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Ricky Lujan aims for nothing but net on a free throw for Oñate High School, one of four Las Cruces teams that reached the quarterfinals of the state 5A basketball tournament. Oñate and Las Cruces High School each won games at home Saturday, March 6, to advance to play March 11 games at the Pit in Albuquerque. On the girls' side, Mayfield defeated Cleveland 47-33 to advance to a March 10 game against La Cueva. The Centennial High School girls beat West Mesa 36-28, earning a quarterfinal berth against Volcano Vista, also March 10. See other photos in Sports, page 54.

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County receives more than \$500,000 in state support to drive 2020 Census participation

As most people will receive their 2020 Census form in the mail by Apr. 1, the 2020 Regional Census Complete Count Committee, a multi-agency working group, received a second grant for \$256,101 to encourage everyone to get counted, by filling out their census form. The first grant, also for \$256,101 was awarded in 2019, making the state's support total more than \$500,000.

"Getting everyone counted is the most significant action we can take this spring because it will help shape numerous programs that help our community, over the next decade," said Dist. 5 Doña Ana County Commissioner Manuel Sanchez. "When we fill out the census form, whether it's online, by mail or phone, we ensure we will get congressional representation and federal dollars for healthcare, schools and roads in our community, regardless of our age, political affiliation or residential status."

Everyone who lives in Doña Ana County must be counted in the census because the alternative means \$64 million less funding, over the next 10 years, if only one percent of the county's residents is not counted.

New Mexico receives more than \$7 billion through federal programs for healthcare, highways, education, housing, jobs and other needs, based on census data. With so much at stake, the state appropriated \$3.5 million in 2019 to prepare for the 2020 Census by educating and encouraging all residents to get counted.

"Doña Ana County was awarded the additional funds to help maximize census participation, especially in hard-to-count groups in rural and unincorporated areas. We developed a comprehensive marketing and

outreach plan, in collaboration with a variety of organizations represented in our Complete Count Committee. Now, we will focus on helping people fill out their form accurately and on time," said Doña Ana County Manager Fernando R. Macias.

The number of people counted will directly impact

"In partnership with census representatives from the federal and state levels, including municipalities and educational, healthcare and non-profit organizations, we hope to reach everyone with our multi-faceted campaign," Macias said. "It is vital to reach every single constituent – from those inside the city

limits to the rural and transient communities – the message is the same: be counted."

The campaign includes internet and television advertisements, radio interviews and announcements, posters, flyers and social media in both English and Spanish. To ensure outreach to communities in rural areas, 26 promotoras and dozens of volunteers and census workers will help residents learn about and fill out their census.

The law requires the Census Bureau to keep information confidential and use responses only to produce statistics. Responses cannot be shared with any government agency or court. Online responses are encrypted to protect personal privacy.

"Counting everyone in our household tells federal and state legislators that our county earned and deserves investment," Macias said. "It is easy, fast and safe."

For more information, please visit www.icountnm.gov. To like the campaign on Facebook and keep up to date on related news, please visit www.facebook.com/DonaAnaCensus2020.



Pictured are residents who support the 2020 Census, at Young Park in Las Cruces. PHOTO: LIZ REED, Doña Ana County.

the amount of funding states and counties receive for programs ranging from school lunches, to Pell Grants for college, Medicare and even roads and infrastructure. Census data is also referenced by businesses to evaluate which cities may support their presence or growth. That includes healthcare clinics, retail stores and restaurants.

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City manager search winnowed to five

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima is eager for the city council to bring its next city manager on board.

The city had 101 applicants for the position. The recruiting company hired by the city narrowed that field to 10 candidates, which the mayor and council pared to five during a March 4 closed meeting. The five finalists will be interviewed Tuesday-Wednesday, March 17-18, in Las Cruces. The interviews will include a panel consisting of the mayor and city council, a stakeholder panel (composition to be determined) and a



David Dollahon

panel of City of Las Cruces department directors. A community reception featuring the finalists will be held Wednesday evening, March 18.

The five finalists are Interim City Manager William "Bill" Studer, Assistant City Manager



William 'Bill' Studer

and Chief Operating Officer David Dollahon, Los Lunas Village Administrator Greg Martin, City of San Antonio Neighborhood and Housing Services Director Veronica Soto and Loudoun County, Virginia, Assistant County Administrator Kenneth

Young.

Studer was named interim city manager last April 25, following the resignation of Stuart Ed, who served less than three years. Studer is stepping down from the post effective March 16 while the council deliberates. Studer began work for the City of Las Cruces as assistant city manager April 3, 2017. He is the former assistant city manager of Arlington, Texas, and El Paso.

Dollahon has worked for the City of Las Cruces since 1990 as an intern, technician, planner, administrator, director of the Quality of Life Department, assistant city manager and interim city manager.

Jim Ericson was city manager when Miyagishima was first elected to represent District 6 on the city council in 2001. During his six years as a city councilor and more than 12 years as mayor, Miyagishima has been involved in the selections of Terrance Moore, Robert Garza and Ed as city manager, he said.

Miyagishima said he was pleased with the 10 candidates selected by the city's consulting firm, and both he and City Councilor Gill Sorg, who is second to Miyagishima with more than 10 years of service on the council, said they were surprised that more than 100

people applied for the position, including applicants from 24 states and from outside the U.S..

Miyagishima said he is hopeful a permanent city manager will be selected by April 1 and will be on board in May.

"There are many attributes I will be looking for in a new city manager," said Sorg, who was first elected in 2009 and re-elected in 2013 and 2017. He served two years as mayor pro-tem. "The city manager's position is "a very important job with many important tasks and duties," Sorg said.

"Managers have tough jobs," Miyagishima said.

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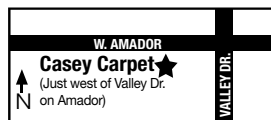
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McCamley leading by example at Arrowhead

By JESS WILLIAMS
Las Cruces Bulletin

Bill McCamley was in Las Cruces Friday to coach high schoolers about how to land jobs.

McCamley is secretary of New Mexico's Department of Workforce Solutions (NMDWS), but he's also a former state representative and a former Doña Ana County commissioner. Having sold himself to wary voters on multiple occasions, he came to Arrowhead Park Early College High School to introduce to its students the "Mock It 'Til You Rock It!" workshop series, through which students learn effective interviewing techniques, interpersonal relationship strategies and resume-writing skills that they can use when they enter the job market.

He called The Bulletin ahead of the workshop to talk about why the program is important, and how far-reaching he's hopeful the impact will be.

"These kids are bright," McCamley said, "but they're also too plugged in. We want to teach them that a good resume can't read like a text message or an Instagram post. They also need to know what to wear to an interview, the importance of eye contact, etc. We have to prepare these kids."

The program, he said, was developed and launched as part of Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham's initiative to increase youth career and college readiness opportunities, and it's taking McCamley around the state to work with community leaders to bring real-life, face-to-face opportunities for high schoolers to learn from people



BILL McCAMLEY

In total, he said, 45 schools across New Mexico have registered to host a mock interview event.

"The governor wants every New Mexican as ready as possible to get a job," McCamley said.

who've mastered the skills needed by an emergent workforce.

"This partnership with Las Cruces Public Schools will give our students a huge boost in being able to find and keep a career."

Schools are encouraged to hold pre-event workshops to prepare the students with resume building activities, interview skill building and professionalism classes.

A list of participating schools can be found at www.dws.state.nm.us/MockItTillYouRockIt.

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Living local, Las Cruces style

I was talking with a friend recently about buying local.

**RICHARD COLTHARP**

From the Publisher

Most of us understand the value and importance of local businesses. Most have heard the adage that, if you spend a dollar with a locally owned business, it stays in our area and gets spent at least seven times locally before it leaves town. With corporate chain stores, not as much.

There are many things, though, that are not easily found except through a corporate chain store, or online. But I can pretty much guarantee amazon.com will not sponsor your kid's cheerleading squad or help with your high school band fundraiser.

With a little patience, a little thought and a little creativity, we can all help local businesses, folks who provide the backbone of support to so many local groups and causes.

On a recent Saturday, I took pause to examine the clothes I was wearing and thought about where I got them.

Shoes: at the Clarks store in the El Paso Outlet Mall.

Socks: Organ Mountain Outfitters.

Underwear: Kmart (before it left Las Cruces – I guess that tells you how often I buy new underwear ... I know, TMI)

Jeans: Savers thrift store in Las Cruces (which donates to some local charities).

Belt: Made by Mr. Staley at the Las Cruces Farmers Market.

T-shirt: Bought from my friends at City Barber Shop, em-

blazoned with their logo.

Sweatshirt: A customized Aggie sweatshirt from Brian Cox and his crew at Sports Accessories.

NM State ball cap: Also from Sports Accessories.

That's actually pretty good. It would be pretty difficult to outfit myself much more locally than that.

Clothing is one of the hardest things to do locally.

When he was still carrying shoes, I would get my Stacy Adams Madison dress shoes from Michael at A Real Man in Mesilla. He still carries a lot of great shirts, hats and accessories.

Also in Mesilla, more geared toward women, there is the Emerald Isle Boutique, and some clothes and boots at Julienne Jewelry.

Downtown Las Cruces has Organ Mountain Outfitters with quite a few cool shirts and jackets and accessories. There are a few other local places to buy clothes, mostly specialty items.

Much easier is to find a local place to eat. In my mind, all of the best restaurants are locally owned ones, and many are very, very good. Too many good ones to list here by name. We have several that have been around for 50 years or more, and that says a lot.

There are many other types of local businesses to patronize here in the Mesilla Valley, to serve almost any need you can think of.

I took just a few minutes recently to review my own buying habits, which made me think of ways I could expand my local spending.

Not far from my house is Chavira's Produce, where I shop for veggies and fruit, and since they added a carniceria, I get a lot of my meat there also. We have a handful of local carnicerias and

tortillerias, and three full-fledged local grocery stores: Save Mart on Valley Drive, Mountain View Co-Op on Idaho Avenue and Toucan Market on University Avenue.

There are a lot of things you can do locally you might not have considered.

One man's trash ...

Is your mailbox flooded regularly with items you don't want, but worry about throwing away because it has some of your vital info? After all, identity theft is seemingly everywhere these days. What if I told you about a way to protect your information and also avoid adding to the landfill?

There's a local business called American Document Services, which can store your business's records (physically and/or electronically) and can also shred your personal papers. Then they make sure it's disposed of properly and sustainably.

Think local, drink local ...

There are so many local and regional brewers these days, you could go the rest of your life without ever purchasing Budweiser or Coors again. Most of the local brewers have growlers (refillable bottles) you can purchase and return time and again, avoiding a pileup of cans or bottles.

We also have several local winemakers, and from Little Toad Creek and Dry Point, we now have locally distilled liquors.

"Bring it on home to me ..."

Do you play a musical instrument or sing in a band? There are lots of great options without having to leave Doña Ana County. There's Mountain Music, Hubbard's Music-N-More, Mesilla

Valley Pro Music and White's Music Box, which has probably outfitted half the students who have marched in a high school band in Las Cruces for the past 62 years.

Four wheeling

Almost anything you need done to your vehicle can be done right here in Las Cruces. That's common when it comes to auto repair, detailing and used cars, but even most of our large, brand-name dealerships have local, community-minded ownership. All you have to do to be reminded of that is to take a walk on the New Mexico State University campus at the Pat and Lou Sisbarro Park.

Two wheeling

If you'd rather have two wheels than four, you have two long-established local bicycle shops, Ride On Sports and Outdoor Adventures. And if you like your bicycle with a little electric boost, there's a new outfit called E-Bikes of Southern New Mexico.

And if you like your two wheels with some real, gasoline-powered vroom, check out Las Cruces Motorsports. They've also got some with three wheels and four.

Jonesing for java?

We all know there are plenty of national chain places you can go to get coffee, but none that will also serve you a green chile bagel or a green chile cheddar scone.

You've got a friend

I could go on forever, and maybe will in a future column, but I'll end here: there's one local place you can go to find your new best friend, the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley.

