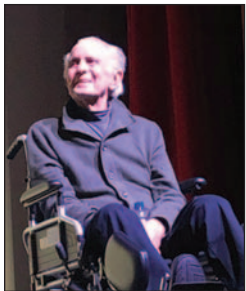


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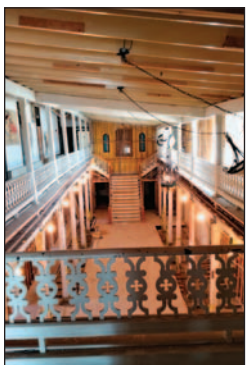
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## Bug eyed

Diana Jaramillo holds a Malaysian stick insect at the NMSU Arthropod table during Earth Day festivities on Plaza de Las Cruces Saturday morning, April 20. The observance included the annual March for Science that gathered at the plaza before taking to downtown streets.

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# Doña Ana County 'Your Partner in Progress'



## 'CANstruction' builds awareness to feed those in need

A local food pantry is celebrating a milestone by bringing awareness to food insecurity in Doña Ana County with some impressive building techniques – sculptures made entirely of food.

CANstruction is a nationwide nonprofit organization that partners with Casa de Peregrinos, a Doña Ana County -based food program that distributes more than three million pounds of food annually. This year, CANstruction will be hosted at the Doña Ana County Government Center and will feature several large-scale sculptures made entirely of canned, nonperishable food.

Individual teams have volunteered to spearhead the design and build. The New Mexico State University Society of Women Engineers is one of the teams in the bi-annual event, along with teams from area Walmart locations and Bohannon Huston, Inc.

Teams will assemble at the government center on Thursday evening, April 25, to receive their shipment of canned food and begin building their sculpture. Friday morning, April 26, each sculpture will be available for public viewing in the main corri-

dor of the government center, after which a team of judges will select a winner. Judging criteria includes overall design, and whether or not the cans selected represent a complete meal.

After the competition, each sculpture will be deconstructed and all food used in the build will be donated to Casa de Peregrinos.

"We are so very grateful to Doña Ana County for their support," said Christina Villegas-Fierro, Development and Volunteer Coordinator for Casa de Peregrinos. "Our mission to serve this community would not be possible without their support."

This year's event falls on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Casa de Peregrinos, a vital community partner in Doña Ana County that has helped provide nutritional needs of residents since its

inception in 1979. The program works to alleviate hunger through various initiatives such as the The Rural Food Initiative, the Children's Summer Food Program and the Food Security Program – the flagship operation of Casa de Peregrinos which distributes regular, monthly grocery allotments to families in need.



This year's CANstruction event will feature several sculptures made of canned food, similar to this one from a previous event at the Southern New Mexico State Fair. COURTESY PHOTO

## Drug Take-Back is Saturday

Doña Ana County residents with unused, expired or unwanted prescription medications are encouraged to participate in the annual National Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 27, sponsored in part by the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and area law enforcement agencies.

The program gives the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous drugs. The service is free and anonymous. All drugs surrendered are destroyed.

Several locations around Doña Ana County will host take-back sites, and will be accepting medications from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., including three area Walmart locations, Albertson's on Lohman, and Sam's Club. For a complete list, visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) or call 1-800-882-9539.

### Sanchez settles in with Dist. 5

Dist. 5 Commissioner Manuel A. Sanchez wrapped up his second meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday.

Sanchez, who was born in Anthony, moved to Las Cruces while working as a mechanical engineer with General Electric.

Sanchez was sworn in by the Honorable Judge James T. Martin just prior to the April 9 meeting of the BOCC, joined by his wife and three daughters. PHOTO: CORRIE STONE-FIELDER



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# Venezuelans in Las Cruces long for return to homeland

By MIKE COOK  
Las Cruces Bulletin

“We all wish to be back home in the beautiful country we had before,” said Venezuelan refugee Diego J. Garcia, 27, who now lives in Las Cruces.

Venezuela’s troubles, said Garcia and nearly a dozen other Venezuelan nationals who gathered at a private home in Las Cruces recently to talk about the plight of their country, began in 1997 when career soldier and avowed socialist Hugo Chavez was elected president in 1998. He created the fifth Republic of Venezuela with a new constitution in 1999.

Chavez, who was re-elected three times and became increasingly autocratic, died in office in 2013. Vice President Nicolás Maduro, a former bus driver and union leader, succeeded him. Protests began in 2014 because of high inflation and a shortage of food and basic necessities, including medicine.

An opposition-led national assembly was elected in 2015, but Venezuela’s highest court removed power from it. Maduro called for the constitution to be rewritten and the Constituent Assembly of Venezuela was elected in 2017 under what many considered irregular voting conditions. Many countries, including the United States, did not recognize the assembly election of 2017 or the 2018 re-election of Maduro as legitimate. The U.S. recognizes Juan Guaidó (pronounced Y dough), president of the national



Venezuelans in Las Cruces are, left to right, front row, Maria Torres, Susana Parra, Josefina Lanz, Gina Pirela, Rosemary Hernandez; back: Marco Torres, Maday Salazar, Oswaldo Marvez, Duego Garcia, Andrea Marvez, Octavio Robles.

assembly, as Venezuela’s legitimate president.

Venezuela, on the northern coast of South America, is about the size of Texas with a population of about 31 million, half Mestizo and more than 40 percent European. An estimated 4 million have left the country in the past 20 years. The country is a founding member of OPEC with one of the largest known oil reserves in the world.

Maduro is a corrupt leader, Garcia said, who

has resorted to terrorism to maintain power. As a result of his and Chavez’s leadership over the past two decades, Garcia said, Venezuela has gone “from the richest country to the poorest.”

It was “so scary to work” in Venezuela, said Andrea Marvez, a journalist who is married to Garcia. “No one talks with freedom,” she said. Those who speak out against Maduro are jailed or suppressed, she said, and social media

critics of his administration have been threatened with death.

Garcia was kidnapped briefly in his homeland

11 years ago and came to the United States seven years ago, earning a civil engineering degree at New Mexico State University. Marvez joined him in 2016, and her younger brother, Oswaldo, moved to Las Cruces in 2018. Garcia’s parents and the Marvez’s father remain in Venezuela.

“I love Venezuela,” said Octavio Robles, who was jailed in Venezuela last December as part of the political opposition to Maduro and a supporter of Guaidó. A journalist and former mayoral candidate, he fled to the U.S. in January and is seeking political asylum.

“Ninety-five percent of the people are against him [Maduro],” Robles said, speaking in Span-

ish. But the governor has the power because they are “the ones with guns and money. They control everything.”

“They have all the guns,” Garcia said. We have what? Rocks?”

Young people are leaving Venezuela in large numbers, said Oswaldo Marvez, 23. “All the young people go outside,” he said. They send money and food home to their families.

“We want our country back,” said Maday Salazar, a native Venezuelan who is a long-time U.S. resident. She called on the international community to help wrest Venezuela from Maduro’s dictatorship. Salazar praises President Donald

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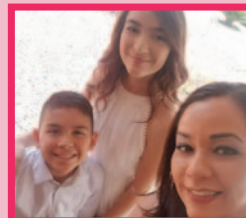
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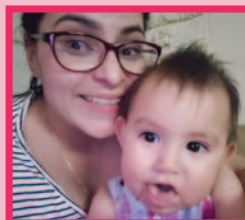
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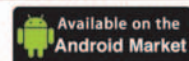
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Trump because “he stands with the people of Venezuela as they demand democracy, human rights and freedom. Trump’s administration has been the only one that has expressed open support to the Venezuelan people and spoken out, calling Maduro a dictator.”

Salazar said prior U.S. administrations “did not care much about the oppressed people of Venezuela. They were silent about the social and political crisis in Venezuela.”

“Venezuelan people do not want to become a burden to other countries,” Josefina Lanz said. “What we would like is the international community to give some support to Venezuela so we can restore freedom and democracy again. We are becoming a problem to other countries. One way to help Venezuela is to stop buy-



Venezuela is about the size of Texas, located on the northern tier of South America.

ing oil from Venezuela because this is only profitable for Maduro and his corrupt people. Venezuelan people do not get benefits from oil sales.”

“The international community is trying,” Garcia said. But some food and medical supplies sent to Venezuela have been destroyed by Maduro’s government. Garcia said

he is hoping for military intervention from outside the country, possibly led by the U.S.

“If they [the U.S.] don’t do it, I don’t see another one to do it,” Oswaldo Marvez said. It would likely be impossible for the people of Venezuela to overturn the Maduro government without outside intervention, he said.

The people of Venezuela should “call a public strike,” said Susana Parra, a Venezuela native who came to the U.S. nearly seven years ago and is now a successful Las Cruces Realtor. Everyone should join the opposition to Maduro and for the government to run out of money. “Maduro is going out,” Parra said. “There’s no way that’s not going to happen. The country is in a crisis in every way. It’s a complete disaster.”

“He [Maduro] is going to wait all that he can,” Oswaldo said. “Eventually he has to go.” Maduro will never be jailed, Oswaldo said, but likely

will flee to Cuba.

Venezuela has the highest inflation rate in the world and is at the top in terms of violent deaths, Parra said. “People are starving,” she said, and are taking food from the trash. “We don’t know what’s going to happen.”

The Chavez and Maduro governments have “destroyed an oil-rich country,” Parra said. “We’ve had dictatorships before, but Venezuela was always a safe place to live.”

“It all started with socialism,” Garcia said. “I’m really against socialism. I saw what it did to my country, pushing the economy to the floor.”

In contrast to Maduro, Parra said, Guaidó “calls for peace all the time” and is trying to unite the country. Guaidó has called for new national elections in Venezuela and a new organization to run the elections, she said. “We need an institution that is not corrupt.” The international community needs to pressure Maduro to

agree to “a clean election.”

“We are all poor,” said Oswaldo Marvez.

Parra and Garcia’s message to Americans about what’s going on in Venezuela is, “Be informed – think for yourself,” Parra said.

“We want the American people to be informed, to see how socialism in 20 years destroyed Venezuela,” said Marco Torres, who fled Venezuela to the U.S. in 2017 and is seeking asylum here along with his wife, Maria. Venezuela has become a banana republic, he said. People don’t have enough food or even running water, he said. “They can’t improve life.”

“When things settle down, we want to go back,” Maria Torres said.

“We’re in a very bad situation,” Parra said. “But there’s hope.” A change in government is coming, she said, and “it’s going to be soon.”

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## Book some time to get lost in a desert aisle

If you are reading this sentence, you are someone who is still willing to spend time with the written word. Or at least 25 words.



**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

There are a jillion “days” for every day on the calendar. We just finished Earth Day. National Hot Dog Day is July 17 and, of course, Talk Like a Pirate Day is Sept. 19. I may be the only who celebrates it, but I’ve started my own day, International Earth Wind & Fire Day which, naturally, is the 21st night of September. Do you remember?

Saturday, April 27, though, I didn’t know until I received an email from Denise Chavez, is Independent Bookstore Day.

No one has used the phrase “Get lost!” since about 1973, but if anyone ever does tell you that, a great place to do it is at a bookstore. And as great as any bookstore is, there something even better about an independent bookstore.

There is the smell, a faint dusty wisp of aging paper.

There is the sound, not as quiet as a library, but close. Yet you don’t feel you’re intruding when you run into a friend and begin a conversation at normal voice tones. There is the history, each book with its own life. Some have been read dozens of times, with scribbled notes. Others have pages pristine.

There is the sense of possibility, books that can tell you how to replace a toilet, books that take you to a magical realm of fantasy, and nearly everything in between.

Independent bookstores are often a little disheveled, a little makeshift, kind of like your frumpy eccentric uncle who, by the way, is usually a lot more fun and loving than your uptight uncle with his

pressed pants and polished shoes.

Here in Las Cruces there are some fantastic places to get lost.

Chavez will celebrate the day at her Casa Camino Real, 314 S. Tornillo St., which has a great selection of Spanish and bilingual books for children, and much more. The store is open 11-5 and at 6 p.m. On April 27 there will be a poetry reading and what she’s calling a Literary Pachanga/Party.

An often-overlooked gem is the Mesilla Book Center on the Plaza in Old Mesilla, 2360 Calle Principal. If you want history, all you have to do is walk in. The building itself is more than 150 years old, and there are hundreds of titles on history, particularly of this region.

There’s a great children’s book section and lots of cool gifts and artifacts. A visit to the Plaza is not complete without wandering these aisles and finding a book or two calling your name.

COAS Books, with locations downtown at 317 N. Main St. and at 1101 S. Solano Drive, is not just the biggest independent bookstore in Las Cruces, but was also voted the best one in New Mexico. It’s also recognized as among the best in the country.

When I have out-of-town visitors, I always want to show them things they cannot find elsewhere. I like to get them into the Organ Mountains and take them to White Sands National Monument. I feel a sacred duty to feed them our magically delicious green chile, both from my kitchen and at some of our great restaurants. And I am compelled to take them to COAS.

Whether you need something immediately and need the staff to find you something in two minutes or less (which often happens), or you have a large stretch of an afternoon to linger and pause, COAS is the place. It’s also a great place to take books you no longer want and get credit for it.

So, in honor of independent bookstores, head out this weekend and get lost in Las Cruces.

## Cow Polygamy



**BAXTER BLACK**  
On the Edge  
of Common Sense

I was visiting with Lisa after their bull sale this spring. She remarked on the overabundance of bulls for sale around the country this year. Competition is stiff. She said she counted the number of bulls advertised on Superior Livestock video and figured if they were placed end to end they would reach farther than you could point!

Her husband Lee, ever the deep thinker, pondered on the dilemma and came up with the perfect modern genetic answer; outlaw polygamy in cows!

By gosh, thought, a solution that fits the times. One bull per cow. But then I began to think it through. Would each cowage (as opposed to marriage in horses) be intended for life? Or would we allow for divorce and recowage (or dehorse and remarriage)?

Would calf-support payments then be required till the calves were of weaning age or shipping whichever came first? And would a heifer that calved out of cowlock be declined subsidy payments and hay stamps if she was still a yearlin’?

Would a cowage pair be allowed to mingle with other cowaged couples in the pasture? Could both the bull and the cow be trusted to ignore the lip curling, tail

rubbing and perfume of others? Or would each couple be fenced in a small enclosure; loosely based on a suburban housing development? Each morning the bull would be driven

to an 8-to-5 field with other bulls to spend the day grazing and grumbling about the rancher, the bullfights in Mexico City and how alfalfa ain’t what it used to be.

Would the cows, likewise, drop their calf off at daycare and go to their respective cow field where they’d eat grass, talk about their calves and share fantasies about bull pictures in the Artificial Insemination calendar?

