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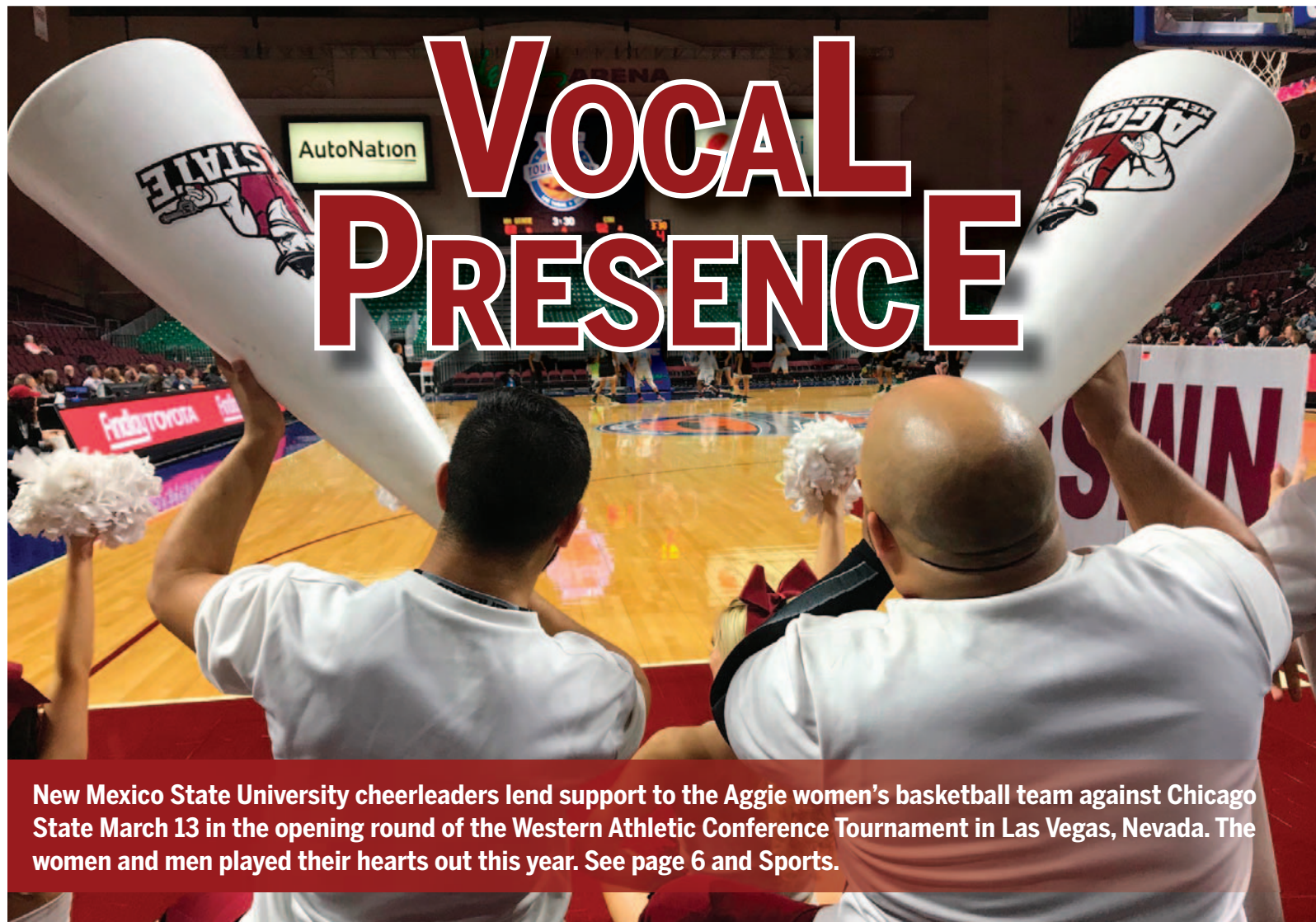
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New Mexico State University cheerleaders lend support to the Aggie women's basketball team against Chicago State March 13 in the opening round of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada. The women and men played their hearts out this year. See page 6 and Sports.

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Remembering

Martha Garcia Carrasco

Doña Ana County was saddened to hear about the sudden loss of Martha G. Carrasco, a long-time county employee who died March 16 in El Paso.

Carrasco began her career with Doña Ana County in 2004 for the Health and Human Services Department. Shortly after, she took a position at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department as the purchasing secretary.

Her coworkers remember her for her nonstop positive attitude and her willingness to help out with whatever needed to be done.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina Avenue.



Equal Pay Day recognized by BOCC

Tuesday's Board of County Commissioners meeting included a proclamation declaring April 2, 2019 as Equal Pay Day in Doña Ana County. The date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year.

The recognition was sponsored by Dist. 4 Commissioner Isabella Solis and was presented to the BOCC by Laura Bemis, Co-Vice President of Membership for the American Association of University Women, Las Cruces chapter.

PHOTO: The Board of County Commissioners (back row, from left: Ramon Gonzalez, Isabella Solis, Shannon Reynolds and Lynn Ellins) pose for a photo with the American Association of University Women Tuesday. Corrie Stone-Fieldner



Clean-up heads to Chaparral Saturday

The country's largest cleanup effort will kick off locally on Saturday, March 30 when dozens of volunteers gather to do a little outdoor spring cleaning in Chaparral.

The Great American Cleanup is sponsored by Keep Doña Ana County Beautiful in an effort to further their mission to sustain a clean, green and more beautiful community. The program is one of more than 20,000 nationwide and is now in its 21st year.

Originally scheduled on March 16, this year's event had to be postponed due to inclement weather in southern Doña Ana County. That day, Chaparral saw snow flurries and slight accumulation. A decision was made to move the event to the following week.

Volunteers will be working from 8 a.m. to noon removing litter and debris, recycling appropriate materials when possible, and overall working to beautify Chaparral.

Anyone interested in participating can meet organizers at the Delores Wright Community Park on Lisa Drive at 8 a.m. Volunteers will receive a free t-shirt.

Saturday's effort is one of several spearheaded throughout the year by Keep Doña Ana County Beautiful, which joins other national networks in planning volunteer events and education programs that help to remove litter and debris, recycle and beautify communities.

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lyabo Adeogba models a bubble wrap dress made by NMSU fashion merchandising and marketing student Marcos Moran during the Remade Runway fashion show that used recycled materials March 21 at Williams Hall on the NMSU campus. The show was presented by the Association of Fashion Merchandising and Marketing.



Court in session

The Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces purchased and mounted a basketball backboard for the newly opened youth shelter called My Friend's Place. The club also striped the court and bought basketballs and "carpet checkers" for the young residents to use. Pictured from left are Skipper Botsford, Jim Pudlewski, Jim Vorenberg (ladder), Sandi Smyth, Lindsey Davis (shelter manager), Grady McCullough (ladder), John Northcutt, and Don Smyth. Visit kiwanis-las-cruces.org.

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Slide from City of Las Cruces presentation on back-in parking.

Back-in diagonal parking to start downtown

BULLETIN REPORT

Here is the link to a City of Las Cruces video about the back-in only parking likely to start on or about Wednesday, April 3, in downtown Las Cruces: vimeo.com/297966924.

As downtown streets open to two-way traffic, the back-in parking spots will be available, City Business Development Administrator Mandy Guss said.

Back-in parking "seems a little different, but there

is no need to panic," Guss said. "It is easier than parallel parking. We have always had parallel parking on these streets. The only difference between back-in diagonal and parallel parking is that with the back-in diagonal, you don't have to do the final step of straightening the car with the curb."

Back-in parking has been implemented in several cities, including Tucson.

"Before they imple-

mented back-in parking, they had several incidents a year between vehicles and bikes," Guss said. "For the first two years of back-in parking, they had no incidents.

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Women awarded for prevailing over adversity

BULLETIN REPORT

Soroptimist International of Las Cruces has awarded Live Your Dream education grants to Las Cruces Olga Ramirez and Ruth Lawson, and El Pasoan Martha Minor.

Ramirez is pursuing an associate degree at Doña Ana Community College. She plans to complete a bachelor's degree in education at New Mexico State University, with the ultimate goal of becoming an elementary teacher. She will be the first in her family to receive a college education and wants to serve as a role model for each of her children.

At a young age, Ramirez taught her mother to read and write English. "My mother always told me, 'A person that cannot read is blind' and that's exactly how she felt. She was thankful for what I did for her. We had no books at home. I loved reading the newspaper which I dug out of a nearby dumpster. I received my first book at a migrant camp where we lived. I still have that copy of 'The Boxcar Children.' That is why making a difference is so important to me. Every child should have



From left, Olga Ramirez, Martha Minor and Ruth Lawson were selected to receive Soroptimist Live Your Dream awards based on their progress in meeting their goals, resiliency in overcoming obstacles, financial need, and their desire to improve their lives, those of their family members and of the community.

a chance to succeed," says Ramirez.

Ramirez's quest to become a teacher was put on hold when she married at a young age, had five children (now ages 5-13 years), and met with subsequent financial obstacles. During that time, she became a parent-participant in the Children's Reading Alliance and immediately started recruiting other parents and teaching them what she had learned. She now coordinates much of the Alliance's parent

programming and is a creative force in other community outreach projects.

Lawson's career goals are to become a licensed professional counselor and to work with victims of sexual abuse who may be struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression or anxiety. Her career choice was largely shaped by her own experiences.

She is a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and suffered PTSD after

witnessing her brother's death in an automobile accident when she was 5 years old.

More recently, she was diagnosed with Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy, leaving her unable to stand up without assistance and paralyzing her face. After months of physical and speech therapy, Lawson was able to return to her classes at NMSU in 2015.

"We as a family live on a very tight budget because of my medical is-

sues and my inability to work now," Lawson said. "Receiving this \$1,000 award will make my goal of getting my bachelor's degree that much more attainable with a little less stress."

Lawson is a first-generation college student and single parent of two children, ages 7 and 19. She is currently an NMSU Crimson Scholar with a 3.6 GPA.

Minor earned a GED through a low-income community program at age 35, then enrolled in El Paso Community College, completing a degree in Kinesiology.

"I began my life in somewhat of a backward manner," she says. "I dropped out of high school at 17, I had my first child at 18, my second child at 20, and became a single mother at 21. I had no room for college, being the only wage earner for my small family. As I grew more and more disillusioned with my career options, I finally had to make a choice, adapt and change or continue to struggle."

Minor now commutes to New Mexico State University where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Nutrition and Dietetics while working 35 hours a week.

The Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award provides women who serve as the primary wage earners for their families with financial resources to offset costs of attaining a higher education or additional skills and training. The award can be used for tuition, books, childcare, carfare or other education-related expenses that typical scholarships don't cover.

The three finalists were chosen from 20 applicants by a panel of community judges. The selection was based on the candidates' demonstrated ability to work toward their goals, their resiliency in overcoming obstacles, financial need, and their desire to improve their lives, those of their family members and of the community. This year's judges were Christine Rivera, Marianne Lappin and Julia Bruner.

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Aggie Nation: The hills send back the cry

Last Friday, while the New Mexico State University men's basketball team was playing in Salt Lake City, Utah, it seemed everyone left behind in Las Cruces was tuned into the game, which started just before lunchtime in the mountain time zone.



RICHARD COLTHARP

From the Publisher

Thanks to the advent of live streaming on computers, and the NCAA's finding a way to cash in on it, the annual basketball tournament is everywhere.

Nearly everywhere you went in Las Cruces, folks were watching or listening to the game.

On computers, TVs and radios in offices. Naturally, in all the sports bars. You could find the game going live in restaurants, on radios, in schools and on people's cellphones. It was even playing in City Hall's council chambers.

I watched most of the game at Hacienda de Mesilla, a short walk from my office. But even for the short stretches I wasn't there, I could hear Jack Nixon's voice reverberating out of car and truck windows. I saw people walking and watching the game on their phones. Folks were calling, texting and Facebooking their friends as the drama of the game against Auburn unfolded.

Las Cruces set aside their differences for an afternoon. Las Cruces Bulldawgs sat with Mayfield Trojans. Trump fans sat with Trump haters. I even sat with a Lobo. For that one day in Las Cruces, everyone was an Aggie.

You may be too young to remember the old Brooklyn Dodgers. I'm too young, but I've read so many books and articles about those Dodgers, particularly the teams from 1947-56, I feel as I lived through it.

Many accounts talk about walking through the neighborhoods of Brooklyn during the summer, and Red Barber's radio calls coming through loud and clear from the open windows of every building. You could leave your house, walk down to the corner store to get groceries for dinner, walk back and never miss a ball, strike or home run.

That's exactly how it felt with the Aggie game. And because the game (which ended in a 78-77 NMSU defeat, in case you had an unscheduled alien abduction the past week and didn't hear the outcome) was such a dramatic, tension-filled, closely fought game, fans were living and dying with each pass, shot or foul call.

Because the game ended in defeat, Aggie fans are like the old Brooklyn Dodger fans in another way.

Between 1941 and 1956, the Dodgers won seven National League pennants, earning trips to the World Series, but then lost six of those series to the dreaded New York Yankees. To add further insult, the Dodgers lost National League closely fought pennant races to their other crosstown rivals, the New York Giants, in 1954 and – in particularly painful fashion – 1951.

The Brooklyn Dodgers fans' rallying cry became "Wait 'til next year!"

The NMSU men's basketball team last won an NCAA tournament game in 1993. To say the least, we're ready for another victory.

Having won eight of the last 10 Western Athletic Conference tourna-

90 percent taxes

This year I'm having a déjà foo.

I remember learning in high school social studies that the maximum income tax then was 90 percent! I was

stunned! Over the years I watched President Kennedy reduce the max tax to 62 percent. In 1989 Reagan reduced the max-tax to 28. Tax Creep rose, then George W. Bush knocked it back to 30 percent after 9/11 and now, President Trump has used tax relief to lift a chronic economy out of stagnation.

It is an old cycle.

Lately some politicians have proposed socialism as a future for America where max-taxes of 70 and 90 percent are demanded. But do you think well-off Americans will pay these exorbitant taxes? OF COURSE NOT! This is America! A good businessman will call his lawyers, accountants and brokers to invest his money back into his own business, donate to charities, buy bonds, etc. – all TAX EXEMPT!

In the '70s they bought cattle feed in advance, they bought barges, railroad cars, built apartments, bought farmland, funded construction and invested their money back into



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On the Edge
of Common Sense

the private sector. They preferred to choose how to invest their own money themselves rather than hand it over to politicians. It was good for them,

but it left middle class businessman struggling to get ahead.

I'm a good example. In 1982 I moved from a regular check to entrepreneurship with no financial expertise or advisors," so the government took half my money! It was tough. Sometimes my airline ticket was more than my speaking fee!

I owe two presidents credit for making it possible to convert this "workin' for wages cow vet" into the self-supporting cowboy poet that I became. In 1978 President Carter deregulated the airlines. Suddenly the airlines had competition and travel became affordable. Then President Reagan dropped the tax rate from 50 percent in 1983 to 28 percent in 1987. He let me keep my money to invest in my own business! I took off and never looked back.

This cycle of raising taxes – depression-lower taxes-expansion-tax creep-overspending and raising taxes – repeats over and over and over, like the tide. It is

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a battle of opposing political mentalities; Group One – liberals, live by words ... lawyers. Group Two – conservatives, live by actions ... businessmen.

Each group looks at the government's responsibility differently. One wants to be Cared For, the other Left Alone. I don't question either one's motive, I just assume it is money and power. To those who are pushing extremely high taxes on the "rich," remember they are not stupid. They will invest their money into their business, construction, infrastructure, research, industry, create jobs, erect a wall around their home in San Francisco,

donate to Detroit Public Schools Foundation or some worthy cause before the government can take it from them. And finally, sky high taxes will also stifle low- and middle-class entrepreneurship from succeeding and leave them to join the 44 percent of Americans that pay no federal taxes at all.

Right or Wrong, I quote:

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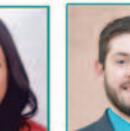
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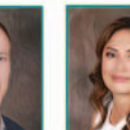
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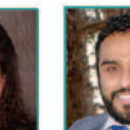
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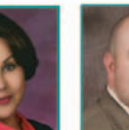
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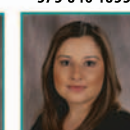
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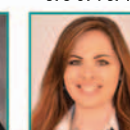
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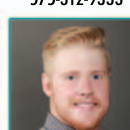
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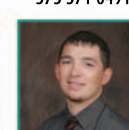
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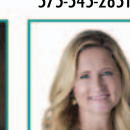
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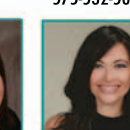
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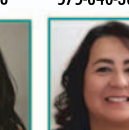
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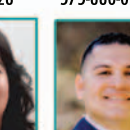
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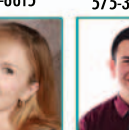
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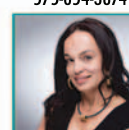
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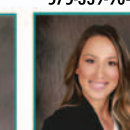
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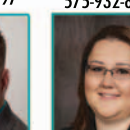
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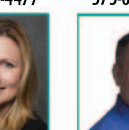
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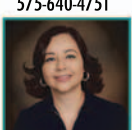
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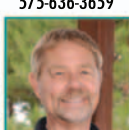
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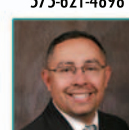
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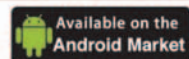
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Veterans need action, not just words

The other day a Gulf War veteran, who is now in his 60s and has various service-related medical conditions that are keeping him homebound, on oxygen, and in pain with his hands trembling, asked me for help deciphering some VA correspondence. As service officer for a local veteran service organization I see the first-hand consequences of war on our veterans and inadequate assistance from our federal, state and local governments. There are endless issues around veteran health care, benefits, mental health and homelessness requiring attention by some of the same politicians that sent them to war. Although it's the federal government that sends our military to fight wars and conflicts, state and local governments are not without responsibility to those who serve our country.

On March 3, 1865, President Lincoln signed legislation establishing a network of facilities nation-wide to care for wounded Civil War Soldiers and beyond. This act codified a social contract



NATE COTE
Guest Column

between the nation and our veterans that the VA would always be there for them and their families to help them recover from the illnesses, injuries or wounds sustained in service to our country.

