In town for the Legacy of Liberty Airshow

6-9 p.m. Washington Park,  
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#### Film: "The Atomic Rocketeer"

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Show**7:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theater, 430 N. Main St., Las Cruces  
[rthomaschappell@gmail.com](mailto:rthomaschappell@gmail.com)**Movies in the Park:****"Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom"**At dusk, Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., Las Cruces  
575-541-2550**SUNDAY, June 2****Grant County****Live Music: Tim Faust**noon-2 p.m., Tranquilbuzz Coffee House, 112 W. Yankee St., Silver City  
828-542-0216**Anything but a Car  
Show & Swap Meet**

noon at the Grant County

Convention Center, 3130 U.S. Highway 180, Silver City  
575-489-8986**Live Music: Female Gaze  
Alt rock**4 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E. Arenas Valley  
[whiskeycreekzocalo.com](http://whiskeycreekzocalo.com)**Gila Film Showcase**4:30 p.m. at the Silco Theater, 311 N. Bullard Street in Silver City  
575-956-6198**Sierra County****Black Cat Poetry Reading**1-2:15 p.m. at Ingo's Art Cafe, 422 Broadway Ave. T or C  
575-551-8186**Black Range Poetry &  
Pickin' Festival**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Black

Range Lodge, 50 Main St. Kingston  
575-895-5652**Otero County****Legacy of Liberty Airshow**All day at Holloman Air Force Base  
[holloman.af.mil/Home/2024-Air-Show](http://holloman.af.mil/Home/2024-Air-Show)**Doña Ana County****Music in the Park  
Rosewater Blues Band  
and UnLyshed**7 p.m., Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., Las Cruces  
575-541-2550**MONDAY, June 3****Grant County****Square Dancing**

3-5:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 314 W. College St. Silver City, Use the side entrance

575-956-7186

**WEDNESDAY, June 5****Doña Ana County****Farmers & Crafts Market  
of Las Cruces**

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces Downtown, Las Cruces

[farmersandcraftsmarketoflascruces.com](http://farmersandcraftsmarketoflascruces.com)**Onion Field Day**

8 a.m.-noon at the Fabian Garcia Research Center, 113 W. University Ave., Las Cruces

575-646-4398

**THURSDAY, June 6****Grant County****Fiesta Latina: Mariachi****EVENTS***continued on page 26***First Friday Art Walk • June 7 • 5-7pm**[silvercityart.com](http://silvercityart.com)

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**Conference Showcase**  
5-7 p.m. at Western New Mexico University campus  
[fiestalatina.org](http://fiestalatina.org)

**Karaoke**  
7-10 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City  
575-956-6144

**Otero County Garden Stroll at Shady Pines**  
**Explore the Fairy Garden**  
2-5 p.m., 200 Fox Lane in Cloudcroft

361-557-1960

**Lincoln County Ruidoso Library Summer Music Series: McKenzie**  
6-8 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso  
[ruidosolibrary.org](http://ruidosolibrary.org)

**Doña Ana County \*Day of Dance**  
6 p.m. at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Las Cruces  
575-541-2154

**FRIDAY, June 7**

**Grant County ¡Fiesta Latina! Mercado, film, music**  
2-10 p.m. at Western New

Mexico University campus  
[fiestalatina.org](http://fiestalatina.org)

**Performance: The Mittelstadts Songs and dances**  
2 p.m. Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave., Silver City  
575-538-3672

**Pop-up exhibit and sale Reception for the Silver City Art Association**  
4-8 p.m. at the Seedboat Center for the Arts, 214 W. Yankee St., Silver City  
607-398-8110

**Midnight DG Latin Dance Party**  
9 p.m. at Little Toad Creek

Brewery & Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City  
575-956-6144

**Otero County Garden Stroll at Shady Pines**

2-5 p.m., 200 Fox Lane in Cloudcroft  
361-557-1960

**Support Groups**

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**MONDAY Silver City/Grant County New Hope Al-Anon Family Group** — noon at First United Methodist Church, 314 W. College Ave. Silver City. Zoom ID: 389 907 739, Password 658776. Info: [nmal-anon.com](http://nmal-anon.com).

**Bereavement Group** — The second Monday of the month, 1-2 p.m. at the Silver City Women's Club, 411 Silver Heights Blvd., Silver City. Info: 575-313-1082.

**TUESDAY Silver City/Grant County Co-Dependents Anonymous** — 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 615

N. Texas St. Silver City. Info: [CoDAsilvercity@gmail.com](mailto:CoDAsilvercity@gmail.com)  
**Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families meeting** — 6-7 p.m. at Brewer Hill Church, 600 N. Corbin St. Silver City. Info: 575-654-8435.