After considerable rumination I have concluded that even if we passed the law, the plan would probably fail anyway. Cows have never felt guilty about practicing polygamy in the first place. And no amount of political correctness training would make these now consenting polygamists consider asking that basic question. The one that separated cowkind from mankind: “I know you love me but will you respect me next estrus?”

*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).*

# Replacing natural gas would raise taxes and kill jobs

A poll conducted by the Albuquerque Journal about two months before last year's election found voters identified crime, education and homelessness as some of the top problems in need of solutions in our state.

The legislature responded to these concerns by allocating \$64 million – a 63 percent increase from last year's sum – to local projects.

Lawmakers listened this session, but it remains to be seen whether they will listen to our priorities in the future.

If non-spending legislation supported by the



**PATRICK LYONS**

Guest Column

governor and several members of the legislature is enacted, we cannot expect such generosity in the future.

That's because the movement in the statehouse to

pass radical energy legislation to delay or end natural gas production is growing even though that production provides the single largest source of revenue for our public schools, higher education institutions, and health care, accounting for one-third of total funding.

Some state lawmakers say we can replace the budgetary benefits of natural gas by raising taxes, but that's

impossible. Production is responsible for our \$2 billion state budget surplus. Raising that type of money would require massive, across-the-board tax increases on every man, woman, family and business in the state.

It's not just our budget that would be hit by this legislation. Natural gas is important to the state for many reasons.

In New Mexico, our energy resources sustain more than 100,000 jobs and drive an annual economic impact of \$12.8 billion.

These jobs support high salaries that raise incomes in our state. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, oil and natural gas extrac-

tion jobs are both blue collar and white collar. A petroleum engineer, for example, can make up to \$135,000 annually. A rotary drill operator can make about \$54,000.

Families and businesses also saved approximately \$3.4 billion over the decade between 2006 and 2016 due to lower energy prices driven by natural gas production.

These savings are particularly beneficial to families below the poverty line who are struggling with increases in other prices, like groceries.

There also are the environmental benefits of natural gas. With increased natural gas production, methane

emissions in New Mexico are falling, despite what you may have heard.

According to data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, between 2016 and 2017, the natural gas industry reduced its methane emissions by almost 728,000 metric tons in the San Juan Basin and 100,000 metric tons in the Permian Basin even though natural gas production rose by 145 million MCF. Natural gas also produces only half the carbon emissions that coal does.

Nationally, while natural gas production has increased 50 percent since 2005, total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions are down 12

percent.

The anti-natural gas contingent in the statehouse wants to replace natural gas with wind and solar power, which are less reliable and require significant taxpayer investment to be viable at all.

Rather than picking one energy source over another, we should rely on all energy sources. Many of the most problematic pieces of energy-related legislation didn't move during this session of the legislature. Let's hope they don't return next year.

*Patrick Lyons previously served as a state senator and New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands.*

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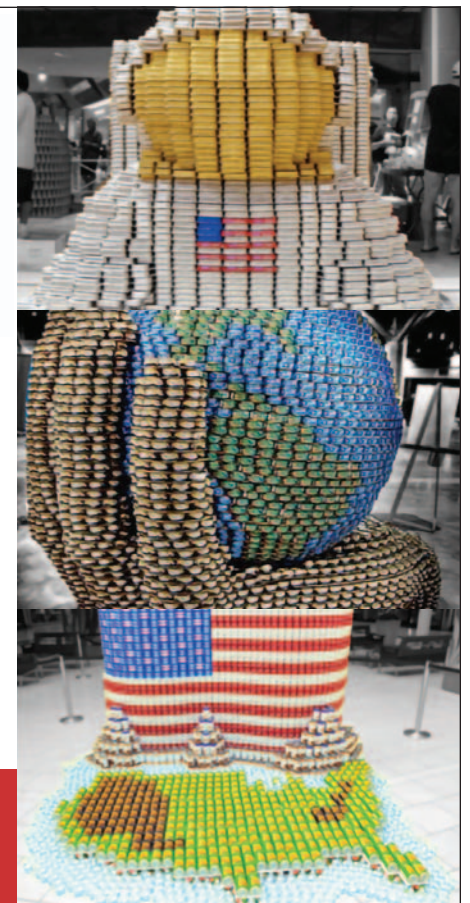
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# Departing city manager: 'Time for a change'

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

City Manager Stuart Ed, who resigned Monday morning, April 22, after nearly two and one-half years on the job, told the Bulletin later that day he was looking forward to a change.

"It's not that anything happened; it's been two and one-half years of transformational change," Ed said in a telephone interview.

"The organization is better than it's ever been and is very strong," he said. "I reflected and it's time for the next step for me; it's time for a change. I'm very appreciative of mayor and council; I know that the city is in great shape. It's an op-



**STUART ED**



**BILL STUDER**

portunity. There's things that I'm very excited about. Right now, I'm just looking at many different opportunities."

"I thought Stuart did a great job as city manager and I will miss him," Mayor Ken Miyagishima said in an April 23 writ-

ten message. "This is a very personal decision for Stuart."

In an April 23 interview, Miyagishima said he had received some emails complaining about Ed's management style at the city, but the mayor said he had confidence in Ed throughout his tenure as city manager.

Miyagishima said Assistant City Manager Bill Studer will become interim city manager and a national search will be conducted to fill the position.

"I look forward to a prompt and thorough search for a new city manager," Councilor Gabe Vasquez said. "This is the most important position in the city and it should be filled quickly

with a top-notch candidate that will reflect the values and diversity of our community. The city must move forward."

"I have appreciated Mr. Ed's positive accomplishments, and I wish him well in his future endeavors," Councilor Greg Smith said. "I look forward to locating the next individual who will help us continue on our path to even more positive accomplishments for our Las Cruces."

"Mr. Ed has been in some ways a good city manager," Mayor Pro Tem Gill Sorg said. "I wish him the best in his future."

"I wish Mr. Ed well," Councilor Jack Eakman said.

"I appreciated the work

Mr. Ed did to move the city to performance-based budgeting, known as our Peak Performance," Councilor Kasandra Gandara said. "My directive to our new city manager will be to continue to use the measures throughout our city departments and with our contractors. I am convinced this will hold each of us accountable to our taxpayers for the work that makes our city a beautiful place to live, work and play."

Ed was hired as city manager by a unanimous council vote in October 2016 and began work the following month. The council completed an annual performance review of Ed in February 2019

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## Council to appoint interim manager, adjust refugee spending

The Las Cruces City Council will hold a special meeting at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, in council chambers at City Hall, 700 S. Main St. Two items are on the agenda:

- Appointment of an interim city manager; and
- Authorizing a budget adjustment "for contingency expenses for immigrant refugee humanitarian assistance." The council authorized an allocation of \$75,000 for the assistance to come from the city's Telshor Fund at its April 15 regular meeting.

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**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.

**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 Audi-

torium. Free. Info: 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; 8 a.m. April 27, The Explosive History of the Organ Mountains, with volcanologist Emily Johnson

**Battle of the Books:** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April, Oñate High School. Info: nmlibraries.org/battleofthebooks; statebattleofthebooks@gmail.com.

**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.

**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 27: 3-D Bumblebees
- May 4: Pinwheels

**Sonoma Ranch Community Health Fair:** Free fair with 30 local vendors promoting healthy living, demos, raffle prizes, kids' yoga and ballroom dancing, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. Pet friendly, all proceeds benefit the local Alzheimer's Association. Info: Tamera Ahner, 575-654-5622.

**Silent auction:** Art and fine collectibles to benefit Humane Society of Southern New Mexico, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 27, Casa Bandera Apartment Complex Conference Area, 855 E. University Ave. Info: 575-523-8020.

**Storytime:** Story of a child who isn't sure what to do with a chance encounter, 11 a.m. Saturday, April 27, Barnes & Noble Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

**STEAMPunk:** Free program about Maria Golda Ross (1908-2008) research pioneer in astrophysics, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Info: 575-522-3120; las-cruces.org/museums.

**Meet the Orioles:** The Orioles are arriving in the area. Learn how to identify and attract, 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, WBU Nature Education Center, 2001 E. Lohman Ave. RSVP at 575-523-5489 or wbulcnature@gmail.com.

**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.

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

**Dance and Talent Show:** Sponsored by Doña Ana County Senior Olympics, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 28, Good Samaritan auditorium. Free, all welcome. Info: 575-644-0782.

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

**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.

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

- April 30, 2-4 p.m. - Microsoft Word for beginners

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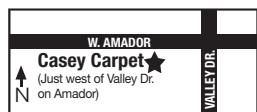
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# Knowing your irrigation system saves water, money

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

With many modern conveniences as intuitive as they've become, like the lights in your house being programmable and controlled from your phone, it seems lawn irrigation should also be just a matter of setting and forgetting.

However, "Many people don't check up on their controllers' programming every couple of months," said Ken Futrell, of Ewing Irrigation. "Homeowners may increase or decrease the time that the system runs, but not actually check to make sure the true water needs are met – but not exceeded – which can lead to wasted

water."

If you need help calibrating your lawn irrigation system, it could be well worth your time to visit the free Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) Lush and Lean two-part workshop "Home Irrigation" Thursdays, May 2 and 9.

Futrell, along with Leslie Kryder, of Spring Rains Consulting, LLC, will discuss the basic checks to optimize the home irrigation system, how to program SMART and conventional controllers, and the basics of irrigation scheduling. Without this kind of help, you may be leaving money on the table and water swamping some unhappy plants.

Controllers are built for the needed environment, but the newest

SMART controllers consider issues like "evapotranspiration rates," which can vary depending on where you live. "Evaporation may be higher in the mountains and open areas, with more wind, than in the suburbs," Futrell explains. "Consider also when looking at your yard where the sun hits during the day, and where areas are shaded. Water use would be different."

Futrell also recommends a yearly check of the whole system so broken sprinkler heads don't surprise you.

"You don't want to accidentally be spraying your neighbor's house or yard, plus you'll more likely to catch leaks," he said.

Lush and Lean work-



**Ken Futrell, Ewing Irrigation in El Paso, shares irrigation information and SMART controller suggestions with residents who attended last year's Las Cruces Utilities' Spring Stroll.**

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shops are free, held on Thursdays at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Li-

brary, 200 E. Picacho Ave, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Visit [www.las-cruces.org/WaterConservation](http://www.las-cruces.org/WaterConservation)

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# Capital outlay report



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The 2019 state legislative session was “the first time in a long time the state of New Mexico was flush with revenue,” City of Las Cruces lobbyist Larry Horan told Las Cruces City Council during its April 22 work session. That included about \$900 million in new revenue, with an additional \$1.1 billion in new revenue expected next year. Projects receiving capital outlay funds from local legislators included a downtown parking garage (\$2 million), airport improvements (\$1.1 million), septic system upgrades (\$1 million), a Las Cruces children’s museum (\$750,000) and a dental facility at Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (\$445,000).

## CHANGE

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and said it was very pleased with his performance, according to a city news release. The council authorized a salary increase of 3 percent at the time and extended his contract as city manager by nearly seven months, through June 28, 2020.

Ed was president/CEO of Goodwill Industries of El Paso until July 2016 and later served as a consultant to the El Paso Independent School District. He had a long career with the City of El Paso.

Studer began work as assistant city manager April 3, 2017. Studer “has more than 38 years of experience working for municipal

government agencies,” according to a City of Las Cruces news release. That includes serving as deputy city manager of both El Paso and Arlington, Texas, and service with the Town of Horizon City and the City of San Elizario, Texas.

Earlier this month, city Economic Development Director Phil San Filippo and Visit Las Cruces Director Jennifer Bales were both placed on administrative leave. Noting that the city manager is the council’s only employee, Miyagishima would not comment on whether that action was related to Ed’s resignation.

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## IN THE NEWS

### EBID water allotment

Elephant Butte Irrigation District's board of directors set an initial surface water allotment of 6 inches for the 2019 irrigation season during their regular monthly meeting April 10.

Dr. Phil King, EBID engineering consultant, stressed this is not the end of the allotment, just a starting point based on current reservoir storage. The planned release date will be at the end of May with diversions to begin on or about June 1.

Water allotments will be increased by the District's board as the season develops. While runoff has begun, there are several more weeks of anticipated snow accumulation and spring runoff in the upper Rio Grande region.

King says that although the snowpack is doing well, dry watershed conditions may lead to comparatively poor runoff down to Elephant Butte Reservoir. Storage levels currently sit at 14 percent of average. He suggests planning on a 12-14-inch final allotment that may come in the form of late additions.

EBID Groundwater Resources Director Dr. Erek Fuchs suggests this is an excellent time for growers to check their well meter readings to evaluate water use outlook and develop a water management plan entering the growing season.

Visit [www.ebid-nm.org](http://www.ebid-nm.org) for updates.

### Drug take-back

Las Cruces police,

the Drug Enforcement Administration and other area law enforcement agencies are hosting a prescription drug take-back 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Residents are encouraged to drop off expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs in pills or patch forms.

The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles. The service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked.

The locations:

- Walmart Supercenter, 571 Walton Blvd.
- Walmart Neighborhood Market, 150 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.
- Sam's Club, 2711 N. Telshor Blvd.
- Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.
- Former Dublin's location, 1745 E. Univer-

sity Ave.

- Albertsons, 2551 E. Lohman Ave.
- Elks Lodge, 3000 Elks Dr.
- NM State Police, 4055 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.
- Town of Mesilla, 2231 Avenida De Mesilla
- Hatch Police Department, 5 Chile Capitol Lane
- Anthony Senior Center, 865 Anthony Dr.
- Sunland Park Police Department, 1000 McNutt Rd.
- Anthony, Texas, Police Department, 401 Wildcat Dr., Anthony, Texas

In addition, agencies will pass along handbooks on safeguarding prescription medications and proper methods of disposal. Unused and outdated medications are susceptible to

misuse or abuse resulting in accidental poisonings and overdoses. Traditional methods of disposing unused medications, such as throwing them in the trash or flushing them down a toilet, can pose safety and health hazards.

### WGU degrees

Two area residents are among 22,000 students from across the country who have earned a degree this year from online Western Governors University (WGU).

They are Agatha Gryglak of Las Cruces, with

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### Volunteers sought

The Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation seeks volunteers for the 12th annual Comcast Cares Day benefiting an LCPS school.

