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In accordance with New Mexico property tax code, residents who wish to dispute their valuation notice have until April 30, 2019 to file a protest or update their status to qualify for head of household, veteran's, charitable or educational exemption under the code.



Property owners with questions about the protest or status change process can go to the assessor's office any time during regular business hours at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 North Motel Boulevard.

Protests and other types of reporting will not be accepted after the April 30 deadline. Forms to apply may be downloaded at

[www.donaanacounty.org/assessor](http://www.donaanacounty.org/assessor).

For additional questions, or if you did not receive a notice, contact the

Doña Ana County Assessor's Office, (575) 647-7400.

### Mobile outreach clinic heads to Berino

Staff from the Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services (CCS) Office and the Animal Control and Codes Enforcement Department has scheduled a joint Mobile Constituent Services Hour Clinic in Berino for residents to discuss issues and concerns.

The Berino Mobile Constituent Services Outreach Clinic will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25 at the Immaculate Conception Mission Church Hall, 205 Concepcion Avenue. District 1 Doña Ana County Commissioner Lynn Ellins and local congressional staff have been invited to attend.

"We are excited that our colleagues in animal control and codes are partnering with our office on this clinic. Issues involving animals and code violations often come up during the clinics, which are held throughout the county," CCS Manager Liz Reed said. "The clinics provide another great opportunity for constituents to have face-to-face conversations with county staff about their concerns without traveling to Las Cruces."

Animal Control and Codes Enforcement staff will be able to address issues pertaining to the solid waste ordinance and

animal welfare. In addition, their staff will provide information about their department's Animal Control Environment Survey (ACES) project, efforts of the Illegal Dumping Partnership, and community cleanup avenues through the Keep Doña Ana County Beautiful program.

During the one-hour program, CCS staff will note additional concerns raised that may need follow up with other county departments. If the concerns raised do not fall in the county's jurisdiction, constituents will be referred accordingly to external resources.

For more information about the Mobile Constituent Services Outreach Clinics, contact the Doña Ana County Community and Constituent Services Office at (575) 525-5989.

Questions or concerns in specific areas of Doña Ana County can be sent to [input@donaanacounty.org](mailto:input@donaanacounty.org).

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### Roll-off container, tire shredder available in Anthony

The Doña Ana County Animal Control and Codes Enforcement and Planning and Constituent Services personnel wrapped up a door-to-door clean-up and outreach effort in the Anthony areas of Warthen Road, Los Olivos Road, and Shrode Road on Thursday, April 18. Residents are encouraged to utilize a free roll-off container and tire shredder that will be made available as part of that effort.



The container and shredder will be located near those same areas on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon, or until the containers are full.

The free service is part of the Animal Control and Environmental Survey (ACES) program, which aims to educate residents on how to come into compliance with county ordinances involving domestic animals and solid waste while offering opportunities to beautify the area where they live.

For more information on upcoming ACES projects, contact the Doña Ana County Animal Control and Codes Enforcement Department at (575) 525-8846.

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# Council's refugee vote supported by majority of speakers

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

After more than two hours of discussion at its Monday, April 15 meeting, the Las Cruces City Council voted unanimously to spend \$75,000 for emergency immigrant refugee humanitarian assistance. The input ensued after the measure was moved from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda.

In a resolution passed at a special meeting that followed the council meeting, councilors voted to allow the funds to be spent in Doña Ana or El Paso counties, as the city assists local agencies in processing the hundreds of immigrants – mostly women and children, supporters said, from Central and South America – who have come to the U.S.-Mexico border seeking asylum in the United States.

The U.S. Border Patrol began bringing the immigrants, who have legal status as asylum seekers, to Las Cruces, where they are being temporarily housed, fed, given medical attention and put on buses or planes to transport them to their sponsors in other parts of the U.S.

The \$75,000 will come from the city's Telshor Facility Fund (TFF), which was created by the council in October 2004 with proceeds from the pre-paid lease of Memorial Medical Center to Providence Healthcare Company, according to city documents. The money will be taken

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from interest earned on the \$25 million in the fund, Mayor Ken Miyagishima said.

"My spirit has really been lifted by what this community has done," Councilor Gabe Vasquez said. Las Cruces, he said, is "a giving and loving community."

"Folks are folks no matter where they come from," Councilor Kasandra Gandara said. "I'm proud to be a welcoming city."

"This city stepped up," Councilor Greg Smith said. "We were not given a choice." The federal government chose to "drop them on our streets and leave them to fend for themselves. We can do this," Smith said. "We are doing this."

"Things that are going on now are really heartwarming," Mayor Pro-Tem Gill Sorg said.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

**Temple Beth-El Rabbi Larry Karol speaks in favor of a Las Cruces City Council resolution allowing the city to spend up to \$75,000 for emergency refugee humanitarian assistance at the council's April 15 meeting.**

"I only wish we could do more. Hopefully, one day we can look back and say, 'Yeah, we did well.'"

"Read your history," Councilor Yvonne Flores said. "Read about what's going on in Central America. You will see a lot of people coming here have been displaced by actions taken by the United States. They're not coming here to go to Disneyland. In caring for the immigrants, the

city will at least put a little bit of a Band Aid on this horrible situation we're faced with."

By having "an organized response to the influx of asylum seekers," the city is spending less than it otherwise would be to temporarily care for "women and children looking for a bit of help in our town," Councilor Jack Eakman said. "The alternative to an organized response is


an unknown we can't afford," he said.

The \$75,000 allocation is "an appropriate amount to provide re-

sources without having to go through additional procurement require-

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

**Doña Ana County Historical Society:** "The Hermit of La Cueva," by author and historian David Thomas, 7 p.m. Thursday, April 18, Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Free. Info: Jim, 575-521-8771.

**Computer literacy classes:** Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Info: Vicki Minnick, 575-528-4002; [vminnick@las-cruces.org](mailto:vminnick@las-cruces.org). Schedule:

- April 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m. – Gmail
- April 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m. – Microsoft PowerPoint
- April 30, 2-4 p.m. – Microsoft Word for beginners

**Crafts for Kids:** 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children

of all ages are welcome to create their own craft to take home. Free with regular admission (\$5 adults, \$4 senior citizens, \$3 children 4-17).

- April 20: Woven Magazine Coasters
- April 27: 3-D Bumblebees

**March for Science:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 20 (Earth Day), on Plaza de Las Cruces. Sponsored by faculty and students from New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Com-

munity College. Info: Hiranya Roychowdhury, 575-642-2921; [www.marchforscience.com](http://www.marchforscience.com).

**Prius raffle fundraiser:** 12<sup>th</sup> annual, sponsored by the Southwest Environmental Center, 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 20, Plaza de Las Cruces. 500 tickets sold at \$110 each. Purchase online at [www.wildmesquite.org](http://www.wildmesquite.org), or in person at SWEC, 275 N. Main St. Info: 575-522-5552.

**Aggie Safety Fun Fest:** Food, games, rides, safety demos and more, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 20, NMSU Fire Station. Info: [fire.nmsu.edu](http://fire.nmsu.edu); [bikes.nmsu.edu](http://bikes.nmsu.edu).

**Weaving for Justice:** Sale of Maya textiles, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 525 E. Lohman, Suite C. Info: [weaving-for-justice.org](http://weaving-for-justice.org).

**AARP meet-and-greet:** With District 6 councilor Yvonne Flores, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 25, Sage Café Senior Center, 6121 Reynolds.

**Doña Ana County Federated Republican Women:** Meet 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 26, Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks

Drive. Guest is Hatch mayor Andrew "Andy" Nuñez. Deadline for reservations is April 22. Contact Patricia Rothen-gass, 575-650-5057 or [artpjr1940@yahoo.com](mailto:artpjr1940@yahoo.com).

**Lecture:** "Heaven and Heather, God and Gorse: Living Between the Worlds," 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces San Rafael Room. Info: Weeden Nichols, 785-259-2969; [redolaf1@gmail.com](mailto:redolaf1@gmail.com).

**Tutti Bambini:** "Open Doors" fundraiser on behalf of special needs children, 5-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, Kitchen Kraft, 980 N. Telshor Blvd. Info: Sister Beth, 575-640-1997.

**Fundraiser:** Dinner and silent auction to benefit Distinguished Young Women of New Mexico, 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, American Legion Hall, 1185 E. Madrid. Music by Caliente and food from Rudy's BBQ. \$10 per person. Info: Dora, 575-644-4514.

**Book launch:** "The Bower," by Connie Voisine, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, NMSU Health and Social Services Auditorium. Free. Info: [www.connievoisine.com](http://www.connievoisine.com).

**Back by Noon:** Natural

history/ecology outings, presented by the Southwest Environmental Center, Saturdays through May 11. Free, bring sturdy footwear, water, sunscreen and a hat. Advance registration requested before each outing by calling 575-522-5552. Info: [www.wildmesquite.org](http://www.wildmesquite.org):

- 8 a.m. April 27, The Explosive History of the Organ Mountains, with volcanologist Emily Johnson

**Breast Cancer Support Group:** Meets 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, Memorial Medical Center, West Side Annex, 2450 S. Telshor. Topic: "The Amazing Digestive System." Free, open to all. Info: 575-524-4373.


**Culture Day:** "Around the World in Two Hours," celebrating the cultural diversity at Doña Ana Community College, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. DACC Espina Campus, DASH building, South Great Hall.

**Conversations with Democrats:** Guest speaker is Dominic Cappello, author of "Anna, Age Eight," 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Holy Family American National Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road. Free. Info: 575-521-0096.

**Basics of Alzheimer's Disease:** Free presentation, 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Info: Alexis Ramirez, 800-272-3900, [alramirez@alz.org](mailto:alramirez@alz.org).




**Water safety demonstration:** Safety skills in and

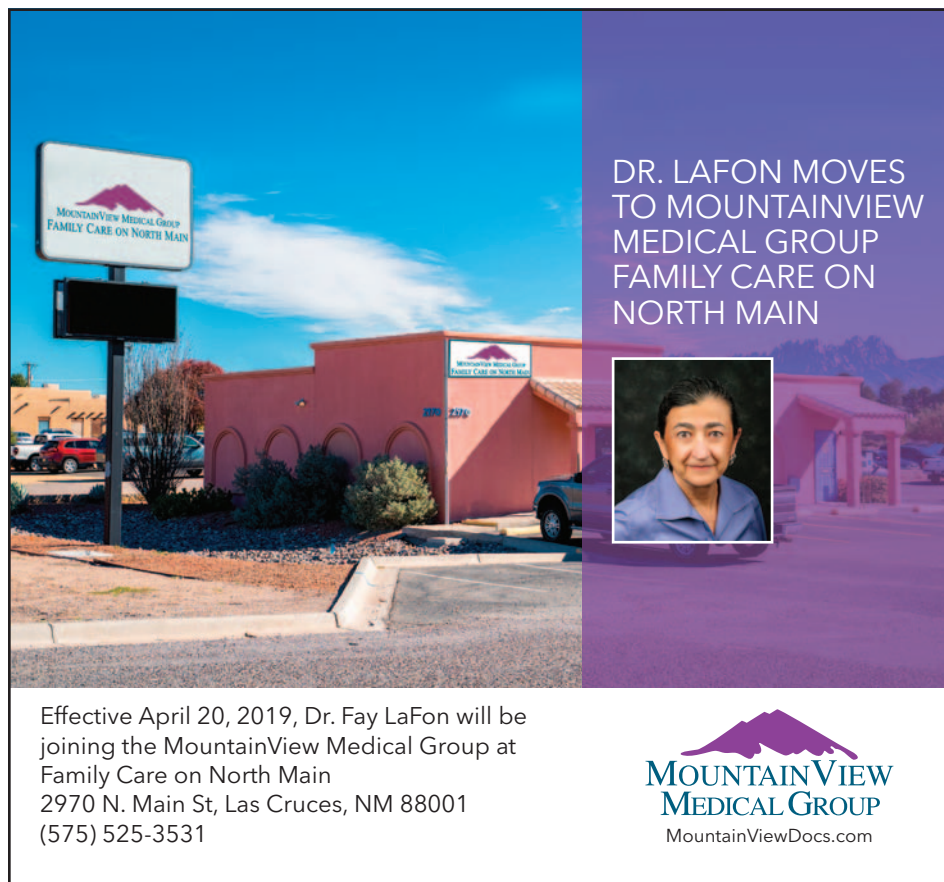
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# City councilor: Border way of life under attack

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The way of life on the U.S.-Mexican border is “as American as a cornfield in the Midwest,” Las Cruces City Councilor Gabe Vasquez told the Bulletin April 8. But the cross-border connection between families and communities is being attacked by the Trump administration, which is helping to create a border crisis and making conditions worse south of the border and in the United States, including Doña Ana County, he said.

Construction of a portion of Trump’s proposed border wall between the U.S. and Mexico could begin within a few weeks just south of Columbus,



Las Cruces City Councilor Gabe Vasquez.

New Mexico, in neighboring Luna County, Vasquez said. Building the wall would “steamroll the entire border,” Vasquez said, devastating families, wildlife, the environment and the economy. Most Americans are against it, he said, and it’s unacceptable that “the world’s most perfect democracy could let this happen.”

Vasquez called on

Trump to “begin working with Congress to finally reach a compromise on immigration reform. “That’s the type of leadership we need from the White House,” he said, “not dictatorship by executive order.”

Vasquez, 34, was born in El Paso and grew up in Ciudad Juarez, where both parents worked for American maquiladoras. He moved to Las Cruces at age 17 to attend New Mexico State University. Vasquez regularly visits relatives in Mexico, including his father and grandmother, the family matriarch, who raised 11 children and is recovering from knee surgery. Vasquez said he can’t imagine not being able to cross the border to visit

her.

“I’m just one,” Vasquez said. “There are millions who cross every day.”

U.S. Border Patrol check points in the El Paso sector (which includes Doña Ana County) are closed because of “the inability of this administration to properly allocate resources and to adapt to the conditions on the border,” Vasquez said.

The Trump administration has shown “animosity toward brown bodies before they even get to the U.S.,” Vasquez said, regardless of “where they come from and how they work.”

He accuses the administration of relying on “unfounded political rhetoric [and] propaganda at its worst” to defend con-

struction of the wall.

The number of immigrants coming to the U.S. from Mexico has dropped, Vasquez said, though Mexico is still the scapegoat for a refugee crisis he believes Trump is intentionally creating to build support for the wall.

It’s clear Mexico will not be made to pay for the wall as Trump promised, Vasquez said, so it will cost American taxpayers billions of dollars.

“The courts could be our savior as they have been on so many executive orders,” he said, noting that New Mexico has joined other states in a lawsuit to stop construction of the wall.

Continuing to build barricades between the U.S. and Mexico is “bad

for business in Doña Ana County,” Vasquez said. The county has surpassed Albuquerque as the state’s largest export zone.

Immigration reform should include a temporary guest worker program so immigrants can come to the U.S. and work legally, said Vasquez, whose wife is a legal permanent resident who teaches at a Las Cruces school.

Undocumented workers are already here, he noted, working in kitchens, hotels and on construction sites.

“We already benefit from their labor.”

*Mike Cook may be contacted at [mike@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:mike@lascrucesbulletin.com).*



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## Medoff legacy a blessing for NMSU, Las Cruces and beyond

**A** Tony Award, given annually for excellence in Broadway theater, is physically kind of a dinky, unimpressive token when you hold it in your hands. However, winning the Tony represents great big accolades backed by incredible amounts of work.



**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

Las Cruces Mark Medoff is known for being a Tony Award-winning playwright. Like the award itself, though, the honor represents a small token compared to what Medoff has accomplished in an amazing life.

It's no stretch to say Medoff is a genius at both writing and directing plays. And, yet, he could never fully let go and do that exclusively. He loved teaching too much. And he loved his students too much. And, especially, he loved watching his students grow, evolve and succeed.

He did that for more than 50 years, arriving at New Mexico State University in 1966 to teach English.

And whether or not you took a class from Medoff, if you know him at all, you are one of his students. You cannot have a conversation with Medoff without learning something.

Medoff is a gardener whose plants have bloomed and continue to bloom and brighten lives all over the world. The most precious ones to him are his wife, Stephanie, and their three daughters, Debra, Jessica and Rachel, along with their husbands and children.

Some of his proteges have elevated to big stages.

Years ago, Medoff saw actor Neil

Patrick Harris as a young kid at a summer acting workshop at NMSU. Medoff "knew" this boy had something and helped to foster his work. Now Harris is a veteran TV actor and fellow Tony winner..

Academy Award-winning screenwriter Aaron Sorkin saw Medoff's play "The Wager" off-Broadway as a kid. Medoff became one of Sorkin's inspirational 3 M's: Mailer (Norman), Miller (Arthur) and Medoff.

Don Foster took classes from Medoff at NMSU in the early 1980s. He credits Medoff as a catalyst for his career as a television writer and producer, working on such shows as "Roseanne," "Two and a Half Men," and "The Big Bang Theory."

"He taught me by example, as much a anything, how to live a deep, disciplined life and do it joyously," Foster said. "How to greet the day with gratitude, confidence and humor, and to seek to understand at least as much as you aspire to be understood."

Still, as important to Medoff as the lights on Broadway or the soundstages in Hollywood, were Main Street in Las Cruces and the theaters on the NMSU campus.

Medoff's play, "The Wager," before it went off-Broadway, was first brought to production at the Las Cruces Community Theater by John Hadsell, an NMSU English professor, when Medoff was still a student.

Even after winning his Tony, Medoff never quit being involved in Las Cruces theater and never quit caring about the people doing it.

Las Cruces artist Bob Diven built play sets for Medoff, acted under his direction, and saw Medoff direct one of his musicals.

"He is a massive talent," Diven said. "And he is unselfish with it. I got to witness him in action count-

## Backwoods wisdom

"Age-in' a cow is 'bout the thing I hate most. Seems like they can tell the instant you cross the line into the strike zone."

We all nodded sympathetically with Jeff's

pronouncement. Each cowman in the circle of chairs could remember a blow to the ribs that ruined his day.

"Well your doin' it all wrong," spoke Gary, "Mouthin'em is easy. Just check 'em after you feed in the evenin'. Timing is critical. Wait till the sun is setting low and drive along the west side of the fence or feedbunk. They'll look up to check you out, all of 'em chompin' and chewin' and curious. If you've planned it right the sun will light up their dentures like you had a spotlight!"

'Such wisdom,' I thought as I sat in this group of Missouri cowmen. It was like sittin' in with the Supreme Court justices, Solomon on one side, Ginsburg on the other.

"How 'bout preg checkin'," I asked. Is there an easy way to do that?"

"Sure," Gary continued, "When I get an arm inside first thing I do is sort according to how big the calf is."

"You mean like 30 days along, 90 days along and so forth?" I said.

"No," he answered, "Like squirrel, cat, beagle..."



**BAXTER BLACK**  
On the Edge  
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I looked blank. "Big as a squirrel, big as a cat, big as a beagle ... like that. Lot simpler. And if it's big as a coon dog you know she's bred anyway 'cause by then she'd be showin'

on the outside. On the other hand some just thump 'em."

I could see myself as a vet out at some cowman's place saying, "I won't be using a plastic sleeve today Mr. Henry. I'll just be thumpin'em."

I admit workin' cows would be easier if you could age and preg check them without grabbin' their head or plunging up to the armpit. Then Gary told me he could sex the calves before they were born. I realized my vet training had been sorely lacking. Did he sex 'em somehow by smelling the cow's breath? By tailhead elevation? By bag development, or sonar?

"No," he said, "Just a lot of feelin' around. Under the tail, between the legs. 'Course it helps if the calf is pretty far along."

"How far along?" I asked like the student I was.

"Oh, say...big as a Mississippi channel cat."

*Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, former large animal veterinarian and entertainer of the agricultural masses. Learn more at [www.baxter-black.com](http://www.baxter-black.com).*



# City does what it can to help refugees

I've always been proud of the way our community treats those in need of help.

The most obvious example of that is the Community of Hope complex, where the homeless can get food, shelter, clothing, showers, counseling, computer access, job assistance and treatment for both their physical and mental health.

More recently, when federal authorities began dropping off families of Central America refugees in Las Cruces, El Calvario Methodist Church launched a massive volunteer effort to welcome those families and help them get to their sponsors



**WALT RUBEL**

The View  
From Here

around the country.

Those arriving at El Calvario and other local churches involved in the effort are greeted with a hot meal, a warm embrace and, most

importantly, are given a sense of safety and security after a long and perilous journey. Their stay is temporary, usually a couple of days before they leave to connect with their sponsors.

The volunteer effort has been truly impressive. But, with more refugees continuing to arrive, the coordinated effort between federal authorities and the local volunteer network has broken down, and refugees are

now being dropped off at local homeless shelters, without advanced notice.

On Thursday of last week, 68 children and adults were taken to the Gospel Rescue Mission, with 25 to 30 more taken to the Community of Hope campus. An additional 83 were dropped off Friday, and another 170 Monday, according to the city, with more arrivals expected.

