

Sandia High grad represents Mickelson

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oldest major champion. Mickelson will compete in the U.S. Open starting today with a chance at earning a career Grand Slam in golf.

A former collegiate golf coach, Loy, 69, resided in Scottsdale, Arizona, and travels around the globe. But "home" is Albuquerque, where he became tough and an "hard work and dedication" from Sandia football head man Clem Charlton and golf coach Jim Ottman, also a football assistant coach.

"It's hard to be a champion if you're not doing that all the time," Loy said in a recent interview with the Journal. "It's something I carried on through my coaching. I always told my boys: if you quit making a full commitment, they quit calling you champion."

Prostitute

To know Loy we must go back to a snowy day on Sandia Crest when wind-swept drifts erased the path on the La Luz trail where he and a friend were hiking.

Loy said he had just turned 15 in 1965 when he went skiing with his brother and friends at the Crest. Loy and a friend chose to walk down the La Luz trail, but snow had wiped out the path. They became lost and Loy's family was left in fear whether he would survive — and then whether he would ever be the same.

A search party went looking for the two, but several hours and miles after losing their way Loy and his friend walked onto a little ranch. They found help, but by that time they had experienced severe frostbite.

"(The doctors) thought I was going to lose my legs," Loy said. "I was in the hospital for eight months. I learned how to walk again on parallel bars. I thought I would never be able to play athletics again."

Loy wanted to prove himself wrong. He said he took up golf because he could ride in carts to relieve pressure on his feet while he learned the game.

In the end, he built enough strength to compete in both football and golf at Sandia, where he became known for his toughness and dedication. Yet, not many of his teammates or competitors knew of his handicap, a right foot with one toe.

Charlton and his assistant Ottman were puzzled when Loy would sneak away after practice and not use the shower in the locker room. They later found out Loy was ashamed



Steve Loy, left, gives a pointer to Phil Mickelson when the two were young. Loy, a Sandia High alumnus, coached Mickelson to collegiate success at Arizona State, then became his agent.

of his feet and didn't want anyone to see the mangled one. "It was a very traumatic time in my life," Loy said. "In high school, kids can be pretty tough peers. Yet it made me tougher than I had not been injured."

Charlton recalled advising Loy. "I told him one day," said Charlton, now 96 and living in Albuquerque. "There's nobody on this damn football team that's got the guts and determination that you do. If they make fun of you, go over and knock 'em on their ass. That'll take care of it."

Charlton became a special mentor to Loy and was in the wedding party when Loy married his high school sweetheart, the former Linda Bell. "I admired that kid more than anybody that I ever coached because of the physical handicap that he overcame," Charlton said. "To me he was a great athlete to do what he did."

Loy is in the Sandia High Hall of Fame, one of six halls of fame he has been inducted into as a player or coach. At Sandia, he played linebacker, defensive back and quarterback to help lead the Matadors to two state title game appearances. On the golf team he had two state runner-up finishes and was a part of three state championship teams.

"I was the backfield coach and I had to deal with Steve all the time," said Ottman, 80, who also lives in Albuquerque. "He

was a tough, ornery kid who just loved to play."

After high school, Loy competed in golf and football at Eastern New Mexico, which also recruited his then-flame, Linda — waiving her tuition and providing scholarships for her books to be on the football support staff, Loy said.

Years later when he was golf coach at Arizona State, Loy did a similar thing when recruiting Phil Mickelson. "I knew about his girlfriend at the time," Loy said. "She played on the boys team with him in high school in San Diego. I quickly started recruiting her to be on the ASU women's golf team and I got her a spot on the team."

Mickelson later married his wife, Amy.

"She is a sweet woman," Loy said. "At ASU, Loy and Mickelson forged a partnership that has lasted over three decades and has included several business ventures and countless memories."

"Coach has been my mentor, my coach, my agent, my partner," Mickelson said in an email on Monday. "Coach has been everything to me. Without him I probably wouldn't be who I am today for sure."

Just before Mickelson turned pro after winning the NCAA title in 1992 while playing for Arizona State at UNM Championship Golf Course, he asked Loy to become his business partner and agent.

Thursday on TV

U.S. Open, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., GOLF Channel

"I'm on top of my game as a coach at 40 years old," Loy recalled. "I see that he was going to be special but I didn't think I could leave the coaching profession, because I just despised agents to begin with. I think they seem to somehow leverage players more than they help them sometimes."

"In any case, he talked me into managing his business, and we've been partners in every category of the way throughout the last 30 years."

Big win

When Mickelson became the oldest major champion by winning the PGA Championship at Kiawah Island, it brought a special memory to Loy. Coach thought about Mickelson's final collegiate victory.

Loy was back home in Albuquerque for the tournament in 1992, and his best golfer capped a remarkable college career with his third NCAA individual title.

Loy described Mickelson's recent PGA Championship win as one of the game's greatest stories, but he isn't calling it a swan song.

"He thinks he can win some more," Loy said. "So I will too."

This is a big week for Loy because of the U.S. Open and its importance to Mickelson and Jon Rahm, who is also on Loy's agency roster.

"I wouldn't be surprised if he comes out and wins it," Loy said about Mickelson. "The thing about great ones: Freddy Couples, Phil Mickelson, even Tiger (Woods), when they get on the leaderboard, they're hunters. They're not runners. They're hunters and they're coming to get you and they'll fight to the end. If he gets on the leaderboard the first two days, I see great things for the weekend."