To many veterans navigating the VA's complex system with the mind-boggling amount of paperwork required to process the smallest of claims for entitlements is overwhelming. The VA system is a bureaucracy on steroids and maneuvering through it may be synonymous to sailing through rough and rocky waters in the dark without a compass. The whole process is obscured by a sea of laws, regulations and precedence with little more than basic instructions on the many required forms.

During the recent political campaigns, it was obvious that veterans were not a top priority to many candidates and what was proposed were condescending policy statements, many unrealistic, unaffordable and improbable to solicit the veteran's vote. It's been over four months since the midterm election and there now seems to be

the silence typical of the taciturnity that occurs following an election. There are many disparities that remain within the VA system when it comes to providing accessible and quality health care and responding promptly to benefit claims. Assisting in the recruitment of quality healthcare providers, providing jobs, and an array of other requisites are dilemmas that state and local governments can and should provide pragmatic augmentation.

Former governor Bill Richardson made a commitment to our veterans in 2003 by establishing the cabinet-level position of veteran affairs, a result of SB 164. Good public policy is often advanced from issues raised on the campaign trail as promises are made. However, these same issues are oftentimes forgotten or pushed aside for what is perceived as more utilitarian and problems needing an immediate resolution. Elected officials move on to create the impression they are working for our veterans, but veterans are often left holding an empty bag of promises. Yes, jobs and education are extremely important for all in a utili-

tarian world, but public policy also has moral implications. For those veterans who were placed in harm's way to protect our freedoms acquiescence in public policy is paramount, especially to the veteran who lacks accessible and quality health care, a place to live, or a job with a livable wage.

There are over 180,000 veterans in New Mexico, about half are over the age of 60. Post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury resulting from combat, sexual trauma, or from premonitory military jobs result in serious disorders among our younger and older veterans alike.

As beneficiaries of these sacrifices let's commit to ensuring our elected federal, state, and local officials step up to the plate to augment an already burdened VA system and let's hold our elected officials accountable with thanking our veterans through action and not just words.

Nate Cote, PhD, is a former state representative, past commander and current service officer of DAV NM Chapter 10, U.S. Navy veteran and board member of New Mexico Voices for Children.

COLTHARP

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ments, the Aggies have been clearly successful in getting to the Big Dance. And they've come very close to winning an opening-round game. In 2010, they lost by three points to eventual Final Four team Michigan State. In 2014, they took San Diego State to overtime before falling. And, this year, by that single point against Auburn.

NMSU's team loses three seniors but will return most of their regular players for the 2019-2020 season. "Wait 'til next year!"

Despite the frustration of Brooklyn Dodger fans, there is an important side note. Next year indeed came in 1955, when the Dodgers beat the Yankees for their only World Championship in Brooklyn.

Closer to home, the Aggie football team had its own "1955" moment in December 2017, when NMSU won its first bowl game in 57 years.

Last week's game, and a week of fans reliving it, proved one thing: Las Cruces loves its Aggies.

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2017 tape a sad reminder of a life taken too soon

Aaron Gifford bristled a little bit at the word "youngster."

Gifford was one of three local players who Laura Smart had arranged for me to meet with in

the fall of 2017 for a story about pickleball. I didn't specifically request that she include at least one younger player, but I hoped she would. A big part of my story was an attempt to dispel the myth that the sport is only for the elderly.

Gifford was 35. I had originally thought he was younger than that when we met, one of many false first impressions.

"I think it's really fun playing with Aaron and his twin sister, and they have a friend who is also in her 30s. There's just something about having that vibrancy of the youngsters," one player said.

"Youngsters?" Gifford asked incredulously.

"Enjoy it," I suggested. "It goes away fast."

I still have my tape from the interview. That part is hard to listen to now.



WALT RUBEL

The View
From Here

Age 35 maybe a babe on the pickleball court, but Aaron Gifford was no youngster. He was, in fact, a veteran of the U.S. Army, 3rd Infantry, where he saw

combat during the first invasion of Iraq.

Like so many other returning combat veterans, Gifford was plagued by post-traumatic stress disorder.

And, like many other combat veterans, he kept that to himself. Lack of sleep was the only obvious sign, but he would explain that away, his mother Cece said.

Pickleball helped, Cece said. It gave him an outlet. It was clear during our interview that he was a serious player. He liked to play outdoors more than indoors because it brought the elements into play, he said. The biggest problem with the sport, he said, was a name that he described as "silly."

Pickleball helped, but not enough. On Jan. 8, 2018, months after our interview, Aaron Gifford took his own life, joining an estimated 22 veterans

a day who have committed suicide after returning home.

After Aaron's death, pickleball helped Cece. She organized the Aaron Gifford Memorial Pickleball Tournament, with the proceeds going to Mission 22, a national organization devoted to reducing the suicide rate among veterans. The first tournament was held April 7 and 8, 2018 at Apodaca Park.

This year's tournament will be April 6 and 7 at the NMSU tennis complex.

My story in 2017 talked about the growth of pickleball in Las Cruces, and the unlimited potential with the right kind of facilities and organization.

"If you look at the pickleball tournament schedule, you see a lot around our area. In Arizona there's a lot; in Colorado there's a lot," he said. "A town as big as Las Cruces could handle something like that if we had the facilities. We actually could host a decent-sized tournament."

"Ruidoso has had a sanctioned tournament and Las Cruces hasn't," he said.

A lot has changed

since then. Last year's tournament was not sanctioned by the USA Pickleball Association, but this year's will be. The move to NMSU will be a big upgrade over last year's tournament at Apodaca Park. And, thanks to passage of a general obligation bond last year, the city is now investing in more pickleball courts to meet a growing demand.

This year's tournament will have 145 players, a huge increase from last year. That will mean more help for Mission 22, and ultimately for veterans going through the same struggles that Aaron did.

All the things that Aaron had wished for in 2017 are coming true.

It is tragic that he won't be able to enjoy this year's tournament as a player. But through the efforts of his mother and other tournament organizers, Aaron Gifford will be forever linked to a sport he loved and an effort to help the veterans he served with.

Walter Rubel is a veteran New Mexico journalist who has lived in Las Cruces since 2002.

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and Senate, we wanted to share these legislative highlights with you.

As leaders in our respective chambers, we have coordinated with our colleagues to prioritize the needs in our areas and strategically invest in our infrastructure. This process ensures that the needs in our community are fully addressed and that we are improving the lives of the citizens in Doña Ana County. This

year, we – along with other Doña Ana County legislators – invested approximately \$30 million in community projects, including investments to make our roads safer and grow the economy.

Through our early communication and partnership with Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, we were able to fund major projects in our community. These projects include lanes and runways for Santa Teresa Jetport, upgrade of the Las Cruces Airport, water and sewer improvements for the Vado Wastewater System Extension and South Central Wastewater

Treatment Plant, and the improvements for the iconic New Mexico Farm & Ranch Museum. These investments will help our community reach its full potential and drive economic opportunity.

We have also made it a priority to invest in New Mexico State University and the City of Las Cruces to improve public safety, revitalize historic downtown, improve roads, and replace sewer systems.

Our university will be able to upgrade campus structures and enhance campus security to keep students safe and ensure that NMSU continues to be a national leader in

student affordability and safety.

This year is different for New Mexicans – we have a governor that truly wants to work with the Legislature to move our state forward. We are working together in an open and transparent process to collaborate and address the needs of Doña Ana County, and we are proud to have

made historic progress for women, children, and families this legislative session.

We are thankful for the work of our colleagues, the governor and, most importantly, our constituents who have been steadfast partners every step of the way. We are honored to represent you at the New Mexico Legislature.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Minimum wage not to blame

To the editor:

The tiresome whining of some business owners continues against the small increase in the state minimum wage over the next five years. The last increase was in 2009. Still no regular adjustment for inflation.

Since similar businesses have similar expenses they will not be at

a competitive disadvantage relative to each other when their labor expenses rise. As with all their costs of doing business, it will be passed on to the customers. It's a mystery why this is so bothersome to the restaurant owners. Most of their labor costs are paid directly by their customers' tipping.

The businesses that are no longer here did not disappear solely or

even in part due to the minimum wage increases. Googling "why businesses fail" produces a long list of reasons for failure. A rise in the minimum wage is not mentioned. Frequently mentioned is poor leadership. These complaining business owners seem to yearn for a return of slavery as the most cost-effective wage.

On the other side of the coin, these business owners never complain when businesses are subsidized with tax breaks called "economic development incentives" that increase the burden on the rest of us.

Larry Gioannini
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What about restaurants opening?

To the editor:

There are a lot of restaurants closing and to believe that city policies are to blame is to claim that there is no other reason for their closing.

National chains don't worry about local conditions.

Other restaurants closed because most

people saw no reason to patronize them – mostly, I suspect, because the food was mediocre.

According to a sign posted on the doors of one restaurant, its landlord changed the locks because the rent hadn't been paid.

There is no list of businesses that have opened since the new minimum wage law went into effect. I wouldn't hold my breath.

*Doug DesGeorges
Las Cruces*

Questions about Columbia

To the editor:

To Supt. Ewing and LCPS School Board, this is written to express concern for the artifacts and memorabilia which exist at Columbia Elementary School.

In 2003, as the principal who opened Columbia, I solicited suggestions from the public concerning names for the new school. The school board limited the suggestions to

five possible names. The students from both Doña Ana and Jornada (as the two feeder schools to the new school) were asked to vote. The name Columbia was the overwhelming winner. As soon as the news was released the story went national.

I was immediately contacted by NASA, Johnson Space Center and ultimately family members of the deceased astronauts. Everyone was so excited and pleased that the brave heroes of

the Columbia would be remembered.

Donations of personal effects, artwork, memorabilia and even bronze memorial plaques with each astronaut's name exist inside and outside of the building. I am also aware of a memorial bench which was installed to remember a deceased student who attended Columbia.

I would like to know:

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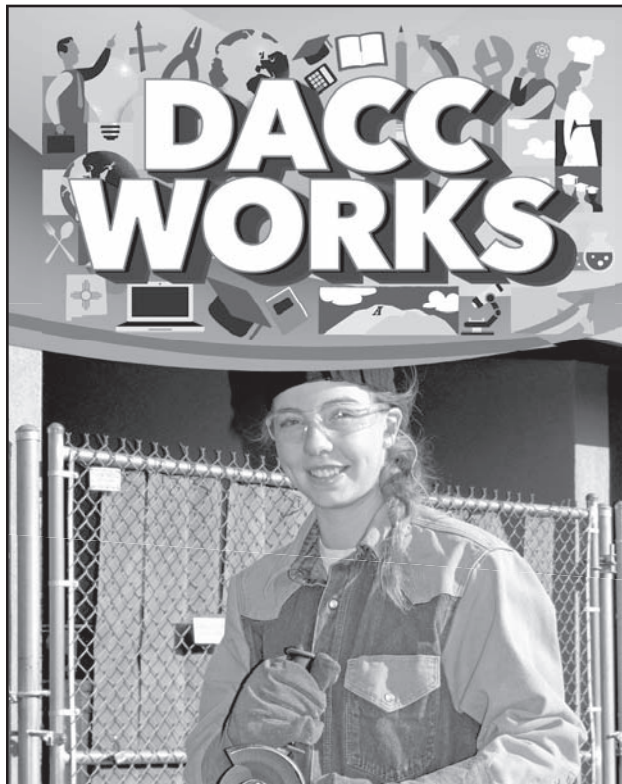
rabilia when the existing building is demolished?

2. Will the new school retain the name Columbia?

3. How will the district safeguard these important artifacts while the building is being razed and the new building is being constructed?

I thank you for your attention to this important matter and look forward to your responses.

*Sincerely,
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Student of the Month



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Geny Renteria was recognized in March as the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners' Student of the Month. Geny is a freshman at The New America School and was nominated by her teacher, Ms. Serna. Renteria has a 96 percent attendance rate and a 3.4 GPA. She is an artist, a member of the yearbook staff, and is an active member of the Mariachi Nuevo America group. After graduation, she hopes to attend college and study to be a nurse. From left are Dist. 1 Commissioner Lynn Ellins, Dist. 2 Commissioner Ramon Gonzalez, Dist. 4 Commissioner and Chairwoman Isabella Solis, New America School Principal Margarita Porter, Martha Madrid, Geny's mother, and Geny Renteria.

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LUSH AND LEAN

'Bug detective' to identify common pests

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**
and **SUZANNE MICHAELS**
For the Bulletin

In addition to insects, Carol Sutherland fills her office with leaves, twigs, branches and sections of tree trunks. For her, this woody miscellanea can explain why a tree looks and performs the way it does.

If you want insight on what kind of life is playing out in and on your trees, head to Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) Lush and Lean workshop on Thursday, April 4. Bring in a bug (alive or dead) in a glass bottle with a lid, along with your contact information.

Dr. Sutherland's most recent show-and-tell" was in Tucumcari, where ash trees had fallen prey to ash twig beetles. The result of

continuous attacks by the beetles was canopy dieback of the trees.

"It's easy to see when the leaves at the end of a branch wither but by then the twig beetles are attacking new twig growth for the next round of reproduction," she explains. "They live and reproduce under the bark, so if you don't know how and where to look for these pests, you might not be the wiser to them."

Sutherland travels the state, especially in the spring, to give presentations featuring common pests of ornamental trees and shrubs, tips on identification, evidence of infestation and best management practices to Master Gardeners, tree care professionals and the public.

"My vehicle is my office and I have way more twigs and branches in there," she said.

Sutherland will be in Las Cruces with her presentation "Bugs in your Landscape? Who's Who & What's What?" She'll play detective to insects you might encounter during your weeding and yard maintenance, and how to fight them off especially if they're doing damage.

"Not all insects are bad," she said. "Every spring people come to me and say they've never seen a certain new insect before, "but learning what these unknowns are is the start to knowing whether they are damaging your plants or not."

All Lush and Lean Workshops are free and open to

the public, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. See the complete list of speakers and dates at www.las-cruces.org/Water-Conservation or www.facebook.com/cityoflas-cruces.

Las Cruces Utilities provides gas, water, wastewater and solid waste services to approximately 100,000 Las Cruces residents and businesses. Reach them at 575-528-3500 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.



Dr. Carol Sutherland holds a tree branch and points out the girdling damage caused by ash twig beetles.

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The City of Las Cruces is currently accepting applications to fill an opening on the ad hoc committee named the Utility Customer Advisory Group (UCAG).

MEMBERSHIP: The Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council will appoint five (5) members to the UCAG.

- **Member Eligibility: Appointee must:**
- Be a registered voter and a customer/recipient of one or more of the Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) for at least one (1) year prior to appointment.
- Not hold any elected or appointed public office or be a City employee.
- Not be a contractor, consultant, or have a contractual relationship with the City for the benefit of the LCU.
- **Member Qualifications: To be qualified for appointment, appointees shall:**
- **Have a significant technical expertise in one or more of the following fields:**
- Banking/Finance • Business
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- Utility Rate Management, and/or
- Other skills or experience that may be of value to the rate making process.


Member Training: UCAG members will participate in training, provided by a third party consultant; along with the Board of Commissioners for the City of Las Cruces Utilities (Utilities Board) and staff covering the basics of ratemaking consistent with utility-based cost-of-service analysis as modified through the constraints of the Utilities Board's new By-Laws.

DUTIES: The UCAG will function as a customer advisory committee with members participating in:

- All four (4) utility rate reviews before the Utilities Board on behalf of the City's various customer rate classes.
- The rate review process of selecting the consultant via the City's currently established Request for Proposal ("RFP") procurement process.
- Press releases, utility billing inserts, letters to the editor/guest editorials, and similar materials concerning rate reviews pending before the Utilities Board will be approved by the UCAG prior to release or publication:
 - Press releases approved by the UCAG will be submitted to and issued by the City's Public Information Office following standard procedures.
 - Utility billing inserts approved by the UCAG will be submitted to the assigned City staff at the Utilities Department and may be reformatted for consistency. The printing costs for billing inserts will be paid for by the Utilities Department.
- The UCAG will terminate upon completion of the duties set forth above upon notification by the Utilities Director to the City Clerk.

Applications can be picked up at the City Clerk's office inside City Hall at 700 N. Main St., or accessed online at: <http://www.las-cruces.org/departments/city-clerks-office/boards-committees-and-commissions>. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (575) 541-2115. The TTY number is (575) 541-2182.

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IN THE NEWS

Prescribed fire

Weather and other conditions permitting, White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) plans to implement a prescribed fire project in the northeast quadrant of WSMR March 30-April 8.

The Hunter's Lodge Prescribed Fire consists of four burn areas located on both sides of Range Road 9 near the WSMR northern boundary south of U. S. Highway 380 and extends south and east to the boundary of the Red Rio Bombing Range. The project boundaries are mostly two-track and grader-maintained roads.

Ignition is planned to last four to six days in total and will produce visible smoke each day from Highway 380, especially near Bingham. Residual

smoke might settle into drainage bottoms during nighttime hours for a few days after ignitions are complete.

This prescribed fire is part of a fuels' reduction and grassland maintenance project on WSMR to enhance native forage for a variety of wildlife species.

Anyone with questions or concerns can call WSMR Wildlife Biologist Patrick Morrow at 575-678-7095, WSMR Fire and Emergency Services Chief Carlos Soto at 575-678-4187, Wildland Fire Specialist Steve Bumgarner at 575-386-6558 or WSMR Public Affairs at 575-678-1134.

Bus app

The Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) an-

nounces that customers of RoadRUNNER Transit can now plan their trips using the Google Maps/Transit app, accessible on mobile devices or computers.

Google Maps can find riders suggested routes by departure/arrival time and number/locations of stops along the way by typing in a beginning and ending location. The Google Maps app can also find routes, times, stops on SCRTD, NMDOT Park and Ride Routes and EL Paso transit routes that connect with RoadRUNNER Transit.

"We are very excited to be able to offer this service to the community," said Andrew Wray, acting MPO officer. "We've been working with Google Maps to add RoadRUNNER Transit to their system in anticipation of

RoadRUNNER's expanded service."

The Mesilla Valley MPO is the multi-jurisdictional planning agency responsible for transportation planning for the Las Cruces urban area. For more information, contact mipo@las-cruces.org or 575-528-3070.

Valley update

Currently the two active road reconstruction zones are on Valley Drive from Picacho to Amador and on Avenida de Mesilla from Valley Drive to Hickory. The contractor will begin a seven-day work schedule with extended work hours in order to expedite the completion of the project to early 2020.