To accommodate the influx, the city has temporarily converted the Meerscheidt Recreation Center into a refugee shelter

At its regular meeting on Monday, the City Council voted unanimously to approve \$75,000 in humanitarian assistance for those who have been dropped off in our community. It is not clear

exactly how the money will be spent, as city officials are responding on the fly to meet the new and constantly changing demands.

And, it's not just the government that is responding to the need. When the call went out for donations of clothes, money, toiletries and other necessities, the community turned out in droves. People lined up at the Gospel Rescue Mission to drop off their items, filling the room from floor to ceiling, according to reporting in the Sun-News.

President Donald Trump is right about one thing, border communities like ours do shoulder the burden for our leaders' inability to

bring needed reforms to our nation's immigration system.

But that's nothing new. Congress has been divided over its immigration policy for decades. Each new administration has had its own theories as to what should be done, but none has been able to forge a consensus. And so, even though there may be agreement that reform is needed, the antiquated laws remain in force.

And yes, that does impact us more than other areas of the nation.

But what the president constantly gets wrong is his view that people pose a threat simply because they were born in another country. His proposal to dump refugees into sanctuary cities is just the

latest example of that misguided thinking.

The surge of refugees from Central America has created several long-term issues that need to be addressed regarding our asylum laws and the conditions in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador that have led to this migration. Sadly, those questions will all be set aside once the crisis ends.

That leaves us with the short term, where desperate people are in need of help, and our small community is doing what it can to help them.

It makes me proud.

*Walt Rubel is a veteran Las Cruces journalist who may be reached at waltrubel@gmail.com.*

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Council should be accountable to citizens**

To the editor:

I hope there is an accounting regarding even one dime of Las Cruces taxpayer money used in any capacity, including police services, in the housing of the so-called asylum seekers in our city. If our city council can magically appear with emergency funding to pay for a federal immigration problem, then I am lost as to why that money was not available for veterans and homeless housing along with funding for our community school programs to help local residents.

I demand Las Cruces City Council be accountable to the people they represent and not the whims of their emotions,

buying into the hype that we should be more concerned about a kid that came here from another country instead of our own citizens.

*Rob Wood  
Las Cruces*

**Prices affect demand**

To the editor:

I am responding to recent letters in the Bulletin regarding business closures and the increase in minimum wage.

First, are any of the authors who voice a lack of sympathy for business closures actual business owners themselves? Second, as for why businesses fail (source: Internet), the author apparently failed to read "Item #10, Lack of profit." Any increase in payroll costs directly impacts the bottom line.

Third, nowhere was the economic principle of supply and demand mentioned, i.e., increase prices and decrease demand. Perhaps more research was necessary before [they wrote for] publication.

*Patricia Mitchell  
Las Cruces*

**Higher taxes are regressive**

To the editor:

Gone are the days of President Clinton, who was good with our money and one of the few presidents to balance the budget. Move forward 20 years at our state level and we have Gov. Lujan Grisham and her cronies who are nothing but spenders and lovers of big government.

Governor Martinez had

a surplus of \$1.1 billion by the end of [her] eight years. These liberals are not only spending it all in a matter of weeks but want to raise sales and income taxes by the hundreds of millions. Who are they going to increase the tax on? They are like immature kids who discover a financial toy box and proceed to empty it quickly, tossing hither and yon.

Raises [for teachers] are good but pension funding suffers. Illinois raised taxes three years ago and currently every 2.6 minutes a resident is leaving. Too much spending is not progressive but regressive and oppressive, appealing to feelings, not the intellect.

*Jerry Lee  
Las Cruces*

## COLTHARP

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less times. He created a warm and energized environment with his cast and crew. He set high standards that, somehow, everyone knew they had to rise up and meet. But he wasn't afraid to lend his abilities to humble projects. He took them all on as the lover of all things theater that he is."

Local actor Dave Edwards may have played more roles in Medoff plays than anyone alive.

"We are all so fortunate Mark wasn't put off by discovering cows on campus when he arrived at NMSU from Stanford – a story he recalls with relish and hilarious detail," Edwards said. "His contributions to the betterment of the community through his art and awareness are, quite simply, immeasurable."

Most recently, Medoff generated a screenplay from the book "Walking With Herb," written by Las Cruces banker Joe Bullock. You may recall

the movie filming here last year, with stars Edward James Olmos and George Lopez.

As much as Medoff loved all things theater, he also has a keen awareness of the goings-on of real life.

In 1968, there weren't very many African-Americans in Las Cruces, but some of them were athletes at NMSU, people like basketball star Sam Lacey, who found himself recruited by Coach Lou Henson to this strange desert locale.

In his English classes, Medoff taught Lacey and other Aggie athletes. But on Thursday, April 4, 1968, Medoff put down the books and just listened, as his students shared their feelings about Martin Luther King Jr., who was assassinated that day.

Medoff has touched many lives in many positive ways.

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Asylum seekers arrive at Community of Hope Saturday, April 13.



Asylum seekers arrive at Meerscheidt Recreation Center Saturday, April 13.

## City, organizations process lines of refugees

### BULLETIN REPORT

As of Tuesday, April 16, the city said Las Cruces had accepted more than 600 asylum seekers and had transitioned more than 400 to their sponsor destinations.

In a news release, the city said it plans to have Meerscheidt Center which has housed refugees since April 12, will reopen for recreational use by April 18.

The Doña Ana County

Triage Center is ready to receive asylum seekers, the city said.

Casa de Peregrinos emergency food program, located on the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH) campus, 999 W. Amador Ave., is the point of contact for food supplies for the asylum-seeker care program, the city said. Food and water donations should be taken there.

The city and county

are limiting public access to sites with asylum seekers for reasons of privacy and security, the city said.

Asylum seekers continue to arrive in Las Cruces, more donations of food, water and personal hygiene items (including sanitary napkins, shampoo and conditioner, lotion, soap and lip balm) are needed, according to the city.

Donations can be taken to MVCH and the

Gospel Rescue Mission, 1050 W. Amador Ave. (across the street from MVCH).

Other needed items include clothing, especially for children, stuffed toys, towels, blankets and foam padding for use as bedding.

Also needed are bilingual translators with computers to help process asylum seekers.

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# Interim provost sees bright future for NMSU

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

After retiring from Kansas State University in 2018, Dr. April Mason was all set to move into her new home in Fort Collins, Colorado. But then she got a call from a long-time colleague, New Mexico State University President Dr. John Floros, who convinced Mason to take a seven-month detour to Las Cruces as serve as NMSU's interim provost.

"It's been my honor to be here," Mason said in early April. She arrived in November and quickly found "new friends as well as wonderful colleagues." She lives on campus and



**APRIL MASON**

Mason works in an office on the first floor of Hadley Hall. Mason was provost and senior vice president of K-State 2010-18, serving alongside Floros, who was dean of the College of Agriculture and director of K-State Research and Extension for the last six years of Mason's tenure there. Having known Floros since they were "young assistant professors" together in 1988, Mason said it was "not a stretch" to join Floros at NMSU.

Before joining K-State,

Mason held faculty and administrative positions at Colorado State University and Purdue University. She earned a doctorate degree in nutrition and a master's degree in botany from Purdue University and an undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio.

Mason served as chair of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities Council on Academic Affairs and was a founding member and chair of the Association of Chief Academic Officers, a group associated with the American Council of Education, according to an NMSU news release.

Her NMSU duties are similar to those at K-State, including promotions and working with the faculty senate and student body government (ASNMSU). The two universities are dealing with the same basic issues, Mason said, such as finding way to increase student enrollment.

Floros is part of the "wonderful new leadership" moving NMSU forward, Mason said, and helping faculty and staff to feel excited about finding "new ways of addressing the grand challenge."

"The right people are in the right places to steer people in the right direction," she said. "I

am very optimistic."

"Stay the course" is Mason's advice to Floros and NMSU Chancellor Dr. Dan Arvizu. "You have new energy and excitement. Don't waiver. It won't be easy, but it's right."

"I first met Dr. April Mason during the late 1980s at Purdue University, when we both served on the faculty for many years," Floros said. "Since then, we kept in touch. April is a seasoned and skilled administrator with experience and commitment you rarely find in leadership positions of academic institutions across the country. She is compassionate, honest, dedicated, with an

ability to bring people together like nobody else. I feel fortunate to have her as our Interim provost during the transition."

Mason said she didn't know New Mexico's official question, "Red or Green?" before moving to Las Cruces late last year. But she has found a love for the area's world-famous chile.

Mason's last day on campus is May 24.

"I won't miss the wind," she said. "I will miss the people. The Organs are awfully pretty. It will be hard to drive away."

*Mike Cook may be contacted at [mike@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:mike@lascrucesbulletin.com).*

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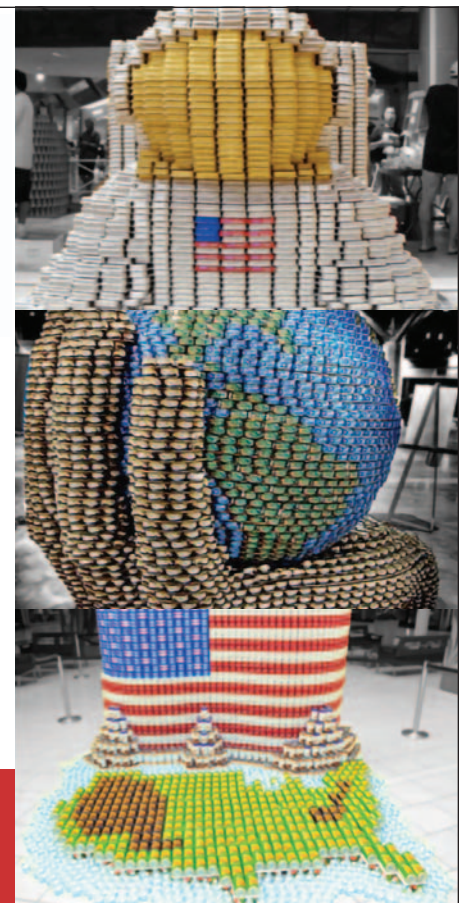
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# DACC students mine gold in state competition

## BULLETIN REPORT

Doña Ana Community College (DACC) students competed against students from other New Mexico community colleges in their technical areas and more than doubled their gold medal count from 2018.

DACC also earned more silver and equaled their bronze medal take, compared to last year, at the New Mexico SkillsUSA competition held in Albuquerque April 8-9 and in Las Cruces March 15. Two high school students who attend DACC also won their competitions.

The gold medalists join 6,000 students from across the nation who qualified to compete in the national competitions, to be held June 24-29 in Louisville, Kentucky.

The mission of SkillsUSA is to "empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens," according to a news release.

"We are proud of all the students who competed," said Sandra Castillo, DACC division dean of Advanced Technologies. "The state and the national competitions are important for our students to develop their leadership skills and test their technical knowledge and competency."

All competitions were judged by professionals in their respective fields.

### • DACC gold medalists:

Leslie Sydow & Daniel Kerr, Cyber Security Team  
Robin Banegas, Com-



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**Daniel Kerr is half of the Cyber Security team that won a gold medal in state competition. The team will compete in the nationals in June.**

puter Programming

James Chambers, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Alan Pansegrau, Electronics

Isaiah Silva, Information Technology Services

Vivian Allen Information Technology Services (High School)

Brenton Candelaria, Internetworking (High School)

Shannon Smith, Internetworking

James Chambers, Job Interview

Anthony Garretson, Job Skill Demonstration

Rodolfo Ruacho, Medical Terminology

Ruby Villalobos, Nurse Assisting

Nancy Villalobos, Prepared Speech

Nancy Villalobos, Related Technical Math

Ron Osborne, Technical Computer Applications

### • DACC silver medalists:

Scott Caretto & Jennifer Allen, Cyber Security Team

Michael Lundmark, Computer Programming

Turner Ashby, Electronics

Daniel Kerr, Extemporaneous Speech

Brenton Candelaria, Extemporaneous Speech (High School)

Scott Caretto, Job Skill Demonstration

Simon Sanchez, Technical Computer Applications

### • DACC bronze medalists:

Alexandria Ackerman, Cyber Security

Joshua Boehms, Computer Programming

Javier Alvarez, Electronics

Rodolfo Ruacho, Extemporaneous Speech

Anthony Garretson, Technical Computer Applications

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## Spine Health

As we get older, many people experience increased aches, pains and joint stiffness. We often assume that discomfort just goes with the territory. In fact, when it comes to the spine, some decline in function and flexibility may be expected over time. But there are several things you can do right now to help maintain your spine's flexibility and comfort. Over the next two weeks, I'll be writing about what happens with the spine as you age, common spinal conditions in older adults, and ways to help prevent back pain and injuries in the future.

The spine is our body's central support structure. It keeps us upright and connects the different parts of our skeleton to each other. Although the spine is made up of a chain of bones, it is flexible due to elastic ligaments and spinal disks. The spine is the bony framework that protects the spinal cord, which serves as a channel of communication between the brain and the rest of the body. It serves as an anchor for a network of muscles that surround the trunk and help in movement and stability of the trunk region.



Viewed from the side, there are normally four slight natural curves in an adult spine. These curves make the spine stable. They help you keep your balance when you are in an upright position, act as shock absorbers when you walk, and protect the individual bones in the spine (the vertebrae) from fractures.

Common spinal conditions in older adults may manifest themselves with a variety of symptoms: early morning back pain, leg pain when standing, walking, or sitting, loss of height and more. These and other aspects of the aging process may be accelerated if you've previously experienced a spinal injury, if you are overweight, or if your daily activities subject your spine to a greater-than-average amount of wear and tear.

### Disk Degeneration

Intervertebral disks act as cushions between the spine's vertebrae.



Over time, the disks begin to shrink and get worn down as their moisture content declines. As a result, the vertebral bones can begin to rub against one another, potentially causing back pain and stiffness.

Depending on the location of the disks affected, patients may experience pain and stiffness, especially during certain movements such as reaching upward, bending over or turning to one side. These actions may also cause shooting pains and/or tingling sensations down the arm, or leg. One characteristic symptom of disk degeneration is low back pain that increases the longer you stay seated or standing, but lessens when you're walking or lying down in bed.

### Facet Joint Osteoarthritis

Facet joints are essentially the bony connections between each vertebra. They make your back flexible and enable you to bend and twist. Healthy facet joints have cartilage, which allows your vertebrae to move smoothly against each other without grinding. Facet joint arthritis develops as the cartilage separating the joints gradually breaks down over time. Typical symptoms of this condition include low back pain and stiffness which is worse in the morning and at the end of the day, and after periods of physical activity.

With different activities and positions, stress is placed on different structures in the spine. This information gives clues to your physician or physical therapist about the source of the pain, as well as the best course of action to alleviate the pain and restore your function. If you are having pain symptoms, consult with your physician or physical therapist today before it gets worse. If you are unsure, we are happy to do a free 'Discovery' visit with you to help determine if physical therapy can help you with your problem. Call our office at 575-323-8131 for more information.

Next week, I'll write about a few more common spinal conditions, and I'll tell you about ways that you can prevent back pain and injuries in the future. Be sure and look next week!

Dennis Prickett  
Physical Therapist  
and co-owner of  
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## COMING UP

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around the swimming pool, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Gym Magic Sports Center & Preschool, 2341 Entrada del Sol. For parents and children of all ages. Info: 575-523-1616.

### Lunch, laughter, love:

Ladies monthly potluck, noon Tuesday, April 30, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. Info: 575-523-4847; cslascruces@cslascruces.org.

**Google workshop:** Sponsored by Las Cruces Green Chamber and Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, 2345 Nevada Ave. Info: Sergio, 575-527-7676.

### Las Cruces Bead Society:

Meets 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, Western Traders, 1300 El Paseo. Info: 575-527-1470.

### Salute Across America:

Tribute to veterans, military and patriots, 6 p.m. Thursday, May 2, Veterans Memorial Park, 2651 Roadrunner Pkwy. Info: Chaplain Lawrence, 575-800-9432.

**'Bucking for a Cure':** Bull riding and a concert benefiting Cowboys for Cancer Research, Saturday, May 4, Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds. Gates open 5 p.m. General admission \$20, kids 5 and under free admission.

**Stamp Out Hunger:** Letter carriers' 27<sup>th</sup> annual food drive, Saturday, May 11. Leave non-perishable food items in a bag by your mailbox.

## ONGOING

**Back Country Horsemen-Lower Rio Grande Chapter:** Trail riding and trail maintenance, meets the first Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Delicias Café, 1413 E. Amador Ave. Info: Lisa, 724-612-1226

### Big Daddy's Flea Market:

7 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Info: 575-382-9404.

### Canasta games, lessons:

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### Farmers & Crafts Market:

Regional produce, crafts and street musicians, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays, Plaza de Las Cruces.

**Geography Club:** Explore culturally significant and historical sites in the Land of Enchantment, 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2154.

### Honors Flight of SNM:

Veterans breakfast, 9 a.m. second Thursday, IHOP on Del Rey Boulevard. Info: John, 505-977-8579.

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The 2018 March for Science at Plaza de Las Cruces.

## 'March for Science' a component of Earth Day

### BULLETIN REPORT

The annual March for Science will take place Saturday, April 20, at the Plaza de Las Cruces downtown as part of the Las Cruces Earth Day celebration.

The event is held to support science, research and science education, said Federico Almarez, a composition and literature instructor at Doña Ana Community College.

Marchers will gather at the plaza at 9 a.m. with the march beginning

with a rally at 10 a.m. The march will make its way through the downtown area and return to the plaza.

Almarez said the public is invited to participate in "informative and fun activities" that will begin after the march and continue until noon.

"The purpose of this event is to inform and gather community support for the sciences in our schools, in our community and in the world," Almarez said in a news release. "Our primary

mission is to raise awareness of the importance of the sciences and scientific inquiry in our schools, our society and our everyday lives and set the stage for some serious dialogue in this country regarding the search for reason, truth, inquiry and the scientific method."

For more information, contact Hiranya Roychowdhury at 575-642-2921. Visit [www.marchforscience.com](http://www.marchforscience.com) and [www.facebook.com/MarchforScienceLC](http://www.facebook.com/MarchforScienceLC) and on Twitter at @ScienceMarchLC.

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# Legislators: 2019 session was tough but productive

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

“It was a hard session, but it was a very productive session,” New Mexico President Pro Tem Mary Kay Papen, D-Doña Ana, said April 8 during a legislator reception at Salud! de Mesilla sponsored by the Las Cruces Bulletin.

Also attending the reception were state Sens. John Arthur Smith and Bill Soules and state Reps. Micaela Lara Cadena, Angelica Rubio, Ray Lara, Angelica Rubio and Doreen Gallegos. All are Democrats who represent parts of Doña Ana County. Also attending the reception were NMSU regents Ammu Devesthali and Luke Sanchez, and Victor Reyes, director of legislative affairs



New Mexico State Senate President Pro Tem Mary Kay Papen, D-Doña Ana, speaks. At far right is state Rep. Doreen Gallegos, D-Doña Ana, who is majority whip in the New Mexico House of Representatives.

for Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

The 60-day session, which ended March 16, was difficult, Papen said, because the legislature had to deal with the “Rocket Docket,” nearly

50 bills that were fast-tracked because they had passed by wide margins in the Senate and House in 2018 but were vetoed by then-Gov. Susana Martinez; and the 2018 Yazzie lawsuit in which a Santa

Fe district court judge ruled the legislature must “provide all students with a uniform and sufficient education.”

Papen said she was especially pleased that the legislature passed, and the governor signed, Senate Bill 41, which, among other provisions, provides due process to Medicaid providers if they are accused of fraud.

Some of the takeaways



State Sen. John Arthur Smith, D-Luna, Hidalgo, Sierra and Doña Ana, speaks. Next to state Rep. Doreen Gallegos, D-Doña Ana, who is at far left, is new NMSU regent Ammu Devesthali.

from the reception:

• Smith, who lives in Deming and whose district includes parts of Doña Ana, Hidalgo, Luna and Sierra counties, said the session was difficult because the legislature had a large budget surplus. Public education will get almost \$500 million in new money, bringing its funding to \$3.3 billion of the state’s total \$7 billion budget, said Smith, who is the long-time chair of the Senate

Finance Committee. The legislature also funded “healthy reserves,” he said, put nearly \$500 million into highways and protected the state permanent fund.

• Cadena, serving in her first legislative session, said she is part of “such a powerful delegation (that is) connected to the community we represent.” Cadena said House Bill 7, which she co-sponsored, will create four centers of education in New Mexico, including one at NMSU. She said HB 285, which Cadena sponsored, will give the state superintendent of insurance oversight and review of certain health insurance.

• “It was a very busy session,” said Gallegos, who is House majority whip. “I think we got a lot done. I think our delegation did the county proud.” Gallegos said Lujan Grisham showed herself to be “a governor who was willing to listen and to learn.” Gallegos said five bills she sponsored were signed into law and, along with the



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Victor Reyes, director of legislative affairs for Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, speaks at the Bulletin's legislative reception. At far right is state Sen. Bill Soules, D- Doña Ana.