**Deming/Luna County Bereavement Group** — The first Tuesday of the month, 1-2 p.m. at the Deming Luna County Senior Center Day Room, 800 Granite St. Deming. Info: 575-546-8823.

**WEDNESDAY Silver City/Grant County Arenas Valley Al-Anon Family Group** — 6-7 p.m. at the Arenas Valley Church of Christ, 5 Racetrack Road, Arenas. Zoom ID: 781 471 031; password: 954941; info: [nmal-anon.com](http://nmal-anon.com)

**Las Cruces/Mesilla Overeaters Anony-**

**mous**, hybrid on Zoom at noon each Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 102 St. James St., Info: 610-762-3779.

**Meditation and Healing Service** 6 p.m. each Wednesday at Unity of Las Cruces, 575 N. Main St. Through meditation, experience the presence of God. A new service with Rev. Jennifer Kleitz. Info: 575-523-4847.

**FRIDAY Silver City/Grant County Women Embracing Recovery Al-Anon Family Group** — 5:30-6:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 314 College Ave. Silver City. Zoom ID: 411 858 127; password: 954941; info: [nmal-anon.com](http://nmal-anon.com)

**SATURDAY Las Cruces/Mesilla Overeaters Anonymous**, hybrid on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. each

Saturday at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., Info: 575-405-9128.

**Epilepsy Support & Educational Services, Inc. meetings.** 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. second Saturday of every month at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Info: 575-636-4500 or [Epilepsy-SupportNM.org](mailto:Epilepsy-SupportNM.org).

**Desert SW Cancer Support Group**, 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of the month, at Memorial Medical Center Annex meeting room (entrance on the west side of the hospital). Info: Maricela at 505-453-1789.

**SUNDAY Las Cruces/Mesilla Grief Share Program.** 3 p.m. Sundays at Morning Star Church, 2941 Morning Star. Program lasts for 13 weeks. Contact: Cris Fernandez, [crisfern@me.com](mailto:crisfern@me.com).

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**Veteran Arts Showcase opening**

5-8 a.m. at Otero ArtSpace, 1118 Indiana Ave. Alamogordo  
Info: oteroarts.org

**Luna County****State Park Astronomy Program**

Sunset, 8:15 p.m. at Rockhound State Park  
575-546-6182

**Lincoln County**

**Erick Willis Live at Wingfield Park**  
6-8 p.m. at 300 Center St., Ruidoso  
discoverruidoso.com/  
under-a-mountain-sky

**SATURDAY, June 8****Grant County****Experimental printmaking without a press workshop With Carmen Ruiz**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Rock House, 2045 Memory Lane, Silver City

575-519-2688

**¡Fiesta Latina! Mercado, film, music demonstration and tequila tasting**

10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. at Western New Mexico University campus  
fiestalatina.org

**Pop-up exhibit and sale**

11-4 p.m. at the Seedboat Center for the Arts, 214 W. Yankee St., Silver City  
607-398-8110

**Picking Circle for guitars, fiddles, etc.**

**Intermediate/advanced**  
11:30 a.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E. Arenas Valley  
rickeakin8@gmail.com

**Fireside Poetry**

noon-2 p.m., Tranquilbuzz Coffee House, 112 W. Yankee St. Silver City  
828-542-0216

**State Park Astronomy Program**

Sunset, 8:15 p.m. at City of Rocks State Park  
575-546-6182

**Otero County****High Rolls Cherry Fest**

9 a.m.-5 p.m., 56 Cottage Row in High Rolls, follow Highway 82 toward Cloudcroft and follow the signs  
highrollslions@gmail.com

**Tularosa Duck Race**

11 a.m.-4 p.m. around the corner of Encino and Second streets  
505-350-4531

**Garden Stroll at Shady Pines**

**Explore the Fairy Garden**  
2-5 p.m., 200 Fox Lane in Cloudcroft  
361-557-1960

**Miss New Mexico Competition**

7 p.m. at the Flickinger Cen-

ter for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave. Alamogordo  
flickingercenter.com

**Sierra County****Second Saturday Art Hop**

6 p.m. Downtown Truth or Consequences  
director@torcmainstreet.org

**Luna County****Saturday morning breakfast**

8-10 a.m. at the Deming American Legion Bataan Post 4, 619 W. Spruce St., Deming  
575-546-8385

**Lincoln County****Opening Day Midtown Market**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Country Club Park, 100 Country Club Drive, Ruidoso  
discoverruidoso.com

**Ruidoso Futurity and Derby**

1 p.m., 26225 U.S. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs  
raceruidoso.com

**Live music: Nest Fest 2024****Domestic violence shelter fundraiser**

5-9 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Riverside, 2704 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso  
866-378-6378

**Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra**

6-10 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 108 Spencer Road, Alto  
spencertheater.com