Valley Drive traffic between Picacho and Amador is currently pushed into the southbound lanes

as the northbound lanes are closed for construction. In addition, Valley Drive is reduced to one lane in each direction at Avenida de Mesilla.

The anticipated closure of East Hadley is scheduled for April 1 and is estimated to last at least four weeks.

At Avenida de Mesilla (NM 28), all traffic is currently pushed into the westbound lanes to allow complete reconstruction on eastbound lanes.

Victims' rights

The 3rd Judicial District Attorney's Victims Advocacy program has received federal funding to promote community awareness of crime victims' rights and services during 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 6-13.

The funding will be used to promote the National Crime Victims' Rights Walk and Expo as part of a Community Awareness Project in Doña Ana County.

First designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week increases public awareness of, and knowledge about, the range of rights and services available to people who have been victimized by crime. The theme for 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is "Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future."

For additional information about 2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities in Doña Ana County, call 575-647-8553 or visit donaanacounty.com.

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Deputy Chief Steve Mims: a changing of the badge

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**
For the Bulletin

Deputy Fire Chief Steve Mims has fulfilled his oath of office as a firefighter for the Las Cruces Fire Department. He will retire on March 31.

Mims has seen many changes in the fire service since he started as a volunteer at age 14 in Fairacres (he's still the Fairacres volunteer chief). One of the biggest is the uniform. When he started the standard outfit was rubber boots and a long jacket. By the time he joined the LCFD, the uniform viewed favorably included soot etched on the helmet and a jacket tinged by flames.

"It was a badge of honor to have the dirtiest gear; that meant you were in there and fighting fires," he said.

There was also a shift to the Clean Cab model, as departments across the country began taking a hard look at the carcinogenic effects of smoke on their clothing.

"We don't even want the dirty clothes riding in the cab with us after a fire," Mims said.



Las Cruces Fire Department Chief Eric Enriquez, left, and Deputy Chief Steve Mims.

COURTESY PHOTO

Now industrial washers are at the ready in the bay with the trucks and engines for the crew's iconic firefighting gear.

He's also seen a dramatic shift in home fire prevention – such as the use of smoke detectors – that is driving down the rate of residential fires. The mandate of smoke detectors commercially has also allowed firefighters to catch fires earlier.

"We go out to inspect businesses and have our firefighters interacting more with the public," Mims said.

see things that people shouldn't have to see," he said. "Cadets have to figure out if it's something they can do." And yet, his favorite part of his career has been ushering those cadets into the profession.

"The most rewarding time has been being the academy coordinator," Mims said. "I was able to train and mold the new recruits, then watched them grow through promotions in the department to drivers, lieutenants and chiefs. It's been a way to impact change and see improvement."

Mims makes sure that cadets understand the role they play in the community. "I want them to know that they serve

the community. Cadets don't have their names on their shirt, because it's a reminder that it's not about them, it's about serving the public and the organization. I ask them to remember that focus on what drove them to become a firefighter, to remember when they got their phone call telling them that they're in the academy and let that feeling drive them through their career."

One of his influences is current Fire Chief Eric Enriquez. "Deputy Chief Steve Mims was my lieutenant on Engine 1 from 1999 to 2002. I would say that was the best time of my firefighting career," Enriquez said.

"I personally owe a lot to Steve for his mentor-

ship and leadership early on in my career. The last three years with me being the fire chief and Steve as my deputy chief, we did not miss a beat, we teamed up and have worked together for the betterment of the community, organization and department. There is no doubt that this department will truly miss Steve Mims."

Submitted by the Las Cruces Fire Department, which serves New Mexico's second-largest city with professional firefighters, who are licensed EMTs, and civilian employees. The department responds to more than 17,000 calls for service annually and is an ISO Class 1 fire department.

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Graduates from Arrowhead Park Early College High School attend the school's commencement ceremony on May 18, 2018.

Cruces graduation rates exceed averages

BULLETIN REPORT

Despite having some of the most rigorous graduation requirements in the state, Las Cruces Public Schools had an 86.2 percent high school graduation rate for the graduating cohort of 2018, according to data released March 19 by the New Mexico Public Education Department.

The figure, which represents the highest four-year, high school graduation rate among New Mexico's largest districts, exceeded the state average of 73.9 percent, and bested the national average of 85 percent.

"We are very proud to see the steady improvement in our graduation rate," said Superintendent Greg Ewing. "This reflects the exceptional work of every teacher in the district, as well as principals, assistant principals,

educational support personnel, and the administrative staff in Central Office who are committed to supporting our teachers and schools. Improving the graduation rate is achieved through the dedication and commitment of every teacher, K-12."

According to the PED, a cohort is named according to students' expected fourth year of high school. The 2018 cohort four-year graduation rate was based on ninth graders in 2015-16, 10th graders in 2016-17 and 12th graders in 2017-18.

Although the state of New Mexico only requires a student to earn a total of 24 high school credits to graduate, students at LCPS high schools are required to earn 29 credits, the highest requirement in the state, according to Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson, LCPS associate

superintendent of curriculum and instruction.

"By offering engaging educational opportunities such as programs of study, dual-credit classes and blended and online learning, LCPS has been able to provide students more educational options and helped many to persist to graduation," Miller-Tomlinson said.

She also explained that the district has implemented advising practices allowing any student who falls behind to be notified quickly and advised about credit recovery options that may be available.

The district's 2018 graduation rate shows an improvement of nearly one percent over last year's rate, a six-and-a-half percent improvement from the district's 2015 graduation rate and a 12 percent improvement from the district's 2014 graduation rate.

City to 'welcome home' Vietnam vets

BULLETIN REPORT

A ceremony to commemorate the ninth annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans will be held 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at Veterans Memorial Park, 1151 Roadrunner Pkwy.

The event is sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 431 of Las Cruces.

The full schedule of events:

- 8 a.m.: Garrison flag is raised.
- 8:30 a.m.: Invocation by U.S. Army veteran and American Legion Post 10 Chaplain Lawrence Orvis.
- 8:35 a.m.: Presentation of Colors by El Perro Diablo Marine Corps League, Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem.

- 8:45 a.m.: The reading begins of 398 New Mexico veterans who gave their lives in Vietnam.

- 9:20 a.m.: Placing of a wreath by White Sands Missile Range Commanding General U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Brady and Michael L. Amaral, director of the El Paso Veterans Administration. A volley firing and the playing of Taps will follow.

- 9:30 a.m.: Sam Jones with the Las Cruces Veterans Center speaks about center services to all combat veterans.

- 9:40 a.m.: James R. Turner Jr. of the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services on state services for Vietnam veterans.

- 9:50 a.m.: City Parks and Recreation Department Director Sonya

Delgado on goals for Veterans Park.

- 10 a.m.: Comments by Mayor Ken Miyagishima, whose father was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars.

- 10:10 a.m.: El Paso Veterans Administration Director Michael L. Amaral on plans for the El Paso VA and the Las Cruces Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.

- 10:20 a.m.: Sgt. Maj. Robert L. Parker of the WSMR Garrison Command on relations between WSMR and Las Cruces veterans.

- 10:30 a.m.: Lunch (hamburgers and hot dogs).

- 5 p.m.: Lowering of the garrison flag.

For more information, contact Bruce Fonest at 575-649-1145 or brucefonest@hotmail.com.

Why am I so stiff? Daily Tips to Consider

I get asked regularly by clients in the clinic: "Dennis, do you have any advice for someone like me who isn't in a lot of pain? I'm just incredibly stiff when I wake up in the morning, and I feel it throughout the day, which means I can't do things as easily as I'd like. Any advice?"

I want to clear up 'why' we feel stiff in the first place. A lot of people we see think that stiffness is something we feel as we get older - and while there's some truth in that, stiffness isn't always directly related to how old you are. Yes, as you get older your joints and muscles get stiff if you don't exercise regularly. And it's true that your joints become less flexible as the lubricating fluid inside them decreases, and the cartilage becomes thinner as you age... but there are some other points to factor in too.



Not drinking enough fluids and dehydration can also lead to stiff muscles. Muscles are active tissues, which means they're the kind of tissue that requires the most water in the body. Inactivity is another culprit - leaving your muscles in one place for a prolonged period (sleep, sitting in a chair, driving for hours etc.) can cause them to stiffen.

Another cause can be related to stress - when we're stressed, our bodies tighten up as preparation for a "fight or flight" situation. Prolonged stress can lead to you maintaining a tight posture, straining the muscles.



So, what can you do to reduce stiffness?

Here's five quick and easy tips to add to your daily routine that will help you find a life with less stiffness, no matter what age you are.

1. Stretch - daily. Ten minutes in the morning when you first wake up, and again before bed. Doing gentle stretches just before bed can help you get a much better night's sleep as well.
2. Walk - for at least ten minutes a day (even better, twenty if you can). Next time you need to make a long phone call, why not do it on your mobile and walk at the same time?
3. Avoid long periods of sitting - you're better off laying stretched out on the sofa than you are sitting in a chair for longer periods of time. We're NOT designed to sit. Stretching out can be a nice relief for muscles and joints, especially if you've had a long day at work sitting in a chair.
4. Take a warm bath - with Epson salts or baking soda. The heat will ease your muscles almost immediately and will calm your mind.
5. Drink plenty of water - 70% of your muscles are water, so it makes sense that you support your body and keep it hydrated.

Don't accept stiffness as part of life, if you do and you don't do anything about it, it's likely to worsen and affect your ability to move freely.

That's all from me this week. I hope this information helps you and I'll talk to you again next week. Have a great week!



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Kids Fishing Clinic: 24th annual, hosted by Mesilla Valley Fly Fishers and NM Game & Fish, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, March 30, NMSU Aggie Alumni Pond. Free for kids ages 6-11.

Crafts for Kids: 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children of all ages are welcome to create their own craft to take home. Free with regular admission (\$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children 4-17).

- March 30: Start your seeds in an eggshell planter that you can decorate
- April 6: Coffee Filter Butterflies
- April 13: Cardboard Satellite
- April 20: Woven Magazine Coasters
- April 27: 3-D Bumblebees

Roundtable Discussion Group: Meets 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Sunday in the Library of the Unitarian Church, 2000 S. Solano. If you have a comment or suggestion, email it to roundtable@uuchurchlc.org.

- March 31: Billy Garrett, former Doña Ana County commissioner, "Polarization and Principles"

National Walk in the Park Day: Sponsored by Parks & Recreation, Las Cruces Police Department and Dwell Yoga, 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 30, Klein Park, 155 N. Mesquite St. Info: 575-541-2455.

Pancake Breakfast: The Catholic Daughters of the Americas host a fundraiser 7-11 a.m. Sunday, March 31, St. Genevieve Parish Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave. Plates are \$6. Info: Rebecca Archuleta, 575-640-6858.

Roundup at the Register: April-long drive benefits ACTION Program for Animals, Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road. Money and pet supplies accepted. Info: 575-523-0436.

Doña Ana Republican Party: Monthly meeting, 6 p.m. Monday, April 1, La Posta de Mesilla, 2410 Calle de San Albino. Info: Sue Butterfield, 575-523-8683; darpooffice@gmail.com.

Climate change conference: Hosted by Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration and the International and Border Programs office at NMSU, Tuesday-Thursday, April 2-4, Corbett Center Student Union. Fee: \$200-\$550. Info: conahec.org.

Diabetes classes: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, April 2-4, Families and Youth Building, 1320 S. Solano. English and Spanish. Info: 575-522-0289.

Las Cruces Bead Society: Meets 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, Western Traders, 1300 El Paseo Road. Info: 575-527-1470.

Public lecture: "Rights of Indigenous Peoples," 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, Hardman and Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center, Room 125, NMSU campus. Info: Patricia Vargas, 575-646-4936; pvargas@nmsu.edu.

We Mean Business: Influential female entrepreneurs, panels and workshops, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, April 3-4, Las Cruces Convention Center. Info: 575-646-5575.

Mesilla Valley Stamp Club: Meets 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4, Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid. Free to anyone interested in stamp collecting. Info: 575-202-1937.

NARFE: Region VII biennial conference, Thursday-Saturday, April 4-6, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. Info: 575-649-6035; nmreeses@msn.com.

La Mesa Lions Club rummage sale: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 5-6, San Jose Catholic Church Parish Hall in La Mesa. Over 1,000 items for sale, to benefit the New Mexico Dental Foundation's Mission of Mercy. Info: Vicky Rader, 575-526-9030.

Lenten Fish Fry: Annual event sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces, 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 5, Good Samaritan Social Center, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Tickets: \$10, available from high school Key Clubs and at the door. Info: Grady, 575-521-0598; kiwanis-las-cruces.org.

Volunteer Fair: Eighth annual, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 6, Plaza de Las Cruces. No charge to attend or for organizations to participate. Register at las-cruces-volunteer-fair.com and giving Day 2019 Facebook page. Info: Ryan Steinmetz, 575-528-3035; rsteinmetz@las-cruces.org.

Early College High School Honor Society Bookfair: 10 a.m. Saturday, April 6, Barnes & Noble in Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Theater performances, ukulele showcases and STEM activities in support of ECHS students. Free.

Tour de Optimism bike ride: Las Cruces Optimist Club presents 6th annual, 8 a.m. Sunday, April 7. Riders depart from Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, 3501 Arrowhead Drive on the NMSU campus. 100 KM (62 miles), 50 KM (31 miles) and shorter routes. Register at www.newmexico-sportsonline.com. Fee \$35 in advance, \$40 day of the event. Info: Donald Wilson, 575-640-1814; dwilson0884@gmail.com; www.lascrucesoptimistclub.org.

Jewish Food & Folk Festival: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, April 7, Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Blvd. Info: 575-649-4356; mzaggieo@gmail.com.

Back by Noon: Natural history/ecology outings, presented by the Southwest Environmental Center, Saturdays through May 11. Free, open to the public, bring sturdy footwear, water, sunscreen and a hat. Advance registration requested before each outing by calling 575-522-5552. Info: www.wild-mesquite.org.

- 6 p.m. April 13 (Back by Midnight), The Secret World of Bats, with biologist Rachel Burke

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PHOTO BY SAM ALLISON

Monte Vista Elementary School Chess team coach Manuel Castillo (standing), and, from left, back row, team members Adam Ramos, Mia Allison, Angelita Ontiberos and Efrain Arelleno; front row, Jonathan Howard, Manny Castillo and Brayden Allison.

Monte Vista chess team eyes national meet

BULLETIN REPORT

Students from Monte Vista Elementary School (MVES) are raising money to help fund their trip to the national tournament May 9-12 in Nashville. The students placed first for the second straight year in the New Mexico Activities Association's Elementary Chess State Championship March 8 in Albuquerque.

"The MVES state chess champs are very committed to the sport and there is no doubt in my mind that they are going to win nationals," said chess coach Manuel Castillo, who is nationally certified.

"They put in extra work every day after school to ensure that they stay

at the top of their game. These amazing students are the most dedicated and talented individuals that I have ever had the pleasure of coaching."

Anyone interested in donating to help defray the cost of students' traveling expenses can contact Castillo at 575-680-6532 or manny@snmchess.com.

"Coach Manny and the team are so dedicated and passionate about chess and their hard work has paid off," said MVES Principal De Anna Balderamma.

"These kids work so hard and pour their hearts into every game," MVES parent Christy Allison said. "Chess is an intense and intimate game."

Construction Compadres



Las Cruces Bulletin Publisher Richard Coltharp won the Construction Compadres reading event at COAS Books, reading a selection from a romance novel in the voice of Chewbacca from "Star Wars."



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Another Construction Compadres event took place Saturday, March 23, at COAS Books downtown. The Compadres events help bring awareness to local businesses whose access is diminished by construction projects in Las Cruces. Participating in a reading competition were City Councilor Kasandra Gandara, Las Cruces Bulletin Publisher Richard Coltharp, Griff Allen of Lost Cruces Escape Room, City Councilor Greg Smith and (not pictured) County Commissioner Shannon Reynolds. Contestants chose from a selection of books and did a 90-second reading in the voice of a randomly drawn accent or character.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on December 14, 2018, Manuel and Connie Padilla, PO Box 875, Las Cruces NM 88004, filed applications numbered LRG-11014-POD2, OSE File Nos. LRG7989-1 & LRG-7989-2, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing use of well LRG-7989, located within the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 14, T25S, R2E (NMPM) and more specifically where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32° 8'49.937"N & 106° 42' 38.014" W (WGS84) on property owned by The Michael Earle Richards Family Trust, and use well LRG-11014-POD2 located within the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of said projected Section 14 and more specifically where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32° 7' 59.076"N & 106° 42' 31.742" W on property owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by May 24, 1999 order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of NM, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for irrigation of 2.39 acres of land owned by the applicant located within the center of said projected Section 14, as described in Subfile No. LRS 280090012 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of well LRG-11014-POD2 is

north of La Mesa, NM and is approximately 0.29 miles southeast of the intersection of Calle De Tonantzin & San Jose Rd. Well LRG-7989 will be retained for other rights.

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

Dates: 03/15, 03/22, 03/29, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 28, 2019, Raymond and Lucille Garcia and Toby Tercero, 230 W. Afton Rd. La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-09889-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-09889-A, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-09889, located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 5' 8.01" N, 106° 41' 19.11" NV (WGS84), on land owned by



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Sierra Vista Farms, and by drilling new well LRG-09889-POD2 to a depth of 180 ft. with an 8-in. casing, to be located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°5' 7.01" N, 106° 41' 19.8" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 8.78 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM), as described by Subfile No. LRS-28011-0013, Right B 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-09889POD2 will be retained for other rights. The proposed location of new well LRG-09889POD2 is south of La Mesa, NM and is approximately 1,955 feet northwest of the intersection of Highway 28 and W. Afton Rd.

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Dates: 03/15, 03/22, 03/29, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 14, 2019, Lauro J., JR., & Veronica Hinojosa, 921 Calle Contento, Las Cruces, NM, 88007 filed application numbered and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 8.78 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 25S, Range 2E (NMPM), as described by Subfile No. LRS-28011-0013, Right B 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-09889POD2 will be retained for other rights. The proposed location of new well LRG-09889POD2 is south of La Mesa, NM and is approximately 1,955 feet northwest of the intersection of Highway 28 and W. Afton Rd. 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 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Well LRG-12458 will be plugged.

