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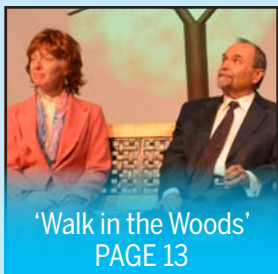
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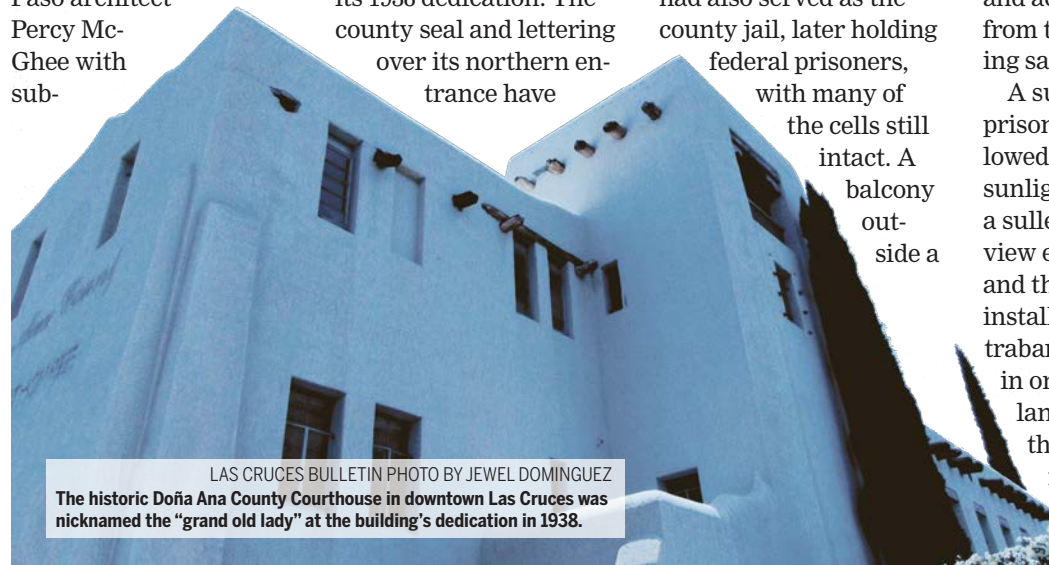
Historic courthouse is downtown's 'grand old lady'

ALGERNON D'AMMASSA
Las Cruces Bulletin

The old Doña Ana County Courthouse, a 1937 Spanish Revival style building designed by El Paso architect Percy McGhee with subsequent additions as recent as 1969, maintains a stately presence at 251 W. Amador Avenue.

Its nickname as downtown Las Cruces' "grand old lady" originated with its 1938 dedication. The county seal and lettering over its northern entrance have

been taken down, but the concrete, brick and stucco structure – a product of the Roosevelt-era Works Progress Administration – summons a quiet dignity as traffic rushes past it, looking over all of its surrounding buildings except for the 10-story Electronic Caregiver Tower on Main Street.



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY JEWEL DOMINGUEZ
The historic Doña Ana County Courthouse in downtown Las Cruces was nicknamed the "grand old lady" at the building's dedication in 1938.

Inside, many of the doors still bear the names of county offices where daily business was once transacted. The building functioned as a courthouse into the 1980s, and had also served as the county jail, later holding federal prisoners, with many of the cells still intact. A balcony outside a

judge's office peers into downtown. Some rooms show signs of a previous owner's excavations, with dirt and debris swept into piles on the floor. A vaulted courtroom is illuminated through windows that let in the sun, but many rooms and corridors, including the old cell blocks, are in perpetual darkness. With flashlights, one can view art etched on the walls by inmates long ago; a chess board carved onto the surface of a steel dining table; and evidence of break-ins and activities by squatters from the years the building sat empty.

A sunken patio where prisoners were once allowed a daily hour of sunlight and fresh air has a sullen mood, with no view except the sky above and the layers of mesh installed to prevent contraband from being tossed in or out. The Arabic-language graffiti on these walls is left over from a movie that was filmed here. The site is popu-

lar as a filming location: Mel Gibson filmed scenes for a movie here and left a copy of his script in the drawer of a desk.

The darkness of its spaces and local lore about horrifying conditions in the jail contribute to its reputation for being haunted – and the interest it has roused from paranormal researchers.

One business maintains a living presence there today: Southwest Expeditions, a local enterprise offering a variety of adventure tours in the area including hikes, kayaking and rafting alongside historical tours and other events, is headquartered here.

"I fell in love with the building because of the architecture," owner David Crider said in an interview. "It's very elegant. It's a hidden elegance because it's gone downhill over the years."

As a historic site, Crider said the old courthouse has diverse stories to tell.

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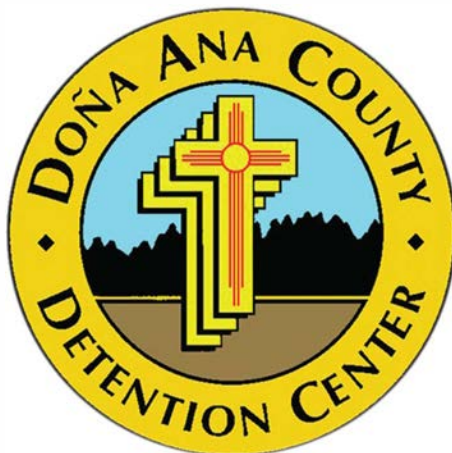
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Spaceport cup offers future rocket scientists hands on experience

ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Spaceport America Cup is the world's largest intercollegiate rocket engineering competition for student rocketry teams. With 152 teams from colleges and universities in 32 countries, the competition continues to grow every year. There are a total of 6,153 rocketeers participating this year. The event runs from June 17-22.

Teams gather in Las Cruces and then take their products out to the Spaceport America vertical launch area and compete in their divisions. Students launch solid-, liquid- and hybrid-fuel

rockets to target altitudes of 10,000 and 30,000 feet.

Not only do students flow into the community for the week, there are also judges and recruiters for companies such as Blue Origin and Virgin Galactic who are also sponsors for the event.

ESRA President Steve Taylor said the event is run with the help of 156 ESRA volunteers. He is passionate about the event because of the students and their enthusiasm.

"It's important to the industry," he said. "The college students do a lot of theoretical work. This is an opportunity for them to get hands on fabrication skills."

Taylor said the students



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Recruiters from colleges and space-related business across the United States line up at the Las Cruces Convention Center to share information with the student participants as they set up for the Spaceport America Cup. The rooms at the Las Cruces Convention Center fill with university engineering rocketeers from over the world as they prepare for launching their rockets at Spaceport America this week. The students were required to have their rockets, information and a presentation on hand during the two days at the center.

are becoming more sophisticated over time than

they were when he started with the event.



"Engineering students think differently, they come up with different solutions to old problems," he said.

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or to purchase a spectator ticket, visit SpaceportAmericaCup.com. Visit the ESRA YouTube channel, @esrarocket, to watch the competition remotely.



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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFS

City writes off over \$200k in utility, library debts

BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces City Council voted unanimously to write off more than \$200,000 of debt across the three departments during their meeting on June 17.

The unanimous vote did not eliminate the debts, mostly from unpaid utility bills. Instead, the vote means the debt will no longer be actively collected.

"We're just doing this for cleaning purposes, for accounting best purposes," said Las Cruces' accounting supervisor, Adolfo Cardenas, during the meeting.

State law allows municipalities to write off debts uncollected for four years and don't affect a department's revenues.

Cardenas said Las Cruces Utilities would have \$192,814 written off. General billing, including operations like fines for damaging a water line during construction, had \$17,254 written off. Lastly, the council allowed the city to write off \$38,616 in library debts.



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY JEWEL DOMINGUEZ
Las Cruces Mayor Eric Enriquez is seen during the June 17 city council meeting.

The library debts stemmed from 545 patrons, most of whom owed less than \$50, Cardenas said.

Councilor Yvonne Flores asked Cardenas how aggressively the city pursues these debts. Cardenas said he didn't know but would inform the council later.

Council approves pay increase for firefighters as part of union contract

BULLETIN REPORT

The Las Cruces City Council approved a three-year contract with a union representing local firefighters that guarantees the department a 22 percent increase in pay.

The new three-year contract increases firefighters' pay by 22 percent and benefits. According to city Human Resources Director Jo Richards, the contract also puts the Las

Cruces Fire Department pay scales above those of their counterparts in Albuquerque, Alamogordo, and Santa Fe.

"We're seeing increases for public safety in general," Richards said, referring to the growing cost of police and fire departments for local government.

The specific benefit changes include better coverage for bereavement leave, funeral expenses,

and parental leave.

Richards said the new contract changed 37 articles of the collective bargaining agreement and added four new articles.

Richards said that negotiations for the new contract began in November 2023 and concluded in April 2024.

The vote carried 6-0. District 3 Councilor Becki Graham recused herself from the vote because her spouse is a firefighter.

Juneteenth banquet pays tribute to Blackdom

ALGERNON D'AMMASSA
Las Cruces Bulletin

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,

Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Diners set down their forks and stood as the Billy Townes Group shifted from a set list of jazz standards to accompany a choir performing "Life Every Voice and Sing," the hymn giving voice to Black Americans' appeal for freedom and opportunity.

Hundreds gathered at the Las Cruces Convention Center on June 15

for an evening of dinner, music and celebration ahead of Juneteenth.

The holiday, observed on June 19, commemorates the formal end of chattel slavery in the United States on the date that Union Major General Gordon Granger entered Texas in 1865 to command enforcement of the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation. Although celebrations of Juneteenth date back to 1866, it was declared a federal holiday only in 2021.

The \$75-a-plate event was organized by the Doña Ana County chapter of the NAACP, whose president, Bobbie Green, greeted attendees, noting the diversity in the room as well as the presence of top leadership of the city, county, New Mexico State

University and others. "This is what America great," she said. "The diversity, the intelligence ... the compassion. That is what makes America great."

Mayor Eric Enriquez and City Councilor Johana Bencomo jointly presented the city's Juneteenth proclamation, followed by Doña Ana County Commissioners Susana Chaparro and Shannon Reynolds with the county's proclamation. Several local state legislators were in attendance, and video messages from U.S. Ben Ray Luján, U.S. Rep. Gabe Vasquez and New Mexico Attorney General Raúl Torrez were presented.