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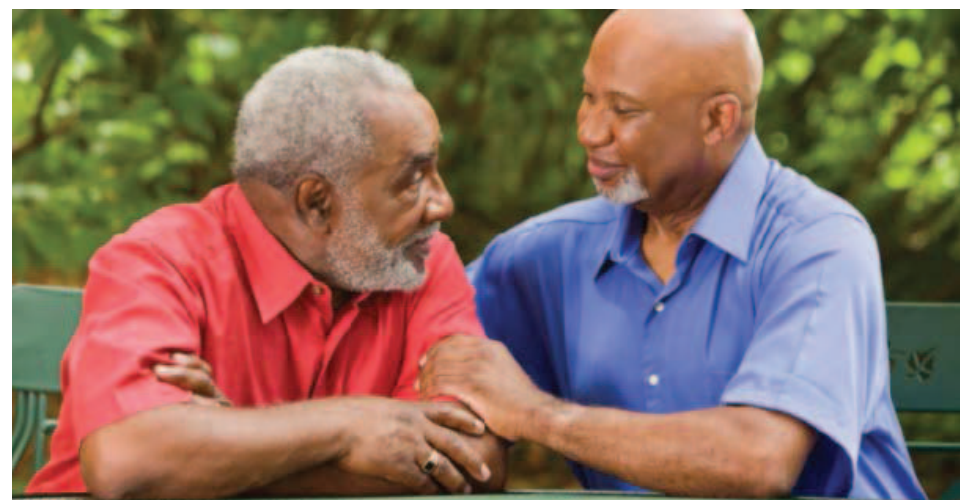
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# A Republican sighted at county legislative wrap-up

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

As the only Republican in the Doña Ana County legislative delegation, “some of my opinions might be a little bit different,” state Sen. Ron Griggs of Alamogordo said as he joined seven Las Cruces Democrats at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce’s

legislative wrap-up lunch April 17 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Griggs represents all of Otero County and about half of Eddy County in the New Mexico Senate, along with a single Doña Ana County precinct in Chaparral, located in the southeast corner of the county. And, Griggs said, while minority Republicans and majority

Democrats work together in Santa Fe “because it’s important to all of us,” he is concerned “when one set of ideas has almost no rein on them.”

The legislature’s decision to increase the state minimum wage from the current \$7.50 an hour to \$12 by 2023, for example, could hurt small businesses in the state, Griggs said.

“Can business afford it?” he said in an interview after the chamber lunch. “If not, how do they adjust? I hope it works the way they say it will. I’m happy to be

wrong about it.”

The former mayor of Alamogordo said he is also troubled by Senate Bill 8, which passed with support from Democrats and was signed into law by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, also a Democrat. It mandates additional background checks prior to the sale of a firearm. Many county sheriffs in New Mexico oppose the new law, Griggs said, because they think it is unenforceable.

Senate Bill 328, whose sponsors included state Sen. Joseph Cervantes of Las Cruces, expands

“the categories of persons who cannot receive, transport or possess a firearm,” and is “another law that takes guns away from people,” Griggs said. “I hope it’s used in the right way.”

Most of the bills the legislature passed to appropriate new money for public education had bi-partisan support, he said, including across-the-board pay raises for school employees. “Hopefully, we made positive changes,” Griggs said. Lujan Grisham was successful during her first session as governor



Ron Griggs

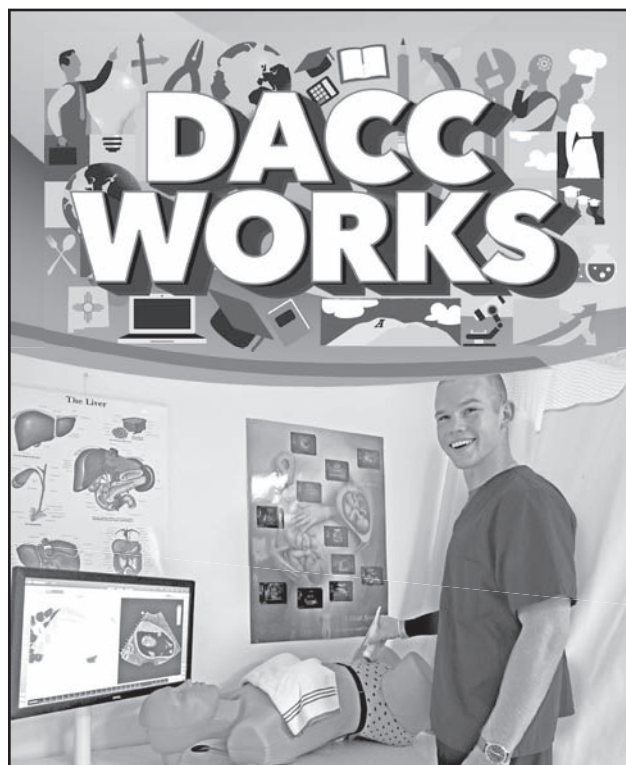
in “accomplishing the things that she supports. You have to pat her on the back for that,” said Griggs, who added that he has never met the new governor.

Griggs said Lujan Grisham was fortunate to be elected at a time when the state is doing well financially and to have sizeable majorities in both houses of the legislature. “I wish her the best,” he said. “New Mexico needs to get better. It needs to provide appropriately for people.”

Griggs said he hopes new state Republican Party Chair Steve Pearce can address party strengths and weaknesses and recruit good candidates who can offer alternatives to “the progressives (who) won up and down the corridor” in New Mexico in the 2018 general election.

Party balance is important, Griggs said. “We can write good legislation if we’re having to talk.”

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# Las Cruces educator set to lead statewide teachers union

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The incoming president of the National Education Association-New Mexico is a long-time Las Cruces classroom teacher and administrator who is committed to a statewide educational reset.

Mary Parr-Sanchez taught at Picacho Middle School 1991-2015 and has worked for the past four years as a district training specialist in the fight against truancy and as an advocate for community schools in Las Cruces. After six years as NEA-NM vice president, she will move to Santa Fe to begin a three-year term as president July 15.

A long-time NEA advocate, Parr-Sanchez said her leadership of one of



Mary Parr-Sanchez

the state's largest teacher's unions will be about compliance with the Yazzie-Martinez lawsuit, whose 2018 settlement mandates that public education return its emphasis to students.

Nearly 30 years ago, "We left the kids to focus on teacher evaluations,

(which) started driving the system," she said. Student testing also began "gobbling up way too much of our instruction time" and didn't produce productive results.

As a result, New Mexico has dropped to the bottom of the educational rankings among states, Parr-Sanchez said. "The results are in: We're dead last," she said. "We could have grown in a different direction. Why didn't we? We went in the exact wrong direction, (trying) to make everything the same. That's not where the richness of this state lies."

"It's time for a reset," Parr-Sanchez said. "We're definitely on the right path. We just have such a huge hill to climb." Yazzie is "a game

changer," Parr-Sanchez said, because part of the state's compliance with the lawsuit is increased funding for public education. The New Mexico Legislature has already responded, appropriating nearly 500 million new dollars earlier this year for the New Mexico Public Education Department.

Part of the reset is also taking Las Cruces' ground-breaking community schools' model statewide.

"It's about collective impact," Parr-Sanchez said. "How do we work better together to serve kids?"

Part of the answer is changing the way schools look at families, she said, and beginning "to work with them as true and

equal partners," inviting parents to come into schools "and really shape what is offered."

In a joint powers agreement between Las Cruces Public Schools and the City of Las Cruces, Lynn Middle School has become the city's first community school and has developed "fabulous community partnerships," Parr-Sanchez said, with not only the city but also New Mexico State University, Families and Youth, Inc. and Boys and Girls Club of Las Cruces, among others.

Three more community schools will come online in Las Cruces in the 2019-20 school year, she said, growing the model successfully established at Lynn. "I

think the sky is the limit (for) "grassroots, community-grown schools," Parr-Sanchez said. "Why wouldn't you want a school which is stakeholder driven?"

"If we really do listen to the stakeholders, we can have great things happen," she said. "If you listen to the people, you have the best chance at moving kids forward."

Community schools, she said, provide "services to kids and families so they can develop into the people they are destined to be," Parr-Sanchez said. "Instead of students having to conform, schools should adapt to grow the talents of that student."

It's time to stop "the drumbeat of failure" that has surrounded schools, she said, and begin "looking for assets, not deficits."

"I really want to bring NEA-NM into the future," Parr-Sanchez said, and help determine how it can "be on the right side of democracy, social justice and opportunities for kids. I believe in New Mexico. I know the magic that's here."

NEA-NM was founded as the Territorial Education Association in 1886, more than a quarter-century before New Mexico became a state. Today, it has 8,000 members in about 90 local chapters, of which Las Cruces is the largest, Parr-Sanchez said.

Contact Parr-Sanchez at 575-527-6086 and marysanc@lcpns.net. Visit nea-nm.org.

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By **FELISHA VALLABH**  
For the Bulletin

As a first-generation, female, college student, being a President's Associates Scholar at New Mexico State University has provided me with the opportunity to chase my dreams. The PA scholarship, the most prestigious award offered through the NMSU Foundation, was created in 1978 to cover tuition and fees for New Mexico's top-achieving high school students who choose to attend NMSU.

My name is Felisha Vallabh, and I am a President's Associates Scholar. Throughout my high school career, I strived to broaden my knowledge



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**Felisha Vallabh is pursuing a biology major at New Mexico State University.**

and awareness of major world issues while maintaining my focus on academics. When I learned I was a President's Associates Scholar, my entire

life changed. I knew with this achievement, I could finally turn my dreams into reality. Since I was 8 years old, I have dreamed of becoming a pediatric dentist. In the future, I plan to spend my time volunteering with non-profit clinics in countries that do not have the resources to provide dental care for children. This scholarship has provided a pathway for me to begin working within my community and expand my understanding of dentistry.

My accomplishments while at Las Cruces High School include earning first place in the Health Occupations Students of America state competi-

tion for Dental Sciences and serving as president of the National Honor Society and captain of the LCHS Dance team. These organizations allowed me to volunteer throughout my community at the local soup kitchen, women's shelter and at High Heels for High Hopes.

I am currently finishing my freshman year, pursuing a biology major with a minor in chemistry. Beyond my studies, I have dedicated my time helping organize the NMSU HOSA chapter for pre-health students. Through my actions, several students will learn the significance and impact of health care within our Las Cruces

community.

I would like to thank those who donate to the NMSU Foundation for the President's Associates Scholars and who have provided me with the opportunity to influence Las Cruces. Being a PA Scholar has motivated me to change my community to be the best it can be. My ultimate dream in life is centered around improving circumstances for individuals who have not been afforded the same experiences as PA Scholars. I hope to pay it forward for the future PA scholars to come, and I hope you will too.

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*Felisha Vallabh is a freshman at New Mexico State University*

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# Mark Medoff: 1940-2019

## The stage lights dim for a Las Cruces theatre icon

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

*Editor's note: The Bulletin learned late Tuesday, April 23, that Tony-winning playwright Mark Medoff has died.*

When I visited Mark Medoff at Mesilla Valley Hospice a couple of weeks ago, the last thing I wanted to say to him was goodbye.

What I really wanted to say was, "Please don't go. Not yet. There's so much more you have to do. I know you have at least one script to finish, and probably two or three others. You still have to get your play about Marilyn Monroe on Broadway. You have to see the premieres of "Walking With Herb" and the movie that Dave Edwards wrote. And I haven't even finished my full-length play about Jack the Ripper that you promised to read."

Of course, none of that

really matters now.

The iconic characters that Mark created, Sarah Norman and Red Ryder and Baby Lamb among them, must have been in the shadows of Mark's room at Hospice at the end of his life, but what he cared much more about, I'm certain, was being surrounded by the family he loved so fiercely and the friends for whom he cared so deeply.

The indelible contribution that Mark made to theatre and the arts and our culture is the language he created – the words, the images, the possibilities – that define anti-heroes and strong women in a way that no other writer ever could. His legacy crisscrosses the county and stretches from Las Cruces to Los Angeles, from Florida to Broadway.

Mark never forgot that his very first play, "The Wager," premiered at Las Cruces Community The-

atre, or that his multiple Tony-winning "Children of a Lesser God" was first performed at New Mexico State University. His final performance as an actor was at Rio Grande Theatre in the play he loved most, "Waiting for Godot," alongside four people he loved – Dick Rundell, Dave Edwards and Brandon Brown, and Mark's beloved granddaughter, Grace Marks.

Mark produced and directed plays, his own and other people's, at LCCT, NMSU, the Rio Grande and Black Box Theatre, mentoring and cheering on local actors, directors, playwrights, screenwriters and filmmakers, encouraging them to follow in his golden footsteps.

The Tony award, the Oscar nomination, the myriad other accolades that Mark earned during a long career pale when they're matched up with the hearts and minds

that he touched and the dreams he helped launch during an even longer lifetime.

Some greater power decided that 79 years, one month and a handful of days was enough time for Mark Medoff on this good Earth that he made better.

They dim the lights on Broadway when a great one passes. Maybe

we should do that along Main Street downtown – our own theatre district – and in the theatre that bears his name and the film program that he helped launch at NMSU for the great and much-loved and the deeply mourned Mark Medoff.

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

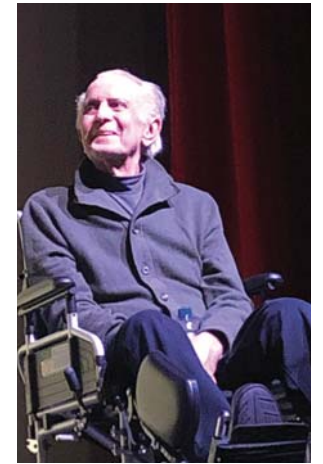


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In one of his final public appearances, Las Cruces playwright Mark Medoff joined film industry peers at the Rio Grande Theatre Feb. 19 during the 2019 Las Cruces International Film Festival.

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### ERNEST "JOE" HARBECK

ERNEST "JOE" HARBECK, 89, of Las Cruces, New Mexico passed away peacefully on March 18, 2019 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Joe is survived by his loving wife, Fran; daughters, Natalie Goodwin and Caroline Farkas; cherished granddaughter, Alexia Goodwin and several amazing nieces and nephews. Family and friends will join together to celebrate the memorial mass at 1:30 PM Thursday April 11, 2019 in the Chapel of La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Avenue with Reverend Charles "Chuck" Henkle officiating. Inurnment of cremains will take place at the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary Columbarium at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005 or Animal Service Center of Mesilla Valley, 3551 Bataan Memorial W, Las Cruces 88012. 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 Me-

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### RACHEL "NENA" TERRAZAS BACA

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### PETER MASTRANTUONO

PETER MASTRANTUONO, 94, of Las Cruces, died at Blue Horizons Nursing Home on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Peter

was a loving husband to his wife of 65 years, Therese, devoted father to their eight children, and a war hero, having been awarded the Bronze Star for his actions at Luzon, Philippine Islands on April 27, 1945 and was a Purple Heart recipient. After a thirty-year career at the United States Postal Service, Peter retired and moved to Las Cruces with his wife and youngest daughter, Kendra. Peter was a proud and committed Catholic, and has asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Catholic Relief Services. Peter is survived by his wife, Therese, his eight children, eleven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. A Prayer Vigil was held Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at Baca's Funeral Chapel. The Funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in Fort Bayard National Cemetery, 200 Camino De Paz in Fort Bayard the same afternoon at 2 PM with military honors accorded by a New Mexico National Guard Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League Detachment #1328. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslas-cruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslas-cruces.com).

