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Clovis siblings Anya and Maya Hammond are getting set for their next journey together on the UNM swim team.

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One dead, others hurt in Portales incident

□ District attorney says people were 'shot and stabbed.'

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PORTALES — One person was killed and others injured in an incident early Saturday at a residence just outside Portales.

Investigators with the Roosevelt County Sheriff Office, in conjunction with the 9th Judicial District's Major Crimes Unit, were "interviewing persons of interest" in connection with the incident, Sheriff Malin Parker told The News on Saturday morning.

Parker said he was notified "around 3:30" of the shooting and declined to share further details as to the identities of those involved or the location, except that it was

outside the city of Portales.

District Attorney Andrea Reeb declined to confirm the identity of the deceased or name victims and referred questions back to Parker. She said people were "shot and stabbed" and that there were several individuals involved. Attempts on Saturday by The News to independently confirm victim identities through family members and friends were unsuccessful.

Bill Hailer told The News the

shooting took place mere feet from the city line at his neighbor's residence across the road on the 500 block of East 18th Street, just west of its intersection with South Kilgore Avenue.

Hailer and two other neighbors said there had been a gathering that night of young people and that the residents there had only been at the house the past month. None of them knew who lived there, and nobody was inside the house

Saturday afternoon.

Hailer said he saw the body of a young man on the ground in front of the house Saturday morning and pointed to what he said were bloodstains still in the dirt. He said he picked up empty bottles leftover from the festivities while police worked at the scene in the morning, and pointed out cars still parked at the scene that afternoon from the

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FLOUR MILL BLAZE



Staff photo: Kevin Wilson

The Clovis Fire Department battles a blaze at the Old Flour Mill near the intersection of Gidding and First Street Saturday afternoon. Clovis Fire Department officials said they expected to battle the fire into the evening, but did not believe there were any injuries or deaths at press time. The blaze damaged a power pole outside an Xcel Energy substation, leading to power outages for nearly 2,000 customers around the Clovis downtown area.

Police identify officer in shooting

□ Officer Jesus Sarabia discharged weapon during July 6 standoff.

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CLOVIS — The New Mexico State Police on Thursday identified the police officer who discharged a weapon during a July 6 standoff.

Officer Jesus Sarabia has been with the Clovis Police Department for three years. Sarabia was back on full duty June 10 after spending three days on administrative duty.

He discharged his weapon, officials said, in response to Damon Smith, 42, brandishing a weapon during a two-hour standoff that began around 5 p.m. July 6. Police were called to a report of a domestic disturbance with shots fired on the 2700 block of Wallace Street.

Smith was released last week on a \$5,000 appearance bond. He faces charges of aggravated assault upon a peace officer with a deadly weapon, aggravated assault upon a household member with a deadly weapon, contempt of court and resisting, evading or obstructing an officer.

In an interview with NMSP investigators, Smith "stated the rifle did fire one round into the floor of the living room" and that he "Smith eventually stated he intended on using the rifle on himself."

Smith's wife told investigators he fired that gunshot while she was in the restroom of the house and that he "was testing the firearm." Smith told NMSP officer Justin Tiemann and Chester Bobbitt that he was carrying a ".22 bolt action rifle" and "did stand in the hallway leading out to the front door with the rifle down by his hip."

Clovis Police Sgt. Travis Loomis told NMSP investigators that during the ensuing police response "he did hear Mr. Smith say if officers came into his house, he wanted suicide by cop," according to an arrest warrant affidavit.

Attorney C. Barry Crutchfield, listed in court records as representing Smith, did not return a message last week from The News.

CPD Capt. Roman Romero did not respond last week to a request for interviews with the department and/or Sarabia regarding the incident.

According to Thursday's release and previous releases from the NMSP:

■ Five officers were initially on scene.

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Building sale, beer garden approved

□ Red Door Brewing Company involved in both items.

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CLOVIS — A pair of events involving one of Clovis' newest businesses drew some opposition, but in general won support from the Clovis City Commission after discussions about whether alcohol belonged at certain places and certain functions.

By separate 5-1 votes, the commission approved the sale of the Levine's building on the 400 block of Main Street and allowed a beer garden for the Aug. 6 Under Over Art Festival in Hillcrest Park. Both events involved Red Door Brewing Company, which is Albuquerque-based but has established a location inside Mainline Bowl.

Commissioner Gary Elliott cast the dissenting vote in both

instances.

In regard to the Levine's building, Red Door managing member Matt Biggs said his plans for the open facility are to use it about half of the week as a outdoor taproom and let the community use it the rest of the time as a place to either relax or bring their lunch downtown.

"I wouldn't be coming back if we weren't having a smashing success," Biggs said. "I've felt very welcomed by the public; we have been very busy."

Red Door was second on the list for bidders for the property, and moved up to first when Foote/Hyder withdrew its interest. Clovis MainStreet Executive Director Lisa Pellegrino-Spear said she's seen the property get plenty of foot traffic even without any vendor present.

"The place has got a lot of charm," Pellegrino-Spear said, "even if from a technical eye we don't see it that way."

The property comes at a \$5,000 cost to Red Door, and Biggs believes he'll be able to recoup the cost and generate gross receipts taxes for the city

soon after he's able to designate an off-site brewer distribution license for the area. That will be addressed in a future commission meeting, and require a variance because the building is within 300 feet of the Potter's House church.

That was one of the issues Elliott had with the brewery setting up on Main. He said he heard about security concerns during a previous event on Main Street with Red Door. Biggs said he'd never been approached about any concerns during or after that event.

Mayor David Lansford said he would like some kind of clawback provision in the contract, given the city and Clovis MainStreet have worked for 13 years to get the building in its current shape. Biggs said he had no issue with a clawback provision, and the commission voted to approve the sale contingent on addition of a provision.

Elliott said after the meeting it wasn't right for Potter's House to have to be so close to a place that serves alcohol, given how much of its work goes towards

helping people with substance addictions.

Regarding the art festival, representative Scott Knauer said 300 people were interested in the event online so far with 16 artists, yoga and zumba classes and a pair of musical acts.

The beer garden would have meet state requirements with a fence of at least 3 feet and enclosed with one entrance/exit. Biggs said staff would either do ID checks upon every entrance or issue some kind of bracelet.

"If security is lacking," Biggs said, "we won't serve."

Following the meeting, Elliott felt people could have soft drinks at the festival and still have fun at the festival.

In other business at the Thursday meeting:

■ The city approved polling places for the March 3, 2020 municipal election.

Voters, regardless of district, can cast ballots at Colonial Park Golf Course, the Youth Recreation Building, Roy Walker Community Center,

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Forecast:

<p>Today</p> <p>High: 94 Low: 64</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>High: 94 Low: 63</p>	<p>Tuesday</p> <p>High: 95 Low: 66</p>
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Area meetings

Monday
Public meeting for input on the 2021-2025 City of Clovis Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) — 10:30 a.m., Friendship Senior Center, 901 W. 13th St., Clovis. Clovis residents are encouraged to participate. Copy of the current ICIP may be found at www.cityofclovis.org. Information: 575-769-7828

Tuesday
City of Clovis Economic Incentive Board — 7:30 a.m., Clovis City Hall assembly room, 321 N. Connelly. Information: 575-763-9654

New Mexico State Auditor Brian S. Colón open office hours — 8:30-10:45 a.m., Clovis Municipal Schools Central Office, 1009 N. Main St., Clovis. Colón and Office of the State Auditor Constituent Services staff available to meet with the public. No appointment necessary; first come, first served. Information: www.saonm.org

Roosevelt County Commission — 9 a.m., Commission Room, Roosevelt County Courthouse, 109 W. First St., Portales. Information: 575-356-5307

New Mexico State Auditor Brian S. Colón open office hours — 2:30-5 p.m., Portales Public Library, 218 S. Ave. B, Portales. Colón and Office of the State Auditor Constituent Services staff available to meet with the public. No appointment necessary; first come, first served. Information: www.saonm.org

Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority — 3 p.m., ENMWUA Offices, Sitterly Professional Center, 801 Pile Street, Clovis. Information: 575-935-4262

Clovis Municipal Schools board — 5:30 p.m., Board Room, CMS administration building, 1009 Main St., Clovis. Information: 575-769-4300

Wednesday
Eastern Plains Council of Governments — 10 a.m., Blue Hole Dive and Conference Center,

1085 Blue Hole Road, Santa Rosa. Annual meeting. Information: 575-762-7714

Thursday
Clovis City Commission — 5:15 p.m., North Annex, Clovis-Carver Public Library, 701 N. Main St., Clovis. Information: 575-769-7828

Friday
Public meeting for input on the 2021-2025 Roosevelt County Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) — Noon, Commission Room, Roosevelt County Courthouse, 109 W. First St., Portales. County residents are encouraged to participate. Information: 575-356-5307

Aug. 6
Curry County Commission — 9 a.m., Commission Chambers, Curry County Administration Complex, 417 Gidding St., Clovis. Information: 575-763-6016

Portales City Council — 6:30 p.m., Memorial Building, 200 E. 7th St., Portales. Information: 575-356-6662

Aug. 7
Public meeting for input on the 2021-2025 Roosevelt County Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) — 6 p.m., Commission Room, Roosevelt County Courthouse, 109 W. First St., Portales. County residents are encouraged to participate. Information: 575-356-5307

Aug. 12
Portales Municipal Schools board — 6 p.m., Board Room, L.C. Cozzens Administrative Offices, 501 S. Abilene, Portales. Information: 575-356-7000

Clovis Astronomy Club — 7 p.m., Room 143 or 145 (look for signs), Clovis Community College, 417 Schepps Blvd., Clovis. Information: 757-846-7509

To place an item on the meetings calendar, call the newsroom at 575-763-6991 or e-mail: dstevens@thenews.email

FRUIT SPILL



Staff photo: David Grieder

Clovis Police Officer Jesus Sarabia assists employees Friday afternoon in carrying in fruit overturned while unloading from a truck outside a business on the 1900 block of North Prince Street.

LOCAL ROUNDUP

Schools to hold transition camp

CLOVIS — Clovis Municipal Schools will hold a transition camp for incoming sixth-graders Aug. 8 at Gattis, Marshall and Yucca middle schools, according to a release from the district.

Enrollment is available by calling or emailing the child's respective school before 4 p.m. Wednesday.

The camp covers an average school day, going from 8:20 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. The incoming students will explore the campus, meet their teachers and learn about the routines of middle school.

All students who attend receive lunch and school supplies at no charge.

Reservations may be made by contacting:

■ Gattis Middle School, Phillip Lemke, 575-769-4305 or phillip.lemke@clovis-schools.org

■ Marshall Middle School, Cindy Terry, 575-769-4410 or cindy.terry@clovis-schools.org

■ Yucca Middle School, Scott Schumpert, 575-769-4420 or scott.schumpert@clovis-schools.org.

State auditor to hold office hours

State Auditor Brian S. Colón will hold office hours Tuesday in both Clovis and Portales, according to a release from his office.

Office hours will be 8:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. at the Clovis Municipal Schools administration building on 1009 Main and 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Portales Public Library at 218 S. Ave. B.

Residents are encouraged to attend and meet with the auditor and staff for questions, complaints, thoughts or even general inquiries about the office.

No appointment is necessary, but individuals will be asked to sign in and will be seen on a first-come basis.

Governor named to committee

SALT LAKE CITY — New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on Friday was named as a member of the National Governors Association Executive Committee, according to a release from her office.

This nine-member committee of governors from around the country guides the association's priorities and activities.

"I am honored to join this dynamic group of governors," Lujan Grisham said. "We have a unique opportunity to show the nation that bipartisanship and pragmatism are alive and well at the state level, despite what we hear from Washington. I look forward to working with Chairman Hogan on his infrastructure initiative and advancing other New Mexico priorities at the national level."

Maryland's Lary Hogan was named chair, and New York's Andrew Cuomo vice chair.

Other members are Charlie Baker of Massachusetts, Steve Bullock of Montana, Gary Herbert of Utah, Jared Polis of Colorado, Kim Reynolds of Iowa and Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan.

National Night Out set for Aug. 6

CLOVIS — The Clovis Police Department will host its annual National Night Out event 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Aug. 6 at Greene Acres Park.

The nationwide community-building event promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie, with 15,000 communities in 50 states holding an event.

Although CPD is hosting the event, it will be joined by the New Mexico State Police, Curry County Sheriff's Department, Clovis Fire Department, Texico Police Department, Portales Police Department, Roosevelt County Sheriff's Department, Cannon Air Force Base Security Forces, New Mexico Game and Fish, New Mexico State Parks, Parmer County Sheriff's Department and others.

The event will include a back to school health fair courtesy of the Curry County Wellness Council, car seat clinics, child ID kits, K-9 and SWAT demonstrations and food vendors.

Information: Lt. Trevor Thron, 575-763-9481.

Parents urged to enroll online

CLOVIS — Clovis Municipal Schools is encouraging parents and guardians of any student planning to attend the 2019-20 school year in the district complete online enrollment.

Enrollment is available via Skyward Family Access, the district's student database and primary tool to communicate with families.

Classroom assignments are announced in the program before the school year begins, but are only available after enrollment is complete.

Enrollment at clovis-schools.org/registration.html must be done via web browser, as enrollment is not available in the Skyward app. Computers are available for public use at the CMS administrative office at 1009 Main for families without computer or Internet access.

Enrollment help for Spanish speakers is available 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 6, 8, 13 and 15.

Information: 575-769-4300.

Counties to hold input meetings

Curry and Roosevelt counties have each scheduled meetings to accept public input on their Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Plans.

The ICIP is a document revised annually to show major projects the governmental body hopes to accomplish within the upcoming five years. Projects must also fall under the responsibility of local government and not be related to private business.

The ICIP list is used during each legislative session to help decide which projects receive capital outlay funding.

Roosevelt County will hold its meetings noon Friday and 6 p.m. Aug. 7, with both meetings at the commission room in the Roosevelt County Courthouse.

Curry County has scheduled a meeting 4:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at the commission chambers of the Curry County Administrative Complex.

Information: Roosevelt County, 575-356-5307; Curry County, 575-763-6016.

— Staff reports

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On this date ...

1969: Willie Hall, a 5-10, 180-pound tailback from Clovis, was among high school football stars slated to play in the annual North-South All-Star grid clash.

Clovis coach Steve Graham called Hall the best running back in the state of New Mexico.

Hall had been clocked running the 100-yard dash in 9.9 seconds and had agreed to play college football at Eastern New Mexico



University in Portales.

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Small crowd attends infrastructure meeting

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CLOVIS — A dozen people might not feel like a lot of people at many events, like a football game or any restaurant on Mother's Day. But for a public meeting about infrastructure, it's certainly a crowd.

About a dozen attended the city's Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Plan meeting Thursday at the North Annex of the Clovis-Carver Public Library.

It is the first of two city meetings to gather public input for the plan. The second meeting will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Friendship Senior Center.

While most participants had suggestions that fell outside the umbrella of the ICIP, presenter

Sandy Chancey was glad to see turnout of around a dozen residents. In previous years, ICIP meetings have failed to draw anybody outside of city staff.

The ICIP is a document mandated by the state Legislature as a guide for where to best put capital outlay dollars. If a project's not on the ICIP, Chancey said, it won't receive funding.

"The state is wanting some type of heads up on anything the city may apply for," said Chancey, the executive director of Eastern Plains Council of Governments. "This needs to be the city's five-year plan for infrastructure improvement."

The city wants the plan to address major projects, defined as anything with a one-time cost exceeding \$15,000. The projects must be city-owned and not be

related to private business.

The meeting included Chancey and Tiffany Campion, the grant coordinator for the city.

The following people spoke during the meeting:

■ Daniel Eilenstine of Clovis addressed difficulties he faces as a wheelchair user, and noted a particular issue with a traffic light pole blocking access to the curb. He asked what projects could be done to improve Americans with Disabilities Act compliance.

"ADA has been on the books for 29 years," Eilenstine said. "I understand there's a limit to how much money is available, but I think we need to put more effort into the high-traffic streets."

Chancey and Vincent Soule, a transportation planner for EPCOG, noted that every street renovation includes ADA upgrades, and that

the city is working on a plan to better address ADA concerns.

■ Brett Johnson said efforts should be made to reduce the size of the floodplain in the city, noting that 1,700 homes in the city are in a flood zone.

■ Lisa Pellegrino-Spear, executive director of Clovis MainStreet, said the railroad district needed to go back on the ICIP. Many improvements have been made, including restoration of an on-site rail car, but that more work is needed to continue shifting the balance from eyesore to cultural landmark.

■ Scott Blazek of Clovis figured it wouldn't be a great expense, but more of a shift in thinking at the Prince Street Overpass. He asked if it would be possible to change the right northbound lane of the overpass into a right turn only.

He also asked about how citizens should address aggressive dogs on the loose.

Mayor David Lansford, who showed up to the meeting, noted the city had recently passed a new law requiring any dog outside of its owner's property to be on a leash. He said in respect to the law, a pet is viewed as property and people should be held responsible if that property damages something or hurts someone.

Roosevelt and Curry counties also have upcoming ICIP meetings — Roosevelt County's noon Friday and 6 p.m. Aug. 7 at the commission room in the Roosevelt County Courthouse, and Curry County's 4:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at the commission chambers of the Curry County Administrative Complex.

Curry greets new fiscal year under budget

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CLOVIS — As it greets the 2019-20 fiscal year and waves goodbye to the 2018-19 fiscal year, the Curry County Commission heard phrases anybody would want to hear — under budget and \$10 million in the general fund.

That was the financial picture county officials gave during Friday's special meeting largely dedicated to final passage of the \$37.312 million budget.

County Finance Director Carol Pipes said every county department came in under budget for the year, with the departments averaging 19% below budget, and revenues came in above projections for property taxes (by 4%) and gross receipts taxes (by 18%).

Commission Chairman Chet Spear credited the

county as a whole for being good stewards of the money, while Commissioner Seth Martin noted it was good to know the county would be OK if an emergency came up.

"I've been here four-and-a-half years and every year it turns out we're doing great in our budget," Spear said. "I commend you, I appreciate you, I thank you."

Commissioner Ben McDaniel echoed those sentiments, noting that he'd been around for seven years.

County Manager Lance Pyle said the county would be able to put \$1 million toward courthouse security upgrades, and retain \$10 million in the general fund. Pyle said he has a goal to be able to put up \$6 million next year to pay for the remainder of county judicial complex upgrades.

• Chief Deputy Clerk Adrian Ancira updated commissioners on a pair of elec-

tion items — the addition of county precincts and the shuffling of commission district numbers.

Regarding precincts, Ancira said the county added four to bring the total to 42. Precincts are split in cases where the area has either more than 2,000 residents or more than 750 ballots cast in the most recent general election.

Precincts 38 and 39 came from a split of Precinct 18, and Precincts 40-42 came from splits of Precincts 19-21. Deputy Chief Assessor Randa Jesko said to her knowledge, no focus was given to any particular demographics in the splits.

The commission district numbers were realigned, Ancira said, following a Monday meeting in Santa Fe. The New Mexico Secretary of State's Office held a meeting in the Capitol Building that was livestreamed on the

Legislature website.

The realignment created a system moving forward that puts odd-number districts in presidential cycle ballots and even-numbered districts on gubernatorial cycle ballots. Representation areas are unchanged.

McDaniel (now District 1) swapped district numbers with Bobby Sandoval (now District 2), while Martin (now District 3) swapped district numbers with Spear (now District 4). Robert Thornton remains District 5 commissioner.

While changes are effective immediately, Pyle said the county website and stationery wouldn't change until the state supreme court makes its final decision on the realignment.

• The commission approved a \$17,000 expense to upgrade to LED lighting in the Kevin Robert Show Arena.

The move will upgrade 56

lights, and make about 16 current light fixtures unnecessary. County Facilities Manager Ben Roberts said the county could apply for an \$8,400 rebate following the work, and would also benefit from energy savings.

The commission voted 3-0 to approve. Sandoval left the meeting early to attend a funeral, and Thornton abstained due to professional involvement in the project.

• Commissioners tabled a request for cameras to monitor the ticket offices at the county fair, noting they weren't sure it was worth the expense when the fair has plenty of law enforcement onsite to deter any potential robbery attempts.

• Regarding the fair, commission members advised residents to pay with cash if possible on fair and concert tickets. A fair ticket is \$7 for adults, but \$19 if paired with a ticket for either the Thursday or Saturday night

concert. Tickets purchased online are subject to around \$4.50 in convenience fees.

• Sandoval gave a report on his recent trip to a National Association of Counties conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. He chose not to belabor commissioners with information from the dozen or so classes he attended, and instead spoke of the trip's general foibles — including his late-night hotel check-in when he and his wife unlocked room 6407 to find another couple were inadvertently checked into the same room.

• Martin asked the commission at a future meeting to look into whether it's worth it for Curry County to stay a member of the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority, since individual communities are authority members and he wasn't sure what the authority offered to county residents who live outside those communities.

School start dates

The following are first days for schools in Curry and Roosevelt counties.

Aug. 6

■ First day of classes for Floyd Schools. Information: www.floyd-broncos.com or 575-478-2211

Aug. 7

■ First day of classes for Melrose Schools. Information: www.melroseschools.com or 575-253-4269

Aug. 8

■ First day of classes for Elida Schools kindergarten through grade 12. Information: elidaschools.net or 575-274-6211

Aug. 9

■ First day of classes for Dora Schools kindergarten through grade 12. Information: www.doraschools.com or 575-477-2211

Aug. 12

■ First day of classes for Clovis Schools kindergarten through grade 12. Information: www.clovis-schools.org or 575-769-4300

■ First day of classes for Portales Schools grades 3-12. Information: www.portaleschools.com or 575-356-7000

Aug. 14

■ First day of classes for Clovis Christian School. Information: clovis eagles.com or 575-935-2278

Aug. 19

■ First day of classes for Clovis Community College. Information: www.clovis.edu or 575-769-2811

■ First day of preschool for Clovis Schools. Information: www.clovis-schools.org or 575-769-4300

■ First day of preschool for Dora Schools. Information: www.doraschools.com or 575-477-2211

■ First day of classes for Portales Schools kindergarten through grade 2. Information: www.portaleschools.com or 575-356-7000

Aug. 20

■ First day of classes for Eastern New Mexico University. Information: www.enmu.edu or 575-562-1011

■ First day of classes for Portales Schools pre-kindergarten. Information: www.portaleschools.com or 575-356-7000

■ First day of classes for Texico Schools kindergarten through grade 12. Information: www.texicoschools.com or 575-482-3801

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■ First day of preschool for Elida Schools. Information: elidaschools.net or 575-274-6211

■ First day of preschool for Texico Schools. Information: www.texicoschools.com or 575-482-3801

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Victoria from Australia, 17 yrs. Enjoys spending time with her family and younger siblings. Victoria plays volleyball and is excited to learn new sports while in America.