The evening also featured a tribute to Blackdom, as a piece of New



LAS CRUCES BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALGERNON D'AMMASSA

Keynote speaker Mitch Boyer of Vado speaks to an attendee at the NAACP's Juneteenth banquet at the Las Cruces Convention Center on June 15.

Mexico history and a post-Juneteenth story of independence and resilience. Blackdom was a Black homesteader settlement and farming community in Chaves County, begun in 1901 under the leadership of Francis and Ella Boyer and made possible by land grants under the

Homestead Act. The community built a village center with church and schoolhouse, post office and businesses, before drought conditions caused the inhabitants to relocate, leaving Blackdom empty in 1921. The Boyer family resettled in Vado in Doña Ana County.

Saturday's keynote speaker was Boyer's great-great-grandson, Mitch Boyer. Following a video documentary about Blackdom, Boyer spoke for five minutes in tribute to his ancestor and relating his own efforts to follow the elder Boyer's example as a civil rights activist (who was once arrested alongside labor leader Cesar Chavez) and community leader in Vado.

"Although I never knew him personally," he said of Frank Boyer, "I learned from hearing his story (and) the legacy. We shared a lot in common. We both were visionaries as well as natural leaders. I possess the same goals: to empower my community and to encourage social justice and political change."

Commissioners nix firework restrictions on split vote

JUSTIN GARCIA
Las Cruces Bulletin

Doña Ana County commissioners voted 3-2 not to implement increased fireworks restrictions ahead of the July 4th season, diverging from the city of Las Cruces on a similar measure earlier this month. The commissioners met in regular session on June 11.

The problem for the commission's majority stemmed from a view that patchwork enforcement would be fruitless and affect only a few residents.

The two commissioners who supported the measure said any restriction to limit potential wildfires amid severe drought would benefit the county.

Amid severe drought conditions, the state allows municipalities to limit firework use and sale. But the county's measure would have only affected unincorporated parts of Doña Ana County. Municipalities like Mesilla, Las Cruces, Hatch and Anthony have the authority to implement their own measures – or not implement anything, as some have done.



DOÑA ANA COUNTY VIDEO

Doña Ana County Chairman Christopher Schaljo-Hernandez debates a measure to restrict fireworks in the county during the board of commissioners' June 11 meeting.

The Las Cruces City Council passed a resolution on June 5 restricting the use of fireworks such

as missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, stick-type rockets and ground audible devices such as chasers and firecrackers. But Mesilla and Anthony, two places where fireworks sales are common, have not.

The county already bans many aerial fireworks. However, the proposed increase in restriction would have tightened it ahead of the July 4th holiday.

"I don't necessarily think that we need to prohibit something that's already prohibited," said District 1 Commissioner

Christopher Schaljo-Hernandez.

District 4 Commissioner Susana Chaparro said she'd previously voted in favor of increasing restriction. But this time, she would vote against it.

"Even if we prohibit the sale of fireworks within the unincorporated parts of the county, we still have parts of the county that are still going to allow the sale of fireworks. To me, it doesn't make sense. We're just batting down someone who happens to be in the unincorporated parts of the county," Chaparro

said.

Schaljo-Hernandez and Chaparro joined District 2 commissioner Diana Murillo in opposing the measure. District 4 Commissioner Manuel Sanchez and District 3 Commissioner Shannon Reynolds were the only supporters of increased restrictions.

"If you ask me, I think it's very irresponsible of the municipalities (not to pass restrictions amid drought), especially when you have a couple that rely on county fire to provide services for them," Sanchez said.

Wildfires threaten towns, lives near Ruidoso

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Southern New Mexico
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Two fires threatening the community of Ruidoso expanded rapidly this week, damaging or destroying at least 500 structures and prompting evacuation orders in Ruidoso and neighboring Ruidoso Downs.

The South Fork Fire burning to the west and north of the village grew to nearly 15,300 acres by Tuesday afternoon while the Salt Fire, burning to the south, totaled about 5,500 acres. They were listed as 0 percent contained.

KOB-TV and Source New Mexico reported at

least one death has resulted from the fires.

Shortly after 4 p.m. Tuesday, authorities announced a second evacuation order in as many days, urging residents of the city of Ruidoso Downs to evacuate immediately due to the Salt Fire “making a run” toward the community. An evacuation order Monday applied only to a portion of Ruidoso Downs, as well as to Ruidoso proper and surrounding neighborhoods, a village official said.

The only available evacuation route for the 2,600-person community of Ruidoso Downs was U.S. Hwy. 70 east toward Roswell.

State police blocked all

highways leading to Ruidoso because of the high risks relating to travel in the area.

Fire crews from multiple agencies were fighting the blazes using both ground and air equipment.

Since its start on Monday morning, the larger South Fork Fire has encroached upon homes and businesses in Ruidoso and Alto, a short drive to the north. Dramatic footage of the Alto Ski Shop ablaze at night was circulating on social media Tuesday. Also perishing in the fire was the Swiss Chalet Inn, a well-known hotel along Mechem Drive.

Residents and onlookers followed fire progress on an alert app known as Watch Duty. At least according to the app, much of the Upper Canyon, a heavily wooded area of Ruidoso, appeared to still be standing.

Officials declined to comment about what structures had or hadn't survived the fire, saying their main focus now is on fighting the blazes. Assessments of damage will come later.



COURTESY PHOTO BY PAMELA BONNER

Former Ruidoso News reporter Pamela Bonner captured this image of a wildfire threatening Ruidoso, N.M. before she evacuated on June 17.

Monday, most residents evacuated Ruidoso as the threat of the South Fork Fire especially grew throughout the afternoon and evening hours. Despite the order being described as mandatory, an unknown number of people remained behind in their homes, said Village of Ruidoso spokesperson Kerry Gladden.

Tuesday, Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham issued an emergency declaration concerning the Ruidoso fires, a move that opens the doors for funding to flow to the response ef-

forts.

Temporary shelters for people and animals sprang up in multiple communities in the region. A number of organizations launched donation drives to help people affected by the fires.

At least one federal website listed the source of the fires as human-caused. However, Gladden said she wasn't able to verify that Tuesday.

The fire response was expected to transition to a higher-level federal command structure Tuesday evening, according to

Gladden.

Pamela Bonner, a former reporter for the Ruidoso News, also evacuated the community on Monday. She posted dramatic footage of smoke billowing above the town and vehicles waiting to evacuate.

“Thousands of people evacuated and now we will sit and wait to find out if we have a village or a home to return to,” Bonner wrote on social media site X. “The stress is utterly overwhelming.”

Las Cruces community response

Local organizations based in Las Cruces joined regional and national organizations in marshaling aid for displaced survivors of the wildfires. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, the Las Cruces Homebuilders Association, Revolution 120 and NMSU's College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences as well as local businesses set up collection points for donations. A list with further information can be found at LasCruces-Bulletin.com.

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Open letter to one lucky driver

The clearest detail I remember about your car was the smoke coming off your tires, before we nearly collided on Amador Avenue Saturday night. You were stopped at a red light and decided to peel out, gunning your engine and shooting out under the traffic signal. Maybe you were showing off, or maybe you were just having fun, seeing what your car could do. I imagine you feeling powerful and free that hot

summer evening.

Heading north on Mesquite Street was me, entering the intersection under the green light as you made your move. I stomped on my brakes to avoid T-boning you. This may have saved your life, but no reward or thanks are needed. Your savior here was no act of virtue on my part,

nor the intercession of a god, but the rules of the road and a fellow person's willingness to follow them. That's why you are going about your week now with your body and your impressively loud car both intact.



**ALGERNON
D'AMASSA**
Desert Sage

O, arbitrary rules of the road! Why drive on the right side instead of the left? Why pay attention to painted lanes

on the pavement? Who is anyone to tell me I must drive my car at 25 miles per hour when I am confident negotiating that road at 40? Yet this system of conventions and ordinances helped protect you even after you dispensed with them: You had unseen arms around you. You were also lucky that the driver coming your way was paying attention, not looking at a mobile phone; was driving the speed limit;

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But don't confuse your luck with freedom.

Spaceport needs reliable partners

Expectations were sky high in 2005 when British entrepreneur Sir Richard Branson inked a 20-year lease on a new spaceport that had yet to be built in southern New Mexico.

The lease called for Virgin Galactic to pay \$1 million a year for the first five years, with payments after that dependent on the company's success in developing an industry for space tourism.

There was no reason to believe that the venture would not be a huge success. Virgin Galactic reported that 38,000 people from 126 countries had already registered for the opportunity to blast off into suborbital space. Up to 100 so-called Founders ponied up the full

\$200,000 cost to be first in line.

"Experts predict that thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars of private investment will be created in the next 20 years," then-Economic

Development Secretary Rick Homans said at the time.

They unveiled a spiffy new logo for the occasion. What they did not unveil, and still haven't, is a spacecraft that can safely and reliably blast passengers into space on a routine basis. Virgin Galactic has made a grand total of seven flights since then, the last coming earlier this month.

Last November, Virgin Galactic fired all 73 of its employees in New Mexico. They ignored questions from Source New Mexico as to how those positions were selected and if there was any compensation package offered.



WALT RUBEL
The View From Here

In a letter to the displaced workers, CEO Michael Colglazier blames the layoffs on "uncertainty in the capital markets" and "geopolitical unrest." There is no mention of the fatal test flight in October 2014 that claimed the life of copilot Michael Alsbury and significantly delayed plans to begin commercial launches.

Colglazier went so far

as to claim that the 19-year effort at Spaceport America had "demonstrated the efficiency" of Virgin Galactic's system. Seven flights in 19 years is efficient?

The plan now is to shift operations to Arizona, where the next Delta Class spaceship is being designed.

"The new Delta class of spaceship will be wonderful," Branson gushed to Source News Mexico. "It will be like building aeroplanes, so we can build one after another and in time start bringing the prices down and enabling more people to go into space."

The plan now is to begin test flights sometime next year and to begin commercial ser-

vice a year later. But we shouldn't hold our breath.

Branson boldly predicted during the 2005 press conference that flights from Spaceport America would begin in 2008. When that timeline came and went he continued promising that the first launch was right around the corner. He didn't stop until the fatal crash that killed Alsbury. The first crewed flight didn't happen until 2021.