**Doña Ana County****Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces**

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces Downtown, Las Cruces  
farmersandcraftsmarket  
oflascruces.com

**SUNDAY, June 9****Grant County**

**¡Fiesta Latina! Mercado, film, music, demonstration**  
10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Western New Mexico University campus  
fiestalatina.org

**Live Music: Mark Bolinger**  
noon-2 p.m., Tranquilbuzz Coffee House, 112 W. Yankee St. Silver City  
828-542-0216

**Live Music: Melissa Carper with special Guest Theo Lawrence**

**Honky tonk/country**  
7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E. Arenas Valley  
whiskeycreekzocalo.com

**Otero County****High Rolls Cherry Fest****EVENTS**

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**Garden Stroll at Shady Pines**  
Explore the Fairy Garden  
2-5 p.m., 200 Fox Lane in Cloudcroft  
361-557-1960

**Lincoln County**  
**Ruidoso Futurity and Derby**  
1 p.m., 26225 U.S. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs  
[raceruidoso.com](http://raceruidoso.com)

**Doña Ana County**  
**Music in the Park**  
**Old-Time**  
**Pharmaceuticals and Cadillac Kings**  
7 p.m., Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., Las Cruces  
575-541-2550

### MONDAY, June 10

**Grant County**  
**Square Dancing**  
3-5:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 314 W. College St. Silver City, Use the side entrance

575-956-7186

### WEDNESDAY, June 12

**Grant County**  
**Live Music: Kimmi Bitter**  
**Retro country singer/songwriter**  
7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E. Arenas Valley  
[whiskeycreekzocalo.com](http://whiskeycreekzocalo.com)

**Doña Ana County**  
**Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces**  
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces Downtown, Las Cruces  
[farmersandcraftsmarketoflascruces.com](http://farmersandcraftsmarketoflascruces.com)

**Wednesday Storytime**  
10 a.m. at Barns & Noble, Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., Las Cruces  
575-522-4499

**Arte and Aguas Class**  
6 p.m.-7 Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Las Cruces  
575-541-2454

**\*Agave Restoration Program talk**  
**Supporting the Mexican long-nosed bat**  
7 p.m. with the Native Plant Society of New Mexico, in-person and Zoom at the

NMSU Biology Annex, 3080 Williams Ave. Room 101, Las Cruces  
[lc@npsnm.org](mailto:lc@npsnm.org)

### THURSDAY, June 13

**Grant County**  
**Live Music: Era Snow & Cuerdas**  
7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E. Arenas Valley  
[whiskeycreekzocalo.com](http://whiskeycreekzocalo.com)

**Doña Ana County**  
**El Camino Mercado and Music**  
6:30 p.m. at the Range, 3217 El Camino Real Road, Las Cruces  
[therangelc.com](http://therangelc.com)

### FRIDAY, June 14

**Grant County**  
**Pint Size Polka**  
4 p.m. Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave., Silver City  
575-538-3672

**Live Music: Kara Granger**  
**full band**  
**Blues singer/songwriter**  
7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E. Arenas Valley  
[whiskeycreekzocalo.com](http://whiskeycreekzocalo.com)

**Live Music: Rhythm Mystic**  
8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek

Brewery & Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City  
575-956-6144

**Otero County**  
**Nichols Ranch Cherry Festival**  
noon-5 p.m. at Nichols Ranch and Orchards, 236 Cottonwood Canyon Road, La Luz  
[nicholsranchandorchards.com](http://nicholsranchandorchards.com)

**Lincoln County**  
**Ruidoso Tattoo Expo**  
noon-11 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso  
[ruidosotattooexpo.com](http://ruidosotattooexpo.com)

**Erica Perry Hamilton Live at Wingfield Park**  
6-8 p.m. at 300 Center St., Ruidoso  
[discoverruidoso.com/under-a-mountain-sky](http://discoverruidoso.com/under-a-mountain-sky)

**Doña Ana County**  
**"A Walk in the Woods"**  
8 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St, Las Cruces  
575-523-1223

### SATURDAY, June 15

**Grant County**  
**Picking Circle for guitars, fiddles, etc.**

**Intermediate/advanced**  
11:30 a.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E. Arenas Valley  
[rickeakin8@gmail.com](mailto:rickeakin8@gmail.com)

**Silver City Woman's Club Pet Parade**  
11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Silver City Woman's Club, 411 Silver Heights Boulevard, Silver City  
575-654-1001

**Learn About our Local Moths**  
7:30 p.m., WNMU Global Resource Center, ABC Room  
[gilawatershed.org](http://gilawatershed.org)

**Live Music: Anna Maria Rosales and the Unfit Mothers**  
**Bass player from El Paso**  
8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City  
575-956-6144