Gold Star Memorial is paid for, car show coming

If you have ever had the pleasure of visiting the Veterans Memorial Park in Las Cruces, you will have noticed memorials that honor all those who served our country from WWI through the Vietnam War.

A group of local veterans was sitting around talking about the park one day when Mike Cano (retired Air Force) noted that the park was lacking one very important memorial. His exact words were, "We honor all those who served our country, but I think we should have a Gold Star Memorial that honors the family members who lost a



DAVID CHEEK

Guest columnist

loved one during one of the wars."

All of the vets agreed with Mike's thoughts. However, there was one major problem. We estimated we needed to come up with

about \$10,000 to pay for the memorial. We tossed around several ideas on how to raise the money.

The idea of a Veterans Memorial Park calendar popped into Richard Lewis' head. The rest of the group liked the idea, so Lewis gave Fred Huff a call, and he agreed to do the photography and put it together. While taking photos at the park, he ran into Hubert Gay (retired Air Force). Huff asked Gay and his wife

to help select 12 photos from more than 100 he had shot. With their help, Huff came up with a masterpiece in less than a week.

Next, Lewis called Johnny Hernandez (retired Army) at Insta-Copy. They negotiated a price, and a week later he had 500 calendars ready for pick-up. Lewis enlisted several vets to help sell the calendars, and they sold fast. Within a month, Bill Boling and Lewis sold 75. Elsa Baker (retired Air Force) sold 55. Cano sold 60. Gay and Huff sold another 200. In less than two months, more than \$10,000 had been raised.

The Gold Star Memorial has been ordered, and it's paid in full. The

memorial will be made of black granite with the Family Gold Star mounted on top. We hope to have it in place by the end of May.

The term Gold Star Family ties back to the service flag. Flags or banners were first flown in the windows of homes of families with a family member serving in our military during WWI. The flag included a blue star for every immediate family member serving.

If a family member was killed, the blue star was replaced with a gold star, signifying to the community the high price paid for freedom. Today, the nation recognizes the sacrifices of all Gold Star Family members. Gold Star Mother's and Fam-

ily's Day is the last Sunday of September, and Gold Star Spouse's Day is April 5.

The strength of our military is all who serve. The strength of those who serve is their family members. We recognize that no one has given more for our nation than the families of the fallen.

So what's next? Beginning at 7 a.m., March 21, the Veterans of Southern New Mexico will hold a Veterans Gold Star Memorial Car Show at Borman Autoplex. The fee to enter a vehicle is \$25, and there will be trophies for top 25, best of show and people's choice. There will be music and food at the event. Proceeds benefit Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico and El

Paso, as well as the Gold Star Memorial Fund.

If you are a family or know of a family having lost a close relative while serving our nation, please have them contact Hernandez at 575-526-6602 or Lewis at 575-525-4556 or 575-444-6445.

As veterans, we plan to honor the family members at the March 21 car show, and we're hopeful residents – veterans or not – from all over Las Cruces will join us in doing so.

Staff Sgt. David Cheek served in the United States Army from April of 1966 to May of 1968, and he served in the Vietnam War for most of that time.



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Equal Opportunity Cowboy

Betty Lynne is a cowboy. If you don't believe it, ask her husband to show you the snapshot of her bruise.

Last summer, they had a cow killed by lightning on their ranch. They figured they'd better bring in the orphaned calf. The afternoon of the rescue, Betty Lynne saddled ol' Frosty, a reliable ex-Appaloosa racehorse. That allowed Sean, her husband, to ride T-Bird, one of the colts they were training.

They trailered to the pasture. Sean stayed outside the bunch, practicin' quarter circles and slides, while Betty Lynne searched for the little black Heifer calf they knew to be the dogie. She spotted the calf and eased up. She missed the



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easy shot. The calf was wild as a deer and evaded loop after loop as Betty Lynne and Frosty chased her back and forth across the Montana horizon.

Frosty was losing patience and Betty Lynne was frustrated. As she said, she never claimed to be a header and had always been envious of men who are not hampered by fallen bra straps while in hot pursuit of a critter. "Messses up yer swing," she says.

At last, she'd lined up on a decent shot and let sail a pretty loop. Suddenly aware of the drama unfolding in front of her, the biggest, fattest cow in the county looked up from her grazing and stuck her head square in the loop!

The calf ran off (snickering, no doubt), the cow spooked and Betty Lynne lost her dally. The cow ran off after the calf.

Sean hurried to help, handed her his rope, and with a straight face, suggested she heel the cow and he'd run up and get her rope back.

Off she went, determined. It's not easy to run up on a critter who's draggin' a rope behind her like a swishin' snake. But Betty Lynne got close enough to double hock the cow. Just as she grabbed her dally, the tail of the snake brushed Frosty's feet. He blew up and left the ground! They were four feet off the ground when the cow, all 1,200 pounds of her, hit the end of the line. It was like bein' hit by a train. Frosty went sailing sideways. Betty Lynne bucked

into orbit. On her descent, Frosty kicked Betty Lynne in midair, flipped her over and she landed in a sitting position. Just right to see the rest of the wreck.

Sean had just stepped off T-Bird to go for the rope. T-Bird spun across him, stepped on his foot and followed Frosty back toward the barn.

The happy couple lay ironed out in the grass and watched the cow, who had kicked out one heel, headed east draggin' both their ropes.

Although I've not seen the bruise, or the photo, Betty Lynne said it showed the accurate outline of the hoof wall, complete with frog. Somehow, I believe her.

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OBITUARIES



Gary Lyn Guss

Gary Lyn Guss, age 71, passed away in Las Cruces on February 28, 2020 from complications from sepsis.

Gary was born on February 27, 1949 in Roswell, NM. He was preceded in death by his parents Willard Howard Guss, Virgie Louise Carter Guss, and his brother Alan Dwayne Guss. Gary is survived

by his wife of 50 years, Linda Doyal Guss, a brother Timothy Guss (Breanna) of Medford, OR, sister-in-law Lisa Guss of San Antonio, TX, daughter Kimberly Guss of Albuquerque, sons Christopher Guss (Nicole) of Albuquerque, and Gerald Guss (Mandy) of Las Cruces. He is also survived by five grandsons: Steven, Austin (Terrah), and Dominic Ortega, Eryk Beckler, and Rydeen Guss, nieces Tiffany Briggs (Nick), Amber Hairell (Matt)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Science is missing

To the editor:
Can you believe that no statement can come from our federal health officials—like Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Institutes of Health – about the spread of the novel corona virus without the approval of Disease Czar Mike Pence?

Pence is the same person who, when governor of Indiana, resisted on religious grounds the use of clean needles to prevent the spread of HIV and hepatitis. Eventually he capitulated, but in the interim, many people died.

I was in the federal government for 30 years when decisions about disease prevention were based on science rather than political or moral views. Have we returned to the 15th century, when we didn't know about bacteria and viruses?

*Paul O'Connell
Las Cruces*

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Much belated progress on crisis triage center

For the last seven years, anytime I wanted to challenge county commissioners on government inefficiency, I would point to the empty building that was intended to be a crisis triage center.

It's not just the \$2 million spent to construct the building in 2012, or the money spent since then to secure and maintain it that bothered me so much. It was the obvious need that continued to go unmet every year since then.

Former County Manager Brian Haines had convinced the county commission, and the community, of the need for a facility (other than jail) where law enforcement



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The View
From Here

officers could bring those who were undergoing a mental health crisis.

County jails throughout the nation have become defacto mental-health

providers, especially for the poor, with predictably horrible results.

The same year that the crisis triage center was finished, the county reached a \$15.5 million settlement with former inmate Stephen Slevin.

Slevin was not the victim of intentional cruelty, but rather self-imposed isolation and neglect. Those responsible for his care lacked both the expertise and the resources to fulfill their duties.

Police and deputies were taking people with mental illness to jail for minor crimes, because they knew it would often take hours if they were to seek mental health services for them instead, Haines said. That was another problem that the crisis triage center was going to solve.

And so, there was a lot of optimism when county leaders grabbed their shovels and posed for the ceremonial groundbreaking photos. But by the time construction was finished, it was clear that the county didn't have a plan for either operations or funding.

Seven years later, they still didn't. Until now.

At the Feb. 25 County Commission meeting, commissioners heard

a report from outside consultants on the crisis triage center, as well as the larger issues of behavioral health and criminal justice.

It recommends that the crisis triage center provide stabilization and brief intervention for those undergoing a mental health crisis, and then connections to long-term care providers. The center should be licensed for 23-hour stabilization or 14-day observation.

The report also calls for mobile crisis response teams with both law enforcement officers and mental health professionals to answer emergency calls and a pre-arrest diversion program for low-level offenders.

The report calls for the

county to tap into both state and federal funding to help pay for operations of the center. And, there may be some federal money available now to get the center opened. But the long-range plan must include a stable revenue source from the county.

And there's more good news: La Clinica de Familia recently broke ground on a new facility that will expand its ability to provide behavioral health outpatient services to adults in Las Cruces. Other centers are planned for Sunland Park and Chaparral.

It has been a struggle to right the ship ever since the disastrous overhaul of the state behavioral health system in 2013 based on false allegations of fraud by the Martinez adminis-

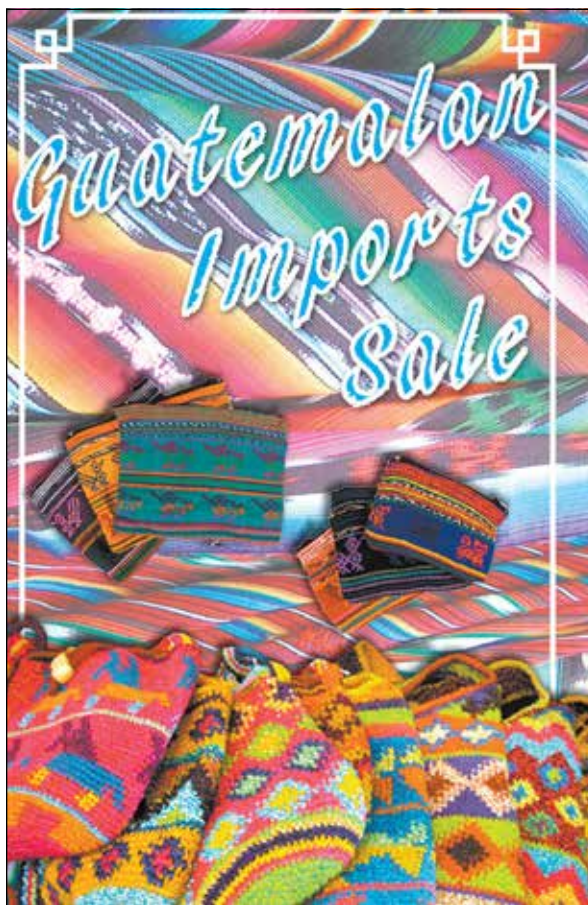
tration. And, to be honest, the ship was on choppy waters even before then.

Behavioral health services in New Mexico have always been fragmented and difficult, if not impossible, to access in rural areas of the state.

I was disappointed that the Behavioral Health Community Integration Act sponsored by Sen. Mary Kay Papen and Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena didn't get heard in the legislature this year.


But we need to recognize and applaud progress when it happens. If the county is able to get a fully functioning crisis triage center up and running, that would be a huge step forward.

Walt Rubel can be reached at waltrubel@gmail.com.



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All you need to know about pollinators

By **CASSIE McCLURE**
and **Suzanne Michaels**

For the Bulletin

Pollinators — like bees, hummingbirds and butterflies — keep the ecosystem of your garden healthy. Learn more about how to attract them with Claudette Harvell, from Wild Birds Unlimited, at the free Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) Lush and Lean Workshop on Thursday, March 19.

“Not just bright, beautiful plants need pollina-

tors. All flowering plants make use of pollinators to spread their pollen,” said Harvell, who focuses on sustainability and eco-friendly solutions at the store.

She also likes to clear up common misconceptions. For example, native bees rarely sting, and you don’t need red dye in your sugar water mixture to attract hummingbirds. “A simple red feeder is best,” says Harvell, “don’t make it too ornate in coloring because that

will also attract bees. And change the water every two days.”