I'm not suggesting that the state should give up on Branson, whose current lease runs through 2033. That's not really an option at this point. For better or worse, we're

Staying safe when visiting Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks

CARRIE HAMBLÉN
Guest columnist

Last month marked the 10-year anniversary of the designation of our beloved Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument. Just as we had done a decade prior, the community gathered to celebrate and honor this incredible area that has helped maintain our traditional ways of life, boosted our local economies and put a star on the map.

As a state senator and president of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, one of the most evident impacts of the designation has been the increase of visitors. A 2023 study commissioned by the Green Chamber showed that since the designation, more than 60 percent of visitors to the national monument have been locals. Additionally, 73 percent of non-local visitors to the area attribute OMDP as their reason for visiting southern New Mexico.

This visitation not only encourages an appreciation for our public lands but is also a boost to our economy. The study also showed that since the designation of the monu-

ment, visitation has resulted in more than \$234 million in cumulative economic impact in the region.

While this is undeniably a good thing, we cannot ignore that with more visitors inevitably comes more drivers on the road, which raises the possibility of wildlife vehicle collisions. There are roughly 1,200 collisions a year reported to law enforcement across the Land of Enchantment, costing lives and money. These collisions cost nearly \$20 million in property damage, emergency response and healthcare costs every year, and can kill mule deer, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, black bear, cougar and even our Mexican wolves.

Thankfully, a collective effort led to the passage of the Wildlife Corridors Act in 2019, which created the Wildlife Corridors Action Plan that identified priority areas to build crossings and reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions. U.S. Route 70 at San Augustine Pass, which cuts through the OMDP, not only serves as a barrier to north-south connectivity of mule deer, bighorn sheep and mountain lions,

but historically has been a wildlife vehicle collision hotspot. With traffic not only to the monument, but New Mexico's newest national park, White Sands, continuing to increase, maintaining connectivity and keeping wildlife and drivers safe will become even more essential.

Most recently, there was a sighting of a Mexican gray wolf in the monument. As this population continues to grow and expand throughout New Mexico, it's essential that they can do so safely. This means minimizing the barrier created by our roads and ensuring wolves and other species can safely make these crossings.

Wildlife like our "lobo" defines our history and regional identity in New Mexico and draws locals and visitors alike. As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks and see how the protection of our public lands benefits our local economies and communities, we are reminded of how increased visitation could put more drivers on the road and pose a risk to wildlife and people.

To address this issue proactively, it's time we

invest in the priorities and recommendations identified in the Wildlife Corridors Action Plan. New Mexico continues to benefit from record budget surpluses, and in the

next legislative session, we must commit some portion of that surplus to wildlife crossings that will benefit drivers and protect the wildlife that are so central to our state's

identity.

Carrie Hamblen is the president of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce and a New Mexico state senator representing District 38.

On abortion and where I stand

YVETTE HERRELL
Guest columnist

We're getting close to election season, which for me means again preparing to see and hear millions of dollars in advertising from liberal special interest groups smearing me and misleading New Mexico voters about my positions. They are desperate to keep my common sense voice out of Congress, and the truth means nothing to them in that pursuit.

This time around they're getting an early start, using the sensitive and personal topic of abortion to confuse New Mexicans about where I stand. I want you to hear directly from me in order to sort fact from fiction.

First, and this is no secret, I am pro-life. As a Christian, I believe every human life is a sacred gift from God.

I also greatly empathize with the many women who find themselves with an unintended pregnancy, which is why I support exceptions for rape, incest and the life of the mother. These can be very difficult and scary situations, and it is important that

we extend every option available to women to help them make the right decision for their personal situation, including access to women's health care services, ultrasounds and counseling.

I believe we must do a better job of supporting mothers - and fathers - through pregnancy, birth and beyond. This is why I support making the adoption process easier, making it less of a burden to foster children, and providing tax relief for mothers on baby supplies like diapers or bottles. I also fully support increased access to birth control, education that can reduce unintended pregnancies and fertility treatments like in-vitro fertilization (IVF) that have given countless families the opportunity to experience the joy of parenthood.

When the Supreme Court overturned *Roe vs. Wade* in 2022, it returned the responsibility of setting abortion policy to the states. The people of each state must now decide for themselves what limits should be placed on abortion.

That is not to say that I

agree with New Mexico's current policy of abortion being legal up until the day of birth for any reason. I am disappointed to see our progressive leaders continue to create a late-term abortion tourism industry in our state using your taxpayer dollars.

However, if the voters of New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District choose to return me to Congress, I will respect the Supreme Court's ruling. I will not support a national abortion ban. That authority now lies with New Mexicans and our leaders at the state level.

I will, though, oppose any attempts to fund abortions with federal tax dollars. And I will support guaranteeing medical care for babies born alive after a failed abortion.

We can disagree civilly on difficult issues like abortion while working together to bring down the cost of living, secure our border, and get crime under control.

Yvette Herrell served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2021-23, and is a candidate for the office in the Nov. 5 election.

SPACEPORT

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Brad Douglas to helm city attorney's office

JUSTIN GARCIA
Las Cruces Bulletin

Brad Douglas, who's been Las Cruces' interim city manager since April and has worked in the city's attorney's office for years, was promoted to city attorney on June 16.

Douglas' new role empowers him as the city's top legal person, a key position in the leadership structure that governs New Mexico's second-largest municipality. The city attorney is the chief legal advisor to the city manager, city council and all city departments. The role has come under new focus as the council looks to revamp its municipal court to better respond to

minor crimes.

"Brad has been committed to the City and brings experience and stability to this role and our Legal department. He has done an outstanding job managing the Legal department through significant changes,"

City Manager Ikani Taumoepeau said in a news release.

Indeed, Douglas has been a constant in an otherwise tumultuous office. For years, Jennifer Vega-Brown handled the post of city attorney. She was fired from the position in October 2023, then filed

a lawsuit against the former city manager, Ifo Pili, claiming she was wrongfully terminated. The lawsuit is ongoing.



BRAD DOUGLAS

During this time, the city also struggled to recruit attorneys to fill its department and was forced to contract with local law firms for many services.

The office was then operated by Linda Samples, a Pili hire, in July 2023; but after less than a year, Samples moved on from the city. A spokesperson said Samples left voluntarily and the Bulletin's efforts to reach Samples were unsuccessful.

Douglas was there for all of it and has outlasted the change to become the chief legal officer in city government after being given the interim title following Samples' departure.

"He's had major success in his short time as Interim City Attorney, recruiting skilled attorneys to fill positions that have been vacant for over a year and working on several public safety initiatives. I feel confident that Brad will continue to serve the City well in this capacity," Taumoepeau said.

Douglas earned his law degree from the University of Mississippi in Oxford in 2012. Before that,

he earned a bachelor's degree in political science and government from the University of Southern Mississippi.

According to the news release, Douglas has handled the city's prosecutorial duties since 2021. Douglas is also responsible for reviewing city contracts, overseeing lawyers hired to handle complex litigation (such as lawsuits stemming from police shootings), and advising the city council, city manager and department heads, according to the news release.

Douglas also has private practice experience. The news release said he's practiced in criminal defense, civil litigation,

family law and contract disputes.

"I am looking forward to serving our community in this role. My goals in the coming months will be to place an emphasis on public safety by working with internal staff and community partners to make Las Cruces the most livable and safest City in the area. I also plan to minimize the City's liability through working with the best outside counsel available and aggressively recruit additional highly qualified attorneys to fill vacant positions in-house that have gone unfilled for an extended period of time," Douglas stated in the news release.

COURTHOUSE

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Some of those stories are of ghost sightings and creepy noises emanating from the depths of the building; some of past lawmen who worked here and prisoners who suffered violence and mistreatment upstairs; and others about historical figures from Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, of how previous generations in these halls, and looking through these windows, dreamed their city might flourish.

Plans by the courthouse's private owners to renovate the site for a luxury hotel were hobbled by the 2020-23 Covid-19 pandemic, which caused

the project's costs to skyrocket. The developers' business plans had included a provider for tours and adventures, which is how Crider became the building's living presence and ambassador. Over a few years, while continuing to present tours at other locations, Crider has found more events to present at the courthouse, sharing its strange treasures.

While the hotel project stalled, Crider has kept going – and as part of his enterprise, he has welcomed more visitors to get acquainted with the "grand old lady" through historic tours, ghost tours, paranormal investigations, playing laser tag, dancing or banquets in

the old courtroom and small rooftop events.

As for the reports of shouts, slamming doors and inexplicable drafts of cold air or movement of shadows that have been reported here, Crider said he has experienced all of the above and has accepted the presence of these "entities," viewing them as mischievous rather than malevolent.

"I respect them. This is their home; I've come to that realization."

And for the foreseeable future, he plans to keep working here, growing his business and taking care of this unusual historical site.


"As long as I can do this, this is what I'm going to do," he said.



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Friday, June 21

- Juneteenth Jazz Arts Festival with Tony Trejo and the Tenia Nelson Trio, 4-7 p.m., at Plaza de Las Cruces. Info: 575-646-4208.
- Make Music Day: Radio Malilla and Proud Pete, 7 p.m. at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. Info: 575-541-2550.
- Film: "Food, Inc. 2," 7:30 p.m. at the Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla. Info: mesillavalleyfilm.org.
- Camerata Del Sol, chamber music, 7:30 p.m. at Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075N. Horseshoe St. Info: cameratadelisol.org.
- "A Walk in the Woods," 8 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St, Info: 575-523-1223.

Saturday, June 22

- 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.
- Juneteenth Jazz Arts Festival with Lush Life Quintet, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-646-4208.

- Lotteria Game Night with Blanca Martinez, 5-6:30 p.m. at the University Art Museum, New Mexico State University. Info: 575-646-8036.
- Juneteenth BAM Showcase, 7 p.m., at NMSU's Atkinson Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe St. Info: 575-646-4208.
- "A Walk in the Woods," 8 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St, Info: 575-523-1223.

Sunday, June 23

- Juneteenth Solidad Canyon, 1 p.m., at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 700 E. Picacho Ave. Info: 575-646-4208.
- "A Walk in the Woods," 2:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St, Info: 575-523-1223.



Camerata del Sol

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- Sunday Night Music: Genie & the Starliners, 7 p.m. at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. Info: 575-541-2550.
- Juneteenth celebration with the Joe Dunn Big Band, 8 p.m., at Plaza de Las Cruces. Info: 575-646-4208.