**Lincoln County**  
**Taste of the Spencer Fundraising Party**  
6-9 p.m. at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, 108 Spencer Road, Alto  
[spencertheater.com](http://spencertheater.com)

**Otero County**  
**Nichols Ranch Cherry Festival**  
9 a.m.-7 p.m. at Nichols Ranch and Orchards, 236 Cottonwood Canyon Road, La Luz  
[nicholsranchandorchards.com](http://nicholsranchandorchards.com)

**Mysto's Really Big Magic Show**  
7 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave.. Alamogordo  
[flickingercenter.com](http://flickingercenter.com)

**Luna County**  
**Saturday morning breakfast**  
8-10 a.m. at the Deming American Legion Bataan

Post 4, 619 W. Spruce St., Deming  
575-546-8385

**Beat the Heat Music Downtown**  
7-9:30 p.m. Lyndecker Plaza, corner of Gold and Spruce streets, Deming  
[demingms.org](http://demingms.org)

**Lincoln County**  
**Ruidoso Tattoo Expo**  
10 a.m.-11 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso  
[ruidosotattooexpo.com](http://ruidosotattooexpo.com)

**Doña Ana County**  
**Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces**  
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces Downtown, Las Cruces  
[farmersandcraftsmarketoflascruces.com](http://farmersandcraftsmarketoflascruces.com)

**Movies in the Park: "Barbie"**  
At dusk, Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., Las Cruces  
575-541-2550

**"A Walk in the Woods"**  
8 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St., Las Cruces  
575-523-1223

### SUNDAY, June 16

**Grant County**  
**Live Music: Eric, Sue & Dale**  
noon-2 p.m., Tranquilbuzz Coffee House, 112 W. Yankie St., Silver City  
828-542-0216

**Live Music: John Mitchell & Friends Jazz band**  
1-4 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St., Silver City  
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**Live Music: Larry & Joe Appalachian folk and traditional Venezuelan fusion**

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**Otero County**  
**Nichols Ranch Cherry Festival**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Nichols Ranch and Orchards, 236 Cottonwood Canyon Road, La Luz  
[nicholsranchandorchards.com](http://nicholsranchandorchards.com)

**Lincoln County**  
**Ruidoso Tattoo Expo**  
 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso  
[ruidosotattooexpo.com](http://ruidosotattooexpo.com)

**Doña Ana County**  
**Jazz & Blues: David Borrego Quartet**  
 6:30 p.m. at Alama d'Arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court Ave. Las Cruces  
[mvjazzblues.net](http://mvjazzblues.net)

**Music in the Park**  
**Mariachi Aguilas and Hypnosos**  
 7 p.m., Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., Las Cruces  
 575-541-2550

**MONDAY, June 17**

**Grant County**  
**Square Dancing**  
 3-5:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 314 W. College St. Silver City, Use the side entrance  
 575-956-7186

**TUESDAY, June 18**

**Lincoln County**  
**Ruidoso Library Summer Music Series: Cactus Sol**  
 6-8 p.m. at the Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso  
[ruidosolibrary.org](http://ruidosolibrary.org)

**WEDNESDAY, June 19**

**Doña Ana County**  
**Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces**

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces Downtown, Las Cruces  
[farmersandcraftsmarketoflascruces.com](http://farmersandcraftsmarketoflascruces.com)

**Arte and Aguas Class**  
 6 p.m.-7 Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Las Cruces  
 575-541-2454

**THURSDAY, June 20**

**Grant County**  
**Live Music: Katie Mae and the Lubrication**  
**Alt country, full band**  
 7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E. Arenas Valley  
[whiskeycreekzocalo.com](http://whiskeycreekzocalo.com)

**Karaoke**  
 7-10 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City  
 575-956-6144

**FRIDAY, June 21**

**Grant County**  
**Performance: Tall Paul Magic**  
 4 p.m. Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave., Silver City  
 575-538-3672

**Grant County**  
**Live Music: Lottie & the Ohm Wreckers**  
 8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City  
 575-956-6144

**Lincoln County**  
**Blake Burrow Live at Wingfield Park**  
 6-8 p.m. at 300 Center St., Ruidoso  
[discoverruidoso.com/under-a-mountain-sky](http://discoverruidoso.com/under-a-mountain-sky)

**Doña Ana County**  
**Juneteenth Jazz Arts Festival**  
**Tony Trejo and the Tenia Nelso Trio**  
 6-9 p.m. in Plaza de Las

Cruces, 100 N. Main St.  
 575-541-2167

**"A Walk in the Woods"**  
 8 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St, Las Cruces  
 575-523-1223

**SATURDAY, June 22**

**Grant County**  
**Picking Circle for guitars, fiddles, etc.**  
**Intermediate/advanced**  
 11:30 a.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E. Arenas Valley  
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**Live Music: Anna Blomfield & Jeff Ray**  
 noon-2 p.m., Tranquilbuzz Coffee House, 112 W. Yankie St., Silver City  
 828-542-0216