Giorgio from Italy, 16 yrs. Loves to play baseball and spend time with his dogs. Giorgio also plays the guitar, and his dream is to join a drama club at his American high school.

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Viewpoint

Prime minister big figure in UK relations

Looking at the United Kingdom from this side of the Atlantic, it's fair to say that who becomes prime minister isn't always a crucial development. The "special relationship" is solid — so keep calm and carry on, as the British would say.

Tuesday brought something different. Not panic-inducing, but different: the ascension of Boris Johnson, a quirky, cerebral figure, to the post of prime minister. Johnson won a Conservative Party election to succeed Theresa May.

Johnson will become a consequential figure in American eyes for three reasons: Iran, Brexit and the mercurial presidency of Donald Trump.

The United States views Iran as a menace with dreams of having nuclear weapons. The 2015 nuclear deal, struck between Iran, the U.S. and Europe looks weak. Trump pulled out and imposed harsher sanctions to compel a renegotiation that would address Tehran's support of terrorism and pursuit of ballistic missiles. Europe, including the U.K., has stuck with the deal.

We'd like to see the pact renegotiated and believe sanctions are the appropriate tool of persuasion. Those sanctions are more likely to be effective if Europe signs on.

The new British prime minister has good reason to join Trump's harder line: The belligerent Iranians have put the U.K. in their sights. This month, gunboats from Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps seized a British-flagged oil tanker in the Strait of Hormuz. Earlier, the British detained an Iranian tanker for violating European Union sanctions.

Iran's shenanigans at sea should not lead to a military confrontation. The U.S., Britain and other partners have the chance to cooperate to protect shipping in the strait and thus dissuade further Iranian aggression. That could — and should — be a first step by Britain to join Washington in using sanctions to drag Iran back to the negotiating table. U.S. sanctions are hurting. A tighter squeeze from Europe would help bring home the point.

Johnson makes for an intriguing would-be partner for Trump. Imagine Johnson as a British upper-class, egghead version of Trump and you wouldn't be wrong. Johnson was schooled at Oxford and loves to flaunt his knowledge of Latin, but in any language he's a showman and an economic nationalist, which is why he supports Brexit — the U.K.'s exit from the European Union. The departure's been messy — shambolic, as the Brits also say — so it will be up to Johnson to avert a European economic crisis.

Trump isn't afraid to ruffle the feathers of friends as well as foes. If he and Johnson can develop a rapport, the U.S.-U.K. special relationship will get a boost.

— Chicago Tribune



Responsibility key even in small stuff

A few assignments ago I found myself at a local softball game, looking to fill a small spot in the sports section.

A member of the crowd recognized me as a photographer — the camera is apparently a dead giveaway — and asked for a favor. A player on one of the teams had just gone through a difficult family ordeal, and she said a picture of him in the newspaper would mean so much.

I had no idea what would unfold in the game, and I make no guarantees because news can break at any time. I told the person I'd keep it in mind, but that I focus on the ball more than I do any particular player.

Eventually, the game started. It was probably five minutes, but in 100-degree heat it felt like a 45-minute wait. Top of the first, the other team scores six runs. The player I promised to keep in mind was a reserve, and not playing in the field.

Maybe his team will score



Kevin Wilson
Editor

six runs in the bottom of the inning and he'll get in the game, I thought to myself, but never really focused on it too much.

A few innings complete, and I had photos of what looked to be a blowout — 18-2, I found out later.

I wasn't sure who was on the particular pictures, as I hadn't compared the photos to the lineup cards quite yet. You look for photos with good action first, but you also like to find something that features a player from each team.

I had the latter. The play was a slide at home plate, with a fielder ready to make the tag. That was my photo ... except the kid getting tagged

out was the one I'd been specifically asked to photograph.

I went back and forth for a little while. Does a picture of him about to get tagged out look bad for him, and compound his difficult times? Does it get shrugged off because that one play wouldn't have done much to dent the final outcome?

I decided to go with the photo because:

■ I liked the photo better than other options, and probably would have run it had the pre-game conversation never happened.

■ I wasn't showing the kid in question making a dumb play. He took a calculated risk the opposing youth softball team wouldn't execute on defense, and the risk didn't work out. That's sports, and that's life to some degree as well.

It turned out I didn't ruin the life of the young man in question. The person who first inquired about a photo sent a thank-you card, saying things

about me that are far nicer than I deserve. Best of all, she said he was excited to see the photo. He wasn't concerned at that moment that he got tagged out. He wasn't concerned at that moment that his team lost.

It was his first time in the newspaper for the first time, and it was a special thing for him even though hardened journalists might see context like "tagged out" or "lost by a lot" and worry that photo wasn't a good thing. I'm glad the relative reached out, so I didn't spend the rest of my life wondering about that choice.

I felt like I should share to give an insider perspective. We approach every news item wondering if it's the most responsible way to reflect the communities we cover, and the small stuff matters too.

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Parties should seek next rising tide

A July 16 column by the New York Times' Thomas L. Friedman favors some moderate ideas he thinks the Democratic party should adopt even as it lists leftward.

I agree. Friedman and I share a belief that Americans tend to settle toward the center even as the Republican and Democratic parties gravitate toward extremes.

Friedman and I also concur that people mostly miss good jobs. Yes unemployment is down, but, as Friedman points out, "the wealth of the top 1 percent equals that of the bottom 90 percent."

At the same time, the type of job that leads to increasing success with hard, smart work has become as much an endangered species as carburetor repair mechanics in the age of fuel injectors.

While Friedman thinks that raising taxes on the wealthy and reducing student loan burdens will help redivide the economic pie, he added, "I'm disturbed that so few of the



Steve Hansen
Local columnist

Democratic candidates don't also talk about growing the pie."

I have a different way of putting it: We should be scouring the horizon for the next rising tide that will lift all the boats, an analogy apparently made popular by President John F. Kennedy in the optimistic early 1960s.

By that I mean the next boom in production, be it in products or services, that brings back sustainable prosperity for everybody.

I think the Republicans should think in those terms, too.

Pent-up demand in the wake of World War II produced the boom of the 1950s

and 1960s.

There were well-paid jobs for nearly everybody, enough leisure time to turn many hobbies into industries, like music and amateur radio.

That boom faded in the 1970s, with oil crises and double-digit inflation.

We had good times in the 1980s after the OPEC oil cartel collapsed and some good times in the 1990s as the digital revolution and the internet took hold.

Since then, however, we've had bubbles but no rising tide.

The housing bubble of the 2000s, sank all the boats it lifted, and then some, when it collapsed in 2007 and 2008.

President Donald Trump's attempts to bring back an American age of manufacturing won't bring back the good jobs, because manufacturing is increasingly automated.

The digital revolution may result in the loss of as many good jobs as it creates. Even well-paid middle manager functions are falling to artifi-

cial intelligence.

I can't see the next rising tide, but I'm not that kind of visionary.

I agree with Friedman that business, not government, will create the next such tide, but that doesn't mean government can't help in the search and lay some groundwork.

While the parties argue about border policy, health-care policy and which is more racist, most Americans just want to get ahead.

The parties have no answers.

Instead, they popularize the issues that polarize us.

We should start demanding they look at the future of work.

Otherwise they just might paralyze us.

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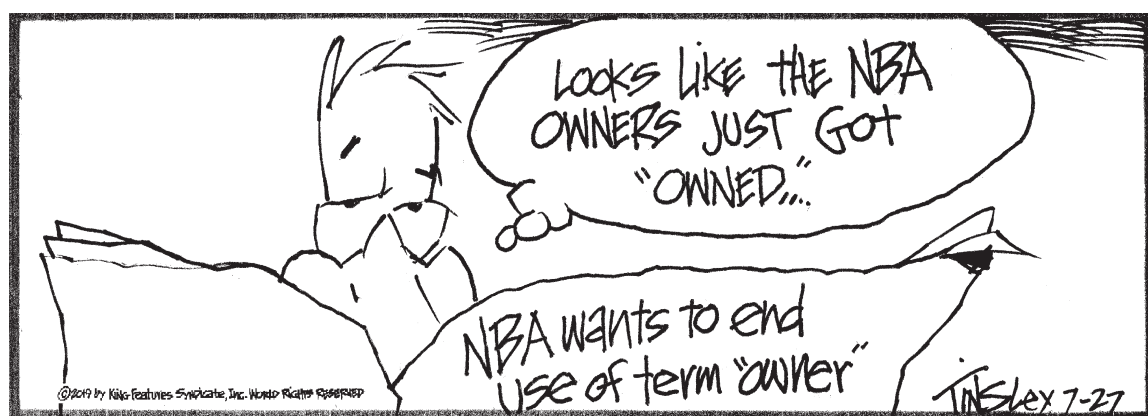
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Focus on 'dog whistle' attempt to stop conversation

Missouri Republican Sen. Josh Hawley used a perfectly good word in its appropriate context, and stands accused of dog-whistle bigotry.

At the National Conservatism conference in Washington, D.C., this month, Hawley gave a keynote address that attacked the coastal elite for being out of touch and out of sympathy with the heartland. He called it "the cosmopolitan elite," described its beliefs as the "cosmopolitan consensus," and accused it of building a "cosmopolitan economy."

Even though there's not a remotely plausible argument that Hawley was in any way targeting Jews, his use of the C-word alone was enough for critics to say he was making an anti-Semitic appeal.



Rich Lowry
◆
Syndicated columnist

"If you're Jewish and the use of 'cosmopolitan' doesn't scare you, read some history," warned New York Times op-ed writer Paul Krugman. A columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch opined, darkly, that Hawley "chose the word purposefully" (he had, just not in a sinister way). James Fallows of The Atlantic agreed that Hawley knew "exactly* the implications of 'cosmopolitan.'"

There's no doubt the word has been abused for hideous ends. In 1946, Joseph Stalin gave a speech heralding the repression of Jews in the

arts and literature that lamented, "The positive Soviet hero is derided and inferior before all things foreign and cosmopolitanism that we all fought against from the time of Lenin, characteristic of the political leftovers, is many times applauded."

Yet, the connection between Hawley, the over-achieving 39-year-old former Supreme Court law clerk and attorney general of the state of Missouri, and the cruel, power-hungry Marxist-Leninist dictator who is one of history's great monsters ... is not obvious.

The word has also been used to target Jews by other anti-Semitic lowlifes and haters, although it's a smear to mention Hawley, who gladly and forthrightly denounces anti-Semitism, in the same breath as these cretins.

Why resort to the word at all? The axis of the culture war in this country has shifted to national identity, immigration policy, and citizenship, and requires a new vocabulary. The welcome effort to rehabilitate the word "nationalism," one goal of the National Conservatism Conference, is part of this re-orientation.

But there also has to be a term for what the nationalists oppose, since Big Government and social liberalism aren't apt.

Cosmopolitanism is the natural choice. Per the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, the word "has been used to describe a wide variety of important views in moral and socio-political philosophy. The nebulous core shared by all cosmopolitan views is the idea that all human beings,

regardless of their political affiliation, are (or can and should be) citizens in a single community."

If the word is inherently a hateful term of opprobrium, it's strange that it is embraced by people who hold the worldview it describes.

According to the New York University professor Kwame Anthony Appiah, our challenge "is to take minds and hearts formed over the long millennia of living in local troops and equip them with ideas and institutions that will allow us to live together as the global tribe we have become."

What should we call this project? He considers the possibility of "globalization" and "multiculturalism" as terms, but settles on "cosmopolitanism." Indeed, the title of his book is "Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers."

All sorts of academics routinely use the term, including in the titles and subtitles of books, since it is so useful in describing a mindset and philosophy.

Hawley's speech isn't immune from criticism. It's overly reductive to suggest all — or even most — of our problems stem from the disconnect between the coasts and the middle of the country. And filling out a plausible policy agenda to give expression to Hawley's worldview is very much a work in progress. But his speech should be considered a conversation starter. By focusing on one allegedly forbidden word, his critics hope, as always, to be conversation stoppers.

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ANOTHER VIEWPOINT

Mueller probe's most important finding being ignored

Former special counsel Robert Mueller's long day of testimony on Capitol Hill had all the elements one expects of political theater in these partisan times. Some day, scholars will have to analyze all the questioning and determine how much was posturing by lawmakers and how much was actual fact-finding (or at least maintained the appearance of information gathering).

One imagines 2% would be a generous estimate. And while there's certainly value in Americans hearing from the man-of-the-hour that President Trump was not actually exculpated of wrongdoing (as much as he and his minions continue to falsely claim otherwise), the most important point to be made showed up in the first 10 minutes.

That was when Mueller, the former FBI director, decorated U.S. Marine Corps veteran, lawyer and longtime federal prosecutor, observed in his opening statement that Russian interference in the 2016 election was real and serious and resulted in criminal charges filed

against more than 30 defendants including 12 officers of the Russian military.

"Over the course of my career, I've seen a number of challenges to our democracy," he concluded in his best Joe Friday no-nonsense voice. "The Russian government's effort to interfere in our election is among the most serious. As I said on May 29, this deserves the attention of every American."

Perhaps this sounds familiar. It should. One day earlier, current FBI Director Christopher Wray made a similarly chilling point. In Senate testimony, he said Russia was preparing to hack and propagandize the 2020 election despite U.S. sanctions and other efforts.

"They haven't been deterred enough," Wray testified at one point.

Top intelligence officials have apparently expressed similar worries.

Given these dire warnings, the lessons of 2016 and the fears of a 2020 repeat, one might assume that Congress and the White House would be doing every-

thing within their collective power to make sure that neither Russia nor China nor any other foreign power that might benefit from undermining the next U.S. election would be prevented from doing so. And, of course, you would be exactly wrong.

The current scandal of the Mueller probe is not how it's been misrepresented or politicized, it's how its chief finding has been ignored by those in power. The federal government's efforts to protect the 2020 election to date have been modest at best.

You want to point a finger? Start with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell who has refused to allow his chamber to take up the bipartisan Secure Elections Act. He claims the federal government has appropriated sufficient funds to states for them to protect the process.

What nonsense. There are still a handful of states (Georgia, Louisiana and South Carolina) that lack a paper trail to back up digital systems. Another 10 have only a partial paper trail. In reality,

it's costly to replace aging voting equipment and well beyond the \$380 million Washington appropriated for that purpose last year. And that's just about direct manipulation of votes.

There's also the matter of hacking into email or using social media accounts under false names to manipulate public opinion, as the Russians did so successfully three years ago.

And then there's Trump who seems to believe that any acknowledgment of Russian interference in 2016 delegitimizes his presidency and so he has frequently disagreed with his own administration over exactly what happened and what to do about next year.

In a meeting with Vladimir Putin just last month, the president was once again making light of the issue, wagging a finger at the Russian president who was laughing all the while. What good sport it must be to put the planet's most important democracy at risk to the benefit of a foreign adversary. Clearly, someone doesn't take hacking an election or accepting assistance from a foreign intelli-

gence service as seriously as Mueller or Wray or his own intelligence team.

Want to talk about Mueller's big day and all his hemming and hawing? Maybe discuss what exactly constitutes obstruction of justice or whether Democrats will ever acquire the intestinal fortitude to press an impeachment case that has zero chances in the GOP-controlled Senate?

You can always laugh at how often the special counsel felt he had to keep his mouth shut and declined to answer. Or the imbecility of Republicans asking him over and over again to comment on matters related to the so-called Steele Dossier, which is being investigated by someone else.

But what is not the least bit funny is what all Americans should be focused on right now — insisting on a free, fair and clean election in 2020.

That's what the Mueller testimony really underscores, but it's in danger of getting lost for all the inside-the-beltway spin.

— The Baltimore Sun

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State officials file motion for water cleanup

By Theresa Davis
ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL

ALBUQUERQUE — The New Mexico attorney general and the Environment Department have filed a motion asking that the U.S. Air Force be required to quickly clean up contamination from toxic firefighting foam that leaked into the ground on and near Holloman and Cannon Air Force bases.

The preliminary injunction, filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court, asks the court to compel the Air Force to outline the contamination plume and test groundwater and drinking water. Another demand is that the Air Force provide alternative water sources and voluntary blood tests to those who may have

been exposed to the toxic substances.

"I am extremely frustrated that the Air Force has not been responsive to protecting the health and safety of New Mexican families by addressing years of environmental pollution," state Attorney General Hector Balderas said in a statement Wednesday. "Because of their delay and failure to act, (Environment Secretary James) Kenney and I are asking the court to ensure timely protection of New Mexico's people, wildlife, and environment from this ongoing and devastating pollution."

PFAS (per- and poly-fluorinated alkyl substances) are a group of 4,000 "forever chemicals" that are difficult to break down. The chem-

icals were in products like Teflon and 3M's Scotchgard because they repelled water, oil and stains.

Environmental Protection Agency research links the chemicals to cancer, low infant birth weights and weakened immunity.

Since the 1970s, PFAS were an ingredient in firefighting foam on the nation's military bases.

Cannon officially announced in October 2018 that PFAS had seeped into groundwater on and around the base. And in February 2019, the Air Force reported PFAS levels at Holloman groundwater monitoring wells at 137 parts per trillion. The EPA's current drinking water advisory for PFAS is 70 parts per trillion, but that advisory is not enforceable.

Air Force spokesman Mark Kinkade said recently that the branch took immediate action to provide clean water to properties near Cannon where PFAS levels in drinking water tested above the EPA's lifetime health advisory.

"We provided bottled water at first and have been working with impacted property owners on longer-term, cost effective solutions, such as hooking up to city water or filtration systems," Kinkade said.

Kinkade said that drinking water at Holloman meets the EPA health advisories, so "access to alternate water sources is not an issue."

"It's unfortunate that New Mexico is yet again having to fight the federal government to do what's

right," Secretary Kenney told the Journal earlier this month. "The Air Force does business in New Mexico and brings people here and employs New Mexicans, but then when there is harm to the state, they are unwilling to fix the problem. This seems to be a pattern with federal agencies in our state."

The state agencies first filed a notice of intent to sue in March, alleging that the Air Force had violated the state's Hazardous Waste Act. Tuesday's filing adds a violation of the federal Resource Conservation Recovery Act. The agencies said the request for emergency action would "ensure the health of New Mexicans and the environment are protected as the case proceeds."

Portales city manager projects drawing down on reserves

By David Grieder
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PORTALES — City Manager Sammy Standefer projected drawing down further on reserves for Portales' general fund in a presentation Tuesday evening on the coming fiscal year budget.

In a public hearing before the Portales City Council the "Final Budget for 107th

Fiscal Year 2019-2020," Standefer forecasted drawing down reserves by \$1,428,252, \$127,863 more than projected in the interim budget. He maintained as he had in previous council meetings that either revenues must be increased or expenditures decreased to protect the city's future financially.

That could mean a reduction in services or an

increase in their fee; other ideas he floated were incremental increases in the municipal or hold harmless gross receipts taxes, or increases to property taxes.

Commissioners were not asked to approve any such adjustments, but did unanimously approve the final budget for FY 19-20 after closing the public hearing. No public comments were made.

Mayor Ron Jackson and Councilor Dianne Parker were not present.

The FY 19-20 budget also included some city reorganization items, to include two positions being unfrozen from the police departments and an increase of about \$20,000 to salary and benefits of the general services department head and library administrator.

The final balance for the

FY 19-20 general fund is \$1,172,079, with \$829,000 in reserves.

The following also occurred at the Tuesday meeting:

- Approval of Public Works Department and committee request for outside sewer services to 501 Broadmoor Acres, owned by Larry and Anna Brock.

- Appointment of Councilor Jim Lucero to

another two-year term with the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority.

- Approval of a joint powers agreement for renewing the School Resource Officer Program between Portales Municipal Schools and the police department.

- No action following an executive session of about 15 minutes.

School board to consider policy revisions, staff retention

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

CLOVIS — In their last regular summer meeting before the new school year, the Clovis Municipal Schools Board of Education will meet this week to consider some policy revisions, inventory disposal

and staff retention.

A "discussion of staff retention" is on the agenda under "employee services," and officials have previously noted a turnover rate of 20-25% among CMS personnel in recent years. Teacher shortage is an issue statewide, and CMS staff

have said they're taking proactive approaches to meet those challenges locally.

Also on the agenda is the introductions of revisions to board policies on administering medicines to students, emergencies and graduation requirements. The finance

department is scheduled to present on consideration of "disposal of goats through auction" and removal from district inventory of "sealed bids of color guard costumes and flags."

Deputy Superintendent of Academic Services Mitzi Estes is

on the agenda to speak to a consideration for "Advanced Animal 3-Vet Science Curriculum."

The board meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at 1009 Main Street. New teacher orientation is scheduled to start the next day and K-12 classes start Aug. 12.

Governor signs order for establishment of fitness programs

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

SANTA FE — Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on Thursday signed an executive order providing for the establishment of fitness and wellness programs for its 17,000-plus state employees,

according to a release from her office.

The order directs the State Personnel Office to develop fitness and wellness guidance for state employees, including a policy template for agencies and departments to implement. Per the order,

each agency and department will implement a fitness and wellness policy that facilitates work-life balance.

"A healthy person is a productive person," Gov. Lujan Grisham said. "I want our employees to know they are valued, and I want prospec-

tive employees to know the state of New Mexico, as an employer, is conscientious of and responsive to their needs as human beings. Providing for exercise time and encouraging healthy habits is an important move in building and sustaining our work-

force."

The state personnel office's policy guidance allows for employees to take advantage of additional programming relating to health, fitness and wellness including employee awareness campaigns, health risk

appraisals, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, illness and injury prevention training programs, exercise programs, and education related to smoking, alcohol and drug abuse, among other potential programs.

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Roosevelt to finalize budget

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

PORTALES — The Roosevelt County Commission will give final consideration to its 2019-20 budget and cover fourth-quarter financials from the just-concluded 2018-19 fiscal year at its Tuesday meeting.

The commissioners will also consider two road closure requests at difference stages and a look at long-term utilization of another county road.

The commission will consider road view committee recommendations regarding the closure of a 1-mile stretch of South Roosevelt Road 9 east of South

Roosevelt Road N, and appoint a road viewer committee for a request to close two miles of South Roosevelt Road AL north of South Roosevelt Road 21.