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Dates: 03/08, 03/15, 03/22, 2019

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 4, 2019, Wilfred E. Binns, 2700 E. Missouri, Ste. 1, Las Cruces, NM 88011, filed application LRG-6567 into LRG-17587 (OSE File LRG-17587) for permit to Change Place of Use, Purpose of Use, and Location of Well, within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by transferring 8 acre-feet per annum of groundwater historically exercised for commercial purposes at a business owned by the Wilfred E. Binns & Iva Bernice Binns Revocable Trust dated 10/15/93 (Trust), located within the SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 23S, Range 2E, from well LRG-6567, located within the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of said Section 14 & more specifically where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°18'22.473 "N & 106° 42'30.509"W (WGS84), on land owned by the Trust, and instead exercising 8 acre-feet per annum from proposed well LRG-17587-POD1, to be located within the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 17, Township 23S, Range 1E (NMPM), more specifically where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°18'23.423 "N & 106° 51' 35.264"W (WGS84), on land owned by the Wilfred E. Binns & Iva Bernice Binns Irrevocable

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12,

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 25th, 2018, Kenneth Romero, 1900 Elder St., Las Cruces, NM, 88001, filed application numbered LRG-17507-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-17507-1, with the state Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling proposed well LRG-17507-POD2 to a depth of 200 feet with a 6-inch casing, in a location within the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 24, Township 20 South, Range 02 East (NMPM) and otherwise

Childrens Trust dated 10/15/93, #1001 (Childrens Trust) for the irrigation of 32.73 acres of land owned by the Childrens Trust, located within the NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of said projected Section 17. Well LRG-17587-POD1 will be located west of Las Cruces, NM, approximately 0.24 miles southeast of the intersection of Spanish Pointe Rd. & Barcelona Ridge Rd. Well LRG-10290 will be properly plugged.

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described at and Y-568,118 (NMSA Central, NAD83, Feet), on land owned by the applicant, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-17507POD1, located on land owned by the applicants, located within the NW 1/4 of said projected Section 24, also located at the intersection of and Y=568,702 (NMSA, Central, NAD83, Feet), for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic one household and livestock use as described in Subfile No. LRR-28-012-0004 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of proposed well LRG-17507-POD2 will be located North-west of Radium Springs, NM, and may be found approximately 1200 feet West of the Martinez Arena on HWY 185. Existing well LRG-17507-POD1 will be properly plugged.

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Las Cruces Bulletin

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of the Following Ordinance(s) at the Regular City Council Meeting Held on March 18, 2019:

(1) (1) Council Bill No. 19-020; Ordinance No. 2885: An Ordinance Authorizing a Real Estate Purchase Agreement Between the City of Las Cruces and CORE Academy for the Sale of a 45,000 Square Foot Tract of Municipally Owned Land Located at 2095 W. Lake Mead Boulevard, Las Vegas, Clark County Nevada for the Purchase Price of \$400,000, in Accordance with Provisions of LCMC 1997, Section 2-1312.

(1) Terms of Sale: \$400,000 cash or equivalent at closing.

(2) Appraised Value: Appraised Value: The property was appraised by two Nevada appraisers in September and October 2018. One appraiser concluded a value of \$315,000 while the other appraiser concluded a value of \$515,000. Proposed sale price is \$400,000.

(3) Schedule of Payments: \$10,000 earnest money has been received, \$390,000 due a payable upon closing.

(4) Amount of Purchase price: Proposed sale is \$400,000.

(5) Purchaser of Property: CORE Academy, a Nevada non-profit corporation, whose address is 701 South 9th Street Las Vegas, NV 89101 Attn: Lindsay Harper.

(6) Purpose of Sale: City has received a fair market offer. City has no viable long-term use for the property and disposal is in the best interest of the City. City's objective is to remove a liability and budget draining asset from its inventory. Selling the property to a private entity will eliminate those costs to the City.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 20th day of March 2019.

Linda Lewis, CMC
City Clerk

Date: 03/29, 2019

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FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dolores Connor a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Dolores Connor to Jesuita Dolores M. Lucero, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, District Judge, on the 9th day of May 2019, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

/s/ Dolores Connor
Dolores Connor
4092 Demos Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
575-649-4784

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-725
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
RALPH RICHARD GONZALES
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RALPH RICHARD GONZALES, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Ralph Richard Gonzales to Rick Ralph Gonzales, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, District Judge on the 7th day of May, 2019, at the hour of 9:30 am at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las

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

DM-2018-1360
Judge Rosner

EDGAR GARIBALDE
MARTOS
Petitioner

v.

CRISTINA POLVON
TORRES
Respondent

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO CRISTINA POLVON TORRES: You are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner has filed in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County a verified Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Children.

You must file an Answer or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

STREETER &
MARTINEZ-SALOPEK,
LLC.
Attorneys for Petitioner
230 S. Alameda Blvd., Bldg. B
Las Cruces, N.M. 88005
(575)541-0329

Witness the Honorable Mary W. Rosner, 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 12th day of March, 2019.

(Seal)

David S. Borunda
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: /s/ Victor A. Eres
Deputy Victor A. Eres,
Judicial Specialist

Dates: 03/22, 03/29, 04/05, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-806
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF
THE PETITION OF
DOLORES CONNOR

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Cruces, NM.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Ralph Richard Gonzales
Ralph Richard Gonzales
6665 Rio Dorado
La Mesa, NM 88044
575-993-0112

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-726
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ANGELA MARIE EDG- INGTON FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Angela Marie Edgington a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Angela Marie Edgington to Angela Marie Weisner, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge on the 7th day of May, 2019, at the hour of 9:30 am at the Doña Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Angela M. Edgington
Angela M. Edgington
5081 Calle del Ranchero
Las Cruces, NM 88011
575-571-4485

Dates: 03/22, 03/29, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-PB-2019-00015
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PEDRO SANCHEZ, a/k/a PEDRO M. SANCHEZ, DECEASED

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: All Known and Unknown Heirs of Pedro Sanchez, a/k/a Pedro M. Sanchez and all unknown persons who have an interest in the Estate of Pedro Sanchez, a/k/a Pedro M. Sanchez,

Deceased

You are hereby notified that a hearing has been set for April 18, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom Number 3 in the Third Judicial District Court, located at 201 West Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, for a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and For Formal Appointment of Personal Representative More Than Three Years After Decedent's Death, that has been filed by Andres Alava, who seeks appointment of himself as Personal Representative of the Estate, and confirmation of title to any personal and real property owned by the decedent at the time of his death.

By: Gregory E. Martin
Kemp Smith LLP
221 N. Kansas, Suite 1700
El Paso, Texas 79901
Attorneys for Petitioner

Dates: 03/15, 03/22, 03/29, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-PB-2019-00017
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BLANCA SANCHEZ, a/k/a BLANCA B. SAN- CHEZ, DECEASED

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: All Known and Unknown Heirs of Blanca Sanchez, a/k/a Blanca B. Sanchez and all unknown persons who have an interest in the Estate of Blanca Sanchez, a/k/a Blanca B. Sanchez, Deceased

You are hereby notified that a hearing has been set for April 18, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom Number 3 in the Third Judicial District Court, located at 201 West Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, for a Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy, Determination Heirs and Formal Appointment of Personal Representative More Than Three Years After the Decedent's Death, that has been filed by Andres Alava who seeks appointment of himself as Personal Representative of the Estate and confirmation of title to any personal and real property owned by the decedent at the time of his

death.

By: Gregory E. Martin
Kemp Smith LLP
221 N. Kansas, Suite 1700
El Paso, Texas 79901
Attorneys for Petitioner

Dates: 03/15, 03/22, 03/29, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CAUSE NO.
D-307-PB-2018-00111
JUDGE: MANUEL I. ARRIETA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NANCY J. MACKEY DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CRED- ITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HEATHER MACKEY has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four 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 shown in this notice or filed within the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is William L. Lutz of the law firm of Martin & Lutz, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88001.

DATED this 15 day of February, 2019.

/s/ Heather Mackey
Heather Mackey
Personal Representative
5142 S. McMinn Dr.
Gilbert, AZ 85298

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-PB-2019-00026
Judge: Manuel Arrieta

In the Matter of the Estate of LAURO G. GUADERRA- MA DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Las Cruces Bulletin

resentative

of the Estate of E. Jeanne Hamm, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMIT- TED BY:

JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
PO Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
holmespa@zianet.com

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12, 2019

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

No. D-307-CV-2018-00396

IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIA- TION, Plaintiff,

v.

JUSTIN MILLER, DIANA JARAMILLO, NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUSTIN MILLER, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DIANA JARAMILLO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 23, 2019 at 9:30 am, outside 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 320, LEGENDS WEST NORTH, PHASE I, in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on December 27, 2006, in Book 22, Pages 83-91 of Plat Records. The address of the real property is 2868 La Union Ct., Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it

should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on December 14, 2018 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 \$179,306.69 plus interest from June 15, 2018 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a 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 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.

Margaret Lake
Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
201 Eubank Blvd. NE, Suite A1
Albuquerque, NM 87123
(505)715-3711

Dates: 03/22, 03/29, 04/05, 04/12, 2019

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

D-307-PB-2019-00028
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES COLEMAN POGUE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CRED- ITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned **PATRICK POGUE** 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 Personal Representative c/o The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2019.

/s/ Patrick Pogue
PATRICK POGUE, Personal Representative of the Estate of CHARLES COLEMAN POGUE, deceased.

Prepared by:
The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.A.
By /s/ Dana M. Kyle
Dana M. Kyle
P.O. Box 2277
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2277
(575) 525-0020
(575) 525-0017 fax
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 03/22, 03/29, 04/05, 2019

The Friday, March 29, 2019

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

D-307-PB-2019-00042
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN ANN CLARK,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned **LYNN ALAN LEDNICKY** 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 Personal Representative c/o The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2019.

/s/ Lynn Alan Lednicky
LYNN ALAN LEDNICKY, Personal Representative of the Estate of CAROLYN ANN CLARK, deceased.

Prepared by:
The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.A.

By /s/ Dana M. Kyle
Dana M. Kyle
P.O. Box 2277
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2277
(575) 525-0020
(575) 525-0017 fax
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12, 2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2016-02644

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFI-

CATES, SERIES 2003-8, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROSALIE VALDEZ, JERRY VALDEZ; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; BOB G. SELBY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 305 Tortugas Dr., Mesilla Park, NM 88047, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT A, TOWN OF SAN JUAN (TORTUGAS) REPLAT NO. 4, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 2633, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 3, 1995, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 18, PAGE 209, PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on May 2, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on September 29, 2017 in the total amount of \$92,445.23 with interest at the rate of 3.2500% per annum from July 31, 2017 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Ameriquest Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Cer-

tificates, Series 2003-8, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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, 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 a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526 Albuquerque, NM 87181

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-00138

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

GAIL DECHTER; MARVIN DECHTER, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4066 Calle de Luna, Las Cruces, NM 88012-7634, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 13 IN BLOCK I OF DOS SUENOS ESTATES, LOCATED IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON DECEMBER 23, 2004 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 21 AT PAGES 84-89, PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 AM on April 18, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Summary Judgment granted on February 4, 2019 in the total amount of \$125,833.10 with interest at the rate of 3.2800% per annum from October 9, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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, 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 a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND

THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle
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P.O. Box 51526 Albuquerque, NM 87181
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-00999

CMG MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT JAMES CAMPOS, MARGARET M. CAMPOS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4308 Calle Soneseta, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 1, BLOCK J, DEL PRADO SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 19, 2008, IN BLOCK 22 PAGE(S) 491-492 OF PLAT RECORDS also known as: LOT 1, BLOCK J, OF DEL PRADO SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON MAY 19, 2008, IN PLAT BOOK 22, AT PAGE(S) 491-492 AS

PLAT NO. 4733, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 9:30 am on April 23, 2019, at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on February 4, 2019 in the total amount of \$348,516.89, with interest at the rate of 3.25000% per annum from November 3, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. CMG Mortgage, Inc., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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, 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 a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Margaret Lake
201 Eubank NE Suite #A1
Albuquerque, NM 87123

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3/29/2019 4/5/2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-01293

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MANUEL ALDOYN-PENA; WELLS FARGO BANK; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS F/K/A NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DIVISION BENEFIT PAYMENT CONTROL SECTION; NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 9775 Dawn Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situated west of the Organ Townsite, Dona Ana County, New Mexico in the SE 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 33, T.21S., R.3E. N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and is more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a 1/2 inch rebar set for the southeast corner of this tract, whence the E 1/4 corner of aforesaid Section 33 bears the following three courses and distances: N.89 deg. 11'30"E., 307.57 feet; Thence S.0 deg., 24'00"W., 955.87 feet; Thence N.89 deg., 56'30"E., 50.00 feet; Thence from the point of beginning S.89 deg., 11'30"W., 307.56 feet to a 1/2 inch rebar found for the southwest corner of this tract; Thence along a barb wire fence line N.0 deg., 23'31"E., 176.99 feet to a 1/2

inch rebar found for the northwest corner of this tract; Thence along the barb wire fence N.89 deg., 11'30"E., 307.58 Feet to a 1/2 Inch rebar set for the northeast corner of this tract; Thence S.0 deg., 23'46"W., 176.99 feet to the point of beginning containing 1.2495 acre of land, more or less. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on April 18, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on February 4, 2019 in the total amount of \$61,276.23 with interest at the rate of 5.10% per annum from November 2, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. BOKF, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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, 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 a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526 Albuquerque, NM 87181

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3/15/2019 3/22/2019
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-03823

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

RANDY SILVA; Defendant,

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3665 San Clemente Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 19, METRO VERDE SOUTH, PHASE 1A, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 5105 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JANUARY 25, 2012, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 23, PAGES 266-269, PLAT RECORDS. Also known as: LOT 19, METRO VERDE SOUTH, PHASE 1A, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 5105 THEREOF, FILES FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JANUARY 25, 2012, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 23, PAGES 266-269, PLAT RECORDS. Also known as: LOT 19, METRO VERDE SOUTH, PHASE 1A, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 5105 THEREOF, FILES FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JANUARY 25, 2012, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 23, PAGES 266-269, PLAT RECORDS. Also known as: LOT 19, METRO VERDE SOUTH, PHASE 1A, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID METRO

VERDE SOUTH, PHASE 1A, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JANUARY 25, 2012 IN PLAT BOOK 23, FOLIO 266-269.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on April 18, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on February 8, 2019 in the total amount of \$220,219.16 with interest at the rate of 3.25% per annum from November 9, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any 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 a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-01559

BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

DIANA LETICIA TALAMANTES; JOSE MANUEL LOPEZ; STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1512 Kilmer ST, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK 18, UNIT NO. 9 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 27, 1973, IN BOOK 11 PAGE(S) 62-63 OF PLAT RECORDS. And also described as: LOT 1, BLOCK 18, LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH UNIT 9, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT #785 THEREOF FILED OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, CITY OF LAS CRUCES, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ON AUGUST 27, 1973 IN BOOK 11, PAGES 62-63 PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on April 18, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New

Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Default Judgment granted on February 5, 2019 in the total amount of \$122,112.48 with interest at the rate of 5.50% per annum from December 2, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. BOKF, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any 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 a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181

2 NM-18-831786-JUD
IDSPub #0150976

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3/29/2019 4/5/2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-02111

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

Las Cruces Bulletin

vs.

COMFORT F. RICKETS AKA COMFORT RICKETTS, Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2010 El Presidio Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88011-4193, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 10, BLOCK A, EL PRESIDIO-PHASE 3A, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 16, 2004, IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 75-77 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on April 18, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on February 4, 2019 in the total amount of \$221,986.59 with interest at the rate of 3.750% per annum from December 21, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Wells Fargo Bank, NA, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, 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 a one (1) month right of redemption.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Robert Doyle
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Albuquerque, NM 87181

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2018-00562

WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MFRA TRUST 2014-2, Plaintiff,

vs.

HENRY D ACOSTA, CILICIA VILLEGAS, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HENRY D ACOSTA, AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CILICIA VILLEGAS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 9, 2019 at 11:00 am, outside 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 NUMBERED 43 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 8 OF UNIT NO. 6 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, LAS

CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID UNIT NO. 6 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JUNE 30, 1969 IN PLAT BOOK 10, FOLIO 55-56.

The address of the real property is 1801 Flora Circle, 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 January 15, 2019 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 \$135,738.10 plus interest from September 30, 2018 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.00000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a 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 OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Defendants, THE ESTATE OF DOLORES HERRERA, deceased; THE ESTATE OF JOSEFA G. HERRERA, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF DOLORES HERRERA AND JOSEFA G. HERRERA:

The Friday, March 29, 2019

ty 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.