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## TOUGH

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more than \$2 million in capital outlay funds she had to allocate, will benefit local residents.

- Rubio said SB 462, which she co-sponsored, was passed by the House and Senate and signed by the governor and will

create an Outdoor Recreation Division in the state Economic Development Department. Rubio, an avid cyclist, said she is particularly pleased that the bill includes a grant program to fund outdoor recreation programs for young people.

- Soules, chair of the Senate Education Committee, said the New

Mexico Public Education Department, led by new Sec. Karen Trujillo of Las Cruces and other Ph.D.'s from NMSU, is rebuilding the state's education system. Teachers, who will receive a salary increase, "feel it," Soules said. "They see a new future." Soules said capital outlay funds will help make improvements at Las Cruces

International Airport, with parking in downtown Las Cruces and with roads, septic tanks and other infrastructure throughout the county.

- "It was a very positive experience," Lara said about his first legislative session. Lara, who lives in Chamberino, said he returned to Doña Ana County only once during

the session, but "called back home a lot" to get advice and opinions about the many bills and requests for capital outlay funding. Lara said he learned quickly that, as a legislator, "you can't be shy about anything. If you want anything, you have to go get it. You have to be an advocate

for your communities." During his first debate on the House floor, Lara said he realized, "I'm really here and it's really happening. This is really important work. This is an awesome responsibility."

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# Ready and standing by

## Strike Focus combat team staying busy in southern New Mexico

Maj. Casey Baker, left, the executive officer for Fort Bliss' 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Williams, the brigade's senior enlisted leader, during Strike Focus.



COURTESY PHOTOS

By DAVID BURGE  
For the Bulletin

Abrams tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles and Paladins – a self-propelled artillery system – rumble through the southern New Mexico desert outside of Fort Bliss.

Soldiers hurry about conducting patrols, setting up their battlefield headquarters known as a Tactical Operations Center and doing maintenance on their equipment.

From the rush of meeting and engaging the enemy to routine tasks like fixing a slipped track on a tank, soldiers test the gamut of their skills.

For the past four months, Fort Bliss' 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, has been busy training to meet the Army's number one priority – to be ready at a moment's notice.

Most recently, about 1,500 Soldiers from 2nd Brigade have been con-



From left, Pfc. Nicolas Hailey, 1st Lt. Michael Kinney and Sgt. Benjamin Barbosa stand on their Abrams tank at Strike Focus during a brief moment of relaxation.

ducting Strike Focus, a two-week-long, company-level exercise.

Before that, the brigade went through gunnery and a series of other training events that are meant to build upon each other.

Next up is Iron Focus this summer and then a rotation at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., in late September and into October.

The goal of all the training is to be expedi-

tionary – being able to deploy anywhere in the world on short notice, said Maj. Casey Baker, 2nd Brigade's executive officer.

"It is being able to deliver immediate firepower anywhere in the world," Baker said.

Meanwhile, two of 2nd Brigade's battalions are returning from a month in Poland. The 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment and 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment participated in a rapid deployment exercise and then more training when they arrived in Europe.

The training they did in Europe is exactly what the rest of 2nd Brigade is doing back at home station at Fort Bliss.

They will rejoin the brigade for Iron Focus and then at NTC.

By the time the brigade gets to the National



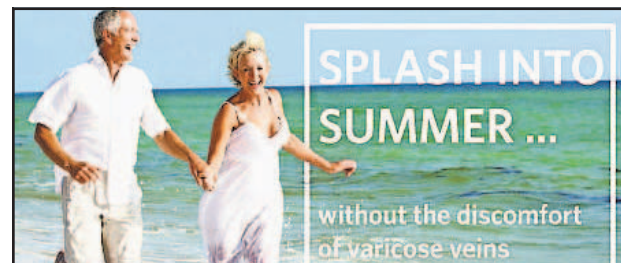
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An array of armored vehicles convoy into 2nd Brigade's new Tactical Assembly Area during Strike Focus.

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Training Center, its platoons and companies will have done six or seven trips out to the Fort Bliss training area, which is the largest in the Army at 925,000 acres. To put that in context, that is larger than the state of Rhode Island.

"If we get called anywhere in the world, we know what the organization can do," said Baker, who is from Princeton, Texas.

Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Williams, the brigade's senior enlisted leader, said they are going through a "stair-step" training approach that will get the unit ready for its rotation at the National Training Center. NTC, as it is known in the Army, is considered the Super Bowl of training and is located in the Mojave Desert between Los

Angeles and Las Vegas. "So, once we complete our training rotation at NTC, we are on call and ready and standing by for whatever the nation may need," said Williams, from Florence, Texas.

Spc. Steven Cottom, a tank gunner with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, said training events like Strike Focus are crucial for soldiers and units.

"We have to keep on doing what we are doing

and continue to train, continue to get better at our jobs," said Cottom, from Burley, Idaho.

Spc. Anthony Dory, another tank gunner with Bravo Company, 1-37 Armor, said the training they receive at Fort Bliss and then at NTC will make sure that they are ready for whatever mission they are given.

"They keep you on your toes, keep you going, push you to your limits," said Dory, from Milwaukee.



Above: The Fort Bliss training area is full of features like training villages that are used in urban warfare scenarios. Left: A Bradley Fighting Vehicle is designed to carry infantry or cavalry scouts and is considered one of the Army's most versatile platforms.

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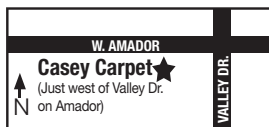
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## Magnificent seven



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Esther Heerema, an eighth-grade student at Desert Springs Christian Academy (DSCA) in Las Cruces, is among seven recipients from the United States and Canada of a \$10,000 scholarship from Lands' End, a clothing and home products retailer based in Dodgeville, Wisconsin. DSCA hosted a spring concert on April 12 in celebration of the award. Heerema was among 3,000 applicants nationwide for the scholarship. She joins other recipients from Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; Portland, Oregon; Rochester, New York; Beverly Hill, Michigan; New Albany, Indiana; and Concord, New Hampshire. In addition to the scholarships, each recipient's school will receive up to \$5,000 and a \$500 Lands' End gift card. Visit [www.landsend.com/starboard-scholarship](http://www.landsend.com/starboard-scholarship).

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# Columbia student to take part in leadership forum

## BULLETIN REPORT

This summer, Mason Dean of Las Cruces will join outstanding elementary school students nationwide participating in an academic and career-oriented development experience, the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF): Pathways to STEM, at the University of Denver.

NYLF Pathways to STEM, an Envision program that enables students to explore their interests and experience learning beyond the classroom.

Mason was nominated to attend the forum by Mrs. Jessica Tarin, a fifth-grade teacher at Columbia Elementary School, for being respectful, responsible and maintaining straight A's in all subjects. With dreams of being an engineer, Mason is looking forward to gaining the hands-on experience that the forum provides, according to a news release.

On its website Envision,



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founded in 1985, is described as an “experiential education program” designed for high-achieving students using modern, 21st century learning principles.”

“As an alumna of Envision myself, I am excited for Mason to meet, work, and collaborate with fellow high-aspiring students from other cities and schools,” said Amanda Freitag Thomas, SVP for Envision. “Hands down, my favorite part of attending an Envision program was being with motivated students in an environment designed to help us challenge our assumptions, meet new people, and grow.”

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# Club hands out free dictionaries to students

## BULLETIN REPORT

Members of the Rio Grande Rotary Club traveled to 25 elementary schools at the beginning of April and handed out free dictionaries to more than 1,900 third-grade students in Las Cruces Public Schools.

The Rotary Club has been donating dictionaries to third-grade students in the school district for 13 years as part of the club's Literacy Project. This year, LCPS Chief Human Resource Officer Dr. Miguel Serrano joined the Rotary Club during the dictionary giveaway. Members of the Rotary Club say that, for some students, it is the first time they have ever owned a book.

"It's really moving," Rotary Club member Gene

Gant said. "The kids at this level need this type of support for their literacy. This is one of the highlights of the club."

Ken Binkley, president of the Rotary Club, said the dictionary giveaway was a great experience, adding that he was happy to work with Dr. Serrano and Las Cruces Public Schools for another successful year.

"Getting students excited about reading and learning new words while they are still expanding their reading skills in the third grade is wonderful," said LCPS Superintendent Greg Ewing. "We are so happy to have wonderful folks in the community like these Rotary Club members who care about our students and are actively helping to support their education."



LCPS Chief Human Resource Officer Dr. Miguel Serrano participates in the Rotary Club dictionary giveaway on April 2.

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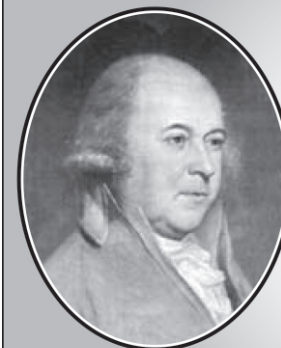
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ments,” City Quality of Life Department Director Dr. Lynn Gallagher said.

The city will work with the joint city-Doña Ana County Office of Emergency Management on the appropriate allocation of city resources, Gallagher noted.

## What they said

The following quotes are from some of the 33 people, 4-1 in favor of the expenditure, who spoke at the meeting during public comment:

Interpreter Liz Johnson said an immigrant she spoke to pleaded with her not to be separated from her daugh-

ters. “She was really talking to the United States,” Johnson said.

“Thank you for partnering with us,” said Doña Ana County Commissioner Shannon Reynolds, who added that the county has allocated \$50,000 for the relief effort.

“What I have seen in the past two days is abundant generosity,” said Yolanda Bencomo, organizer for the Las Cruces nonprofit Communities in Action & Faith (CAFé). The situation nationally is “a humanitarian disgrace,” she said. The U.S. “had the opportunity to show the world what it means to be an American and we failed.”

The U.S. is violating the Constitution by “not

allowing these people to seek asylum in this country,” said Enselmo Delgado-Martinez. “It’s the soul of America that is in peril right now.”

“We do not know who they are,” said Bianca Zamora Kertson, who identified herself as the wife of a Border Patrol agent and daughter of a legal immigrant to the U.S. The immigrants coming to Las Cruces have not been properly vetted for disease, vaccinations or criminal status, she said. Zamora Kertson said she did not feel safe with her daughter at a park near Meerscheidt Recreation Center, which was temporarily closed so immigrants could be housed there.

“The world and the

nation are watching right now,” said El Calvario United Methodist Church Pastor George Miler. “We’re taking the lead on how the world and the nation can live together.”

“This is an opportunity to really shine in leadership,” said Casa de Peregrinos emergency food program Executive Director Lorenzo Alba, who said he is the son of an immigrant. “We’ve made a commitment to the hungry, to help the poor. This is what we do. This is who I am. This is my mission. This is our mission.”

The city is “doing the right thing in the midst of a humanitarian crisis and national failure,” said state Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena, D-Doña

Ana.

“We are all a nation of descendants from immigrants,” said Sandra Gomez.

“What kind of price do you put on love and compassion?” asked Jesse Brennan. He also asked the council what the city’s long-term plan for is dealing with the crisis. “How long will \$75,000 last,” he said. “We don’t have deep pockets here in New Mexico, especially Las Cruces.”

“I’m so proud of our city and what we’re doing in this crisis,” said former city councilor Sharon Thomas. “We’re all over the national networks. Everybody’s talking about us.”

“What is the city’s immigration policy?” asked Vince Jeffers. “Who’s

keeping statistics? You guys have created a lot of this and you won’t take responsibility for it.”

“You can do a great deal more,” said Betty Bishop. City officials, she said, should use their influence “all the way to the top” to press for immigration reform.

“Just because we have the money doesn’t mean we have to spend it,” said Laurie English. Those who are against the city’s allocation for emergency relief for immigrants “doesn’t mean they hate these people. It just means they want to be a little more reasonable.”

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**Mon-Fri - Noon lunch with devotional following**

**Maundy Thursday Service, April 18**  
7pm Sanctuary

**Good Friday Service, April 19**  
7pm Sanctuary, Rutter *Requiem* with Chancel Choir

**Saturday, April 20**  
Easter Egg-stravaganza - 10am-12pm, Pioneer Park

**Easter Sunday Services, April 21**  
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Good Friday Service - 12:00 PM

**Sunday April 21:**  
Easter Sunday Service - 10:00 AM

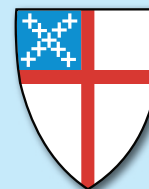
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**Sunday, April 14**  
Rite I Palm Sunday Service - 8:30 am  
Rite II Palm Sunday Service - 10:30 am

**Wednesday, April 17**  
Tenebrae - 7:30 pm

**Thursday, April 18**  
Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 pm

**Friday, April 19**  
Good Friday Service - 7:00 pm

**Saturday, April 20**  
Holy Saturday Service - 10:00 am

**Sunday, April 21**  
Rite I Easter Day Service - 8:00 am  
Rite II Easter Day Service - 10:30 am

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### Holy Week Worship Services

**Sunday, April 14 - 10:30am**  
Palm/Passion Sunday

**Thursday, April 18 - 6:00pm**  
Holy Thursday

**Friday, April 19 - 6:00pm**  
Good Friday

**Saturday, April 20 - 8:00pm (Dusk)**  
Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 21 - 10:30am**  
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At the event, "Making Contact," Doña Ana Community College and businesses brief community members about the future of the space industry in southern New Mexico.

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Brothers Jamison and Parker Kading feel the space vibes April 13 as they check out Las Cruces-based Project Neo robot "OPPY," named after the Mars rover.



Audio engineer Jason Begin creates orbital sounds and atmospheric beats during a remote live broadcast on KTAL Community Radio from the Rio Grande Theatre. The station airs on 101.5 FM.

# Second space festival returns to docking station

By **ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The second annual Las Cruces Space Festival finished a week of activities by "Making Space for Everyone" at Plaza de Las Cruces April 13, drawing thousands for speakers, kids' activities, music and information booths.

"I would say it was a huge success, particularly the first day and the last day," said festival board member Alice Carruth. "We had two-and-a-half thousand people out

at Spaceport America on Day One, and thousands came out to the plaza. People kept coming around and thanking us, and the kids were having a great time."

"We were able to pull off a lot of different things," board member Joe Bullington said. "The purpose of the festival is to let everybody know that the space and technology business is growing here in Las Cruces. Even for adults who want to get in the space business, it's not too late. The education is here.

Regardless of who you are you can get involved in the space workforce and economy."

The "Our Place in Space" art exhibition continues until May 25 at Mesilla Valley Mall. Other exhibit locations will close in April.

Carruth encourages those with suggestions for next year's festival to contact organizers at [lcspacefestival@gmail.com](mailto:lcspacefestival@gmail.com).

*Elva K. Österreich may be reached at [elva@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:elva@lascrucesbulletin.com).*



Nathaniel Carruth, 4, walks down Main Street dressed as an astronaut during the Space Walk April 12.



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### Police Officer Position

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The contents of the unit contain clothes, couch, rugs, chair, miscellaneous.

**Date of Auction:**  
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**Time: 8am**  
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**Contact: (575) 527-2525,**  
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The contents of the unit contain furniture, misc.

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**May 1, 2019**  
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Amanda Baker  
3013 Hyacinth St.  
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The contents of the unit contain television, bedroom furniture, blankets/comforters, suitcases, boxes, miscellaneous.

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The contents of the unit contain refrigerator, microwave, camping/fishing equip, compressor, misc.

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Dates: 04/19, 04/26, 2019

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on February 13, 2019, Diego A. Banegas, PO Box 105, Mesilla, NM, 88046, filed application numbered LRG-12478-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-17575-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using existing well LRG-12478-POD1, drilled to a depth of 140 feet with an 8-inch casing within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 27, Township 22S, Range 1E (NMPM) & more specifically located at or near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°22'19.471"N and 106°49'29.422"W (WGS84), on land owned by Patrick & Patricia Sullivan, and discontinue the use of well LRG-11327, located on land owned by Triple A Farms, LLC located within the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of said projected Section 27 and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°22'14.239"N and 106°49'20.585"W (WGS84), for the continued diversion of an amount of shallow groundwater reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 5.7 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 22, Township 22S, Range 1E & the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of said projected Section 27 as described in Subfile No. LRN 280060115 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to use the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. Proposed well LRG-12478-POD1 is located north of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 790 feet northeast of the intersection of Fontana Way and Farside St., Doña

Ana, NM. Existing well LRG-11327 will be retained for other rights.

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

Dates: 04/12, 04/19, 04/26, 2019

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on March 18, 2019, Norma Aguayo and Eugenio Mendivil, 4121 Egyptian Las Cruces NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-12019, OSE file No. LRG-17228-1 and LRG17229-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using existing well LRG-12019 to be located within the NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically where Longitude and Latitude intersect at 32°15'21.435"N, 106°45'49.079"W (WGS84), on land owned by applicant to replace use of well LRG-01447, located within the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 24

South, Range 2 East (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°15'24.815"N, 106°45'59.812"W (WGS84), on land owned by Roberto A Marquez & Jeffrey Herrick & Christine M. Laney, and well LRG-01447-A located within the NW1/4 of Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 2 East (NMPM) and more specifically where Longitude and Latitude intersect at 32°15'16.5"N, 106°45'52.34"W (WGS84), on land owned by Roberto A Marquez & Jeffrey Herrick & Christine M. Laney for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 4.09 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 24 south, Range 2 East (NMPM), as described by Subfile LRN-28-002-0010 & LRS-28-002-0015 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Existing well LRG-12079 is located south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address 4D4 Egyptian street, Wells LRG1447 and LRG-1447-A will be retained for other rights.

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Dates: 04/05, 04/12, 04/19, 2019

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on March 20, 2019, Thomas and Pamela Moore, 9105 S. HWY 28 Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-17600-POD 2, OSE File No. LRG-17600-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill and Use a Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling new well LRG-17600-POD2 to a depth of 200 ft. with a 4-in. casing, to be located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 19, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 2' 5.05" N, 106° 40' 28.46" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-17600-POD1, located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 19, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 2' 5.73" N, 106° 40' 27.75" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre feet per annum for domestic one household purposes, as described by Subfile No. LRS-28-013-7030 Right B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

The proposed site of well LRG-17600-POD2 is east of Chamberino, NM and is approximately 0.5 miles south of the intersection of Lara Rd. and Highway 28.

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Dates: 04/05, 04/12, 04/19, 2019

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on March 22, 2019, Frank and Rebecca Mesa Family Trust, in care of Gilbert Mesa, 829 Rosinante Rd. El Paso, TX 79922, filed application numbered LRG-1919-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-1919 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1919 located within the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 23 south, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°19'42.324"N, 106°50'52.18"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and drilling replacement well LRG-1919-POD3 to be drilled to a depth of 200 feet for 14 in. casing to be located within the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°19'42.515 N, 106°

50'51.41"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant together with existing well LRG-1919-S located within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 23 south, Range 1 East, NMPM, and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 19'46.24"N, 106°50'18.52"W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 63.96 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the NW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, and SE 1/4 of Section 4 Township 23 South, Range 1 East NMPM as described by the Office of the State Engineer File No.: LRG-1919 and subfile No.: LRN-28-009-0045 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for the new well may be found approximately 125 feet southeast of the intersection of Shalem Colony Trail and Coral Rd.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. Well LRG-1919 will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice.

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**NOTICE** is hereby given that on March 29, 2019, Jacob and Jackie Sierra, 4194 Egyptian St, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-17612-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-17612-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1447, located within the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15'24.81 "N, 106°45'59.81"W, on land owned by Roberto Marquez, and drilling well LRG-17612-POD1 to be drilled to a depth of 160 feet for a 8-inch casing, to be located within the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°15'13.063 "N, 106°45'46.656"W (WGS84), on land owned by applicant for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 2.43 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 2 East. The site for well LRG-17612-POD1 can be found approximately 430 feet southwest of the intersection Egyptian St. and Meadow Lark Lane at the physical address of 4194 Egyptian St. LRG-1447 will be retained for other rights.



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Dates: 04/19, 04/26, 05/03, 2019

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

No. D-307-CV-2019-00827  
Judge: Beyer, Marci

**REBECCA ANN MESA AND GILBERT GORDON MESA, as Co-Trustees of the SURVIVING SPOUSE'S RESIDUAL TRUST, a sub-trust created under the FRANK AND REBECCA MESA FAMILY TRUST, dated June 25, 1997, as amended on October 20, 2010, Plaintiffs,**

vs.

**REBECCA ANN MESA and the unknown heirs of FRANK ROGER MESA, deceased, and any unknown persons who may**

**claim any lien, interest or title adverse to the Plaintiff, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FRANK ROGER MESA, DECEASED; and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO MAY CLAIM A LIEN, INTEREST OR TITLE ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS**

I, David Borunda, Court Administrator of the Third Judicial District Court in the County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, do hereby cause to be issued this Notice of Pendency of Suit, for the purpose of service of process on any and all unknown persons who may claim any lien, interest or title adverse to the Plaintiffs by publication.