Lt. Col. Russell Gheesling of Cannon Air Force Base is also slated to attend the meeting for discussion of enhancing North Roosevelt Road AV.

Other items on the agenda for the 9 a.m. meeting at the Roosevelt County Courthouse include:

- Consideration of retaining Doerr and Knudson for county legal services.

- An executive session to discuss six litigation cases and limited personnel matters.



Staff photo: David Grieder

Clovis' Jesse Trevino, astride his steed "Snap-On," leads a small team mounted near the tail end of the 53rd Annual Border Town Days parade Saturday morning from Texico to Farwell.

Clovis man killed in crash

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

FRIONA — A 22-year-old Clovis man was killed in a crash Thursday afternoon near Friona, officials said.

Benjamin Arguello was leaving Cargill Meat Solutions when he "failed to yield right of way and entered the eastbound lanes of U.S. 60 in the path" of a tractor-trailer rig, according to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Arguello was attempting to turn left onto the highway's westbound lane and

was struck on the door of his Chevrolet Silverado truck by a 2014 Freightliner pulling a trailer in the eastbound lane.

The truck driver, Jerry Varnell of Portales, was unable to avoid the collision, the report shows.

Officials said Arguello died at the scene. Varnell was not injured.

The wreck happened about 2:20 p.m. CDT.

Parmer County Sheriff Randy Geris said the victim was an employee of Cargill.

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Death notices

Frank Allison

Age: 81
 City of Residence: Artesia, NM
 Date & Place of Birth: Dec. 21, 1937 in Portales, NM
 Date & Place of Death: July 25, 2019 in Artesia, NM
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Clovis

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Trinity United Methodist Church and Clovis Fire Department Station No. 5.

Early voting will be available at city hall and North Plains Mall.

■ Daniel Eilenstine of Clovis inquired about creating a committee for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance. Eilenstine, a wheelchair user, also encouraged city commissioners and staffers to take on the wheelchair challenge where they use a wheelchair for a set amount of time and discover, "you just don't see the issues others would see."

Lansford said before creating a committee, he'd like to see the 10 highest-problem areas for wheelchair users addressed, and asked

Assistant City Manager Claire Burroughes to take on the task with hopes Eilenstine could help.

■ District 1 Commissioner David Robinson participated in his first meeting, and took former Commissioner Ladona Clayton's positions as District 1 representative for the Public Works Committee and the Chamber of Commerce's railroad committee.

Lansford said he would take over for Clayton on the water policy advisory committee, "because I'm so wrapped around the axle of water anyway" as chair of the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority.

■ The next meeting is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. Aug. 8 at the North Annex of the Clovis-Carver Public Library.

Clovis earns partnership award

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

CLOVIS — Clovis, Clovis Municipal Schools and Cannon Air Force Base were nationally recognized this week as recipients of the 2019 Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award, according to a CMS release.

The award is the highest honor the Military Child Education Coalition gives during its annual award ceremony, held Tuesday in Washington, D.C. "Your community partnership truly

lives the MCEC vision to 'ensure inclusive, quality educational opportunities for all military-connected children,'" an award letter from the MCEC said. "Working together, you're all making great things happen for great kids."

The coalition works toward a vision that every military-connected child is college, workforce and life-ready. Its goals are meeting the academic, social and emotional needs of military-connected children, and having empow-

ered parents and supporting adults and community of partners committed to the ensured success of military-connected children.

The district was represented by Superintendent Renee Russ and Deputy Superintendent of Employee Services Joe Strickland. Representing the city were Clovis City Commissioners Chris Bryant and Fidel Madrid.

Information about MCEC is available at militarychild.org.

Standoff

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with Smith and a 39-year-old female inside the residence. The initial call to dispatch came from an anonymous caller who reported the two arguing and heard a gunshot.

■ Clovis officers gave Smith verbal commands from an open front doorway to exit the room. They said they heard what sounded like a pump shotgun being loaded.

■ Smith brandished a rifle towards the officers, and

Sarabia discharged his department-issued weapon. Smith was not struck or injured.

■ Following the shot, officers fell back until SWAT arrived. A team negotiated with Smith, and eventually used a Taser to take him into custody. He was treated on scene by emergency personnel, then taken to the Curry County Adult Detention Center.

■ A 12-gauge pump shotgun, which investigators believed to be the weapon Smith pointed at officers, was located along with several other weapons.



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Three neighbors identified the residence at 510 East 18th Street as the scene of a fatal shooting early Saturday morning just outside Portales.

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Shooting

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night before.

"They probably scattered," Hailer said of the people in attendance. "But I don't think I ever heard fighting there before."

Hailer said his wife woke up around 2:45 a.m. to flashing lights on the street outside. Cory Griffith, in the house beside the residence, said his wife had awoken around 2:30 a.m. to the sound of several gunshots and called police.

"It was their third big party this month," added Griffith, who said the body was removed from the scene

around 8 a.m. and that police cleared from the area and opened barriers from the block about two hours later.

Bob Gaudern stayed that night at his grandparents' residence beside the scene of the shooting and said cars started arriving at sundown Friday, estimating over 40 people in attendance at the gathering there. He said it

was "a bit hectic" in the middle of the night Saturday during the initial police response but that he didn't pry.

"I saw (the body), but I tried very hard not to look at it," said Gaudern. "My heart goes out to the families of all those hurt. The lives of many changed (Saturday) night."

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Legal 8231
July 21, 2019
July 28, 2019
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF ROOSEVELT NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-911-DM-2019-00051

Francisco Calamaco Petitioner,
vs
Javier Delrefugio Carranza-Robledo Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO Maria Delrefugio Carranza-Robledo, RESPONDENT:

Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you.

The subject of this lawsuit is: Dissolution of Marriage

If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this Notice, the Court may enter a default judgment against you.

Petitioner's Name: Francisco Javier Calamaco
Mailing Address: S. Roosevelt Rd. 11
City/State/Zip: Portales, NM 88130
Telephone#: 575-749-1882

WITNESS the honorable Donna J. Mowrer, District Judge of the Ninth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Roosevelt, this 1st day of July, 2019.

Vicki J. Wilkerson Clerk of District Court

By: Rita L. Herrera Deputy

Legal 8237
July 28, 2019

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
are invited to provide comment on hearings for the issuance of or transfers of liquor licenses as outlined below. This Hearing will be conducted at the NM Alcoholic Beverage Control Division on the date specified in the Toney Anaya Bldg., 2550

LEGALS

Cerrillos Road, 2nd Floor, Santa Fe, NM. The Hearing Officer for this Application is Charmaine Martinez who can be contacted at 505-476-4804 or by email at Charmaine.martinez2@state.nm.us
A hearing will be held on August 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. regarding Application No. 1137581 for a Restaurant Liquor License to Coronado BBQ, LLC, d/b/a Rib Crib BBQ, located at 4020 North Prince Street, Clovis, New Mexico 88101

Legal 8241
July 28, 2019
August 4, 2019

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF CURRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF Camille Roxanne Martinez

No. D-905-CV-2019-000511

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME
TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 40-8-1 through Sec. 40-8-3 NMSA 1978, the Petitioner Camille R. Martinez will apply to the

Honorable David P. Reeb, Jr., District Judge of the Ninth Judicial District at the Curry County Courthouse, 700 N. Main Street, Suite 14, in Clovis, New Mexico at 8:00am on the 14th day of August, 2019 for an Order for Change of Name from Camille Roxanne Martinez to Camille Roxanne Martinez.

Shelly Burger District Court Clerk

D. Stoddard Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: /s/ Camille Martinez Petitioner Pro Se

Legal 8238
July 28, 2019
August 4, 2019

CURRY COUNTY DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES

BID NO: 2019/20-01

The Curry County Board of Commissioners are requesting competitive sealed bids for the Demolition of Structures for Curry County. Written forms for ITB No. 2019/20-01 may be obtained in the following manner from the Curry County Administration office, 417 Gidding Street, Suite 100, Clovis, NM 88101-7500,

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(575)763-6016; or online at www.currycounty.org.

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at the office mentioned above, at which time and place, all bids will be opened publicly.

BID's must be submitted in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked: "BID No. 2019/20-01—Do Not Open" along with the Bidder's name and address.

Curry County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any formalities and technicalities.

Troy Hall Purchasing Agent. 575-763-6016 ext. 133

Legal 8244
July 28, 2019

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BOND RESOLUTION

Notice is hereby given of the title and of a general summary of the subject matter contained in an ordinance duly adopted and approved by the Governing Board of Roosevelt County Special Hospital District (the "District"), Portales, New Mexico, on July 23, 2019 relating to the authorization and issuance of the District's Hospital Gross Receipts Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2019. Complete copies of the Resolution are available for public inspection during the normal and regular business hours of the District 42121 US Highway 70, Portales, NM 88130.

The title of the Resolution is:

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY SPECIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL GROSS RECEIPTS TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2019 IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$5,285,000 TO DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, EQUIP AND FURNISH THE ROOSEVELT GENERAL HOSPITAL FACILITY AND ITS RELATED CLINICS TO SERVE THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT AND THE RESIDENTS OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS SOLELY FROM THE DISTRIBUTION OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY'S LOCAL HOSPITAL GROSS RECEIPTS TAX REVENUES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 7-20C-1 AS REPLACED

This notice constitutes compliance with § 6-14-6 N.M.S.A. 1978.

Legal 8243
July 28, 2019
August 4, 2019

THE COUNTY OF CURRY
will hold a public meeting on Friday, August 9, 2019 at 4:30p.m. in the County Commission Chambers located at Curry County Administrative Complex,

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BY SECTION 7-20E-9 NMSA 1978 PURSUANT TO LAWS 2019, CHAPTER 274 AND SECTION 7-1-6.13, NMSA 1978; PLEDGING THE LOCAL HOSPITAL GROSS RECEIPTS TAX REVENUES TO THE REPAYMENT OF AMOUNTS OWED UNDER THE BONDS; APPROVING THE FORMS AND TERMS OF THE BONDS; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS RESOLUTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF CERTAIN ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS AND PLEDGED REVENUES.

A general summary of the Resolution is:

The Resolution authorizes the issuance and sale of hospital gross receipts tax revenue bonds in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,285,000 designated as the Roosevelt County Special Hospital District Hospital Gross Receipts Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2019 for the purpose of designing, constructing, equipping, and furnishing of the Roosevelt General Hospital facility and its related clinics, including but not limited to the emergency room department, by the District, funding the Reserve Fund and paying Expenses; provides that the 2019 Bonds will be payable and collectible from the revenues derived from the pledged Hospital Gross Receipts Tax imposed by Roosevelt County and transferred to the District pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement; provides the maturity dates, interest rates, redemption provisions and other details of the 2019 Bonds; approves execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with the New Mexico Finance Authority, as purchaser of the 2019 Bonds, and certain documents relating to the 2019 Bonds; ratifies action previously taken in connection with the 2019 Bonds; and repeals all action in conflict with the Resolution.

ITB 2020-20 can be found online at under Current RFPs/ITBs and is available in the County Administrative Offices located at 109 West First Street, 3rd Floor, Portales, NM 88130. Invitations for Bids, any future addenda, and all related information are available under "Current RFPs" on the County's website at www.rooseveltcounty.com or by contacting the Procurement Officer, (575) 356-5307, rrivera@roosevelt-county.com

Sealed Bids must be received by 2:00 PM (MST) on Aug. 26, 2019 at the Roosevelt County Administrative Office, bearing the return address of the firm and clearly marked ITB No. 2020-01-Emulsion Materials ~ Roosevelt County Road Department.

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417 Gidding Street, Clovis, NM; to discuss major projects/purchases that should be included on the County's Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP). Residents of Curry County are invited to attend and provide input on projects they believe should be included. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Curry County Administration at 575-763-6016.

Legal 8245
July 28, 2019

INVITATION TO BID ITB# 2020-02 EMULSION MATERIALS ROOSEVELT COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT DUE DATE: AUG. 26, 2019 - 2:00 P.M

Roosevelt County extends an Invitation to Bid from entities desiring to provide Emulsion Materials for the Roosevelt County Road Department. The Board of Roosevelt County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to accept the bid which in its judgment is most suitable and in the County's best interest, to be the sole interpreter of the intent of any clauses of the specifications and the sole judge as to whether an offer complies with specifications.

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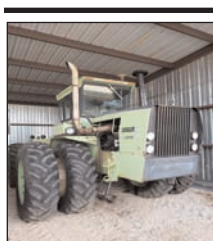
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Park to make first defense of title

□ LFA's lightweight belt-holder, Morales set for Aug. 6 battle.

BY THE STAFF OF THE NEWS

Harvey Park crossed a huge milestone in his career last April when he became a Mixed Martial Arts champion.

He's approaching another one — trying to defend that championship.

Park will attempt to do so against Venezuelan-born Omar Morales on Aug. 6 at Las Vegas' UFC Apex, in the main event of a night that includes four fights on the undercard.

Park, a Curry County sheriff's deputy originally from Melrose, crowned himself the Legacy

Fighting Alliance's lightweight champion on April 26 with he took care of Demarques Jackson of Florida with two seconds to go in Round 1 of their bout at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, South Dakota for the then-vacant crown.

Park (12-2) is still hoping for a shot in the UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship). He had hoped to follow the path of prior LFA lightweight champion Austin Hubbard, who went directly to the UFC without even having to defend the LFA belt. Park, though, is still awaiting an Ultimate Fighting Championship opportunity, so for now his best option is to defend the LFA belt against Morales on Aug. 6.

Morales, now based in Florida, has less pro fights than Park, but has won them all, carrying a 7-0 record

into the Aug. 6 title bout.

Here's the tale of the tape:

■ Both fighters are 33 years old, with Morales a negligible five months older.

■ According to their most recent official weights, Morales had the slight advantage, 155.8 pounds to Park's 153.0 pounds.

■ Park has a height advantage, standing an even 6 feet tall to Morales at 5-10.

■ Advantage Morales in reach: 74.0 inches to Park's 72.0.

Park has the notable advantage of entering as the defending champion, no longer the challenger trying to dethrone someone, but the man who holds the crown, daring opponents to try and take it away.

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Courtesy photo: Ryan Blevins

Harvey Park during his April Legacy Fighting Alliance title match against DeMarques Jackson.



Submitted photo

Maya, left, and Anya Hammond, twin sisters born 1 minute and 10 seconds apart, helped the Clovis girls swim team win a District 3/4 championship last February and will both swim for the University of New Mexico's Division I program, beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

Still inseparable

□ Clovis High grads Maya, Anya Hammond getting set to swim at Division-I UNM.

By Peter Stein

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CLOVIS — When Anya Hammond first came into the world, she didn't have a sister.

That lasted for 1 minute and 10 seconds.

Then, Anya was joined by her twin Maya, and the pair has been close to inseparable ever since.

Oh, they've had their own personalities, separate interests, especially when they lived in Albuquerque. Since moving to small-town Clovis, however, they've had to run — and swim — in the same circles more often than not.

The Hammonds have been integral parts of Clovis' swim program in recent years and will continue the family tie back in Albuquerque beginning about two weeks from now when they launch their college educations at the University of New Mexico and swim for the Division I Lobos.

They'll even be roommates.

Their studies won't intersect much, as Anya plans to major in Biology, Maya in Exercise Science. But the girls who have been a box set for the last 18 years plan to be one for at least four more.

That's quite a bond for sisters who have been on this earth together for all but that minute-and-10-second gap.

"I usually just say a minute," Anya noted.

Whatever the time difference, since both Hammonds officially arrived they've had a physical and emotional connection that few siblings enjoy.

"It's having a best friend," Maya said, "when-ever you go to a new school or a new classroom."

"UNM's under a mandate that they have to have a certain number of New Mexico kids. But they're not just taking anybody. Those two for sure are going to help them."

— Clovis swim coach Gordy Westerburg on Maya and Anya Hammond being recruited to the University of New Mexico swim program

But?

"Sometimes it's annoying," Maya added.

For the most part, though, a cool deal.

"Especially in swimming," Anya said, "because swimming's so rigorous and mentally hard. To have someone to relate to, it helps."

Twins can be a great gift and a caution at the same time. In soap operas there's often an evil one wreaking havoc on the fictional town where the story is set. But neither Anya nor Maya is evil. There isn't even any twin high-jinx like switching clothes to mess with their parents' and teachers' minds.

"No," Anya said, "because we're fraternal, so we don't look alike. I don't think we look alike."

Probably not enough for the clothes-switching gag, but enough for people who don't know them to assume they might be twins.

In the pool, they're equally deadly. Each helped Clovis' girls win a District 3/4 championship Feb. 9 at Hobbs High School. The Lady Wildcats won by 18 points over second-place Las Cruces, who had won the previous year's meet by 40.

Anya set a new district record in the 500 freestyle (5:16.0) that day, and contributed to a new district and Clovis mark in the 400 free relay (3:39.1), with a quartet that also included Maya, Hannah Luscombe and Bella Zamora.

Anya also took first in the 200 freestyle

(1:57.0), with Maya contributing to the first-place 200 free relay team (1:45.2) that included Mykala Chavez, Shyann Kissinger and Nina Mead.

At the state meet in Albuquerque two weeks later, Anya captured second in the 200 freestyle (1:55.4) and fourth in the 500 free (5:10.5). She and Maya were part of a school-record-setting, third-place 400 free relay team (3:36.6), along with Luscombe and Zamora.

Anya helped the 200 medley relay team — that also included Luscombe, Zamora and Mead — place fourth (1:50.9) in states. And Maya was part of the 200 free relay team — along with Mead, Kissinger and Chavez — that took fifth (1:45.1).

Solid numbers. And yet, the Hammond twins who began swimming at an Albuquerque YMCA when they were about five years old didn't always think they were destined to be Division I athletes.

"No, not really," Maya said. "Until this year, swimming in college was an option."

"College was just to get our degree, not to swim," Anya said. "Gordy said, 'You can do both.'"

Anya was referring to Gordy Westerburg, who had already coached swimming in Albuquerque for 36 years when he took over for Vincent DeMaio as Clovis' head swim coach last year.

"Coach DeMaio did a lot for us," Maya said. "He built the platform and then Gordy kind of gave us that little push."

Both coaches may have helped. But Westerburg gives credit to Anya and Maya, who had to do their part in finding their way to the Division I level. "They're both really hard workers," he said.

Westerburg says that New Mexico State and the University of New Mexico both wanted the twins to come swim for them. UNM, Westerburg's alma mater, may have needed them a tad more.

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Fox in 'great place'

□ Former Hound excited for future with Cal-Berkeley.

By Peter Stein

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Quick, now. What comes to mind when you think about University of California athletics.

Aaron Rodgers? Jared Goff?

If you're old enough you probably remember when Cal football's kick-return laterals beat Stanford while New Mexico native Joe Kapp was coaching the Golden Bears. If you're older still, you might remember when Kapp was California's quarterback.

Cal men's basketball? Kevin Johnson likely comes to mind. "KJ" in 1992 became the first California men's basketball player to have his jersey number retired by the school, a year before helping the Phoenix Suns reach the NBA Finals against Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls.

California men's basketball this decade? If you know that ex-Brooklyn Net and current Atlanta Hawk swingman Allen Crabbe played for Cal, you would probably score 1600 on your Basketball SAT, if there was such a thing. And though Crabbe may be a solid workaday NBA player, his biggest impact on the league has probably been when the Nets traded him to the Hawks this offseason, creating enough cap space to reel in Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving.

Cal men's basketball in 2018-19? 8-23 overall, 3-15 conference. 12th in the Pac-12.

Now tasked with getting Berkeley abuzz about men's hoops is 50-year-old Mark Fox, a former Eastern New Mexico University player and 1991 ENMU graduate. Fox's challenge is daunting, but the ex-Greyhound is up for it. And then some.

"I don't know how you gauge excitement, but I'm really thankful, I'm overjoyed, I'm excited," Fox said last week in a telephone interview with the Eastern New Mexico News. "This is a great place, we've got a storied history. And so I'm really, really excited to be here."

The feeling is mutual.

"Mark Fox is a man of unparalleled integrity with a proven record of success as a head basketball coach," Cal athletic director Jim

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Scoreboard

Softball

That's It 19, Detox/Logan Annex 15
Detox/Logan Annex 25, Scum 12

Clovis Softball Association

Wednesday Night league

A Division

Team	W	L
D.T.P.	8	0
BOO/AA Loans	4	3
Aftermath	3	2
No Skillz/HomeSpot	3	2
Most Hated Familia	3	5
Mayhem	2	4
M.T.C.	2	5
Snider Electric	1	5

B Division

Team	W	L
Los Piratas	4	0
Sucios/Canteros	4	0
Freddy's Auto	4	2
Top Notch	4	2
Maximum Effort	3	2
DC Softball	3	3
Hit n Run	2	3
Team Supreme	2	3
Members Only	2	5
Gun Slingers	2	5
M.O.G.	0	5

C Division

Team	W	L
Carnalismo/LaFamilia	5	2
Los Dorados	4	1
B.T.S.	4	1
That's It	3	4
Can U Dig It	2	3
Deez Guyz	2	3
N.M.F.	2	3
AMMO	2	3
Detox/Logan Annex	2	4
Night Crawlers	2	4
Scum	1	2

Wednesday's scores

Freddy's Auto 18, Gunslingers 9
MTC 13, Mayhem 2
NMF 25, AMMO 11
Sucios/Canteros 13, MOG
BTS 23, Night Crawlers 12
BOO/AA Loans 15, Most Hated Familia 5
DTP 21, BOO/AA Loans 4
Maximum Effort 7, Hit n Run 0
Carnalismo/LaFamilia 15, Los Dorados 13
MTC 17, Snider Electric 16
Top Notch 21, Freddy's Auto 13
BTS 15, Detox/Logan Annex 5
No Skillz 25, Aftermath 13
DTP 20, Mosthated Familia 3
Members Only 15, Gunslingers 14
Maximum Effort 17, Gunslingers 13
Sucios/Canteros 7, DC Softball 0
Top Notch 18, Team Supreme 8

Women's League

A Division

Team	W	L
Bad Apples	5	2
Down-N-Dirty	4	3
New Skillz	2	3
Mas Fina	2	5

B Division

Team	W	L
No Glove No Love	5	1
Funsized	4	2
Rukus	3	3
Bazinga	2	3
Good Times	2	3
Vipers	1	5

C Division

Team	W	L
Hit Squad	5	1
Mixed Up	5	1
The Tribe	4	1
Xtreme Heat	4	1
Lady Seadogs	3	2
Dirty Girlz	3	3
Lady Outlaws	3	3
Shenanigans	2	3
SWAT Latinas	1	4
Rugrats	0	5
New Era	0	6

D Division

Team	W	L
Patronas	6	0
VooDoo Dolls	4	0
Diablas	4	1
Psycho Pitches	4	1
Scorpions	4	1
Manny's Girls	2	4
Pitch Slap	2	4
Cruel Intentions	1	4
Those Girlz	1	4
Venom	0	4
Pitches @ Work	0	5

Last week's scores

The Tribe 21, Seadogs 5
Diablas 7, Cruel Intentions 0
Good Times 19, No Glove No Love 12
Xtreme Heat 25, Lady Outlaws 7
Mixed Up 15, Swat Latinas 12
Down N Dirty 7, Mas Fina 0
New Skillz 22, Bad Apples 7
Funsized 9, Rukus 8
Hit Squad 25, Pitches @ Work 10
Pitch Slap 25, Pitches @ Work 10
Funsized 9, Rukus 8
Hit Squad 14, Dirty Girlz 7
Bad Apples 7, Mas Fina 0
Down N Dirty 14, New Skillz 1
Bazinga 24, Vipers 23
Patronas 21, Scorpions 11
Manny's Girls 11, Those Girlz 3



Courtesy: Cal athletics

1991 Eastern New Mexico University graduate Mark Fox, right, conducts off-season men's basketball practice recently at the University of California in Berkeley, Calif. Fox was hired in the spring to be the Golden Bears' new head coach.