## Spine Health 2

Last week, I wrote about what happens with the spine as you age, about common spinal conditions in older adults. I'll continue this week with that discussion, and talk about ways to help prevent back pain and injuries in the future

Lumbar spinal stenosis is a narrowing of the spinal canal that occurs in the lower back, resulting in low back and leg pain that characteristically occurs while standing or walking more than a short distance but dissipates once you sit down or lean forward. Pain associated with this condition may also occur with symptoms of sciatica

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Compression fractures often occur in the thoracic and upper lumbar portions of the spine, and are typically accompanied by sudden and severe back pain, spinal deformity, loss of height and an inability to participate in routine physical exercise. These fractures often occur in the presence of osteoporosis, in which poor bone strength results in collapse of the vertebral bone.

Back and neck pain that occurs as part of the aging process can and should be treated – particularly if it keeps you from being active and doing the things you enjoy. People who experience pain from the above conditions and those which I wrote about last week can typically get substantial relief via nonsurgical medical treatments.



While not all back pain can be avoided, the time to start protecting yourself against preventable spine problems when you are older is now. Start to exercise regularly to keep off excess weight and strengthen the core muscles in your back and abdomen. You can do so with targeted stretches as well as safe aerobic activity such as walking, bicycling, swimming and yoga.

- Be mindful of your posture when seated at your desk at work. Adjust your chair and computer screen, provide proper lumbar support.
- Strengthen your core muscles via targeted exercises including aerobics and back stretching exercises.
- Avoid lifting objects that are more than 25% of your own body weight and always use correct bending, twisting and lifting techniques.
- Eat a balanced diet that includes anti-inflammatory foods and vitamin D to keep your bones strong.
- Consider buying a better, more supportive mattress or trying a new sleeping position if you have trouble with your back in the morning.
- Consult a spine or pain specialist or a physical therapist to learn the cause and best treatment options while avoiding further injury. Remember that recurring and debilitating back pain is never normal, and can be mitigated with the right assistance.
- Find ways to relax and loosen your back and neck muscles at the end of each day.
- Be practical about your exercise routine, and avoid overdoing it with repetitive movements that can lead to muscle strains and sprains.

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disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$485.30, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit contain furniture, misc.

### Date of Auction:

May 1, 2019

Time: 8am

Place:

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Las Cruces, NM 88007

Amanda Baker  
3013 Hyacinth St.  
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #C31 will be sold at auction or otherwise disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$680.84 which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit contain television, bedroom furniture, blankets/comforters, suitcases, boxes, miscellaneous.

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David Weinrich  
1440 Roberts Dr.  
Las Cruces, NM 88005-3162

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit #C21 will be sold at auction or otherwise disposed of to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$487.28 which includes legal costs and fees.

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 April 15, 2019, Warren and Celia Moore, 142 Camino de Nosotros Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-17108-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-17108-1, 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-17108-POD2, to a depth of 120 feet with a 6-in. casing, to be located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 23, Township 22S, Range IE (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°22' 26.55" N, 106°48' 34.15" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-17108-POD1 located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 23, Township 22S, Range IE (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 22' 27.97" N, 106°48' 34.13" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the diversion of up to 3.0 acre feet per annum for domestic one household purposes as described by Subfile Order No. LRN-28-006-0195-A of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico.

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

The proposed location of new well LRG-17108-POD2 is north of Las Cruces, NM and is approximately 570 feet west of the intersection of El Camino Real and Camino de Nosotros.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation

of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 04/26, 05/03, 05/10, 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 IE (NMPM) & more specifically located at or near where Latitude & Longitude intersect at 32°22'14.239"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 IE & the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of said projected Section 27 as described in Subfile

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

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

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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 and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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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

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPROVE

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a Restaurant Beer/Wine Liquor License to Los Mariachi's, Inc. d/b/a Los Mariachi's, to be located at 5600 Bataan Memorial East, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the City Council on Monday, June 3, 2019, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the Director of the Alcohol and Gaming Division of the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance of the license.

Witness my hand and seal this 22 day of April 2019.

/s/ Linda Lewis, CMC, City Clerk

Dates: 04/26, 05/03, 2019

### NOTICE TO PUBLIC

1975 Lincoln Towncar VIN #F5Y82A844623F brown is being held at LUCHINI'S TOWING & RECOVERY located at 3621 W Picacho in Las Cruces, New Mexico for auction at 8 am on 6/10/19 at LUCHINI'S TOWING & RECOVERY due to mechanics lien of \$215.00 plus storage.

Dates: 04/26, 05/03, 2019

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA 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.

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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 DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV-2019-1020  
MARCI E. BEYER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LORETTA LEE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Loretta Lee, 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 Loretta Lee to Karen Loretta Lee, 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Loretta Lee  
Loretta Lee  
2 Red Wing Ave.  
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Dates: 04/26, 05/03, 2019

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

NO. CV-2019-995  
MANUEL I. ARRIETA

### IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF JOSHUA ADLORE PAQUIN FOR CHANGE OF NAME

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Joshua Adlore Paquin a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Joshua Adlore Paquin to Joshua Adlore Hamling, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 15th day of May 2019, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Joshua Adlore Paquin  
Joshua Adlore Paquin  
5855 Shalem Colony Trail  
Las Cruces, NM 88007  
575-640-1423

Dates: 04/26, 05/03, 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

No. D-307-PB-2019-00027  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOE H. PROVENCIO, 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: April 17, 2019

/s/ Bobbie A. Provencio  
Bobbie A. Provencio, Personal Representative  
of the Estate of Joe H. Provencio, 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: 04/26, 05/03, 05/10,  
2019

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

No. D-307-PB-2019-00057  
Judge James T. Martin

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERTO ONTIVEROS, 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: April 12, 2019

/s/ Jerry Ontiveros  
Jerry Ontiveros, Personal Representative of the Estate of Alberto Ontiveros, 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: 04/26, 05/03, 05/10,  
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 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 re-

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quired to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative c/o The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.O. Box 2277, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 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

## The Friday, April 26, 2019

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 PUR-

CHASERS 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-2018-00944

### NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

**UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF CAROLYN M. BRADLEY, DECEASED; FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF NEW MEXICO; 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 Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4290 Libra Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 1 EAST, N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. TRACT 10-87A, LYING WEST OF THE LA MESILLA, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD SET FRO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, WHENCE THE P.C. STA-





**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 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 case 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 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; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES 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, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

TO: Defendants CAROLYN M. HILBURN, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES 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.

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.

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, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF RAMONA T. HERNANDEZ, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

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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 case 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.

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**PROSPECTIVE PUR-**

**CHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITON 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, DEVISEES, 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 COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.:  
D-307-CV-2015-02585

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

vs.

**YOLANDA AGUILAR; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, SECRETARY OF URBAN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, UNKNOWN TENANT (REAL NAME UNKNOWN), 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 1075 Poplar Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001-0000, and more particularly described as follows: A tract of land situate in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, being part of a proposed street platted in Washington Heights, filed July 25, 1957, in Plat Book 7 Page 57, Doña Ana County records and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at 1/2" iron rod found on the North line of Poplar Avenue for the Southwest corner of the tract herein described, being identical to the Southeast corner of Lot 4, Block C, Washington Heights, filed July 25, 1957, in Plat Book 7 Page 57, Doña Ana County re-

ords; Thence from the point of beginning and leaving the North line of Poplar Avenue and along the East line of said Lot 4, Block 4, N.27°00'00"W., 100.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the South line of a 20 foot wide alley for the Northwest corner of this tract; Thence leaving the East line of Lot 4, Block C, Washington Heights and along the South line of said 20 foot wide alley, N. 63°00'00"E., 79.40 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northeast corner of this tract being identical to the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block D, Washington Heights; Thence leaving the South line of said alley and along the East line of said Lot 1, Block D, S.27°00'00"E., 100.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the North line of Poplar Avenue for the Southeast corner of this tract being identical to the Southwest corner of said lot 1, Block D, Washington Heights; Thence along the North line of Poplar Avenue, S.63°00'00"W., 79.40 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.182 acre of land, more or less, if there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 am on 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 \$115,478.67, with interest at the rate of 4.375% per annum from January 1, 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. Bank of America, N.A., its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or

manufactured home on the property, if any, 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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4/26/2019 5/3/2019

**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 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  
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**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, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF RAYMOND J. REYNAUD, DECEASED, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

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District Court

Dates: 04/05, 04/12, 04/19, 04/26, 2019

## OBITUARIES

### GILDA CAVAZOS SAENZ

GILDA CAVAZOS SAENZ, passed from this life on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at her home surrounded by her loved ones. Survivors include two sons, Miguel and Carlos Saenz; three daughters, Yolanda Donaldson, Lily Guerrero and Laura Pearson; a brother, Hector Campos.

A Prayer Vigil will be held at 6 PM Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Baca's Funeral Chapel, 300 E. Boutz Road. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, April 5, 2019 in Our Lady of Health Catholic Church, 1178 N. Mesquite Street. The Rite of Committal and Entombment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, where she will be laid alongside her husband.

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ALICE P. WEINSTEIN, passed away peacefully at home, on April 3, 2019. Beloved wife of Gerry, devoted mother of Jeffrey and Ellen, adored companion of her Lab, Smokey Bear. Lover of dogs and horses and proud Michigan Wolverine.

Memorial Service will be held Friday, April 12, 2019 at 2 PM in "The Riverside," 76 Street and Amsterdam Avenue in New York. Donations in her memory may be made to: NYU Perlmutter Cancer Center. <https://nyulangone.org/give/funds/perlmutter-cancer-center>. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 527-2222 Your exclusive providers of "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslasruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslasruces.com)

# The Chekhov method: You do not become the character

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

The early-bird deadline to sign up for this summer's Chekhov Intensive Workshop (CIW) is Wednesday, May 1. The last day to register is Friday, May 31.

The workshop will be held June 2-8 at New Mexico State University.

It features training in the 7 Keys to Mastery through the acting techniques of Oscar-nominated actor Michael Chekhov (1891-1955): act imaginatively, teach powerfully, direct dynamically, improvise creatively, synthesize analysis, interview/audition confidently and transform your life radiantly.

The week-long workshop includes more than 60 hours of tools and techniques for actors, directors, teachers and others who are not involved in theatre or the dramatic arts.

The play script that will be featured during the workshop is "You Can't Take It with You" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman.

This is the fourth year the workshop is offered at NMSU.

A Deeper by Demand workshop for CIW alumni



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**NMSU Theatre Department Head Wil Kilroy, left, co-founder of the National Michael Chekhov Association and Chekhov Intensive Workshop instructor, with NMSU theatre student Nick Check, who completed the workshop in 2018.**

will be held June 10-14 immediately after the Chekhov workshop at NMSU for alumni of the Chekhov Training Intensive or Foundation Course. It "dives deeper into several Chekhov tools, introduces the Rudolph Steiner Eurythmy and Speech Gestures that influenced Chekhov so much and uses our own SynthAnalysis tools to devise a play for the ensemble's imagination," said NMSU Theatre Department Head Wil Kilroy, co-founder of the National Michael Chekhov

Association (NMCA).

Kilroy will teach the workshop, along with NMCA President and professional actress Lisa Dalton and NMCA producer of institutes and workshops Charlie Bowles. Kilroy and Dalton began Chekhov acting classes in 1993 along with the late actress Mala Powers and formed NMCA a year later. Powers (1931-2007) was most famous for her movie performance as Roxanne in 1950's "Cyrano de Bergerac" opposite Jose Ferrer.

"NMCA labels its sum-

mer week-long course as intensive, and after a week of classes from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., I definitely decided that it was, in fact, intense," said NMSU theatre student Nick Check, who took the course in 2018.

"As opposed to standard acting ideas and methods of using past or current emotional triggers or memories to create a more realistic character or action, the Chekhov method applies various other exercises to develop characters through ways that won't

stress you out emotionally or make you dredge up emotions that, frankly, no one wants to be doing. You learn all of this from Day One."

The workshop culminates with a final showcase for a student's scene, received at the beginning of the week.

"It was an intense week that was an incredible learning opportunity and I would absolutely do it again, not only to have fun but to gain an even deeper understanding of all the teachings and methodology," Check said.

The workshops:

- 12-day combined workshops: Michael Chekhov acting technique teaching candidate: \$1,840 if registered on or before May 1; \$1,890 if registered after May 1; adult-actor candidates and others: \$1,340 early bird or \$1,390 regular price; college-student actor candidates: \$1,240 early bird, \$1,290 regular.

- Five-day Event: (Deeper by Design workshop only): \$695 early bird, \$745 regular.

Chekhov was born in the Russian Empire, fled to Germany to avoid government persecution and eventually made his way to Hollywood. His students included Marilyn Monroe, Gregory

Peck, Ingrid Bergman, Clint Eastwood and Anthony Hopkins. Chekhov was also a successful actor, nominated for an Academy Award for best supporting actor for his performance in Alfred Hitchcock's "Spellbound," released in 1945.

The nephew of Russian playwright and author Anton Chekhov (1860-1904), Michael Chekhov created his acting technique as an alternative to actor/director Konstantin Stanislavsky's (1863-1938) emotion memory, or method acting, style, which trained actors to use an internal focus to create characters, Kilroy said.

Chekhov, in contrast, believed an actor "shouldn't have to be stuck in character" before and after his or her performance, Kilroy said. "You are an artist creating something. You have not become the character." Chekhov believed not only in making better actors, but also in "creating better human beings."

To register for the workshops, visit [www.chekhov.net](http://www.chekhov.net). Contact Kilroy at [wkilroy@nmsu.edu](mailto:wkilroy@nmsu.edu).

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Winners in the talent competition's senior division are, left to right: first: Ruth Hill, second: Abrianna Morales and third: Melanie Anthony.

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## Youthful singers, dancers win over packed house

### BULLETIN REPORT

A packed house at the Rio Grande Theatre was treated to 20 acts of talented youth at the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club's (MVRC) Mesilla Valley's Got Talent 2019 competition, held April 14 at Rio Grande Theatre.