**Live Music: Gila River Band**  
 8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery, 200 N.

Bullard St., Silver City  
 575-956-6144

**Otero County**  
**Juneteenth**  
 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Washington Park, 100 Washington Ave., Alamogordo  
[alamogordojuneteenth.com](http://alamogordojuneteenth.com)

**Cloudcroft Beerfest**  
 Noon-6 p.m. Zenith Park, James Canyon Highway, in Cloudcroft  
 575-682-2733

**Carpool: The Ultimate Cars Tribute**  
 7 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave. Alamogordo  
[flickingercenter.com](http://flickingercenter.com)

**Lincoln County**  
**Bourbon Fest at the Race Track**  
 5-10 p.m., 26225 U.S. Highway 70, Ruidoso Downs  
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**Luna County**  
**Saturday morning breakfast**

8-10 a.m. at the Deming American Legion Bataan Post 4, 619 W. Spruce St., Deming  
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**Doña Ana County**  
**Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces**

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces Downtown, Las Cruces

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**Juneteenth Jazz Arts Festival**  
**Lush Life Quintet**  
 6-9 p.m. at the Branigan Cultural Center, 100 N. Main St.  
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**Juneteenth Jazz Arts Festival**

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Dr. Janet Quintanilla, DOM, Dipl.OM

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Those battling with pain but unable or unwilling to alleviate their condition with potentially addictive pills can feel as if they're on pins and needles waiting for a solution.

However, for some suffering from pain, pins and needles ARE the solution.

Dr. Janet Quintanilla, who trained in China, practices

Acupuncture at Sonoma Acupuncture Integrative Health, said a lot of the pain management field is skittish about prescribing pain medication.

Quintanilla said almost all of her patients cannot, or prefer not to take medications to assuage their conditions.

"I've been maxed out of nerve pain meds, and all the doctors said to just live with it." said **Bob Hoskins of Virginia**. "It (acupuncture) was the last resort, with the best results."

**Hoskins began to see Quintanilla in October for lingering effects from a 30 foot fall he took from a tree in 1998.**

"I think she does a heck of a job," **Hoskins** said. "I'd fallen and put my hip through the pelvic socket." Additionally, **Hoskins** had injured his ribs, vertebra, and tailbone.

"I hate pills. If at possible, I'd rather not take them." **Hoskins** said.

**Dr. Ralph Becker, pain management physician for Mayo Clinic** recommends acupuncture and said **Hoskins's** comments are common.

"Patient's today realize that in 2023 there are non-invasive options out there and want to avoid surgery if possible." **Becker** said.

**Becker** who's been practicing 20 years, said he learned about acupuncture during his fellowship and has enthusiastically recommended it to his patients for years.

"If people ask me, I encourage them to try it. Our saying is, "Can't hurt, often helps," **Becker** said.

**Becker** says, he has found acupuncture helps many of his patients with chronic pain and neurological conditions.

"You give them less medication, there are less uncomfortable side effects."

**Becker** said "They get more active."

For others struggling with pain management and staying independent, such as **Betty Hicks of Deming**, pills are not an option.

"I have nerve damage in my toes from when I broke my ankle." **Hicks** said. "They all told me, there's nothing they can do."

**Hicks** said the sensation in her extremities was painful and felt like "burning needles in her shoes."

"Sometimes, I'd be up all night because of the hurting." **Hicks** said.

Dr. Quintanilla said initially she had told **Hicks** she could not be accepted as a patient, because she was skeptical that acupuncture could help her neuropathy (nerve damage).

**Hicks** said her pain has largely abated and she's able to do the hobbies she was used to doing since she began seeing Quintanilla in October. She said she did not expect the treatment to work, but is delighted it has. Quintanilla says that **Hicks** is an inordinately fast responder. Dr. Quintanilla says, "While we see these seemingly miraculous results day in and day out, Mrs. Hicks is an unusually fast responder. Typically. I expect patients to take a few more weeks to report these kinds of changes. But I'm very happy for her and all of us here at Sonoma Acupuncture are excited to see this look of amazement on our patients faces."

"I tell all my friends. I don't have the pain in there and rarely use my cane." **Hicks** said. "My husband doesn't have to rub my feet anymore."