Fox

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Knowlton said in a statement released after Fox was hired last March. "He is an inspiring leader, a teacher and an exceptional communicator who has displayed a strong commitment to developing the entire student-athlete on the court and off the court.

"We had an exceptional pool of candidates, and through the entire process, one person clearly rose to the top." Fox last coached in 2018, when he guided the Georgia men's basketball team to an 18-15 overall record, 7-11 in the Southeastern Conference. The Bulldogs were 11th in the SEC and at season's end did not even qualify for the NIT.

So after nine years with Georgia, Fox was gone. "It wasn't mutual, they let me go," he said. "Obviously, that's part of the business. We parted ways and I moved on."

Fox was out of coaching during the 2018-19 season, which wasn't all that terrible.

"I think a chance to recharge was welcome," said Fox, a married father of two. "I did a lot of stuff for USA Basketball, but it was really a chance to catch my breath and recharge, so that was really healthy."

While Fox was recharging, the Golden Bears were struggling, and last season was only part of it. They were 16-47 over the past two seasons, so on March 24, Wyking Jones was fired and the program went searching for its 18th head coach. Enter Fox, who had been the Nevada, Reno men's head coach prior to his Georgia stint, and had a 286-176 (.619) career coaching record.

"The one thing that I told my agent in the last year, I said, 'I'm not going to have a conversation with anybody that has a sitting coach.' I just think that's not the right way to go about it," Fox said.

"Obviously, when this job came about I was excited to have a chance to be involved, and I always thought that this was a special place."

That impression came from his days coaching at Nevada, both as an assistant and the head man.

"I lived in Reno, Nevada for nine years," Fox said. "That's just 3 1/2 hours from here."

For Fox, the Cal job is another step along a basketball path, another part of a basketball passion that began during his early childhood in Kansas. "I know I made a basket when I was three years old because I have the rim," Fox said. "It was always the sport that I was drawn to."

It didn't hurt that he grew up in an athletic family, in a state that bleeds Jayhawk blue and Wildcat purple. He knew he wanted to be a basketball coach since elementary school, but he was young and still had plenty of playing years ahead of him.

After high school, Fox continued his basketball career at Garden City (Kansas) Community College. He says he wasn't yet prepared to take his game to the four-year college level.

"At that time I had never played one game of basketball in the summer. There weren't camps and weren't all the opportunities kids have in summer ball," Fox recalled. "I played at the junior college because that was the only option that I had. I'm thankful for that experience. Ultimately it changed the path of my life because I was just an average player, but it gave me a chance to get a college education and to go to Eastern and finish my degree."

Fox earned a full basketball scholarship from ENMU and Earl Diddle, who was then just one season into what would be a 10-year coaching run highlighted by a Lone Star Conference Tournament championship in 1993.

"I had a couple of schools in the Big Sky (Conference) that

I was considering," Fox said. "The timing worked out (for Eastern), and one of my teammates (Dennis Chambers) was going there, so it's where I ended up."

Fox was a wing in Diddle's system, but was limited late in his college career after undergoing elbow surgery two days before the start of his senior season, "which really kind of derailed any chance of playing," he said.

Fox was an Eastern New Mexico teammate of guard Ron Milam, who 10 years after graduation died in the 9/11 terror attack on the Pentagon.

Those ENMU days have stayed in Fox's thoughts, have helped mold him.

"Your memories are always of your teammates and the experiences you have with them," Fox said. "At that time Coach Diddle was still trying to reshape the program and put his stamp on it, so he worked us hard. I remember his conditioning; some of those things you can't forget because they were difficult. I still do a variation of the conditioning drills we did, I still use those today. I think every place you go you have things you learn and draw from."

Trent Johnson, who would become a longtime friend and coaching colleague, helped Fox get a graduate assistant job at Washington. Fox went on to an assistant coaching position at Kansas State, then to another at Nevada, Reno, when Johnson was the head coach there.

Fox became Nevada, Reno's head men's basketball coach in the late spring of 2004, days after Johnson resigned to coach the Stanford men's team. Fox guided Nevada, Reno into the NCAA Tournament his first three seasons there, and the last two led them into the College Basketball Invitational, a tournament including 16 teams that hadn't qualified for the NCAA Tournament or NIT.

Five years in Reno were fol-

lowed by Fox's nine-year run at Georgia, during which he coached Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, the eventual eighth overall pick of the 2013 NBA Draft who is currently a Los Angeles Lakers teammate of LeBron James and Anthony Davis.

Prior to Georgia's struggles during Fox's last season, he did coach the Bulldogs into tournament play the four previous seasons and five times in the previous seven. They reached the NIT in 2014, '16 and '17, and the NCAA Tournament in 2011 and '15.

Now it's on to California, where Johnson will be one of Fox's assistant coaches. Fox is already impressed with the players he is inheriting.

"Kids are resilient, first of all, but change is hard for kids at the same time," Fox said. "But they have been really open to a new coaching staff and hopefully they see a bright future for themselves."

What will it take for Fox and his staff to elevate those players, to rescue Cal's program from the doldrums?

"That's a great question," Fox said. "We also have an athletic director who had not even been here a year when he hired me, so I think the infrastructure in our basketball program will continue to change. I think as we recruit players we'll continue to adjust the talent level, but it's not just players. It's how we operate, how we're funded. And hopefully we'll compete nationally once we have those things checked off our list."

Even in the challenging early days, it should be an exciting time for Fox, his staff and California men's basketball.

"Yeah, I hope so, I hope so," Fox said. "We have a lot of work to do. The team has struggled a bit the last couple of years, so we've got a lot of work in front of us."

Park

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His road to that distinction was a 10-year battle that began after his military discharge, and included hours of hard work at Force of One Martial Arts gym in Clovis,

owned and operated by trainer Eric Suan.

Park now looks to keep that journey on the right path, win his first defense, move closer to a chance at the UFC.

Because, as Park said after taking the championship last spring, "It's always awesome to win."

Hammond

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"UNM's under a mandate that they have to have a certain number of New Mexico kids," Westerburg said. "But they're not just taking anybody. Those two for sure are going to help them."

Since both sisters swim distance freestyle, they will swim the 500 and the mile for UNM. Anya is also capable in the backstroke, Maya in the breaststroke, so they can complement each other, too.

They recently attended UNM orientation where they had a chance to train in a non-formal setting with other swimmers, some from other schools, and the twins had success against that formidable competition.

Among the swimmers from outside of UNM was Zofia Niemczak, who won this year's Mountain West Conference 200 butterfly championship last February. Niemczak is also vying to make the Polish Olympic

team next year.

Westerburg was already familiar with Niemczak, having coached her during his Albuquerque days, so he knew she was a standout swimmer before the MWC championships. Niemczak, with all her credentials, squared off against Anya at the orientation.

"And on the first day, her and Anya were pretty comparable," Westerburg said. "On the second day, Anya was miles ahead of her. And that's huge. So for them to see, 'Hey, I can train with these guys,' that's going to be big-time, big-time."

Sounds like a 'big-time' swimming future is in store for Clovis' dynamic duo. They won't be a duo forever, though.

"I think once we graduate and figure out what we want to do," Maya said, "I think it'll be OK to go separate ways."

For more than 1 minute and 10 seconds.

What's happening

■ Eastern New Mexico University is now selling 2019-20 memberships for the Greyhound Club, with club membership required to buy season tickets for football, volleyball and basketball.

Memberships start at \$100 with different benefits for donation tiers of up to \$5,000, and money may be directed to support specific programs. Season tickets in general admission are \$35 for volleyball, \$40 for football and \$50 for basketball, while reserved basketball season tickets are \$60 and chair-back season tickets for football are \$75.

Greyhound Club members from the 2018-19 year have until Thursday to renew their membership and reserve season tickets. After that point, season tickets will be available for all Greyhound Club members on a first-come, first-served basis.

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■ The Clovis High volleyball booster club will hold a pair of tournaments Saturday at the sand volleyball courts adjacent to the Hillcrest Park Zoo.

A cornhole tournament will be offered, along with a four-on-four co-ed sand volleyball tournament.

Team registration is \$40 for the cornhole tournament, with two people per team. To register, contact Yolanda Gallegos at 575-749-2799 or email clovishpca@gmail.com.

Team registration for sand volleyball is \$120 per co-ed team, which can be between four and six players. To register, contact Amy Kelley at 575-309-8516 or email clovisnmvolleyball@gmail.com.

Registrations and waiver forms must be in by Monday. All checks should be made payable to CHS Wildcat Boosters.

■ Colonial Park Golf Course will hold a junior golf camp Aug. 5-8.

The camp is for golfers 10-18 and goes from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. daily, with snacks and water provided. A limited amount of clubs will be available for players who don't have any. Campers are asked to register in advance at the pro shop and arrive 15 minutes before camp each day.

The camps are \$75 each, but participants pay \$35 with the Blake Berry Memorial Scholarship fund covering the remaining amount.

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■ The Clovis High Athletics office is selling reserved seat season tickets Monday for the upcoming Wildcat football game,

according to a release from the district.

The sale will be open first to reserved seat season ticket holders from the 2018 season, who have until Aug. 15 to either renew their season tickets at \$60 each or relinquish their seats.

Any remaining seats after Aug. 15 will be sold for \$60, with a \$20 discount to active duty and retired military.

Tickets may be purchased and picked up at the CHS athletic office at 1900 Thornton.

The tickets are good for all five regular-season home games, beginning Aug. 23 against Hobbs. Clovis will hold homecoming Oct. 4 against Sandia. If any are still available in-season, single-game reserved seat tickets will be \$12 each at the gate.

General admission tickets are available in advance at the athletics office. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students, active or retired military (with ID) and senior citizens (62 or older). Family athletic passes are not accepted for football games.

Information: Cindy Gulley, 575-769-4350, ext. 1023.

■ A youth tennis camp will be held this week at the Bill Wahlman Tennis Center in Portales.

The camp will go 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. each night, and is open to players from grades K-7. Registration is \$40 per camper and due by Friday.

Information: 575-356-8598 or jdiaz@portalesnm.gov.

■ The New Mexico USSSA state championships are scheduled for Friday through Sunday, with the men's and women's E tournaments in Ruidoso and the men's and women's D and C tournaments in Las Cruces.

Entry fees for each tournament are \$315, payable to local USSSA area director Roger Jackson. Payment is due Monday.

Information: 575-762-8977 or clovisussa@3leties.com

■ The Eastern New Mexico University men's basketball program is running an elite ID camp Aug. 10 at Greyhound Arena. The camp, with a \$95 registration, is open to all high school athletes, and is designed to prepare athletes for the speed and physicality of college basketball while giving ENMU staff a chance to evaluate participating athletes as potential recruits.

The camp will have check-in starting at 9 a.m., following by skill development from

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and competitive games from 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

To register online visit the camps section of enmuhoops.com.

Information: Tres Segler, enmuhoops@gmail.com

■ The Eastern New Mexico University softball program will have three camps in September — prospect elite camps Sept. 7 and 21 and a Lil' Hounds Camp Sept. 14. All three camps are at Greyhound Softball Field.

The elite camps are for girls entering grades 9-12, and each respective camp will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with check-in and same-day registration for \$60 per player at 8:30 a.m. Each camp will be limited to the first 40 participants that register.

The Lil' Hound Camp will be held 9 a.m.-noon Sept. 14 for girls or boys, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$30 per participant.

Information: tayler.rushing@enmu.edu.

Sports events or sports-related activities to list? Call: 575-763-3431. Fax: 575-762-3879. Drop it off at 521 Pile St, Clovis. Email: kwilson@thenews.email



Above: Taken on the Fourth of July, 2018, in Clovis. Xavier, 11, and Xander, 5.



Right: The family in Japan in 2017.

World-wide traveler

My name is Kim Cho. I am from Brooklyn, New York. (We moved to America when I was 2.) My husband is Sol, and we have two boys: Xavier, 11; and Xander, 5. Sol joined the military in the summer of 2002. We have traveled to many places overseas. Our favorite was Japan. We love learning all of the cultures and customs in their lives. We move around a lot, so I have had a lot of jobs. Some include substitute teaching, bank teller, secretary, sales associate, The Red Cross, and I currently work as the manager of the Cannon Thrift Shop.

HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR SPOUSE?
 We met in the Summer of 1997 at my sister's junior high school graduation. We didn't start dating until months later. 22 years later, here we are, married with two beautiful, handsome boys.

TELL US ABOUT A TIME YOU CRIED.
 It was during one of Sol's deployments. My oldest was about to turn 7. We took my husband to the airport to send him off. It wasn't until we got into the car that the tears started falling. I saw that Xavier was crying silently and wiping away tears. He was so brave not showing daddy his tears. As a mother, I couldn't bear seeing him hurt! I pulled over and held him and cried with him and told him everything would be okay. This was when Xander was

OUR PEOPLE

- ▶ **Name:** Kim and Sol Cho
- ▶ **Age:** 37
- ▶ **Where were you born?** Saigon, Vietnam
- ▶ **Where do you live now?** Clovis

only three months old.

IF YOU COULD HAVE A SUPER POWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?
 I would have a healing power. I would love to heal any pain that anyone is having or going through. If I can take that away from someone, I would be honored to do so.

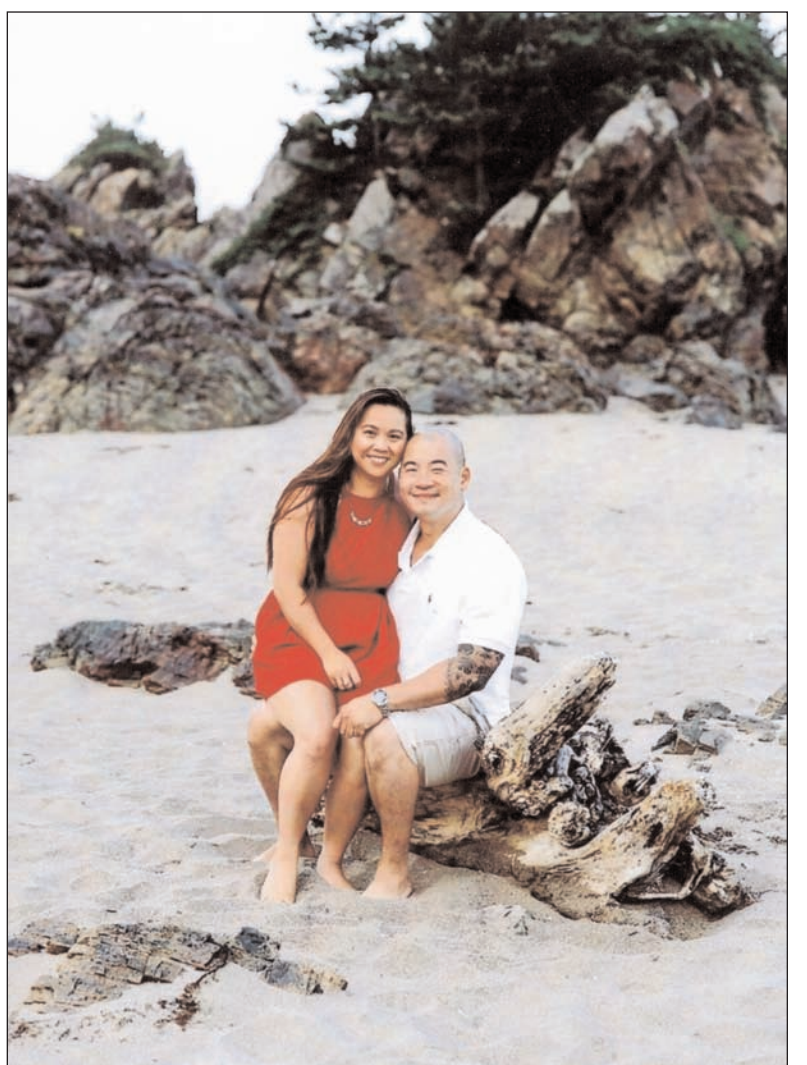
WHAT ARE YOU READING?
 "The Last Lecture," by Randy Pausch.

WHAT DO YOU COLLECT?
 I love to collect currency from all the different places we have gone to.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE REMEMBERED?
 I just want to be remembered as a kind, loving person. Someone who is always thinking and caring about others. Most importantly, as a wonderful mother to my children — how much they mean to me and what I would do for them. I love them with all my might!

DO YOU HAVE A CELEBRITY CRUSH?
 Dwayne "The Rock"

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Above: My husband Sol and I in Hiroasaki, Japan. My husband, Sol, and myself.

Top left: Having fun in the snow with the family at Christmas.

Bottom left: The boys having photos done off of Route 60/84.

Timmy's tell-all ruined more than just 'Lassie'

Turns out Timmy is not stuck in a well and, furthermore, he never has been stuck in a well. What deception!
 I caught a Fox News interview with Jon Provost, better known as Timmy Martin, where he confesses that Timmy never was trapped in a well in any of the TV classic serials of the show "Lassie." He says he's not exactly sure where the modern-day myth came from, but before he penned his autobiography "Timmy's in the Well," he reviewed every episode just to make sure he never spent time at the bottom of a well. Apparently there were other



Karl Terry
 Local columnist

characters over the years that got trapped in abandoned wells (a popular Hollywood predicament of the era). Timmy was trapped in more than one mine, fell into lakes and was likely one of the most accident-prone youngsters on TV. So that's likely how comedians picked up the joke. Timmy had to get into some

kind of trouble or save someone else in danger in pretty much every episode. That was the template of the show. Timmy does something stupid, he finally gets out of the jam with Lassie's help, Mom welcomes him home with a tearful hug and Dad turns the incident into a teachable moment with a moral around the country kitchen table. "Flipper" and "Gentle Ben" used exactly the same format with equally cute kids and just substituted a fish and a friendly bear for the collie. It was good TV and responsible largely for my morally sound fiber and ability to get into all kinds of trouble. The interview with Timmy did

burst a few childhood bubbles that I wish had remained intact. For instance, Lassie wasn't a lass at all. He was a she, the first television transvestite apparently. They even had an episode every year of Lassie having puppies. I guess just because puppies are cute. Another deceit: that wonderful farmhouse with its yard full of chickens, barn and country kitchen was just a soundstage at Desilu Studios. Worst of all, Timmy couldn't stick to ruining just "Lassie." Oh no, he ventured off into the television heaven that is Mayberry, North Carolina. He talks about filming at the same lake shown in

the opening credits of "The Andy Griffith Show." The one where Andy and Opie are seen strolling down the trail with fishing poles over their shoulders as Opie stops to skip a stone. That iconic scene is apparently a location right below Mulholland Drive, a short distance from Hollywood. Timmy is no longer my best friend. In fact I hope he does fall down a well some day. Just see if Lassie comes to his rescue now after all of his tell-all stories. He never could hold a candle to Ron Howard's Opie anyway. Karl Terry writes for Clovis Media Inc. Contact him at: karlterry@yucca.net

Hero's Journey, home remodeling ahead on show

Information on the Hero's Journey and home remodeling will be the featured topics on "Creative Living" 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and noon Thursday (all times Mountain).

Sharon Barnes is a therapist for sensitive and gifted children and adults. She is going to discuss how highly creative people can learn to overcome discouragement. She'll talk about how the Hero's Journey can be helpful to a highly creative person. Barnes is from Littleton, Colorado.

Interior decorator Latriece Brooks will explain why having an Interior Decorator involved in your remodeling or building projects can save money in the long run. Having someone help devel-



Sheryl Borden
Creative Living

op your scope of work as well as your financial budget can pay off. Brooks' company is Brooks Interior in Clovis.

Information on making a kindle cozy, preparing and serving "clean" food and different ways to use grapefruit sections will be the featured topics on "Creative Living" noon Tuesday and 2 p.m. Saturday.

For those who can't go anywhere without computer

gadgets, Laura Bray, crafter and designer, will show how to make a kindle cozy that protects against scratches and dents when traveling. She represents Velcro USA, Inc. and lives in Aliso Viejo, California.

Christy Kabbani and Nicky Poloski are business partners, and their company is Two Mothers Foods. They pride themselves on serving only "clean" food, which is free of high allergens, low nutrient density ingredients and preservatives. They'll demonstrate one of their recipes and show how it is served. They are from Naperville, Illinois.

EleiSha Ensign is the Executive Director for TexaSweat Citrus Marketing

in Mission, Texas. She's going to go over all the different ways you can use a grapefruit section. She'll also show how to section a grapefruit quickly.

Two Mothers Foods

Two Mothers Foods began by offering a lunch program for the Four Winds Waldorf School in Warrenville, Illinois. We are expanding, and now have a reduced-waste lunch shop in Naperville, Illinois. They hope to share their venture with other conscientious eaters who like the idea that their lunch creates minimal waste.

Healthy clean food: Minimal waste means food

is served in reusable glass mason jars, with a cloth napkin and real silverware, all in a canvas bag. You also have the option to bring in your own container or thermos and receive a discount. We get many of our ingredients from the Chicago Green City Market and the Geneva Green Market, and we have super-sized CSA's with local farms to supply us much of the year. We try to be approachable to all. At least 50% of our menu is vegan, gluten free, sugar free, dairy free, soy free, and nut free. We are absolutely committed to sustainability: We do not want to be a food company that creates waste from paper, plastic, or even one-use recyclables or com-

postable materials.