The winners were:

- Senior division: first place, Ruth Hill, who sang "Still Rolling Stones" by Lauren Daigle; second place, Abrianna Morales, who sang "No One Else" from "Natasha Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812"; and third place, Melanie Anthony, who sang "Nessun Dorma" by Giacomo Puccini and accompanied herself on the piano;

- Junior division: first place, Piper Gandy, who sang "Rockin' Robin"; second place, Lilyanna Hernandez, who sang a medley of songs by Selena; and third place,

Rylie Barrios, who danced to "Let's Hear It for Me";

- Mariachi Estrellitas de Las Cruces received the Leslie Fletcher People's Choice award, based on a vote from the audience at the competition. The group performed "Cascabel." Fletcher is a past president of the club and the award is presented in her memory.

MVRC meets at 6:45

a.m. every Thursday at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 S Don Roser Drive. The club's focus is on youth, including raising funds for scholarships, hosting local high school student Rotarians at club meetings, supporting local charities and Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA).

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The New Mexico State University Dance Program presents "Rhythm Nights" for three performances, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26-27 at Rentfrow Hall, 3161 Williams Ave., on the NMSU campus. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors and \$5 for children. Prices are \$5 more at the door. The performances feature NMSU DanceSport Teams A and B, along with Sol y Arena Flamenco and Spanish Dance Co. Call 575-646-6001 or email [NMSU\\_dance@nmsu.edu](mailto:NMSU_dance@nmsu.edu).

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# Oñate High School Choir performs at Carnegie Hall

## BULLETIN REPORT

The Oñate High School Choir on April 8 debuted at world-renowned Carnegie Hall in New York City. Earlier this year, a panel of choral clinicians associated with Manhattan Concert Productions selected the choir after hearing a recorded performance from the previous year.

Ryan Fellman, the director of choirs at Oñate, said it was a great honor to be invited to sing with others on a national level. Twenty-five students from the choir traveled to New York City. For more than half, it was their first time traveling outside of New Mexico.

Fellman said he was proud of the way his students carried themselves during the trip, acting beyond their years and displaying a high level of professionalism and readiness during their Carnegie Hall performance.

While in New York, students had an impromptu opportunity to watch the Westminster Symphonic Choir perform along with the New York Philharmonic at the Lincoln Center at no charge. To wrap up the trip, the choir caught a performance of "The Lion King" live on Broadway.

This is Fellman's sixth and final year at Oñate as he will leave in the fall to pursue a Master's in Choral Conducting at Ithaca College in New York. Fellman said he believes Oñate's students put themselves on the map as major contenders to



The Oñate High School Choir after winning first place at the Best of New Mexico A Cappella Festival at Rio Rancho High School.

other schools throughout the state and around the nation.

"I am indebted to my students, who have helped me become a better teacher, musician and human being," Fellman said. "I had no idea the impact they would have on me, but they have indeed made me a zealot for my craft. These young singers from New

Mexico have demonstrated that they are capable of making music with some of the best musicians in the world."

Earlier this year, the Oñate Choir won first place for the Best of New Mexico A Cappella Festival at Rio Rancho High School. The Choir also took home the win for best soloist.

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# 'Ramen Shop': slurping through a sweet, flawed film

By **JEFF BERG**

For the Bulletin

A recipe for a sweet but flawed film – a pinch of history, a dash of food and a big helping of family. Top off with a touch of noodle slurping.

Those are the things that make this interesting, albeit gently blemished, picture worthwhile.

Taking place mostly in Singapore, where we are reminded quite often that the humidity is terrible and affects foods and cooking, the story is a road trip of sorts for young Masato, whose heritage results from his Japanese father and his Singaporean mother.

It opens in his father's ramen shop, where we clearly see the man's frustration and exhaustion.

## GRADE: B

Opens at the Fountain Theatre just off the Mesilla Plaza on April 26. Please note that the film will NOT play Saturday, the 27th.

Masato works at the shop, seen as one of the best ramen places in the city, where they are both assisted by an uncle.

Masato's father, Kazuo, feels that he is a failure and before the first act of the film is over, he succumbs to something – what, we are not sure.

Masato is an industrious young man and before long he is on his way to Singapore to track down some long-missing family members and the best recipe for pork rib soup, which is



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There's enough eating in this movie to have you salivating by the ending.

seen as a pure delicacy, especially when paired with a special tea.

In his parents' belongings, he finds a diary that his late mother kept, but there are parts he cannot translate, especially the recipes she has noted. This becomes a key later in the film.

Through the help of a kindly food blogger, Miki, whom Masato meets (again, it is not clear how this happened), he tracks down his slightly goofy-

but-kind Uncle Wee. Wee immediately takes Masato under his wing, which helps unravel some familial misery and offers THE recipe for pork rib soup.

Grandmama, the mother of Masato's mother, strongly objected to her daughter marrying the man of Japanese descent, hinging her dislike on the atrocities the Japanese inflicted upon Singapore dur-

ing World War II. There is a moving scene where Masato learns of the history of the war at a museum and gallery in Singapore, after he is rejected by the grandmother who lost her husband to the Japanese during the war.

Singapore was surrendered by the British in 1942, with the Japanese holding it until the end of the war in 1945. It is estimated that 50,000 were executed during this time.

Grandmama is not to be trifled with and Masato, after an evening of strong drink, decides that his way to her heart is through food. With the help of another master chef, he creates a pork rib soup with chicken, an offering of sorts.

The whole picture is a bit awkward as some scenes seem like they are cut short and the flashbacks, which are frequent, just kind of happen. Also, Masato's voice changes about half way through the obviously dubbed picture which is in Japanese, Mandarin and English (all with subtitles).

Nonetheless, there is a lot of love in the film and those who appreciate Japanese and Singaporean cuisine will be salivating before the end of the picture. I don't recall the last time I saw so much eating in a movie!

"Ramen Shop" is a good film, with a great heart, but it won't stick to your ribs.

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

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# Symphony concert features world-class composer

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Maestro Dr. Lonnie Klein continues his 20th year as music director of the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra as LCSO presents its final classics concert of the season, including a newly commissioned piece by a world-class composer who will introduce the piece at the concert.

The Classics Four concert will be 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Atkinson Recital Hall in the New Mexico State University Music Building.

The concert will include the newly commissioned piece “Partners” by composer, conductor and multi-instrumentalist David Amram, performed by guest soloists Maria Schleuning on violin and Jolyon Pegis on cello. The orchestra will also perform Richard Strauss’ “Der Rosenkavalier.”

“Most orchestras our size don’t commission work because it’s

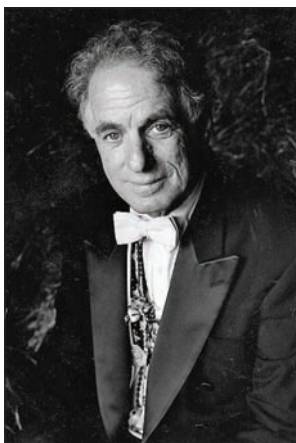
too expensive,” Klein said. LCSO partners with other orchestras to form a consortium to commission works. The performance will be the Southwest premiere of Amram’s piece.

“It’s going to be a beautiful piece, a love song,” Klein said. “It’s pretty exciting.”

“Partners” has three movements, which Amram has dedicated to the partnerships of Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie, Lester Young and Billie Holiday, and Machito and Celia Cruz.

Amram, 88, started his career as a French hornist in the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D.C., in 1951, according to [www.davidamram.com](http://www.davidamram.com). He moved to New York City in 1955 and played French horn in the legendary jazz bands of Dizzy Gillespie and Lionel Hampton. In 1957, he created and performed in the first-ever jazz/poetry readings in New York City with novelist Jack Kerouac.

Since the early 1950s, Amram has worked as a



**David Amram**

musician and a conductor in more than 35 countries.

He was appointed by Leonard Bernstein as the first composer-in-residence for the New York Philharmonic in 1966.

Film scores by Amram include “Splendor in the Grass” (1961) and “The Manchurian Candidate” (1962).

Klein and Amram host Lonnie’s Spotlight Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 2, at Paisano Café, 1740 Calle de Mercado in Bulletin Plaza. The lunch includes a preview of the upcoming program.

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**Lonnie Klein**

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Guest soloists Maria Schleuning (violin) and Jolyon Pegis (cello) will join the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra for its Classics Four concert.

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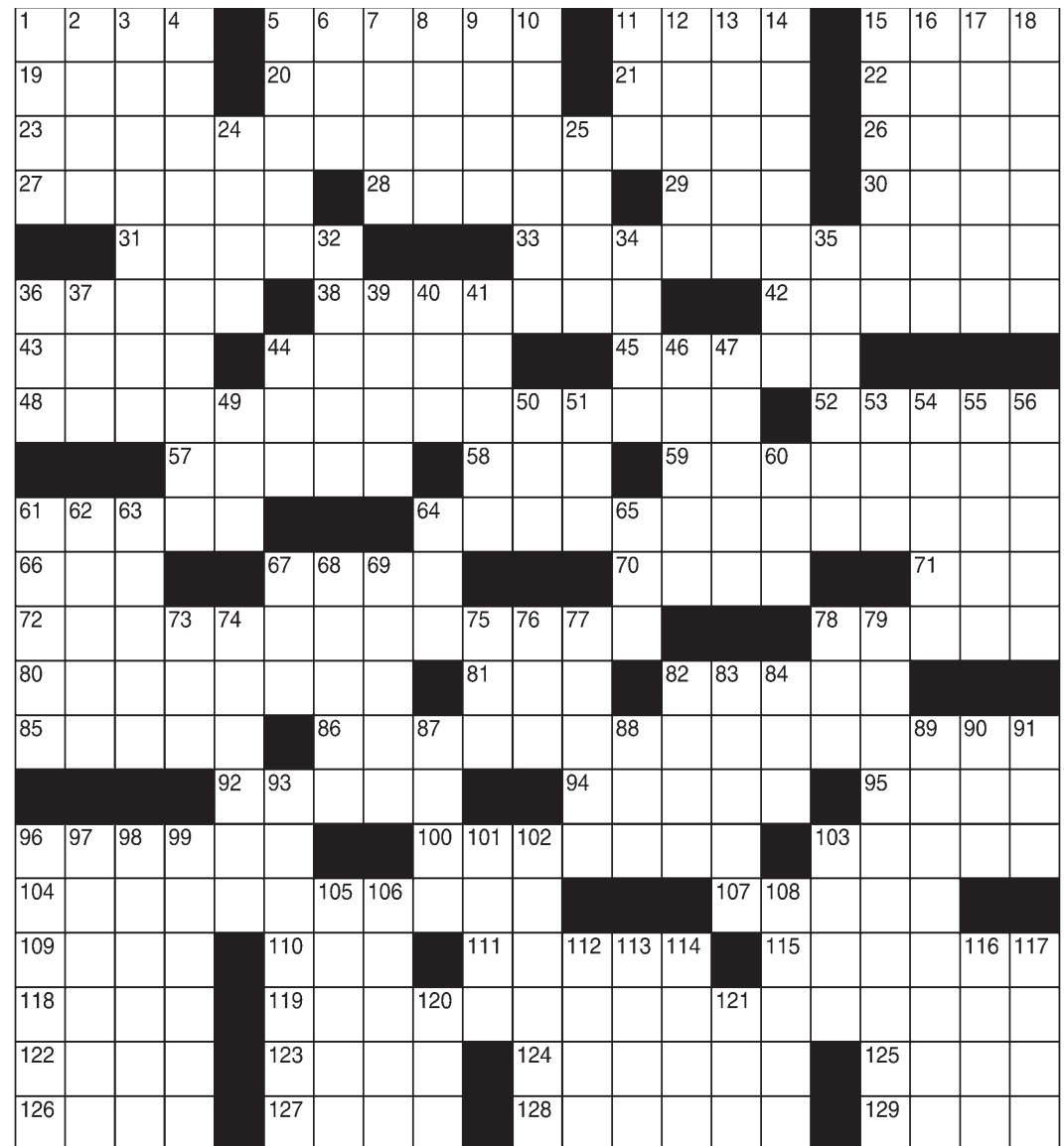
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 5 Gunnysack material  
 11 Deserve  
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 19 Gillette razor name  
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 21 Veer sharply  
 22 Shahs' home  
 23 Competition to determine the best garment stiffener?  
 26 "— in Boots"  
 27 "See! I was right!"  
 28 Architect Frank  
 29 Omega lead-in  
 30 Morales of "The Brink"  
 31 Web sales  
 33 Virile Communist leader?  
 36 Mason- — Line  
 38 Tree-lined boulevard  
 42 Enter slowly  
 43 Coup d'—  
 44 Carne — (steak dish)  
 45 Arctic birds  
 48 Heart-shaped pre-euro Greek coin?  
 52 Implied but not stated  
 57 Screwball  
 58 Mad feeling  
 59 Periods of time between  
 61 Like — in headlights  
 64 Chief foe who doesn't show up on time?  
 66 Ready to go  
 67 Tortilla snack
- 70 "This —" (phone phrase)  
 71 Psyche part  
 72 Method used by learned people?  
 78 Four pairs  
 80 "Hill Street Blues" actor Daniel J. —  
 81 That lady  
 82 "How cool!"  
 85 Church assembly  
 86 Warfare that has not been enchanted?  
 92 Amu — (Asian river)  
 94 Planet's path  
 95 Sport on horseback  
 96 Even, as the score  
 100 Coif creator  
 103 Singer Crystal  
 104 Grayish brown earth tone?  
 107 Branch of Islam  
 109 Similar  
 110 "How cool!"  
 111 "Don't Be Cruel" singer  
 115 Place for a manipedi  
 118 Primo  
 119 Spectator covered in glitter?  
 122 Ball of thread  
 123 — buco  
 124 Wireless provider acquired by Verizon in 2008  
 125 Vocal range  
 126 Give lip  
 127 East —, Connecticut  
 128 Prickly-leaved plant

129 Actor Gosling

## DOWN

- 1 In history  
 2 Bart and Lisa's bus driver  
 3 Paperless test  
 4 Barely bearable  
 5 Iranian religion  
 6 Geller of mentalism  
 7 See 91-Down  
 8 Balcony box  
 9 Author Sholem  
 10 Phrase of self-pity  
 11 Vt. hours  
 12 Initial Hebrew letter  
 13 Rene of "Thor"  
 14 Web user  
 15 Two-legged animals  
 16 Defoe hero Robinson  
 17 Aquafina or Fiji alternative  
 18 Ship banner  
 24 Blue hue  
 25 Long-distance swimmer Diana  
 32 Type of eye surgery  
 34 Pope's religion: Abbr.  
 35 Spring holiday  
 36 German for 60-Down  
 37 Figure skater Midori —  
 39 Full of frills  
 40 Say further  
 41 "Ave —"  
 44 From — Z (every bit)  
 46 Arab leaders



47 Western spread

49 Hide-hair connector

50 Renoir works

51 "Meh" grade

53 Actress Graynor

54 Spotted cat

55 JPEG or GIF

56 Letter-shaped opening for a bolt

60 Definite article

61 Mgrs.' aides

62 Speak out

63 Coen of film

64 Myrna of film

65 Archery need

67 Ecu

68 Pianist Rubinstein or Schnabel

69 2004 CBS spinoff

73 Lacto- — vegetarian

74 Young chap

75 "Pipe down!"