Harvell said your messier-than-you-might-like yard has a fan club of little critters who make habitats from what is already there. For instance, stray leaves are excellent places for caterpillars to hide as they transform into butterflies.

Bees, she said, can’t swim and don’t like to get their feet wet. And butterflies appreciate ‘drinking’ from damp earth, where

they can also take in minerals from the soil.”

Get practical advice from the free LCU Lush and Lean Workshops held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings in the Roadrunner Room of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Pica-cho Ave. See the complete list of speakers and Lush and Lean dates at <http://www.las-cruces.org/1288/Lush-Lean-Workshops>.

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No need to fear friendly garden helpers, like this mason bee. Learn more about how to attract bees, hummingbirds and butterflies to your garden at the free LCU Lush and Lean Workshop on Thursday, March 19, at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.



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Rodriguez announces re-election bid

Doña Ana County Treasurer Eric Rodriguez has announced he is seeking re-election.

"I am pleased to report that I have met every commitment that I made to this community, but there is still more that I can improve," Rodriguez said. "That is why I'm asking for your vote of confidence once again".

Rodriguez, a Democrat, has served as county treasurer since willing election in 2016, and he was chief deputy treasurer for a year prior.

Rodriguez said he has enhanced the collection



Eric Rodriguez

efforts of the office by offering more services to taxpayers, including electronic billing, pre-payment options and convenient payment locations for rural residents. During his term, the office has seen clean audits with improved cash management processes, he said.

In 2019, Rodriguez reported a 70 percent increase in investment revenue due to changes

in investment strategy. In December, the S&P upgraded the county's credit rating from A- to AA, a two-level increase that is considered "unusual" by S&P standards. "This two level upgrade speaks volumes about our cash management efforts," Rodriguez said.

During his term, Rodriguez said he has maintained a 99 percent collection rate, ensuring funding for local entities. He said he has decreased the amount of delinquent properties turned over to

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Reynaud runs for Dist. 4 commission seat

Richard Reynaud has announced his candidacy for the Republican primary for District 4 on the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners. His announcement is as follows:

"I am a lifelong Las Cruces resident, retired White Sands Missile Range worker, small business owner and registered engineer. I attended Immaculate Heart of Mary elementary school, Lynn Junior High, Las Cruces High and received my bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from



Richard Reynaud

New Mexico State University in 1983. My parents, Raymond Reynaud Sr. and Josefa Muñoz Reynaud, raised their seven children in this community to be hard working, fair and independent.

"As a conservative, I will bring firsthand knowledge of economic development in District 4, because my business is involved in the permitting of new construction

projects (including infrastructure) throughout the entire county. I fully supported the County Commission in rejecting the recent red-flag law. I will investigate why our county does not honor ICE detainees, placing law enforcement and minority residents in danger. I am an advocate for law enforcement and will continue to defend the Border Patrol from attacks by opportunistic politicians.

"Doña Ana County is facing an imminent

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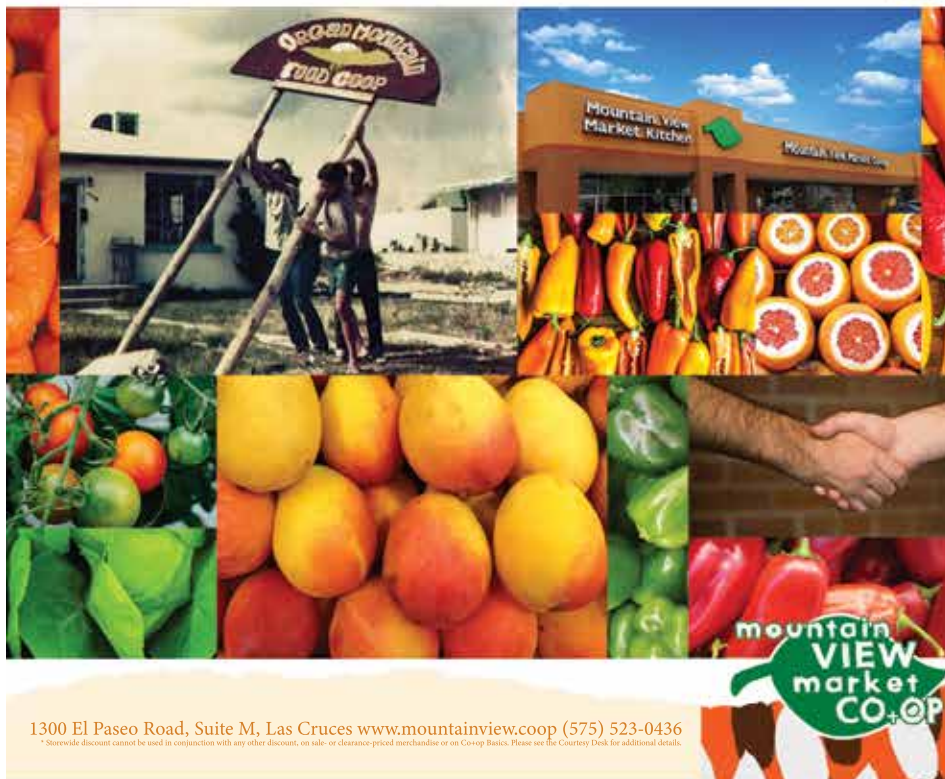
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threat to its economy because of the statewide minimum-wage increase. Local businesses cannot now compete with El Paso due to our too-high minimum wage. I will advocate for a fair-trade zone in which the county could compete on the same economic footing as El Paso.

"I believe that the

politically correct philosophy of history of the social-justice movement is harmful; it is irresponsible to teach minorities that they are victims living in a world of racism in which they cannot compete. I have defended our local historians and Mesilla from disrespectful attacks by Las Cruces City councilors and will continue to do so."

Reynaud can be reached at 575-312-0439.

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the state, retaining more than \$200,000 dollars for the community in 2019 alone.

He said he has also improved customer service. "I often receive praise about my staff, which proves that we are meeting our customer-service commitment".

Rodriguez is married to Teresita Batres, together they have two children, Emma Luna, 5, and Emilio Lorenzo, 2. "I am proud to raise a family in this community, so it would be an honor to continue serving the people who make this a great place to live," he said.

OBITUARIES

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and nephews Kris Loveless (Erica) and Tyler Guss.

Gary grew up in Roswell, NM. He graduated from Roswell High School where he played bass clarinet in the band and met his wife, Linda. He continued his education at NMSU where he received a degree in electrical engineering. He retired from El Paso Electric Company after working there for forty years. After retirement, he and his wife moved to Ancho, NM where he was residing prior to his death.

Gary's hobbies included building HO model railroad layouts, shooting firearms and reloading ammunition, piloting small airplanes, learning about military history and identifying military planes, ships, tanks, and weaponry, and photographing and developing film and making his wife laugh every day.

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La Casa's focus is on domestic violence

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

If he could have a conversation with her, the director of Doña Ana County's domestic-violence prevention program would ask Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham "to shift the focus" to bring more attention and more resources to the issue of domestic violence in Las Cruces and statewide.

"We're not talking about it at the state level," said Henry Brutus, who became executive director of La Casa, Inc. in March 2018. "It's not a priority. We're waiting until they (victims) come to us."

One example, Bru-



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK
La Casa, Inc. Executive Director Henry Brutus

tus said, is the state's budget for La Casa and the approximately 30 other domestic-violence prevention programs



statewide. The New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NMCADV) requested a \$3.5 million funding increase in state funding for the programs, which Lujan Grisham included in her 2020 budget. But

the Legislative Finance Committee cut the increase to \$1.6 million, said NMCADV Executive Director Pam Wiseman. Domestic violence programs currently receive about \$11 million in annual funding, which in-

cludes a little more than \$1 million from the U.S. Health and Human Services Department, Wiseman said.

NMCADV is a non-profit created in 1979 and based in Albuquerque that "provides support and assistance to domestic violence programs across the state," according to its mission statement. It includes 31 domestic violence programs in the state plus other interested organizations, Wiseman said.

Domestic violence has "really never gotten attention" statewide, Wiseman said. "People don't want to talk about it or think about it."

Law enforcement agencies statewide re-

ported 19,234 incidents of domestic violence in 2017, according to the New Mexico Department of Health website.

Nearly 20,700 suspects were named in those incidents, along with more than 21,000 victims, more than 6,700 children were at the scene, 41 percent of the incidents involved injury to the victim, 58 percent involved a weapon, 27 percent involved alcohol and/or drugs and 38 percent resulted in a suspect being arrested.

District courts statewide handled 1,956 cases of domestic violence in 2017, with 29 percent resulting in convictions and 54 percent being

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dismissed. Magistrate courts handled almost 12,000 new domestic violence cases in 2017, with eight percent resulting in convictions and 79 percent being dismissed.

Service providers reported fielding more than 13,000 calls to crisis hotlines in 2017, served nearly 6,500 adult victims of domestic violence, treated about 1,150 offenders and served nearly 2,800 children who were victims of domestic violence.

Brutus said Doña Ana



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH in Doña Ana County

County has the third highest rate of domestic violence per capita among New Mexico's 33 counties.

The NMDOH report for 2017 included 1,257 cases filed with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office, 778 with the Las

Cruces Police Department, 22 filed with the New Mexico State Police in Las Cruces, 55 with the Anthony Police Department and nine with the Hatch Police Department. The report said nearly 2,000 domestic violence crisis calls were received in Doña Ana County, 2013-17. Reporting in the county is probably low, he said, because some victims don't report domestic violence when the abuser is the family breadwinner or if they fear deportation.

La Casa's shelter in Las Cruces, which can house up to 90 individuals and families, was 95

percent full throughout 2019, Brutus said, and has a waiting list. The program's available transitional housing is also at capacity, he said.

Men are the abusers in most domestic violence cases (71 percent of victims statewide are female), "but they are absent from conversations" about it, Brutus said. "Why are they not involved in bringing solutions?" he asked.

The impact of domestic violence on children also does not receive the attention it should, Brutus said. "They hear everything," he said, and "are very sensitive to how their parents are interacting. They're being impacted as well."

Poverty can also play a significant role, especially if the abuser is the sole source of a family's income. It usually takes

more than 10 instances of domestic violence for the victim to leave a relationship, Brutus said.

The legal system also needs to do more to help the victims of domestic violence, Brutus said.

La Casa's program for offenders shows that 80 percent were abused as children or grew up in a home where domestic violence occurred, Brutus said. Many abusers were also the victims of bullying. About 90 percent of La Casa's clients – victims and offenders – say they wish they had known the program existed when they were children.

Because education is a key component of dealing with domestic violence, Brutus said, La Casa works with school districts in Doña Ana County to help children learn about domestic vio-

lence and who they can talk to about it, including school nurses, counselors and teachers.

Brutus said La Casa has "an amazing relationship with the Las Cruces Police Department and has found county Sheriff Kim Stewart "very supportive."

The good news is that more abusers – both men and women – are seeking services from La Casa, Brutus said. And men who are victims are also beginning to come forward. The La Casa, Inc. shelter includes about a half-dozen male victims, he said.

La Casa, Inc. was founded in 1981 and is the largest domestic violence shelter in New Mexico. La Casa also has an office in Anthony, New Mexico.

Brutus answers to a 10-member board of directors, and he supervises 45 full-time employees, four part-time employees and "hundreds of volunteers. He said the annual client base for La Casa, Inc., exceeds 1,000.

Guided by board President Susana Chaparro, Vice President Terri McBrayer and Treasurer Edward Martinez, Brutus said the other members are Kellie Dinsmore, Angelica Rigales, Robert Sharpe, Annette Morales, Marco Olvera, Alejandra Rosales and Anna Ransom.

For more information, contact Brutus at 575-526-2819 or hbrutus@lacasainc.org. Visit www.lacasainc.org and www.nmcadv.org.

Bulletin Editor Jess Williams contributed to this article.



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Competition rules the day as candidates file

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico Secretary of State's office listed 54 candidates in 19 races for 13 seats in the New Mexico Legislature representing Doña Ana County and six races for county office. A total of 32 Democrats, 21 Republicans and one Libertarian filed for

local offices in the June 2 primary, with winners advancing to the Nov. 3 ballot.