The names of the Plaintiffs, Defendants, and the Court in which said cause is pending and the civil cause number are set out hereinabove. The Defendants against whom service by publication is sought to be obtained are the above-addressed Defendants.

The general object of this action is to quiet and to set at rest the title of Plaintiffs in and to the lands described herein against any adverse claims of the Defendants and that the Defendants be barred and estopped from having or claiming any lien upon, any right or title to the estate of Plaintiff in and to said lands, or any portion thereof, adverse to the Plaintiff.

The property which is affected and concerned by this pending action is located at 306 North Esperanza and 800 East Court Avenue, Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows, to wit: Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 2, COX'S THIRD SUBDIVISION in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 19, 1914, in Book 4 Page(s) 40 of Plat Records.

The name of the Plaintiff's attorney is as follows: Dana M. Kyle of The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.A., P.O.

Box 2227, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, (575) 525-0020.

The above-addressed Defendants against whom constructive service is sought to be obtained, are hereby notified that unless they file a responsive pleading or motion with this Court within thirty (30) days after the date of the third and last publication of this notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered in such suit against them by default.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 10th day of April, 2019.

Court Administrator  
David Borunda  
By /s/ E. Balizan  
Deputy

Dates: 04/16, 04/26, 05/03, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-921  
MARCI E. BEYER

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF DOROTHY ROMERO FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Dorothy Romero, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Dorothy Romero to Dorothy Marie Romero Villa, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the 21st day of May 2019, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

/s/ Dorothy Marie Romero  
Villa  
Dorothy Marie Romero Villa  
2938 La Union Ct.  
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Dates: 04/12, 04/19, 2019

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

Case No.  
D-307-PB-2019-00040

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS BURGESS REEVES, DECEASED**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, **JIM LAWS**, has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Thomas Burgess Reeves. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative, c/o J. David Beasley, Esq., P.O. Box 1620, Las Cruces, NM 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005, (575) 523-8200.

Dated: April 12, 2019

Submitted By:  
/s/ J. David Beasley, Esq.  
J. DAVID BEASLEY, Esq.  
Beasley Legal, P.C.  
Attorney for the Estate of THOMAS BURGESS REEVES  
P.O. Box 1620  
Las Cruces, NM 88004  
575-528-6782

Dates: 04/19, 04/26, 05/03, 2019

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

CAUSE NO.  
D-307-PB-2019-49  
JUDGE MANUEL I. ARRIETA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANICE KESSINGER, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal

representative of the Estate of Janice Kessinger decedent. All persons having claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever time barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address:

Carolyn Doucette  
(Personal Representative)  
1216 N. Superior Street  
Antigo, Wisconsin 54409

Third Judicial District Court  
201 W. Picacho Ave.  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

April 4, 2019.

/s/ Carolyn Doucette  
1216 N. Superior Street,  
Antigo, Wisconsin 54409  
Phone: 715-623-2587  
carriedou@yahoo.com

Dates: 04/12, 04/19, 2019

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

No. D-307-PB-2019-00050  
Judge Arrieta, Manuel I.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN V. ZELEZKO Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative, in care of the Bates Law Firm, P.O. Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Dated this 4th day of April,

2019.

/s/ Delia Z. Gaskins  
DELIA Z. GASKINS, Personal Representative

of the Estate of JOHN V. ZELEZKO, deceased.

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

Dates: 04/12, 04/19, 04/26, 2019

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

PB-2019-0044  
JUDGE MARTIN

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SHIRLEY J. SOULES, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative, in care of the Bates Law Firm, P.O. Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED: April 9, 2019

/s/ Merrie Lee Soules  
Merrie Lee Soules  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Shirley J. Soules, Deceased

PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY:  
BATES LAW FIRM  
P.O. BOX 305

Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305  
(575) 524-8585  
(575) 524-1895 (Fax)

/s/ Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Attorney for the Estate

Dates: 04/19, 04/26, 05/03, 2019

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

No. D-307-PB-2019-00002  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF I.K. PETERSEN, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed the Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., PO Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: March 26, 2019

/s/ Thomas K. Petersen  
Thomas K. Petersen, Personal Representative of the Estate of I.K. Petersen, Deceased

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

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

Dates: 04/12, 04/19, 04/26, 2019

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2018-00739

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ANGEL Y CORDOVA; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; Defendants,**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3933 North Doña Ana Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTH OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTION 35, T.22S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS BEING U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-77A2 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND ON THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; WHENCE THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 5-76A2 BEARS S.21°36'00"E., 1042.63 FEET; THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND LEAVING THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD, S.64°40'00"W., 280.90 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.21°36'00"W., 116.40 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE N.64°40'00"E., 280.90 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON



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THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF DOÑA ANA ROAD, S.21°36'00"E., 116.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.750 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD. INFORMATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS DESCRIPTION DERIVES FROM DEED FILED JUNE 17, 1991, IN BOOK 350, PAGES 732-734, DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS. A PLAT WAS PREPARED UNDER JOB #07-1054, FIELD NOTES BY MOY SURVEYING, INC., LICENSE NO. 5939.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on May 16, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on February 21, 2019 in the total amount of \$146,512.61 with interest at the rate of 3.500% per annum from March 31, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the

property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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

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

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2018-01500

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**FERNANDO R. GAMEZ  
JR.; NEW MEXICO  
MORTGAGE FINANCE  
AUTHORITY; UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA  
BY AND THROUGH THE  
SECRETARY OF HOUSING  
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;  
CAMINO REAL BUILDERS, INC.,  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5524 Patagonia Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 5 IN BLOCK NUMBERED B OF DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS

THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 26, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 714-717.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on May 16, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on February 19, 2019 in the total amount of \$136,391.94 with interest at the rate of \$12.07 per diem from October 31, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. U.S. Bank National Association, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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

CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2018-00881

**LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**EVA MARTINEZ; MICHELLE SIDQUI, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1320 Church St, Anthony, NM 88021, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 1, BLOCK 22, STATELINE ADDITION NO. 3, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1967, RECORDED IN BOOK 10, AT PAGE 16, OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on May 30, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to

satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on March 11, 2019, in the total amount of \$96,512.13, with interest at the rate of 5.20000% per annum from February 5, 2019 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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

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

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

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2016-01822

**NATIONSTAR MORT-**

**GAGE LLC D/B/A  
CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JOHN E. BROWNING;  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF  
JOHN E. BROWNING;  
UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA BY AND  
THROUGH THE SECRETARY  
OF HOUSING  
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT;  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
TAXATION AND REVENUE  
DEPARTMENT; ALLIED  
BURGLAR & FIRE  
ALARMS, INC., Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 7146 Camino Blanco, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 20 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 2 OF CAMINO BLANCO II, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID CAMINO BLANCO II, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 26, 1995 IN PLAT BOOK 18, FOLIO 346-347.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on May 16, 2019, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on February 26, 2019 in the total amount of \$490,852.30 with interest at the rate of 5.05999% per annum from October 31, 2018 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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

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

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

DM-2010-1382  
JUDGE ROSNER

**JUANA MENDOZA, Petitioner,**

v.

**FRANCISCO GONZALES JR., Respondent.**

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

**TO THE ABOVE-**

**NAMED RESPONDENT,  
FRANCISCO GONZALES JR.:**

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the Petitioner, Juana Mendoza, requesting Dissolution of Marriage.

You must file a response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this notice or judgement by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the petition will be granted.

Law Office of Jill V. Johnson Vigil  
1475 N. Main Street, Suite E  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001  
575.527.5405  
575.527.1899 Fax

**WITNESS** the Honorable Mary W. Rosner, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 25th day of March, 2019

(seal)

David S. Borunda  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT  
By: /s/ Renee Torres  
Deputy

Dates: 04/12, 04/19, 04/26, 2019

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

No. D-307-CV-2019-00085  
Judge Beyer, Marci

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES,  
a New Mexico municipal  
corporation,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**THE ESTATE OF  
TOMAS MARTINEZ, deceased;  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND  
LEGATEES OF TOMAS  
MARTNEZ,  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has



# LEGAL NOTICES

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ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 730 E. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

Subd: COUNTY ACCESSORS PLAT 2 346 Lot: 5 Block: 205 S: 7 T: 23S R: 2E If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

The sale is to begin at 9:00 a.m. on May 15, 2019, at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgement granted on April 8, 2019, in the total amount of \$5,075.55 plus interest at the rate of 12% per annum from March 25, 2019, through the date of the sale plus additional amounts advanced for taxes, costs and property preservation/ maintenance expense. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

Said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds; provided, however, that Plaintiff shall be entitled to bid on the property all or a portion of its Judgment in lieu of cash or an amount in excess of the Judgment.

If the amount bid is over and above the amount due the Plaintiff, plus costs of sale, the amount of the proceeds shall, pursuant to said Judgment, be paid into the registry of the Court for determination of the whom said amount shall be paid.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's attorney.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assess-

ments and taxes that may be due.

City of Las Cruces, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is" in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a nine (9) month right of redemption.

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

By: /s/ Matthew P. Holt  
MATTHEW P. HOLT, Special Master  
P.O. Box 2699  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-2699  
Telephone: (575) 524-8812

Dates: 04/19, 04/26, 05/03, 05/10, 2019

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

No. D-307-CV-2019-00914  
Judge Beyer, Marci

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES, a New Mexico municipal corporation, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**CAROLYN M. HILBURN, Deceased; ARLENE LYNCH, POSSIBLE HEIR OF CAROLYN M. HILBURN, Deceased; AMANDA BROOKS, POSSIBLE HEIR OF CAROLYN M. HILBURN, Deceased; and**

**FIRSTLIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

TO: Defendants CAROLYN M. HILBURN, Deceased; the UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES AND LEGATEES OF CAROLYN M. HILBURN, Deceased; ARLENE LYNCH, POSSIBLE HEIR OF CAROLYN M. HILBURN, Deceased; AMANDA BROOKS, POSSIBLE HEIR OF CAROLYN M. HILBURN, Deceased; and FIRSTLIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff, CITY OF LAS CRUCES, a New Mexico municipal corporation, has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage, a municipal utility lien, and a municipal nuisance abatement lien on real property located at 705 N. Fifth Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88005.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

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

Dates: 04/19, 04/26, 05/03, 2019

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

No. D-307-CV-2019-00088  
Judge Beyer, Marci

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES, a New Mexico municipal corporation, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**THE ESTATE OF RAMONA T. HERNANDEZ, deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES AND LEGATEES OF RAMONA T. HERNANDEZ, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1040 N. Campo, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

Subd: COUNTY ACCESSORS PLAT 1 345 Lot: 4 Block: 115 S: 7 T: 23S R: 2E If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

The sale is to begin at 9:15 a.m. on May 15, 2019, at the Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgement granted on April 8, 2019, in the total amount of \$5,894.89 plus interest at the rate of 12% per annum from March 25, 2019, through the date of the sale plus additional amounts advanced for taxes, costs and property preservation/ maintenance expense. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale.

Said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds; provided, however, that Plaintiff shall be entitled to bid on the property all or a portion of its Judgment in lieu of cash or an amount in excess of the Judgment.

If the amount bid is over and above the amount due the Plaintiff, plus costs of sale, the amount of the proceeds shall, pursuant to said Judgment, be paid into the registry of the Court for determination of the whom said amount shall be paid.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's attorney.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due.

City of Las Cruces, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the Purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is" in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a nine (9) month right of redemption.

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

By: /s/ Matthew P. Holt  
MATTHEW P. HOLT, Special Master  
P.O. Box 2699  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-2699  
Telephone: (575) 524-8812

Dates: 04/19, 04/26, 05/03, 05/10, 2019

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

No. D-307-CV-2017-00289

**BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,**

v.

**THE ESTATE OF ERIC P. GUNDERSON II, DECEASED, MISTY RIVERA-GUNDERSON, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES, OR LEGATEES OF ERIC P. GUNDERSON II, DECEASED, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DOÑA ANA, AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MISTY RIVERA-GUNDERSON, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on May 14, 2019 at 9:00 am, outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 9, BLOCK 12, UNIT NO. 4 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 14, 1967 IN BOOK 10 PAGES 14-15 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 1801 Debra Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on February 14, 2019 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$52,542.88 plus interest from September 1, 2017 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.000% per annum, the costs

of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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

Dates: 04/19, 04/26, 05/03, 05/10, 2019

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

No. 19-0079

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LUIS FELIPE ALVAREZ, AKA LUIS F. ALVAREZ, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent. All persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are required to present their claims within four(4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address:

845 N. Motel Blvd. 1-201,  
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Dated: 03.26.19

/s/ Irma Alvarez  
Irma Alvarez  
109 Magic Shadow Dr.  
Santa Teresa, NM 88008  
325-733-5551

Dates: 04/12, 04/19, 04/26, 2019

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

No. 19-0073

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUBEN RAMOS, Deceased. AKA RUBEN T. RAMOS**

**NOTICE TO**



# LEGAL NOTICES

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## CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruben Ramos, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or within sixty (60) days of the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative, c/o Marcy Baysinger, Pregenzer Baysinger Wideman & Sale, PC, 2424 Louisiana Boulevard NE, Suite 200, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, or filed with the Dona Ana County Probate Judge, 845 N Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: April 4, 2019.

/s/  
Jessica Fullam  
Personal Representative of  
the Estate  
of Ruben Ramos, Deceased  
5301 River Ridge Ave NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87114  
(505) 417-3479

PREGENZER BAYSINGER  
WIDEMAN & SALE,  
PC  
By : \_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Marcy Baysinger, Esq.  
2424 Louisiana Blvd. NE,  
Suite 200  
Albuquerque, NM 87110  
Phone: (505) 872-0505  
Fax: (505) 872-1009  
Attorneys for Personal Representative

Dates: 04/12, 04/19, 04/26,  
2019

**THE STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2017-03329

**BANK OF AMERICA,  
N.A.,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**UNKNOWN HEIRS, DE-  
VISEES, OR LEGATEES  
OF RAYMOND J. REY-  
NAUD, DECEASED, De-  
fendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY  
OF ACTION**

**STATE OF NEW MEXI-  
CO to UNKNOWN  
HEIRS, DEVISEES,  
GRANTEES, ASSIG-  
NEES, LIENORS, CRED-  
ITORS, TRUSTEES, AND  
ALL OTHER PARTIES  
CLAIMING AN INTER-  
EST BY, THROUGH, UN-  
DER OR AGAINST THE  
ESTATE OF RAYMOND  
J. REYNAUD, DE-  
CEASED, Defendants:**

### GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed an action against you in the above-titled Court and case on or before thirty days after the third publication of this Notice, a default judgment may be entered against you. Your response must be filed with the above-entitled Court.

This Case involves the real property in this case is legally described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 102 IN BLOCK NUMBERED OF THE PUEBLO AT ALAMEDA RANCH PHASE 2, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID THE PUEBLO AT ALAMEDA RANCH PHASE 2, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 10, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 742-747.

The address of the real property at issue is more commonly described as LOT 102 ISLETA CT, LAS CRUCES, NM 88011.

The name, mailing address and telephone number of Plaintiff's attorney is as follows:

GREENSPOON MARDER  
LLP  
By: /s/ Kevin J. Sanders

Kevin J. Sanders, Esq.  
4 WHITNEY COURT  
CEDAR CREST, NM 87008  
Telephone: 888.491.1120  
Email 1: kevin.sanders  
@gmlaw.com  
Email 2: gmforeclosure  
@gmlaw.com

WITNESS the Honorable  
Manuel I. Arrieta, District  
Court Judge of Doña Ana

County on this 3rd day of  
November, 2018.

(court seal)  
By: /s/ Claudine Bernal

District Court

Dates: 04/05, 04/12, 04/19,  
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## OBITUARIES

### LEOPOLDO "SIMMIE" ALVAREZ LEDESMA

LEOPOLDO "SIMMIE" ALVAREZ LEDESMA, age 87, of Brazito entered eternal life on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Memorial Medical Center surrounded by his loved ones. Survivors include left to mourn his passing include two sons, Jerry S. and Oscar Ledesma; a daughter, Patsy L. Telles; a brother, Rufio Ledesma; three half-brothers, Fred, Frank Madrid and Louis Madrid; two sisters, Mira Fajardo, and Josie Madrid; three half-sisters, Ana Fielder, Olga Romero, and Candy Solis. A Prayer Vigil was held Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, where the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed at Masonic Cemetery, where he was laid to rest alongside his wife in the family plot. Military Honors were accorded by the United States Army National Guard Honor Guard and the Marines Corps League El Perro Diablo Detachment.

The Ledesma Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care". For online condolence logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com)

### MAGGIE SERNA TINAJERO

MAGGIE SERNA TINAJERO, age 80 of Mesquite passed from this life on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Survivors

include her loving husband of sixty-five years, Abran M. Tinajero; two sons, Abraham "Sonny" and Michael "Mike" Tinajero; three brothers, Jose "Joe," Jimmy "Tecla" and Pedro "Pete" Serna. A Prayer Vigil was held Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 125 W. Mesquite Street in Mesquite where the Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, April 4, 2019. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in Missionary Ridge Cemetery in Mesquite where she will be laid to rest in the family plot. The Tinajero Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com)

### MARGARITA HERNANDEZ AGUIRRE

MARGARITA HERNANDEZ AGUIRRE, age 87, of La Mesa entered eternal life to be with her heavenly Father on Monday, March 25, 2019 at Memorial Medical Center surrounded by her loved ones. Survivors include her loving husband of fifty-six years Maximiliano Aguirre; four sons, Emiliano, Blas, David, and Baltazar "Walter" Aguirre; two daughters, Lupe Ontiveros and Juanita "Jenny" Palomarez; a brother, Blas Hernandez; a sister, Maria Sebastiana Valenzuela. A Prayer Vigil was held Thursday, March 28, 2019 at San Jose Catholic Church, where the

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, March 29, 2019. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in the San Jose Cemetery where she will be laid to rest in the family plot. Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com)

### MARTHA G. CARRASCO

MARTHA G. CARRASCO, age 51, of Las Cruces passed from this life on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at University Medical Center in El Paso, Texas, surrounded by loved ones. Survivors include her husband of 28 years, Manny Carrasco; a daughter, Vanessa Garcia; her sons, Manuel Lee, Erik Joseph, and Mark Alexander Carrasco; her parents, Joe and Genevieve Garcia; five sisters, Dolores Rodriguez, Lena Reta, Elizabeth Trejo, Cindy Beakley and Denise Power); one brother, Joe Garcia Jr. The Prayer Vigil was held Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, where the Memorial Mass was celebrated immediately thereafter. Inurnment of Cremains will be held at a later date. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, 527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com)



# Red White & Blues ... & Rockabilly

Sixth annual music festival brings the grooves to the grass at St. Clair

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Red White and Blues Festival returns for the 6th annual party on the front lawn of St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla, from 3-9 p.m. Saturday, April 20.

The festival is the nonprofit Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society's main fundraiser for the year.

Headlining the bill just as night falls will be the **Lucky Losers** from the San Francisco Bay Area, featuring Cathy Lemons, described by Living Blues magazine as a velvet voice with a gritty edge and the rebel conviction of a woman risen from the ashes"; and Phil Berkowitz, who, according to same, "has earned renown as one of the West Coast's most distinctive harp players, as well as for his sharp, resonant tenor."

Along with a three-piece ensemble including guitars, horns and saxophone, the Losers marry vintage soul, swing, blues and even Americana on three award-winning albums: their debut "A Winning Hand," "In Any Town," and their latest, "Blind Spot," released on Dirty

Cat Records.

Downbeat magazine listed "Blind Spot" as one of the "Best Albums of 2018."

Middle act the **Border Blues All Stars** feature longstanding musicians known throughout the region: Vocalist/harmonica player Pat Dutton played in the Hard Knocks Blues band back in the '90s and has held a steady gig at Sparky's in Hatch over the past 10 years; lefty Guitar Slim (Pat Chase), another Sparky's regular, cut his frets up and down the West Coast backing such legends as John Lee Hooker, Charlie Musselwhite and Albert Collins; bassist Jake Jacobs came to El Paso on an athletic scholarship at UTEP and eventually retired there, where he plays jazz and Latin music; Ruben Galvan, drums and percussion, is a Las Cruces native and has performed and/or recorded with such local artists as Caliente, Steve Smith, Billy Townes, Border Jazz Quintet and Footprints with Pancho Romero.

Opening band **Chris Smith & the Rockabilly Strangers** formed in 2006, playing the Midwest club circuit,

before relocating to the Southwest in 2010. They are no strangers to the rest of New Mexico and El Paso, and combine rockabilly with surf, blues, honky-tonk, country and good old-fashioned rock and roll. The lineup consists of C.L. Smith on guitar and vocals, Jukebox Charlie on upright bass and vocals, and Chino Alarcon on drums.