Tuesday, June 25

- Veteran Health Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St. Info: <https://va.gov/las-cruces-vet-center/>
- "Ten-Gallon," a queer western romance dance film, 7 p.m. at the Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla. Info: dccdusa.com
- Swing on the Plaza, 7-11 p.m. on Plaza de Las Cruces Downtown, 575-541-2290.

Wednesday, June 26

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

Thursday, June 27

- Balia Las Cruces, Dancing on the Plaza, 7 p.m. lesson, 8:30 p.m. dancing, at Plaza de Las Cruces, 100 N. Main St. Info: riograndetheatre.org.
- "A Walk in the Woods," 7 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St, Info: 575-523-1223.

Friday, June 28

- "A Walk in the Woods," 8 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St, Info: 575-523-1223.
- Saturday, June 29
- Movies in the Park: "Wonka," at dusk, Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. Info: 575-541-2550.
- "A Walk in the Woods," 8 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St, Info: 575-523-1223.


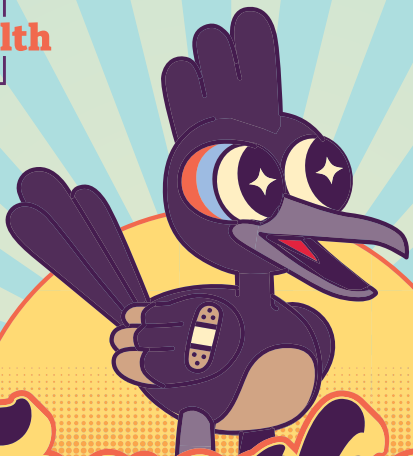
Sunday, June 30

- "A Walk in the Woods," 2:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St, Info: 575-523-1223.

Ongoing

- Coalition of Conservatives in Action, 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at Kitchen Kraft Home, 980 N. Telshor Blvd. Info: 816-510-1105.
- 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.
- Epilepsy Support & Education Services, Inc. meetings. 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. third Saturday of every month at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Info: 575-636-4500 or EpilepsySupportNM.org.


- Federation of Democratic Women of Doña Ana County, at 6 p.m., Holy Family Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road, every second Tuesday. Info: Sherri Nolan at 575-644-8207.
- 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.
- Overeaters Anonymous, noon Wednesdays at St. James Episcopal Church, 102 St. James St. Hybrid meeting, available by Zoom. Info: Bob at 610-762-3779.
- Overeaters Anonymous, 9:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Hybrid meeting, available by Zoom. Info: Barbara at 575-405-9128.
- Tai Chi in the Park free introductory classes every Thursday, 9-10 a.m. at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center in the Park. Ongoing class in the traditional Yan Family Tai Chi Long Form. Information: 915-584-4730.
- Weaving for Justice textile sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Christian Church Atrium, 1809 El Paseo Road. Held on the third Saturday of the month, all proceeds go to Maya weaving cooperatives in Chiapas, Mexico. Info: weaving-for-justice.org.

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'Walk In The Woods' treads familiar ground



DAVID SALCIDO
For the Bulletin

Once again revisiting the 20th century's greatest hits, No Strings Theatre Company breathes life into Lee Blessing's Tony- and Pulitzer-nominated Cold War drama, "A Walk In The Woods." Now playing at the Black Box Theatre downtown, the context of this political anti-thriller is the fictionalized account of a real-life series of unofficial meetings between two nuclear arms negotiators at the height of the Reagan-Gorbachev era. It's very heady stuff.

The good news is, despite a startling wig and an outfit that is still burned on my retinas, this production is splendidly acted. This is in part due to Blessing's excellent writing, but more importantly for us, because Edward Montes and

Karen Buerdsell hit every mark with commendable skill. The playful light and color shifts against a rudimentary Mondrian-esque backdrop also help immensely.

As Andrey Lvovich Botvinnik, the Russian diplomat, Montes masters the accent and delivers it with a reassuring ease, in his portrayal of a jovial man jaded by his years as a government stooge, but eager to experience the small beauties that life has to offer. Buerdsell, as the idealistic American negotiator Joan Honeyman, gives a restrained and thoughtful performance that allows for her icy exterior to melt ever-so-slightly under the warm amiability of Botvinnik's charm. Together, their chemistry is lively and provocative, laced with humor and genuine affection.

Now, let's talk about the play itself. Does it still resonate? Yes and no. It does because, sadly, on the surface nothing has really changed in the last three and a half decades, and we are still liv-

ing under the threat of nuclear annihilation. On the other hand, the dynamics of the situation, beneath the surface, have changed considerably since 1988.

Today every major power has nukes, and many of the smaller and more volatile countries are cranking up their arsenals. Looking back at a time when two opposing superpowers played a complicit game of chicken that kept the world on tenterhooks, it almost seems quaint in its simplicity – like a James Bond movie with all the sexiness and wanton destruction of property removed.

There is plenty of food for thought in this nuanced and witty two-hour walk through history, but is it enough to coax the much-needed younger crowd out of their insulated barrage of curated news bytes supplied by smart phones and TikTok? As opening night's small but receptive older crowd demonstrates, this is doubtful. The ongoing game of one-upmanship between bureaucrats and des-



COURTESY PHOTO BY NO STRINGS THEATRE COMPANY

Karen Buerdsell and Edward Montes are the performers in Lee Blessing's "A Walk In The Woods," at the Black Box Theatre through June 30.

pots isn't surprising, much less shocking. For today's future viewer, eh – it's so last century.

I think what I'm trying to say is, history shows us that in times of adverse stress on a global scale, what audiences want most is to be entertained. They want to be taken away from the screaming media and the frequently modified opinions that pass for news. They want escap-

ism, not grim reality. Maybe this should be a criterion when it comes to picking future productions. Especially when an audience is what is most needed.

"A Walk In The Woods" continues its run at the Black Box Theatre, Friday, Saturday and Sunday through June 30. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit No-Strings.org.

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Dance film premieres at Fountain Theatre

ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH
Las Cruces Bulletin

Dark Circles Contemporary Dance is offering a special screening of “Ten-Gallon,” a groundbreaking queer western romance, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 25, at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla.

The production debuted live in El Paso in October 2023. Joshua Peugh, founder and artistic director said while Dark Circles is based in Las Cruces, they couldn't find a performance space in town and so took it to an El Paso venue.

Five dancers from across the United States spent about eight weeks in Las Cruces putting the show together, Peugh, the production's choreographer, said.

“We had a live audience for four performances,” he said. “We got some really exciting feedback. The film was funded by The Endowment of the Arts, New Mexico Arts and others.”

The production and film feature an original musical score created by the company composer, Brandon Carson, with Peugh closely involved in the process.

“Our composer composes, and I create the concept in the dance,” he said. “We work together for months and months. It's the same with lighting and costume design. Its to make sure we were all creating this one work together, all working on the same show at the same time.”

Peugh said he worked with the dancers to put the choreography together.

“The only way I know to create work



COURTESY PHOTO BY CHADI EL-KHOURY

Dark Circles Contemporary Dance brings “Ten-Gallon” by Joshua L. Peugh to the screen at the Fountain Theatre.

that is touching and authentic is from the inside out,” he said. “We generate the material together. It's a really collaborative process.”

The themes of the production started with questions Peugh was asking himself. As a child, he loved the westerns in film and on television and the recurring ideas that appeared in them.

“They were questions like, ‘Why do westerns persist? Why are we interested? What is the cowboy and how has the cowboy been seen in masculinity?’” he said. “I saw all the Billy the Kid stuff and I thought maybe I could draw people in.”

He took an interest in which populations are erased from the depictions of

those days.

“Queer people were left out, but it certainly was happening and there were plenty of people of color trying to find land and a way to create a life,” he said. “So, I wanted to dig into those stories. I spent months reading the novels and watching the movies and looking where the prejudices were, and that all sort of shaped this work.”

He followed his interest in the character types, looking at those stereotypes and thinking about how they interact with each other.

“It's sort of this American fantasy that is global and has shaped our identity,” he said. “How can I make that part of the feel of the production and sound?”

Peugh said he probably wouldn't have made the production or film anywhere else. It came out of being here in New Mexico and spending time with the area, walking around Mesilla and being able to share the space with outside artists to let them feel the time and space and to see and to hear the desert.

“Ten-Gallon” is another way to gather as a community and celebrate and think about things, he said.

“I would love it if an audience left with more questions than answers,” he said. “If they reconsider beliefs or feelings they don't have. I like to look at the questions in different angles. Humans are too multitudinous, too beautiful. We resist that clear definition.”

Peugh recommended getting tickets beforehand through the website, dcc-dusa.com, as seating is limited.

The dancers of ‘Ten-Gallon’

Salvatore Bonilla (he/they) is a Puerto Rico native who started dance training in Mableton, GA, at their high school. They danced with Dark Circles Contemporary Dance in Texas for a few seasons while attending school. After briefly living in Europe and exploring different dance techniques, they now reside happily in Portland with a new dance community.

Anthony Chacon was born in El Paso. He has participated in many dancers' journeys across the city by teaching and choreographing at local schools and dance studios. Hoping to inspire his community through dance, Anthony looks forward to proving that you can follow your dreams no matter where you come from.

Sebastian Garcia (he/him) is currently a rising senior at Southern Methodist University, pursuing a BFA in Dance Performance with an artistic merit scholarship. Growing up in Wylie, Texas, he trained at the Dance Company of Wylie all during high school.

George Avalos began his dance journey in El Paso at 13 training in various styles such as Hip Hop, Contemporary, and Jazz. Growing up as a competitive dancer, he has attended local, regional, and national competitions. George has taught in El Paso for the past six years at multiple studios.

Ian Spring (Middletown, Ohio) began his dance training under the direction of Phyllis DeWeese-Morgan before graduating with a BA in dance from Point Park University. He has performed in Edward Clug's “Sleeping Beauty Dreams” and Jakob Karr's “Ain't Done Bad” and guested for Bruce Wood Dance.

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The Las Cruces Police Department reminded the public Wednesday that “the seemingly constant discharge of audible fireworks can leave dogs, cats and farm animals frightened and overwhelmed during the Independence Day holiday season.”

The notice indicated that pets and livestock may hide, flee or exhibit stressed behavior under the flashing lights and pounding noises of fireworks.