76 Caddy drink

77 Actor Flynn with a sword

78 Western tribe

79 Exec's perk with wheels

82 Bird bills

83 Fixes up text

84 Play a role

87 ATM output

88 Med. scan

89 How young guys behave

90 Wholly

91 With 7-Down, bit of foot jewelry

93 Contents of a spray can

96 Hayes and Newton

97 Tesla of the Tesla coil

98 Dresses with flares

99 Realm of MSNBC, e.g.

101 Arduous trip

102 Reprimand loudly

103 Biting fly

105 "— -daisy!"

106 Deep gap

108 Longtime Arizona politician Mo

112 Wicked

113 "To Live and Die —"

114 USAF NCOs

116 "Fur Is Dead" org.

117 Elvis — Presley

120 Lobster eggs

121 Very small

# 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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## SCRAMBLERS



"Good news — you got a \_\_\_\_\_ from your ski instructor."

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!

Swain **ROUSTI**

Blaze **RAFLE**

Bestow **OWNED**

Leech **ARDIN**

**TODAY'S WORD**

## CRYPTOQUIP

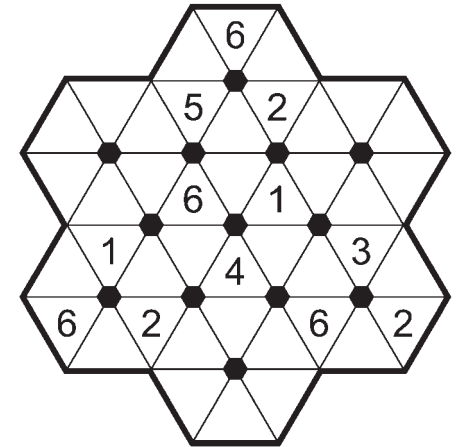
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: S equals R

RZTNAKZ GVMK KUUUGMBO  
 KGNS MK RMOOZS NBF VZNPMZS  
 GVNB GVZ UGVZS, M'F VNPZ GU  
 TNY Y MG GVZ LZNGMZS LZGZUS.

## 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

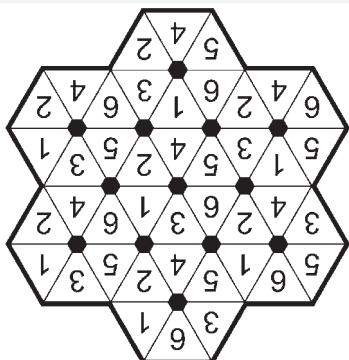
Because this shooting star is bigger and heavier than the other, I'd have to call it the meater meteor.

### CRYPTOQUIP

### REFUND

Today's Word  
 1. Sutor; 2. Fare;  
 3. Endow; 4. Drain

### SCRAMBLERS



### SNOWFLAKES

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### WEEKLY SUDOKU

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### SUPER CROSSWORD

# 'Little Shop of Horrors' shows at CHS

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the most popular musicals of all time, "Little Shop of Horrors," will be performed at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 2-4 in the performing arts lab at Centennial High School, 1950 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

Tickets are \$5 for each performance, available at the door.

The cast includes Gus Sanchez as Seymour Krelborn; Wanda Beach as Audrey; Diego Gomez

as Mr. Mushnik; Frankie Gomez as Orin Scrivello, D.D.S. and two other characters; Ashton Taylor as the voice of Audrey II and other characters; Monique Romero and Isaac Pacheco as Audrey II puppeteers; Eva Cullen, Morgyn Gallegos and Emma Kenney as Crystal, Chiffon and Ronnette; Abigail Hindes as "Old Chinese Woman" and Mrs. Luce; Luke Tumblin (also the show's assistant director) as Arthur Denton and Delivery Boy; and Julianna Luna as Cus-

tomor #2.

The crew includes CHS students plus popular performers, musicians and designers in Las Cruces theatre.

The play is directed by CHS English and theatre teacher Darin Cabot, a long-time Las Cruces actor and director. He recently starred in Las Cruces Community Theatre's popular "The Crucible."

Megan McQueen, co-founder of Scaffolding Theatre Company, is the show's musical director. Diane Thomas,

who has performed in recent shows at LCCT and Black Box Theatre, is the conductor and plays piano for the live orchestra, which also includes Tommy Medina on drums, Robert Garcia on guitar and Darrin Loken on bass. Julianna Luna is the dance choreographer. Roxi Garcia is the stage manager and Kendra Van Doorn is assistant stage manager.

The puppets were designed by Bob Diven and Diego Gomez, who also did the scenic design. The puppet/props team is comprised of Thahee Arreola, Frankie Gomez, Melissa Hernandez and Charli Barbee. The set team is comprised of Adam Shervanick and Isaac Pacheco. The lighting design is by Ally Flitcroft, with Monique Romero, Emma Kenney, Eva Cullen and Morgyn Gallegos on the lights team. The sound design was by Connor Williams,

with a sound team comprised of Travis Wollard and Gus Sanchez. The costumes were designed by Isabella Flores, with Emma Pitts and Ashton Taylor on the costume team. Makeup design is by Cierra Perez, with Jazmin Aguilar, Ariela Flores, Abigail Hindes and Wanda Beach on the makeup team.

The production is dedicated to the memory of Connor Williams, the show's sound designer, who died recently.

"Connor was in many ways at the heart of our theatre program," Cabot said. "He joined the after-school [theatre] program as a freshman and brought with him the knowledge and commitment of an upper-classman. He was one of the most genuine, sincere and positive students I have ever had the privilege to teach. He was recognized for his talent in sound design at the High

Desert Thespian Festival, receiving first place for his design for our state championship-winning production of 'And.' Connor's spirit lives on in every sound cue, every beat, every moment of what we do from here forward. We miss his smile, his laugh and most of all his friendship. Heaven must have an excellent musical underscore now!"

Cabot said Diego Gomez has worked with long-time Las Cruces theatre wizard Bob Diven to create the show's Venus flytrap puppets, using everything from small, plastic sleds with gloves glued to them to pool noodles.

This version of the plants is "a little scarier, a little darker than other productions I've seen," said Cabot, who was in the ensemble of "Little Shop of Horrors" when it was produced years ago at Las Cruces Community Theatre. He also wanted to do the show, Cabot said, before senior Gus Sanchez graduates from CHS. "He's kind of a young Rick Moranis," Cabot said, referring to the 1986 film version of the show.

With music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Howard Ashman, "Little Shop of Horrors" opened off-Broadway in 1982 and on Broadway in 2003.

For more information, contact Cabot at 575-527-9330 or [dcabot@lcp.net](mailto:dcabot@lcp.net).

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# The Resurrection: history or myth?

The central story of the New Testament is the resurrection of Christ, which Christians celebrate at Easter during these weeks. It is the hub around which the entire New Testament revolves. It has been called the “master story.” Without it there would be no New Testament.

Yet even conservative Christians might admit that the story has mythic overtones, properly understood. “Myth” to most contemporary minds equals “untrue.” But to call something a myth does not mean that it is false; it means that the narrative in question comes wrapped in legend,



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symbol and imagery, even if it has an historical basis.

Rudolf Bultmann was a major 20th century New Testament scholar. His incisive articles on Biblical con-

cepts continue to inform students. Bultmann was convinced, however, that there was little actual history in the New Testament documents about Jesus; and second, that modern people could no longer accept the mythic aspects of the New Testament. He wanted a key to interpretation apart from studying the New Testament as history, and he found it in existential philosophy. This 1940s movement teaches that

we become who we are based on the choices we make in life. This linkage enabled Bultmann to offer interpretations compatible with contemporary thinking.

Initially Bultmann’s approach sounds like the solution to a key problem; namely, that the Resurrection does not seem to be an historic event like the burning of the roof of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. It does not line up with other known historical facts. It cannot be proven through the use of regular methods. The Resurrection is an event outside of normal human experience. Bultmann argued that this gospel story must be stripped of its mythic aspects for people to grasp its personal meaning. For Bultmann

the myth clouds the story.

Here is where Bultmann led us astray, because the mythic quality adds deep symbolic and imagistic meaning to the story. What Bultmann did not realize, for all his prodigious learning, is that history and myth are not as separable as he thought. The myth may not be discarded without loss. You cannot strip off mythic elements like a veneer without damaging the story’s power, scope and meaning. Those who have studied folklore for a long time know this. Americans recognize a mythical aspect in stories about George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, and Abraham Lincoln. No one disputes their historical existence or importance, and some

stories about them contain legendary features that make them even more compelling and alluring figures. Those features enhance rather than detract from their historicity.

Some events are so stupendous, so totally outside our normal ken and comprehension, that they are larger than life. In a framework that embraces history and myth, however, they appear fully realized. They come to us as events or individuals who are also universal, time-bound and, also, eternal, local and infinite. That’s Jesus in the light of the Resurrection.

We are free to reject the Resurrection in favor of a “simpler” approach to the Gospel (Jesus as a “good teacher”) or none

at all, but we are not free to dismiss its centrality to the New Testament. That much has to be clear even to skeptics, agnostics and non-believers.

Historically, the Romans killed Jesus as a political threat, a “seditionist.” The Resurrection is the story of God’s grace to a beloved son, the vindication of his mission, and his new life beyond death. It is reported the only way it could be, as a combination of history and myth, and by attending to both we can grasp its meaning for us.

*Fr. Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces. Visit the church web site at <http://stanthonylc.org>.*

## World peace and security are attained through unity

By **CARL EWING**

For the Bulletin

World Peace is NOT a “pipe dream.” Rather, it is an inevitable reality. Every object that exists is composed of atoms that are unified in the composition of that object. Its very existence depends on this working unity.

In the same way, our global society is composed of a multitude of cultures and peoples. Each culture, country, or people has a unique quality to offer to the essential unity of our whole planet. The whole-some development and prosperity of the planet depends on this. But it requires a change of attitude about the world. It re-

quires the recognition of the oneness of humanity.

Baha’u’llah, the prophet-founder of the Baha’i Faith wrote: “The well-being of mankind, its peace and security, are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established.” He also wrote: “The purpose of justice is the appearance of unity among men.”

The series of prerequisites is clear. Before Peace comes Unity and before Unity comes Justice. So, in order to achieve the unity required for peace, certain issues first need to be addressed for the establishment of justice. In 1985, the Universal House of Justice (governing body of the Baha’i world commu-

nity) released a statement titled “The Promise of World Peace.” Some of its major points include:

- Racism, a baneful evil, is a major barrier to peace.
- The inordinate disparity between rich and poor keeps the world in a state of instability, virtually on the brink of war.
- Unbridled nationalism must give way to a wider loyalty, to the love of humanity as a whole.
- Religious strife, the cause of innumerable wars and conflicts, is increasingly abhorrent to people of all faiths and no faith.
- The achievement of full equality between the sexes is one of the most important prerequisites of peace.

• Universal education deserves the utmost support that governments can lend it, for ignorance is the principal reason for the decline and fall of peoples.

• A fundamental lack of communication between peoples seriously undermines efforts toward world peace.

• Two points bear emphasizing. One is that the abolition of war is not simply a matter of signing treaties and protocols but a complex task that requires a new level of commitment. The other point is that the context of the issues of peace must be raised to the level of principal. For peace stems from an inner state supported by a spiritual and

moral attitude in which the possibility of enduring solutions can be found.

These are but a few issues that, in our own way, we can each help resolve by promoting justice amongst our friends and acquaintances and to our government. It begins within each one of us as a personal commitment but can grow in an ever-expanding wave extending to our communities and nations.

World peace begins with a true understanding of the oneness of humanity. If the virus of nationalism and unfounded prejudices can influence our societies, why then can’t we realize an even more powerful unifying impulse

through living by and promoting principles of justice?

We live in a world that is more and more interdependent. Surely, we can share a growing understanding of our essential unity to benefit the whole of humanity and see it realized in the prosperity and happiness of every country, village and individual. A seed looks nothing like the plant it becomes. Nonetheless, it grows to be so. Let our commitment to justice and unity be the seed of World Peace.

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Sales Manager Chris Todd greets customers in the Malooly's store, or will meet with them at their home, bringing samples of tile, wood, laminate, area rugs, carpet and natural stone. That's so customers don't have to make their way through the road reconstruction congestion to get to the store.



In front of a temporary sign to direct customers to the store, Chris Todd, right, poses with his cousin, Billy Quigg, left. They both work at the family-owned Malooly's Floor Company, 765 N. Valley Drive.

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## Patience during progress: Malooly's Flooring

By CASSIE MCCLURE  
and SUZANNE MICHAELS  
For the Bulletin

*Editor's note: Ninth in a series on businesses affected by the road reconstruction project on Valley Drive/Avenida de Mesilla.*

He's worked at Malooly's Flooring Company for five years, but Sales Manager Chris Todd grew up playing on the carpets and hiding in the rugs. He's the fourth generation working with the family business, which started in 1907 in El Paso.

Located at the corner of Valley Drive and Picacho in Las Cruces,

*"With so much time in the business, we've seen a lot of different scenarios and figured out problems for our clients, even if it's how to survive ongoing road reconstruction."*

**Chris Todd, Malooly's Sales Manager**

Malooly's Flooring Company is in the heart of the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) road reconstruction zone on Valley Drive. The construction has slowed foot traffic coming into the store, but Todd says Malooly's copes by bringing the store to the customer: meeting people in their

homes and bringing samples of tile, wood, laminate, area rugs, carpet and even natural stone.

"When we speak to customers on the phone and get an idea of what they're looking for, Malooly's can bring out a whole slew of different options that they will not only see, but also feel

exactly in the place that they're thinking about installing it. Customers can skip the traffic congestion for now, have a chance to see our inventory, and get a free estimate in the comfort of their homes."