What is clean food:
■ Organic (as much as possible), third party certified.

■ Chemical-free, low allergen and unprocessed.

■ Free of sugar and artificial sweeteners: we only use honey from a local farm.

■ Absolutely no factory farmed animal products.

■ Most of our foods are free of nutrient-poor ingredients, such as wheat, sugar, corn syrup and gluten-free mixes.

"Creative Living" is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden. The show is carried by more than 118 PBS stations. Contact her at: sheryl.borden@enmu.edu

Senior calendar

Baxter Curren Senior Center 908 Hickory St., Clovis

Monday: 8:30 a.m. exercise class, 10 a.m. jewelry pals, 1 p.m. line dance

Tuesday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. exercise equipment, 8 a.m. quilting, 9 a.m. pinochle class, 11 a.m. novice line dance, 1 p.m. pinochle, 5:30 p.m. ladies' night out

Wednesday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. exercise equipment, 8:30 a.m. exercise class, 10 a.m. sew days, 1 p.m. needle gang

Thursday: 8 a.m. eggs, gravy and biscuits \$5, 8:45 a.m. pinochle 101, 1 p.m. bingo, 6 p.m. line dance

Friday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. exercise equipment, 8:30 a.m. exercise class, 10 a.m. needle gang, 1 p.m. pinochle, 7 p.m. dance (Curry County Outlaws)

Daily activities: 8-ball pool

Community Senior Center 1100 Community Way, Portales

Monday: Hamburger macaroni, green beans, buttered corn, peanut butter cookie, watermelon

Tuesday: Grilled pork chop, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, biscuit, cherry cobbler

Wednesday: Green chile cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, tater tots, pears

Thursday: Biscuits and gravy, ham, scrambled eggs, cubed potatoes, fruit cocktail

Friday: BBQ beef sandwich, mixed vegetables, plums

CRSMA Senior Diner's Club 901 West 13th St., Clovis

Monday: Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomato, onions, baked beans, tater tots, ice

cream

Tuesday: Chicken fried rice, Oriental vegetables, salad, spring rolls, tropical fruit

Wednesday: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, blended vegetables, salad, breadstick, banana pudding

Thursday: Burrito with beef, potatoes, cheese and pinto beans, salad, fruit cocktail

Friday: Chicken sandwich with lettuce and tomato, tater tots, baked beans, fruit salad

Friendship Senior Center 901 West 13th St., Clovis

Monday: Daily activities, 8:30 a.m. power walking, 9 a.m. zumba, 1 p.m. loteria

Tuesday: Daily activities, 3 p.m. fun night

Wednesday: Daily activities, 8:30 a.m.

power walking, 9 a.m. zumba, noon Friendship Next Generation (science activities)

Thursday: Daily activities, Spider-Man movies all day

Friday: Daily activities, 1 p.m. bingo

Daily activities: Crafts, 8-ball pool, coffee, snooker, games, darts and puzzles

La Casa Senior Center 1120 Cameo St., Clovis

Monday: Daily activities, 9 a.m. exercise, 1 p.m. bingo

Tuesday: Daily activities, 1 p.m. bingo

Wednesday: Daily activities, 10 a.m. exercise, 1 p.m. bingo

Thursday: Daily activities, 1 p.m. loteria

Friday: Daily activities

Daily activities: Sewing/crafts, 8-ball pool

Other activities: 11 a.m. general meeting second Tuesday each month, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. dance, third Sunday each month, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. jam/potluck, last Friday each month

Los Abuelitos Senior Center 1515 W. Fir St., Portales

Monday: Daily activities

Tuesday: Daily activities, ICAN

Wednesday: Daily activities

Thursday: Daily activities, loteria

Friday: Daily activities

Daily activities: 9 a.m.-9:45 a.m. exercise, sewing/crafts, 8-ball pool

Other activities: 11 a.m. general meeting, second Thursday each month, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. dance, second Sunday each month, 8 a.m.-noon commodities, third Wednesday each month for ages 60-plus.

Cho

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Johnson and Jason Stratham are a couple I will name.

FAVORITE QUOTE?

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." — Maya Angelou

IF MONEY WERE NO OBJECT, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO MAKE EASTERN NEW MEXICO A BETTER PLACE?

I would bring in more retail stores and eateries. The one thing I would love to change is adding more educational facilities for the children. Museums would also be a good addition for the young ones. Growing up in New York, we had so many levels of museums to go to. We could learn and interact and it was great.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR YOUR LAST MEAL?

I love Dim Sum. That would definitely be my last meal. During this "brunch" meal, so many different types of food are being served, so I would have plenty to eat.

WHAT'S THE BEST GIFT YOU'VE EVER GIVEN? RECEIVED?

The best gift I have received is something that is not a material item. It is all of the bonding through the friendships I have made during this military journey. With each and every friendship, we have all gained and learned from one another. They are all like a family to me, and that has no value.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE YOUR LIFE WILL BE LIKE IN 10 YEARS?

That we will finally settle into one place that we can call our forever home. A home that we can start building memories for our kids. And hopefully, maybe we can add another baby to our family.

— Compiled by correspondent Celina Avallone McHale

Does the use of gender-neutral words help promote gender equality?

By Gracie Bonds Staples
THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

Since reading about the Berkeley City Council's vote to replace more than two dozen terms used in the city's municipal code with gender-neutral words, I've been trying to remember a time when I felt words like chairman or manpower or fireman made me feel less than or excluded.

I can't. That could be my way of dealing with the pain that one might feel, but I don't think so. I do think this California city council just made, excuse the cliché, a mountain out of a molehill.

If you haven't heard, the city's municipal code will no longer feature words like "manhole" and "manpower." It will use instead "maintenance hole" and "human effort" or "workforce." Gender-specific references to job titles, like "policeman" and "craftsman," will also be changed in the code, to "police officer" and "craftspeople" or "artisans." "Sorority" and "fraternity" would change to "collegiate Greek system residence." And the use of gendered pronouns, like "he" and "she," would be replaced with specific titles, like "the attorney" or "the candidate."

The measure passed unanimously.

I was surprised but then I remembered similar stories out of New York, where the city has added a gender-neutral option to birth certificates, and the decision by the Boy Scouts to drop "Boy" from its flagship program.

I raised an eyebrow even then, but Elizabeth Markovits, a professor of political science who has worked to promote the use of gender-inclusive language at Mount Holyoke College, reminded me that my experiences aren't the only ones that count here.

"I urge folks to look at the result on our society, rather than their own experience," she said.

Point taken but even knowing the power of words, I don't get how this matters when it comes to gender equity.

Markovits, on the other hand, believes gendered words help explain why gender inequality persists, why more of us think moms should stay home with young kids rather than dads and why Congress is composed overwhelmingly of men.

Can using gender-neutral words instead change the way we see each other?

Markovits doesn't think they are the answer, but she is convinced it plays a role.

"The language we use to



Dreamstime photo via TNS

The Berkeley City Council voted unanimously to replace more than two dozen terms often used in the city's municipal code with gender-neutral words.

describe the world also shapes it, helping to form our own ideas of what feels right and wrong, how the world should be, how it really is," she said. "If you only ever hear of 'Mommy and Me' baby yoga classes or first responders as 'firemen,' you get a certain picture of the world: A dad would seem absurd at Mommy and Me class — or at least a funny or praise-worthy addition. Definitely out-of-the-ordinary. And a woman in the firehouse is likewise remarkable and causes us to do a double take because this language is so embedded in us and shapes how we see the world."

Markovits said that gendered language helps create a world where women are seen as naturally suited ... to the task of parenting, and less fit for physically demanding jobs or political leadership. This leads to the division of all sorts of things from housework and child care to income inequality and glass ceilings. So tackling this where we can — in our local political life and everyday speech — is one tiny piece of moving us closer to equality.

A lot of people agree.

For sure, Berkeley isn't the first city to give its municipal codes a linguistic cleansing, said Fern Johnson, a senior research scholar of English at Clark University in

Worcester, Massachusetts. Albuquerque, Detroit, Memphis, Minneapolis, New York and Seattle have all made language less gender-specific, but these changes are usually incremental and happen without much fanfare, she said.

Back in 1990, Johnson said, for instance, Sacramento officially changed "manhole" to "maintenance hole" (Berkeley's chosen term), and it's not uncommon today to see terms such as "service hole," "utility hole" and "access chamber."

There are also cities other than Berkeley where language changes have been adopted, but these haven't made the national headlines.

"Rarely are they voted on more widely, as when Philadelphia residents passed a ballot measure in May that made the term 'councilmember' official," Johnson said, adding the broader context for these changes is evident everywhere.

"It's hard to find a publishing house that does not have guidelines for gender-inclusive language, and journalistic style manuals have changed, too," Johnson said. "This is because language changes in tandem with changes in society. The words and phrases we use and the manner in which we

express ourselves all take in what's happening in society. We've seen this in references to racial groups, ability differences, and gender more broadly. Terms such as 'Latinx,' 'differently abled' and 'transgender' were simply not part of the lexicon until recently, nor were the now infamous LOL-type expressions."

Are there naysayers?
Sure. Social change always draws detractors.

"Some object because they do not see language as important or they think it's somehow cemented in tradition," Johnson said. "Even a short history of language usage shows contrasts from one time to another. My grandmother at my own age would have been termed 'an old lady' and 'elderly' but definitely not a 'senior citizen.' "Many of my own schoolmates in the early 1960s were 'Negroes.' Not today."

The only thing that seems for sure is the ways in which we use language are constantly evolving with social changes, and that includes vocabulary.

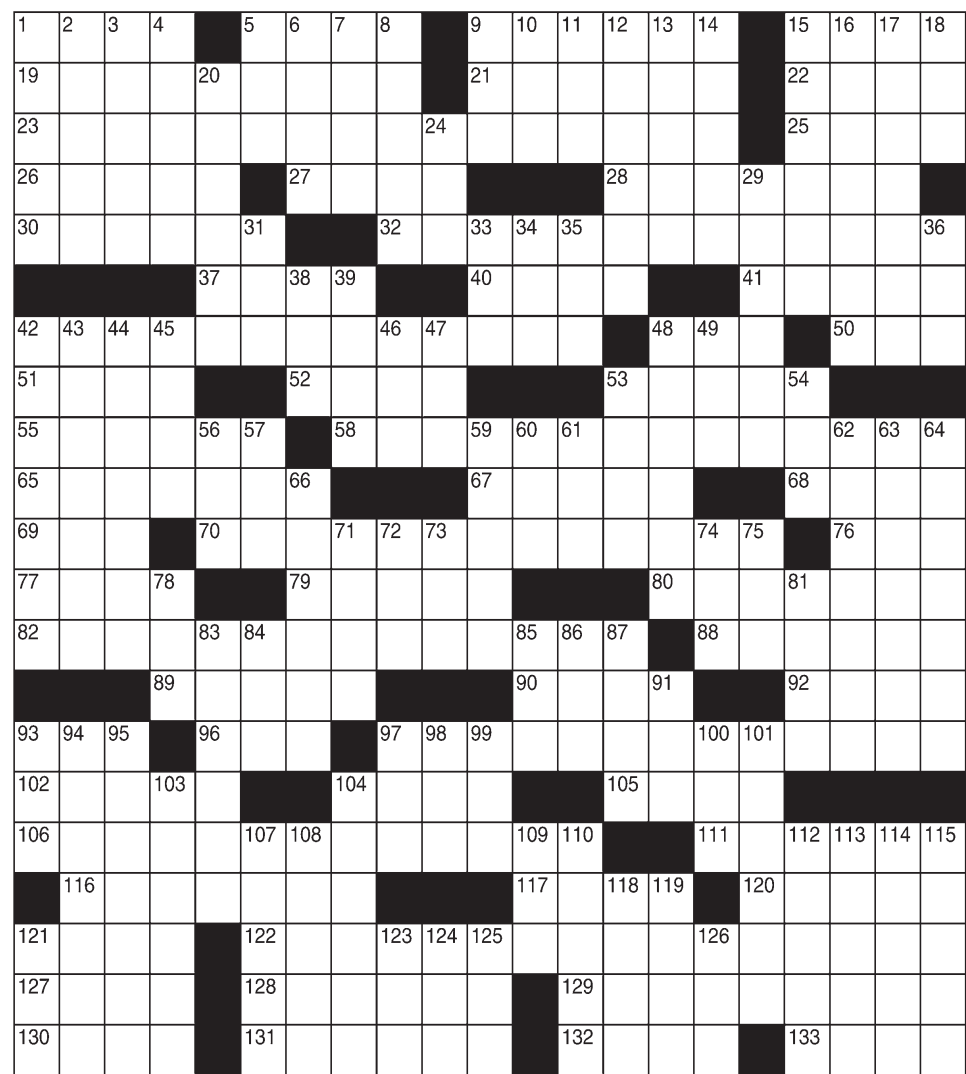
Johnson said gender-neutral language is quickly becoming the norm. So much so when a person or organization uses male-laden forms, it sticks out like a sore thumb as it screams of sexism.

That's news to me.

Super Crossword

"THAT'S MY CLUE"

- ACROSS**
- 1 Inuit vehicle
 - 5 In — (as first placed)
 - 9 Total fan
 - 15 Insolent talk
 - 19 Law enforcer
 - 21 Actress Peet or Pays
 - 22 Andy Taylor's boy
 - 23 Flatfish that was there first?
 - 25 WWII attack time
 - 26 Quality
 - 27 '63 Liz Taylor role
 - 28 Couple taking off to tie the knot
 - 30 Lookout person
 - 32 Product for whitening NASCAR drivers' garb?
 - 37 Kappa preceder
 - 40 Smell — (be suspicious)
 - 41 Willing to do
 - 42 Wild horse's boastful talk?
 - 48 Battle milieu
 - 50 "The Waste Land" poet's inits.
 - 51 Classic New York City theater
 - 52 Actress Gilbert
 - 53 Vex no end
 - 55 Single-celled swimmer
 - 58 Trajectory of a thrown winter weapon?
 - 65 Place affording a good view
 - 67 Related to kidneys
 - 68 Black bird
 - 69 Ending of pasta names
 - 70 The cry "Hah, I scaled that peak and you didn't!"?
 - 76 Be obliged
 - 77 Rose Bowl org.
 - 79 Take for one's own use
 - 80 Manufacture
 - 82 Huddle of military officers?
 - 88 "Short and stout" vessel
 - 89 His cube became a craze
 - 90 Novelist Hunter
 - 92 Viral net phrase, say
 - 93 Anvil's organ
 - 96 Pill, e.g., briefly
 - 97 Powerful machine that pulverizes car splash guards?
 - 102 Censoring tone
 - 104 Opera part
 - 105 Mavens
 - 106 One who would've taken on Goliath if David had been unavailable?
 - 111 Take stock of
 - 116 Russian ballet company
 - 117 Tableland
 - 120 Sunni's deity
 - 121 Web app language
 - 122 Narratives recorded on CD?
 - 127 Prayer's end
 - 128 Beatified French lady
 - 129 Put in a different key
 - 130 Minstrel
 - 131 Ecstatic
 - 132 "Auld Lang —"
 - 133 White bird
- DOWN**
- 1 Notices
 - 2 Peter of "M"
 - 3 González in 2000 news
 - 4 Pinkie, e.g.
 - 5 Capitol fig.
 - 6 Apple type
 - 7 7'0", say
 - 8 In need of nourishment
 - 9 — Zedong
 - 10 — Darya (Asian river)
 - 11 Bread with vindaloo
 - 12 Put right?
 - 13 "A Passage to India" woman
 - 14 Substitute for chocolate
 - 15 Hit a homer
 - 16 It lifts a kite
 - 17 Debacles
 - 18 Comic Tina
 - 20 — acid (lime ingredient)
 - 24 Mauna —
 - 29 Not singular
 - 31 "— -hoo!"
 - 33 Sun — -sen
 - 34 Uno + due
 - 35 Rowing need
 - 36 Charles V's realm: Abbr.
 - 38 "Conan" channel
 - 39 "Ah, so sad"
 - 42 Facing with courage
 - 43 Film genre
 - 44 Student at England's oldest university
 - 45 Nikita's "no"
 - 46 Samovar
 - 47 — Paulo
 - 48 Whack hard
 - 49 Justice Dept. raiders
 - 53 Israeli flier
 - 54 Twitch
 - 56 "Socko!"
 - 57 In past time
 - 59 Legal papers
 - 60 Actor Affleck
 - 61 Director Lee
 - 62 Placed into categories
 - 63 "Why?"
 - 64 Woofers' counterpart
 - 66 Old Greek geometrician
 - 71 Arrow notch
 - 72 "My Mama Done — Me"
 - 73 TV's Kwik-E-Mart clerk
 - 74 Renoir's skill
 - 75 Foot 4-Down
 - 78 — Lingus
 - 81 Accurse
 - 83 Ado
 - 84 "Honest" guy
 - 85 Turner of TV
 - 86 First mate?
 - 87 — avis
 - 91 Network for Jimmy Fallon
 - 93 Recede
 - 94 Part of ASU
 - 95 Salvage
 - 97 Thu. follower
 - 98 A, in Vienna
 - 99 Hound
 - 100 Grazing field
 - 101 Op-eds, e.g.
 - 103 Actress Britt
 - 104 R&B artist
 - 107 Aspect
 - 108 L.A.'s region
 - 109 Rescue squad VIP
 - 110 Takes ten
 - 112 Insults
 - 113 Pipe shape
 - 114 Taco topper
 - 115 Soft luster
 - 118 Nimble
 - 119 Film scorer
 - 121 Quick hit
 - 123 Can.
 - 124 Plains native
 - 125 Beatty of "The Toy"
 - 126 Hex- ender



Honors

Bradsher

Katrina Bradsher of Clovis graduated from the University of Utah May 2 with a Master of entertainment arts & engineering degree. She was among 8,465 students receiving degrees.

Euteneier

Jenna Euteneier of Muleshoe graduated from the University of Utah May 2 with a Master of occupational therapy degree. She was among 8,465 students receiving degrees.

On the shelves

The following books are available for checkout:

Clovis-Carver Public Library

"Anthony Bourdain Remembered" by CNN: Anthony Bourdain Remembered brings together memories and anecdotes from fans reminiscing about Bourdain's unique achievements and his enduring effect on their lives as well as comments from chefs, journalists, filmmakers, musicians, and writers inspired by Bourdain.

"Cutting Machine Crafts" by Lia Griffith: This book includes beautiful items you can make using just about any electronic die cutting machine, by downloading the SVG templates, running your materials through your machine, and following the instructions to assemble your cut materials. Discover graphic Scandinavian patterns to decorate aprons and tea towels, paper succulent centerpieces, and dozens of blooms for bouquets, garlands, and crowns.

"Mama's Last Hug" by Frans De Waal discusses facial expressions, the emotions behind human politics, the illusion of free will, animal sentience, and, of course, Mama's life and death. The message is one of continuity between us and other species, such as the radical proposal that emotions are like organs: we don't have a single organ that other animals don't have, and the same is true for our emotions.

"Confessions of an Innocent Man" by David R. Dow Rafael: Zhattah relishes the simplicity and freedom of his life. He is the owner and head chef of a promising Houston restaurant. Then, lightning strikes. When he finds Teresa sitting at one of his tables, he also finds his soul mate and his life starts again. And just as fast, when she is brutally murdered in their home, when he is convicted of the crime, it is all ripped away. But for Rafael Zhattah, death row is not the end. It is only the beginning. Now, with his recaptured freedom, he will stop at nothing to deliver justice to those who

stole everything from him. **"What Doesn't Kill Her"** by Christina Dodd: Kellen Adams suffers from a yearlong gap in her memory. A bullet to the brain will cause that. But she's discovering the truth, and what she learns changes her life, her confidence, her very self. She is carrying a priceless burden she must protect at all costs. The consequences of failure would break her. And Kellen Adams does not break. **"The Bride Test"** by Helen Hoang: Khai Diep has no feelings. Well, he feels irritation when people move his things or contentment when ledgers balance down to the penny, but not big, important emotions-like grief. And love. He thinks he's defective. His family knows better-that his autism means he just processes emotions differently. When he steadfastly avoids relationships, his mother takes matters into her own hands and returns to Vietnam to find him the perfect bride.

— Summaries provided by library staff



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Researchers from the University of South Australia recently conducted a study, published in the *Nutrients* journal, to explore the association between chili intake and cognitive function.

Study: Spicy diet linked to dementia

By Najja Parker

THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION

Do you add hot sauce to many of your favorite dishes? Beware, because a spicy diet could raise your dementia risk.

Researchers from the University of South Australia recently conducted a study, published in the *Nutrients* journal, to explore the association between chili intake and cognitive function.

To do so, they examined 4,582 Chinese adults aged 55 and older for 15 years. The subjects recorded their food intake and underwent cognitive screen tests throughout the assessment.

After analyzing the results, the team found those who ate more than 50 grams of chili a day had a faster cognitive decline, compared to those who consumed fewer than 50 grams of chili daily. Fifty grams of chili is equivalent to about three to four tablespoons of dried chili peppers.

Those who had more than 50 grams of the spice a day almost had double the risk of memory decline and poor cognition, and the

decline was even more significant for slim participants.

"Chili consumption was found to be beneficial for body weight and blood pressure in our previous studies. However, in this study, we found adverse effects on cognition among older adults," lead author Zumin Shi said in a statement.

Chili is one of the most commonly used spices in the world, but it's particularly more popular in Asia, according to the study. It's uncommon to consume more than 50 grams of chili daily in Western countries. However, "in certain regions of China, such as Sichuan and Hunan, almost one in three adults consume spicy food every day," co-author Ming Li said.

The scientists revealed those who ate lots of chili had a lower income and body mass index and were more physically active than those who didn't consume as much chili.

They also noted people with a normal body weight may be more sensitive to chili intake than overweight individuals.

The team now hopes to continue their studies to determine if reducing chili intake can lower dementia risk.