Margaret Lake
Special Master
Pro Legal Services, LLC
201 Eubank Blvd. NE, Suite A1
Albuquerque, NM 87123
(505)715-3711

Dates: 03/15, 03/22, 03/29,
04/05, 2019

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

No. D-307-CV-2019-00440
Judge Beyer, Marci

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, A New Mexico municipal corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF DOLORES HERRERA, deceased; THE ESTATE OF JOSEFA G. HERRERA, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF DOLORES HERRERA AND JOSEFA G. HERRERA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Defendants, THE ESTATE OF DOLORES HERRERA, deceased; THE ESTATE OF JOSEFA G. HERRERA, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF DOLORES HERRERA AND JOSEFA G. HERRERA:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff, CITY OF LAS CRUCES, a New Mexico municipal corporation, has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose municipal nuisance abatement liens on real properties located at 710 E. May and 710 E. May (Rear), Las Cruces, NM 88001. The real properties which are the subject matter of this action are legally described in Doña Ana County Assessor records as follows:

710 E. May, Las Cruces, NM 88001:
Subd: COUNTY ASSESSORS PLAT 1 345 Lot: PT OF LOT 4 Block: 215 S: 18T: 23S R:2E

710 E. May (Rear), Las Cruces, NM 88001:
Subd: COUNTY ASSESSORS PLAT 1 345 Lot: PT OF LOT 4 Block: 215 S: 18T: 23S R:2E

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 will be entered against you.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF LAS CRUCES
By: /s/ Marcia B. Driggers
Marcia B. Driggers
Assistant City Attorney Senior
New Mexico Bar No. 711
marcyd@las-cruces.org
P.O. Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
(575) 541-2128
(575) 541-2017 Fax
Attorney for Plaintiff

Dates: 03/15, 03/22, 03/29,
2019

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB 2019- 38
Judge Martin

IN THE OF THE ESTATE OF DORIS JEAN O'BRIEN a/k/a DORIS O'BRIEN ESDERS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JORGE A. LARRAZABAL GIL has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publica-

tion of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.
/s/ Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
NM State Bar No. 7629
200 W. Las Cruces Ave.,
Ste. A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-522-5009 522-5031
FAX
Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12, 2019

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

No. D-307-PB 2019- 41
Judge Martin

**THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE
OF MARGARET HOUSE,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **RAYMOND PAUL MIGAS** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said 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 counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.
/s/ Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
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Attorney for Personal Representative

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12, 2019

**State of New Mexico
Doña Ana County
Third Judicial District
Court**

No: D-307-PB-2019-00031

**In the Matter of Estate
of Nancy Lightfoot Watson,
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 to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address listed below or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County New Mexico located at 201 W. Picacho Ave. Las Cruces NM 88005

Dated 3/20, 2019

/s/ Marianne P. Gillespie
First American Bank
1553 Avenida de Mesilla
Las Cruces NM 88004
575-524-8000

Dates: 03/29, 04/05, 04/12, 2019

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE
COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 19-0058

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
RICHARD LEE VASY,
AKA RICHARD L. VASY,
DECEASED**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Barbara G. Wimbush, has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard Lee Vasy, AKA Richard L. Vasy. 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 Personal Representative, c/o J. David Beasley, Esq., P.O. Box 1620, Las Cruces, NM 88004, or filed with the Probate Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, (575) 525-6132.

Dated: March 19, 2019.

Submitted by:
/s/ J. David Beasley, Esq.
J. DAVID BEASLEY, Esq.
Beasley Legal, P.C.
Attorney for the Estate of
Richard Lee Vasy, AKA
Richard L. Vasy
P.O. Box 1620
Las Cruces NM 88004
575-528-6782

Dates: 03/22, 03/29, 04/05, 2019

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE
COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 19-0039

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Raymundo D. Ramirez ,
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 any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, 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 Probate Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address:

845 N. Motel Boulevard Las Cruces, NM 88005

Dated: March 5, 2019

/s/ Leonel N. Ramirez
Leonel N. Ramirez
6585 Dos Lobos Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 642-6215
ramcon_inc@yahoo.com

Dates: 03/15, 03/22, 03/29, 2019

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE
COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 19-0035
Judge Diana A. Bustamante,
PhD

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE
ESTATE OF:
LAURIE ANNE ROBERTS**

**(A/K/A LAURIE A. ROBERTS,
DECEASED.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **LORAS L. McGUIRE** 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 any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED this 26th day of February, 2019.

KEITHLY & ENGLISH, LLC
/s/ Shane A. English

SHANE A. ENGLISH
Attorney for Loras L. McGuire,
Personal Representative
N.M. State Bar No. 4854
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kne1329@aol.com

Dates: 03/15, 03/22, 03/29, 2019

OBITUARIES

MARION B. HARDY

MARION B. HARDY, age 72, of Las Cruces entered eternal life on Friday, March 8, 2019 at La Posada Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by his loving family. He served his country honorably in the United States Navy and was a self-employed welder and ironworker. He along with his wife were vendors at local farmer markets where they sold his handcrafted knives and jewelry for many years. Mr. Hardy was also a member and mentor of AA for many years.

He loved life, his family and was fond of nature. He often brag about his daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren being his greatest treasure in life. He will be missed by all who truly loved him.

Those left to mourn his passing include his daughter, Vicky Hardy; his grandchildren, Anthony and Joshua Ybarra, Eric Hardy, and Diamond Baeza; great grandchildren, Sophia, Alexa, Brianna, Avery, and Mathew Ybarra. At Mr. Hardy's request cremation will take place and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

EPIFANIA "EPI" REYES CARRIZAL

EPIFANIA "EPI" REYES CARRIZAL, age 92, passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Casa De Oro Nursing Center surrounded by her loved ones. Survivors include a son, Gerardo Carrizal; a daughter, Sylvia Carrizal; a brother, Sixto Reyes and a sister Maria Sedillos. A Prayer Vigil was held Thursday, March 21, 2019 at Baca's Funeral Chapel. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, March 22, 2019 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church.

The Rite of Committal and Interment followed at Masonic Cemetery. The Carrizal Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

CAROLYN ANN BARRERAS CURL

CAROLYN ANN BARRERAS CURL, age 62, of Las Cruces, NM, passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at Memorial Medical Center. Survivors include two sons, Eric Barreras and Steven Curl; a daughter, Ashley Amaral; three brothers, Alex, Ruben and Martin Barreras; three sisters, Rita McFarland, Patsy Estrada and Margaret Smith; six grandchildren and numerous nieces and neph-

ews. A Funeral Service was held Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at Baca's Funeral Chapel, with Inurnment of Cremains following at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Columbarium. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

GONZALO MURO CASAS


GONZALO MURO CASAS, age 59, of Las Cruces passed from this life on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at La Posada Mesilla Valley Hospice. Survivors include his loving wife, Felicitas Valenzuela; a son, Jay Malone; a brother, Martin Casas Muro; three sisters, Rosa Elena, Socorro and Elsa Casas Muro. He was preceded in death by his parents.

At Mr. Casas' request cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service was held Tuesday, March 26, 2019 in Baca's Funeral Chapel. Inurnment of Cremains will take place at a later date in Mexico. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

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MARGARITA "MARGIE" S. TELLEZ

MARGARITA "MARGIE" S. TELLEZ, age 81, of Anthony entered eternal life on Friday, March 15, 2019 at La Posada Mesilla Valley Hospice. Survivors include two sons, Larry D. and Edward S. Tellez; a daughter, Bertha T. Ramirez; three sisters, Rosa Sepulveda, Anita Ramirez and Emma Mora; a daughter-in-law, Beatrice Tellez. A Prayer was held Wednesday, March 20, 2019 in St. Anthony Catholic Church, where the Funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, March 21, 2019. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in the Anthony Cemetery where she will be laid to rest. Entrusted to the care of

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GABINO L. CARDONA

GABINO L. CARDONA, age 86, of Anthony left his dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life to be with his heavenly Father on Friday, March 22, 2019 at La Posada – Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by his loving family. Survivors include seven daughters, Guadalupe Miranda, Rita Morales, Hilda Cardona, Adriana Cardona-Barraza, Luci Cardona Wesolowski, Lori Perez and Julie Perez; three

brothers, Ernesto, Francisco, and Juan Cardona; three sisters, Maria Cardona de Carrasco, Rita Cardona de Salcido and Eloisa Madrigal. Other survivors include twenty grandchildren; twenty-eight great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A Prayer Vigil was Wednesday, March 27, 2019 in St. Anthony Catholic Church, where the Funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, March 28, 2019. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in Anthony Cemetery where he will be laid to rest alongside his wife.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las

Cruces, 527-2222 For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com

MARY GONZALES MARTINEZ

MARY GONZALES MARTINEZ, age 85, of Las Cruces and formerly of Santa Clara, left her dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at Casa Del Sol Senior Care Center surrounded by her loving family.

Survivors include her loving husband of sixty-six years, Abram E. Martinez; three sons, Abe, Raul and Henry "Tim" Martinez; a daughter, Irma Maez. Other survivors include thirteen grandchildren, as well

as numerous nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service was held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road. At her request cremation will follow and interment of cremains will be held at a later date.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care". For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com

GERALD EUGENE BARELA

GERALD EUGENE BARELA, age 34, of Las Cruces entered eternal life on Monday, March 18, 2019. Gerald was a triplet with his brothers, Greg and Gary. Survivors include his ten-year-old

son, Gaven Barela; his parents, Gilbert and Olivia Barela; five brothers, Gilbert, Gabriel, Greg, Gary and Jeremy Barela; his maternal grandmother, Celia Lucero. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Willie Lucero; paternal grandparents, Carlota "Nani" and Alberto Barela. A Funeral Service was held Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Las Cruces First Assembly of God. Concluding Service and Interment followed in Masonic Cemetery where he will be laid to rest. The Barela Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com

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Veteran trio finds its rhythm on the highway

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Hard Road Trio (HRT) will use its local and national following to raise money for KRWG, the FM radio and PBS television station based at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

The Friday, March 29, concert at the Rio Grande Theatre in downtown Las Cruces will feature HRT members Steve Smith, Chris Sanders and Anne Luna, along with guest artists Nick Coventry on fiddle and Eric Boseman on percussion. And, it will be a release party for the trio's latest CD, "Smoke and Redemption."

Sanders and Smith, both of Las Cruces, began their collaboration 15 years ago. Luna, who lives in Fort Sumner, joined the group in 2010.

HRT, which writes and plays "original Southwestern acoustic music at the crossroads of Roots and Bluegrass," has played gigs in about 40 different states in the past nine years, Smith said. The trio also plays regularly around Las Cruces and hosts its own camps and workshops.

"There have been a lot of surprises in what has become the music that we make," Sanders said. The songs that two or three HRT members write together "take on a life of their own," she said. "I just don't get tired of playing our music."

Traveling, performing, recording, rehearsing and writing songs together means Smith, Sanders and Luna spend a lot of time together on the road, onstage and in the studio. "At the end of the day, it's the relationships that



Percussionist Eric Boseman.



Musician Nick Coventry with his fiddle.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Hard Road Trio KRWG Fundraiser

WHERE: Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday, March 29; doors open 6 p.m.

TICKETS: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door; available at the RGT box office and riograndetheatre.com

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are really the driver," said Sanders. "It's the rhythm of the work and the travel. I find it a joyful purpose. When I'm touring, I know who I am ... and what needs to get done."

A Minnesota native, Sanders moved to Las Cruces



The Hard Road Trio members, left to right, Chris Sanders, Steve Smith and Anne Luna.

in 1990 when her husband, Mark, was accepted into the professional golf management program at NMSU. She was an adjunct professor of voice and directed vocal jazz ensembles at NMSU from 1996-2006.

"The rhythm of the road is the whole thing," said Smith, a Virginia native who came to Las Cruces in 1985. "Touring is a lot of work," he said, often meaning 16- to 18-hour days while on tour, traveling up to 500 miles to the next gig, setting up and doing a mic check, finding a meal and performing. Then it's off to the next gig. Smith once played a string of 131 consecutive days and nights and has been playing professionally for about 45 years.

"The travel is part of the

work," Sanders said. "You almost constantly have to tune yourself to other people. The music makes it. The music is the purpose and the balm at the same time."

Luna, the newest and youngest member of the trio – but still a decade with Sanders and Smith – brings a "refreshing perspective to music and touring life," Sanders said.

Luna is a full-time musician who teaches a variety of instruments at Main Street Music in Fort Sumner, via Skype, and at several acoustic music camps. She also plays with an Albuquerque band, the Woodward Three-O.

The new CD contains eight HRT originals. One is called

HRT: The road goes on forever

- Saturday, March 30: 7:30 p.m., Star City Studio, 130 W. Castellano Dr., El Paso, Texas. CD release show with Nick Coventry and Eric Boseman.

- Sunday, March 31: 4 p.m., Truth or Consequences Brewing Co., 410 N. Broadway St., T or C. 575-297-0289. CD release show with Nick Coventry and Eric Boseman.

- Saturday, April 6: 7 p.m., Golden Sage Farm, 6300 E. Burris Lane, Flagstaff, Arizona.

- Monday, April 8: 5:15 p.m., Christ Community Church, Tucson, Arizona – songwriting workshops and a singing session.

- Saturday, April 27: 7 p.m. New Mexico Banjo Camp, Black Range Lodge, Kingston; with Bill Evans, Alan Munde, Ned Luberecki and Riley Baugus. www.nmbanjocamp.com.

- Thursday-Sunday, May 2-5: Desert Night Acoustic Music Songwriter Camp, Black Range Lodge, Kingston.

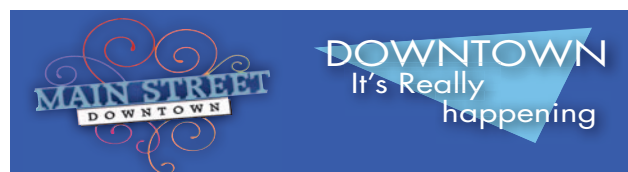
- Thursday, July 11: 7 p.m., House concert, Durango, Colorado.

- Thursday-Sunday, July 11-14: High Mountain Hay Fever Festival, Westcliffe, Colorado; featuring Bill Evans; visit www.highmountainhayfever.org.

- Sunday-Friday, July 14-19: Camp Bluegrass, South Plains College, Levelland, Texas; featuring the music of the Carter Family.

- Thursday, July 25: 7 p.m., Music on the Downtown Mall, Las Cruces; with Trout Fishing in America.

- Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 10-13, Desert Night Acoustic Music Camp, Black Range Lodge, Kingston.



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FRI MARCH 29 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Hard Road Trio - \$15-\$20

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Read to Me - Story time for ages 3 and up*

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Teen Game Night

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Mother Goose Time - Activities for Infants*

WED APRIL 3 • 2:00 P.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
First Wednesday Happening: EAA Aviation & Young Pilots Program

WED APRIL 3 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
NMSU Climate Change Seminar Series - FREE

WED+THU APRIL 3+4 • 10:00 A.M. **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Toddler Time - Stories and Activities for ages 1-3 with caregivers*

THU APRIL 4 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
A League of Their Own - \$5

SAT APRIL 6 • 7:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Oldies But Goodies - \$10

SUN APRIL 7 • 6:00 P.M. **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
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“Ojos de Dios,” about the Wall. Sanders and Smith co-wrote it about life in the Southwestern desert, which people and animals “have been sharing since time immemorial,” Sanders said. The song is “the

most political we’ve ever gotten. On the border, I see people working to be hospitable.”

For more information, visit www.hardroadtrio.com.

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Las Cruces native selected for staged reading of play

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

David Spence's first play was directed at Las Cruces Community Theatre by Tony-winner Mark Medoff, and his latest work has been selected as part of the prestigious 2019 New American Voices Play Reading Series.

Spence, a graduate of Mayfield High School and New Mexico State University, was in Houston March 15-17 for a staged reading of his new play "W for the Gilbster," one of the plays selected for the eighth annual play reading series. He's hopeful the reading will evolve into a full-blown production of the play.

"Gilbert, the weird guy who sits outside all day watching the neighborhood, tells us his story," New American said about the play, which Spence wrote in 2018. "We pass through time but always stay in his neighborhood. From where he's sitting, the neighbors are everything. He has no family of his own. He has no job. He can't even drive a car. He's never had a girlfriend. Change is in the wind."

The cast has five central roles, including Gilbert, Spence said in a February telephone interview from Denver, where he lives with his wife. There's also a group of carolers in the cast.

Spence's first play, "Recreational Living," was directed by Medoff and featured a local cast in its 2015 debut at LCCT.

Working with Medoff was "such a rich experience," said Spence, who had taken Medoff's screenwriting



SPENCE

class at NMSU's Creative Media Institute. Medoff won a Tony for his play "Children of a Lesser God" in 1980 and was nominated for an Oscar in 1986 for his screenplay adaptation.

"We kind of hit it off," Spence said about Medoff, "and he's been my mentor ever since."

"What I really loved about 'Recreational Living' was how seriously everybody took it," Spence said. "It was a pretty silly play, but everybody was really serious. We rehearsed a lot. That's a cherished experience for me. I appreciate it even more and more as the years go by."

Between "Recreational Living" and "W for the Gilbster," Spence wrote a story for an Eastern Arizona College-orchestrated production of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

Spence said his selection for the nationally recognized play reading series in Houston "is really a big deal for me. There are a lot

of submissions and it's not easy to be selected."

"I really think it helps to have a strong foundation in terms of the format of it," Spence advised budding playwrights and screenwriters. Those who make decisions about producing plays and movies expect scripts "to look a certain way and read a certain way," he said.

Experience is also important.

"Any way you can get involved in theatre or making short films is great – getting that kind of experience where you actually have your writing reacted to by a real audience. Those are opportunities that are really difficult to come by. You have to seek them out. Keep chasing those opportunities. You have to keep writing and writing and have other people experience your work. I would start with classes and really just get involved. Don't sit at home too much. Seek out people who are excited about new material and want to help you figure things out."

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Blood relatives: Norine Dresser is a vampire expert

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Even though she's worn one of Bela Lugosi's capes, visited the real Dracula's castle and even written a book on the subject, folklorist and award-winning author and columnist Norine Dresser isn't all that interested in vampires.

But, after she was quoted in a Los Angeles Times story in the 1980s while teaching folklore at California State University (CSU), Dresser became revered as a vampire expert and began receiving vampire memorabilia – including a “Drac in the Box” and a baby pacifier with vampire teeth – as gifts.

Dresser, who has made her home in Las Cruces



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Norine Dresser with some of the vampire memorabilia she has collected over the past 25 years, at her Las Cruces home.

since 2012, was a guest scholar at the 1995 First World Dracula Congress in Romania and became a committee member for “Dracula 97,” celebrating the centennial publication of Bram Stoker’s gothic horror novel “Dracula.” She is

a card-carrying member of the Transylvanian Society of Dracula and Patron of the Vampire Empire and has talked about vampires on HBO, KCBS, The Learning Channel, Fox Family TV, UPN-TV, KNBC-TV, the Sci-Fi Channel and the Women’s Entertainment Channel.

Dresser starred with actor George Hamilton in the 1989 TV movie “Dracula Live from Transylvania,” where she met “all the movers and shakers in the vampire world.” Dresser was

flown to Budapest for the film, appearing as herself (she had just written “American Vampires”) and talking to Hamilton in a castle dungeon.

“I’ve discovered that there’s vampires everywhere in our culture,” she tells Hamilton. “They even drink blood. There are people who call themselves vampires ... who are engaging in this practice of drinking one another’s blood” – a practice she details during several minutes in the film. Dresser offers to introduce Hamilton to

real vampires, but Hamilton declines. “She does this kind of thing for a living,” he says. Dresser then interviews a real-life practicing vampire and a “donor,” whose faces are hidden in shadow.