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**BAM Showcase**

6-9 p.m. in at Atkinson Concert Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Circle  
575-541-2167

**Maya Textile Sale Weaving for Justice**

10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Atrium of First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road in Las Cruces  
weaving-for-justice.org

**"A Walk in the Woods"**

8 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St, Las Cruces  
575-523-1223

**SUNDAY, June 23****Grant County**

**Bat Conservation International presentation Overview of BCI's Agave Program**

1 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E. Arenas Valley  
whiskeycreekzocalo.com

**Live Music: Over Souls Highly anticipated return**

1-4 p.m. at Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery, 200 N. Bullard St. Silver City  
575-956-6144

**Live Music: Era Snow**

noon-2 p.m., Tranquilbuzz Coffee House, 112 W. Yankie St. Silver City  
828-542-0216

**Otero County****Cloudcroft Beerfest**

Noon-6 p.m. Zenith Park, James Canyon Highway, in Cloudcroft  
575-682-2733

**Doña Ana County****"A Walk in the Woods"**

2:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St., Las Cruces

575-523-1223

**Juneteenth Jazz Arts Festival Tony Trejo and the Tenia Nelso Trio**

6-9 p.m. in Plaza de Las Cruces, 100 N. Main St.  
575-541-2167

**Music in the Park Genie & the Starliners and Guitar Slim**

7 p.m., Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., Las Cruces  
575-541-2550

**MONDAY, June 24****Grant County****Square Dancing**

3-5:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 314 W. College St. Silver City, Use the side entrance  
575-956-7186

**TUESDAY, June 25****Grant County**

**Music for children: Andy Mason**

10:30 a.m. Silver City Public Library, 515 W. College Ave., Silver City  
575-538-3672

**Doña Ana County****Author Talk: John Scherber**

**Are We There Yet? writing about the expatriate experience in Mexico**  
1:30 p.m. at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room  
whiskeycreekzocalo.com

**WEDNESDAY, June 26****Grant County****Wednesday Farmers Market**

9 a.m.-noon at Old Valley Market, 412 Highway 211 at the corner of Clark Road, in Gila  
silvercityfarmersmarket.info

**Live Music: Ross Cashiola & Ryan Sambol**

**Singer/songwriters**

7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E. Arenas Valley  
575-649-8786

**Otero County****\*Preschool Story Time**

10:30 a.m. at the Alamogordo Public Library, 920 Oregon Ave. Alamogordo  
575-439-4140

**Doña Ana County****Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces**

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces Downtown, Las Cruces  
farmersandcraftsmarketoflascruces.com

**Arte and Aguas Class**

6 p.m.-7 Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Las Cruces  
575-541-2454

**THURSDAY, June 27****Grant County****Live Music: Songwriter's Showcase**

7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway 180 E. Arenas Valley  
whiskeycreekzocalo.com

**Sierra County****Square Dancing**

1-3:30 p.m. at the New Mexico Old Time Fiddlers Playhouse, 710 Elm St. in T or C  
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**Doña Ana County****"A Walk in the Woods"**

7 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St., Las Cruces  
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**Drumming with Kester**  
noon-2 p.m., Tranquilbuzz  
Coffee House, 112 W. Yankee  
St., Silver City  
828-542-0216

**Wild Irish Dance with Kate Rose**  
2 p.m. Silver City Public

Library, 515 W. College Ave.,  
Silver City  
575-538-3672

**Live Music: Flicker  
One-man band**  
8-11 p.m. at Little Toad Creek  
Brewery & Distillery, 200 N.  
Bullard St., Silver City  
575-956-6144

**Otero County  
Fourth Friday family night**  
6-10 p.m. Washington  
Park, 100 Washington Ave.

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ci.alamogordo.nm.us

**Lincoln County  
Hayden Huse Live at  
Wingfield Park**  
6-8 p.m. at 300 Center St.,  
Ruidoso  
discoverruidoso.com/  
under-a-mountain-sky

**Jack and the Beanstalk  
Missoula Children's  
Theatre**  
7 p.m. at the Spencer The-

ater for the Performing Arts,  
108 Spencer Road, Alto  
spencertheater.com

**Doña Ana County  
"A Walk in the Woods"**  
8 p.m. at the Black Box  
Theatre, 430 N. Main St.,  
Las Cruces  
575-523-1223

SATURDAY, June 29

**Grant County  
Picking Circle for guitars,  
fiddles, etc.**

**Intermediate/advanced**  
11:30 a.m. at Whiskey Creek  
Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway  
180 E., Arenas Valley  
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**Live Music: Garrett T.  
Capps & NASA Country;  
Little Mazarn; Buttercup;  
Sunjammer  
Psychedelic county/  
soulful rock**  
7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek  
Zócalo, 11786 U.S. Highway  
180 E. Arenas Valley  
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**DJ Mischievous**  
9 p.m. at Little Toad Creek  
Brewery & Distillery, 200 N.  
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**Otero County  
A Hint of Winter in June  
Cello concert**  
3 p.m. in the Cloudcroft  
High School Commons, U.S.  
Highway 82 in Cloudcroft  
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**Luna County  
Beat the Heat Music  
Downtown**  
7-9:30 p.m. Lyndecker Plaza,  
corner of Gold and Spruce  
streets, Deming  
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**Otero County  
Alamogordo Otero County  
Farmers Market**  
8-10 a.m. in Alameda Park,  
1987 White Sands Blvd.,  
Alamogordo  
farmersmarketsnm.org