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

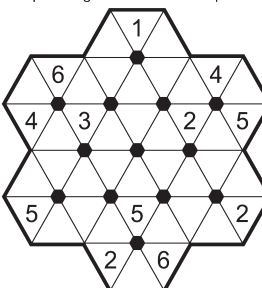
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

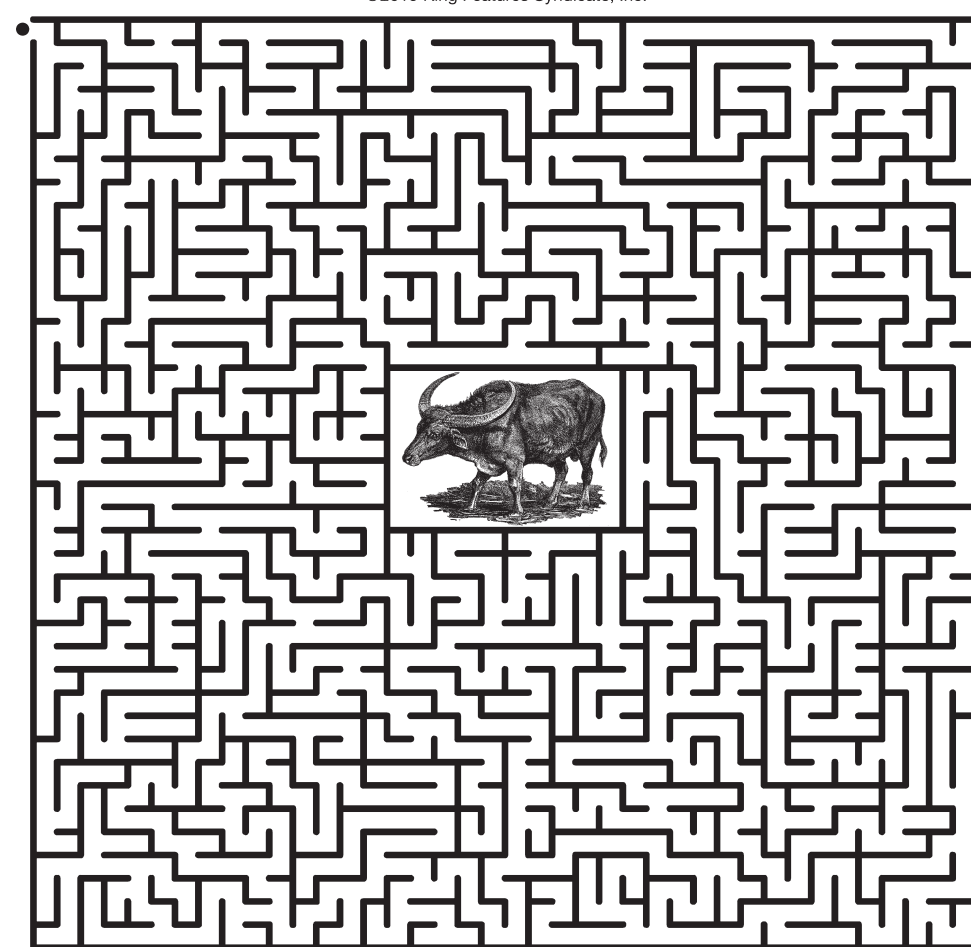


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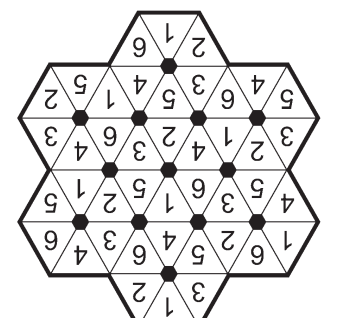
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Answers



solution
 SNOWFLAKES

— Jeff Cesario on the planet. Whoever came up with ice fishing must have had the worst marriage answer
 Cryptoquote

Area events

Monday-Friday

■ **Youth Tennis Camp** — 6:30-7:30 p.m. daily, Bill Wahlman tennis courts by Portales Junior High School, between Abilene and East Third Streets, Portales. Open to youth from kindergarten through seventh grade. Cost is \$40 per camper. Space is limited; call to check on availability. Information or to register: 575-356-8598 or email jdiaz@portalesnm.gov

Monday

■ **Back to school immunization clinic** — 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Clovis Public Health Office, 1216 Cameo, Clovis. Open to the public; free immunizations. Bring shot records and proof of insurance, including Medicaid. Additional clinics scheduled for Aug. 5 and Aug. 13. Information: 575-763-5583

■ **Scouts BSA (Boy Scouts of America) Girl Troop Signup Night** — 6:30-7:30 p.m., American Legion Post 25, 2400 W. Seventh St., Clovis. Information event for girls ages 11-17 who are interested in a new troop forming soon. Hosted by Scouts of Clovis and Portales. Information: email mbjorklund@aol.com or call 248-790-3126

Tuesday

■ **New Mexico State Auditor Brian S. Colón open office hours** — 8:30-10:45 a.m., Clovis Municipal Schools Central Office, 1009 N. Main St., Clovis. Colón and Office of the State Auditor Constituent Services staff available to meet with the public. No appointment necessary; first come, first served. Information: www.saonm.org

■ **Allen Theaters free Tuesday movie: "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World"** — 9 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 1:40 p.m., North Plains Cinema 7, 2809 N. Prince St., Clovis. First come, first served. Information: 575-218-7106

■ **Blood drive** — 1:30-5:30 p.m., Battle of the Badges Bloodmobile, Clovis Fire Department, 320 Mitchell St., Clovis. Register online at <http://www.bloodhero.com>. Information: 877-258-4825

■ **New Mexico State Auditor Brian S. Colón open office hours** — 2:30-5 p.m., Portales Public Library, 218 S. Ave. B, Portales. Colón and Office of the State Auditor Constituent Services staff available to meet with the public. No appointment necessary; first come, first served. Information: www.saonm.org

■ **Meet and greet with State Auditor Brian S. Colón** — 5:30-7 p.m., Landall's Box Office, 421 S. Ave. C, Portales. Hosted by the Roosevelt County Democratic Party. Information: 575-791-3021

Wednesday

■ **Free preschool screening clinic** — 9-11:30 a.m. by appointment only, Texico Municipal Schools, 520 N. Griffin St., Texico. Sponsored by Regional Education Cooperative #6 and open to children ages birth to 5 in the Texico school district. Information or to make appointment: Debbie Ulibarri 575-482-3492

■ **Blood drive** — 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Battle of the Badges Bloodmobile, Clovis Fire Department, 320 Mitchell St., Clovis. Register online at <http://www.bloodhero.com>. Information: 877-258-4825

■ **Summer Movie Under the Stars** — 8:15 p.m., Wheatfields Senior Living Community, 4701 N. Prince St., Clovis. Free movie on the back lawn; popcorn and soda provided. Information: 575-762-8700

■ **Free online class: Children in Hot Cars** — available all day long at training.nsc.org/hot-cars. In honor of Heat Stroke Awareness Day. Certificate of completion provided at end of training.

Friday-Sunday

■ **New Mexico tax-free holiday** — 12:01 a.m. Friday through midnight Sunday; taxes waived on many back-to-school items. Information: www.tax.newmexico.gov/tax-holiday.aspx

Friday

■ **Free preschool screening clinic** — 8 a.m.-noon by appointment only, Elida Municipal Schools, 103 Church St., Elida. Sponsored by Regional Education Cooperative #6 and open to children ages birth to 5 in the Elida school district. Information or to make appointment: Peggy Eimen 575-274-6211

■ **Artists' reception for the New Mexico and West Texas Art Educator Exhibition** — 3 p.m., Runnels Gallery, Golden Student Success Center, ENMU, Portales. Featured artists include Alyssa Lopez, Muleshoe High School; Christopher Don Rabb, Clovis High School; Corey R. Pickett, Clovis Municipal Schools; Julia L. Woodruff, Elida Municipals

Schools; Sherri Suzanne Pierce-Perry, Portales Junior High School; Suzan P. Lundy, Marshal Middle School; and Yvette Tarango, Clovis High School. Information: 575-562-2373

■ **First United Methodist Church community yard sale** — 5-8 p.m., Fellowship Hall, FUMC, 200 S. Ave. C, Portales. Information: 575-356-8597

■ **Kids' Bike Night** — 5:30-8:30 p.m., High Plains Harley-Davidson, 4400 Mabry Drive, Clovis. Strider races, bouncy house, and stunt show. Strider races begin at 6 p.m. Information: 575-769-1000

Saturday

■ **Sand Volleyball and Cornhole Tournament supporting Clovis High School Girls' Volleyball** — 8 a.m., Little Safari (formerly Luck-E Dawg Kiddy Land), 1201 Sycamore, Clovis. Teams must register by July 29.

Registration cost for 6-person co-ed volleyball teams is \$120. Registration for two-person cornhole teams is \$40 per team. Free admission for spectators; concessions will be available. For volleyball registration or information, email clovisnmvolleyball@gmail.com or call Amy Kelley 575-309-8516. For cornhole registration or information, email clovishpca@gmail.com or call Yolanda Gallegos 575-749-2799

■ **Raptor Skies with falconer Tom Smylie** — 9-11 a.m., covered shelter, Oasis State Park, 1891 Oasis Road, Portales. Presentation and live demonstration with peregrine falcon and Harris' hawk. No pets allowed. Free, but \$5 per car state park admission applies. Hosted by Friends of Oasis State Park. Information: 575-356-5331

■ **"Painting a Better Story" art project** — 10 a.m.-2 p.m., North Plains Mall, 2809 N. Prince St., Clovis. In conjunction with tax-free weekend Children ages 3-18 invited to create paintings to be sold in a September fundraiser auction to benefit The Oasis Children's Advocate Center in Clovis. Free; all materials provided. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Clovis. Information: Amy Corbin 575-749-1118

■ **First United Methodist Church community yard sale** — 7 a.m.-1 p.m., parking lot, FUMC, 200 S. Ave. C, Portales. Information: 575-356-8597

Aug. 5

■ **Back to school immunization clinic** — 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Clovis Public Health Office, 1216 Cameo, Clovis. Open to the public; free immunizations. Bring shot records and proof of insurance, including Medicaid. Additional clinic scheduled for Aug. 13. Information: 575-763-5583

Aug. 6

■ **First day of classes for Floyd Schools**. Information: www.floydbroncos.com or 575-478-2211

■ **Free preschool screening clinic** — 8 a.m.-noon by appointment only, Melrose Municipal Schools, 100 Missouri Ave., Melrose. Sponsored by Regional Education Cooperative #6 and open to children ages birth to 5 in the Melrose school district. Information or to make appointment: Karla Moore 575-253-4266

■ **Allen Theaters free Tuesday movie: "Smurfs: The Lost Village"** — 9 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 1:40 p.m., North Plains Cinema 7, 2809 N. Prince St., Clovis. First come, first served. Information: 575-218-7106

■ **Blood drive** — 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Bloodmobile, Roosevelt General Hospital, 42121 Highway 70, Portales. Register online at <http://www.bloodhero.com>. Information: 877-258-4825

■ **Under Over Festival** — 3-7:30 p.m., Hillcrest Park, 1201 Sycamore St., Clovis. Free arts/crafts activities, classes, art show, giveaways, entertainment. Information: Email underoverfestival@outlook.com

■ **"Painting a Better Story" art project** — 3-7:30 p.m., Hillcrest Park, 1201 Sycamore St., Clovis. In conjunction with Under Over Festival. Children ages 3-18 invited to create paintings to be sold in a September fundraiser auction to benefit The Oasis Children's Advocate Center in Clovis. Free; all materials provided. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Clovis. Information: Amy Corbin 575-749-1118

Aug. 7

■ **First day of classes for Melrose Schools**. Information: www.melroseschools.com or 575-253-4269

■ **Free preschool screening clinic** — 8 a.m.-noon by appointment only, Fort Sumner Municipal Schools, 1001 Sumner Ave., Fort Sumner. Sponsored by Regional Education Cooperative #6 and open to children ages birth to 5 in the Fort Sumner school district. Information or to make appointment: Robyn Drake 575-355-7766

■ **Blood drive** — 3-7 p.m., meeting room, Central Baptist Church, 2501 N. Norris St., Clovis. Register online at <http://www.bloodhero.com>. Information: 877-258-4825

Aug. 8

■ **First day of classes for Elida Schools kindergarten through grade 12**. Information: elidaschools.net or 575-274-6211

■ **Tucumcarl Field Day** — 4:30-9 p.m., Agricultural Science Center at Tucumcarl, three miles northeast of Tucumcarl on Highway 54. Keynote speaker: Tom Sidwell, New Mexico Cattle Growers Association president. Includes meal and hay wagon tour. Information or directions: call 575-461-1620 or email tucumcar@nmsu.edu

Aug. 9

■ **First day of classes for Dora Schools kindergarten through grade 12**. Information: www.doraschools.com or 575-477-2211

■ **Free preschool screening clinic** — 8 a.m.-noon by appointment only, Dora Consolidated Schools, 100 School St., Dora. Sponsored by Regional Education Cooperative #6 and open to children ages birth to 5 in the Dora school district. Information or to make appointment: Stacy Smith 575-477-2211

■ **Clovis Back to School Health Center Celebration** — 4-7 p.m., La Casa Family Health Center Clovis, 1521 W. 13th St., Clovis. Family event with free immunizations, blood pressure checks, dental screenings, car seat clinic, blood drive, interactive games, community vendors, bounce house, food, music, face painting. Information: Jasmine Johnson at 575-359-3825

■ **Blood drive** — 4-7 p.m., Bloodmobile, La Casa Family Health Center Clovis, 1521 W. 13th St., Clovis. Register online at <http://www.bloodhero.com>. Information: 877-258-4825

■ **Melrose Old Timers' Music Festival** — 7 p.m., PE complex, Melrose Schools, 100 E. Missouri Ave., Melrose. Cost: \$5 children 3-12; \$8 ages 13 and up. Full concessions available from Melrose junior class. Information: 575-760-5439

■ **Marriage Night** — 7-9:45 p.m., Faith Christian Family Church, 3401 N. Norris, Clovis. \$10 per person includes barbecue, fun, games, guest speakers. Fundraiser for Faith Christian youth group. Singles welcome. Childcare available. Advance tickets encouraged; space is limited. Information: 575-762-7751

Aug. 10

■ **Melrose Old Timers' Day** — 7-9 a.m., pancake breakfast, Melrose Senior Center, 427 Main St., Melrose; \$3 ages 12 and under, \$5 ages 13 and up. 9:30 a.m., parade on Main Street. 11 a.m., Chamber of Commerce pulled pork sandwich lunch in the park, \$6 per person. Activities all day in Melrose Park, including car show, class reunions, turtle races, food vendors. Information: 575-760-5439

■ **Blood drive** — 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Bloodmobile, La Casa Family Health Center Portales, 1515 W. Fir, Portales. Register online at <http://www.bloodhero.com>. Information: 877-258-4825

■ **Back to School Expo** — 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Clovis Civic Center, 801 Schepps Blvd., Clovis. Local exhibitors, businesses, non-profits, organizations, art classes, demonstrations, fashion shows, live music and performances, and a cornhole tournament. Information: 575-935-5000

■ **"Painting a Better Story" art project** — Noon-4 p.m., Clovis Civic Center, 801 Schepps Blvd., Clovis. In conjunction with Back to School Expo. Children ages 3-18 invited to create paintings to be sold in a September fundraiser auction to benefit The Oasis Children's Advocate Center in Clovis. Free; all materials provided. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Clovis. Information: Amy Corbin 575-749-1118

■ **Public star viewing** — 8-10 p.m., Oasis State Park, 1891 Base Line Road, Portales. Hosted by Clovis Astronomy Club and Friends of Oasis State Park. Event is free, but park entry is \$5 per car. Multiple telescopes available for use. Information: 757-846-7509

Aug. 12

■ **First day of classes for Clovis Schools kindergarten through grade 12**. Information: www.clovis-schools.org or 575-769-4300

■ **First day of classes for Portales Schools grades 3-12**. Information: www.portaleschools.com or 575-356-7000

Aug. 13-17

■ **Curry County Fair**, Fairgrounds,

600 S. Norris, Clovis. Information: 575-935-7000

Aug. 13

■ **Back to school immunization clinic** — 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Clovis Public Health Office, 1216 Cameo, Clovis. Open to the public; free immunizations. Bring shot records and proof of insurance, including Medicaid. Information: 575-763-5583

Aug. 14

■ **First day of classes for Clovis Christian School**. Information: clovischristianschool.com or 575-935-2278

Aug. 15

■ **Blood drive** — 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Cannon Room, Plains Regional Medical Center, 2100 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Clovis. Register online at <http://www.bloodhero.com>. Information: 877-258-4825

■ **Stoney LaRue in concert with Micky and the Motor Cars** — doors open 7 p.m.; concert 8 p.m., Curry County Events Center, 1900 E. Brady, Clovis. Tickets \$15-\$19 include admission to the Curry County Fair. Available in advance at <http://www.out-husetickets.com>. Information: 575-935-7000

Aug. 16

■ **Brigade Freestyle Motocross** — doors open 5 p.m.; showtime 7 p.m., Curry County Mounted Patrol Arena, Fairgrounds, 600 S. Norris, Clovis. Tickets \$18-\$22 include admission to the Curry County Fair. Available in advance at <http://www.out-husetickets.com>. Information: 575-935-7000

■ **Curry County Fair junior livestock auction** — 6:30 p.m., Curry County Events Center, 1900 E. Brady Ave., Clovis. Information: 575-935-7000

■ **Drake Hayes concert** — 10 p.m., Curry County Events Center, 1900 E. Brady Ave., Clovis. Follows the junior livestock sale. Free for anyone at the Curry County Fair. Information: 575-935-7000

Aug. 17

■ **2019 Moo-ve It!: The 9th Annual Southwest Cheese Fundraising Truck Pull Competition benefiting the United Way of Eastern New Mexico** — 10 a.m.-noon, parking lot, Curry County Events Center, 1900 E. Brady Ave., Clovis. Fifteen-member teams compete to pull a loaded milk tanker truck. Registration 9:30-10 a.m. day of event, but advance registration encouraged. Entry fee is \$400 per team; 100 percent of money goes to UWENM. Must be 18 and over to participate. Multiple levels of event sponsorship also available. Information: email staff@unitedwayenm.org or call 575-769-2103

■ **Brigade Freestyle Motocross** — doors open 5 p.m.; showtime 7 p.m., Curry County Mounted Patrol Arena, Fairgrounds, 600 S. Norris, Clovis. Tickets \$18-\$22 include admission to the Curry County Fair. Available in advance at <http://www.out-husetickets.com>. Information: 575-935-7000

■ **Tejano Concert featuring Los Palominos, Rick Fuentes and Brown Express, Grupo Mezcal** — doors open 7 p.m.; concert 8 p.m., Curry County Events Center, 1900 E. Brady, Clovis. Tickets \$15-\$19 include admission to the Curry County Fair. Available in advance at <http://www.out-husetickets.com>. Information: 575-935-7000

Aug. 19

■ **First day of classes for Clovis Community College**. Information: www.clovis.edu or 575-769-2811

■ **First day of preschool for Clovis Schools**. Information: www.clovis-schools.org or 575-769-4300

■ **First day of preschool for Dora Schools**. Information: www.doraschools.com or 575-477-2211

■ **First day of classes for Portales Schools kindergarten through grade 2**. Information: www.portaleschools.com or 575-356-7000

Aug. 20

■ **First day of classes for Eastern New Mexico University**. Information: www.enmu.edu or 575-562-1011

■ **First day of classes for Portales Schools pre-kindergarten**. Information: www.portaleschools.com or 575-356-7000

■ **First day of classes for Texico Schools kindergarten through grade 12**. Information: www.texicoschools.com or 575-482-3801

Aug. 22

■ **Blood drive** — 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Gymnasium, Clovis Community

College, 417 Schepps Blvd., Clovis. Register online at <http://www.bloodhero.com>. Information: 877-258-4825

Aug. 26

■ **First day of preschool for Elida Schools**. Information: elidaschools.net or 575-274-6211

■ **First day of preschool for Texico Schools**. Information: www.texicoschools.com or 575-482-3801

■ **United Way of Eastern New Mexico Women's Initiative Network (WIN) luncheon** — 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Clovis Civic Center, 801 Schepps Blvd., Clovis. Tickets \$15-\$20, available online at <http://www.mkt.com/uwenm/item/win-luncheon>. Information: 575-769-2103

Aug. 27-31

■ **Roosevelt County Fair**, Fairgrounds, Portales. Information: 575-356-4417

Aug. 28

■ **Summer Movie Under the Stars** — 8:15 p.m., Wheatfields Senior Living Community, 4701 N. Prince St., Clovis. Free movie on the back lawn; popcorn and soda provided. Information: 575-762-8700

Sept. 6

■ **Blood drive** — 12:30-4:30 p.m., Bloodmobile, Clovis-Carver Public Library, 701 N. Main St., Clovis. Register online at www.bloodhero.com. Information: 877-258-4825

Sept. 7

■ **Norman Petty Studios Alumni Reunion** — 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Norman & Vi Petty Rock & Roll Museum, 105 E. Grand Ave., Clovis. Basement of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce building. Public is invited. Press will be in attendance noon-1 p.m. Information: 575-763-3435

■ **Desert Cruzers Run to Hillcrest** — 8 a.m. registration; 11 a.m. opening ceremonies, Hillcrest Park, 808 Sycamore, Clovis. Annual car show, open to street-driven vehicles from 1999 and earlier. Registration fee \$30 before Sept. 1; \$40 after. Information: Jerry Bailey, 575-693-2511; Red Nevins, 575-309-5172; Mike Camp, 575-714-4737.

Ongoing

■ **New Mexico and West Texas Art Educator Exhibition** — through Friday, Runnels Gallery, Golden Student Success Center, ENMU, Portales. Open during regular building hours. Artists' reception 3 p.m. Friday. Featured artists include Alyssa Lopez, Muleshoe High School; Christopher Don Rabb, Clovis High School; Corey R. Pickett, Clovis Municipal Schools; Julia L. Woodruff, Elida Municipals Schools; Sherri Suzanne Pierce-Perry, Portales Junior High School; Suzan P. Lundy, Marshal Middle School; and Yvette Tarango, Clovis High School. Information: 575-562-2373

■ **Clovis and Portales Farmers Markets** — Clovis: 10 a.m. Saturdays, 5 p.m. Tuesdays, parking lot of Goodwin Lake Walking Trail, 3201 N. Prince St., Clovis. Portales: 5 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays during July and August, parking lot of First Street and Avenue B, Portales. Information: 575-760-0690

■ **Pintores Art League Artists of the Month** displaying for July at Clovis-Carver Public Library, 701 N. Main, Clovis, are members of the Muleshoe Art Association. Information: 806-946-9221

■ **Curry County Summer Food Service Program** — free nutritious breakfasts and lunches served at numerous locations to children 18 and under through Friday. Sponsored by La Casa Family Health Center; the New Mexico Children, Youth, Families Department Family Nutrition Bureau; and the United States Department of Agriculture. Information: <http://www.lacasahealth.com> or 575-359-3764

■ **Roosevelt County Summer Food Service Program** — free nutritious breakfasts and lunches served at numerous locations to children 18 and under through Friday. Sponsored by La Casa Family Health Center; NM CYFD Family Nutrition Bureau; and the USDA. Information: <http://www.lacasahealth.com> or 575-359-3764

■ **Kids' College** — Clovis Community College, 417 Schepps Blvd., Clovis. Wide variety of classes and activities for ages 3-17. New classes beginning regularly through Thursday. Costs vary; scholarships available. For a complete listing, visit <http://www.clovis.edu/kidscollege>. Information: 575-769-4760

To place an item on the events calendar, call the newsroom at 575-763-6991 or e-mail: dstevens@thenews.email

GAME INVENTORS



Staff photos: Kevin Wilson

Right: Candice Gibbs, left, and Ana Estrada show classmate Gabriel Vasquez deliver his pre-recorded explanation Wednesday at Clovis Community College on the "Worm Holes" board game — an outer space version of "Chutes and Ladders." The three were part of a group project in a CCC English 104 class. Instructor Greg Rapp said the students worked for seven weeks creating a board game from scratch for presentation.