Dresser was one of 50 scholars – and about 250 members of the media from all over the world – to attend the Dracula Congress, where she visited the real castle of Vlad the Impaler – the real-life Dracula – and many of the locations Stoker used in his novel, even eating in the same restaurant and having the same meal as Stoker’s Jonathan Harker.

“It was very exciting,” Dresser said.

“American Vampires: Fans, Victims, Practitioners,” which Dresser dedicated to her late husband, Harold, “explores the American fascination with vampire folklore,” according to amazon.com, where the book is for sale. At a book signing in Los Angeles, Dresser autographed copies for Stephen King and for “Hollywood Babylon” author Kenneth Anger.

Movie props at the book signing included a cape and a ring that Lugosi wore in a Dracula film.

“Writing that book brought me the most fun,” Dresser said.

Dresser wrote a column called “Multicultural Manners” for the Los Angeles Times for eight years. “That’s my real passion, she said. In Las Cruces, she is the host of the award-winning

“Multicultural Minute” that is a regular feature on KTAL Community Radio, 101.5 FM.

Her 1996 book “Essential Rules of Etiquette for the 21st Century” received a major writeup in the New York Times Book Review in 1996. She is also the author of “Our Own Stories: Readings for Cross-Cultural Communication” and several other books.

Today, Dresser’s home is a mini-museum with collector’s items that run the gamut from Dracula to musical instruments to oriental masks. She also has an online museum and is about halfway through documenting everything in her collection.

Dresser received a BA in anthropology and an MA in folklore and mythology, both from UCLA, and taught for 20 years at CSU.

For more information, visit norinedresser.org.

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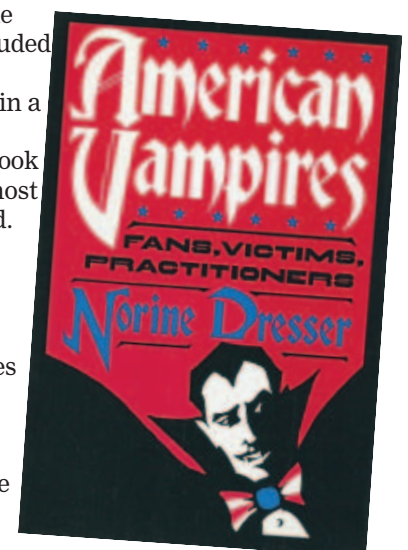
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Las Cruces artist Bob Diven plays at a 2018 exhibition of his art at Four Points Perspective Art Gallery at the corner of Union Avenue and Highway 28.

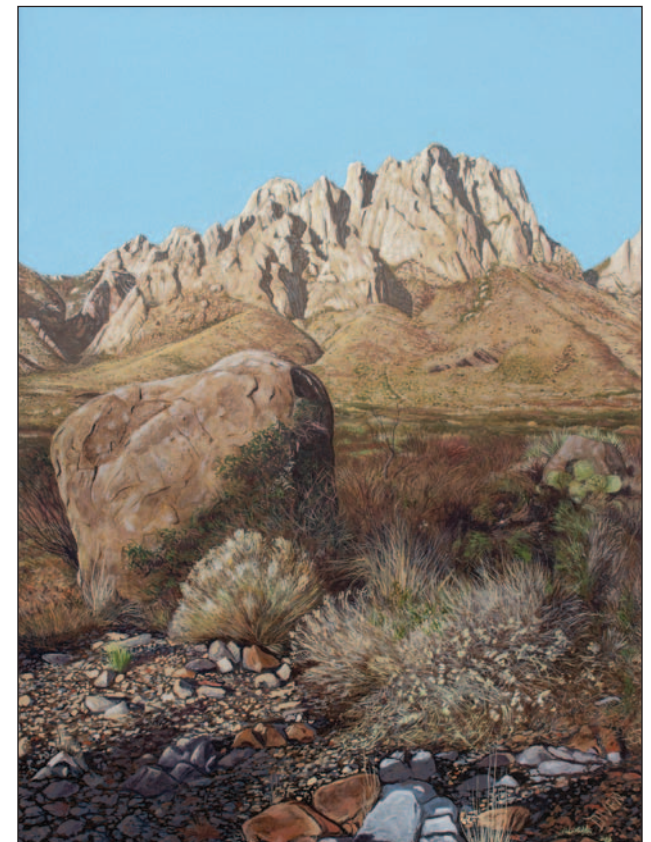


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"Rabbit Ears, Organ Mountains," oil on canvas by Bob Diven.

Bob Diven to be featured at downtown Art Ramble

BULLETIN REPORT

The Friends of the Organ Mountains Desert-Peaks (OMDP), 300 N. Main St. in downtown Las Cruces will host a showing of original oil paintings by Las Cruces artist Bob Diven from 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 5, as part of the Downtown Art Ramble.

Diven grew up in Las Cruces and has been a professional artist for 40 years. He creates realistic landscapes, wildlife portraits and figurative paintings. Bob has also twice been a juror for the Artist in Residence program for the OMDP and is an award-winning painter.

Diven also has written musicals, including



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"Rainbow Mule Deer, Organ Mountains," oil on canvas by Bob Diven.

"Extension" and "Happy Birthday Charles Darwin."

He has acted in Las Cruces plays and musicals for many years and wrote and starred in a one-man show, "'John Singer Sargent: Painting Madame X,'" about

the world renowned portrait painter. Diven also wrote, composed and narrated "Dawn of the Dinosaurs," an orchestral journey into the past, for the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra.

For more information, visit www.bobdiven.com.

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A shot in the dark

Photographers Victor Gibbs and Robert Peticolas continue their exhibit "Into the Night" at the Tombaugh Gallery with a second artist reception from 5-7 p.m. Friday, March 29. Artist talks begin at 5:30 and refreshments will be served. Attendees will learn how to create stunning night scenes. The exhibit continues through April 13 during regular gallery hours, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at 2000 S. Solano Drive.



"Petroglyph Panel," Robert Peticolas

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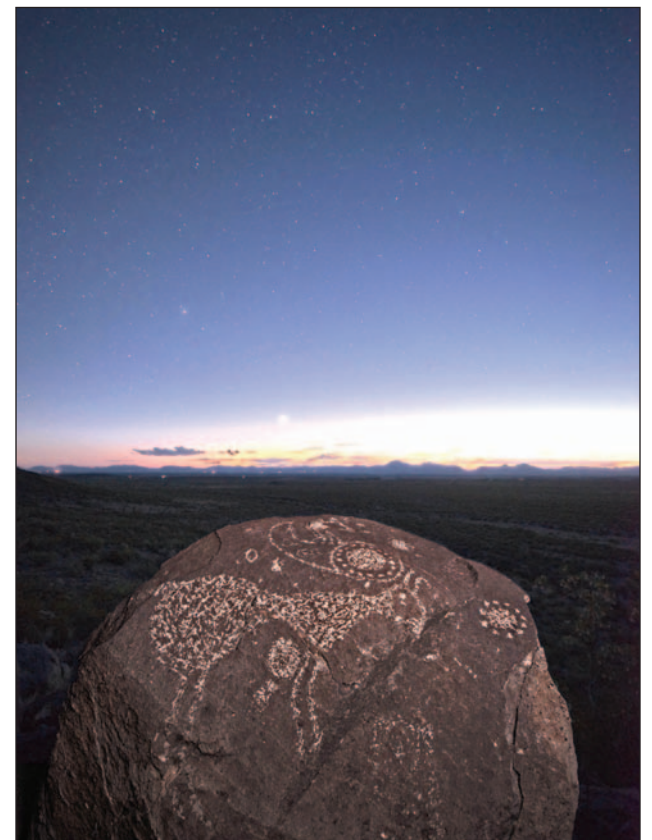
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"Three Rivers Earthly and Celestial," Victor Gibbs

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mission; 8 to 10 jpg images of proposed work (or those of similar style and quality); and linear and/or square footage needs. Exhibits will run for a six-to-12-week period. Incomplete or late proposals will not be accepted. Info: las-cruces.org/museums, 575-541-2154. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Desert Exposure, a monthly published by the Las Cruces Bulletin, seeks turtle art for the May edition in recognition of May 23 as World Turtle Day. The artwork should be vertical, and

the image should be between 2MB and 10MB. It can be any kind of medium: photo, watercolor, fiber, sculpture, oil, mixed media, etc. Deadline for submissions is April 5 to editor@desert-exposure.com.

Greenspace, 517 N. Mesquite St., seeks musicians for a planned open mic series and house concerts. Musicians should contact Steve Klinger, 575 496-5571, sck01ster@gmail.com. Greenspace is open 2-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and by appointment. Info: 575

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In Effect Gallery, 3309 Apple Cross Place, Mesilla Park, seeks submissions for "Spring Fling," to show 6-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3-4, and 2-4 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Deadline is 5 p.m. April 23. All work must be 22 x 28 or less in any direction. All media accepted, 3D-type sculptures a plus. All work must be for sale. A \$15 entry fee for up to two pieces. Info: dennislujan@yahoo.com

Rokoko Art Gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado, seeks submissions for its "Fantasy Free for

All" exhibit to run from May 11-June 22. Submissions due by May 4. Entry fee: \$15. Info: 575-522-5553, rokoko@rokokoart.com.

Tombaugh Gallery calls for regional artists within a 200-mile radius of Las Cruces to submit proposals for exhibitions for the 2020 calendar year. Non-traditional media or subject matter is welcome. All artwork must be for sale. Submissions should contain information about the artist, type of work to be shown and USB flash drive containing eight representative jpg. images. For group shows, supply a list of all members and one or two images from each member. If a show theme is being considered, please explain the theme fully. Submissions should be postmarked no later than April 15. Applicants will be notified by May 15, including those not selected. Send a SASE to have your art returned. Address submissions to Judy Licht, Committee Chairperson, Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano, Las Cruces, NM 88001. To submit electronically, email Judy Licht at jelicht@gmail.com.

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A&E EVENTS

NM Vintage Wines: Live music, 2461 Calle de Principal. Info: 575-523-9463, nmvintagewines.com.

- 8 p.m. Friday, March 29: La Maldita Union, Pan-Latin

- 8 p.m. Saturday, March 30: Nicole Osborn, piano and vocals

- 3 p.m. Sunday, March 31: Cooper Vlazny: Acoustic tunes from the 1980s

Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery: Live music,

119 N. Main St.; 575-556-9934

- 9 p.m. Saturday, March 30: Layers of Pink

- 8 p.m. Sunday, March 31: Tom Foster Morris

High Desert Brewing Company: Live music, 8 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays, 1201 W. Hadley Ave. Info: 575-525-6752.

- March 28: Jeremiah, blues/Americana
- March 30: Snoozy Moon, psychedelic

Storytellers of Las Cruces: Stories for all ages, 10 a.m. every Saturday. Free.

COAS bookstore downtown: 317 N. Main St.

- March 30, Douglas Jackson

- April 6, Judith Ames *COAS bookstore Solano: 1101 S. Solano Drive*

- March 30, Florence Hamilton

- April 6, Captain Jeff Porter

Artventurous: Free

hands-on art-making experience 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. March's theme: "Maximalism art movement." Info: 575-541-2137.

- March 30: Ding Yi

Studio art classes: Registration is open for spring studio classes planned for March 26-May 11 at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Class options include paint-

ing, drawing, ceramics, fabric dyeing, printmaking and more. Offered to all levels. Register at the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2137; las-cruces.org/museums.

Mardi Gras fundraiser:

Liven entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 29, DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado. Benefits the Alzheimer's Association. Tickets, \$50. Info: 575-647-3868.

The Hard Road Trio: Americana from Silver City/Las Cruces, 7 p.m. Friday, March 29, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. A benefit concert for KRWG. Info: 575-541-2290.

'He's Alive': Produced by Passion Play International, 7 o'clock nightly April 8-12, Dream Center, 1400 6th St. Info: 575-520-9223.

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

'For the Love of Lettering'

*Through March 29
Big Picture Gallery
2001 E. Lohman Ave.
Ste. 109*

Mixed media presented by Southwest Calligraphy Guild.

'Dusk to Dusk: Unsettled, Unraveled, Unreal'

*Through March 30
Las Cruces Museum of*

Art

491 N. Main St.

37 works by 28 artists organized by the Samek Art Gallery at Bucknell University and curated by Richard Rinehart, with works loaned from The Ekard Collection. Explores human angst during the point of transition between the 20th and 21st centuries – psychological references, intimacy and political repression. Open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-

Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. Info: las-cruces.org/museums; 575-541-2137.

'Colors of the Southwest'

*Through March 30
Njoy Beads and Art Gallery*

*1300 El Paseo Road,
Suite J.*

Featuring oil and acrylic paintings by Steve Bailey. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Jim Rodgers and Noel Sandino

*Through March 30
Greenspace Gallery
517 N. Mesquite St.*

Rodgers specializes in landscapes and night sky

photography and won first place in the recent New Mexico Magazine photo contest. Sandino is a process painter focusing on contemporary abstracts with a vibrant palette and strong design. Info: 575-551-6778; greenspacegallery@gmail.com.

'Flowers & Figures – Decidedly Feminine'

*Through March
DAAC Arts & Cultural Center*

1740 Calle de Mercado
Exhibit by Jan Minow, March Artist of the Month at the Doña Ana Arts Council, who paints abstract figures concentrating on color and composition.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery

*Through March
2470-A Calle de Guadalupe*

Artists of the month are Nanci Bissell and Frank Rimbach. Info: 575-522-2933.

'Seasons at the Bosque'

*Through April 27
Rokoko Art Gallery
1785 Avenida de Mercado*

An exhibit by Las Cruces acrylic artist Matt Henn, who specializes in the light and shadow of Southwest landscapes.

'Protest Art: The Struggle is Beautiful'

*Through April 30
Southwest Environmental Center
275 N. Main St.*

Exhibit organized by New Mexico Comunitades en Acci3n y de F3 (NM CAF3), featuring borderlands artists who create art with a message, art that inspires action, and art to energize, move and mobilize. Info: 575-522-5552;

www.wildmesquite.org.

'Drawn to the Land: Peter Hurd's New Mexico'

*Through Sept. 13
NM Farm & Ranch Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road*

Renowned 20th-century artist Peter Hurd (1904-84) is the subject in an exhibit in the museum's Traditions Gallery. Info: 575-522-4100.

'Grist for the Mill'

*Through Dec. 2
NM Farm & Ranch Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road*

The exhibit includes a portable gristmill from the Museum's collection, a stone set from Mora, New Mexico, and two separate stones that were used in the Las Cruces area; one from the Lemon Mill in Mesilla, and the Schaublin Stone, which was on display for years next to the tall, bank building in downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-522-4100.



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'Giant Little Ones': idle lives as a big deal

By **JEFF BERG**
For Bulletin

"Giant Little Ones" is a valiant effort based on a great story idea, but ultimately brought down by a writer who can't write, unless it is dialogue that includes numerous four-letter words, an editor who can't edit, and pacing that is slow, imprecise, and confusing.

The story hinges on two high school lads, Franky Winter (Josh Wiggins) and Ballas Kohl (Darren Mann). Both are members of the school swim team and are best friends, with Ballas being the more assertive of the two.

The first 30 minutes of the picture, replete with sliced-up editing, follows them as they go to school

GRADE: C-

Plays for a week at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla, starting tonight, March 29.

and swim meets, flirt with, and/or sleep with girls, or plan to do so, and drink at a party or two. Ballas also kicks the rump of a lout in a convenience store parking lot, before the two flee on their bikes.

Ballas is strong in many ways, but he also likes to brag about various conquests and such, which is the downfall for him and Franky.

After a party and much drinking, on Franky's birthday, the two boys have a sexual encounter, with Ballas leading the way.



COURTESY PHOTO

After a gay sexual encounter with his best friend, high school swimmer Franky Winter (Josh Wiggins) becomes a victim of lies and is eventually cast out of the clique.

It is not by invitation, and Franky is startled, but he seems ready to let it go and to live and let live, while keeping the encounter a secret. However, before they can talk about the encounter, Ballas runs off.

But much to Franky's

dismay, Ballas starts telling everyone that Franky initiated the event and that he, Ballas, threw Franky out.

The issue and the lies keep ballooning, since this is high school and even though it might be easier to come out as a

member of the LGBTQ community nowadays, there remains an issue about not being who you really are.

Franky suffers some serious consequences, as the girl who really, really cared for him leaves and he is eased out of social circles, no thanks to Ballas.

Off a sudden, Franky is all by himself, rather than being part of a comfortable, unremarkable life prior to the sexual encounter.

It is never easy to be in high school but being ostracized for something that you didn't do can easily make one an out-cast.

But part of the problem with the picture is that director Keith Behrman slips into a PC mode that he can't

escape. So, as it happens, Franky's father is gay and Franky's best friend, as it turns out, is a lesbian, who manages to accidentally humiliate Franky in another encounter.

Big scenes are followed by scenes of idleness, which is disconcerting and hurts the pacing of what could have been an interesting and well-done picture.

Behrman does allow his characters to be authentic including the people that we care about (I wanted to boot Ballas in the rump myself!).

Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at ned-ludd76@hotmail.com.

EVENTS

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ONGOING

Fiber Art Friday: Bring your current work-in-progress or unfinished object and join us in the Textile Lab every Friday for an open work session, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Cruces Creatives, 205 E. Lohman Ave. Lab tools and equipment available or participants can bring their own. Members free, non-members \$5. Info: 575-448-1072.

Gallery tours: Walk the gallery, share ideas, exchange opinions, and consider different perspectives about the works of art during guided exhibit tours at

the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Tours take place the first and third Saturday of the month from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Info: 575-541-2137; las-cruces.org/museums.

Global Village Drum Circle: Play, sing, dance, drum, 7-9 p.m. Fridays, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Info: 575-523-0664.

Mesilla Valley Weavers Guild: Meets the third Tuesday of each month through May, 3800 W. Picacho Ave. #165. Info: mesillavalleyweavers@gmail.com.

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PHOTO BY PETER HERMAN/BLACK BOX THEATRE

The tea party includes, left to right, Jamie Bronstein, Tiffany Tyson, Luz Resendez and Mark Katanga.

‘Alice in Wonderland’ has all the colors of magic

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

REVIEW

The blue dress, the Red Queen, the White Rabbit, the Black Box.

Director Karen Caroe and a small but talented group of actors and technicians take us down the rabbit hole for a colorful, thoughtful, fun and very entertaining look at “Alice in Wonderland” as Andre Gregory and The Manhattan Project imagined it in 1970.