**Big Bang STEM Expo**  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Tay's Spe-  
cial Event Center, 2400 N.  
Scenic Drive, Alamogordo  
spacehalloffame.org

**Doña Ana County  
Farmers & Crafts Market  
of Las Cruces**  
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de  
Las Cruces Downtown, Las  
Cruces

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flascruces.com

**Movies in the Park:  
"Wonka"**  
At dusk, Young Park, 1905 E.  
Nevada Ave., Las Cruces  
575-541-2550

**"A Walk in the Woods"**  
8 p.m. at the Black Box  
Theatre, 430 N. Main St, Las  
Cruces  
575-523-1223

SUNDAY, June 30

**Grant County  
Live Music: Thea & the  
Greenman**  
noon-2 p.m., Tranquilbuzz  
Coffee House, 112 W. Yankee  
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**Live Music: Calista  
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1-4 p.m. at Little Toad Creek  
Brewery & Distillery, 200 N.  
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**Doña Ana County  
"A Walk in the Woods"**  
2:30 p.m. at the Black Box  
Theatre, 430 N. Main St., Las  
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TUESDAY, July 2

**Lincoln County  
Ruidoso Library Summer  
Music Series: The  
MoneyRakers**  
6-8 p.m. at the Ruidoso  
Public Library, 107 Kansas  
City Road, Ruidoso  
ruidosolibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, July 3

**Grant County  
Wednesday Farmers  
Market**  
9 a.m.-noon at Old Valley  
Market, 412 Highway 211 at  
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Gila  
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## ON THE BORDER

# Tiny Gestures

## Taking images back to Mexico for delight

Text and photos  
by Morgan Smith

It seemed like a tiny gesture, my wife, Sherry's insistence on taking these Walmart 4 X 6-inch photos of women patients at the mental asylum, Vision in Action in Juárez and putting them in paper frames and then pasting gold stars on the frames.

Then we drove to Juárez, a trip that I have been making at least monthly for more than a decade and that Sherry has made a number of times with me since our marriage in 2018. Our first stop was the new dormitory for some 24 women that we had raised the money for several years ago. Probably for the first time in their lives, these 24 women have a decent level of comfort and, more important, physical security. Their lives can get boring, however, so visitors like us are always welcome.

When I visit, I always take photos and I always bring prints on the next visit. If done right, I think this is therapeutic. For example, many of these patients feel that they are ugly and abandoned. However, when they see the print, they realize that, in fact, they are quite attractive. After all, there is no reason why someone who has mental problems can't be physically attractive.

These patients often feel



Lupe, Nuria and Sarai are delighted to receive earlier images of themselves at Vision in Action mental asylum in Juarez.

they are alone and without friends. Yet when they get a print of them with other patients, all laughing and with their arms around each other, they realize they have friends, they are not alone.

There are rules obviously. No photos unless the patient agrees. No photos of missing teeth or bread-crumbs on the face. In other words, the photo is designed to enhance the attractiveness of the subject.

When we got to the women's dormitory, Sherry laid the photos out on a table. Then a number of the patients asked for more photos; these would be of them holding the prints we had brought. I'll make prints of these for the next visit.

This was a moment of near hysterical laughter. Yes, it was just a tiny gesture but one that was unforgettable.

Colorado, the state

where the two of us spent our careers, has a population of about 6 million and is now spending almost one billion dollars a year on its mental health system. New



presumably would lead to more mental health issues, spends almost nothing. Vision in Action, which has been in existence for almost 30 years, survives largely via donations.

So, like it or not, tiny gestures matter.

Mexico is still recovering from a devastating incursion on the mental health system pre-Covid. Texas, which is said to have the worst mental health system of any state, is now spending \$25 billion a year. Mexico, with much higher levels of violence which

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# Finding Sanctuary

## Last Alamogordo chimps can retire in comfort

In March the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit dismissed the National Institutes of Health's appeal of a federal court ruling that the agency broke the law by withholding sanctuary retirement from federally owned chimpanzees formerly used in research. The appeal was dismissed at NIH's request.

In 2021, the Humane Society of the United States, Animal Protection New Mexico, Humane Society Legislative Fund and three individual plaintiffs sued NIH after the agen-

cy reneged on its commitment to sanctuary retirement for all chimps owned or supported by the federal government. Instead, NIH decided to retain dozens of chimps at the Alamogordo Primate Facility – the same New Mexico laboratory where they were previously used in experiments – for the remainder of their lives. Twenty-six chimps currently remain at the Alamogordo facility.