Microchipping pets is an effective



COURTESY PHOTO BY CITY OF LAS CRUCES

A dog wears a “calming cap,” which can help ease a dog’s anxiety during onslaughts of area fireworks.

way to assure a pet’s return if it runs away, police said. To that end, the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will host two “Check Your Chip” events this weekend: 4-6 p.m. at Fire Station 8, 550 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. on Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon at the Moose Lodge, 514 N. Main St. on Saturday. Pets will scanned to verify the accuracy of the recorded data.

The city encouraged pet owners in

a new release to provide pets with a quiet space away from outdoor noises and lights; keeping them as distant as possible from fireworks; staying inside with pets when fireworks are being used; consider dog anxiety vests to help calm them, but to watch for overheating if using one; and not discharging fireworks around livestock.

“Those who use fireworks are encouraged to be respectful of pets and livestock that reside nearby, and the time of day when pyrotechnics are discharged,” the city wrote in a news release.

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<p>EPISCOPAL</p> <p>St. Andrew's Episcopal Church</p> <p>518 N. Alameda Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88005</p> <p>(575) 526-6333</p> <p><i>“Digging deep wells so others may drink”</i></p> <p>Rector: The Rev. Jonathan Hanneman</p> <p>SUMMER SERVICES:</p> <p>Sunday 9:30am - Eucharist Tuesday 9:30am - Morning Prayer Thursday 12:00pm - Eucharist</p> <p>www.SaintAndrewsLC.org</p>	<p>EPISCOPAL</p> <p>St. James Episcopal Church</p> <p>102 St. James Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88005 (575) 526-2389</p> <p>RECTOR The Very Reverend John Tober</p> <p>SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00a.m. Rite I 10:30a.m. Rite II (with choir) Services are Live streamed alternating Rite I and Rite II</p> <p>WEEKDAY SERVICES 5:00 p.m. Monday - Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Wednesday - Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>METHODIST</p> <p>university united methodist church</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Heike Miller</p> <p>Sunday Worship</p> <p>Traditional Services: 8:30am & 11:00am Journey Praise Services: 9:45am</p> <p>*childcare during 9:45 and 11:00 am services*</p> <p>Online Services: YouTube & website</p> <p>2000 South Locust Street 575.522.8220 www.uumc-lc.org office@uumc-lc.org</p>	<p>METHODIST</p> <p>St. Paul's United Methodist Church</p> <p>Sunday Services 8:30 and 10:30</p> <p>Child Care Provided</p> <p>255 W Griggs www.stpaulslascruces.com</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN</p> <p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</p> <p>Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM</p> <p>www.fpc.lc</p> <p>200 E. Boutz Road 575-526-5559</p>	<p>JEWISH</p> <p>TEMPLE BETH-EL OF LAS CRUCES</p> <p><i>“A diverse, welcoming and growing Jewish community committed to learning, social justice and acts of loving kindness.”</i></p> <p>Shabbat prayer and study: Kabbalat Shabbat Friday night at 6:30 PM Shabbat Shachrit Saturday morning at 10:30 AM</p> <p>Rabbi Evette Lutman: “Come grow with us!”</p> <p>Member of the Union of Reform Judaism</p> <p>WWW.TBELC.ORG 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave 575-524-3380</p>
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Cannabis providers speak out against Border Patrol seizures

JUSTIN GARCIA
Las Cruces Bulletin

Several business owners in Las Cruces spoke out against the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's continuing seizures of cannabis at southern New Mexico checkpoints during a Las Cruces City Council Meeting on June 17.

Local growers have reported CBP agents seizing their product as they attempt to travel north through the Border Patrol checkpoint on Interstate 25. The checkpoint is about 40 minutes north of Las Cruces, and there is no way to get to the rest of New Mexico without traveling through it or other check-



CITY OF LAS CRUCES VIDEO

Chad Lozano addresses the Las Cruces City Council on the issue of U.S. Border Patrol seizures of cannabis at its checkpoints, during the June 17 council meeting.

points.

Since February, agents have seized over \$350,000 from at least 14 businesses in southern New Mexico. Most seizures are reported at the Interstate 25 checkpoint or the checkpoint on U.S. Highway 70 near Alamogordo.

Border Patrol was not seizing cannabis before this. But in April, the agency told the Bulletin they're just enforcing federal law.

"Although medical and recreational marijuana may be legal in some U.S. states and Canada, the sale, possession, production and distribution of marijuana or the facilitation of the aforementioned remain illegal under U.S. federal

law, given the classification of marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance," said CBP spokesperson Landon Hutchinson.

Marijuana became illegal in the U.S. in 1937. Its current classification leaves it in a category with heroin – despite the somewhat conspicuous difference between the two drugs.

"Consequently, individuals violating the Controlled Substances Act encountered while crossing the border, arriving at a U.S. port of entry, or a Border Patrol checkpoint may be deemed inadmissible and/or subject to seizure, fines, and/or

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Grand reopening for Solstice

ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH
Las Cruces Bulletin

Solstice Senior Living, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway, celebrated its grand reopening June 12 following renovations. The 'Roaring 20's' theme provided a creative base for residents and staff to dress up and have some fun.

"The community's renovations include new furniture, décor and overall beautification to create a premium independent living experience for residents," said Laura Arriaga, senior director of sales and marketing for Solstice.

Solstice provides activities, indoor and outdoor spaces for relaxation and living spaces customized for individual needs, Ar-



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On Wednesday, June 12, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce was on hand as the staff at Solstice Senior Living cut the ribbon on its renovated facility.

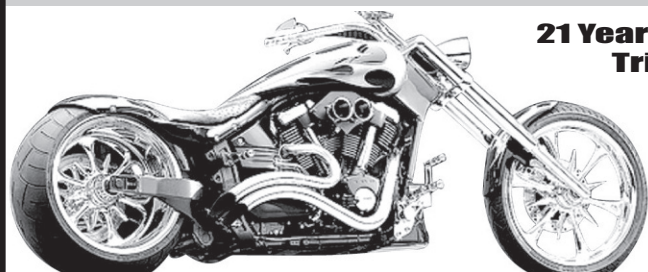
riaga said. They also offer enrichment programs tailored to residents' needs, such as social activities, professional dining services, excursions to local attractions and more. Solstice took over the facility five years ago, she said, but the location has been there for 20 years.

According to its website, many older adults have found that moving into a senior living community allows them to live more independently than before because of the added security, amenities, social opportunities and peace of mind these communities provide.

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We must save medical cannabis program



HILDA LUZ CHAVEZ

New Mexico health department rules are ever-changing regarding the medical cannabis program.

A certifying practitioner is expected to have an established relationship with the patient and must certify the patient with a qualifying condition. Certification asserts that the benefits of cannabis use exceed the risks, in the health department's

language.

This rule is being ignored by practitioners who do not establish a relationship with the patient and basically just sell a card for \$50. Unfortunately, this has opened the door for continued self-medicating, misuse and potential abuse. The \$50 card mills started in 2015. Unfortunately, the New Mexico Department of Health has no jurisdiction on practitioners skirting the rules, so patients are often certified but receive no guidance or follow-up care. Would this be acceptable with prescription drugs?

In 2007, there were fewer than 1,000 medical cannabis patients in New

Mexico. Many first-time users want education, guidance and legal access to the plant for smoking, edibles, topicals, oils and for the right to grow their own.

The program granted a patient the right to grow their own plants. There were very few growers and dispensaries at the time. Legalization for adult use granted New Mexicans the right to grow up to 12 plants per household.

Medical patients get some protection from law enforcement. As long as the certified patient is a responsible user, law enforcement is compassionate. Compassion is the operative word and what

the program is based on.

In general, since legalization education is still lacking for the patients and practitioners. Unfortunately, the program is in peril. NMDOH data shows that the number of actively enrolled patients has decreased by about 20,000 people over the last year. In April of 2023, there were over 100,000 active patients in the program; in April of this year, there were 80,186 active patients.

Legalization is partly to blame. Some enrolled patients are going back to self-medicating with no guidance. Many do not want to pay the practitioners' certification fees.

What they don't realize is that certification is much more than just a card. Practitioners prefer their patients to be safe and to have access to medical and mental health care. Once again, users are vulnerable to law enforcement (as cannabis remains prohibited under federal law) and recreational users must now pay tax.

Cannabis is finally being recognized as medicine. However, there is little to no research available. There is plenty of anecdotal evidence that lives have been improved and suffering has been eased by the responsible and medical use of cannabis. There is also the potential

for abuse or misuse. This is where guidance and education and the medical card make a difference. In order to save the program, the focus must be on guidance and education and responsible use.

There is no time to waste. Look up the conditions that qualify for a medical cannabis card at NMhealth.org. If you have a legitimate medical or mental condition, apply for your card. Get the benefits that you deserve.

Hilda Luz Chavez is a doctor of natural medicine with over 40 years' experience serving the El Paso and Las Cruces communities.

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- ✗ NO uses el teléfono dentro de la casa.
- ✗ NO enciendas ni apagues las luces.
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SEIZURES

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arrest," Hutchinson said.

Hutchinson's statement did not say why CBP has decided to start enforcement now.

Kelly Collins of Higher Cultures in Las Cruces described the process of trying to get through the checkpoint.

"We transport compliantly," Collins said. "It's just very intimidating."

Joaquin Muñoz, who has a microfarm near Las Cruces, said it was a good example of the stigma against cannabis remaining even two years after legalization came to New Mexico. Simply put, it's hindering business, Munoz said.

"Recently, I had a conversation with an old friend about renting land to help build opportunities," Munoz said. "And because we're in the area that we're in, this deal wasn't able to go through because of the seizures. He's looking for land outside of the checkpoints."

Ultimately, the businesses asked the council whether it could advocate or intercede on their behalf.

"I don't know a lot about what's been happening, but this has given me a really interesting picture," said District 5 Councilor Becky Corran. "I think it's worth having a conversation about what, if any, potential impact we could have."

Classifieds

Help Wanted Full-Time

DACC, a responsive, accessible, comprehensive, learning-centered community college that provides education opportunities to a diverse community of learners is inviting candidates to apply for the following vacant position:

Early Childhood Education Instructor or Assistant Professor Posting 500831

Required Qualifications

- Master's degree in Early Childhood Education or related field. Degree must be in hand by date of hire.

- Three years full-time teaching experience in a classroom with children/students between Birth - Grade 3.