Rahm, a Spaniard who is ranked No. 3 in the world, is hoping his name becomes the best story of the U.S. Open: a victory after he was forced to withdraw from the Memorial Tournament earlier this month with a six-shot, third-round lead because of a positive COVID-19 test.

"I think he will play quite well this week," Loy said of Rahm.

If they've learned from Loy, Mickelson and Rahm will do their best to emulate Coach with a full commitment.

Trump-era asylum rules for violence victims tossed

Immigrants fleeing domestic abusers, gangs will have better chance at protection

BY AMY TAXIN
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The U.S. government on Wednesday ended two Trump administration policies that made it harder for immigrants fleeing violence to qualify for asylum, especially Central Americans.

Attorney General Merrick Garland issued a new policy saying immigration judges should cease following the Trump-era rules that made it tough for immigrants who faced domestic or gang violence to win asylum in the United States. The move could make it easier for them to win their cases for humanitarian protection and was widely celebrated by immigrant advocates. "The significance of this cannot be overstated," said Kate Meloy Goetel, legal director of litigation at the American Immigration Council. "This was one of the worst anti-asylum decisions under the Trump era, and this is a really important first step in undoing that."

Garland said he was making the changes after President Joe Biden ordered his office and the Department of Homeland Security to draft rules addressing complex issues in immigration law about groups of people who should qualify for asylum.

Gene Hamilton, a key architect of many of Trump's immigration policies who served in the Justice Department, said in a statement that he believed the change would lead to more immigrants filing asylum claims based on crime, which he said should not be a reason for the humanitarian protection.

The Biden administration changes come as U.S. immigration authorities have reported unusually high numbers of encounters with migrants on the Mexican border. In April, border officials reported the highest number of encounters in more than 20 years, although many migrants were repeat crossers who previously had been expelled from the country under pandemic-related policies. The number of children crossing the border alone also has remained at record highs.

Many Central Americans arrive at the border fleeing gang violence in their countries. But it isn't easy to qualify for asylum under U.S. immigration laws, and the Trump-era policies made it that much harder.

More than half of asylum cases decided by the immigration courts in the 2020 fiscal year were denials, according to data from the Department of Justice's Executive Office for Immigration Review.

OBITUARIES

Jancula, Louis
Niedens Case, Dorothy

Rivera, Kristy M.
Simmons, Donna Kay

Donna Kay Martin Simmons

Age 77, Passed peacefully April 29, 2021. Born Jan 24, 1944 at Ft. Riley Airbase, Kansas. Moved to Albuquerque in 1958. Graduated Sandia High in 1961. Donna worked as a Police Meter Maid while attending UNM. In 1964 she met the love of her life, Jim, at Groves Archery. They were married just 45 days later. They had 45 Wild & Happy years together. She loved reading, sewing, raising kids, gardening and making fancy cakes. She & Jim

Founded Simmons Plumbing Co. in 1973, she served as its Pres. 2009-2021. She is preceded in death by her parents Roy & Fran Martin. Husband, Jim. Sons: Chris, Greg & Paul. She is survived by Sons: David & Roy. Daughters: April, Joy & Melody. 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She will be interred at Santa Fe Nat. Cemetery. Services held, June 19, 2021 at The LDS Church 1100 Montana NW, Albuquerque at 1pm

Kristy M. Rivera

Age 42, passed away Thursday, June 3, 2021. She was born and raised in Albuquerque, NM on July 12, 1978. She owned Edible Arrangements. She loved the Lord and cherished her daughter. She enjoyed traveling and she was known as a fashionista and treasured being around her loved ones. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Arturo Garcia and Elizabeth Rivera.

and Francesca Rodriguez; grandparents, Miguel Peralta and Margaret Garcia. A Visitation will be held from 10:30 to 11:00 am with a Service to follow at 11:00 am on Friday, June 18, 2021 at The Strong Thorne Chapel, 1100 Coal Ave. SE. To view information or leave a condolence please visit www.garciamortuary.com

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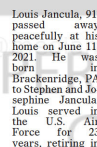
Dorothy Bernice Niedens Case



Dorothy Bernice Niedens Case, age 88, passed away June 12, 2021. She is survived by her children, Celeste Case and Roger Case, and many other family and friends. A Graveside Service will be held Friday, June 18, 2021, 1:00 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery, 924 Menal Blvd NE. Please visit our online guest book for Dorothy Bernice at FrenchFunerals.com

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Louis Jancula



Louis Jancula, 91, passed peacefully at his home on June 11, 2021. He was born in Brackenridge, PA to Stephen and Josephine Jancula. Louis served in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years, retiring in Albuquerque. He then worked for Ed Black's Chevrolet and retired in 1998. He was an avid golfer and a member of both the Albuquerque Seniors and New Mexico Seniors golf associations. He was an active member of The Shrine of St. Bernadette, serving in many ministries. Louis was preceded in death by his parents; six siblings; one granddaughter; and one stepson. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Patricia; his children, Lee Jancula, Jeff Jancula and wife Debbie, Vane Jancula and husband Greg Fischer, Marc

be recited on Thursday, June 17, 2021, 7:00 p.m. at The Shrine of St. Bernadette. A Celebration Mass will be Friday, June 18, 2021, 11:30 a.m. at The Shrine of St. Bernadette. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery. Please visit our online guestbook for Louis at www.frenchfunerals.com

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