Nearly 50 years later, and more than 150 years since Lewis Carroll’s novel was first published, the story remains a timeless classic. It’s child’s play for adults with a bit of modern steampunk thrown in. Bravos to all three C’s in this production: Caroe, cast and crew.

Tiffany Tyson is a wonderful, wonderful Alice. Fearless, curious and without guile or pretense, she is our guide through this world of make-believe, and as she believes

it, so do we. A sky full of stars to this talented and versatile actor.

Tiffany was the only actor in the cast who played just one part. The others – Jamie Bronstein, Stephen Caroe, Mark Katanga, Luz Resendez and Joshua Taulbee – all played multiple characters, many of whom you will recognize and some you may not know but will come to adore. This is truly an ensemble cast and no one ever lets the energy drop or the magic drain away. They are supported throughout by Autumn Gieb’s excellent costumes, including masks, hats and crowns, “mushroom” umbrellas and elaborate jewelry that define each character without overpowering it.

Luz Resendez’s Caterpillar was a delight. The scene he shared with Tiffany’s Alice was outstanding theatre and

may be what I remember most from the show. The charm of Jamie Bronstein’s Mad Hatter was challenged only by her equally exceptional White Queen; she gave the queen a vulnerability that I found especially appealing.

Mark Katanga played two of Carroll’s iconic characters, the Cheshire Cat and the White Rabbit, with grace. But my favorite character of his was the White Knight – just the right mix of gallantry and madness – and I could almost see his mighty steed. Joshua Taulbee was a totally hateful and loveable Red Queen – adding another great character to his growing repertoire. Josh is also a talented artist and his scenic design for the production – especially the enormous clock – provided even more color and flavor. Likewise to Bekah Taulbee’s light and sound design and the work of technical director

Peter Herman and assistant director Kathleen Gleason.

Stephen Caroe also played several characters, but his portrayal of Lewis Carroll is one that I am sure Carroll himself would have vigorously applauded.

“Alice in Wonderland” continues for two more weekends at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 29-30 and April 5-6; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, March 31 and April 7; and 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4.

The show is less than two hours long and without an intermission. It will leave you wanting more.

Tickets are \$12 to \$15; \$10 for the Thursday night performance. Call 575-523-1223 and visit tkassistant.com and nostrings.org.

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Community theatre to raise curtain on season

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Shhh! It’s a secret, at least for a few more days.

Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) will have a special gathering to unveil its 2019-20 season at 7 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the theatre, 313 N. Main St.

There is no charge to attend the party, but you need to get a ticket in advance at www.lcctnm.org.

The event will include refreshments and selections from some of the plays and musicals on LCCT’s upcoming schedule.

“I am so excited about the upcoming 2019-20 season,” said LCCT President Janet Beatty-Payne. “We have put together a wonderful blend of musicals, comedies and dramas that are a perfect mix of newer shows along with some beloved, old favorites.

We are continuing our tradition of having experienced directors at the helm of each production to ensure that each show is high quality and keeps our audience coming back to us. Since our 50th season started in 2012, we have seen a steady increase in our show quality, as well as our attendance. As

we head into our 57th season, we are excited to keep this momentum going to continue giving Las Cruces the excellent theatre that they have grown accustomed to enjoying at LCCT.”

The current LCCT season, which concludes with the theatre’s productions of “Young Frankenstein” (April 26-May 12) and “Glorious! The True Story of Florence Foster Jenkins, The Worst Singer in the World” (June 7-23), was a “tremendous success,” said Beatty-Payne, who directed LCCT’s holiday blockbuster, “Mary Poppins.” The new season will include another popular holiday classic.

“The holiday musical LCCT has selected for this coming December “has a wonderful Christmas theme and is surely on the list of the top five holiday favorites of all time,” Beatty-Payne said. “We are excited to reveal the details on April 5.”

For more information, including season tickets (click on “season pass” at the top of the left-hand column of drop-downs), visit www.lcctnm.org.

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Sue Ann Glenn, "The Wise One"



Arlene Tugel, "Main Street Barn"

COURTESY PHOTOS

Watercolorists are April Artists of the Month

BULLETIN REPORT

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla, features two local artists for the month of April, Sue Ann Glenn and Arlene J. Tugel.

Glenn is a Signature Member of the New Mex-

ico Watercolor Society. She has a degree in art education and taught 32 years in Michigan before retiring and moving to Las Cruces. She is a realistic artist, with most of her work inspired from travel and nature.

Watercolor artist Tugel is a 20-year resident of

Las Cruces. She does most of her painting outdoors, inspired by bright colors and strong shadows in the landscape.

"The color harmony of each painting reflects my mood and connection to the environment," she says.

Tugel has won several

awards at juried art shows and plein air competitions. She received a Signature Member lifetime award for excellence in painting with the New Mexico Watercolor Society in 2015.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Call 575-522-2933; visit mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

World-class organist to appear at St. Paul's

BULLETIN REPORT

St. Paul's United Methodist Church will present Maestro Hector Guzman in an organ concert beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at 225 W. Griggs Ave.

Tickets are \$20 (\$5 for students), available at the door.

The concert will include works by Bach, Franck, Liszt, Villaseñor and Jimenez, said Dr. Douglas Weeks, St. Paul's director of music



GUZMAN

ministries, in a news release.

Guzman, music director of several

regional symphony orchestras in Texas, began his musical career as an organist in Latin America and Europe.

He was the first Latin-American finalist in the Gran Prix de Chartres, the premier organ com-

petition in Europe.

Guzman is music director of the Plano Symphony Orchestra, the Irving Symphony and the San Angelo Symphony, all in Texas. He received the 2012 "Man of the Year" award from New York-based Madison's Who is Who.

In his native Mexico, Guzman took first prize in the chamber soloists' competition and the Manuel Ponce national organ competition. In 1978, he became the first

Latin-American ever chosen as a finalist in France's "Gran Prix de Chartres"- the world's most prestigious international organ competition.

In 2010 the Jalisco Philharmonic named him conductor emeritus. Guzman holds degrees from the Conservatory of Music in Mexico City, the University of North Texas and Southern Methodist University.

For more information, call 575-526-6689.

Ed Breeding: a 'last-minute wakeup call'

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces writer, artist, photographer and filmmaker Ed Breeding has written a new book called "Absaroka Awakening," about "a last-minute wakeup call for what we must do if we are to survive on this beautiful planet," according to the book jacket.

Breeding said he wrote the manuscript for the book 20 years ago and is now seeing "that much of what I wrote about our species eliminating ourselves is coming to fruition."

"When I did a documentary film in Mexico's Yucatan in 2009 about the Mayans, called 'Reign of the Jaguar,' two Maya elders in the film stated that there had been four previous humanities, more technologically advanced than we are today, and they self-destructed, and today, unless we change our negative ways, we are doomed to self-destruct," Breeding said.

"Other North American Indigenous elders have shared the same comments with me. This reinforced what I saw coming back in 1999 when I wrote the original manuscript."

Breeding said his primary purpose in writing is "to help awaken

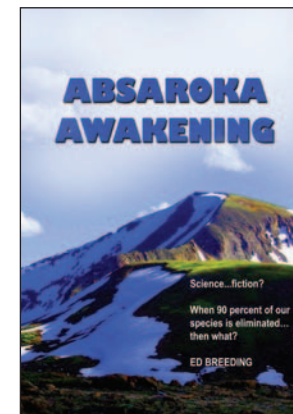


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Ed Breeding's new book "Absaroka Awakening"

people to what might happen to us if we don't change our destructive and abusive ways."

The book tells the story of a young hiker who encounters a visitor from another planet and "is informed of the impending elimination of 90 percent of the human population by way of epidemics, viruses and unprecedented volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, and the like," according to the book jacket and amazon.com. "He quickly learns that the only hope any survivor has is the necessity to maintain a harmony and balance with our Earth."

The book is currently available on amazon.com. Contact Breeding at 575-202-5687 or breeding4051@comcast.net. Visit ed-breeding.artist-websites.com.

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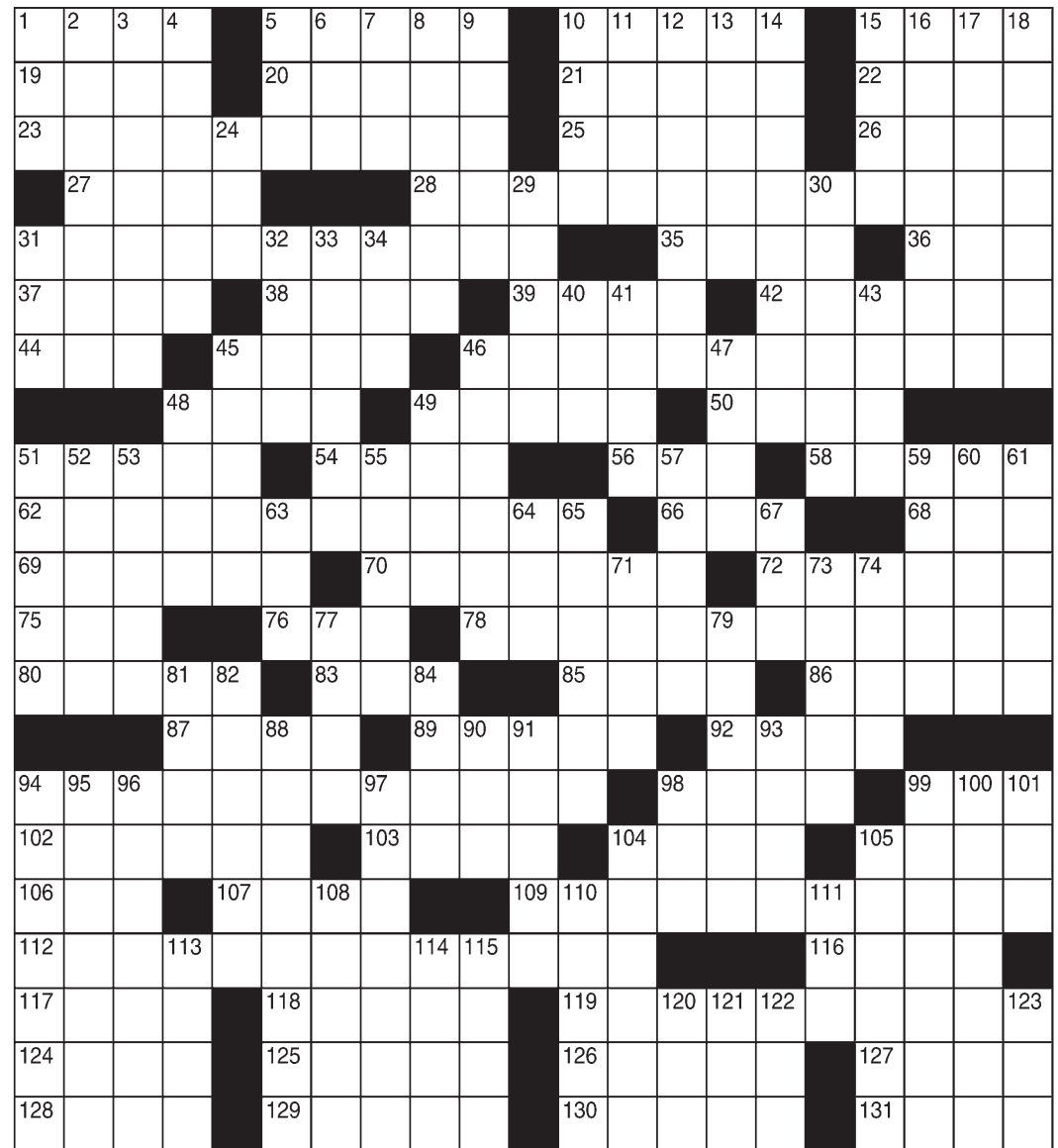
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Easy cruisin':

E-bikes make an enjoyable, speedy commute

By **ALEXIA SEVERSON**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Roberto Trigo, a Las Cruces dentist, finds joy in being able to pass by the long line of cars stuck at the stoplight on his bicycle – especially in construction-ridden areas. He also enjoys the ease of pedaling his bike, reaching a speed of about 22 miles per hour, without breaking a sweat.

He can do this because he has an e-bike, a bicycle that can be run on electric power (allowing the rider varying levels of assistance), as well as by pedaling with no assistance.

“You have to try one to understand how it feels and how much more enjoyable getting around town can be because you have the assistance of the electric motor,” Trigo said. “It feels like you get a lot more use out of the bicycle - you’re more likely to get on it and go than a regular bike for everyday things.”

Trigo said he uses his e-bike to run errands and to commute to work daily, something he only did on occasion with a regular bicycle. He rides an EG Oahu electric cruiser bike, which he bought in November 2018 from E-Bikes of Southern New Mexico in Las Cruces, just one month after buying a smaller, foldable e-bike from the same business. He was hooked.

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and Barbara Toth, who opened for business in January 2018. The couple sells a variety of e-bikes, geared toward all types of cyclists, out of their home garage. Customers can make an appointment to stop by and try out several models; all they have to do is sign a waiver and wear a helmet.

Jim Toth, an avid cyclist since 1974, said last year they sold 16 e-bikes, which he thinks is good start. The couple hopes to sell more this year.

“If our business takes off, we’d like to move to a brick and mortar store,” he said. “But at the same time, we’re fine with our garage.”

Toth said thus far, all their customers have been pleased with their e-bike purchases.

“Our youngest customer is 22 and our oldest customer is 81 years old,” Toth

said. “We do keep in contact with our customers and haven’t found anyone who isn’t satisfied with their bike.”

Toth explained there are three classes of e-bikes:

- Class 1: A bicycle with a motor that provides assistance up to 20 miles per hour while you pedal.

- Class 2: A bicycle with a motor that provides assistance up to 20 miles per hour while you pedal, but also has a throttle mode that can be used to propel the bicycle.

- Class 3: A bicycle with a motor that provides assistance up to 28 miles per hour while you pedal, plus a throttle that will provide power up to 20 mph.

“Those three classes are the only ones legal in the U.S.,” Toth said. “The way Las Cruces and the state of New Mexico handles things is it’s treated just like a bicycle, so you can ride it anywhere you would a regular bicycle.”

In addition to the different classes, customers can choose among different models, with the motor attached to the front wheel hub, in the middle, at the crank or on the rear wheel hub.

The size of the motors and batteries attached to the bike also vary.

E-bikes sold by the Toths range from about \$1,000 to \$3,500. Sales are also offered on occasion. The couple said some e-bikes sold in the U.S. can cost as much as



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ALEXIA SEVERSON

Jim Toth, co-owner of E-Bikes of Southern New Mexico, explains how an e-bike works in his home garage, where the Toths operate their business.



Jim Toth, co-owner of E-Bikes of Southern New Mexico, stands in front of his home with the EG Zurich 350 IX, a commuter e-bike.

\$10,000, but that they try to keep prices as affordable as possible.

Along with making a daily commute easier, Barbara Toth said e-bikes are great equalizers.

“People who like to ride with people they think they can’t keep up with are able to join those rides with people they couldn’t

initially and are able to ride faster and farther than they could,” she said.

Being able to manage the degree of assistance you get from an e-bike also makes them ideal for people who have health concerns, Barbara Toth said.

In addition to selling e-bikes, the Toths provide e-bike repairs and offer the

service of turning a regular bike into an e-bike.

For information about E-Bikes of Southern New Mexico, call 575-635-9961 or visit www.facebook.com/EBikesofSouthernNewMexico.

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'Patience during progress': Tractor Supply Co.

By **CASSIE MCCLURE**
and **SUZANNE MICHAELS**

For the Bulletin

Editor's note: Fifth in a series on individual businesses affected by the road reconstruction project on Valley Drive and Avenida de Mesilla.

Jorge Guzman, general manager of Tractor Supply Co., calls out to several customers by name as they enter the store right before the peak of rush hour. He also keeps an eye out for drivers using the business's parking lot to avoid traffic, either from Valley Drive or from Picacho Avenue.

Guzman knows that he has corporate reputation and backing, but he continues to make an extra

effort to remind customers that Tractor Supply Co. is open for business during the Valley Drive road reconstruction. Guzman recalls walking down the long line of cars on Valley as they snaked back from either side of the intersection, and how he and his staff have handed out coupons to use at his store to soften the blow of the wait in traffic.

"We're part of this community and we prepared as much as we could for the construction," Guzman explains. "Now, we attend the NMDOT monthly meetings and host events in our parking lot to continue connecting with customers."

Guzman feels sharply

the pain of the businesses around him that have seen a dent in their profits due to the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) road reconstruction. Jack Eakman, District 4 City councilor, is also well aware of the impact on traffic and local businesses; Valley Drive is in his District.

"I take the route from Avenida de Mesilla starting at the I-10 overpass daily to City Hall. Each trip takes between seven and 10 minutes, depending on my fellow drivers," Eakman said.

"I commend the NMDOT and UAI construction on the project's professionalism and progress. In the future, Valley Drive will enjoy curb and gutters, storm water drainage and capture, buffered bicycle lanes, sidewalks and landscaping, with two driving lanes in each direction and additional turning lanes. All the while, the new construction will keep the water, wastewater and natural gas services flowing to



COURTESY PHOTO

With traffic slowdowns and resulting frustrations, sometimes a large banner to remind people of the entrance does the trick. Tractor Supply Co.'s general manager Jorge Guzman is happy that customer loyalty has remained high during the trying times of road reconstruction.

citizens. The logistical obstacles and coordination are admirable."

While NMDOT road reconstruction progresses on Valley Drive, the City of Las Cruces works to mitigate the stress on Valley Drive businesses – as much as

allowed by law. The New Mexico anti-donation clause strictly limits what the city can do, but it does support affected businesses by providing after-hours inspectors to expedite NMDOT construction progress, placing personalized access

signs with specific business names to assist customers getting to Valley Drive businesses, launching the "Patience during Progress" campaign encouraging residents to continue patronizing Valley Drive businesses, providing a police department surveillance trailer and portable lighting along Valley Drive during construction, and re-synchronizing Valley Drive stoplights as road reconstruction progresses.

The City of Las Cruces encourages residents to continue to support local Valley Drive businesses, and work with our local Chambers of Commerce in their efforts to provide support. For the most up-to-date information please visit www.valleydrive.net.