Tickets for the Red, White & Blues Festival are available online at [www.mvjazzblues.net](http://www.mvjazzblues.net) and by cash or check at St. Clair Winery & Bistro. Admission is \$15, and \$20 at the door the day of the festival.

Saturday's forecast is for partly sunny skies, with temperatures in the mid-80s. Patrons are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and small umbrellas. Wine, beer and food will be available from the bistro. Organizers ask that attendees bring in no outside food, drink or pets.



The Border Blues All Stars are, from left, Guitar Slim, Ruben Galvan, Pat Dutton and Jake Jacobs.

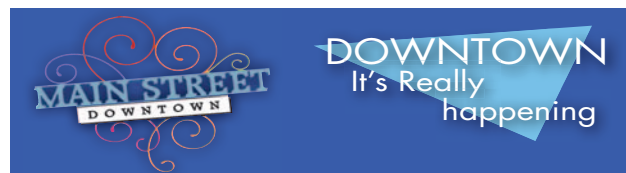


Fronting the Lucky Losers are Phil Berkowitz and Cathy Lemons.



The Rockabilly Strangers are, from left, Jukebox Charlie, Chino Alarcon and C.L. Smith.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

- FRI APRIL 19 • 10:30 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Rhythm Roundup - Music and Motion for ages 2-5\*
- FRI APRIL 19 • 3:30 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Library Lab - Activities, Games and Stories for 6-10\*\*
- FRI APRIL 19 • 8:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
Rocky Horror Picture Show Shadow Cast - Movie/Performance - \$10
- SAT APRIL 20 • NOON** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Therapaws Reading Teams - Kids read to dogs who love to listen!\*
- SAT APRIL 20 • 7:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
Rear Window - Movie - \$8
- SUN APRIL 21 • ALL DAY** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Library Closed for Easter
- MON APRIL 22 • 11:00 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Tai Chi Chuan
- TUE APRIL 23 • 10:30 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Read to Me - Story time for ages 3 and up\*
- TUE+THU APRIL 23+25 • 4:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Teen Game Night
- WED APRIL 24 • 11:00 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Mother Goose Time - Activities for Infants\*
- WED APRIL 24 • 5:30 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Computer Class - Presentation using MS PowerPoint
- WED APRIL 24 • 7:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
Timeless - Ladies of Motown - Concert - \$23.50
- WED+THU APRIL 24+25 • 10:00 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**  
Toddler Time - Stories and Activities for ages 1-3 with caregivers\*
- SAT APRIL 27 • 5:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
Day of Dance - Live Dancing - FREE
- SUN APRIL 28 • 2:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**  
The Colors of the Mountains - Movie/Panel - FREE

### ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Art RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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\*Children must be accompanied by their well-behaved adult caregivers.  
\*\*Well-behaved adult caregivers welcome.

## Plenty of space



Dr. Antonella Nota, project scientist and mission manager for the European Space Agency Hubble Space Telescope Science Institute, spoke and cut the ribbon April 8 for "Our Place in Space" at the Mesilla Valley Mall, one of eight Las Cruces locations showing large-scale reproductions of Hubble Space Telescope images in conjunction with local artists' representations of space. The exhibits were in conjunction with the Las Cruces Space Festival.

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"Primal Voices, An Evening of Visual Art, Poetry and Music," will be presented 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 22, at Sinuate Media, 1910 Calle de Parian in Mesilla. The interactive art performance will feature the works of Las Cruces artist Virginia Romero and Tucson percussionist and poet Will Clipman. Suggested donation at the door is \$10. The artists will also have items for sale, including CDs, art prints, notecards and tote bags. The event will feature large-scale paintings by Romero, including an animated interpretation of her painted works, and a slideshow accompanied by live, ambient music and poetry performance by Clipman. Call 575.915.3878.





PHOTO COURTESY ROBERT SCIORTINO/OÑATE HIGH SCHOOL

The chorus/ensemble of Oñate High School's upcoming production of "Mamma Mia."

## Oñate High School Theatre Dept. to open 'Mamma Mia'

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Mamma mia! What a show!

The Oñate High School Theatre Department is pulling out all the stops for its upcoming production of "Mamma Mia!" with music and lyrics by Swedish rock group ABBA co-founders Björn Ulvæus and Benny Andersson and a cast of more than 30 OHS students.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 18-20 in the Las Cruces Public Schools Performing Arts Center at Oñate High School, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, children and LCPS faculty and staff.

The cast includes Lauren Springler as Donna, Lucy Jorgensen as Sophie, Peyton Womble as Rosie, Natalie McGuire as Tanya, B'Elanna Scott as Lisa, Julie Mason as Ali, Caleb Jorgensen as Sam, Matthew Taylor as Harry, Noah Williams as Bill, Christian Williams as Sky,

Jordan Saenz as Eddie and Noah Griffiths as Pepper.

The ensemble includes Kristina Almaraz, Bethany Argo, Heidi Brown, Michael Bryant, Aleksandra Bush, Alicia Chavez, Keara Dwake, Clarivel Garcia, Cemlyn Griffiths, Ariana Hernandez, Elisha Hobbs, Hailey Hudson, Megan Mosely, Alejandra Ortiz, Brianna Padilla, Angel Palma, Shayla Puricelli, Russell Robertson, Ryan Tavera, Hannah Valdez and Hailey Ziehl.

Jordan Saenz, Clarivel Garcia, Ariana Hernandez and Hannah Valdez also were choreographers for the production.

The production is di-

rected by OHS theatre and English teacher Robert Sciortino, with OHS Choral Director Ryan Fellman as musical director, Audrianna Mendoza as stage manager and Elissabeth Anzalone and Liana Pursifull serving as technical assistants.

"Mamma Mia!" opened in London in April 1999 and made its Broadway debut in 2001. It was nominated for a Tony in 2002 for best musical.

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Mike Cook may be contacted at [mike@lascruces-bulletin.com](mailto:mike@lascruces-bulletin.com).

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<p style="text-align: center;">April 19-25 <b>The Sower</b> <i>In French w/ subtitles</i></p> <p>An uprising in 1851 leaves a French village without men at home and the women take a mysterious stranger as a shared husband.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Thursday, April 25 1:30 matinée; no evening show</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 26-May 2 <b>Ramen Shop</b> <i>In Japanese &amp; Mandarin w/ subtitles</i></p> <p>A young man, curious about his deceased parents' past, takes a food journey to Singapore.</p> <p><i>Note: Saturday, April 27 No screenings.</i></p>
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Nightly 7:30, Saturday matinée 1:30, Sunday matinée 2:30.  
No one will be admitted after the film has begun.

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The Mesilla Valley Teen Singers come from a variety of backgrounds and value teamwork and budding friendships to create their sound.

## Mesilla Valley Teen Singers perform

### BULLETIN REPORT

The Mesilla Valley Teen Singers (MVTs), a talented group of young musicians, will perform "American Tap-estry," a free concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road.

Directed by Terry Kay Gilbert and Christa Fredrickson and currently accompanied by pianist Lela York, the teens will perform an assortment of Americana in song, with some familiar tunes and others that may be new to the audience. Composers and arrangers whose

music will be performed include Aaron Copland, Morten Lauridsen, and Alice Parker.

The Mesilla Valley Teen Singers, except for a one-year hiatus, have been performing in Las Cruces since 2005, presenting a spring and winter concert each year. Gilbert and Fredrickson are both experienced music teachers, and the members of the chorus bloom under their direction.

Singers are teens from around the community, including all area high schools as well as home-schooled students, who join with no music experience required. How-

ever, by the time of the concerts, they perform like seasoned professionals.

"These students work hard to produce a great result," Gilbert said. "They learn the value of working together as a team to create beautiful sound with deep meaning. And MVTs is a melting pot of sorts ... sincere and long-lasting friendships are formed which further enrich their experience."

The concert is free, although donations are welcome, and is followed by a snack reception immediately after the performance. The concert is sponsored by Bright Star Dental.

New members may join at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. No audition is required to participate, and the group rehearses Thursdays from 4:30-6:15 p.m. in the choir room at Centennial High School, 1950 Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Tuition is \$65 per semester, plus uniform costs.

For more information, email Terry Kay Gilbert at [tkg8128@gmail.com](mailto:tkg8128@gmail.com).



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# 'My Fair Lady' set to open at NMSU

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

In transforming 'guttersnipe' Eliza Doolittle into a grand lady, phoneticist Henry Higgins also finds the love of his life in "My Fair Lady," which opens with a special preview performance on Thursday, April 25 and continues through Sunday, May 5 at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave.

Performances of the musical are 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25; 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 26-27 and May 3-4; and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 4-5.

NMSU theatre students Jenna Ivey and Adam Logan play Eliza Doolittle as Henry Higgins. The cast also includes Samantha Armstrong, Bryan Berard, Micaela Bernal, Brandon Brown (Col. Pickering), Calvin Chervinko, Melis Derya White (Mrs. Higgins), Yamilex Holguin, Brianna Horvath, Loren Jackson (Alvin Doolittle), Jessica Jimenez, Cheyenne Kimmick (Freddy Eynsford Hill), Quinton Kriner, Isaac Lucero, Peyton Matthews, Riley Merritt, Kamyrn Neill (Mrs. Pearce), Francesca Perez-Wright, Nicole Ritter, Ginger Scarborough (Mrs. Eynsford Hill) and Alexis Tafoya (Queen of Transylvania). Many actors are playing multiple parts in the show.

Christa Fredrickson is the show's musical director, Monique Foster is the choreographer, Alice Car-



PHOTOS BY MIKE WISE/NMSU THEATRE DEPARTMENT

**Jenna Ivey as Eliza Doolittle and Loren Jackson as her father, Alfred Doolittle, in the NMSU Theatre Department's production of "My Fair Lady."**

ruth is the dialect coach.

"The production is a celebration of student talent, and also a collaboration between NMSU and our regional community," said NMSU Theatre Department Assistant Professor Larissa Lury, who directed the production. "Our design team consists almost entirely of students, working at the top of their game. Our cast combines a large ensemble of students ranging from first-year students to those about to graduate, with veteran performers from Las Cruces and Alamo." "The biggest challenge for me in taking on 'My Fair Lady' is finding a

ruth is the dialect coach.

way to honor all that makes it legendary, while also taking an honest look at the worldview it's affirming," Lury said. "My Fair Lady" was progressive for its time, but through our 2019 eyes, there are some aspects of it that will make us cringe and not in a way the writers intended. What is exciting as a director, is to look at Lerner and Loewe's forward-thinking intentions, to dig up the hints they have laid out in the script and to interpret the play for our world here and now. The musical remains set in 1912. The music is the same gorgeous score we know, all of the dialogue is the



**Left to right are Nicole Ritter, Jenna Ivey and Brianna Horvath. Ivey plays Eliza Doolittle. Ritter and Horvath are in the show's ensemble and play multiple acting roles.**

same, but our production aims to bring the familiar to light in a new way, so that we can see it all with fresh eyes."

"This is the first time in recent history that NMSU theatre has produced a musical with an orchestral ensemble," Lury said. "Audiences will be treated to live strings, brass, woodwinds, piano and percussion. The music in this show soars, and the dialogue is some of the wittiest in musical theatre history.

With book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Lowe and a story based on George Bernard Shaw's play "Pygmalion," "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway in 1956. It has won 10 Tony awards: seven (including best musical) in 1957 for the original production, one for the 1976 revival and two for the 2018 revival.

For tickets, call 575-

646-1420 or visit [www.nmsutheatre.com/boxoffice.php](http://www.nmsutheatre.com/boxoffice.php).

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BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Las Cruces filmmaker Julian Alexander, far right, and other cast and crew members and guests attend the premiere party for "Bad JuJu" April 5 at Salud! de Mesilla.

# Local filmmaker premieres new TV series for phone

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

"Bad JuJu." That's the name of the character created and played by Las Cruces filmmaker Julian Alexander in the digital series by the same name now available on IGTV (instagram TV), YouTube and Facebook and which is designed to be watched on a smart phone.

The first three five-minute episodes of the new series were screened

The "Bad JuJu" poster includes actors, left to right, Jessica Jimenez, Josh Horton, Julian Alexander, Tawanda Suessbrich-Joaquim and Terry Troutman.



during an April 5 premiere party at Salud! de Mesilla, where the first episode of the series was shot.

Alexander wrote, directed and starred in "Bad JuJu" for Story Island, a London-based production company. A total of 16, five-minute episodes in the series have been filmed so far during about five days of shooting in Las Cruces and Mesilla, he said.

"We're really excited about the production," Alexander said at the premiere party. "What's really cool about the series is the idea that we shot everything with the intention of being watched on your smart phone."

Bad JuJu is a rap artist who has been signed to a recording contract for his comedic talents. What he really wants is to be taken seriously as a rapper.

"You're a comedian, Junior, that's what you're getting paid for," Bad JuJu's manager tells him. "Do the funny rap, please!"

"I want to make serious music," JuJu replies. "Why can't you take me seriously?"

JuJu's got a record deal, a beautiful girlfriend and "he's living out your dreams," according to Aiku Series on Facebook. "However, your dreams are not his reality."

The series "is a commentary on social media, online dating and Hip-Pop culture (Hip Hop is the new pop," Alexander said.) "Our characters are archetypes, from mumble rappers and hypebeast to influencers and paparazzi reporters. Fame in the social media age. People are getting famous for nothing, so what happens when

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PHOTOS COURTESY JULIAN ALEXANDER

Las Cruces filmmaker Julian Alexander and Cinematographer Jazmin Harvey look over a shot on the set of "Bad JuJu."



Left to right "Bad JuJu" cast and crew members Tawanda Suessbrich-Joaquim, Julian Alexander, Pilar Cartró Benavides and Jazmin Harvey look over a take.



# 'The Sower': Not a man left – until one shows up

By **JEFF BERG**  
For the Bulletin

This quiet, beautifully photographed film might be a tad slow for some, as it reveals little about the characters and unravels at its own plodding pace.

It is 1851 France and the dark opening scene immediately shows the panic and horror that took place when Louis-Napoleon staged a coup d'état.

Soldiers on horseback came to rural villages to gather Republican partisans, some who were immediately murdered, while others were deported, as we learn later.

There is not a man left in the remote farming

## GRADE: B+

This film opens tonight at Mesilla's Fountain Theatre, which thankfully only sports one screen.

town. The women must fend for themselves, doing all the farm work and child rearing.

They remain steadfast and work well together, but, as the months pass, discuss what they might do if a person of the male gender appears.

It becomes an erotic fantasy for some of them, with Violet, a young winsome lass, emerging as the lead character.

Besides discussing

work and weariness, their conversations occasionally turn to past loves. It is a fun scene with confessions and comparisons.

Lo and behold, here comes Jean. In a kind of non-violent remake of "Beguiled," an interesting Clint Eastwood film of some years ago, Jean's bewilderment at the lack of menfolk has him staying on to help with the farming and sowing.

Though one should know by now what will happen, it is still a surprise when it does.

Jean does the heavy work in exchange for room and board and other favors he probably



Violet was cautioned about falling in love, but of course she did, anyway.

COURTESY PHOTO

wasn't counting on, but there is a secretiveness about him that most of the sexually socialistic women can't quite figure out. They remain on guard for the most part, as Jean becomes a part of the community without trying to rescue these strong, determined women. They also cau-

tion one another about falling in love, in particular the slightly vulnerable, delicately named Violet.

Directed by Marine Francen, this is one beautiful piece of work with an interesting storyline and a not-too-surprising ending. Francen has done her

homework on history and sexual politics. Her film is a good work filled with light, color and sensuality.

*Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for the Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at nedludd76@hotmail.com.*

## 'Hearts on the Gila' screens at the Fountain Theater

### BULLETIN REPORT

Four years after losing their teenage children in a tragic plane crash, three mothers embark on a 36-mile boat journey down the Gila River and into the Gila Wilderness in southwestern New Mexico.

The women recount their children's legacies in the film, "Hearts on the Gila," which comes to Mesilla's Fountain Theatre April 27.

Their three kids – Ella Kirk, Ella Myers and Michael Mahl – were avid environmentalists studying the effects of a devastating forest fire when their plane went down in 2014. As the women kayak down the river, their physical journey mirrors a journey of their souls.

Albuquerque filmmaker David Garcia is taking a work-in-progress



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**Mothers kayak down the Gila River in homage to their late children, killed in a plane crash.**

cut of the film on the road to share with select Southwestern communities that have a stake in the future of the threatened river. The 90-minute screening will show at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Tickets are \$10 at the door and online: [www.heartofthegila.org/journey](http://www.heartofthegila.org/journey)

"The best thing we can possibly do to honor

our children is to protect the river," said Patrice Mutchnick, mother of Ella Kirk, and founder of Heart of the Gila, an organization sponsoring the tour. "While doing so, we benefit ourselves and all the creatures that depend on it. As parents, we continue our children's legacy when our children's love for the land inspires others."

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“Door art” created by artist Debi Ivey, which will be featured during the “Opening Doors” live and silent auctions held April 23-26

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# Live, silent auctions support Las Cruces children's store

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

“Opening Doors” is a fundraiser for Tutti Bambini Children’s Store to be held April 23-26 and which will include live and silent auctions of original artwork on cabinet doors by regional artists.

“The painted doors evolved from a conversation with Stephanie McDaniel, the owner of Kitchen Kraft [site of the fundraiser], asking if we had any use for cabinet doors,” said Sister Beth, the founder of Tutti Bambini. “The idea was born and now it is our signature event.”

Tutti Bambini is a Las Cruces nonprofit that sells gently used children’s clothing, stuffed animals, toys and more. Proceeds benefit “local and border community outreach programs providing opportunities for children challenged by poverty and special needs,” according to Tutti Bambini. These programs include Habitat for Humanity, the City of Las Cruces Weed and Seed program, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, Asombro Institute of Science for Children, Children’s Reading Alliance of Doña Ana County, the children’s garden at University United Methodist Church, Ben Archer health centers, La Clinica de Familia, Aprendamos, Las Cruces Public Schools Project Link



A little chef at Tutti Bambini

Homeless Education program and a food program for children living near the U.S.-Mexico border.

Tutti Bambini has a voucher program for free clothing for children whose parents are referred to the story by La Clinica de Familia, Head Start, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, Las Cruces Public Schools Project Link Homeless Education program and others.

“Our ministry at Tutti Bambini is to make it possible for families, who are the most vulnerable in our area, to afford nice clothes for their children and grandchildren,” said Tutti Bambini board member Billie Taylor. “Because of our mission, we need to have fundraisers to financially support the passionate people who do so much with so



Tutti Bambini story time

little to make lives better for children who struggle with poverty every day. Every dollar you give, we share, which matters so much to these precious children.”

All events will be held at Kitchen Kraft, 980 N. Telshor Blvd. (Visit [www.kitchenkraftlc.com](http://www.kitchenkraftlc.com).)

The events schedule:  
• Silent auction: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, April 23-26. The silent auction will close at 7 p.m. Friday.

• Live auction: 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 26.

• Reception: 5-8:30 p.m., Friday, April 26, with special guest renowned

Santa Fe Chef Johnny Vee ([chefjohnnyvee.com](http://chefjohnnyvee.com)), who will prepare hors d’oeuvres.

Tickets are \$25 for a \$10 credit for art.

Tutti Bambini, 300 El Molina Blvd., opened its doors in 2013. Founder Sister Beth also helped found Jardin de los Niños, the Las Cruces daycare and education program for homeless children.

Contact Sister Beth at 575-640-1997 or [daddiosister@yahoo.com](mailto:daddiosister@yahoo.com).

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**Contra dance:** Sponsored by Southern New Mexico Music and Dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, April 19, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Mulettones, a West Texas band, will be playing and Lonnie Ludeman will be calling. No partner is needed. Beginners and Newcomers are welcome and should come for basic instruction at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth \$4, and family \$15. Info: [www.snmmds.org](http://www.snmmds.org) or 575-522-1691.

**'Rocky Horror Picture Show':** The cult classic shows at 8 p.m. Friday, April 19, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Doors open at 7. Admission, \$10. Info: 575-541-2290.

**Amaro Winery:** Live music, 402 S. Melendres St.; 575-527-5310.  
• April 19, Rockin' Nebraska Boys  
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• April 19, Ricky Luna & Emily, harmony over folk covers, 8-10 p.m.  
• April 20, Los Deintes, blues, 8-10 p.m.  
• April 21, Cooper Vlazny, acoustic tunes, 3-5 p.m.  
• April 26, Nicole Osborn, vocals and piano, 8-10 p.m.  
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• April 28, Alison Reynolds, folk/pop/rock on cello and guitar, 3-5 p.m.

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• April 20, Jean Gilbert  
• April 27, Florence Hamilton

**Gallery tours:** Walk the gallery, share ideas, exchange opinions, and consider different perspectives about the works of art during guided exhibit tours at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Tours take place the first and third Saturday of the month from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Info: [las-cruces.org/museums](http://las-cruces.org/museums); 575-541-2137.