Todd explained that with more than 100 years of experience driving the Malooly's reputation, the store is most appreciative of generations of loyal customers, property managers and construction project managers who continue to shop the extensive inventory even while the dust is stirred up by the construction.

"Especially if people

need items in bulk, we can always work out prices," he said. "With so much time in the business, we've seen a lot of different scenarios and figured out problems for our clients, even if it's how to survive ongoing road reconstruction."

NMDOT requests that while it might be tempting to zip across the parking lots of Malooly's and Tractor Supply Company on Valley Drive – remember, customers may be in the lot, pulling in and out of spaces. Fender benders due to fast traffic through parking lots will cost drivers more than they would save by

speeding through.

If there are any questions or concerns about access to any of the Valley Drive businesses, drivers are reminded not to move barrels, which can impede traffic flow and cause dangerous situations. Instead, contact 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. For the most up-to-date information please visit [www.valley-drive.net](http://www.valley-drive.net).*

# More audits would benefit honest taxpayers

Honest tax payers should want more IRS audits. Not of themselves, of course, but in general. The reason is to incentivize those who are less honest to pay their taxes.

In fact, a lot of taxes go uncollected. An IRS study for tax years 2008-2010 found the tax



**CHRIS ERICKSON**

State of the Economy

gap, which is the amount of money owed the IRS but not paid, averaged \$406 billion per year. This translates into 16 percent of taxes going unpaid; about 2.8 percent of GDP.

If the gap today is proportional to the size it was when the study was done,

the tax gap this year is \$600 billion. For context, the deficit in 2018 was \$779 billion. Even if you are not concerned about the deficit, \$600 billion would go a long way toward funding the anticipated Social Security deficit.

The IRS budget is about \$1 billion less than it was 10 years ago, down from \$12.1 billion in 2010 to \$11.2 billion now. That pays for fewer agents, whose numbers have declined by one-third. Meanwhile, the number of filers has increased.

The consequence of all this is fewer audits. For taxpayers with incomes over \$1 million the chances of an audit have dropped from 1-in-8 to 1-in-25; for taxpayers with incomes \$200 thousand or more the chance was 1-in-25, but now 1-in-80. Overall, the

chance of an audit has fallen from 1-in-90 to 1-in-160.

A newly hired IRS agent easily can pay their own salary in additional revenue collected from audits. The average audit generates \$27,000 in revenue. The average salary of an IRS agent is \$60,000. Three audits are enough to cover salary and benefits. What a deal. Yet the number of agents continues to decline.

It is not just the amount collected during audits, but the additional amount collected from those who fear the possibility of an audit. To the extent that fear of audit drives honest tax filings, then increasing the chance of an audit increases revenue from those who take care to pay all that they owe.

Then there is the reason

for the decrease in funding for the IRS, which is the substantial distrust of the agency, especially on the right, but more generally also. In past decades, IRS agents developed a reputation for high-handedness during audits that left a bad taste in the mouths of voters. The backlash resulted in a declining budget.

Then there is the silliness of filing taxes in the first place. Most developed countries do not depend on private citizens to voluntarily own up to the taxes they owe, but rather bill taxpayers their estimated taxes. Taxpayers have the option to dispute their tax bill but most just pay.

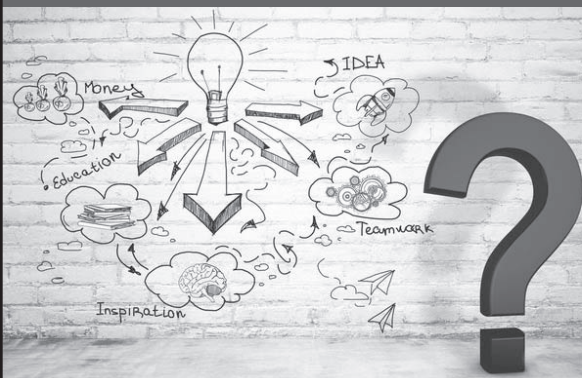
The U.S. could easily implement such a system. In fact, the IRS tracks the W-2s and 1099s issued to

each taxpayer and could easily use these to generate a bill for estimated taxes. And should you omit one of these forms from your taxes, the IRS will let you know.

So why not just have the IRS issue these income estimates prior to taxes being paid rather than after. Then rather than spending hours calculating our own taxes in anticipation of April 15, instead we could just write a check and forget about it.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Company builds in Santa Teresa

Admiral Cable, a Taiwanese manufacturing company that makes industrial cables and electrical wires, is building a

175,000-square-foot plant in the Santa Teresa Intermodal Park. The company is expected to open in 2020 with a workforce of 342 employees, and total investment of the project

is expected to exceed \$50 million.

The New Mexico Economic Development Department will provide \$3.92 million in Local Economic Development Act

funds.

The Santa Teresa facility will be Admiral's first in the United States.

"The company's executives are very glad to have chosen Santa Teresa," said Mitch Samuels, a consultant to Admiral Cable. "They believe the region has a great business environment and that it will bring success to their company."

### Unemployment rate

New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in March, unchanged from February and up from 5.0 percent a year ago.

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# New healthcare facility provides 'open access'

By ALEXIA SEVERSON  
Las Cruces Bulletin

A new Ben Archer facility has officially opened, making it the sixth Ben Archer Health Center in Doña Ana County and the 10th in New Mexico. This is in addition to BAHC's 10 school-based clinics in Las Cruces, Deming, Hatch and Truth or Consequences.

The new health center, a 21,145 square-foot building located at 3331 Del Rey Blvd., hosted a Grand Opening Health Fair April 12 offering tours and free blood pressure and diabetes screenings and dental exams. Several health organizations also set up booths to share information with visitors.

"We are very excited to provide medical, dental and behavioral health needs to the people of Las Cruces," said Melissa Amaro, clinical operations manager for the BAHC Del Rey Branch. Amaro will also be providing medical care to patients at the new location as a mid-level physician assistant.

BAHC is a nonprofit corporation providing affordable health, dental and behavioral care to residents throughout southern New Mexico. Its headquarters and first center started more than 25 years ago in Hatch.

"With the completion of this two-year



Deming resident Patsy Leyba, Ben Archer Health Centers board member, has her blood pressure taken by medical assistant Ana McQuien at the Grand Opening Health Fair.

endeavor," Amaro said of the new health center, "we will be able to implement the mission of Ben Archer Health Centers: to significantly improve the health status of its population through the prevention of illness, the promotion of health education, the provision of quality primary care, access to the underserved and a strong commitment to chronic disease."

About 25 percent of the funding for the new building came from federal sources (\$650,000). State and county funding and patient revenues will constitute the rest, said BAHCs Executive Director Mary Alice Garay.

Garay said the new location will help fill a

need here for medical providers.

"There's what's called HIPSAs – health professional shortage areas – and MUAs – medically underserved areas – and this is right in the middle of one, so it will serve all the people," Garay said.

Garay said BAHC doesn't turn anybody away for lack of funds and accepts all private insurances, Medicaid and Medicare. They also provide a sliding scale to those who qualify.

"We have a federal sliding scale, so you pay according to your income," Garay said. "It's a federal policy, and a lot of people don't know that, and a lot of people assume that it's only for poor people or



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From left, Ben Archer Health Centers board member Juan Padilla, BAHCs Executive Director Mary Alice Garay and BAHCs board member Vincente Zamora at the Grand Opening Health Fair at the new Ben Archer facility, 3331 Del Rey Blvd.

people who don't have the ability to pay, but we see everyone – people with insurance, without insurance.

"There's no reason, in Doña Ana County or in the Las Cruces area, to go without health care because we've got all of these good programs that really help everyone."

Ben Archer also has what is called "open access."

"If you need to see the doctor now, you can walk in and you can be seen, so we don't ever turn anybody away," Garay said.

Among those attending the Health Fair event was Las Cruces resident Christine Cain.

"We live a mile away and have been driving by the building and wanted to see what it was and learn a little more about it," Cain said. "I think that it will serve people very well."

Visit bahcnm.org.

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ABOVE: A 1920s postcard showing the historic Amador Hotel at about age 50. LEFT: A photo of the interior of the Amador Hotel as it appeared in *Holiday Magazine* in 1946. "Once we are finished the exterior will look very much like the postcard," said Amador Hotel Foundation Vice President Dr. Deb Dennis.

## Amador Hotel Foundation receives state preservation award

By **MIKE COOK**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The legacy of Martin Amador lives on.

Nearly 150 years after he built the Amador Hotel at the corner of Amador and Water, the Las Cruces nonprofit created to preserve and restore the historic structure has received a prestigious state award.

The Amador Hotel Foundation (AHF) will receive the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division's (NMHPD) Historic Preservation Award for Organizations May 17 (May is Historic Preservation Month in New Mexico) in Santa Fe. The award comes from NMHPD's Cultural Properties Review Committee.

Amador (1836-1903), patriarch of one of the most powerful and influential families in Las Cruces history, bought the site where the Amador is now located and remodeled it

as a courthouse, jail and post office in 1882. He added a second story and converted the property into a hotel in 1885. AHF was formed in 2007 to guide restoration on what is the oldest property owned by the City of Las Cruces.

The award recognizes efforts by governmental, private or non-profit entities "that have successfully preserved or promoted New Mexico's heritage and cultural landscapes," said NMHPD Historic Architect Lynette M. Pollari, Ph.D.

NMHPD has presented Heritage Preservation Awards since 1970 for outstanding preservation achievements, said AHF Vice President Dr. Deb Dennis.

"It is the most prestigious preservation award granted by the state and why Human Systems Research (HSR), Inc. was so honored to have received it in 1994 for distinguished contributions to Southwestern anthropology,"

said Dennis, who is executive director of the HSR nonprofit based in Las Cruces. "Now it is the Amador Hotel preservation team that is being recognized."

"The Amador Hotel team has committed extensive efforts and funding over more than a decade to protect, preserve, and pursue rehabilitation of this important cultural property," said NMHPD Historic Architect Lynette M. Pollari, Ph.D. "The Amador provides the state with a truly unique Southwest model of historic preservation that will help to spur economic development and revitalization for the Las Cruces community."

"This award is for teamwork," said AHF President Heather Pollard. "While this project has had challenges, nothing could have come to fruition without the team." That team consists of the



ABOVE: The Amador Hotel lobby and staircase. LEFT: The tin ceiling in one of the Amador Hotel's downstairs rooms may have been installed by Martin Amador in the late 1880s.

BULLETIN PHOTOS  
BY MIKE COOK

# Horses need good manners – for their own sake

A horse can find himself in the care of several different humans through his lifetime. He will come to each new home with the behavior and boundaries he has learned from the people in his past. If he has become comfortable with the general handling and treatments common to horse care, he will have an easier time in his life than if he has learned no manners or worse, bad manners.

Every horse will need hoof care regularly and veterinary care occasionally. If the horse is not used to having his hooves handled, he can likely harm someone or harm himself. If a vet's care is needed in



**KATHARINE CHRISLEY-SCHREIBER**

Stablewoman

an emergency, the manners that have been taught to the horse could be a life-saver.

Every horse should be taught to lift his hooves and allow us to clean, inspect and trim them. It

is ideal to do this with the youngsters and continue throughout their lives, lifting and holding each hoof up daily. Often, though, we have horses whose beginnings in life were bereft of this basic schooling. We must start by asking the horse to lift a front leg/hoof briefly, then letting him put it back down. After a while, when the horse is at ease with the lifting of front limbs, we can carefully ask for the

hind hoof on each side. Gradually, we lengthen the time that the hoof is held up.

It is important to reward every good effort. A horse is much more likely to do things seeking reward than trying to avoid punishment.

By gradually increasing the time he holds his hooves for us, we create good manners that will serve this horse well. The horse who resists or fights with the hoof trimmer or farrier will likely have to be handled roughly and he will learn to hate the process.

It is a good idea to teach all horses to stand tied by their halter and lead rope. It is important for horses to lead confidently and listen to their handlers. When a veterinarian is needed for reg-

ular care or, especially, in a medical emergency, you want the horse to be calm and obedient on the lead so that any care can be safely given. I like to teach horses to accept oral dosing by putting applesauce in a syringe and, over time, placing the syringe at the corner of their mouths while pressing some of the sauce for them to taste. If the horse gets used to having a treat "pasted" into his mouth often, when a wormer or medication needs to be dosed,

there will not be a fight about it.

When a vet needs to draw blood or inject medicine into a vein (at the horse's neck), I gently cover the horse's eye on that side, so he will not see the needle. If I often just cover that eye for no reason, then reward him, he won't be worried about me doing it for the vet.

When a vet or farrier is coming, always catch your horse and have him ready on his halter and lead – no profes-

sional should have to wait while you trudge across 40 acres to get the animal. Of course, emergencies are always exceptions.

It is good to know your horse's normal pulse, respiration and temperature so you can relay a difference to the vet and, knowing that the vet needs to take the temperature (rectally), it is good for your horse to know how to accept the process.

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Amador Foundation; City Manager Stuart Ed and the city Public Works and Economic Development departments; New Mexico State University

Health and Social Services Department Interim Dean Dr. Sonya Cooper and NMSU students; Cornerstones (a nonprofit “dedicated to preserving the architectural heritage and cultural traditions of New Mexico and the greater Southwest, ac-

ording to www.cstones.org) and its project manager, Jean Fulton; Albuquerque architect Jonathan Craig, whose recent projects include the Amador Hotel Adaptive Reuse Study for the City of Las Cruces; and Amador Restaurants Complex

developer Max Bower.

## Renovation update

The newly renovated hotel will also include a museum, featuring the history of the Amador family, which Dennis said is the largest Hispanic family archive in the

United States. The archive includes about 3,000 photos and postcards that show the Amadors’ history in Las Cruces and during their travels around the world. Most of the photos and family information were recovered from the nine-room basement of the Amador home, which stood across Water Street from the hotel and was home of Clotilde Terrazas (1880-1960), the last Amador daughter, Pollard said. The information recovered, she said, includes much of the history of “where Las Cruces got started.”

Dennis said AHF is hopeful the renovation will be completed within the next two years.

Interior work includes restoring doors and windows (which date to the 1920s), completing upstairs electrical work so a replica of the original Amador Hotel neon sign can be restored atop the building, removing concrete plaster and replacing it with lime plaster and pulling up the existing floor to create a solid

foundation, Dennis said. She said about 60 percent of the floor, which is made of irreplaceable, old-growth wood, will be put back down. There are also plans to construct a second staircase in the building inside the south vault. The north vault will likely be used as a kitchen or storage area, she said. The two vaults were built when the hotel was used as a bank, Dennis said, and are too expensive to remove. An elevator likely will also be installed on the north end of the building, she said.