Above: From left, Joseph Lewis and Peter Wafula demonstrate their group's "4 2 1," a combination card and dice game.



Jail log

Booked

The following were booked into local jails Tuesday - Thursday:

Clovis

- Ruben Rubio, 47, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence of drugs, failure to obey traffic control devices
- Jimmie Dockter, 58, probation violation
- Larry Sena, 62, driving while license suspended or revoked
- Steven Lujan, 35, probation violation
- Ramon Archuleta, 35, parole violation
- Arturo Vaca, 30, failure to pay fines
- Juan Medrano, 31, driving under the influence of liquor, failure to maintain traffic lane, no driver license
- Shea Moten, 34, child abuse - negligently caused (no death or great bodily harm)
- Pablo Madril, 18, receiving/transferring stolen motor vehicles
- Tywayne Hampton, 40, battery

against a household member

- Kaleb Dewitt, 27, aggravated battery (no great bodily harm), failure to pay fines
- Katie Abernathy, 31, unlawful use of an atm card
- Jorge Ordonez, 25, failure to appear on a felony charge
- John Reese, 46, failure to appear on a felony charge
- Steve Jurado, 31, aggravated battery on a household member, battery against a household member
- Jeremy Claudio, 29, child abuse - intentional (no death or great bodily harm)
- Slestino Owen, 37, failure to appear on a felony charge, resisting, evading or obstructing an officer, failure to appear on misdemeanor charge, driving while license suspended or revoked, no insurance, failure to display registration plate, failure to have operating tail lamps

Portales

- Joshua Berta, 32, battery upon a health care worker, receiving stolen property (over \$500 but not more than \$2,500)

- Denise Cervantes, 35, contempt of court (misdemeanor), hold for other agency
- Tyler Davis, 21, bench warrant
- Darnell James, 45, driving while license suspended or revoked, no proof of insurance, display of registration plate, stop or yield intersection
- Jose Sanchez, 19, warrant for arrest
- Raul Sanchez, 18, burglary (commercial), criminal damage to property
- Robert Wiltse, 66, receiving stolen property
- Abel Barron, 46, bench warrant
- Rafael Gamez, 29, no seat belt
- Gaby Lucero, 42, bench warrant
- Ronnie Lujan Jr, 22, falsely obtaining services (\$250 or less), battery (household member), criminal damage to property (household member)
- Julio Pacheco, 45, driving while license suspended or revoked
- Israel Rodriguez, 47, probation violation
- Barrett Williamson, 28, abuse of a child - no death or great bodily harm (first offense), false imprisonment, aggravated assault (deadly weapon)

- Francisco Navarrete, 26, parole violation

Released

The following were released from local jails Tuesday - Thursday:

Clovis*

- Javier Balbuena, 28
- Kelvin Gooden, 44
- Davin Waters, 25
- Brandon Brophy, 35
- Daniel Rodriguez, 53
- Abriana Gomez, 25
- Bobby Owen, 35
- Joshue Martinez, 36
- Rebecca Bueno-Vanleer, 43
- Ethan Beltran, 23
- Tyler Davis, 21
- Ted Cleveland, 40
- Darnell James, 46
- Arturo Vaca, 31
- Jose Flores-Espana, 33
- Damarick Harris, 33
- Freddie Sanchez, 21
- Samone Betancourt, 24
- Cesar Sanchez, 26
- Simon Billegas, 46
- Moses Ortiz, 23

Portales

- Michael Encinias, 34, time served
- Jose Villalta, 20, other jail
- Abel Barron, 46, bond
- Rafael Gamez, 29, bond
- Angelo Garcia, 19, other jail
- Joshua Berta, 32, bond
- Lionel Ornelas, 60, bond
- Leticia Ramirez, 41, bond
- Jose Sanchez, 19, bond
- Raul Sanchez, 18, bond
- Kevon Titues, 21, bond
- Barrett Williamson, 28, bond

* The Curry County Detention Center in Clovis does not disclose the reasons for release in its daily briefings.

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Public record

The following marriage licenses were filed through Thursday at the Curry County Clerk's Office:

- Jered Trevor Kitteell, 36, and Morgan Blaque Kilgore, 27, both of Clovis
- Nathaniel Martin Faulkner, 29, and Yesenia Ramirez, 29, both of Clovis

- John Arthur Fury, 37, and Gina Nicole MacFarlane, 31, both of Clovis
- Zachariah Brad Warren-Cantu, 23, and Mandy Rhea Rush, 26, both of Clovis
- Wesley R Fraker, 40, and Linda Marie Crouch, 39, both of Portales

- Arturo Rossel Garcia, 29, and Chrystal Garza, 23, both of Lubbock
- Timmothy Jordan Smith, 28, and Victoria Roxanne Chapman, 26, both of Clovis
- Sergio Garcia-Rodriguez, 28, of Clovis, and Ibet Michelle Villa-

Sanchez, 19, of Tatum York

The following marriage licenses were filed through Thursday at the Roosevelt County Clerk's Office:

- Joshua Ryan Winters, born in 1996, of Portales, and Sabrena Ann Smith, born in 1996, of Napanoch, New

The following divorces were filed through Thursday at the Curry County court clerk's office:

- Brooke Sparks and Casey D. Sparks

The following divorces

were filed through Thursday at the Roosevelt County court clerk's office:

- Jessica Jean Smith and Clinton Nicholas Smith
- Virginia Leigh Murray and Kyle David Murray

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Clovis community calendar

- Charity Food and clothing** — 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Saturdays, Bread of Life Ministries, Matt 25 Hope Center. Information: 575-762-2843.
- Lighthouse Mission** — 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. clothing giveaway, Monday through Friday, 407 L. Casillas Blvd. Information: 575-762-1933.
- Curry County Crime Stoppers** — Help take a bite out of crime. Cash rewards for anonymous tips. Information: 575-763-7000.
- Clubs/organizations**
- American Legion Unit 25** — 7 p.m. ladies auxiliary meeting third Wednesday each month; 7 a.m.-11 a.m. first Saturday each month, \$6 breakfast, open to the public; 2 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Tuesdays, bingo; 9 p.m.-1 a.m. dance every Friday, 2400 West Seventh Street. Information: 575-763-5392.
- American Legion Post 117** — 5:30 p.m. ladies auxiliary meeting first Tuesday each month, 2900 W. Grand Ave. Information: 575-309-5673; 6:30 p.m. bingo at Red Arrow bingo hall, 320 W. 21st Street. Doors open two hours early. Information: 575-763-4030
- AMVETS Post 14** — 6 p.m. ladies auxiliary meeting first Tuesdays monthly; 7 p.m. Sons of AMVETS meeting second Tuesdays monthly; 7 p.m. AMVETS meeting third Tuesdays monthly; 5:30 p.m. Riders meeting second Saturdays monthly. All meetings at Post 14, 2010 West Seventh Street. Information: 575-762-9355
- Border Sport Shooters (an IDPA Club)** — 5:30 p.m. third Saturdays each month at the club range. Call for directions. Information: Joe Stanford

- 806-777-2217.
- Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts Roundtable** — 7 p.m. second Thursday each month at Saint James Episcopal Church, 1117 N Main Street. Information: Brian Chambers 575-760-9203
- Boy Scout Troop 226** — 7 p.m. Mondays at Kingswood Methodist Church. Information: Cheryle Csakan 575-760-6048.
- Boy Scout Troop 411** — 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Parkland Baptist Church, 921 Parkland Drive. Information: Calvin Poppen 575-218-4432.
- Christian Believers Community Prayer Brunch** — 10 a.m. third Saturday each month. Provides Christian counseling for substance abuse, provides a life coach and information for referrals. Christian Believers Center, Fifth and Main streets. Information: Sistar Yancy 575-763-1715.
- Clovis Astronomy Club** — 7 p.m. second Monday each month at CCC room 145, Third Friday after dark at Ned Houk Park. Annual fee: \$10. Information: 757-846-7509 or Clovis Astronomy Club Facebook page.
- Clovis Breastfeeding Support Group** — 6:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each month. Plains Regional Medical Center, Cannon Room. Information: 575-219-2359.
- Clovis Community Chorus rehearsals** — 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. rehearsals on Tuesdays at First United Methodist Church sanctuary, 1501 Sycamore Street. Information: 575-762-0479
- Clovis Evening Lions Club** — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at K-Bob's Restaurant, 1600 Mabry Drive. Information: Joe Whitehurst 575-760-1379

- Clovis Masonic Lodge No. 40** — 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday each month at the lodge, 3100 Thornton Street, all Masons welcome. Information: Randy Stansell 575-762-4371
- Clovis-Portales Community Orchestra rehearsal** — 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church of Portales. Information: Ashleigh Talbert, 575-219-2160.
- Clovis-Carver Public Library** — 10 a.m. Wednesdays Toddler time; 10 a.m. Thursdays Preschool Story Hour. Information: 575-769-7840.
- Clovis Quilters' Club** — 1 p.m.-3 p.m. second Monday each month at Trinity Lutheran Church. Open to all quilters, beginners to advanced. Information: Shelley Winn 575-763-4398
- Clovis Shrine Club** — Noon Mondays at K-Bob's Steakhouse, 1600 Mabry Drive. All Shriners welcome. Information: Jerry Shade 575-762-3781.
- 'Coffeeshouse' open mic night** — 7 p.m. second Saturday each month except December at First United Methodist Church. Share your Christian favorites. Information: 575-799-2696
- Community Bible Study** — 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. An interdenominational Women's Bible study. Open to women of all denominations and Bible knowledge. Central Baptist Church, 2501 N. Norris Street. Children's classes for infant to age 5 and special classes for home schoolers through school year only. Information: 575-760-8565.
- Cub Scout Pack 411** — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at First United Methodist Church, Sycamore. Information: Michelle Bjorklund 248-790-3126.

- Curry County Republican Women** — 11:30 a.m. second Tuesday each month at K-Bob's Steakhouse, 1600 Mabry Drive. Information: Judy Jennings 575-762-2524 or 575-763-4390
- Curry County Health Council** — Noon-1 p.m. third Thursday each month at the Curry County Administrative Complex, 417 Gidding St. Information: 575-763-6009.
- Daughters of the American Revolution** — 10 a.m. second Saturday each month September through June. Information or venue: Pam Wallace 575-760-2127 or Nancy Bauder 575-769-3146.
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter 6** — 7 p.m. second Wednesdays each month at DAV, 220 West Fourth Street. Information: 575-762-5335.
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter 6 Bingo** — 6:30 p.m. Monday nights at Red Arrow Bingo, Hilltop Plaza. Information: 575-762-5335.
- Desert Cruzers Car Club cruises** — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, second Tuesdays at various locations. General meeting. Information: Jerry Bailey 575-693-2511. Facebook: Clovis Desert Cruzers. clubs.hemming.com/desertcruzers.
- Eastern New Mexico Amateur Radio Club** — 9 a.m. third Saturday each month at DAV Hall. Information: www.ka5b.org , Roy Creiglow 575-791-3734.
- Eastern Plains Council of Governments Board** — 10 a.m. second Wednesday each month at EPCOG office, 418 Main Street, unless otherwise notified. Information: 575-762-7714.
- El Desayuno Kiwanis Club** — 6:45 a.m. Thursdays at Taqueria

- Jalisco, 217 West Seventh Street. Information: Allan Isbell, 575-763-6559 or el.desayuno.kiwanis@gmail.com.
- Elida Senior Center** — 1 p.m. meeting first Wednesday of each month, board and card games second Wednesday each month, art classes third Wednesday each month, floor games fourth Wednesday of the month. 401 Clark Street, Elida. Information: 575-274-6448.
- Elida Senior Center Pancake Breakfast** — 8 a.m. second Saturday of each month. 401 Clark Street, Elida. Information: 575-274-6448.
- Encanto Garden Club** — 9:30 a.m. second Wednesday each month at Muffley's Backdoor. Visitors and new members welcome. Information: 575-799-5378.
- Fairfield Extension Club** — 10 a.m. second and fourth Fridays at Cheyenne Meadows Community Center, Clovis. Information: 575-763-6505
- Freedom Foundation** — 5:30 p.m. meeting first and third Mondays monthly. All meetings at 913 Mitchell Street. Information: 575-742-4843.
- Friends of the Clovis-Carver Library** — 11:30 a.m. third Tuesdays each month in the conference room at the library. Information: 575-309-4576
- Friendship Rebekah Lodge** — 1 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays each month at 405 N. Main St. Information: 575-763-7725.
- Girls Circle** — 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays at Matt 25 Hope Center. Information: 575-763-7725.
- Grady Alpha Extension Club** — 1:30 p.m. first Thursday each month at Grady Senior Center. Information: Katy Machechne 575-799-5117.
- Gold Wing Road Riders Association** — 6:30 p.m. first

- Saturday each month at Red Lobster. Information: Tom Weingates at 575-762-5445.
- High Plains Drifters Motorcycle Club** — 8 a.m. Saturdays and 6 p.m. second Thursday each month at various locations. All bikes and non-members welcome. Information: Gary Baker 575-799-1993 for locations.
- High Plains Patriots** — 7 p.m. last Thursday each month at Master's Center. Information: Tim Ashley 575-760-5423 or www.highplainspatriots.com
- Hi-Plains Toastmasters Club** — 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Wheatfields Senior Living Community, theater room on second floor, 4701 N Prince Street. Speaking and leadership club. Information: Donna Labatt 575-799-3215 or Kevin Wilson 575-760-9616.
- Home at Heart Extension Club** — 6 p.m. third Tuesday each month at 818 Main Street. Information: Jana Hudson at 575-639-1581
- International Defensive Pistol Association** — 12:30 p.m. third weekend each month. Shooting in Muleshoe. Map: border-sport-shooters.org. Information: Joe Stanford 806-777-2217.
- Joint Veterans Council** — 7 p.m. meetings first Wednesdays monthly at various locations. Call for information: 575-749-3628
- Just Us Extension Club** — 5:30 p.m. second Tuesday each month at First United Methodist, Melrose. Information: Carol Moore at 575-714-4781
- Llano Estacado Quilt Guild** — 9 a.m.-3 p.m. fourth Saturday every other month in May, July, September, November at Trinity Lutheran Church. Information: Shelley Winn 575-763-4398



Los Angeles Times: Brian van der Brug

Caesar Flores is serving in the Air Force in Texas. His mother, Juana Maria Flores, was deported and now lives in Tijuana.

Patriot parents

□ Congressman proposes bill to protect military parents from deportation.

By Brittny Mejia
LOS ANGELES TIMES

GOLETA, Calif. — Every day, Caesar Flores, a senior airman in the Air Force, thinks about his mother.

She supported his decision to enlist at 19 and was there to cheer him on when he graduated from basic training in September 2016.

Now, as he goes about his day to day work as a medical technician, the 22-year old's mind is weighed down by the fact that Juana Flores, who was in the country illegally, won't be around to celebrate other milestones.

The cause was a fateful decision Flores made decades ago: to leave California to visit her ailing mother in Mexico. She was arrested when she tried to cross back into the U.S. illegally.

In April, 20 years later, she faced a choice: get into a van with Immigration and Customs Enforcement to be deported or leave on her own. She chose to self-deport.

Inspired by the deportation of the airman's mother, a California congressman proposed a bill that aims to protect "patriot parents." It is unclear how likely it is to pass. A bill to protect "patriot" spouses was reintroduced this year after stalling in the House last year.

Loud support for the military has often united Republicans and Democrats in the past. But under the Trump administration, illegal immigration — and even some legal migration — has become an all-or-nothing battle, with little room for compromise by either side. Even on issues related to military service.

This is especially the case at the

onset of a presidential campaign in which fighting illegal immigration will be a cornerstone of Trump's pitch for re-election.

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Months have passed since Juana Flores' return to Mexico, but activists, lawyers and retired judges have vowed to fight to bring her back. The group successfully lobbied two city councils, in Santa Barbara and Goleta, to pass resolutions in support of returning her home and pushed for legislation that would help parents of military members like Flores to adjust their status without having to leave the country.

"What Republican can say, 'I don't want to help our service members, because I'm more afraid of a 56-year-old woman because she's not a U.S. citizen,'" said Kraig Rice, an immigration attorney involved in the effort to bring Flores back. "How do you justify that that military service member doesn't deserve our absolute dedication and support?"

In the last few years, attorneys have cited a pattern under the Trump administration of making it more difficult for foreign-born people to enlist in the military and become U.S. citizens through their service. More recently there have been reports of a potential scaling back of "parole in place," a program that protects undocumented family members of active-duty troops.

"Parole in place is a mechanism to amnesty illegal aliens without a vote of Congress," said Mark Krikorian, the executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, which supports tighter controls on immigration. "The

previous administration used it simply as a way to amnesty whichever sympathetic group of illegal immigrants got their attention."

But some question the fairness of punishing those who volunteer to serve the country.

"We've always had this strong tradition in America of taking care of the troops," said Margaret Stock, an immigration attorney and retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. "Now they're sending a message that, 'We don't care if you're putting your life on the line for the U.S., we're not going to take care of you.'"

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services confirmed it is reviewing the categorical use of parole. If the parole in place program were to end, many families could find themselves in the same position as Flores.

American Families United, a national immigration advocacy group, estimated that as many as 11,800 military members are dealing with a spouse or family member who is facing deportation.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement said the agency is unable to provide a breakdown of removals of people who have a familial relationship with service members, so it is unclear how often it has happened. In a case last fall, the spouse of a Marine veteran left for Mexico after a lengthy battle to stop her deportation.

"It used to be that (Department of Homeland Security) would knock themselves out and do things for military families, and now they're more likely to be put in deportation proceedings, less likely to be granted any military

related benefits," Stock said.

Because Flores re-entered the country after she was caught and removed at the border in 1999, she did not qualify for "parole in place." Over the last few years, however, she received several extensions of her stay of removal. Time felt measured through an hourglass that would flip just before reaching the final grains of sand.

She was able to attend her son's wedding last year and spend Thanksgiving with her family.

"I thought there was a way to fix it somehow, because of how long I'd lived there," she said in a phone interview from

Aguascalientes, Mexico. "I never thought they would separate us."

But earlier this year, ICE denied her request for another extension. Flores' attorney blames her deportation on the Trump administration's lifting nearly all restrictions on removing those in the U.S. illegally.

"Under previous administrations, ICE was weighing discretionary factors and saying, 'What is the positive of leaving her here or letting her stay here, versus the negative,'" Rice said. "Now they're not looking at what harm would come."

When U.S. Rep. Salud Carbajal, D-Calif., learned of Flores' case, he wrote letters to plead her case, citing her son's military service and her caretaking of another son who suffers from schizophrenia.

Inspired by the case, Carbajal — an immigrant who served in the Marine Corps Reserve — introduced the "Protect Patriot Parents Act," legislation that would allow all parents of service members or honorably discharged veterans to apply for a green card

and remain in the country while they do so. Unlike parole in place, it wouldn't be up to the case-by-case discretion of the administration.

In May, the bill was referred to the subcommittee on immigration and citizenship, a panel of the House Judiciary Committee.

"This would obviously provide a path, a reprieve in allowing the parent to be here while pursuing that process and not place any burden or stress on servicemen and women," Carbajal said.

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On a recent afternoon, Cristina Flores busied herself in the kitchen making quesadillas and reheating rice for lunch. Since her mother's deportation, the siblings either go out to eat or make simple dishes.

Juana Flores isn't there to cook breakfast in the mornings, or to send them off each day with a "Dios te bendiga." God bless you. There are no family gatherings after church on Sundays. The house feels empty.

"There's no one really that comes here because she's not here," Cristina said.

"Our centerpiece is missing," said Flores' 14-year-old granddaughter, Andrea Gomez.

It's equally as hard for Juana Flores, who recently taught her daughter from 2,000 miles away how to make pozole over FaceTime.

"I wake up in the mornings and there's no one here to take care of or cook for," she said, breaking down crying. "A mom is always there for her kids."

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— Kraig Rice, immigration attorney

White House, Guatemala sign pact

By Molly O'Toole and Eli Stokols
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Guatemala has signed an agreement with the Trump administration that would require asylum-seekers transiting the Central American country to make their claim there instead of in the U.S., President Donald Trump said Friday.

"We have long been working with Guatemala, and now we can do it the right way," Trump said in the Oval Office. "This landmark agreement will put the coyotes and smugglers out of business," he continued. "These are bad people."

Trump looked on as acting Homeland Security Secretary Kevin McAleenan signed the document alongside Guatemalan Interior Minister Enrique Degenhart. In a statement released on Twitter, the Guatemalan government confirmed it had entered into an agreement.

Neither government released details, leaving major questions unanswered about how the deal would be carried out. Guatemala's highest court previously ruled that the country's president could not sign such an agreement.

"Guatemala is definitely clear on the responsibility that it has," Degenhart said when asked about the court decision.

McAleenan told reporters after leaving the White House that steps needed to be taken in Guatemala to authorize the deal, but that he expected that it would be in effect in August.

The agreement may also face legal challenges in the U.S. Immigrant advocates say Guatemala cannot be considered safe and has no adequate means to process tens of thousands of asylum applications.

The Guatemalan government said the agreement would specifically apply to Hondurans and Salvadorans, who typically travel through Guatemala en route to Mexico and the U.S. Under the agreement, they would have to seek asylum in Guatemala and could not claim asylum in the United States unless they were denied refuge there. If they arrive at the U.S. border, they would be returned to Guatemala, McAleenan said.