• April 20, 1:30-2:30 p.m., All-City High School Senior Art Show

**Red, White & Blues Festival:** Annual fundraiser for the Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society, 3-9 p.m. Saturday, April 20, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla. Featuring the Lucky Losers, Border Blues All Stars and the Rockabilly Strangers. Tickets: \$20, at [www.mv-jazzblues.net](http://www.mv-jazzblues.net).

**'Rear Window':** Hitchcock classic starring Jimmy Stewart, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 20, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N.

Main St. Doors open at 6. Admission, \$8. Info: 575-541-2290.

**Little Toad Creek Brewery & Distillery:** Live music, 119 N. Main St. Info: 575-556-9934.

• April 20, Earth Day Band Jam, four bands, 7 p.m.-midnight

• April 23, open mic, 7 p.m.

• April 26, Moody Little Sister, 7 p.m.

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

• April 20, Maldita Union with Alister M., Latin/Americana

• April 25, Danny Sanchez, solo guitar

• April 27, Los Dientes, progressive blues

**Bill Evans:** "Banjo in America" house concert Sunday, April 21. Reservations, address and more details: 575-571-5298; [chrisclark-sanders@gmail.com](mailto:chrisclark-sanders@gmail.com).

**The DAAC Arts & Cultural Center:** Exhibits and classes, 1740 Calle de Mercado in the Bulletin Plaza. Info: 575-523-6403; [www.daarts.org](http://www.daarts.org).

• April 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Get ArtRageous! paper making class with Martha Duran. The class is \$35 and includes all materials and light refreshments. DAAC members receive a 20 percent discount. Dress appropriately to have fun with potentially messy art materials.

• April 26, noon: Promoting Art in the Mesilla Valley brown bag meeting. Third of a four-part discussion on creating a Las Cruces/Dona Ana County arts directory. Free.

• April 29, 3-4:30 p.m. or 5:30-7 p.m.: Feed Your Mind series begins on the topic of late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century art, with Kathleen Key. Series continues Mondays through June 24. Individual sessions are \$20 each, full series is \$90.

**The Ladies of Motown:** Las Vegas-based group reprises the Supremes, Gladys Knight, the Marvelettes, Mary Wells, Martha & The Vandellas and more, 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 Main St. Doors open at 6. Info: 575-520-8776; [www.riograndetheatre.com](http://www.riograndetheatre.com).

**Young at Heart Chorus:** One-hour choral program featuring music of names and places, 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Info: Ray Scoggins, 575-524-0511; [ray@scoggins.biz](mailto:ray@scoggins.biz).

**International Day of Dance:** Various dance groups from the community educating on the importance and cultural significance of dancing, 5 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Doors open at 4. Info: 575-541-2290.

**Tommy Walker:** World-class worship singer/songwriter plays a concert with his band at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Heart for the World Church, 1605 S. Valley Drive. Free. This is not a church service. At 10 a.m. same day, Walker hosts a free musician and songwriting workshop at the church. Info: 575-523-1113; [dale@hftw-church.org](mailto:dale@hftw-church.org).

**Mesilla Valley Teen Singers:** Perform "American Tapestry," 3 p.m. Sunday, April 28, First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road. Free.

**'Star Wars':** One-day screening of the original 'Star Wars' movies: "A New Hope," "The Empire Strikes Back" and "The Return of the Jedi," noon Saturday, May 4, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Doors open at 11. Info: 575-541-2290 or 575-222-4347.

**Supersax of the Southwest:** Jazz concert by top regional artists, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Tickets: \$10 at the door or through [www.riograndetheatre.org](http://www.riograndetheatre.org). Info: 575-640-8752; [www.mvjazzblues.net](http://www.mvjazzblues.net).

**Doña Ana Photography Club:** Critique panel

hosted by Seth Madell, Vince Gutschik and Carl Maier, 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, SW Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. Free. Info: [www.daphotoclub.org](http://www.daphotoclub.org).

**Solid Gold:** Acoustic concert of music from the '50s and '60s, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda. Info: 575-526-6333.

**Mesilla Valley Chorale:** "Celebrate Music" Mother's Day concert directed by Nancy Ritchey, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 12, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Featured instrumentalists are Elena Bailey, oboe; David Anketell, ukulele; and Alberto Barajas, drums. Tickets \$10, open seating. Tickets and info: Nancy, 575-647-2560.



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The entire crew of "Bad JuJu" in Film Las Cruces Studios.



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Julian Alexander at the "Bad JuJu" premiere party.

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someone gets accidentally famous and isn't allowed to use it the way he'd like. That's Bad JuJu. He went viral... now what?"

"Bad JuJu" is "a multi-faceted look at digital superficiality," Alexander said. "Phones have changed our living experience and ability to interact with each other. All the characters in the show are struggling in one way or another, digitally. Whether it's the lack or abundance of followers or dating. Social media is controlling their lives."

In addition to Alexander, the main cast of "Bad JuJu" includes Tawanda Suessbrich-Joaquin, Josh Horton, Terry Troutman, Jessica



From left, "Bad JuJu" cinematographer Jazmin Harvey, producer Pilar Cartró Benavides and first assistant camera Cheyenne Starnes.

Jimenez and Nick Check and Per Andreassen.

The creative team is comprised of Executive Producer Emmanuelle Rey-Magnan, Producer Pilar Cartró Benavides, Production Designer Noe Gomez. Cinematographer Jazmin Harvey, music composer MS Kumar, editor Lia Hayes and sound designer

Massimiliano Borghesi. Alexander also thanked Las Cruces Film Liaison Jon Foley and the non-profit Film Las Cruces "for welcoming our production and supporting our shoot," as well as local businesses.

Alexander and producer Cartró Benavides have been working together since grad school

in England – in addition to a BA in digital filmmaking from New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute (CMI), Alexander has an MFA from Leeds Beckett University.

"Once she started working for Story Island and developing shows with them," Alexander said, "she brought me into the conversation, and that's when I had the opportunity to pitch 'Bad JuJu,' which was based on a tiny series of micro skits I made a few years back. They liked my work and my approach to comedy, and a year and half later it led to this.

"This series is a milestone in my life," he said. "It's rare to have a gig where I have this much freedom. This is a dream. The experience Story Island has given me is mind blowing."

Alexander said his biggest challenge on the project "was probably directing and acting at the same time."

"A lot of my best work has found its way into the series and a lot of myself is within the show as well," Alexander said. This comedic style and aesthetic is one that's been a through line in my work since I began producing content over a decade ago. This series truly is international," he said. "We are still mastering our episodes. Between our editing, design and music we're in conversation with folks based in India, France, England, Italy and beautiful Las Cruces, New Mexico."

Alexander has written, directed and acted in a number of local films. "Buffalo," which he wrote

and directed, was featured in the 2016 Cannes Film Festival Short Film Corner. He also has been an actor, director and writer for local theatre. While attending The Northern Film School in England, Alexander made "Beat Blue," filmed in Las Cruces and Albuquerque, which is a police drama all in rhyme, and "Leo," which was shot in England and France and has won multiple festivals around the world. Both films were produced by Benavides. Alexander teaches filmmaking at CMI.

"Bad JuJu" can be found @BadJuJu.Series on Instagram and AIKU Series on YouTube. Episodes are airing daily over the next two weeks.

Mike Cook may be reached at [mike@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:mike@lascrucesbulletin.com).



## CALL TO ARTISTS

**Barbershop singers** wanted for new quartet forming. Prior experience preferred but not necessary. Must be able to read music. Practices and performances mostly during the daytime. Male and female singers invited. Contact Chuck Riggs, 575-521-1729; chuck.riggs@mac.com.

**Calavera Coalition** seeks original artwork for the official T-shirt and poster of the 2019 Dia de los Muertos on the Mesilla Plaza. Work must reflect the spirit and celebration of Dia de los Muertos. Must be in a black-and-white format and in pen and ink line art, gender-neutral and not overly detailed. Should be easily

converted for screen printing. Winner receives free booth space for the annual event. Deadline to enter is July 5. Digital files can be emailed to calaveracoalition@gmail.com. CDs can be mailed to P.O. Box 1308, Mesilla, NM 88046.

**El Paso Symphony Orchestra** holds auditions from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, May 19, in the Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall at the University of Texas-El Paso. Positions open are section violin, section viola, 3<sup>rd</sup> oboe/English horn, 2<sup>nd</sup> clarinet and 3<sup>rd</sup> bassoon/contrabassoon. Contact symphony personnel manager Leann Isaac at 915-637-8144. Applications due by May 3.

**Film Las Cruces** seeks persons interested in special effects (SPFX) for a workshop to be held from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, April 20. Must be over 18 and a resident of Doña Ana County. Info: 575-805-3456; www.filmlascruces.com.

**Greenspace**, 517 N. Mesquite, seeks musicians for a planned open mic series and house concerts. Contact Steve Klinger, 575 496-5571, sck01ster@gmail.com. Greenspace is open 2-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, and by appointment. Info: 575 551-6778, greenspacegalleryylc@gmail.com.

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

**Las Cruces City Art Board** seeks an artist or artist team to create a site-specific indoor project to be designed for the central pillar in the lobby of Las Cruces City Hall. The commissioned artwork should

reflect the architectural setting, the purposes of the building, and the City of Las Cruces, inspired by our local environment, history and cultures. Artwork must be large enough in scale and scope to provide a focal point and to create appreciation of the space. Submission deadline is May 12. Visit artist.callforentry.org/festivals.

**Renaissance ArtsFaire** seeks artists for a juried art show and food vendors for the 48th annual event scheduled for Nov. 2-3. Artists apply at www.Zapplication.org. Vendors, nonprofits and Children's Realm participants apply at www.

daarts.org. Info: 575-523-6403.

**Rokoko Art Gallery**, 1785 Avenida de Mercado, seeks submissions for its "Fantasy Free for All" exhibit to run from May 11-June 22. Submissions due by May 4. Entry fee: \$15. Info: 575-522-5553, rokoko@rokokoart.com.

**Studio art classes** are registering artists of all levels in painting, drawing, ceramics, fabric dyeing, printmaking and more at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Through May 11. Register at the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Info: 575-541-2137; las-cruces.org/museums.

## GALLERIES & OPENINGS

### 'Seasons at the Bosque'

Through April 27  
Rokoko Art Gallery  
1785 Avenida de Mercado

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

### 'Protest Art: The Struggle is Beautiful'

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

Exhibit organized by New Mexico Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (NM CAFé), featuring borderlands artists who create art with a message, art that inspires action, and art to energize, move and mobilize. Info: 575-522-5552; www.wildmesquite.org.

### 'America: Purge & Recent Work'

Through May 5

Obscura Gallery  
3206 Harrelson St.

Almost two dozen oil paintings on canvas and paper by Raul Dorn. Info: 575-494-7256.

### 'Amending America: The Bill of Rights'

Through May 25  
Branigan Cultural Center  
501 N. Main St.

Exhibit explores the origins of the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution (collectively known as the Bill of Rights). Organized by the National Archives and Records Administration. Info: 575-541-2154; las-cruces.org/museums.

### 'Animals of the Southwest'

Through Aug. 4  
NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum  
4100 Dripping Springs Road

Thirty-four pastel

paintings by former Las Cruces Dinah Swan portraying wild animals such as bears, coyotes and birds, and domestic animals such as cattle, horses and cats. Artist reception is from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14. Info: 575-522-4100.

### 'Entomomania: Insects in Art and Culture'

University Museum's Kent Hall  
1280 E. University Ave.  
Through early September

New Mexico State University anthropology master's student Rachel Cover's photographic exhibition of insects, bees, butterflies, ants and other tiny creatures, and how they influence culture and interact with the natural world. Of her 21 prints, Cover says, "Macro photography gets you up close and you can examine the insects

in different ways. It did take me a while to set up, though. I had to photograph one of the beetles four times and everyone else needed a few shots. When I first printed the posters, even at a relatively high resolution, they were still pixelated. I had to shoot them at 2,000 pixels and had to go up to 5,000 until they looked good and then had to decide what parts of the insects I wanted to focus on and which parts could be blurred."

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

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

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

575-522-4100.

### 'Grist for the Mill'

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

The exhibit includes a portable gristmill from the Museum's collection,

a stone set from Mora, NM, and two separate stones that were used in the Las Cruces area; one from the Lemon Mill in Mesilla, and the Schaublin Stone, which was on display for years next to the tall, bank building in downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-522-4100.

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## PUZZLES

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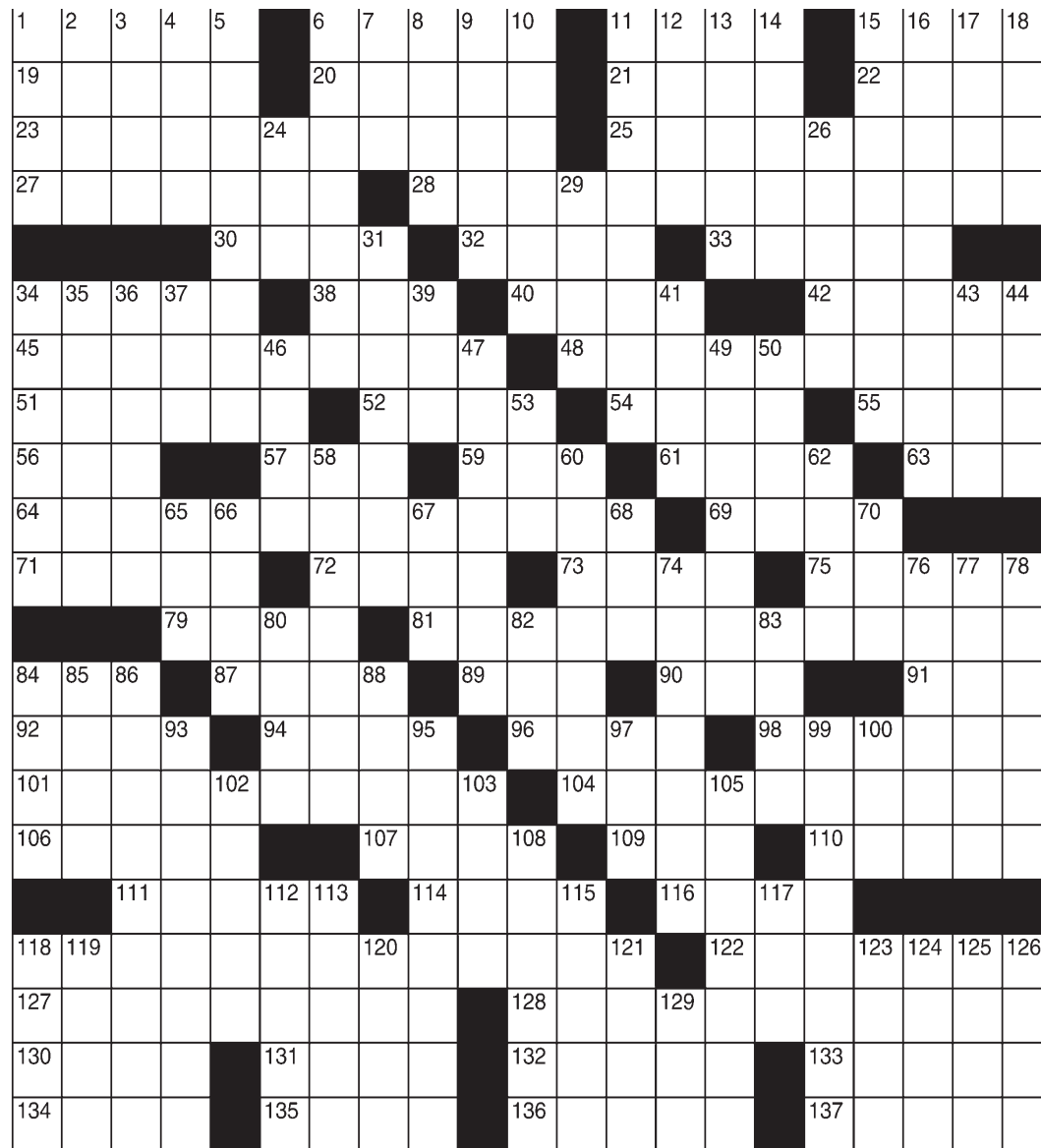
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15 Soldiers of Seoul  
19 Old Aegean region  
20 Singer with the 2013 #1 hit "Royals"  
21 Typesetter's option  
22 Saber's kin  
23 Film that's both funny and gloomy  
25 Thin material used in painting and baking  
27 Bulls scores  
28 Putt-putt  
30 Yard sale proviso  
32 With 40-Across, classic grape drink  
33 Step inside  
34 "Mirage" actor Edward James --  
38 Boolean logic operator  
40 See 32-Across  
42 Opening bets  
45 Overhead air circulator  
48 Films, TV, hit songs, etc.  
51 Fancy snack  
52 -- McAn  
54 See 50-Down  
55 Chilly powder  
56 "The Simpsons" shopkeeper  
57 Clock setting in NYC  
59 "... man -- mouse?"  
61 Sketched  
63 Priest follower?

64 Homeland  
69 "-- Brockovich"  
71 Cynic's look  
72 Sheep group  
73 -- vu  
75 Metal debris  
79 Pianist Hines  
81 Alternative medical practices  
84 Rubble maker  
87 TVs "Better Call --"  
89 "-- -hoo!" ("Hello!")  
90 Equal: Prefix  
91 Subpar mark  
92 High cards  
94 FBI agent  
96 Bulky brass  
98 Michigan county or its seat  
101 Important biblical meal  
104 Clownish type  
106 Really bug  
107 Give and take  
109 -- chi  
110 Sales talk  
111 Of Tehran  
114 Fish story  
116 Pulitzer winner William  
118 Dictionary, e.g.  
122 Film theaters  
127 Ethiopia, formerly  
128 Playing card apt to this puzzle's theme (hint: see the ends of the longest answers)  
130 "That's -- bad idea"  
131 One fibbing  
132 Barbecue

133 Ruhr Valley's chief city  
134 Tie feature  
135 Many August babies  
136 Determined to carry out  
137 Sown things

## DOWN

1 Lettuce variety  
2 Dancer Falana  
3 Santa -- (some winds)  
4 Ill  
5 Test the tea, say  
6 Shutting  
7 CD- --  
8 City NNW of Provo  
9 Also include  
10 Economist John Maynard --  
11 Scared by  
12 "Get busy!"  
13 Well-timed  
14 Rigid  
15 Mixtures for chemical analysis  
16 Well-timed  
17 Boat's spine  
18 Feudal peon  
24 Dollar or euro divs.  
26 Blossom bit  
29 Breakfast chain, briefly  
31 Unstiffened shoe part  
34 -- razor ("keep it simple" principle)  
35 Tackle  
36 Part of rpm  
37 Suffix with boff  
39 Rally cry



41 Imitated  
43 Winged god  
44 Makes a dress, e.g.  
46 At no time, to poets  
47 12 p.m.  
49 Quaker products  
50 With 54-Across, service charges  
53 "D.C. Cab" actor  
58 Slobby sort  
60 Difficult and tiring  
62 Far-reaching  
65 "-- -haw!"  
66 Epochs

67 Java holder  
68 "-- out!" (ump's call)  
70 Gun rights org.  
74 Relative of handball  
76 Nickname for Yale  
77 "Remington --"  
78 Singer Crow  
80 Sauce brand  
82 Kiddie  
83 Halo-worthy  
84 Fish story  
85 Univ. sports org.  
86 Serve as evidence of

88 Racing units  
93 Eyes  
95 They begin on January 1  
97 Iota  
99 Failures to attend  
100 Domino dot  
102 Big names  
103 Broccoli -- (salad green)  
105 "Honest Abe"  
108 Fork parts  
112 Sam of "Back-track"  
113 Many a navel  
115 Bete -- (pet

peeve)  
117 Certain PC pic file  
118 Echelon  
119 Very dark, to poets  
120 "Gotta run!"  
121 Make a sweater, e.g.  
123 Additionally  
124 Think deeply and at length  
125 Under the covers  
126 IDs for the IRS  
129 "Xanadu" rock gp.



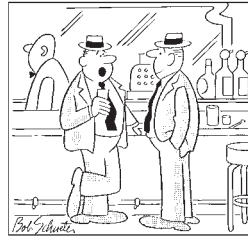
# PUZZLES

## WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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	7		5				3	
3					1			5
2				6		8		
		9			3			1
	6		8				2	
	4			2				9
8					9	3		
		7	1				5	

## SCRAMBLERS



"Funny, I could never remember my wedding anniversary, but I have no trouble remembering the anniversary of my \_\_\_\_\_."