- Must be bilingual in Spanish and English.

Position Summary:
• Teach 30 credit hours over fall and spring semesters. Teaching assignment may include day, evenings, weekends, and/or multiple campus locations.

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- May develop and teach online courses.

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- Maintain professional and academic competence and participate in professional development activities.

- As appropriate, assist with cooperative education or clinical work site development and student placement.

- Maintain office hours as mandated by division and college policy.

- Function as advisor to students, both individually and as assigned to student clubs and groups.

- Perform other related duties as assigned. For a complete job announcement and to apply for position, please visit: Early Childhood Education Instructor or Assistant Professor - Doña Ana Community College, New Mexico, United States (nmsu.edu)

Deadline to apply

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- Working with university software programs in inventory, space survey, course management, scheduling, etc.

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Reference & Instruction Librarian, Coordinator Posting 500892

Required Education: Master's degree in a related field.

Required Experience: None.

Equivalency: Bachelor's Degree and Two (2) years of professional experience related to the standard duties as outlined.

Classification Summary
Manages one or more aspects of a library program area such as; public, technical, or access services. Accountable for quality, innovation and creative use of available resources in support of operations.

For a complete job announcement and to apply for position, please visit **Reference & Instruction Librarian, Coordinator - Doña Ana Community College, New Mexico, United States (nmsu.edu)**

Deadline to apply for this position is July 11, 2024

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Required Education: High School diploma or GED certificate.

Required Experience One (1) years of experience related to the standard duties as outlined. **Equivalency:** Completion of a post-secondary degree or certificate may substitute for years of experience.

Classification Summary
Under direct supervision, performs a variety of administrative and staff

support duties for a specified unit/department, which require a range of skills and a knowledge of organizational policies and procedures. Assists and directs visitors, and resolves administrative problems and inquiries; composes, edits, and proofreads correspondence and reports, and prepares a range of administrative documents. For a complete job announcement and to apply for position, please visit: **Administrative Assistant, Associate - Doña Ana Community College, New Mexico, United States (nmsu.edu)**

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Web Services Librarian Posting 500880

Required Education: Master's degree in a related field.

Required Experience: None.

Equivalency: Bachelor's Degree and Two (2) years of professional experience related to the standard duties as outlined.

Classification Summary
Manages one or more aspects of a library program area such as; public, technical, or access services. Accountable for quality, innovation and creative use of available resources in support of operations.

For a complete job announcement and to apply for position, please visit **Web Services Librarian - Doña Ana Community College, New Mexico, United States (nmsu.edu)**

Deadline to apply for this position is July 11, 2024

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Lead Cashier Posting 500910

Required Education: High School diploma or GED certificate.

Required Experience: One (1) years of experience directly related to the standard duties as outlined.

Equivalency: Completion of a post-secondary degree or certificate may substitute for years of experience

Classification Summary
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For a complete job announcement and to apply for position, please visit **Lead Cashier - Doña Ana Community College, New Mexico, United States (nmsu.edu)**

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Web Services Librarian Posting 500880

Required Education: Master's degree in a related field.

Required Experience: None.

Equivalency: Bachelor's Degree and Two (2) years of professional experience related to the standard duties as outlined.

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MAHS GLENDALE GARDENS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DONA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 17, 1964 IN PLAT BOOK 9, AT PAGES 15-16 AS PLAT NO. 605, RECORDS OF DONA ANA COUNTY.

The address of the real property is 1513 Aspen Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Stipulated, and Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, and Appointment of Special Master entered on May 9, 2024, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$187,767.46, plus interest from March 16, 2024, to the date of sale at the rate of 4.1250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, plus any additional attorney fees and costs actually expended from the date of this judgment until the date of the

Special Master's Sale, plus those additional amounts, if any, which Plaintiff expended for taxes, insurance, or any other cost of upkeep of the property of any sort. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of

title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: May 16, 2024.

/s/ Margaret Lake
Margaret Lake
Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
201 Eubank Blvd.
NE, Suite A1
Albuquerque, NM 87123
(505)715-3711
Dates: 05/31, 06/07, 06/14, 06/21, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-DM-2024-00302
Deanna Gonzalez,
Petitioner,

v.
Froylan Gonzalez,
Respondent.
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above named Respondent, Froylan Gonzalez: You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner has filed a civil action against you in the above entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being: A Petition for Dissolution of Marriage Without Children which was filed on March 18, 2024. If you do not file a response or appearance within thirty (30) days from the last date of publication of this notice for the aforementioned cause of action, a default judgment may be entered against you. GENUS LAW

GROUP Stephen A. Timmer, Esq. Attorney for Ms. Deanna Gonzalez P.O. Box 53578 Albuquerque, NM 87153 Ph. (505) 317-2700 stephen@genuslawgrp.com
WITNESS the Honorable Robert Lara, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 24 day of May, 2024

Dates: 06/07, 06/14, 06/21, 2024

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 28, 2024, Bryan Cole Elbjorn, P.O. Box 684 La Mesa, NM 88044 filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-16455-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-16455-1, for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by discontinuing the use of well LRG-16455-POD2, located within the SE¼ NW¼ NE¼ of projected Section 23, Township 25 South, Range 2 East (NMPM), more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 07' 24.5" N 106° 42' 23.1" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and by drilling new well LRG-16455-POD3, to be located within the SE¼ NW¼ NE¼ of projected Section 23, Township 25 South, Range 2 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 07' 25" N, 106° 42' 24" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum, together with existing well

LRG-16455-POD1, for domestic one household purposes. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Old well LRG-16455-POD2 will be plugged. The proposed site of new well LRG-16455-POD3 is located north La Mesa, NM and may be found at the property address of 517 Principal St, La Mesa NM. Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin. To view the application and supporting documentation contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity asserting standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). If the protest does not include the complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address, it may be deemed invalid and not accepted for filing unless Protestant provides with the protest an affidavit stating that it does not have one of the above-listed elements/requirements (phone number, mailing address, email address, etc.). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you

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corporation or other entity asserting standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). If the protest does not include the complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address, it may be deemed invalid and not accepted for filing unless Protestant provides with the protest an affidavit stating that it does not have one of the above-listed elements/requirements (phone number, mailing address, email address, etc.). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you shall be required to provide evidence showing how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J., Las Cruces, NM 88005, on or before **26 July 2024**. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the

provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 06/07, 06/14, 06/21, 2024

IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB 2024-00120 Hon. James T. Martin
IN THE MATTER OF JOSE DOLORES SILVA, JR., DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court of Dona Ana, County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 201 West Picacho Avenue Las Cruces, NM 88005. Dated: 6/3/24

/s/ Rosa Isela Luna
Rosa Isela Luna
2533 Heritage Ridge Dr
Las Cruces, NM 88011
Submitted: E-Law, P.C.
By /s/ Michele Ungvarsky
Michele Ungvarsky, Esq.
Bar No. 8100
1340 Picacho Hills Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-556-2462

Attorneys for the Estate of Jose Dolores Silva, Jr., Deceased
Dates: 06/07, 06/14, 06/21, 2024

IN THE STATE

OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2024-00115 Hon. Manuel I. Arrieta
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET ESTELLE HINER, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate must present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below or filed with the District Court of Dona Ana, County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 201 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Dated: 6/3/24

/s/ Wilhelmina Ranson
Wilhelmina Ranson
4611 Interstate 10
Seguin, TX 78155
Submitted: E-Law, P.C.
By /s/ Michele Ungvarsky
Michele Ungvarsky, Esq.
Bar No. 8100
1340 Picacho Hills Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-556-2462
Attorneys for the Estate of Margaret Estelle Hiner, Deceased

Dates: 06/07, 06/14, 06/21, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-DM-2024-00396

Magdalena Cota & Guadalupe Compean, Petitioner(s)
In the matter of kinship guardianship of G.P., a child, and concerning Brenda Peredero & John Doe, Respondent(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Brenda Peredero & John Doe, Respondents. Greetings: You are hereby notified that Magdalena Cota & Guadalupe Compean, Petitioners, filed a Petition to Appoint Kinship Guardians for G.P. against you in the above entitled court and cause. Unless you enter your appearance and written response in this cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last date of publication, a judgment by default will be entered against you. Magdalena Cota 118 S Mesquite Las Cruces, NM 88001

Dates: 06/07, 06/14, 06/21, 2024

IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-1215-PB-2024-00017 Hon. Ellen R. Jessen
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF YOLANDA MENDEZ, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate must present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either

to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below or filed with the Twelfth Judicial District Court of <county> County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 1000 New York Ave, Ste 203, Alamogordo, NM 88310-6928. Dated: 6/4/24

/s/ Ernest A. Telles, Jr.
Ernest A. Telles, Jr.
1805 Mason Drive
Submitted: E-Law, P.C.
By /s/ Michele Ungvarsky
Michele Ungvarsky, Esq.
Bar No. 8100
1340 Picacho Hills Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-556-2462
Attorneys for the Estate of Yolanda Mendez, Deceased
Dates: 06/14, 06/21, 06/28, 2024

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 3, 2024, Quail Hollow Farms, LLC., PO Box 1707, Fairacres, NM 88033, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-00675-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-00675-A, for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by discontinuing the use of well LRG-00675-POD2 located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 21S, Range 1 W (NMPM), or approximately where X = 1,433,722.9 ft. and Y = 539,088.2 ft. (NMSP, Central 83), and drilling well LRG-00675-POD3 within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 14, or approximately where X = 1,433,715.9 ft. and Y = 539,096.1 ft. (NMSP, Central 83), for the continued diversion of the

amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation 8.7 acres of land located within said Section 14. The wells and land are owned by the applicant. The site of replacement well LRG-00675-POD3 can further be located 0.25 miles SE of the intersect of Fort Seldon Rd and N. Valley Dr. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin. To view the application and supporting documentation contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity assailing standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). If the protest does not include the complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address, it may be deemed invalid and not accepted for filing unless Protestant provides with the protest an affidavit stating that

it does not have one of the above-listed elements/requirements (phone number, mailing address, email address, etc.). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 on or before **July 26, 2024**.

Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, at 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 06/14, 06/21, 06/28, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CASE: D-307-CV-2024-01144
JUDGE MANUEL I. ARRIETA
MIREYA FLORES, Plaintiff,

vs.
DRAVEN REEL, STEPHAN OLSSON, & SOL PROPERTY GROUP LLC
Defendant(s),
PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE

COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT

Draven Reel, whose last known place of residence was in Las Cruces, New Mexico, will hereby take notice that on May 10, 2024, a Complaint for Breach of Contract was filed in the Third Judicial District Court in the Dona Ana County, in the State of New Mexico, with it being Case No. D-307-CV-2024-01144 on the docket of said court, praying for relief. Draven Reel will further take notice that he is required to file a reply to the Verified Complaint for Breach of Contract, or a default judgment may be entered by the Court therefore granting Petitioner's request for relief. Petitioner's Attorney is Ramon Hernandez, 1127 E. Idaho, Las Cruces, NM 88001 (575) 523-0144.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Ramon Hernandez
Ramon Hernandez
Attorney for Petitioner
NM State Bar# 149085
1127 E. Idaho Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(575) 523-0144
Phone
Dates: 06/14, 06/21, 06/28, 2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CASE: D-307-CV-2024-01144
JUDGE MANUEL I. ARRIETA MIREYA FLORES, Plaintiff,

vs.
DRAVEN REEL, STEPHAN OLSSON, & SOL PROPERTY GROUP LLC, Defendant(s),
PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE
COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT Sol Property Group LLC, whose

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last known place of residence was in Las Cruces, New Mexico, will hereby take notice that on May 10, 2024, a Complaint for Breach of Contract was filed in the Third Judicial District Court in the Dona Ana County, in the State of New Mexico, with it being Case No. D-307-CV-2024-01144 on the docket of said court, praying for relief. Sol Property Group LLC will further take notice that he is required to file a reply to the Verified Complaint for Breach of Contract, or a default judgment may be entered by the Court therefore granting Petitioner's request for relief. Petitioner's Attorney is Ramon Hernandez, 1127 E. Idaho, Las Cruces, NM 88001 (575) 523-0144.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Ramon Hernandez
Ramon Hernandez
Attorney for Petitioner
NM State Bar#
149085
1127 E. Idaho Ave.
Las Cruces, NM
88001
(575) 523-0144
Phone
**Dates: 06/14, 06/21,
06/28, 2024**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
NO. D-307-CV-2023-02347
IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
v.
CLARISSA M SKINNERRAMP, NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on July 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., outside the the

main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 14, Block 4, VILLA ENCANTADA SUB-DIVISION, PHASE 2, in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 919 thereof, filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on March 29, 1978, and recorded in Book 12, Page 168-169, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 1230 N Willow Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 30, 2024, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$87,611.38, plus interest from May 16, 2024, to the date of sale at the rate of 3.87500% per

annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, plus any additional attorney fees and costs actually expended from the date of this judgment until the date of the Special Master's Sale, plus those additional amounts, if any, which Plaintiff expended for taxes, insurance, or any other cost of upkeep of the property of any sort. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser

at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: June 7, 2024.
/s/ Margaret Lake
Margaret Lake
Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
201 Eubank Blvd.
NE, Suite A1
Albuquerque, NM
87123
(505)715-3711
**Dates: 06/14, 06/21,
06/28, 07/05, 2024**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
Case No.: D-307-CV-2024-00068
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF IGNACIO T GONZALEZ, DECEASED; DAVID GONZALEZ; GERARDO GONZALEZ; GEORGE GONZALEZ; FRANCISCO GONZALEZ; JUAN DIEGO GONZALEZ; VALENTINA HERNANDEZ; JACKIE GALVAN; CARMEN CARDON; LUPE GARCIA; TERESITA CORRAL; FATIMA RAY; BLANCA GONZALEZ-PRYOR; ESTER GONZALEZ; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH

THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;
Defendants.
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Ignacio T Gonzalez, deceased, David Gonzalez, Gerardo Gonzalez to be published on: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Nationstar Mortgage LLC has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 1384 Paisano Road, Mesilla, NM 88046. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows: A 0.91 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATE N SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 10-45, WITHIN THE MESILLA CIVIL COLONY GRANT, NORTHWEST OF MESILLA, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF PAISANO ROAD FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A SET IRON ROD, WHENCE THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF VOLK FARM ESTATES AS F LED JULY 25, 1997 IN PLAT BOOK 18, PAGES 731-732, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON PIPE, BEARS

S 37 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 02 SECONDS E, 684.71 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING LEAVING PAISANO ROAD S 57 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 22 SECONDS W, 184.53 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE N 30 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 12 SECONDS W, 232.26 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE N 57 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 00 SECONDS E, 157.55 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF PAISANO ROAD FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE ALONG SAID ROAD S 37 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 02 SECONDS E, 232.97 FEET TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.91 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND SUBJECT TO A 10 FOOT WIDE IRRIGATION DITCH EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND AND ALSO SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING 20 FOOT WIDE ACCESS EASEMENT: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF PAISANO ROAD FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE EASEMENT HEREIN DESCRIBED, WHENCE THE SOUTHEAST CORNER

DESCRIBED TRACT, MARKED BY A SET IRON ROD, BEARS S 37 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 02 SECONDS E, 56.17 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING LEAVING PAISANO ROAD S 51 DEGREES 00 MINUTES S9 SECONDS W, 179.83 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE EASEMENT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE N 30 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 12 SECONDS W, 20.22 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EASEMENT HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE N 51 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 29 SECONDS E, 177.49 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF PAISANO ROAD FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE EASEMENT DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG SAID ROAD S 37 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 02 SECONDS E, 20.01 FEET TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING; THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND IS ALSO SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUCH AS MAY EXIST ON THE GROUND. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date, judgment by default may be entered against you. MCCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP By: /s/ Jason Bousliman Jason Bousliman Attorneys for Plaintiff 6501 Eagle Rock NE, Suite A-3 Albuquerque,

New Mexico 87113 Telephone No.: (505) 219-4900 jbousliman@mccarthyholthus.com IDSPub #0202890
6/21/2024 6/28/2024 7/5/2024

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
CASE No. D-307-DM-2024-585
Judge: Duffin
April Roque,
Petitioner,
v.

Leonard Roque,
Respondent,
NOTICE OF SUIT
To Leonard Roque,
RESPONDENT:
Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you, The subject of this lawsuit is: Divorce. If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this notice, the Court may enter a default judgment against you. Petitioner's Name April Roque 1115 Turkey Knob Dr. Las Cruces, NM 88012
WITNESS the Honorable Rebecca C. Duffin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 7th day of June 2024.
BERNICE A. RAMOS
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
**Dates: 06/21, 06/28,
07/05, 2024**

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 24, 2024, Gabriel Silva and Elisa A. Silva, 1102 Savannah Rd., La Mesa NM 88044, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-4739-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-4739-1, for Permit to Add Point of Diversion

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within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by drilling new well LRG-4739-POD3, to be drilled to a depth of 160 ft. with a 4 in. casing, to be located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 9, Township 25 South, Range 2 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 08' 50.0" N 106° 44' 45.0" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-4739-POD2, located within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 9, Township 25 South, Range 2 East (NMPM), more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 08' 47.8" N 106° 44' 42.3" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum, together with existing well LRG-4739-POD2, for multiple domestic household purposes. Old well LRG-4739-POD1 will be plugged. The proposed site of new well LRG-4739-POD3 is located north of La Mesa, NM and may be found at the property address of 1102 Savannah Rd, La Mesa, NM. Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin. To view the application and supporting documentation contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Any person, firm or

corporation or other entity asserting standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). If the protest does not include the complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address, it may be deemed invalid and not accepted for filing unless Protestant provides with the protest an affidavit stating that it does not have one of the above-listed elements/requirements (phone number, mailing address, email address, etc.). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) hnpairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 on or before **August 16, 2024**. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, at 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA

1978.
**Dates: 06/21, 06/28,
07/05, 2025**

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

No. PB-2024-96
Judge Martin
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK LENWAY,
DECEASED.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent. All persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address below or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. /s/ Sharon Lenway
Sharon Lenway
Personal Representative
5090 Comanche Trail
Las Cruces, NM 88012
575-202-4360
**Dates: 06/21, 06/28,
07/05, 2024**

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 21, 2024, Geronimo Garcia, P.O. Box 118 Mesilla, NM 88046 filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-11335, OSE File No. LRG-11768-1, for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by discontinuing the use of well LRG-00622, located within

the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 31, Township 23 South, Range 2 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 16' 3" N, 106° 46' 43" W (WGS84), on land owned by Dennis Smith, and by utilizing existing well LRG-11335, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 31, Township 23 South, Range 2 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 56" N, 106° 47' 4" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 2.27 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 31, Township 23 South, Range 2 East (NMPM) as described by Subfile No. LRN-28-013-0006-A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. Old well LRG-00622 will be retained for other rights. Well LRG-11335 was originally drilled as a domestic well under OSE File No. LRG-11335. Well LRG-11335 is located in Mesilla, NM and is approximately 460 ft. east of the intersection of HWY 28 and W. Union Ave. Dona Ana is the

County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin. To view the application and supporting documentation contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 on or before **August 9, 2024**. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, at 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance

with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.
**Dates: 06/21, 06/28,
07/05, 2024**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2023-02025
Judge: James T. Martin
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DONA ANA COUNTY, Petitioner,

vs.
ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE PROPERTY INVOLVED,
Respondents.