Hondurans currently account for about 30% of all those apprehended at the U.S. southern border — about 205,000 people in the current fiscal year — while Salvadorans make up about 10%.

"A Honduran family coming across through Guatemala to the U.S. border, we want them to feel safe to claim protection at

the earliest possible point," McAleenan said. "Instead of putting themselves in the hands of smugglers all the way to the U.S. border, they would be removable back to Guatemala."

Whether the same rules would apply to asylum-seekers from elsewhere in the world was left unclear. Typically, such "safe third country" agreements, such as the one the U.S. has with Canada, apply to all asylum-seekers. Although Guatemalan officials did not use the label "safe third" to describe the agreement, the White House did.

Trump implied in a tweet that the agreement would allow the U.S. to send back Guatemalan asylum-seekers, who make up about one-third of all those apprehended at the U.S. border. Safe third country agreements do not apply to nationals of the countries making the agreement, only to those from third countries.

Immigrant advocates and outside experts have warned that Guatemala does not meet the legal definitions of a "safe" country. Its homicide rates are among the highest in the world and the country suffers from persistent issues of corruption, poverty and climate-driven displacement that render it incapable of providing for its own citizens, much less absorbing what could be tens of thousands of asylum seekers from other parts of Central America.

"Guatemala is in no way safe for refugees and asylum-seekers, and all the strong-arming in the world won't make it so," Refugees International President Eric Schwartz said in a statement. "This agreement also violates U.S. law and will put some of the most vulnerable people in Central America in grave danger."

McAleenan, who just returned from a trip to Guatemala, rejected that criticism. "It's risky to label an entire country as unsafe," he said.

It's unclear how the Trump administration managed to secure the migration deal with Guatemala, but the Guatemalan statement suggested that the U.S. would allow more Guatemalans to travel north as legal agricultural workers.

Guatemala's Constitutional Court granted three injunctions in recent weeks that blocked President Jimmy Morales from entering into such an agreement, and Morales abruptly canceled a planned trip to Washington. The Guatemalan government also issued a statement saying it had "never considered" signing a safe third country agreement.



San Diego Union-Tribune: K.C. Alfred

President Donald Trump tours the border wall prototypes near the Otay Mesa Port of Entry in San Diego County, California, on March 13, 2018.

Supreme Court rules for Trump in border wall funding dispute

By David G. Savage
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Friday handed President Donald Trump a major victory by clearing the way for him to divert \$2.5 billion from the military's budget and use it to build an extra 100 miles of border wall in California, Arizona and New Mexico.

The justices, by a vote of 5-4, lifted orders by a federal judge in Oakland, Calif., and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco that had barred the administration from using the Pentagon's money to build a border wall.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and the court's four other conservatives joined in ruling for the Trump administration. They questioned whether the Sierra Club and other plaintiffs had standing to challenge the government's spending policy.

The court's four liberals dissented. Though the environmental group's lawsuit challenging the wall will continue in lower courts, Trump can begin using the money for the wall in the meantime.

Trump celebrated the decision on Twitter. "Wow! Big VICTORY on the Wall," he tweeted.

The decision could allow the president to finally deliver on one of his biggest campaign promises: to erect a Southern border wall to block immigrants from illegally crossing into the U.S. The refusal by Congress to allocate wall money has long frustrated Trump, particularly as he approaches the 2020 presidential election.

Despite his claims to the contrary, Trump has not built a single new mile of border barrier since taking office.

American Civil Liberties Union lawyers said they would continue to fight.

"This is not over. We will be asking the federal appeals court to expedite the ongoing appeals proceeding to halt the irreversible and imminent damage from Trump's border wall," said ACLU

attorney Dror Ladin.

Last month, the chief justice cast the deciding vote to block Trump's plan to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census. But in the border wall dispute, Roberts cast a decisive vote to clear the way for the wall construction to go forward.

The court issued a one-paragraph statement saying Trump's appeal had been granted, saying in part: "Among the reasons is that the government has made a sufficient showing at this stage that the plaintiffs have no cause of action to obtain review of the Acting Secretary's compliance" with the funding law.

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan said they had voted to deny the appeal. Justice Stephen G. Breyer said he would have allowed the government to proceed with contracts, "but not to begin construction" because "that would cause irreparable harm to the environment."

Trump's lawyers had asked the high court to intervene, saying the administration faced a Sept. 30 deadline to spend \$2.5 billion from the Pentagon's budget before the fiscal year ended and the money was no longer available.

Lower courts had said Trump's move to divert the money was an end run around Congress, which had specifically refused to allocate money for a wall.

"The Constitution assigns to Congress the power of the purse," the 9th Circuit said on July 3 in upholding the injunction issued by U.S. District Judge Haywood Gilliam Jr. "It is Congress that is to make decisions regarding how to spend taxpayer dollars."

That was a reference to the deadlock between the president and Congress over the border wall. It led to a 35-day partial government shutdown, which ended in February with a budget deal that included just \$1.4 billion for border security, but nothing for a wall. It was well short of the \$5.7 billion Trump had sought for a wall.

After signing the deal, the president declared a national emergency and said

he had the authority to transfer already appropriated funds to extend the border wall.

Lawyers for the Sierra Club, the Southern Border Communities Coalition and the ACLU sued, arguing that construction of a 30-foot-high wall would harm wildlife and damage the environment in remote areas.

In the last two years, U.S. Solicitor General Noel Francisco has repeatedly gone directly to the Supreme Court to challenge orders issued by district judges in fast-moving cases. Normally, the high court chooses to review cases only after they have gone through the lower courts.

But Francisco asked the justices again to get involved, noting the growing number of nationwide injunctions that have blocked executive proclamations or regulations issued by the Trump administration.

His appeal in Trump vs. Sierra Club contended the border wall was needed to combat drug smuggling. The Sierra Club's "interest in hiking, birdwatching and fishing in designated drug-smuggling corridors do not outweigh the harm to the public from halting the government's efforts to construct barriers to staunch the flow of illegal narcotics across the southern border," Francisco said.

According to the Defense Department, he said, the disputed funds "will no longer remain available for obligation after the fiscal year ends on Sept. 30."

In response, the Sierra Club said the court should not allow the administration "to swiftly spend billions of dollars that Congress denied." To do so would show "the shutdown was essentially a charade," the lawyers said.

The Sierra Club had told the court that the border wall construction could damage "protected public lands such as Organ Pipe National Monument, Coronado National Memorial, the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge and the San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge."

Ruling theoretically invalidates thousands of convictions

By Kristina Davis
THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

SAN DIEGO — Federal prosecutors in San Diego have been using the wrong criminal code to charge migrants with misdemeanor illegal entry under its fast-track prosecution program, an appeals court ruled this week.

The opinion from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in theory invalidates thousands of convictions that have come out of the Trump administration program — known informally as "Operation Streamline" — since it began in California in April 2018.

In practice, however, each defendant who was improperly convicted under the criminal code will have to file his or her own appeal, a process made more difficult because the vast majority of defendants were deported shortly after their convictions.

At the center of the debate is the section of the misdemeanor illegal-entry law, 1325(a)(2), which makes it a crime for any unauthorized

immigrant to "elude examination or inspection by immigration officers."

This is the section that prosecutors had been using to charge migrants who appear in the "Streamline" court — a program meant to quickly adjudicate most illegal-entry cases under the administration's "zero tolerance" policy.

Most migrants were arrested after crossing illegally between ports of entry. The migrant in this case, Oracio Corrales Vazquez, crossed about 20 miles east of the Tecate Port of Entry in June 2018. He was found by Border Patrol several hours later hiding in brush about four miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border.

But on Wednesday, the three-judge panel ruled in a split decision that the "eluding" section of the law did not apply to Corrales because he did not enter at a time and place designated for examination and inspection by immigration officers — namely at a port of entry that is open for inspection.

Rather, the panel ruled, migrants

who cross along other parts of the border should be charged under a different section of the law, 1325(a)(1), which makes it a crime "to enter or attempt to enter the United States at any time or place other than as designated by immigration officers."

The "eluding" section of the law should be reserved for unauthorized immigrants who cross through ports of entry while concealed in vehicles or those who try to sneak past nearby inspections officers, the panel added.

Government prosecutors have already stopped charging "Streamline" cases under the "eluding" section as of a few weeks ago, according to Kara Lee Hartzler, an attorney with Federal Defenders of San Diego, which filed the lawsuit. The change came a few weeks after oral arguments were heard on the case in mid-June.

Similar "Streamline" courts in Arizona and Texas, which have been operating longer, already charge under the "entry/attempted entry" section of the law.

Charging migrants under the "entry/attempted entry" section means other legal defenses can come into play, Hartzler said — one of the reasons she suspects the government had avoided using the section in the first place.

One defense that can be argued is that the "entry/attempted entry" section of the law doesn't apply to asylum-seekers who cross between ports of entry and then flag down authorities to be arrested. That is the method many asylum-seekers have taken to over the past year as a way to potentially speed up the application process.

Judge Jay Bybee, who authored the majority opinion, addressed "sympathy for the government's position in this case" in a separate concurring opinion. He wrote he understood the government's impulse to charge the way it did, adding "much of our illegal-entry and illegal-reentry jurisprudence is a mess."

He noted problems with applying the law to asylum seekers who seek capture.

Still, he said the government is required "to march in a straight line" when it comes to charging these cases, but urged the country to "clean up our own mess under 1325(a)(1) at the first opportunity."

Judge Ferdinand Fernandez disagreed with Bybee and Judge Kim McLane Wardlaw, writing in a dissenting opinion that the government's broader interpretation of the law was valid, and that just because the interpretation may make the overall law somewhat redundant that didn't mean it should be narrowly read.

The U.S. attorney's office in San Diego declined to comment Thursday. The Department of Justice could ask for a rehearing on the matter or could petition the U.S. Supreme Court.

It's unclear how many convictions this ruling could affect. A total of 6,461 cases of misdemeanor unlawful entry were filed in San Diego in 2018, according to the district court, although it is unclear how many were filed improperly under the "eluding" section.



Getty Images: Scott Eisen

William "Rick" Singer leaves Boston Federal Court after being charged with racketeering conspiracy, money laundering conspiracy, conspiracy to defraud the United States, and obstruction of justice on March 12 in Boston, Massachusetts. Singer is among several charged in alleged college admissions scam.

Clues to college admissions scandal found in a Medicare fraud case

By Matthew Ormseth and Joel Rubin
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Federal authorities were combing through the finances and phone records of a Miami businessman suspected of Medicare fraud when they came across a curious name: Rick Singer.

Philip Esformes, who was accused of farming out patients from his nursing homes to steal millions in bogus insurance claims, had sent hundreds of thousands of dollars to a foundation Singer controlled. And in text messages discovered on Esformes' phone, the men discussed how one of Esformes' sons had performed on his college entrance exams.

Only years later would authorities learn what Esformes had paid Singer to do: Slip his daughter into USC as a fake soccer player and fix his youngest son's college entrance exam, according to statements a prosecutor made in court and sources familiar with the case.

Singer has said he struck similar deals with dozens more parents, an admission that has roiled higher education and implicated elites from Hollywood, Silicon Valley and the Newport coast.

But in 2016, when agents seized the iPhone Esformes used to text Singer and obtained their messages, Singer was a peripheral, if curious, player in an enormous healthcare fraud investigation. The Esformes case marks the first time Singer is known to have crossed the radar of law enforcement.

Singer would run his admissions scam undisturbed until another team of investi-

gators, working in Boston on an altogether different case, caught a second glimpse of his operation in 2018 and unraveled it.

Andrew Lelling, the U.S. attorney in Massachusetts, unveiled that investigation in March. Fifty people were charged, including dozens of parents and coaches at such elite schools as Yale, Stanford, Georgetown and the University of Southern California, who were accused of selling spots that their schools reserved for recruited athletes.

Esformes has not been charged in the college admissions case. Convicted in April of paying and receiving kickbacks in connection with a federal healthcare program and other crimes, he faces decades in prison when a judge sentences him in September. His attorneys declined to comment.

Spokespeople for federal prosecutors in Boston and Miami declined to comment.

It is unclear how much federal authorities uncovered of Esformes' dealings with Singer while investigating his case. But at his trial in March, a fraud expert used by the government to make sense of his finances testified that Esformes had made \$400,000 in payments over several years to Singer's foundation. At least some of the money was traced to Medicaid and Medicare funds, the expert testified.

Singer has since admitted that his Key Worldwide Foundation was little more than a sham used to launder money from clients and parcel out bribes to coaches, test proctors and bagmen.

Singer found an ideal client in Esformes, an enormously wealthy businessman with a

flexible moral compass, who was willing to pay top dollar to boost his kids' prospects at getting into elite colleges.

By the time Esformes was charged with healthcare fraud and arrested in July 2016, he had paid Singer to bribe one child's way into school and fix a college entrance exam for another, according to comments by a prosecutor in the college admissions case and sources with knowledge of Singer's operation.

Esformes paid Singer in 2012 to have his oldest child, a daughter, admitted to USC as a fake soccer recruit, a prosecutor said when a former USC assistant soccer coach pleaded guilty in May. Singer bribed the coach to falsely portray the girl as an accomplished soccer player and give her an admissions slot reserved for athletic recruits, said the prosecutor, Eric Rosen.

The ex-coach, Laura Janke, has admitted to steering several children of Singer's clients into USC, crafting fake athletic profiles that depicted them as promising recruits and at times using Photoshop software to superimpose their faces onto pictures of real athletes. She has pleaded guilty to racketeering conspiracy.

The daughter, who could not be reached for comment, was enrolled at USC for a year before transferring to a fashion school in New York City, according to a source with knowledge of the case and her LinkedIn profile.

Esformes reconnected with Singer in 2014 as his older son began applying to college, text messages show. The messages were filed in court during Esformes' trial.

FBI agents seized three iPhones from Esformes' luxury high-rise when they arrest-

ed him in July 2016. In a string of text messages obtained from one of the phones, Esformes sought Singer's opinion of his son's SAT score.

"I think total was 2000," Esformes reported.

"Very good for starter," Singer replied.

The two men went back and forth, with Esformes asking what score "gets u in all?" Singer explained athletic recruits were held to a lower test-score standard than regular applicants.

The distinction would take on importance when authorities learned Esformes had hired an associate of Singer, Martin Fox, to provide one-on-one basketball coaching for his son. As with Singer, prosecutors found Esformes' payments to Fox significant enough to tally the \$114,000 Esformes paid him and have the jury hear testimony about Fox during trial, according to transcripts of the trial.

Fox, a basketball coach in Texas and well-connected figure in national youth and college basketball circles, has been charged in the college admissions case for allegedly relaying bribes from Singer to two coaches and an exam proctor. Fox has pleaded not guilty and his attorney declined to comment.

When it came time for his son to apply to college, Esformes appears to have taken a page from Singer's playbook. In a bribery deal similar to what prosecutors say Singer pulled off for his daughter, Esformes paid the head basketball coach at the University of Pennsylvania more than \$300,000 to put his son on a list of recruited players, according to testimony from the coach, Jerome Allen.

Sprint's merger with T-Mobile clears hurdle

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WASHINGTON — Antitrust regulators with the Justice Department will not stand in the way of a \$26.5 billion merger of T-Mobile and Sprint, a major and nearly final barrier crossed on the path to combining the third- and fourth-largest wireless carriers 14 months after the idea was proposed.

The Justice Department, which evaluates corporate mergers on the basis of whether a deal harms consumers by stifling competition, had its concerns allayed by concessions from the two companies — namely, an agreement to sell \$5 billion in wireless and spectrum assets to Dish Network in an attempt to create a new, viable competitor to the new T-Mobile, Verizon and AT&T.

In a statement Friday, Justice Department officials said under a settlement with the two companies and five states, including Kansas, Sprint has to divest itself of its prepaid businesses in Boost Mobile and Virgin Mobile to Dish Network, which is based in Colorado.

The two companies also have to provide Dish access to 20,000 cell sites and hundreds of retail locations, the Justice Department said. Dish can also use T-Mobile's network for seven years, giving the satellite television provider time to build out its own fifth generation, or 5G, wireless network.

Assistant U.S. Attorney General Makan Delrahim told reporters in Washington, D.C., that this latest development was a "historic settlement" that protects competition and that the divestiture to Dish sets the newcomer to the wireless industry as a "disruptive force."

"Without the remedy, it would have harmed consumers by raising the prices of mobile wireless services," said Delrahim, who leads the Justice Department's antitrust division, at a press conference announcing the settlement.

He said the Justice Department would have sued to block the deal without Dish's involvement.

On Friday, the Justice Department and attorneys general with five states, including Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, filed a civil antitrust lawsuit in federal court in Washington. They simultaneously filed a settlement with Sprint and T-Mobile, the terms of which will have to be approved by a judge.

Schmidt said his office studied the merger and con-

cluded it would benefit Kansans by expanding wireless coverage and speeding up the deployment of 5G technology.

"I am comfortable with assurances from T-Mobile, Sprint and Softbank leadership of the merged company's commitment to Kansas and to investing in our state to improve services and expand competition that will benefit Kansas consumers," Schmidt said.

The new T-Mobile will face billions in fines if it doesn't live up to the obligations under its agreement with the Justice Department, Delrahim said.

There's still the matter of whether several other state attorneys general will continue to pursue litigation to block the deal, given Dish Network's involvement. In June, attorneys general from nine states and Washington, D.C., sued to stop the merger, citing potential harm to consumers if there was one fewer major wireless carrier in business. The Wall Street Journal has reported that Justice Department officials are negotiating with those state attorneys general to obtain their support for the current merger proposal.

Delrahim said Sprint and T-Mobile engaged with regulators with their merger proposal, drawing a contrast to a failed bid by AT&T to buy T-Mobile in 2011 for \$39 billion, a transaction that both companies abandoned after the Justice Department signaled misgivings about the deal.

The Justice Department's approval follows indications by the Federal Communications Commission that it, too, agrees with Sprint's tie-up with T-Mobile, signifying that no federal regulators stand in the way of the all-stock transaction.

Both companies believe the merger was the only way either one could compete with its larger rivals.

Together, T-Mobile and Sprint said they could more quickly roll out a 5G wireless network to enable wireless customers to access faster download speeds than what's broadly available. The companies also pledged to spread their 5G network deep into rural areas while also offering a commitment to hold steady on customer rates for three years, concessions that earned the favor of an apparent majority of FCC commissioners.

South Dakota Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg told reporters that the merger will provide more rural wireless coverage, while noting that the states involved in Friday's settlement are from the Midwest, including his own state, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Ohio.

Source: Jeffrey Epstein's ex-cop cellmate says he saved him

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NEW YORK — Jeffrey Epstein's cellmate — a former cop charged with quadruple murder — told authorities he came to the perverted multimillionaire's rescue after he attempted to hang himself, alerting correction officers and possibly saving his life, a source told the New York Daily News on Friday.

A law enforcement source confirmed that the cellmate, Nicholas Tartaglione, claimed to have helped Epstein after finding him unconscious. Investigators were still trying to determine if an assault had occurred or if the sex offender facing up to 45 years in prison had in fact tried to take his own life, the law enforcement source said.

"You've got a guy who is a millionaire who is now living among rats and mold and wants to go home," the source said.

"This is a disgusting place and the people there, they treat you disgusting. Who wouldn't be suicidal in that kind of place? You have a

silver spoon in your mouth and then you're put in a cesspool."

Bruce Barket, a lawyer for Tartaglione, refused to go into detail about the incident but did not dispute the account.

Epstein, 66, appeared to have genuinely believed he was going to get bail and return to his \$77 million Upper East Side mansion, a source previously told the Daily News.

He was found on the floor of his jail cell with bruises on his neck early this week while awaiting trial on sex-trafficking charges, sources said Thursday.

Epstein has pleaded not guilty. One of his attorneys did not respond to a request for comment.

Barket said that contrary to reports that Tartaglione inflicted harm on Epstein in the Special Housing Unit of the Metropolitan Detention Center, the two cellmates get along just fine.

"They became more than cordial," Barket said. "In the short time they were together, they became friends."

The source also insisted that Tartaglione, 51, had nothing to do

with Epstein's injuries.

"The guy is on suicide watch. You don't go on suicide watch if you've been assaulted, do you?" the source said.

The Bureau of Prisons did not respond to an inquiry.

The multimillionaire sex offender and accused killer cop bunked together for roughly two weeks, sources said.

The cell had no windows, standing water, rodents and insects, Barket said during a hearing in White Plains earlier this week on conditions Tartaglione was enduring in the SHU.

Tartaglione — a former Briarcliff Manor cop facing the death penalty for the alleged kidnapping and murder of four people in 2016 — was in the SHU because earlier this month correction officers found a cellphone in his cell in general population. Epstein was there because, according to The Daily Beast, he'd been threatened by other inmates after his arrest for alleged sex trafficking of underage girls as young as 14.

The conditions in the cell were deplorable, Barket said.

"About a week ago, (Tartaglione) woke up, got up, looked down at his cot and apparently he smothered, unbeknownst to him, a rodent that was dead on his cot," the attorney said, according to a transcript from the Monday hearing in White Plains District Court.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason Swergold said at the hearing that MCC staff wondered whether the rat was a Godfather-style warning and had "concerns that it was put there by a cell mate, perhaps as some kind of message." But Tartaglione's lawyer assured them there was no tension.

"Mr. Barket assured that it seems they're getting along fine, so that that's not the issue," Swergold said.

Tartaglione has complained about conditions at the jail for years since being arrested in 2016. He'd pleaded for books to read and batteries for a radio in the SHU, which Barket said prompted a frightening warning from a staffer named Lt. Rice.

"Stop complaining or it's gonna get worse," Rice told Tartaglione, according to Barket.

"After that, what the facility did

is, they brought officers down, searched every cell in his tier except for his, searched every inmate on the tier except for Mr. Tartaglione, and then marched Mr. Tartaglione, around, asking him to point out the conditions that we had complained of in court."

The stunt appeared to be an effort to put Tartaglione in the crosshairs of his fellow inmates. Fortunately, Barket told the judge, he faced no further retribution.

Still, the conditions had taken a toll. Tartaglione often has no way of knowing what time of day it is. He struggles to concentrate and analyze important evidence in his case, Barket said.

"He is so emotionally and physically depleted he doesn't have the energy or the motivation to discuss it," he said.

"It's borderline torture."

The jail is famous for its tight security and notorious inmates, who have included terrorists, Wall Street schemers and, until recently, Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.