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Decide  
**VESOL**

Dismay  
**CHINRAG**

Delve  
**EDGERD**

Trick  
**ICANT**

**TODAY'S WORD**

## CRYPTOQUIP

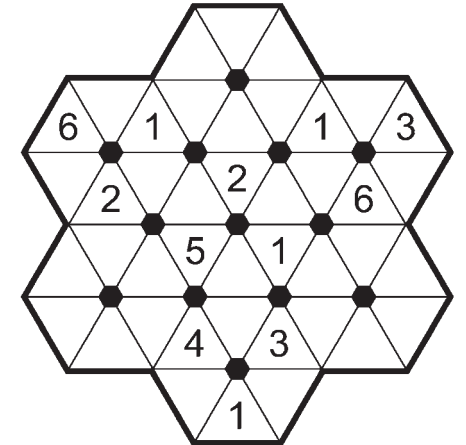
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: J equals W

JSQL MJV EOFKGFYNR GOLN  
MVHQMSQY JSFKQ JVIYFLH VL  
O MORI, UVTKN AVT ROA  
MSQA OYQ UVL-EVFLQN?

## SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

# PUZZLE ANSWERS

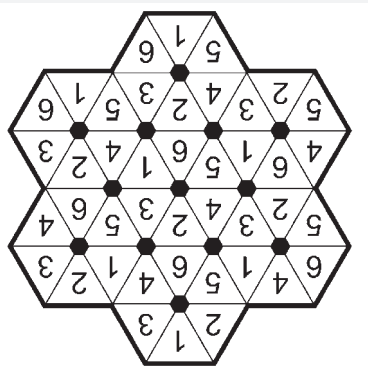
When two jallbirds band together while working on a task, could you say they are con-joined?

### CRYPTOQUIP

#### DIVORCE

Today's Word  
3. Dredge; 4. Antic;  
1. Solve; 2. Chagrin;

### SCRAMBLERS



### SNOWFLAKES

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3	2	4	6	8	1	7	9	5
1	7	6	5	9	2	4	3	8
9	5	8	3	4	7	6	1	2

### WEEKLY SUDOKU

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# The message of Easter renewal speaks to us all

Long-running semi-humorous commentary in the African-American church identifies many people as CMEs, the traditional acronym for the Christian Methodist Episcopal church. The alt-acronym, though, stands for “Christmas, Mother’s Day and Easter,” the only days said people are seen in church. Some more regular churchgoers even claim to stay home Easter, gripping with some cause that CMEs take up all the seats.

But, of course, you don’t have to be a CME to keep away from church. You could be an SBNR, or Spiritual but Not Religious. According to Professor Robert Fuller of Bradley University, who wrote the book “Spiritual but Not Reli-



**REV. XOLANI KACELA, PH.D.**

Guest Column

gious: Understanding Unchurched America,” this group is “associated with higher levels of interest in mysticism, experimentation with unorthodox beliefs and practices, and negative feelings

toward both clergy and churches.”

This ever-expanding community tends to be keenly attuned to feelings of connectedness, transcendence and the intersectionality of secular and spiritual worlds. SBNRs are disproportionately college-educated white-collar professionals and usually lean left politically. They make up 21 percent of Americans unaffiliated with a church. Such seekers, studies suggest, are on average more concerned

with personal spiritual development than are churchgoers.

How might SBNRs experience Easter?

Christians have no monopoly on Easter, whose theme of resurrection speaks to us all. Those whose spirituality is non-traditional can appreciate the rebirth, renewal and resilience that re-emerges with spring as much as the faithful. By April, even the least spiritually minded people are dying for the warmth of spring.

Here in Las Cruces and across the Southwest, the desert is reborn around Easter as flowers begin blooming. I drove toward Aguirre Springs recently and rebirth surrounded me with yellow poppies reawakening, embodying the Earth’s revival of life. The landscape will be

more brilliant when the ocotillo reawaken with its transcendent bright pink flowers.

The Easter season is indeed a perfect time for everyone to celebrate rebirth, renewal and resilience. Arguably, it gives SBNRs, undistracted by the religious calendar, a slight advantage. They can enjoy their spiritual practice not just on Easter Day, but throughout the springtime, celebrating the glory of each day! Of course, such freedom is available to us all.

SBNRs can also find inspiration and meaning in the Easter story itself, since it enacts a universal human experience. It lets us know that even when we are feeling “entombed” in doubt and depression, and feel “dead to the world,” the life force

within us can reawaken and be renewed. SBNRs can treat Easter as a teaching story without the Christian doctrine.

Our inner world is of course a primary source of courage and strength for dealing with the outer world, equally as accessible to SBNRs as believers. Easter is a season for all people to remember, and reconnect profoundly with, that inner source.

Our country and world are seemingly paralyzed now by divisiveness. How can we face these challenges head-on rather than succumbing to exaggerated fears, hopelessness or self-righteousness?

Mindfulness is one practice among many that might be helpful.

My conviction is that mature spirituality, whatever its origins, guides people

as they experience the brokenness of the world. It can be a vital resource for building resilience and navigating one’s circumstances.

A spiritual but not religious Easter embodies a resurrection of the often forgotten hope we find inside ourselves, our families and our communities that realize love, compassion and the kind of justice that creates sustainable futures for all. SBNRs can be happy that such communities exist beyond the church as well as within it.

May we all experience resurrection this Easter Sunday.

*Rev. Xolani Kacela, Ph.D. is a minister at Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces. He may be reached at 575-404-9318, xolani@uuchurchlc.org.*

## Church youth group takes service into the community

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

“Christianity is not about sitting in a pew. It’s about going out and interacting with people,” University Church of Christ (UCC) Pastor David Harrelson said.

A decade ago, he changed the format of the church’s annual Youth Rally to include service projects for the congregation’s middle and high school-aged members. “We decided to have them go out into the community and serve,” said Harrelson, a Texas native who has been at UCC since 1987.

UCC’s 2019 We Care for Cruces program has in-



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**University Church of Christ youth, with Pastor Harrelson, far left.**

cluded visits to Memorial Medical Center, the Las Cruces Police Department (where they washed police cars’ windshields), two county fire stations (where they washed firetrucks), an apartment complex (where they hosted a block party), Mesilla Valley Com-

munity of Hope’s (MVCH) Tent City for the homeless, La Casa women’s shelter, Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity, the Gospel Rescue Mission and nursing homes.

“It was great and so appreciated by all of the staff,” said Rev. Dr. Mar-

garet Short, pastoral care director at Memorial Medical Center.

“The Camp Hope residents were so excited to eat pizza and to be visited by such a caring group,” said MVCH Executive Director Nicole Martinez.

“We truly value this project,” said Casa de Peregrinos Emergency Food Bank Programs Manager Diana Alvarez. “Without our caring volunteers, we could not provide food for the hundreds of families we serve each week. It is projects like this that are vital to our organization. They bring our mission to life.”

“The response has been tremendous,” Harrelson

said. “People are very appreciative.”

Sometimes they’re a little leery at first, he added, thinking the visits might include a “hidden agenda” like quoting scripture or proselytizing. But that’s not part of the program.

“We’re teaching kids how to serve, giving and expecting nothing in return,” Harrelson said.

The young volunteers also go door-to-door in the UCC neighborhood from time to time, volunteering to do chores like mowing lawns and cutting weeds. Some years ago, they sort of adopted a homeless man named Gary after finding him on the street.

And, one afternoon a

month, Harrelson picks up UCC members in high school and takes them to Amador Health Center (formerly St. Luke’s) at MVCH where they conduct a foot clinic, washing and caring for the feet of the center’s homeless clients.

Harrelson himself volunteers every Tuesday at MVCH, where he cleans the bathrooms and the floors. “I strongly believe in serving,” Harrelson said.

Contact Harrelson at 575-575-522-6707 or dharrelson@church4thecity.com. Visit [www.church4thecity.com](http://www.church4thecity.com).

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# Art and biology: Winery celebrates first decade

By ALEXIA SEVERSON

Las Cruces Bulletin

Gordon Steel, 63, is well-versed in everything having to do with wine – especially New Mexico wine.

If asked, he can tell you all about the different vineyards in the area – where they are located, how many acres there are and when most were planted. He can also tell you about the wineries – when many of them opened and where to find them.

Steel's knowledge and passion for wine are reasons he opened Rio Grande Vineyard and Winery, in the historic Mesilla Valley, in 2009. It's also the reason the winery has been going strong ever since – not to mention the one-of-a-kind view of the Organ Mountains, seen from the tasting room's back patio. The winery, co-owned by Steel and his wife Sandra, celebrated its 10-year anniversary on Feb. 15.

"I've been thinking about doing this since I was a kid," said Steel, who has been making wine since he was 13 years old. "I grew up in Hatch, and my dad's family had vineyards [in Mesilla] in the 1800s, and he would tell me about it – what it was like growing up on those vineyards."

Steel left New Mexico in 1975 to join the military, which took him to Europe and several

## If you go

**WHAT:** The Cat's Meow Spring Fling

**WHERE:** Rio Grande Vineyard & Winery, 5321 N. Highway 28 (at mile marker 25)

**WHEN:** 5 p.m. Thursday, April 25

**COST:** \$25 per couple in advance; \$15 for single in advance; \$25 per person at the door; kids under 12, free

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places throughout the U.S. But the goal was to eventually return to New Mexico to open a winery and vineyard, he said. In addition to traveling to different wineries and tasting rooms in the places he was stationed, Steel studied vineyard management and wine-making at the University of California-Davis and Washington State University, according to the Rio Grande Winery website.

Steel said it took him five years to track down the property on which Rio Grande Vineyard and Winery now sits, and that he bought it in the 1990s, in different sections, over time. In 2004, the Steels planted Rio Grande Winery's 10-acre vineyard. And in 2009, following Steel's retirement from the U.S. Air Force, the couple opened the winery's tasting room.



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**Gordon Steel, owner of Rio Grande Vineyard and Winery, stands behind the bar in the tasting room.**

While the numbers can vary, Steel said Rio Grande Winery makes about 5,000 gallons of wine and bottles about 1,500 cases per year.

"We have 22 different wines that we make," he said.

A couple of the best-sellers at the winery include the Gewürztraminer, a sweet white wine, and The Spaniard, a dry red wine made from a blend of five different Spanish grapes.

Rio Grande Winery makes all its wine onsite, and visitors can get a behind-the-scenes view of the process – some of

the winery's equipment is displayed behind a glass window in the tasting room.

One of the unique aspects of Rio Grande Winery is the wine tasting, Steel said.

"It's more of an educational experience, so [a server] will go through wines with you and do a full wine tasting and guide you through your understanding about wine and [help you] learn about wine," he said.

Steel said he enjoys making wine because it allows him to be creative and try new things while

making a good product.

"It's biology, it's chemistry, it's art all combined into one," he said.

While Steel may not always run Rio Grande Winery, he said, "I'll always make wine. I'll make wine for the rest of my life."

Since the winery opened a decade ago, it has attracted both locals and visitors from out of town.

In late March, John and Charlotte Cordova, from Roy, Utah, stopped by the winery with their dog Socca while visiting the area on vacation. They sat out on the back

patio to enjoy the view.

"Can't really say we go to a lot of wineries in Utah," John said. "We're on vacation, so we're doing what we should do. It feels good; this is a very comfortable porch."

Charlotte said she enjoyed the atmosphere, the fact that the winery was dog-friendly, and of course, the wines.

"I tried all the really sweet, fruity wines," she said. "The Muscat was really good, and the Dolchetto was a sweet wine that was really good."

In addition to its



# Patience during progress: Request your access sign

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

*Editor's note: Eighth in a series on businesses affected by road reconstruction on Valley Drive/ Avenida de Mesilla.*

Tucked between Unidad Park and Meer-schiedt Recreation Center is the City of Las Cruces Sign Shop. It's part of the Public Works department, and of course has its own handmade street sign labeled "Sign Shop" hanging over the door. Now, the shop hums with activity as the crew is busy making more signs for businesses in need on Valley Drive.

The signs give guidance to customers who might have a hard time finding access to their favorite Valley Drive shops during the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) road recon-

struction. Any business on Valley Drive affected by the road reconstruction can ask for their own personalized street sign, and it's completely free. Just call Traffic Management at 575-541-2505.

"Since they aren't permanently installed, we can mount them on temporary access signs and it takes less time to get approved," explained Public Works engineer Hector Terrazas. "We don't have to dig and check for any utilities that may conflict with the placement, and it's an effective way to guide drivers navigating through the construction."

Terrazas says once they get the order, it usually takes anywhere from a few days to a week to have the new sign installed in front of their business. The City will work with the businesses to figure out the best location for

customers and where the construction is currently.

Joe Hernandez, Signs & Marking Technician, is bent over the table cutting out the letters for the sign. The work is a mix of printing the letters of the sign, but also a careful cutting and placement of the letters onto the signs. Hernandez sees the projects through to completion, also heading out to install the finished product.

Hernandez drives out and navigates the orange barrels to find the right place for each access sign but is careful not to move any barrels. He works with NMDOT to specifically place each sign for the flow of traffic. NMDOT requests that no barrels be moved because it could be dangerous for the traffic flow through the construction.

NMDOT and City of Las Cruces staff will answer any questions and update business owners and residents on the latest construction developments at the next monthly meeting at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. For the most up-to-date information on the next meeting please visit [www.valleydrive.net](http://www.valleydrive.net). For immediate concerns, including access to Valley Drive businesses, please contact NMDOT project manager Ryan Tafoya at 575-525-7313.

*The City of Las Cruces encourages residents to continue to support local Valley Drive businesses, and work with our local Chambers of Commerce in their efforts to provide support.*



Joe Hernandez, City of Las Cruces Public Works signs & marking technician, checks the final version of a sign for Strykers on Valley Drive.

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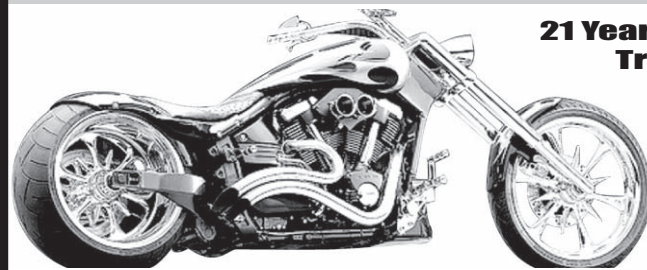


A temporary sign provided by the City of Las Cruces is installed to guide customers straight to a business on Valley Drive.

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# Bi-nationalism and the art of the hack

When some of our county's new friends from Dell, Inc. came to town earlier this month, they brought with them a tool, a process, they've used in other communities – a PolicyHack.

Dell defines a PolicyHack as an event “where teams design solutions to policy challenges faced by entrepreneurs and pitch their ideas to a diverse panel of expert judges.” Really, a PolicyHack is a process that brings together members of a community's public and private sectors to work in teams to identify solutions that solve a challenge, are innovative, and



**TRACEY BRYAN**

The Bridge of Southern New Mexico

have a real shot at being adopted and replicated.

Framed with a strategic set of questions, the PolicyHack process brings forth the collective wisdom of a community to thoughtfully and

holistically solve a community problem or seize an opportunity.

That's exactly what happened when business, government, and other community members came together at the War Eagles Museum in Santa Teresa to explore just what we could do, and what it would take, to bring the long-pondered US/Mexico bi-national campus to life.

The HQ2 Countries proposal for Amazon's headquarters were framed by an opportunity that stands before us. Cross-border relationships that already exist, land that already exists, and a shared vision of what “could be” gave us a proposal that made national headlines in the race to land Amazon, even though they chose to locate elsewhere.

Revisiting this concept in the forum of the PolicyHack surfaced an even larger vision for what was possible in this unique place and what it would take to make it real.

The timing couldn't be more significant. Our border is all over the news right now, and not in a positive way. It represents cultural and political polarization in the country and vibrantly illustrates how the failure to pass good policy has created a situation that benefits no one.

The real vision that emerged from the PolicyHack stands in stark

contrast. Both winning concepts, a “Campus of the Minds” and an Industry 4.0-driven epicenter for high-growth, high-wage career clusters, built on the strengths that exist across borders to increase opportunity for everyone.

This idea that a single piece of land could bring together the very best of countries, cultures, languages, ideas, innovation, entrepreneurship and economy, all while “transcending” borders, provided a compelling illustration of what good border policy could bring. To no one's surprise, it would take ground-breaking solutions to pull it off. Transnational treaties and mutually beneficial economic agreements are one thing; doing so in a way that navigates and honors local, regional, and national law is the trick...thus, the PolicyHack.

The process provided a roadmap to navigate on the way to the destination of a bi-national campus. But what if we did figure it out? What if that piece of land presented us the prospect of connecting the assets of not just countries, but continents? What if it allowed us to build on our strengths, like the bi-cultural identity we already embrace as a community? In fact, Dell's Cris Turner commented several times about the comfort and ease with which we navigate our dual-language, bi-cultural identity as a strength he's simply not seen in other communities. Success in this would be a game changer. New opportunities would emerge for students through the collaboration of two countries' and two states' educational institutions. Our region would be at the cutting edge of Industry 4.0 – the Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, et al – with application in the industries we already have, like biomedical, manufacturing, and energy. It would present

our people with new opportunities for a strong economic future.

The PolicyHack clearly demonstrated that we already have the right people to bring a binational campus to life – one rooted in education for the expressed purpose of innovation and industry application. Over and over again, this community demonstrates its ability to collaborate to solve community challenges and seize new opportunities – like our state-leading high school graduation rates and the landing of Spaceport America and the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dell has committed to work alongside us over the next 18 months on this journey, but it's up to all of us to make it real.

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## BUSINESS BRIEF

### NMSU job fair

With the conclusion of the school year approaching, the 45th annual Educators' Job Fair at New Mexico State University will give candidates job hunting a chance to meet with multiple school districts.

NMSU Career Services will host the event from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, April 29, at Corbett Center Student Union on the third floor. Candidates will include

current student teachers, experienced educators and administrators, principals, nurses, school counselors and social workers.

Students in non-education majors interested in the districts' licensure programs will have an opportunity to discuss alternative teaching license career options and employment opportunities with school districts.

More than 60 school districts from Arizona, California, Colorado, Kan-

sas, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas are registered.

Roseanne Bensley and Nova Pena, with NMSU Career Services and coordinators of the event, said the job fair has been one of the most effective recruiting forums in the Southwest.

“During last year's event, about 118 participants registered and participated,” Bensley said. “Given the current job market for educators,

interested candidates are invited to take advantage of the face-to-face contact with school district personnel.”

Participants are requested to pre-register online prior to the event at [careerservices.nmsu.edu/career-fairs/educators-job-fair](http://careerservices.nmsu.edu/career-fairs/educators-job-fair). Information and assistance regarding online candidate or school district registration is available by calling 575-646-1631 or via email at [HireNMSU@nmsu.edu](mailto:HireNMSU@nmsu.edu).





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## Area officials among recent 'Leadership' graduates

### BULLETIN REPORT

Leadership New Mexico announces the following leaders from the Las Cruces area are among 32 statewide professionals who recently graduated from the 17th Local Government Leadership Program: Estephania Cazale, city planner, City of Sunland Park; Crystina Holman, human resources administrator, Doña Ana County; Louise Marquez, community and economic development director, City of Sunland Park; Eric Rodriguez, county treasurer, Doña Ana

County; and Shawn Spain, human resources administrator, Doña Ana County.

The Local Government Leadership Program is an educational partnership between New Mexico Counties, the New Mexico Municipal League, the New Mexico School Boards Association and Leadership New Mexico. These organizations joined together to provide a unique educational experience to county and municipal officials, school board members, members of the New Mexico National Guard and regional councils

of governments.

The program's curriculum is patterned after Leadership New Mexico's Core Program, designed to provide local leaders the opportunity to explore critical issues facing New Mexico and participate in skill-building workshops. The program prepares local officials with the background and knowledge necessary to undertake their civic responsibility and instill in them a passion for effective and ethical public service.

Since its inception in 2003, the Local Government Lead-

ership Program has held 17 programs with a total of 378 participants.

Leadership New Mexico is a nonpartisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization directed by a Board of Directors from throughout the state of New Mexico. Since its founding in 1995, it has provided a non-partisan perspective on statewide topics of concern and opportunities for improvement. The organization identifies current and emerging leaders throughout New Mexico, enhances their leadership skills and deepens

their knowledge of the challenges and opportunities facing the state.

The Core Program, Local Government Leadership Program, and Connect New Mexico Program contribute to developing a larger understanding of these issues and ultimately prepare the leaders to meet these challenges with innovation. More than 1,600 people from 85 communities across the state have participated in Leadership New Mexico programs.

Call 505-398-1500 or visit [www.leadershipnm.org](http://www.leadershipnm.org).

### WINERY

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scenic views and wide selection of wines, Rio Grande Winery offers live music at 2 p.m. on most Sundays from spring through November.

The winery is also a prime spot for weddings and events. The next event taking place at the winery is the Cat's Meow Spring Fling, an April 25 fundraiser for

the Cat's Meow Resource and Adoption Center. The event will include a glass of wine with the entrance fee, a silent auction, live music and food trucks.

"If [guests] buy bottles to take with them, on that particular night, we're going to donate 50 percent of the purchase price of all bottles to the Cat's Meow organization, so we're looking to move a little bit of wine for them," Steel said.