Exterior work, Dennis said, will include a new roof, re-plastering outside walls with a white lime wash and restoring a replica of the portico that hung over the south-side entrance.

The exterior work will begin soon, Dennis said, “so people can see the work happening and start to get excited about it.”

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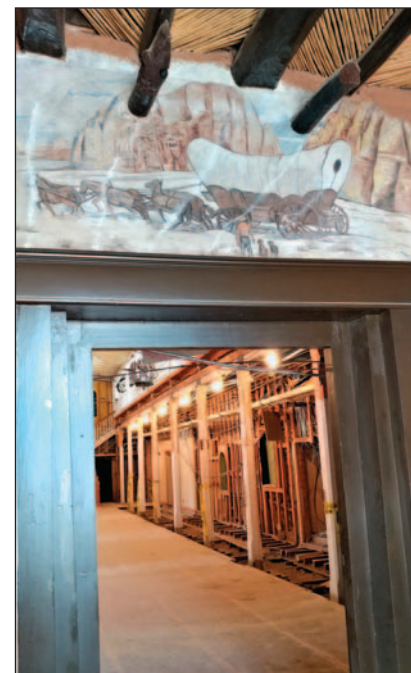


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The entry to the lobby has one of the four pieces painted for the Amador Hotel in 1933 by then 16-year-old artist Lillian Egerton of Las Cruces. She went on to work Nieman-Marcus in Dallas and New York City. She later had a studio in Park Ridge, New Jersey where she died in 1997.

BULLETIN PHOTO  
 BY MIKE COOK

# Las Cruces a top birding spot in U.S.

## BULLETIN REPORT

Expedia AARP has named Las Cruces as the No. 5 “scenic bird watching destination” in the country, behind only San Diego, Everglades (Florida) National Park, Chicago and Cape May, New Jersey.

Among other factors, the rankings considered diversity of species, photos, scenery, community events and birding organizations.

The writer of the survey, Kohleun Adamson, told the Bulletin:

“New Mexico is one of the most underappreciated destinations for nature lovers, and it’s my favorite state to explore in the Southwest. Southern

New Mexico has so much natural history and amazing individual ecosystems to explore when you bird watch there. Las Cruces is a great home base to explore the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument and San Andres National Wildlife Refuge. It had to be on this list: Hundreds of species of birds, beautiful scenery, and I didn’t even mention the food!”

The writeup accompanying the listing, which includes links, states, “You could encounter as many as 350 species of birds in the Mesilla Valley. These include hummingbirds, nuthatches, juncos, warblers, chickadees, towhees,

goldfinches, vireos, robins, and others. Known to locals as the Old Refuge, Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park is a popular birding spot. Want to keep exploring? Follow the Southwest New Mexico Birding Trail around the region.

“Audubon New Mexico and the local chapter, Mesilla Valley Audubon Society, have great online information. Join their email list for updates on events and guided field trips for birders. Mesilla Valley Audubon Society is another excellent resource for hyperlocal birding advice. There are always great things to do in Las Cruces. Browse hotels in Las Cruces and book your dream trip.”



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The photo that accompanied the Las Cruces entry in Expedia AARP’s list of best birding destinations in the U.S.

## MANNERS

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The more things you can calmly and routinely bring to your horse’s experiences, the easier it will be for him to handle needed procedures. There is a method called imprinting a foal right at birth by sticking ones fingers into the baby’s mouth, ears, rectum and such. We at Dharmahorse personally see this as too aggressive for a just-born being. Rubbing the foal’s body with soft towels and applying the iodine to the umbilical cord is the extent of handling we will do for that first day of life!

Common sense and early preparation can give your horse the behaviors that make

life easy for him. If we have a horse come to the Sanctuary who is afraid or lacks confidence, we often let him watch procedures on calm, accepting horses so that his perception of our handling is a positive one.

The horse whose first

instinct is to cooperate with the farrier, veterinarian, groom or rider is a horse less likely to be chastised or abused by someone. It is an important gift to give our equines so that, should we not be their caretaker for life, other humans

will be kind to them.

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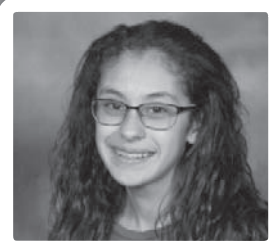
Former NFL wide receiver JJ Birden speaks to more than 250 New Mexico State University athletes at a recent event about opportunities, goal-setting and commitment. Despite being undersized as a football player at 5-10, 157 pounds, Birden played at the University of Oregon and then nine seasons in the NFL, mostly with the Kansas City Chiefs and the Atlanta Falcons. Birden attended as part of a reception hosted by Citizens Bank at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

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**Abriella "Abby" Muniz** is a 14-year-old freshman at Las Cruces High School. She is on the Lady Dawgs varsity golf team. Muniz qualified for state championships in her first three tournaments placing first, second and third. She is always positive and encouraging, helping her teammates stay positive as well, with her words, "Tell them to stay saucy, coach!" Muniz recorded a hole in one at the eighth hole, par 3, at Picacho Hills during a sanctioned NMAA event. She is a dedicated student, with a 3.80 GPA. Outside of school and golf, Muniz attends church and follows her favorite LPGA player, Michelle Wie.



**Linette Gutierrez** is a 14-year-old freshman at Las Cruces High School. She is on the Lady Dawgs track team as a sprinter and 400m runner and was a state qualifier in the 4x400 relay. Gutierrez never complains, is always happy and willing to try new things and always give 110 percent. Her coach said Gutierrez is a joy to have on the team and they are excited for the next three years to have her and watch her grow. She is an excellent student, with a 4.0 GPA. Outside of school and track, she enjoys playing mariachi.

LAS CRUCES HIGH SCHOOL

## Mayfield alumna bowls them over in Tennessee

Adel Wahner has been rewarded for her bowling performance.

The National Tenpin Coaches Association named the Mayfield High School graduate to the All-America third team.

The Vanderbilt University junior also was named to the Southland Bowling League second team. She ranked second on the team and third in the league in traditional format, averaging 203.61 over 427 frames. She was eighth in overall scoring average.

### Women's outdoor track and field

• Oñate High product Amerhyst Aguirre set personal bests in the 1,500- and 5,000-meter runs at the East Texas Invitational. The Midwestern State University sophomore finished ninth in the 5,000 and 11th in the 1,500.



**BARBARA BOXLEITNER**

Keeping Up

• Grinnell College senior Gwen Holtzman ran the third leg of the 4-by-400 relay that placed second at the Cornell College Invitational. She competed for Las Cruces High.

• Jessa Gegax finished sixth in the 400-meter run at the Doug Max Invitational. The University of Wyoming freshman is from Centennial High.

### Baseball

• Freshman infielder Alejandro Valesco hit .383 in 27 games for San Diego City College. The past Knight had 16 runs batted in and a .983 fielding percentage in 116 chances.

• New Mexico Military Institute catcher Cedric Reynaud batted .361 in 36 games. The sophomore out of Centennial drove in 23 runs.

• Another from the Hawks, Karl Koerper hit .273 in 44 games for Pima Com-

munity College in Tucson. The freshman first baseman hit a team-high five home runs and had 37 RBIs.

• PJ Sanchez started all 40 games he played for University of the Southwest. The former Bulldawg batted .216 with 14 RBIs and had a .919 fielding percentage in 149 chances.

### Men's golf

• Oñate graduate Isaac Merry tied for 24th in the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada Qualifying School-Central tournament in San Antonio, the first qualifying tournament of the 2019 season.

Merry, who competed for New Mexico State University, shot 289 (72-70-75-72).

With that finish, he is conditionally exempt for the first six tournaments of this season, according to the PGA Tour online site.

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## Old Timers golf



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The El Paso/Las Cruces Old Timers Golf Group held their monthly tournament at Lone Star Golf Club April 16. The tournament included a raffle that raised \$1,600 for Gigi's Playhouse, a Down Syndrome Achievement center in El Paso. The first-place team, seated left to right: Al Marquez, Lone Star Golf Club; Bill Greenawald, Vista Hills Country Club; Jose Aguilar, Vista Hills Country Club; Fred Chavez, Vista Hills Country Club. Second place, standing left to right: Butch Campa, Ascarate Golf Club; Keith Hollis, Vista Hills Country Club; Vicente Duran, Ascarate Golf Club; Oscar Aponte, Vista Hills Country Club.

# Tiger's comeback contains lessons for all of us

When Tiger Woods improbably won his fifth Masters this month, the world's top-ranked players were in grade school back when he won his first Masters in 1997. It was a comeback for the ages, as Woods endured personal scandal and four surgeries, including spinal fusion two years ago, leading Woods to speculate that he may never play competitive golf again.

Following his victory, with his two children and his mother there for the final putt, an unusually gracious Woods told the media, "I was lucky enough and fortunate



**CHARLIE BLANCHARD**  
Golf Doctor

enough to do this again." His late father, Earl Woods, may have groomed Tiger to become the most talented golfer ever, but he certainly didn't teach Tiger to be so humble. Tiger learned that on his own.

By his own recounting Woods stated, "I had serious doubts after what transpired a couple of years ago. I could barely walk. I couldn't sit. Couldn't lay down. I really couldn't do much of anything." Woods was in so much pain that he became dependent on pain medication. It has been less than two years since he was found by police in

a haze behind the wheel of his car, with a DUI mug shot going viral the next day.

"Luckily I had the procedure on my back," Woods explained to the press, "which gave me a chance at having a normal life. But then all of a sudden, I realized I could actually swing a golf club again. I felt if I could somehow piece this together that I still had the hands to do it. The body's not the same as it was a long time ago, but I still have good hands."

The hands were good enough to make final round putts on Augusta's tricky greens to birdie holes 3, 7, 8, 13, 15 and 16, while two-putting 18 for

the victory.

But this time, Tiger didn't intimidate his opponents. That may have been the case years ago, when, for example, Woods won the 2000 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach by 15 shots. His younger competitors credit Woods with opening the financial door for them on Tour, much like Arnold did in the 1960s. He was at once an inspiration and a role model for the current crop of young golfing superstars. But intimidation? No.

Whether you're a Tiger hater or a Tiger fan, there are lessons to be learned from this most fantastic sports tale. One is the story

of redemption. Tiger Woods, despite his history of poor lifestyle decisions and self-induced scandal, is a proud individual. He chose to never give up. The lesson of perseverance is unmistakable. Golf itself teaches that lesson.

When things go south, some golfers get down, others choke. Not Tiger. He talked about "plodding" his way around on a cloudy, cool, threatening day at Augusta. But mostly he presented a lesson in patience. Essentially, Tiger reinvented himself, both as a golfer and as a person. His demeanor with fans and the media is 180 degrees from a decade ago. His fellow players real-

ize that, also, as many waited at the scoring area of the clubhouse when Tiger came by to congratulate him. Gary VanSickle, one of my favorite golf writers for Sports Illustrated, wrote on [www.morningread.com](http://www.morningread.com), "Our image of Tiger Woods was similarly rebooted last weekend. It's a new day for Woods and for us. It's a bright, new world, full of possibilities. Back-to-back titles at 43? Eighteen majors? A Grand Slam?"

If, as I believe, 76 is the new 66, could it be that 43 is now the new 33?

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# Join the Movement this May 4th in the walk to defeat ALS

By Jan Hart  
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Electronic Caregiver

## THIS CHALLENGE IS REAL

Electronic Caregiver is challenging the Las Cruces business community to join together to make an incredible impact in our hometown as well as our home state! Saturday, May 4th, the ALS New Mexico Chapter is sponsoring the first-year Walk to Defeat ALS Las Cruces at NMSU stadium (Sisbarro Park). Electronic Caregiver, along with The Las Cruces Bulletin, Good Samaritan Village, NMSU, Andeles Restaurant, and others, is determined to make an impact on this devastating disease.

Our story is because of Julie and the joy she continuously shows in all aspects of her life, even after she found out two years ago that she has ALS. Julie's joy is contagious, and she became a spokesperson for our company. We at Electronic Caregiver want people to have the freedom and independence to live in their own homes. We want to provide protection and peace of mind to everyone. But because this is so much bigger than just us, we are reaching out to the community and to you.

**Because their challenge is real.** Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that never affects cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Eventually, people with ALS lose the ability to initiate and control muscle movement, which leads to paralysis and death, generally within two to five years of diagnosis. For unknown reasons, Veterans are two times as likely to develop ALS as the general population.

The ALS Association is the only national nonprofit organization fighting ALS on every front. New Mexico's chapter of the national ALS organization, is active, involved, and impacting communities including our very own. On average there are 110 New Mexico families receiving assistance from the ALS NM at any given time. New Mexico's chapter hosts



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## Walk to defeat ALS

a durable medical equipment loan closet loaning expensive and much-needed equipment to patients. It also fully funds all-in-one clinics throughout the state where patients can be seen in one day, at one location, by a multitude of providers including therapists, nutritionists, pharmacists, etc. One of the main reasons the ALSNM has identified these as their top priorities is because the average cost of ALS to each family is \$250,000 per patient per



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Ecg National Spokesperson for ALS Awareness Julie Kroske

year! We know our NM families can't afford that. We know our Las Cruces families need their community to walk this journey alongside them. And that includes you!

You, your business, and your employees are integral. Everyone can donate (every single dollar counts), and nearly everyone can walk, ride, or even wheelchair this self-paced 3-mile walk. We want to encourage local business to create walking teams and to raise funds for this

event. Registration is simple, no cost to your company and the walk offers a unique team building opportunity for your employees. It's been said, "If everyone helps to hold up the sky, then one person does not become tired." In the case of ALS, we Las Cruces who can 'hold up the sky' are desperately needed to help our own who are day by day, month by month continually losing their physical abilities

Join the movement. It's quick, it's easy, and it costs nothing to become part of the change in our own ALS community.

**Step 1:** Download the free Mobile App on Apple or Google Play Walk to Defeat ALS

**Step 2:** Create your team to walk alongside ECG, NMSU, Andeles, Good Samaritan Village, The Las Cruces Bulletin and more Las Cruces businesses

**Step 3:** Make a personal donation to your own team's fundraising goal

**Step 4:** Fundraise and advertise your support for this first-year ALS walk on your social media

**Step 5:** Update your team page with personal stories. Chances

are you or your staff have been affected by or love someone affected by ALS

**Step 6:** Encourage your next-door business neighbors to get involved. Maybe even create a team together, walk together, donate together and have a celebratory lunch together afterward!

**Step 7:** Invite your family, your church members, your friends to join your business team and make a significant impact on ALS and your brand awareness! Win-Win!

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