In December 2022, a Maryland federal judge held that NIH's decision was unlawful under the Chimpanzee Health, Improve-

Montessa is a chimpanzee that currently resides at the Alamogordo Primate Facility in New Mexico. (Courtesy of National Institutes of Health)



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brn coat, 1 year old

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female, blk/wht coat,  
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ment, Maintenance and Protection (CHIMP) Act, a 2000 law which created and funded the federal chimpanzee sanctuary system.

NIH initially appealed that ruling but has abandoned the appeal, meaning the lower court's ruling stands and the chimpanzees cannot lawfully be denied sanctuary retirement.

"Moving forward, we are grateful for this outcome and also encouraged that National Institutes of Health Director, Dr. Monica Bertagnoli, stated during her confirmation hearings last fall that she supports sanctuary for the 26 remaining chimpanzees at the Alamogordo Primate Facility in New Mexico," said Gene Grant, chief program and policy officer-animals in science for Animal Protection New Mexico.

Due to advances in non-animal methods of research and testing, and changes in their legal status under the Endangered Species Act, chimpanzees have not been used in federally sponsored research since 2015.

Before issuing the decision challenged in the lawsuit, NIH had previously declared all remaining federally owned chimpanzees, including the Alamogordo chimps, eligible for retirement to Chimp Haven, the federal sanctuary.

Chimp Haven provides former research chimps with superior veterinary and behavioral care and an open, natural living environment while also saving taxpayer dollars.

"Now that the appeal has been dismissed at NIH's request, a real retirement is on the horizon for the Alamogordo chimpanzees," said Tracie Letterman, vice president of federal affairs for Humane Society Legislative Fund.

## DESERT SAGE | ALGERNON D'AMMASSA

# Walking for my life

## Interplanetary travel – by foot

**T**he extent to which smartphones possess us can be observed in the effort required to be rid of them.

We negotiate time spent on devices at home versus other activities, particularly with our children; we resolve to put the phones away for time with family and friends, and notice the temptation to check on whatever we might be missing; hanging shoe caddies are now standard classroom equipment; researchers report on the not-well-understood public health effects of social networking sites and the steady consumption of entertainment and information through internet media, and we read about it on our phones. I bought a wrist watch so I needn't depend on my phone to know what time it is.

That we speak of preferring a "real" world to what we call the "virtual" in itself, something that must be chosen (if so chosen) with the exertion of some effort, is an indelible mark of the era. "The desire to be analogue is itself extruded from the digital," as Antón Barba-Kay wrote.

All that said, it is nothing new to notice how reliance on a technology alters how we experience and personalize the world. Reading Barba-Kay's meditations on the digital era, strangely, remind me of my interplanetary travel from one earth to another – both of them made by me.

My parents raised me as a walker. It was routine for us to walk several miles

at a time together. We hiked up and down area mountains and sometimes walked from city to city. My five-mile walk to high school required me to traverse a bridge spanning the Providence River and negotiate steep hills through city streets, always weathering the weather. As a college student in Manhattan, I strolled for hours daily, knowing where the cheapest bowls of soup and bottomless cups of coffee were sold, living on loose change. When I ran away to Florence, Italy for a few months, low on cash and fueled on panini, I spent most of my waking moments on my feet, walking about.

Moving to Los Angeles at age 30, I found myself observing the city, its zeitgeist and its climate as an extended series of car rides.

Like millions of Angelenos, I drove everywhere, often sitting in motionless traffic listening to the radio, cursing other drivers, scavenging for free parking. I seldom walked more than a few city blocks anymore; and I didn't want to, because I hated Los Angeles.

Then, at an intersection in Oakland, my beat-up Ford Taurus died, the pinkish-green stink of its blown transmission burning my eyes, far beyond anything I could afford to repair. I donated the hulk to a nonprofit on the spot and thumbed my way back to L.A. For several months as a carless resident, I explored the over-

crowded buses and undercrowded subways (which had limited service, yet were usually pleasant); I bought a friend's bike and risked my life in Sunset Boulevard's bike lane; yet mostly, I walked.

As a pedestrian, I experienced a different L.A. entirely, rich with treasures and oddities the motorist does not notice – gardens tucked away, interesting houses, peculiar shops, pocket parks, weird historical markers, random installations of art and eccentric people on foot for one reason or another.

Car dependence shrank the city and blinded me to much of its personality. Losing my car was a hardship that allowed me to see Los Angeles as a vivid place, like New York or Florence or the Providence of my teen years, and to personalize it.

Similarly, it is when I leave the nagging, golem-like "personal device" behind and go outside for a walk that the world ceases to be a flat, angry, hopeless field on a screen. I hear crows laughing and I join in.

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