Doña Ana County voters will also cast ballots in races for the U.S. Senate and New Mexico's Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

U.S. Congress

U.S. Senator: Incumbent

Democrat Tom Udall is not running for re-election. Democrat (1): U.S. Rep. Ben R. Lujan of Santa Fe; Libertarian (1): Bob Walsh, Santa Fe; Republican (4): Elisa Maria Martinez, Mark V. Ronchetti, Louis Sanchez, all of Albuquerque; Gavin S. Clarkson, Las Cruces; (Republican 2018 U.S. Senate candidate Mick Rich dropped out of the primary race March 10; Republican Richard T. Montoya, Rio Rancho, was listed as disqualified by the New Mexico Secretary of State's office)

U.S. Representative, District 2: Democrat (1): Incumbent Xochitl Torres Small, Las Cruces; Republican (3): 2018 U.S. representative candidate Yvette Herrell, Alamogordo; Claire Chase, Roswell; Chris Mathys, Las Cruces

State Senate

• District 31, located entirely in Doña Ana County (DAC); Democrat (3): incumbent Joseph Cervantes, Las Cruces; Melissa Ontiveros, Las Cruces; Arturo E. Terrazas, Sunland Park; Republican (1): John Thomas Roberts, Anthony
• District 34, located

mostly in Otero and Eddy counties, with one precinct in DAC; Democrat (1): Darren Murray Kugler, Cloudcroft; Republican (1): incumbent Ron Griggs, Alamogordo

• District 35, which includes parts of Luna, Hidalgo Sierra and Doña Ana counties; Democrat (2): incumbent John Arthur Smith, Deming; Neomi O. Martinez-Parra, Lordsburg; Republican (1): Crystal R. Diamond, Elephant Butte

• District 36, located entirely in DAC; Democrat (1): incumbent Jeff Steinborn; Republican (2): Roger Martin Baker II, Kimberly A. Skaggs, all of Las Cruces

• District 37, located entirely in DAC; Democrat (1): incumbent Bill Soules; Republican (1): David W. Gallus, both of Las Cruces

• District 38, located entirely in DAC; Democrat (3): incumbent Mary Kay Papen, Tracy Lynn Perry, Carrie Hamblen; Republican (1): Charles R. Wendler, all of Las Cruces

State Representative

• District 33: located entirely in DAC; Democrat

(1): incumbent Micaela Lara Cadena; Republican (1): Beth E. Miller, both of Las Cruces

• District 34, located entirely in DAC; Democrat (2): incumbent Raymundo "Ray" Lara, former state Rep. Bealquin "Bill" Gomez; Republican (1): Dawn E. Ladd, all of La Mesa

• District 35, located entirely in DAC; Democrat (1): incumbent Angelica Rubio; Republican (1): Richelle A. Ponder, both of Las Cruces

• District 36, located entirely in DAC; Democrat (1): incumbent Nathan Small; Republican (1): Brandi L. Polanco, both of Las Cruces

• District 37, located entirely in DAC; Democrat (1): incumbent Joanne Ferrary; Republican (1): Isabella Solis, both of Las Cruces

• District 39, which includes parts of Grant, Sierra and Doña Ana counties; Democrat (1): incumbent Rodolpho S. "Rudy" Martinez; Republican (1): Luis M. Terrazas, both of Silver City

• District 52, located entirely in DAC; Democrat

(1): incumbent Doreen Y. Gallegos; Republican (1): John Foreman, both of Las Cruces

• District 53, which includes Doña Ana and Otero counties; Democrat (1): incumbent Willie D. Madrid, Republican (1): former state Rep. Ricky L. Little, both of Chaparral Third Judicial District Attorney: (Incumbent Democrat Mark D'Antonio did not file for re-election) Democrat (2): Gerald Milton Byers, Davis Rutherford Ruark, both of Las Cruces; Republican: none

Doña Ana County Commission

• District 2: Democrat (2): incumbent Ramon S. Gonzales, Anthony Mayor Diana Murillo-Trujillo, both of Anthony; Republican: none

• District 4 (incumbent Republican Solis is running for state representative); Democrat (3): Debra Ann Hathaway, Sam Bradley, Irma Susana Chapparro; Libertarian (1): Buck Bonner; Republican (3): Jesus O. Oropeza, Stacie Michelle Durham, Richard J. Reynaud, all of Las Cruces except Durham, who is from Organ

• District 5: Democrat (1): incumbent Manuel A./ Sanchez; Republican (1): Robert Bruce Flora, both of Las Cruces


County Clerk: Democrat (2): incumbent Amanda Lopez Askin, Andrew J. Ostic; Republican (1): Cheryl de Young, all of Las Cruces

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Mayfield's 'moon buggy' team ready to race

By **MIKE COOK**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Six Mayfield High School students will travel to Huntsville, Alabama, in April to represent New Mexico in the 26th annual NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge, perhaps better known as the "Moonbuggy Race."

Mayfield will again be the only New Mexico high school or college team in the competition, which will have more than 100 entries from the United States and about 20 other countries.

Despite significant budget and time disadvantages, Mayfield

teams have done extremely well in the competition during the past nine years, said MHS teacher and NASA rover sponsor Doug Cometti. Mayfield students have placed as high as seventh (2018) in the competition, which includes some high school and college teams with huge budgets and entire classes devoted to their vehicles.

The competition is April 17-18 on a three-quarter mile track at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville that simulates the surface of the moon, Cometti said, adding that the track including sand and

gravel pits, hills, boulders and other hazards designed to provide "an authentic engineering experience."

"It's physically demanding," said Mayfield Principal Eric Fraass, who has traveled to Alabama to join Cometti and the NASA Rover team for the competition for each of the past four years and plans to go this year.

The rover, or moonbuggy, is pedal-powered by two students – one boy and one girl – on each of the two days of the competition. In addition to maneuvering across the challenging terrain, the team

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The Mayfield High School NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge team includes, left to right, Mayfield teacher and team sponsor Doug Cometti, and students Hayden Menges, Blake Myer, Dylan Cometti, Calvin Cox, Kaia Bundy and Caelee Jimerson. At far right is Mayfield Principal Eric Fraass.

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RACE

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must complete tasks like picking up water and soil samples, planting a flag and deploying a solar device, Cometti said. This year's tasks will also include taking photographs with different filters, according to the NASA website.

The entire race must be completed in fewer than eight minutes, and that includes assembling the 250-pound rover, which must fit into a five-foot by five-foot cube.

The rover is made largely by hand. In a major rule change this year, NASA will no longer allow pneumatic tires or other commercially purchased wheels in the race. That means the MHS team can buy the central hubs but must make its own spokes and treads.

The finished product will feature Mayfield's green and gold colors, Cometti said. Team member Kaia Bundy, a sophomore, is the team's "head bedazzler."

Each pedal on the rover costs \$750, which includes two gears, Cometti said. Some other teams in the competition will have up to 14 gears, he said.

"It's really fun," team member Dylan Cometti, Doug's son, and a Mayfield sophomore said about the race. "I like building stuff," he said. This year's rover must be at least 51 percent redesigned from last year to compete, and Dylan said he is

looking forward to a complete redesign of the vehicle for the 2021 competition.

Calvin Cox, also a sophomore, said he looks forward to getting to meet and interact with aerospace engineers during the competition, because that's the field he wants to pursue as a professional career.

All six team members are "pretty fit," Dylan said, and that's an essential part of being a team member because of the arduous nature of the course and the physical stamina it demands.

Dylan, Calvin, Kaia and fellow rover team members junior Hayden Menges, senior Blake Myer and sophomore Caelee Jimerson participate in everything from ballet and volleyball to track and field and football, and that helps keep them in shape.

The team has taken the rover around the school, looking for "obstacles" to practice their racing skills.

For more information, visit www.nasa.gov/stem/roverchallenge/competition/index.html.

Donate to the Mayfield NASA Rover team

Cometti said Mayfield competes in the rover challenge on a shoestring budget. If you want to make a donation to help pay for the students' travel to Alabama and their lodging, contact Cometti at jcometti@lcpsonet.net.



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We often don't consider the long-term impact that practicing the fine arts can have on the body. Yet dancers, musicians, visual artists and even performing artists are not immune to experiencing pain and injury related to their crafts.

Artists of all types express themselves in ways that require various levels of strength, flexibility, balance, precision and dexterity. Over time, this can have a real impact on their bodies, issues that may manifest as discomfort, pain, injury and movement limitations."

With the most potential for stress on their bodies, dancers, of course, may experience some of the same types of injuries as jumping athletes. But, artists who practice other lower-impact crafts are not immune to the long-term stress of practicing, creating and performing. Musicians, for example, often have to train their bodies to bend, reach and grip in incredibly tense and precise ways for long periods of time. Even visual artists may find themselves bent tightly over a piece of art over long periods, which can lead to a number of potential musculoskeletal disorders."

The following are some common issues that can develop within various populations of artists:

Dancers: Along with the potential for acute injuries, dancers of all types are prone to overuse injuries in the hips, knees, ankles and feet. Injuries like hip impingement, tendonitis in the hip flexor or Achilles tendon, runner's knee (patello-femoral pain syndrome), stress fractures, and even the development of arthritis are common in dancers.

Musicians: Those who play string, percussion or wind instruments can, over the long term, also develop overuse and repetitive strain injuries (RSIs).



RSIs are in pain the muscles, nerves and tendons caused by repetitive movements. Conditions such as tendonitis, bursitis, carpal tunnel syndrome and thoracic outlet syndrome can be painful. They can also affect a musician's strength, endurance, and ability to properly grip their instrument.

Visual Artists: Visual artists such as painters and sculptors are also not immune to RSIs and overuse injuries (i.e., tendonitis, carpal tunnel, etc.). The focus and precision that goes into artists' efforts can cause them to work for long periods of time without a break – sometimes in awkward positions – adding tension and strain to the body.

Performing Arts: Covering a broad spectrum of people, from actors to stage and lighting designers, injury trends in the performing arts are more difficult to track. However, excelling in this field requires mental and physical endurance. Performing artists often work and practice long hours while wearing multiple hats, often crossing into other elements of fine arts such as dancing, music and visual arts.

The need to perform artistically is so strong in some people, it can seem to rival their need to breathe. So, when pain, weakness or discomfort starts to affect your work, it's important to get in to see a physical therapist early for an assessment. Physical therapists can also identify the potential for painful conditions before they occur, providing clients with exercises and treatments for strengthening their bodies to avoid injury.

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COMING UP

By **JESS WILLIAMS**
Las Cruces Bulletin

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

American Legion fundraiser: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Joe Quisenberry American Legion Hall, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. \$7 per person. Info: 575-649-6971.

Kiwanis Club Lenten fish fry: 4-7 p.m., Good Samaritan Village Social Center, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. \$10 per person. Tickets and info: Kiwanis-lascruces.org.

Barnes & Noble events: Mesilla Valley Mall, 700

S. Telshor Blvd. Info: crm2144@bn.com.
7 p.m. Friday, March 13:
YA Book Club featuring
"A Good Girl's Guide to Murder."

11 a.m. Saturday, March 14: Story time and activities featuring Pete the Cat: The Great Leprechaun.

11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 15: Baby and Me story time featuring "My First I See You: A Mirror Book."

11 a.m. Saturday, March 21: Story time and activities featuring Pig the Tourist.

11:30 a.m., Sunday, March 22: Baby and Me

story time featuring The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
Bataan Death March registration deadline: Visit www.BataanMarch.com to register in advance of the March 15 event.

La Mancha Wetland clean-up: 8 a.m. to noon, From Picacho Avenue or Calle del Norte, take Fairacres Road to Aries Ave. Go south under I-10 to the end of Aries. Bring water, gloves, sun protection, work clothes/shoes,

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New Mexico Water & Electric



The use of solar energy to either offset standard utility costs or to move entirely away from the established power grid continues to be an ever-improving option for many home and business owners in Southern New Mexico.