For more information

about live music and events taking place at Rio Grande Winery, visit [www.facebook.com/RioGrandeWinery](http://www.facebook.com/RioGrandeWinery). For information about the winery, visit [riograndewinery.com](http://riograndewinery.com).

Rio Grande Winery is open from noon to 5:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday, and open to groups by appointment Mondays and Thursdays.

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# Hygia Pain Institute takes holistic approach

By ALEXIA SEVERSON  
Las Cruces Bulletin

For Aaron Villarreal, certified registered nurse and anesthetist (CRNA), pain is personal.

"I grew up with my grandma; she had really bad arthritis and I can see how, over the years, her hands deformed, and I know she was in pain," Villarreal said. "She never complained, but I know she was in pain."

Villarreal, who is also certified in nonsurgical pain management, hopes to help others living with pain through his new medical practice, Hygia Pain Institute (HPI), which opened at 3851 E. Lohman Ave., Ste. 4, on April 1.

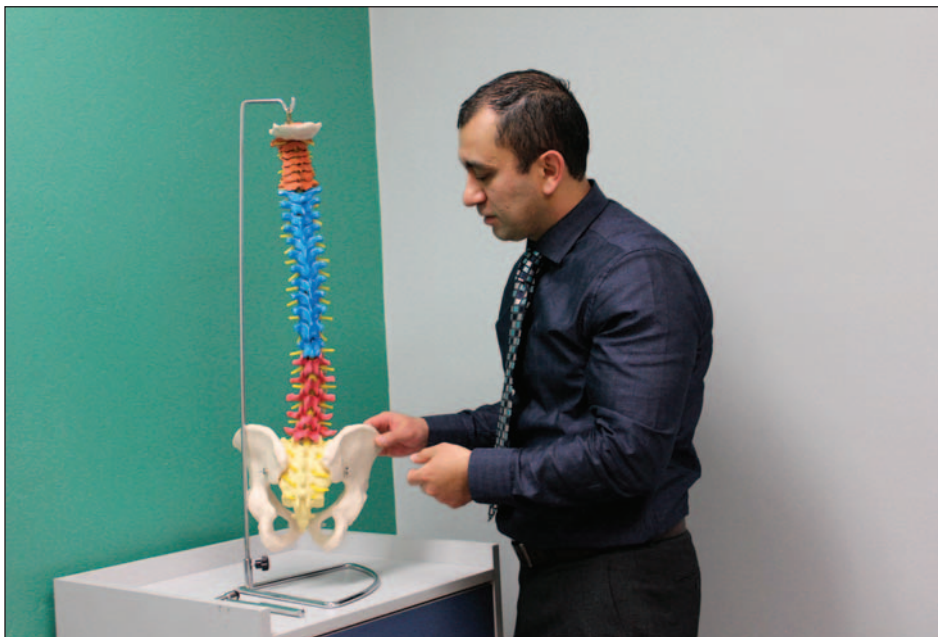
What makes HPI unique is Villarreal's holistic approach to pain management, which entails performing detailed physical, psychosocial and health assessments to arrive at a diagnosis

*"When you take the patient as a whole, and make a tailor-made plan for that one person, the outcome is a lot better, and we have all the literature to back that up."*

Aaron Villarreal

and develop a tailor-made care plan to provide optimal results for each patient. He is also one of just 40 specialists in the country with a double board certification in pain management and anesthesia.

Villarreal said treating the patient holistically, rather than simply prescribing medication to treat pain, is important in light of the opioid crisis facing the country and New Mexico, which, ac-



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALEXIA SEVERSON

**Certified registered nurse and anesthetist Aaron Villarreal, certified in nonsurgical pain management, uses a model of the human spine and pelvic bone to explain the various ways he helps his patients at Hygia Pain Institute.**

ording to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, had one of the highest opioid-related overdose death rates in the nation in 2017.

"For a long time, providers were kind of using

the 'same size fits all' type of mentality, and then we got into the whole opioid crisis," Villarreal said. This wasn't fixing the problem, but creating a bigger problem, he said.

Through Villarreal's approach not only do patients take responsibility by getting involved in their own care, but other health and wellness specialists are also brought into the process. This could mean instructing the patient to lose weight, practice yoga or meditate, or sending the patient to see a physical therapist, a chiropractor or a psychiatrist.

"Whoever I need to get involved for the better of the patient, that's what I do," Villarreal said.

This method takes into

account all the factors that can contribute to pain, including mental health issues such as depression, anxiety and posttraumatic stress disorder, he said.

"When your pain started, what was going on in your life? Were you going through a bad divorce? Did you lose your job? Did you lose a friend? That right there, many of the times, it's a generator for pain," he said. "So, when you take that into account, and you take the patient as a whole, and make a tailor-made plan for that one person, the outcome is a lot better, and we have all the literature to back that up."

It is for this reason that HPI is equipped with

a meditation area and approved for the administration of Spravato (esketamine), a nasal spray recently approved by the FDA for the treatment of depression.

In addition to these modalities, Villarreal also provides interventional pain techniques, including myofascial/trigger point/joint injections, radiofrequency treatment, nerve blocks and interlaminar/transforaminal epidural/facet injections for patients that need it. Pain medications can also be prescribed in addition to other forms of pain management when necessary.

HPI also has a live X-ray room for patient's convenience and more accurate care and treatment.

Villarreal, who was born in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, and grew up in El Paso, is a graduate of the Advanced Pain Management Fellowship offered through Texas Christian University and the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). The new and competitive program prepares CRNAs with the pain management skills necessary to meet the needs of those living with chronic pain.

Mindy Wallace, CRNA and faculty at TCU's Advanced Pain Management Fellowship, said the fact that Villarreal opened HPI in a rural area like



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# Burrell College applauds residency legislation

## BULLETIN REPORT

On April 2 New Mexico Gov. Michelle Grisham signed House Bill 480, passed unanimously by both the New Mexico House and Senate, which expands physician residency slots in the state.

The bill was strongly supported by leadership at the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM), among other healthcare collaborators.

“BCOM is proud to be part of the team that helped promote and pass this bill,” John Hummer, president of BCOM, and Don Peska, BCOM’s

dean and chief academic officer, stated in a news release.

“This was a team effort and we are ready to do our part in creating more opportunities to retain more physicians here in our state. BCOM’s future graduates, and the patients they will care for, are the beneficiaries of this legislation.”

The bill allows New Mexico to establish a new grant funding program for graduate medical education (GME). Qualifying hospitals and health centers can apply for funding that creates new GME programs and

residency positions or supports ongoing GME programs with plans to establish new residency positions.

The state will give special priority to applications that: develop residency programs at facilities that have not previously offered GME programs; offer physician specialty positions that have shortages in the state, such as primary care and psychiatry; or propose positions in medically underserved regions.

The grant program’s annual funding will be appropriated by the New

Mexico legislature. A sum of \$300,000 has been appropriated for the first round of GME funding; the funds are eligible for federal and private matching.

Thirty-two of New Mexico’s 33 counties are currently designated as primary care health professional shortage areas (HPSA) according to the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. The shortage affects one million New Mexicans.

“On behalf of BCOM and our future graduates, BCOM would like to thank the governor for

her leadership, her staff, the bill sponsors and the many legislators who took an active supporting role, and our state’s secretary of human services, David Scrase, for his advice and promoting the need for a substantive GME program in New Mexico,” Hummer and Dr. Peska said.

Legislators involved in the early phases of the bill include Reps. Doreen Gallegos and Nathan Small and Sens. Mary K. Papen and John Arthur Smith.

Other key stakeholders included the University of New Mexico, the

New Mexico Hospital Association, the New Mexico Medical Society, New Mexico Osteopathic Medical Association, the New Mexico Primary Care Association, Lovelace Health System in New Mexico, New Mexico Primary Care Training Consortium and BCOM’s Student Osteopathic Medical Association.

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, a free-standing private osteopathic medical school on the New Mexico State University campus, was established in 2013. Visit [bcomnm.org](http://bcomnm.org).

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Las Cruces makes a big difference for the people who live there.

“It is exceedingly important to offer pain management to everyone, but especially in underserved areas where people often don’t seek treatment for their chronic pain. They just suffer in silence,”

Wallace said. “Aaron is willing and able to serve this population, which demonstrates his commitment to his community and to his profession.”

Villarreal said since opening HPI, people have been very welcoming.

“I want to build connections with the city, I want to do things for the city, I want to do things with the city, I just want to promote health all around,” he said.

Pain conditions treated at HPI include back, neck, migraines, headaches,



BULLETIN PHOTO BY ALEXIA SEVERSON

**Certified registered nurse and anesthesiologist Aaron Villarreal stands outside the front doors of Hygia Pain Institute, 3851 E. Lohman Ave., Ste. 4, which opened on April 1.**

cancer and visceral, spinal cord injury, fibromyalgia, arthritis and more.

No matter what kind of pain, Villarreal said he wants patients to know he’s “part of your team.”

“Some of these patients, all they want to do is be able to get up in the morning without pain so they can go for a walk,” Villarreal said. “Some of these people just want to have pain relief so

they can play with their grandchildren. If I can make that happen, I’ll do everything in my power to do that.”

For information about HPI, accepted health insurance or to set up an appointment, call 575-205-0280 or visit [hygiapain.com](http://hygiapain.com).

*Alexia Severson may be contacted at [alexia@las-crucesbulletin.com](mailto:alexia@las-crucesbulletin.com).*



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## City giving away 100 trees for Arbor Day

### BULLETIN REPORT

Thanks to a grant from the Apache Corporation Tree Grant Program, the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department has offered 100 trees free of charge to Las Cruces residents as part of an Arbor Day giveaway to promote neighborhood beautification.

The trees have already been claimed by those who registered on a first-come, first-served basis. Along with the trees, residents will receive a refrigerator magnet with recommended watering instructions; four tree-care pamphlets regarding new-tree planting, pruning young trees, proper mulching techniques and trees in turf; and tree guards for those who will mow around newly planted trees.

The City is providing 25 of each of the following: desert willow (*Chilopsis linearis*), Chinese pis-

### IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

**WHEN:** Trees will be presented to those who pre-registered 8 a.m.-noon on Arbor Day, Friday, April 26, in front of the City Parks and Recreation Department office.

**INFO:** Jimmy Zabriskie, 575-541-2550 and [jzabriskie@las-cruces.org](mailto:jzabriskie@las-cruces.org).

tache (*Pistacia chinensis*), honey mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*), and screwbean mesquite (*Prosopis pubescens*). Each is drought-tolerant once established, which usually takes up to three years.

Trees provide functions that benefit residents and the environment: shade, which reduces cooling costs; filtering that reduces air pollution; oxygen and food production for people and animals;



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**Desert Willow tree**

and carbon sequestration, which helps mitigate a warming climate, reduces runoff from rainfall and increases property values.

This year, the annual Apache program donated 50,000 trees across Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico. More than 4.6 million trees have been planted in 17 states

since the program's launch in 2005.

Specifications on the trees to be given away:

- Desert Willow is a medium-sized native tree that can grow to about 20 feet tall with a 15-foot spread and get beautiful pinkish bell-shaped flowers in spring, often reblooming throughout the growing season. Desert willows are beneficial to hummingbirds, orioles and bees.

- Chinese Pistache are large shade trees, growing to about 40 feet tall, with wide branches and beautiful fall colors ranging from bright yellow to fire-engine red. Although related to pistachio trees, they do not produce nuts, but the female plants produce clusters of blue berries popular with birds.

- Honey Mesquites are medium-to-large trees that tend to be broader than tall, reaching a



**Chinese Pistache tree**



**Screwbean Mesquite tree seed pods**

height of about 25 feet, with a 35-foot spread. These trees are excellent for attracting honey bees. Honey mesquites do have thorns on new growth but as the tree grows these thorns get covered up by the tree's bark. Flour can be made from the dried seeds of honey mesquite and the pods can be chewed. They taste like honey, hence the name.

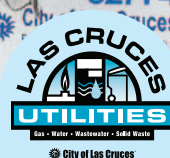
- Screwbean Mesquites are natives found along the Rio Grande valley. They take their name from clusters of corkscrew-shaped seed pods. They reach a medium height of about 25 feet with a 20-foot spread. Older trees have a shaggy bark. Screwbean mesquites also have thorns on newer growth and attract honey bees.

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# What does a bunny rabbit have to do with Easter?

One of the most delightful times in my childhood was going on an Easter egg hunt. We lived in central Texas where springtime was a wonderful experience, with spring flowers all around, especially the Bluebonnets and Indian Paint Brushes.

I remember one year when the hunt was in an oat field where the oat plants were about five or six inches tall and which made an excellent place to hide the eggs. (Nothing like today where the eggs are simply rolled out on the lawn and quite visi-



**RUTH MOORER**

Not for Sissies

ble.) At school, we made paper eggs and when we got home, we made a game of hiding the paper eggs.

Of course, these games did not replace the real egg hunt, which for some people

I imagine is their only experience of Easter. It makes me sad to think of that.

I did a bit of research on the Easter bunny and found out some interesting pieces of information on the Internet. What I first read was that, according to some sources, the Easter bunny first

arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and brought with them the tradition of an egg-laying hare called Osterhase or "Oschter Haws." Their children made nests in which this creature lay its colored eggs.

Continuing my search, I found that the roots of this elusive bunny go back to pre-Christian Anglo-Saxon history. Originally, it was a pagan celebration that worshipped the goddess Eastre.

She was the goddess of fertility and springtime and her earthly symbol

was the rabbit. When the Anglo-Saxons converted to Christianity, the pagan holiday, which occurred around the same time as the Christian memorial of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, was combined with the Christian celebration and given the name Easter.

Sometimes the real meaning of sacred holidays gets corrupted or sidelined by how culture misinterprets them. Halloween is one. The name "All Saints Eve" or All Hallows Eve is the Christian term for this holiday. In our secular world where materialism has taken over, the profit-mo-

tive crowds out the meaning of the holiest of days: Christmas and Easter.

For me, Easter is the shout of victory over evil and death, which Christ's resurrection proclaims. No longer does death have the final word.

As the Apostle Paul stated in his letter to the Corinthians (and quoting the prophet Hosea) "Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?"

In some churches, the day following Easter is celebrated as a day of laughter, of holy hilarity. It is a day to remind

Satan that he did not win; that the joke is on him. It is a day to make fun of that old liar!

For me Easter is a day to rejoice that my life will not end in physical death, and that I will be greeted by my loved ones who have gone before me into the heavenly realm. Oh, how much our world needs to hear and believe this message.

*Ruth Justice Moorer is a resident of Las Cruces having moved here in 1996 with her husband, Charles. She has been a public-school science teacher and a United Methodist pastor.*

## April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

### BULLETIN REPORT

This month especially (and all year long) Mesilla Valley Hospice wants to thank all our wonderful volunteers. The Las Cruces community is rich with those who choose to donate their time by giving back.

We are fortunate that many of them choose us. As a local nonprofit organization, we are dependent upon and eternally grateful for all our volunteers.

Last year, Mesilla Valley Hospice volunteers donated more than 10,400 hours and saved our organization more than \$200,000. This sig-



nificant contribution enables us to provide the high level of quality care we do. We have more than 100 volunteers from all ages and backgrounds serving in a variety of ways.

We pay special tribute to the many volunteers in Las Cruces but especially those who volunteer at Mesilla Valley Hospice.

They are a significant part of the compassionate care we provide. We are ever grateful for

their service and could not accomplish our mission without them.

If you would like to make a difference in peoples' lives, consider volunteering for Mesilla Valley Hospice.

We have a variety of patient care volunteer opportunities as well non-patient care related opportunities. If you have a special skill or a licensed professional service, you may be able to help in that area of work.

For more information or if you are considering volunteering for Mesilla Valley Hospice, contact Catharine Walkinshaw at 575-523-4700, or visit [www.mvhospice.org](http://www.mvhospice.org).



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## NMSU golf

The New Mexico State women's golf team seeks its fifth Western Athletic Conference title in six years this weekend (April 18-20) at the WAC Tournament in Lakewood, Washington. The Aggies were selected by conference coaches as the favorite to win the 2019 title, receiving six of nine first-place votes. Defending champion Grand Canyon garnered the remaining three votes. NM State's Pun Chanachai of Bangkok, Thailand (pictured), finished her sophomore season as the back-to-back WAC Player of the Year and led the team with a 72.97 stroke average.

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## Flying high



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Celebrating a successful season, the Gym Magic Angels Gymnastics Team of Las Cruces won 17 state titles this season. In addition, three Angels qualified for regional competition in Kansas City in early May. Valeria Colato, Kaylie Harvey and Danielle Carter will travel with their families and Coach Laura Gilchrist to represent Las Cruces in the Region 3 Xcel Championships. State champions pictured, front row from left, Cole Novello, Deja Melon, Atalya Hunter, Tessa Smith, Marley King, Briana Martinez, Alexis Umphress, Kailee Traversy, Gavin Rosenberg; second row, Alicia Martinez, Riley Moulton, Valeria Colato, Kaylee Harvey, Danielle Carter, Elena Santillano, Addie Garza, Erika Benavidez.

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# Questions? The Golf Doctor has a few answers

The most frequent questions pertain to the sale of Picacho Hills Country Club. As of March 1, Southwest Golf Management (often referred as the "Bellows Group") assumed operation of PHCC. The final closing awaits the issuing of the full liquor license by the State of New Mexico. Currently there is private club license which is seen as too limited for club needs that include weddings and other non-club functions.

I'm often asked if the PHCC golf course will be open to public play. Excepting tournaments and fundraising events, the golf course is not open to



**CHARLIE BLANCHARD**  
Golf Doctor

the public. However, guests are welcome to play a limited number of rounds with a member during the year. Affordable memberships, both individual and family, are available.

From my own perspective, as a longtime member of PHCC, the prospect of the club thriving is exciting. One noticeable improvement is the condition of the greens, which now look and roll better than they have in 10 years. Also, the club will be getting a new fleet of quiet gasoline-powered carts.

The club has also added several new staffers. Todd

Barranger is now general manager, while Chris Ortiz is assistant general manager. Both are PGA Class A members. Bob Crane was brought aboard as the new food and beverage manager, while Jim Nodurft continues as the head PGA professional.

I have been asked many times about how golf can "grow the game." Every year at the PGA Show in Orlando there is some new initiative aimed at getting more golfers out there. The only realistic way to grow the game lies with parents introducing their children to golf and then supporting their continuing efforts. Soccer and baseball are easier to do that because they are team sports.

Then there are the statistics. In 2002 there were an estimated 30 million players (thanks, Tiger), and now fewer than 21 million. But wait! Statistically, at least by the golf gurus, a "golfer" is someone who plays at least one round per year. I have played behind groups who happened to be on their once-annual golf "experience" and it ain't fun. Counting a person who plays once a year as a "golfer" is like counting someone who votes once per decade as a "voter." Golfer count should be people who play at least monthly.

Lately, the blogosphere has lit up regarding the first Augusta National Women's Amateur and the junior Drive, Chip

and Putt competition during Masters week. Both events have been promoted by Augusta National GC as a way to grow the game, but really, they are all about promoting the Augusta National brand.

Martin Kaufman, writing on [www.morningread.com](http://www.morningread.com), states that "the club's true objective for the Augusta National Women's Amateur is to extend Masters week activities and the business that comes with it, while making the smallest possible commitment." I love the Masters, but I believe the entire visual at Augusta has created some blind expectation on the part of many recreational players that golf courses need to replicate this pris-

time, unobtainable condition of grass, bunkers, greens foliage and beauty. No, that's not reality. What is reality is the expectation that our local courses are set up and maintained with attention to detail, priorities and respect that honors the game. We don't need our courses to be perfect showcases; we just want care to be taken so they are gratifyingly playable. And indeed, they are!

*Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. Contact him at [docblanchard71@gmail.com](mailto:docblanchard71@gmail.com).*

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**Christa Attiogbe** is a 17-year-old senior at Centennial High School. She runs on the Lady Hawks track team – the 100- and 200-meter dash - and is a member of the 4x100 relay team, which recently qualified for state. Attiogbe has run the 100 with a time of 12.04 seconds and the 200 in 26.70. She has helped her relay team achieve the fifth-fastest time in the state this year. Additionally, Attiogbe is a hard worker, determined, generous, organized and independent. She is a dedicated student, with a 3.50 GPA. Outside of school and sports, Attiogbe enjoys traveling, playing piano, reading, bike riding and watching movies.

**John Lempke** is a 17-year-old senior at Centennial High School. He runs on the Hawks track and field and cross-country teams. Lempke is a distance runner and team captain. He serves as a strong leader on his team, is positive, committed and works hard daily to become the best runner possible and be a positive role model for his teammates. Lempke works equally hard in the classroom, with a 3.83 GPA. Outside of school and sports, he is involved with his church, through serving, has served as a Leo for CHS and volunteered at the Lions Club fundraiser. He is a member of the CHS Business Club and Science Olympiad Team. "Being an athlete is more than just trying to be the best and most athletic, it's about becoming the best version of yourself as an athlete and a person", said Lempke.


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