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY ORDER OF ENTRY AND NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION

TO: The above-named Respondents, and each of you: You, and each of you, are hereby notified that the Court has granted the Petitioner a Preliminary Order of Entry to immediately enter and occupy the property described below and to do such work thereon as may be required, and that unless you file objections thereto within ten (10) days after personal service of this Notice upon you, or within three (3) days after the last date of publication of this Notice if you are not personally served, the Court shall enter a Permanent Order of Entry restraining you forever from hindering or interfering with the occupation and use of the property; and further, that all proceedings subsequent to the Permanent Order of Entry shall deal only with the amount of compensation due to you for the taking of the property. You, and each of you, are hereby further notified that a Petition for Condemnation to

acquire by condemnation the property rights, easements and licenses herein sought for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, maintaining or improving for public purposes, and for all other purposes, a storm drain which will direct floodwaters away from area residents to a detention ponding reservoir, which will serve as flood protection for the area residents; said project being known as the Lily Pond Project, has been filed against you in the above-numbered cause with the Clerk of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in which county the property, or a part thereof, is located, and which property is described generally as a strip of land referenced as a Drainage and Maintenance Easement, 3, a/k/a 50' Transmission Line Easement (referenced on plat 5/22/72), in county property records. Said parcel located in Vado, New Mexico, may be more sufficiently described as a 0.8928-acre tract of land situate within Sections 8 & 17, T 25S., R3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O surveys South of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico as shown on the plat entitled Del Cerro Estates filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 22, 1972, as instrument #724893 with such property more fully described in the petition on file in said condemnation cause. You, and each of you, are hereby further notified that the amount offered as just compensation, shown in the Petition for Condemnation with each separate numerical tract designation, has been

deposited by the Petitioner with the Clerk of the District Court and a portion or all of the amount offered and deposited may be withdrawn by a person having an estate or interest in the property described in the Petition on file. This withdrawal may be made only by order of the Court upon proper motion. You, and each of you, are hereby commanded to file and serve an answer, as provided by law, to the Petition on file herein with thirty (30) days after service of this Notice on you or thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this Notice, if you are not personally served. Unless you so appear and answer, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for a judgment as demanded in the petition and as provided by law and a default judgment may be entered against you. This judgment will fix the amount of compensation due to you for the condemnation of the property at the amount offered and deposited by Petitioner. The name and address of attorney for Petitioner is: Fred Kennon, Deputy County Attorney, County of Doña Ana, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Ste. 2-148, Box #17, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007. **IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 21st day of February, 2024.

/s/ Bernice A Ramos
Bernice A. Ramos
Clerk of the District Court
/s/ Claudine Bernal
**Dates: 06/21, 06/28,
2024**

Centennial girls' softball recognized by county



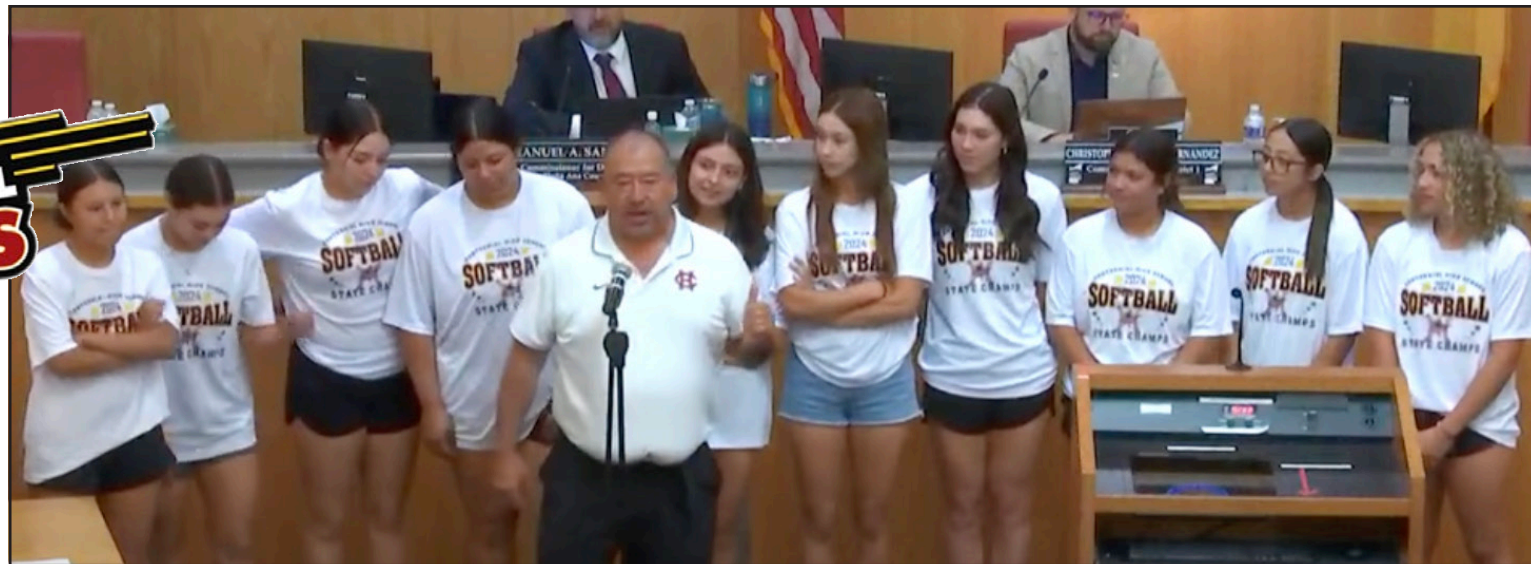
BULLETIN REPORT

The student-athletes of the Centennial High School girls' softball team were honored with a proclamation during a meeting of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners this month.

The team received the honor on June 11 after winning the NMAA 5A State Championship in May, finishing their season with a 31-3 record and moving through the New Mexico High School playoffs with a 7-1 record. The team's season triumphs also included beating 15 other high schools in the Southern New Mexico Invitational.

"The last couple of years, they have been so close to winning the championship," said District 5 Commissioner Manuel Sanchez. "And this year, they did accomplish that goal. But it wasn't a smooth road all the way throughout."

Sanchez noted that the team ran into trouble when they lost in the NM High School Playoffs to La Cueva High School. This relegated them to the consolation bracket. But the Hawks



DOÑA ANA COUNTY VIDEO

Centennial High School softball coach Fernie Valles speaks as the girls' softball team assembles during the county commissioners' meeting on June 11.

climbed out to get back in the hunt for the championship.

"That included four games on a Friday in order to get back in the championship game," Sanchez said. "And they had to beat La Cueva, the team that took them down earlier in the tournament."

The Hawks team included Caprice Barela, Jayden Hooten, Zantelle Rodriguez, Aaliyah Betencourt, Stevie Jiménez, Amanda Valles, Monet Chavez, Addie Moccia, Amaris Viegas, Alina Estrada, Destiny Perez, Kayla Hernandez and Sienna Rodriguez. They were lead by coach Fernie Valles.

"The more we played, the stronger our girls got," Valles said. "We could've played five more games that day. They're tough."

Some of these names will be recurring for those who fol-

low college softball. Zantelle Rodriguez has committed to New Mexico State University, Caprice Barela to University of New Mexico, Kayla Hernandez

to Odessa College and Jayden Hooten to Western New Mexico University.

"The type of grit that the team showed all through the

season is, especially in the time of adversity, is an inspiration to all of us in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County," Sanchez said.

City offers swim lessons in July

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces' parks and recreation department announced swimming lessons at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center and Las Cruces Natatorium in July.

From July 8 to 18, the lessons will be available at scheduled times Monday through Thursday in sessions of eight classes, for fees ranging from \$45 (for levels 1 and 2) to \$60 (for level 3) per

session, according to a news release.

The Aquatic Center is located at 1401 E. Hadley Ave. and the Natatorium at 1405 E. Hadley Ave.

The sessions, styled "Mommy and Me," meet in afternoon or evening hours extending half an hour to 45 minutes.

Registration and further information will be available at the aquatic center from 9 a.m. to 11 .m. on Saturday,

July 6. Ahead of that, information is available by calling the aquatic center at 575-541-2782.

Participants without a Red Cross completion card must take a swim evaluation if they seek to register for Level 2 and above, the city stated. Swim evaluations will be available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, June 21. No swim evaluations will be given during registration times. Class space is limited.

Scorching summer sun poses problems for golfers

As I write this column on this early June day, I notice that the daytime high temperatures here in Las Cruces are going to be over or hovering around 100 degrees for the next two weeks. Playing golf out in the dazzling, intense sun these days can certainly present health dangers. Those who are new to this area need to understand how hot the midday sun can be. Watch an egg fry on the hood of your car. A person or pet locked in a hot car can die in less than 20 minutes. It takes only 15 to 30 minutes for unprotected exposed skin to get painfully sunburned. You don't have to turn lobster red to suffer from sun poisoning. Overexposure to UV rays

can result in pain and tingling, swelling of the skin, headache, dizziness, fever and chills, nausea and a painful rash.

Dangers of heat illness associated from being out in sweltering heat outdoors fall into three basic categories: heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

Medical experts note that a person suffering from heatstroke will feel really hot and will usually not be completely rational or focused. There is hot, flushed dry skin, rapid heart rate, quickened shallow breathing and often vomiting. Frequently, heatstroke sufferers seem disoriented

or perhaps delirious, and will sometimes pass out.

Heatstroke is a serious emergency and immediate transport to the hospital emergency room is a must.



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

For us living in the Chihuahuan desert, there is generally very low humidity.

Nevertheless, it can be quite muggy, causing heat problems on the golf course if we're not careful. Here are some quick tips to pay attention to in order to prevent the serious symptoms of sun and heat-induced illness.

Of course, drink plenty of water, even when you don't feel thirsty. Keep water with you on the

golf course. If the course you play does not have cool pure water available every other hole, bring your own, carrying it in a cooler in your cart or bag. Beer is not a help in hydrating.

Wear loose fitting, breathable light clothing that allows moisture to evaporate. Apply high SPF sunscreen before you go out in the sun, and then every hour or two after that. Understand the medication you're taking and how excessive heat may affect your reactions. Be careful about your consumption of alcohol on hot days, as this can quicken the onset of heatstroke. If you are overweight or diabetic be especially careful when

outside in dangerously hot conditions. Also, the older you are, the more vulnerable you are to heat illness. Eat fresh fruit or healthy snacks at regular intervals to maintain your energy. Seek help if feeling weak.

As far as actually playing golf, hot sun and high temperatures can affect different things from the distance the golf ball travels to the condition of the turf grass you're hitting from. Your ball will fly only 2- to 4 percent farther at 90 degrees versus 50 degrees – less than two yards for every 10 degree rise in temperature – so the very low humidity and the wind make a much bigger difference. Higher temperature

makes less difference with higher lofted irons, and more distance with a driver. This is the time of year that the grass grows and the dormant Bermuda is green, meaning lies in the fairway are mostly better, so contact with clubs should be "cleaner." That's the good news.

The bad news is that it doesn't take much in the blistering hot days in mid-summer for golf course grass to burn out. The hot summer sun can sap one's energy and lead to "brain fog," where your focus and concentration and sharp thinking suffers. Again, the key is continuing to stay hydrated and seeking shade wherever possible.



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