While the basics of most solar energy systems are somewhat easy to comprehend, assuring the installation of an appropriate array designed to meet specific customer needs can be difficult and costly, especially with a growing number of variously qualified service providers now vying to install systems before the 2022 sunset of a 26-percent federal tax rebate offer.

Southern New Mexico-based owners and licensed contractors with New Mexico Water & Electric are not only fully qualified and experienced with the installation of all types of solar energy systems, they are fully versed in both the benefits and often misleading information relating to the current federal rebate program and other available support for consumers.

With the federal tax rebate program set to end in less than two years, solar energy service firms from outside the community and state are now flocking to Southern New Mexico to provide solar energy options, which ostensibly will allow local home and business owners to take advantage of the available cost returns. Officials with New Mexico Water & Electric want all of those considering this opportunity to understand that the federal program does not apply to everyone. The current rebate offer applies only to "taxable income," which means many retired citizens and those living on fixed income will not qualify.

New Mexico Water & Electric also wants local consumers to recognize that without the installation of considerable back-up components most residential/small commercial solar energy systems will still be reliant upon connections to the local power grid, and therefore could be wholly ineffective if and when the power grid fails or is otherwise taken offline.

In addition to this concern, New Mexico Water & Electric reminds potential customers how the installation of most residential systems will involve considerable roof-work and the drilling of possibly hundreds of holes into the roofing surface. This factor makes it critical to assure the installation process is not only professionally executed, but also raises questions about how non-local firms might respond, or not respond when eventual roofing repairs or replacement becomes necessary.

Average costs associated with the installation of residential solar energy systems presently hover at or above \$20,000+, leading many consumers to consider package deals and enticing financing options being forwarded by the increasing number of service providers. Assuring the viability of such deals and options, as well as securing connections for followup repairs, maintenance assistance and other services are therefore vital, for customers to both justify and feel good about such an investment.

Having hands-on experience with the installation of all available types of solar arrays and integrated components, throughout Southern New Mexico, NMWE's contractors are eager to help area residents secure the most effective solution for every possible need or concern.

Whether you may be looking to supplement power for your home or business, or if you're looking to install a system to be completely independent of the power grid, New Mexico Water & Electric is fully qualified and prepared to help you realize your goals. In addition to quality installation and service capabilities, NMWE's staff stand ready to assist New Mexico residents in making the best decisions possible for their energy future.

Aside from solar energy concerns, New Mexico Water & Electric's licensed contractors are further prepared to assist customers with the development of water wells, water purification systems, as well as with all other types of electrical services.

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New Mexico Water & Electric (NM License No. 394531) is based in Hillsboro, New Mexico, with offices located at 10849 Highway 152. Further information about how they might help you achieve your solar energy goals, is available by phoning (575) 895-3306, or by connecting online through the firm's website at www.nmweinc.com.

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yard tools. Registration and info: 575-522-5552 or emma@wildmesquite.org.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees: 8:30 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn, Esperanza Room, 2550 Don Roser Dr. Presentation by Margaret Neill on programs offered at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. Reservations required by March 10. Cash breakfast buffet. Reservations and info: 575-382-7686.

Spring book sale: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Books start at 50 cents each. Sponsored by Friends of the Branigan Library. Info: bonpolo@comcast.net.

Read Across America: noon-2 p.m., Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 Bell Ave. City of Las Cruces and The Children's Reading Alliance event featuring guest readers, literacy-based activities, free food and book giveaways. Free. Info: 575-527-5946.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

St. Patrick's Day lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., University United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 2000 S. Locust St. Traditional corned beef and cabbage meal. \$25 for two advance tickets. \$15 at the door. Corned beef carry-out for \$6 per pound. Info: 575-522-8220.

Sierra Vista Trail field trip: 9 a.m., gather for carpooling at First National 1870, 2535 S. Telshor Blvd. Liability waiver required. Children must be accompanied by adults. Bring water, food, walking shoes and hat. Three-mile hike. Info: 575-

523-8413.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Voter registration training: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Free. Limited seating. Info: 575-525-6164.

Conceptual design public input meeting: 6 p.m., City Hall, 700 N. Main St. Public input regarding the 10-acre East Mesa Public Recreation Complex. Info: 575-528-3333.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Las Cruces AARP meeting: 2 p.m., Senior Amigos, 3948 E. Lohman Ave. Presentation on senior advocacy by FBI representative Roberta Lujan. Free. Info: dlynchio@htmail.com.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Daughters of the American Revolution: 11:30 a.m., Hacienda de Mesilla, 1891 Avenida de Mesilla. "Top Secret WWII Military Project in Tennessee" by Faith Morley. Info: 521-3166.

Doña Ana County Historical Society: 7 p.m., Good Samaritan Village auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. "Six Degrees of Separation, New Mexico Style" by Bud Russo. Free. Info: 575-521-8771.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

Contra dance: 7:30 p.m., Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Beginners welcome. \$15 families, \$6 adults, \$4 youth. Info: 575-522-1691.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Spring Break Teen Lock-In: 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Sixth through 12th graders can attend for a night of activities and presentations. Free. Limited to 50 participants. Info and registra-

tion: www.las-cruces.org/play or 575-541-2454.

Nature photography workshop: 10 a.m., Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Preregister by March 18. Limited seating. Free. Info: 575-541-2219.

Model railroad open house: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22, Doña Ana County Fairgrounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd. Southern N.M. N-scalers. Exhibits and refreshments. Bring N-scale trains to run or observe. Free. Info: 575-526-8834.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Kitty Glitter fundraiser: 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, and 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 28, Griggs and Raymond Event House, 504 W. Griggs St. Jewelry sale with proceeds benefitting Project Save a Kitten. \$10 donation. Info: gardens@zianet.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Breast Cancer Support Group: 10 a.m., Memorial Medical Center Building Annex A, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. "What is Palliative Care and Who Needs It" by Traci White. Info: 575-524-4373.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

National Healthcare Decisions Day: 1-3 p.m. Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Compassion & Choices Action Team Las Cruces presentation about end-of-life wishes and healthcare advocacy.

ONGOING

WEEKDAYS

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Acupuncture offers alternative treatment for chronic pain, other health issues

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Janet Quintanilla opened Sonoma Acupuncture Integrative Health last June in Sonoma Ranch Plaza, Suite 226 upstairs at 141 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

With six treatment rooms and a lounge, the offices of the El Paso native provide acupuncture, electroacupuncture, oriental medicine and other modalities in a “cozy and calm” atmosphere, Quintanilla said.

Quintanilla began training in the field 10 years ago and entered private practice in 2017. In that time, she’s had a lot of success treating patients with chronic pain, including many referred to her by their doctors after being told there was no solution for their suffering and, “you’re just going to have to live with it,” Quintanilla said.

Conditions treated include acute and chronic pain, including migraine headaches; autoimmune disease, including rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, psoriasis, irritable bowel syndrome, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome and Meniere’s Disease; women’s health issues and neurological issues, including stroke recovery, peripheral neuropathy, trigeminal and post-herpetic neuralgia, Bell’s palsy and macular degeneration.

“We address the chronic



Dr. Janet Quintanilla

problems so people can live their lives,” Quintanilla said. Her goal is “keeping people active in their homes” and helping them to “leave their pains behind,” along with their canes and walkers.

One of the techniques Quintanilla uses is ATP resonance biotherapy, which uses frequencies to target tissue damage, she said, adding that it’s a new technology that is not available anywhere else in New Mexico.

“I want to bring new therapies that work,” she said. “I want to provide therapies for those chronic conditions for those people who have lost hope.”

One of Quintanilla’s patients is an 80-year-old man who is in the second month of a three-month treatment plan for peripheral neuropathy, including numbness in his feet.

“He’s got feeling in his feet again,” Quintanilla said, and has told her he is



Sonoma Acupuncture, 141 N. Roadrunner Parkway, suite No. 226

“90 percent improved.”

A 65-year-old female patient with fibromyalgia is finding relief from back pain which had flared up when she got the flu and was coughing, Quintanilla said.

Quintanilla said treatments can also help patients regulate their immune systems, as they deal with mold, bacteria and fungi.

“It’s incredible therapy,” she said.

Quintanilla said she is “so grateful” she found this practice. “I love to learn about new therapies.”

Many health insurance policies include coverage for acupuncture, Quintanilla said, and she can also work out payment plans. She advises new patients

to bring their complete health records, including lab and imaging work and current treatment plans, which can help her to determine where to focus therapy.

Quintanilla is a New Mexico-licensed and board-certified doctor of Chinese medicine and is nationally board certified by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, according to the Sonoma Acupuncture website.

Sonoma Acupuncture is open mornings and afternoons, Monday-Thursday and has flexible scheduling.

For more information, call 575-618-6900 or visit <https://sonoma-acupuncture.com/>.

Steinborn Realty joins with Better Homes and Gardens

BULLETIN REPORT

Steinborn & Associates Real Estate of Las Cruces has announced that it is newly affiliated with Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate LLC.

The company is led by co-owners Amy and John Hummer, who acquired the firm in 2006.

In 2019, the company generated approximately 1,300 transactions equating to \$244 million in sales volume prior to its affiliation, ranking it number one in overall production among all real estate companies in southern New Mexico.

With three offices and 100 affiliated agents, Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Steinborn & Associates serves the greater Las Cruces region. Steinborn Property Management and Steinborn TCN Commercial Real Estate will continue to do business under their current names and are not part of the new affiliation.

Community involvement is an important focus for the company, which supports a number of organizations including Mesilla Val-



AMY HUMMER

ley Hospice, the Gospel Rescue Mission, Big Brothers

and Sisters and New Mexico State University Athletics.

Amy Hummer has served on the boards of Mesilla Valley Hospice, the Junior League of Las Cruces, March of Dimes, New Mexico State College of Education Advisory, and the New Mexico Association of Realtors.

She is a past Citizen of the Year Award recipient and Realtor of the Year by the Las Cruces Association of Realtors.

John Hummer came to Las Cruces in 2000 to lead the development and operation of Mountain View Regional Medical Center. He is co-founder of the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, as well as past chairman of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance. He is an executive board member of The Borderplex Alliance.

Memorial reels in top honors

LifePoint Health® has awarded Memorial Medical Center (MMC) with its 2019 companywide High Five Award for demonstrating excellence in healthcare delivery. It is the highest honor a LifePoint hospital can receive. The hospital also received the company's Western Division High Five Award.

The High Five Award is given annually to one hospital from each of LifePoint's four divisions. From these finalists, one hospital is chosen for the companywide High Five Award for extraordinary demonstration of the company's High Five Guiding Principles, which include delivering high quality patient care, supporting physicians, creating excellent workplaces for employees, taking a leadership role in the community and ensuring fiscal responsibility.

In addition to the companywide High Five Award, MMC received a check for \$150,000 to aid in its efforts of advancing the hospital's mission of Making Communities Healthier®.

"We are thrilled to honor the outstanding team at Memorial Medical Center with this well-deserved honor for their extraordinary leadership and inspiring example of



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At the award presentation, from left: LifePoint Health Executive Vice President of Hospital Operations Victor E. Giovanetti, LifePoint Health Western Division President Sandy Podley, MMC Chief Nursing Officer Caryn Iverson, MMC Chief Medical Officer Dolores Gomez, MMC Chief Executive Officer John Harris, MMC Chief Financial Officer Steve Winegeart and LifePoint Health Western Division Chief Financial Officer Bob Barrett.

keeping our High Five Guiding Principles at the center of everything they do," said Victor E. Giovanetti, executive vice president of hospital operations at LifePoint Health. "Their commitment to keeping these principles operationally in focus has enabled Memorial to reach new heights in providing quality care, while growing its business and creating new ways to engage with the Las Cruces community."

Memorial Medical enjoyed a number of successes in 2019, including several designations for its quality care as well as enhancements to the services it provides to patients in the community.

"We are very honored to be recognized as LifePoint's 2019 companywide High Five Award winner," said John Harris, chief executive officer of MMC. "Our team works hard each and every day to be a place where our neighbors choose to come for their healthcare, and I am so proud of our employees, providers, volunteers and board members for their commitment to ensuring that we continue to provide the best care possible for our community."

The award was accepted by MMC's leadership team on behalf of the entire hospital staff at LifePoint's annual hospital leadership meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.