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Women entrepreneurs gather in April at Arrowhead Center

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

For Dell Vice President and Head of the Americas Government Affairs Cris Turner, the upcoming Women Entrepreneurs Mean Business conference in Las Cruces is something of a homecoming. Turner attended the University of Colorado School of Law in Boulder and worked in both Santa Fe and Lea County.

"I'm extremely excited to be able to come back and do work in New Mexico," Turner said.

The conference, sponsored by NMSU's Arrowhead Center, is Wednesday-Thursday, April 3-4 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Turner will lead a women entrepreneurship "policyhack," a concept he created for Dell after "watching the energy that goes on when you put entrepreneurs and engineers and policymakers in the same room together with students and teachers." That energy, he said, can be captured and directed to solve problems in southern New Mexico.

In the "hack-a-thon," judges will look for a new approach to a problem or a different spin on an existing approach, Turner said. Participating teams must show judges that their ideas can be implemented and have clear steps to successfully navigate the first 18 months of business operation.

Dell "is very committed to growing the entrepreneurial sector around the globe and to focusing on women entrepreneurs,"



Hadiyah Mujhid



Bailey K Hoffman

Turner said. Working with Arrowhead Center on the conference "met a lot of those company objectives."

Women entrepreneurs, he said, "are getting venture capital and other investment at a lower clip, but they are starting businesses at a faster clip." Addressing that "significant disconnect ... is an economic imperative."

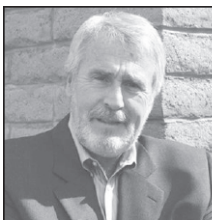
At the conference, Dell wants to focus on "things we've learned around the globe" to benefit southern New Mexico, he said. The

goal isn't to turn the area into the next Silicon Valley but to "find the magic of where you're working and use that magic to help entrepreneurs grow."

Turner also will visit Santa Teresa to explore the idea of "a bi-national community" between Mexico and New Mexico "to innovate across the border." The conference will bring together "thought-leaders and change-makers to share their stories, strategies and transformational wisdom with entrepreneurial women," according to arrowheadcenter.nmsu.edu.

Speakers include Hadiyah Mujhid, founder of HBCUvc, a nonprofit "that educates and trains black and Latinx populations in technology entrepreneurship and venture capital"; engineer and investor Noramay Cadena, the former head of a nonprofit that empowers "underrepresented youth to pursue careers in tech"; and Bailey K Hoffman, co-founder of New Mexico-based Old Barrel Tea & Spice Company.

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Panelist David Wilson of Wilson Binkley Advertising & Marketing speaks to the audience. The panel was moderated by Jed Fanning of Citizens Bank.



Teresa Dahl-Bredine of Little Toad Creek Brewery and Distillery, Arianna Parsons of Beck's Coffee and Parsons Consulting, and Isabella Pedicone of Sinuate Media were panelists for the boot camp.



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Reduce the risk of falling through dancing

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

“Your risk of falling increases as you age,” New Mexico State University Department of Kinesiology and Dance (KIND) instructor Eryn Murphy said at the 2019 spring luncheon of the NMSU Pioneers.

The medical costs of dealing with falls are astronomical. However, there are a lot of steps – both literally and figuratively – you can take to assess their risk of falling and reduce the likelihood of falls.

Simple dances that you can do by yourself or with a partner can help reduce your risk of falling, said KIND Dance Department Coordinator Dr. Ray Backlund.

“Movement itself is a



NMSU Dance Department Coordinator Ray Backlund with dancers from his program and members of the NMSU Pioneers.

great benefit,” Backlund told the Pioneer lunch.

“Dancing has also been shown to improve cardiovascular parameters in hypertensive patients as well as balance and gait, thus reducing the risk of falls in the elderly and in

individuals with Parkinson’s” and other health issues, according to www.researchgate.net.

Partner dancing also benefits emotional health because it helps you meet and interact with other people. “You’re not even

thinking about exercising,” Backlund said.

The KIND Dance Department offers Argentine merengue and tango dance classes Tuesday evenings in April at Rentfrow Hall, 3165 Williams St. on the NMSU campus.

They’re either free or have a \$5 requested donation.

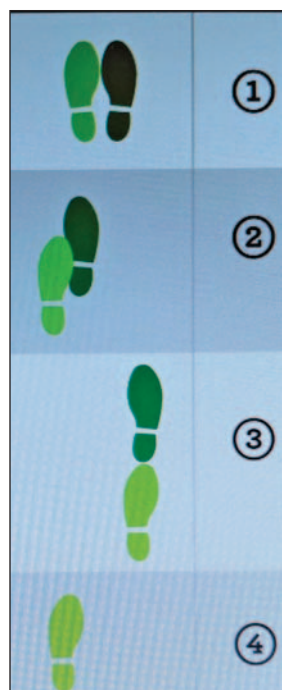
For more information, contact Backlund at 575-646-6002 or rayback@nmsu.edu. Visit kind.nmsu.edu.

Former NMSU Presi-

dent Dr. Gerald Thomas created the Pioneers when he retired from NMSU in 1984. NMSU retirees with at least 20 years’ service or who have Pioneers-eligible spouses can join the Pioneers, which provides annual book scholarships to NMSU students and meets three times a year. Contact Leslie Cervantes at 575-646-1613 or leslie86@nmsu.edu. Visit advancing.nmsu.edu/pioneers.

The Centers for Disease Control STEADI (Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths and Injuries) resources can help you screen and reduce your fall risk. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/steadi.

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CDC 4-Stage Balance Test

Purpose: To assess static balance

Equipment: A stopwatch

Directions: There are four standing positions that get progressively harder to maintain. If the patient can hold a position for 10 seconds without moving their feet or needing support, go to the next position. Patients should not use a cane or walker and they should keep their eyes open.

An older adult who cannot hold the tandem stand for at least 10 seconds is at increased risk of falling.

1. Stand with your feet side-by-side.
2. Place the instep of one foot so it is touching the big toe of the other foot.
3. Tandem stand: Place one foot in front of the other, heel touching toe.
4. Stand on one foot.

Visit www.cdc.gov.

CDC 30-Second Chair Stand

Purpose: To test leg strength and endurance

Equipment: A chair with a straight back without arm rests (seat 17” high), and a stopwatch.

Directions:

1. Sit in the middle of the chair.
 2. Place your hands on the opposite shoulder crossed, at the wrists.
 3. Keep your feet flat on the floor.
 4. Keep your back straight and keep your arms against your chest.
 5. On “Go,” rise to a full standing position, then sit back down again.
 6. Repeat this for 30 seconds.
- Count the number of times the patient comes to a full standing position in 30 seconds. If the patient is over halfway to a standing position when 30 seconds have elapsed, count it as a stand. If the patient must use his/her arms to stand, record “0” for the score.



Chair stand average scores:

Age	Men	Women
60-64	< 14	< 12
65-69	< 12	< 11
70-74	< 12	< 10
75-79	< 11	< 10

80-84	< 10	< 9
85-89	< 8	< 8
90-94	< 7	< 4

A below average score indicates a risk for falls.

An uncommon visitor lands at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park

By ELAINE STACHERA
SIMON

For the Bulletin

Nothing gets the birding community all a-flutter as the appearance of an uncommon species. A White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*) has been spotted at the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park (MVBSP), perched on the treetops along the entrance road looking for its next meal.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology database (eBird.org) describes the kite as a “[m]ostly white, small hawk. Gray wings and back with black shoulders. Hovers over open areas in search of mice, snakes and other prey. Perches atop tall vegetation in open landscapes including coastal plains and agricultural areas.”

This rather dry description certainly does not capture the elegance of this creature, with its creamy white breast and graceful lines.



PHOTO COURTESY JAY WILBUR

A White-tailed Kite has a creamy white breast and graceful lines.

According to the New Mexico Ornithological Society (NMOS) database, the first verified sighting of a White-tailed Kite in New Mexico was in Roswell in 1973. The first verified sighting at the MVBSP was in 1985 by New Mexico conservationist Eleanor Wootten. In 2011, a breeding pair took residence. Many

birders at the MVBSP have reported seeing the kite in March, including a group participating in a Mesilla Valley Audubon Society bird walk.

According to avian researcher (and spring 2019 graduate in Wildlife Ecology from New Mexico State University) Wyatt Egelhoff, since that first recorded sighting

the kites have been “sporadic” visitors. Despite regular sightings over the years, they are far from common here, as they prefer lower-elevation grassland areas in Hidalgo, Luna and Grant counties, as well as in Arizona, California, Oregon and Texas.

What makes the MVBSP attractive to the kites? Egelhoff says that in addition to “pretty good grassland along the entrance road,” MVBSP still has some cottonwoods, even though most in Doña Ana County were lost long ago. In fact, Egelhoff says, cottonwoods and grassland once extended up to a mile on either side of the river, and the entire river valley stretched from the Organs to the West Mesa.

He notes that grazing, fire suppression and the depletion of megafauna have all contributed to desertification, allowing the ubiquitous creosote to prosper.

Egelhoff adds that the

Rio Grande corridor in general has become increasingly fragmented and degraded by human use. Although nothing is pristine, the MVBSP is, at least, a “recovering shred of bosque habitat” in an area surrounded by agriculture that is often “hammered with pesticides.”

In fact, the MVBSP is a designated Important Bird Area (IBA). IBAs are “places of international significance for the conservation of birds and other biodiversity” based on standard criteria, and as part of a wider, integrated approach to conservation (birdlife.org).

BirdLife International started the IBA program in Europe in 1985 and the National Audubon Society implemented it in the United States in 1995. The IBA network now comprises 12,000 sites through 200 countries and territories.

Since the New Mexico IBA program began in 1999, 63 IBAs have been

identified statewide. Four are a “global” priority and 59 are a “state” priority. In New Mexico, 375 species of birds make New Mexico their home for at least part of the year, in addition to 140 classified as vagrants or irregular. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has categorized 139 species as Threatened, Endangered, or of conservation concern. The Audubon Society hopes to add sites along major New Mexico rivers and begin working with landowners to implement conservation species and monitoring (Audubon.org).

As of March 17, our uncommon visitor was still spending time at MVBSP. Seeing the White-tailed Kite is just one more reason to enjoy our closest New Mexico IBA.

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Brothers and sisters in arms



NMSU's Brooke Salas celebrates a WAC title with her teammates.

The Aggie men and women gave it all for their teammates this year

With seconds remaining and his team down two, Aggie guard AJ Harris cut to the hole for a layup against Auburn in the first round of the men's NCAA basketball tournament.

And then the diminutive floor leader made an extraordinary play. Foregoing an apparently sure bucket that would knot the game at the end of regulation, he passed to an open teammate, Terrell Brown, gambling on a 3-point shot to win the game right now, forget overtime or any kind of



MARTY RACINE

Aggie Athletics

moral victory.

It was a courageous move. It just didn't work.

There is no second-guessing here because that one sequence summed up the Aggies this entire basketball season,

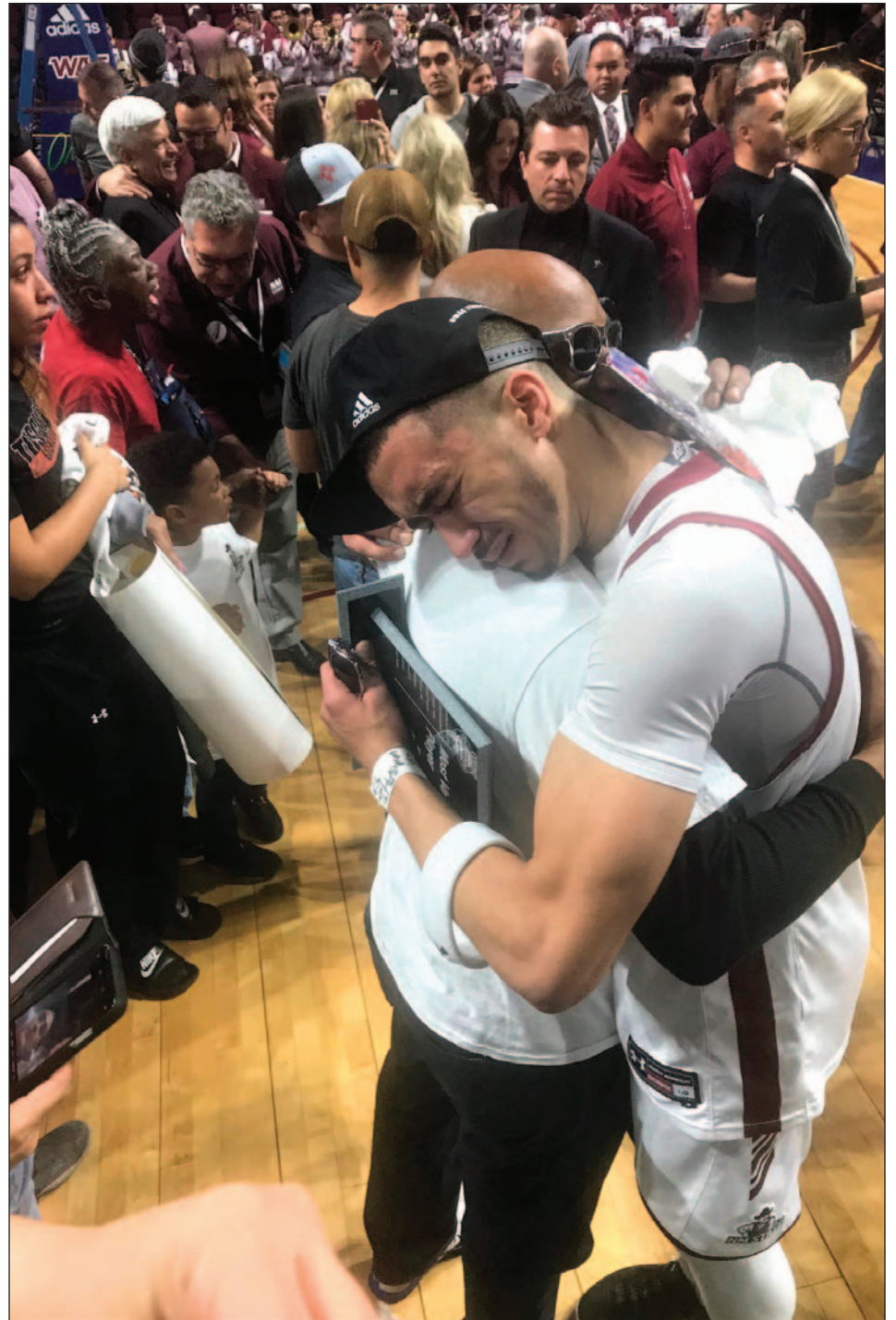
both men (30-5) and women (26-7): abiding trust in their teammates, grace under pressure and a selfless style of play that spread the stars and statistics around.

I went to a lot of their home games this year. I saw the men struggle to win games they should have lost, and I saw them take care of business in

foregone blowouts. They attracted raucous crowds that swelled as the season progressed towards a 19-game winning streak, as Las Cruces caught on to the doings over on Triviz Drive.

I enjoyed the women's quieter afternoon games where I could park myself below the basket and feel the hard picks, follow the sharp cuts and hear the squeak of sneakers on hardwood. I'd sit behind the Aggie bench and watch head coach Brooke Atkinson orchestrate her rotations and have a polite word or two with the refs.

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PHOTOS COURTESY DAVID MCCOLLUM

An emotional Trevelin Queen responds after being named the WAC tournament's Most Valuable Player.



PHOTOS COURTESY DAVID MCCOLLUM

All-tournament selection Terrell Brown helps cut down the net after the Aggies won the Western Athletic Conference tournament.

ARMS

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It was great entertainment, and it told me a lot about the kids this university recruits: disciplined, scrappy, hard-working, humble, coachable. There are no prima donnas or entitled student-athletes over there, and they will succeed in life as they have on the court.

And, let's face it, for every Pascal Siakam there are plenty more who will not transition to the NBA or the WNBA. New Mexico State's teams are not the biggest or the most "athletic" – whatever that means – and therefore do not produce readily quantifiable draft prospects.

But you can't measure heart and smarts on a scale, and in that Auburn game the Ags out-rebounded the taller Tigers by an astonishing 39-24, no doubt surprising the national know-it-alls but hardly a shock for longtime observers of this program; dominance on the

boards (especially on offense) is an Aggie trademark.

There is little doubt in my mind that, had NMSU prevailed, they would have beaten Kansas, the overrated former No. 1 team in the country that Auburn dispatched in the second round.

There is little doubt here (and in other quarters) that the Aggies were worthy of this year's Sweet 16.

So, we swallow the hurt, begrudgingly root for Auburn on Friday against North Carolina and look to next fall. The women lose the magnificent Brooke Salas, who, ladies and gentlemen, knows how to play this game – but return gifted scorer and Western Athletic Conference tournament MVP Gia Pack.

The men lose 6-7 workhorse Eli Chuha but, with bittersweet memories of a scintillating season, return a band of brothers willing to try this again.

Marty Racine may be reached at editor@lascrucesbulletin.com.



NMSU Athletics Director Mario Mocca congratulates Gia Pack on her WAC tournament Most Valuable Player award.



Men's head coach Chris Jans embraces his wife, Shari, after winning the WAC tournament.

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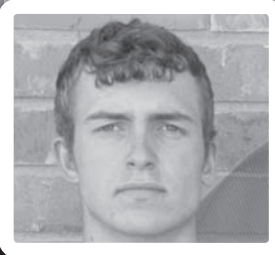
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Dawn Carver is a 16-year-old junior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. She is pitcher and plays third base on the Lady Blazers softball team. This season, Carver has had a .667 batting average, eight RBI, .921 fielding percentage, seven runs and four strikeouts per game. She is always passionate about doing her best, hardworking, a great leader and student, with a 3.86 GPA and is loved by everyone. Her interests outside of sports are church, Students Leading by Service, the yearbook team and fishing.



Caleb Gohrick is an 18-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian School. He is on the Son Blazers football team and plays pitcher and shortstop on the baseball team. This season, Gohrick is the team leader in ERA and batting average. He is a team captain who encourages his teammates to do their best. Gohrick is hardworking, outgoing, determined, has an excellent work ethic and is a positive player who brings laughter to those around him. He is a dedicated student, with a 3.0 GPA. Outside of school and sports, Gohrick enjoys hanging out with friends and video blogging.

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