

Obituaries



MARCELINO GARCIA
Marcelino Madril "Moose" Garcia, born June 23, 1929, passed peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on Jan. 29, 2010.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Helen Zamora Garcia; children, Judy Jiron (Bob), Leonard Garcia (Lala), Vicki Garcia, and Dan Garcia (Jennifer); grandchildren, Krishna, Michelle, Josh, Christina, Matthew, Danielle, Aidan and Miranda; and great-grandchildren, Jacob and Jenika.

Marci was preceded in death by his parents, Antonio and Fermina Garcia; siblings, Melina Chavez, Emilia Chavez and Pricilla Gabaldon.

Marci was born in Belen, NM. He lived and raised his family in Albuquerque, where he worked at Kirtland

AFB as a high voltage electrician. After 25 years of service at the base, he and Helen retired and moved to Elephant Butte, in 1989.

Rosary will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in TorC. A memorial mass will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010 at 9 a.m. A reception will follow at the parish hall. Interment to be held at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Belen Church in Belen.

In lieu of flowers, make donations to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in TorC or the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are by Kirikos Family Funeral Home Inc. & Sierra Crematory LLC, 303 N. Cedar St.

Pain at the Pump Returning

By Rich White

Consumers' chronic pain at the pump is returning with gas prices 67 percent higher than a year ago and probably heading back toward \$3 a gallon soon. While you can't control the price of gas, you can control how much gas you burn by performing proper maintenance and how you drive. Performing simple and inexpensive maintenance can save as much as \$1,200 per year in gas costs.

The Car Care Council offers these gas-saving maintenance and driving tips:

- Keep your car properly tuned to improve gas mileage by an average of 4 percent.
- Keep tires properly inflated and improve gas mileage by 3 percent.
- Replace dirty or clogged air filters and improve gas mileage by as much as 10 percent.
- Replace dirty spark plugs, which can reduce mileage by two miles per gallon.
- Change oil regularly and gain another mile per gallon.
- Observe the speed limit.

Gas mileage decreases rapidly above 60 mph.

•Avoid excessive idling. Idling gets zero miles per gallon. Warming up the vehicle for one or two minutes is sufficient.

•Avoid quick starts and stops. Aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by 33 percent on the highway and 5 percent in the city.

•Consolidate trips. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much gas as one longer multi-purpose trip.

•Don't haul unneeded items in the trunk. An extra 100 pounds in the trunk reduces fuel economy by 1 to 2 percent.

To help you drive smart and save money, visit carcare.org and check out the free digital Car Care Guide.

Heroes Break Record in NM

By Maria Sanders

The generosity of New Mexicans resulted in a record year in the number of organ donors, a 21-percent increase from 2008. New Mexico Donor Services reports that 51 individuals were able to donate organs, making it possible to coordinate 151 lifesaving transplants, an increase of 30 percent. In addition, 182 New Mexicans were able to help others through tissue donation and 234 through eye donation, allowing thousands to receive life-improving cornea, bone, tendon, skin or heart valve transplants.

"New Mexico organ, tissue and eye donors are true heroes. We are grateful for the 'Gift of Life' they have given to hundreds of individuals, and commend their families for supporting this lifesaving effort," said Patricia Niles, Executive Director of New Mexico Donor Services. Sixty percent of New Mexicans who donated organs after death had registered to be donors on their driver's license, ID card or on the new online donor registry NMdonor.org, while 40 percent had a family member make the donation decision at the time of death.

New Mexico Donor Services has steadily increased the number of organ and tissue donors since 2004 under the leadership of Executive Director, Patricia Niles. In 2009, New Mexico Donor Services more than doubled the number of organ donors from 2002-'03 by focusing on donation opportunities through education and collaborative efforts with healthcare partners statewide, including 40 hospitals, two transplant centers, the New Mexico Hospital Association and the Office of the Medical Investigator.

Currently, 105,000 people are on the national organ waiting list in need of a life-saving organ transplant, including 650 New Mexico residents. Eighteen people die each day in the U.S. waiting for a lifesaving organ.

Every New Mexican is asked to make a decision to save lives by registering as an organ and tissue donor when obtaining a driver's license or ID card at the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) or online on the Donate Life New Mexico Donor Registry, NMdonor.org.

For more information about organ and tissue donation, contact New Mexico Donor Services at (505) 843-7672 or visit DonateLifeNM.org.

New Mexico Donor Services (NMDS) is the non-profit organ and tissue recovery agency serving the citizens of New Mexico, and collaborates with hospital partners and the Motor Vehicle Department to inspire universal acceptance of donation to insure that every person in need receives the Gift of Life. NMDS is a Donate Life organization.

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Rio Grande Levee Improvements, Environmental Restoration

By Sally Spener

The U.S. Section of the International Boundary & Water Commission (USIBWC) discussed current Rio Grande projects in Doña Ana and El Paso counties at the meeting of the Rio Grande Citizens Forum. The meeting took place Tuesday, Dec. 15, in Las Cruces.

USIBWC Engineer Planner Gabriel Duran gave an update on planned Rio Grande levee improvements in Hatch, Mesilla and Canutillo, including a proposed Canutillo floodwall in an area not currently protected by a river levee. He also discussed levee construction that has already been completed in the region. The USIBWC received \$220 million in Recovery Act funds for rehabilitation of Rio Grande flood control levees in the greater Las Cruces-El Paso region and in South Texas. The work is intended to bring the levees into compliance with standards established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

USIBWC Environmental Protection Specialist Daniel Borunda discussed work underway to select priority sites for environmental restoration along the Rio Grande between El Paso and Percha Dam, NM. The USIBWC has been consulting with stakeholders this fall regarding a conceptual restoration plan that identifies 30 potential restoration sites. Of the potential sites, several will be selected for environmental enhancements over the next five years. Environmental improvements at these sites could include erosion control, restoration of native vegetation, control of salt cedar and reconfiguration of

regarding USIBWC activities on the Rio Grande between Percha Dam, NM and Fort Quitman, Texas. It is designed to bring together community members, enabling the early and continued two-way flow of information, concerns, values, and needs between USIBWC and the general public, environmentalists, irrigation districts, municipalities, and others interested in the river.

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