MMC's Winegeart Named CFO of the Year

Memorial Medical Center (MMC) Chief Financial Officer Steve Winegeart has been named 2019

CFO of the Year by LifePoint Health, the hospital conglomerate that operates MMC and 87 other hospital campuses nationwide.

"Steve is an operations-focused and solutions-driven financial leader who understands the unique role he plays in both meeting operational challenges head-on to help ensure a solid bottom line and col-



Steve Winegeart

laborating with other departments to help enhance the patient experience," said Conrad Deese,

senior vice president of operations and CFO for LifePoint Health. "We are proud to honor the tremendous impact his leadership has made at Memorial and in the Las Cruces community with this prestigious recog-

niton."

Under Winegeart's leadership, MMC achieved significant financial and operational milestones in 2019, strengthening the hospital's ability to provide high quality care close to home for Las Cruces and the surrounding region. His accomplishments also contributed to MMC's receipt of LifePoint's 2019 companywide High Five Award for operational excellence – the highest honor a LifePoint hospital can receive.

Santa Teresa gains large recycling plant

W. Silver Recycling is set to begin construction on a 120,000 square foot facility on 60 acres in Santa Teresa in southern Doña Ana County. The building will be home to a recycling processing plant that is expected to be operational by late 2020 and add at least 50 new jobs to the region.

W. Silver Recycling is a fourth-generation family business founded by the grandfather of Lane Gaddy, the company's chief executive officer and a former Albuquerque resident. It has 11 locations in New Mexico, California, Texas and Mexico.

"This location offers us a great logistics advantage," Gaddy said. "The border crossing, the overweight cargo zone and the rail and truck connections all make for an opportunity we are very excited about."

"We are reaching out all over the world to partner with companies who see the benefits of coming to the New Mexico Border Region," said N.M. Cabinet Secretary Alicia J. Keyes of the Economic Development Department. "These export and manufacturing jobs are an important part of the state's effort to diversify the economy."

The firm cited New Mexico's strong business incentives and the transportation advantages of Santa Teresa – which has a direct Port of Entry to Mexico – as reasons for its location decision.

The business plans to use Santa Teresa as a hub for its non-ferrous materials business, which includes aluminum, copper, and brass.

The recycler would process the metals using magnets, machines, compaction, and manual labor, before being sent to its customers. Once delivered, the recycled materials are melted down and reused for new products.

"Companies are seeing the benefits of the Santa Teresa, New Mexico border region for locating their production plants and distribution

centers," Jerry Pacheco, senior business adviser to The New Mexico Partnership said. "Our logistical connectivity to Mexico and the rest of the United States, coupled with our competitive production costs, have made Santa Teresa one of the fastest growing industrial bases on the border."

The Economic Development Department has pledged \$200,000 to the company from the state's LEDA closing fund for the jobs, which will have an average wage of \$14.18 per hour. W. Silver will invest \$7 million into the project.

The Mesilla Valley Economic Alliance and the New Mexico Partnership assisted in the recruitment of W. Silver Recycling.

New Mexico led all 50 states in 2019 export growth percentage at 31 percent, according to the complete 2019 export statistics from the U.S. Bureau of Census. Additionally, New Mexico's export growth percentage to Mexico is at 68 percent, also exceeding all other U.S. states.

In 2019, the Santa Teresa Port of Entry moved up the list to become the fourth-largest exporting port on the U.S.-Mexico border, and sixth for imports, making it the fifth-most important port of entry on the U.S.-Mexico border.

"New Mexico's border region is attracting top companies from all over the world because we have the talent, the infrastructure and all the other factors they need to be successful," Tim Nitti of the New Mexico Partnership said. "However, it's also because everyone here is committed to helping them succeed. Our colleagues at the New Mexico Economic Development Department, the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, our own N.M. Partnership team member Jerry Pacheco and local government officials know how to work together to ensure that when you choose New Mexico, you get the support needed to thrive."

Oñate grad reflects on Seabee service

By **MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS DAVID R. FINLEY JR.**

Navy Office of Community Outreach

SPECIAL TO THE BULLETIN

“We Build, We Fight” has been the motto of the U. S. Navy’s Construction Force, known as the “Seabees,” for more than seven decades. The Navy Seabees are personnel trained in both combat and the craft skills of the construction industry.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Adam Porras, a native of Las Cruces, builds and fights around the world as a member of a naval construction battalion center located in Port Hueneme, California. Porras is serving as a Navy equipment operator and diver, responsible for operating heavy transportation equipment and cranes.

“I inspect, maintain and repair waterfront facilities such as piers, buoy and boat ramps,” Porras said.

Building in austere environments can be a challenge. Fighting in harsh conditions can also be a challenge. Building in austere environments while fighting in harsh conditions takes a special kind of person with a great deal of perseverance and determination, according to officials with the U.S. Navy History and Heritage Command. These are the kinds of people being trained at Port Hueneme to provide crucial support to Seabee units deployed around the world.

The jobs of some of the Seabees today have re-



Adam Porras

mained unchanged since World War II, when the Seabees paved the 10,000-mile road to victory for the allies in the Pacific and in Europe, said Lara Godbille, director of the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum.

“I enjoy all the hands-on work we do,” Porras said. “It’s very fulfilling to see the work I do and to know I’m making a difference.”

Seabees have served in all American conflicts for nearly 80 years. They have also supported humanitarian efforts using their construction skills to help communities around the world following earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural disasters.

Porras is a 2015 Oñate High School graduate. According to Porras, the values required to succeed in the Navy are similar to those he found in Las Cruces.

“New Mexico is a melting pot, where I learned to treat everybody with respect,” Porras said. “In

the Navy, this a big deal and will help you in the long run.”

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, Porras is most proud of receiving a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for the work he completed on deployment in 2019. “It was the first time I lead a group to complete a project,” Porras said. “I’m proud to be recognized for my work and will always remember this time in my life.”

Serving in the Navy is a continuing tradition of military service for Porras, who has military ties with family members who have previously served. Porras said he is honored to carry on the family tradition.

“My father served in the Army,” Porras said. “It is an honor to serve in the Navy and to carry on a tradition of service for my family.”

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Porras said he, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforgettable experiences through leadership development, world affairs and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts, he believes, will have a lasting effect around the globe for generations of sailors who will follow.

“The underwater construction team has been around since the 1970s,” Porras said. “We are still in the early stages of history and our work every day is building on the Seabee legacy.”

Port Hueneme is the

West Coast homeport of the Navy’s Seabees. It’s one of five learning sites in the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering domain, where sailors, soldiers, airman and Marines train in construction trades and military skills to accomplish contingency and peacetime construction, chemical, biological and radiological operations, as well as humanitarian assistance missions worldwide.

The men and women who serve at Port Hueneme play a key role in the Navy’s broader mission of protecting American interests on the world’s oceans.

According to Navy officials, maintaining maritime superiority is a vital part of a Navy that is present today and prepared for tomorrow. The impact affects Americans and their interests around the world, as more than 70 percent of the Earth is covered by water and 90 percent of all trade travels by sea. The foundation of the Navy includes a focus on warfighting, warfighters and the future of the fighting force.

“I am confident that we will maximize the Navy we have today while delivering the Navy that our nation will rely upon tomorrow,” said Adm. Mike Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations. “We will do so with urgency. Our fleet will be a potent, formidable force that competes around the world every day, deterring those who would challenge us while reassuring our allies and partners.”

Soup kitchen needs volunteers, donations

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

“We are looking for volunteers and volunteer gleaners,” said El Caldito Soup Kitchen Volunteer Coordinator/Kitchen Administrator Diane D’Ambrosio.

“Our regular volunteer hours are 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday-Friday and 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday,” D’Ambrosio said. Volunteer gleaners typically start work around 7:30 a.m. and spend about three hours driving the El Caldito van to local businesses to pick up rescued food and other donated items, returning to the soup kitchen and helping unload, she said. To be considered, a volunteer must have a valid driver’s license and a clean driving record.

“The gleaner volunteer would mostly be as a back-up to cover while others are on vacation, etc.,” D’Ambrosio said. But permanent volunteers are also needed to replace those who retire, she said.

Regular volunteers can come any time during volunteer hours and work as few or as many hours as they wish, D’Ambrosio said. “All help is appreciated.”

A part of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH) complex at 999 W. Amador Ave., El Caldito, founded in 1984, serves meals 11 a.m.-2 p.m. every day of the year and averages about 500 volunteers a month.

To volunteer at El Caldito, call D’Ambrosio



PHOTO COURTESY OF DIANE D’AMBROSIO, EL CALDITO SOUP KITCHEN

El Caldito Soup Kitchen volunteers

at 575-525-3831. For more information, visit <https://elcalditolc.org/>.

Donations also welcome. El Caldito welcomes donations of paper goods like cups, plates, napkins, utensils and to-go containers, D’Ambrosio said. It also needs salad dressings, mayonnaise, cooking sprays, salt, pepper, sugar and other spices and cheese.

In addition to paying the salaries of its 2.5 employees, El Caldito Board President and 22-year volunteer Gabe Anaya said El Caldito also pays utility bills and for maintenance and insurance. It’s also hoping to raise money to begin replacing some of the equipment it’s been using for more than 20 years, including a stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer, icemaker and a walk-in freezer.

When it was founded 36 years ago, El Caldito offered a mid-day meal one day a week. By 2010, seven-day service was being offered.

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Legal Notice

IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
TRICT JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2020-00028
Hon. Arrieta, Manuel I.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL J. KOSINSKI, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court of Dona Ana, County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 201 West Picacho Avenue Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED: February 28, 2020

/s/ Pamela Marchese
Pamela Marchese
4168 S. Ambassador Drive
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SUBMITTED:
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By/s/ Michele Ungvarsky,
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Attorneys for the Estate of
Carol J. Kosinski

Dates: 03/06, 03/13, 03/20,
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

NO. PB 2020-000035
NOTICE OF HEARING
(Assigned to the Honorable
Amy Kalman)

In the Matter of the Conservatorship of RAY CARLOS ARAGON, a Minor.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will

be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the above entitled and numbered cause, before the Honorable Amy Kalman, Maricopa County Superior Court, East Court Building, 101 W. Jefferson Street, Courtroom 512, Phoenix, Arizona, for the purpose of presenting evidence to obtain an Order on the Second Amended Petition for Appointment of Conservator of a Minor, Approval of Settlement and Allocation of Settlement Proceeds of Claims of Minor and Approval of Attorney's Fees on behalf of RAY CARLOS ARAGON, a minor.

This is a legal notice; your rights may be affected. Este es un aviso legal. Sus derechos podrian ser afectados. If you object to any part of this petition or motion that accompanies this notice, you must file with the court a written objection describing the legal basis for your objection at least three days before the hearing date or you must appear in person or through an attorney at the time and place set forth in the notice of hearing.

Dated: February 20, 2020.

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500 N. Water Ste., Suite 800
Corpus Christi, TX 78401
Attorney for Petitioner

Dates: 02/28, 03/06, 03/13,
03/20, 2020

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 19, 2020, Herman Ortiz on behalf of Jaralosa Cattle Company, LLC (as leasee), PO Box 937, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, and the New Mexico State Land Office (as lessor) PO Box 1148, Santa Fe, NM 87504, filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-3725-S for Permit for Additional Point of Diversion of Groundwater, associated with Water Right File Nos. LRG-12727-1 and LRG-12727-4 within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico.

Dona Ana and Sierra Counties are affected by the

diversion and place of use where the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin and Sierra County Sentinel.

Request to use additional existing well LRG-3725-S located within the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 07, Township 18 South, Range 4 West, NMPM, more specifically described at X=1,317,851 Y=639,304 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) on land owned by T.O. Gilstrap, Jr. as Receivership Estate, to be used in conjunction with existing wells LRG-12727, LRG-12727-S and LRG-12727-S-2, all located within E 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 12, Township 18 South, Range 5 West, NMPM, more specifically described at Y-639,304, and feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) respectively, located on land owned by the applicants, 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, for the irrigation of 37.66 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the E 1/2 SE 1/4 of said Section 12. All wells and the irrigated acreage can be found approximately 1.2 miles west of the intersection of Loma Parda Rd. and Arroyo Yeso Rd. on the west side of the Rio Grande in Garfield, NM. The applicants have requested Emergency Authorization to Use well LRG-3725-S under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24.

To view the application and supporting documentation contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J. Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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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, on or before May 8, 2020. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if 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) 5246160. 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: 03/06, 03/13, 03/20,
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NOTICE is hereby given that on February 20, 2020, Robert Sloan, 1411 Archer Farm Rd. La Mesa, NM, 88044 filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-15793-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-15793-2 & 3 for Permit to change an existing water right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by drilling supplemental well LRG-15793-POD3 located within the NE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 25S, Range 3E, NMPM and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°8'58"N, 106°44'10"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant to supplement existing well LRG-7891-POD2 located within the SE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 25S Range 2E, NMPM, and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°8'47"N, 106°44'20"W (WGS84), on land owned by Gose Farms LLC 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 13.91 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE 1/4 of Section 9, Township 25S Range 2E, NMPM and SW 1/4 of

Section 10, Township 25S, Range 2E, NMPM, and for the irrigation of an additional 2.4 acres with groundwater only, owned by the applicant, located within the SW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 25S, Range 2E, NMPM as described by Subfile Order No. LRS-28-005-0059 Rights A & B of the Third Judicial Court, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico. Proposed supplemental well can be found 300 feet northwest of the intersection between W. Savannah Rd. and County Road. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-1224. Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin.

To view the application and supporting documentation contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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Engineer, at 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: 03/13, 03/20, 03/27,
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NOTICE is hereby given that on February 20, 2020, Henry Orona, 275 Fairacres Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-03970-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-03970B, for Permit to Drill and Use a Replacement Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico.

Dona Ana County is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin.

Use of well LRG-03970-S, located at or near the intersection X=1,458,801 ft and Y=469,862 ft, NMSP, Central NAD83, on land owned by Henry Orona, will be discontinued and replaced with well LRG-03970-POD3 will be drilled to an approximate depth of 200 ft. below ground surface with 4" casing to be located at or near the intersection X=1,458,822 ft and Y=469,851 ft, NMSP, Central NAD83, on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic use as described in Subfile No. LRG-28012-0053A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22. The site of proposed well LRG-03970-POD3 will be approximately 150 ft SW of the intersection of N Fairacres Rd. and Esterlina Pl. Existing well LRG-03970-S will be properly plugged.

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Dates: 03/13, 03/20, 03/27,
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NOTICE is hereby given that on February 28, 2020, Ludwig Farms, 699 W Conway Ave., Las Cruces NM, 88005 filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-01609 for Permit to use Supplemental well LRG-01609 of Groundwater within the Lower Rio Grande Basin in the State of New Mexico.

Dona Ana is/are the County(s) affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin.

The applicant proposes to use well no. LRG-01609 located at approximate Lat/Long: 32°4'19.059"N 106°40'57.431"W (WGS84) as a supplemental well, to existing well LRG-01609 POD2, located at X=1,506,371ft, Y-390,154 ft NMSP, Central zone, NAD

83, for the continued irrigation of 64.96 acres owned by the applicant located within the SW 1/4 of Section 6, Township 26S, Range 03E, NMPM and continued diversion of an amount or water reserved for the future determination by May 24, 1999 order of the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, State of NM. The proposed well site is located approximately 1700 ft south of the intersection of Veterans Rd., and Highway 28. The applicant requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-14.

To view the application and supporting documentation contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005, 575-524-6161.

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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: 03/13, 03/20, 03/27, 2020

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 10, 2020, Edward and Dolores Padilla, 3585 Paradise Lane Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-05052-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-05052-1, for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by discontinuing the use of well LRG-05052, located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 22' 26.48" N, 106° 50' 56.77" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, and by drilling new well LRG-05052-POD2, to be located within the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°22' 26.29" N, 106° 50' 56.76" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicants, 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 0.97 acres of land owned by the applicants, located within the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 1 East (NMPM), as described by Subfile Order No. LRN-28-004-0102-A of the Third Judicial District court, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico.

The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

Old well LRG-05052 will be plugged. The proposed site for new well LRG-05052-POD2 is located

west of Dona Ana, New Mexico and is approximately 2, 124 ft. east of the intersection of Shalem Colony Trail and Paradise Lane.

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To view the application and supporting documentation contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located at 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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Dates: 02/28, 03/06, 03/13, 2020

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 20, 2020, Robert Sloan, 1411 Archer Farm Rd. La Mesa, NM 88044, filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-06690-POD7, OSE File No. LRG-06690, for Permit to Drill and Use Supplemental Well within

the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by drilling new well LRG-06690-POD7 to a depth of 300 ft. with an 18-in. casing, to be located within the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 31, Township 25 South, Range 3 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°5'23.32" N, 106°40' 57.42" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-06690, located within the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 31, Township 25 South, Range 3 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°5' 13.69" N, 106°40'58.78" W (WGS84), on land owned by Sierra Vista Farms, LTD, CO., 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 52.36 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW 1/4 of Section 31, Township 25 South, Range 3 East (NMPM), as described by Subfile Order No. LRS-28-011-0024, Right C of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey.

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

The proposed site for new well LRG-06690-POD7 is located south of La Mesa, NM and is approximately 170 ft. east of the intersection of Sloan Rd. and HWY 28.

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tion 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 on or before May 8, 2020. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, at 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: 03/13, 03/20, 03/27, 2020

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 17, 2020, Joyce Combs, 414 Hummingbird Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-3407 OSE File No.: LRG-17929-1 for Permit to change an existing water right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by discontinuing the use of well LRG17929-POD1 located within the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 26, Township 22S, Range 1E, NMPM, and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°22'6"N, 106°48'31"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and replace with current existing well LRG-3407 located within the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 26, Township 22S, Range 1E, NMPM, and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°22'5"N, 106°48'32"W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per

annum of shallow groundwater for domestic one-household use as described in Subfile No. LRN-28-006-0241B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of wells LRG-17929-POD1 and LRG-3407 can be found at the physical address of 414 Hummingbird Rd. Well LRG-17929-POD1 has already been plugged. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to use the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-22.

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Engineer, at 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: 03/13, 03/20, 03/27, 2020

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 6, 2020, Robert Battle Watson & Nell E. Watson, P.O. Box 595 Dona Ana, NM 88032, filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG17926-POD2 for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-17926POD1, located at ft. 498,312 ft NMSP, Central zone, NAD 83, on land owned by the applicant, and drilling replacement well LRG- 17926-POD2 to be located at approximate Lat/Long: 32.368200°N & -160.812510°W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of up to 3 acre feet per annum of ground water, for domestic purposes. The proposed well site is located approximately 635 Ft., SW of the intersection of Taylor Rd., and Dona Ana Rd. Well LRG-17926-POD1 will be plugged. The applicant requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23.

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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 on or before April 24, 2020. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, at 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: 02/28, 03/06, 03/13, 2020

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 17, 2020, Sam Calhoun of Colver, LP, 5835 Onix Dr. ste. #300, El Paso, TX, 79912, filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-6965-POD5 for Permit to Drill & Use a Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Basin of the State of New Mexico.

Dona Ana County is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in The Las Cruces Bulletin.

The applicant proposes drilling well LRG-6965-POD5 to a depth of 500 feet with a 16-inch casing within the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 25S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°6'40.327"N and 106°40'14.253"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, which will supplement existing wells L R G - 6 9 6 5 & LRG-6965-POD4, both located on property owned by the applicant, both located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of said Section 30 and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°6'41.209"N & 106°40'28.605"W and at 32° 6' 3 8 . 9 4 6 " N & 106°40'28.641"W (WGS84), respectively, 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, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico, for irrigation of 0.91 acres with groundwater only and in combination with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for irrigation of 82.58 acres, all owned by the applicant and all located within the NE 1/4 of said Section 30 as described in Subfile No. LRS 280100097 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. The site of proposed well LRG-6965-POD5 will be southeast of La Mesa, NM and may be found approximately 0.29 miles east of the intersection of Montes Rd. & Highway 189.

To view the application and supporting documentation contact the State Engineer District Office to arrange a date and time for an appointment located District IV, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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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: 02/28, 03/06, 03/13, 2020

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 17, 2020, Sam Calhoun, representative of Colver Farms LP, 5835 Onix Dr. STE #300, El Paso TX 77912, filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-4008-POD7 OSE File No. LRG-4008-C for Permit to change an existing water right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by drilling supplemental well LRG-4008-POD7 located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 25S, Range 3E, NMPM, and more specifically where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°7'32"N, 106°40'26"W (WGS84), on land owned by applicant, to supplement existing wells LRG-4008-POD6 located within the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 24, Township 25S, Range 2E, NMPM, and more specifically where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°7'32"N, 106°41'14.105"W (WGS84), on land owned by Willa Dean Esslinger, LRG-4008-S located within the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 19, Township 25S, Range 3E, NMPM, and more specifically where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°6'53"N, 106°40'57"W (WGS84), on land owned by Willa Dean Esslinger, LRG-4008-S-2 located within the NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 13, Township 25S, Range 2E, NMPM, and more specifically where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°8'1.8"N, 106°41'27"W (WGS84), on land owned by Willa Esslinger Farms LLC, LRG-4008-S-3 located within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 30, Township 25S, Range 3E, NMPM, and more specifically where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°6'36"N 106°42'27"W (WGS84), on land owned by applicant, and LRG-4008-S-4 located within the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 25S, Range 2E, NMPM, and more specifically where latitude and longitude intersect at 32°6'41"N, 106°41'

15"W (WGS84) located on land owned by Willa Esslinger Farms LLC, 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 51.51 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 25S, Range 3E, NMPM, as described by S u b f i l e N o . LRS-28-010-0003 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of supplemental well can be found 800 feet southeast of the intersection of Montes Rd. and Highway 189. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Bulletin.

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Dates: 02/28, 03/06, 03/13, 2020

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 31, 2020, Linda Armstrong with DeRuyter Farm Land LLC, P.O. Box 10, Mesquite NM 88048, filed with the STATE ENGINEER Application No. LRG-1281-POD6, OSE File No. LRG-1281 for Permit to change an existing water right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by drilling proposed well LRG-1281-POD6 to a depth of 500ft with a 16in casing, in a location within the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°3'54"N, 106°38'57"W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant to supplement wells LRG-1281 located within the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°4'2"N, 106°38'57"W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant, and LRG-1281-PODS located within the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°3'52"N, 106°38'57"W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant, and LRG-1281-S-2 located within the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°3'31"N, 106°38'50"W (WGS84) on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, filed August 22, 2011, for the irrigation of 232.73 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW 1/4 of Section 9, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM), and SW 1/4 of

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Section 9, Township 26S, Range 3E (NMPM) as described by Subfiles: LRS-28-012-0064 & LRS-28-012-0066 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed well can be found 1000 feet northwest of the intersection between W. Berino Rd. and Three Saints Rd. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin.

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Dates: 03/06, 03/13, 03/20, 2020

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt the Following Ordinance(s) at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on April 6, 2020:

(1) Council Bill No. 20-026; Ordinance No. 2918: An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 2846 Related to a Revocable License Agreement Between the City of Las Cruces and WNM Communications.

(2) Council Bill No. 20-027; Ordinance No. 2919: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a \$5,200,000.00 Loan Agreement for Street Improvement Projects and Paying the Costs of Execution of the Loan Agreement with Such Loan Agreement to be Secured by a Lien on the First Quarter Percent Increment of Municipal Gross Receipts Tax and the Hold Harmless Distributions Associated with the First Quarter Percent Increment of Municipal Gross Receipts Tax.

(3) Council Bill No. 20-028; Ordinance No. 2920: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a \$3,700,000.00 Loan Agreement for Flood Control Infrastructure Improvement Projects and Paying the Costs of Execution of the Loan Agreement with Such Loan Agreement to be Secured by a Lien on the Fifth Quarter Percent Increment of Municipal Gross Receipts Tax and the Hold Harmless Distributions Associated with the Fifth Quarter Percent Increment of Municipal Gross Receipts Tax.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 10th day of March 2020.

Christine Rivera, CMC
Acting City Clerk

Date: 03/13, 2020

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA

THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

CV-2019-3261
JUDGE MARTIN

**THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION OF
PERLA MARINA MU-
NOZ,
FOR CHANGE OF
NAME.**

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PERLA MARINA MUNOZ, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Dona 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, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from PERLA MARINA MUNOZ to PERLA MARINA GUADIAN, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 23 rd day of March, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., at the Dona Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Submitted by:
PERLA MUNOZ
P.O. BOX 1665
FAIRACRES, NM 88033
(602) 737-9353

Dates: 03/06, 03/13, 2020

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2020-00010
Hon. Martin, James T.

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE
OF HENRY W. KASE-
LOW, DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CRED-
ITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the District Court of Dona Ana, County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 201 West Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

/s/ Richard W. Kaselow
Richard W. Kaselow
7760 E. Peakview Ave., Apt 402
Centennial, CO 80111
SUBMITTED:

E-LAW, P.C.
By /s/ Michele Ungvarsky,
Esq.
1340 Picacho Hills Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575.556.2462
Attorneys for the Estate of
Henry W. Kaselow

Dates: 02/28, 03/06, 03/13,
2020

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

No. D-307-PB-2020-00029
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE
ESTATE OF:
LORNA ANTONIA TRIV-
IZ
(a/k/a TONI TRIVIZ),
DECEASED.**

**NOTICE TO CRED-
ITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RICARDO ACEVEDO 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 personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

DATED this 19th day of
February, 2020.

KEITHLY & ENGLISH,
LLC
/s/ Shane A. English

SHANE A. ENGLISH
Attorney for Ricardo Acevedo,
Personal Representative
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Dates: 02/28, 03/06, 03/13,
2020

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2019-02340

**WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ANA L HERNANDEZ
AKA ANA HERNANDEZ;
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA BY AND
THROUGH THE SECRE-
TARY OF HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOP-
MENT, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLO-
SURE 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 506 Putter Circle, Anthony, NM 88021, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 17, FAIRWAY ESTATES SUBDIVISION, IN DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JANUARY 26, 2000, IN BOOK 19 PAGES 372-373 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45 AM on April 23, 2020, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2019-01640

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2018 G-CTT, Plaintiff,

vs.

TAMMY A. JUAREZ, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 8, 2020, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Dona Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3300 Squaw Mountain Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: Lot numbered 10 of Foothills Subdivision, Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Foothills Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Dona Ana County, New Mexico on March 02, 1993 in Plat Book 17, Folio 279-281.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 20, 2020, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$164,378.74 and the same bears interest at 4.500% per annum from February 2, 2020, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees 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. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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 a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
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Dates: 03/06, 03/13, 03/20,
03/27, 2020

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2019-03154

**WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., Plaintiff,**
vs.

MANUEL H HERNANDEZ; SUNNY RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendant, Manuel H Hernandez, to be published on: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. has filed a civil action against you in the above-

entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on real property located at 122 CHERRY HILL LN, SANTA TERESA, NM 88008. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows:

LOT 26, SUNNY RIDGE SUBDIVISION, IN THE COUNTY OF DONA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 2831 ON 07/01/1996 IN BOOK 18 PAGE(S) 496- 97 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the Complaint in said cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last publication date, judgment by default may be entered against you.

McCARTHY & HOLTHUS, LLP
By: /s/ Katherine L. McCarthy
Jade Rotonda
Katherine L McCarthy
6501 Eagle Rock NE, Suite A-3
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113
Telephone No.: (505) 219-4900 kamccarthy@mccarthyholthus.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff

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2/28/2020 3/6/2020
3/13/2020

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

No. D-307-PB-2020-00037
Judge Martin, James T.

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
VIRGINIA JACQUELEEN COOK,
a/k/a VIRGINIA J. COOK,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned JOHN MICHAEL JONES has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate.

All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the 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 21st day of February, 2020.

/s/ John Michael Jones
JOHN MICHAEL JONES, Personal Representative of the Estate of VIRGINIA JACQUELEEN COOK, a/k/a VIRGINIA J. COOK, deceased.

Prepared by:
The Law Offices of Dana M. Kyle, P.A.
/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: 03/06, 03/13, 03/20,
2020

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-00118

**SPECIALIZED LOAN
SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SALLY MACY GRECH;
RBS CITIZENS, N.A., 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 2923 Long Bow Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly

described as follows:

LOT 34, BLOCK A, CIMARRON HILL SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 11, PHASE 2, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 15, 2004, IN BOOK 20 PAGES 562-563 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 9:00 am on March 24, 2020, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona 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 January 16, 2020, in the total amount of \$133,453.12, with interest at the rate of 5.75000% per annum from September 30, 2019 through the date of the sale. The sale is subject to the entry of an Order by this Court approving the sale. 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 Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee'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. SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, 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: Margaret Lake
201 Eubank NE Suite #A1
Albuquerque, NM 87123

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

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2019-01901

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

CHARLES VAN HOOZEN AKA CHARLES R VAN HOOZEN; DIANA VAN HOOZEN AKA DIANA VANHOOZEN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; 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 0 Luna Vista Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 22 S, RANGE 3E., N.M.P.M., CONTAINING 5 ACRES, SAVE AND EXCEPT FOR 30 FEET ACROSS THE SOUTH SIDE FOR ROAD PURPOSES, 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 March 19, 2020, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona 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 January 13, 2020, in the total amount of \$42,933.55, with interest at the rate of 4.9000% per annum from November 11, 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. U.S. Bank National Association, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE 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 0 Luna Vista Road, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

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.

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 5, 2020, in the total amount of \$45,267.17 with interest at the rate of 4.125% per annum from September 18, 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. Wells Fargo Bank, 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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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2019-00120

MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES AND LEGA- TEES OF JON J. STEW- ART, DECEASED, De- fendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLO- SURE 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 2853 Borroughs St. Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 118, LEGENDS WEST NORTH, PHASE 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 27, 2006, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 83-91 OF PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:45am on March 19, 2020, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona 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 December

17, 2019 in the total amount of \$157,650.71, with interest at the rate of 3.75% per annum from October 2, 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. MIDFIRST BANK, 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, Special Master
c/o Legal Process Network
P.O. Box 51526
Albuquerque, NM 87181

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2017-03296

REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISEES AND LEGA- TEES OF DOSKIE M. BUCK, DECEASED, UN- ITED STATES OF AMER- ICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; De- fendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLO- SURE 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 440 Farney Ln., Las Cruces, NM 88005, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 17, BLOCK D, COLLEGE PLACE SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 467 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 24, 1957, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 34, PLAT RECORDS.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 10:00 AM on May 12, 2020, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona 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 28, 2020 in the total amount of \$182,590.88, with interest at the rate of 2.73% per annum from November 30, 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. Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, 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: Margaret Lake
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2 NM-17-781307-JUD
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.:
D-307-CV-2018-02808

BANK OF WEST, Plain- tiff,

vs.

MEHMET CICEK, AND BETH ANN LEBLOND; Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLO- SURE 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 Lot 23 Colosseo Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 23 OF SPRUCE MEADOWS, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SPRUCE MEADOWS, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON DECEMBER 31, 1996 IN PLAT BOOK 18, FOLIO 608-610.

If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 11:00am on April 7, 2020, Third Judicial District Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Dona 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 June 28, 2019, in the total amount of \$47,795.75, with interest at the rate of 7.74% per annum from June 28, 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 the West, 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: Margaret Lake,
Special Master
201 Eubank NE Suite #A1
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STATE OF NEW MEXI- CO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DIS- TRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB2020-19
Judge: Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OPHELIA M. CHAFFI- NO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CRED- ITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **PATRICIA HOLT** has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.
/s/ Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
NM State Bar No. 7629
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Ste. A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
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Attorney for Personal Repre-
sentative

Dates: 03/06, 03/13, 03/20,
2020

STATE OF NEW MEXI- CO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DIS- TRICT

No. D-307-CV-2019-02930

HOME POINT FINAN- CIAL CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

LONNIE E. HONEY- CUTT; DOLLY F. HON- EYCUTT; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGIS- TRATION SYSTEMS, INC.; and PARAMOUNT EQUITY MORTGAGE, LLC, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 8, 2020, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Dona Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2029 Rose Lane, Las Cruces, and is situate in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 7, NORTH HIGHLAND ADDITION, in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 488 thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Said County on July 01, 1958 and recorded in Book 8 Page 25, Plat Records, Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 27, 2020, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$126,915.27 and the same bears interest at 4.875% per annum from February 4, 2020, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees 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. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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 a one month right of redemption.

Electronically filed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(575) 642-5567

Dates: 03/06, 03/13, 03/20,
03/27, 2020

STATE OF NEW MEXI- CO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DIS- TRICT COURT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2017-03694
Judge Manuel I Arrieta

NARESH RAJA, Plaintiff,

vs.

MILCOR III, LLC, a Utah limited liability company, THE LEON RULON HANSEN FAMILY TRUST, LEON R. HAN- SEN, SHELLY HANSEN, a/k/a SHELLY A. HAN- SEN, as Trustees and individually, MILCOR NM, LLC, UN- ITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINIS- TRATION, Defendants.

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 2nd day of April, 2020, at 10:00 AM, at the east entrance of the Doha Ana County District Court, located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following real property located in said county and state:

Lot 1, U.S.R.S. TRACTS 11C-64 AND 65, REPLAT NO.1, in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on August 23, 1996, in Book 18 Page(s) 525 of Plat Records; Instrument #0803419, with a street address of 2200 South Valley Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Stipulated Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale, and Appointment of Special Master, entered on February 28, 2020, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which, among other things, was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage against all secured real property by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$1,591,699.74, on which post-judgment interest shall run at 3.895% per annum until satisfied in full, which the Special Master calculates to be a per diem of \$172.213069 from February 26, 2020 for 36 days to the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"), for total post-judgment interest of \$6,199.67, together with attorney fees incurred and costs of sale to the date of sale, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit their 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 sale.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico this 2nd day of March, 2020.

/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV-2020-600
JUDGE JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARTHA ALICIA RODRIGUEZ, FOR CHANGE OF

of the winning bidder to supply to the Special Master cash, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount of the bid. Failure to do so will void that bid, and the Special Master shall either accept the next highest bid, or the Special Master may, in her sole discretion, telephone each bidder who attended the sale, using the telephone number each bidder submits at the sale, and communicate a new date and time for a subsequent sale, without republication of any further notice. Responsibility for reception of notice of any subsequent sale is on the bidder submitting the telephone number.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARTHA ALICIA RODRIGUEZ, FOR CHANGE OF

NAME OF JUELZ JAMES GUERRERO

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME (OF PERSON UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARTHA ALICIA RODRIGUEZ, has filed a Petition to Change Name of her child from JUELZ JAMES GUERRERO to JUELZ JAMES RODRIGUEZ. This Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 25th day of March 2020, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dates: 03/06, 03/13, 2020

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

No. D-307-PB-2020-00038
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DELORES H. BRAUN, 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 3, 2020

/s/ John W. Clark
John W. Clark, Personal Representative
of the Estate of Delores H.

Braun, Deceased

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

Dates: 03/13, 03/20, 03/27, 2020

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

NO. CV-2020-471
JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MELISSA CORREA MARQUEZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Melissa Correa Marquez, a resident of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, and 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 Melissa Correa Marquez to Melissa Marquez, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the 6th day of April 2020, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted :
/s/ Melissa Marquez
Melissa Marquez
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575-993-3367

Date: 03/06, 03/13, 2020

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

NO. CV-2020-489
JAMES T. MARTIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF DAVID A. DURAN FOR CHANGE OF

NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that David A. Duran, a resident of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, and 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 David A. Duran to David Alejandro Saenz, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 25th day of March 2020, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted :
/s/ David Saenz
David Saenz
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Dates: 03/13, 03/20, 2020

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

NO. CV-2020-641
MARCI E. BEYER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ANDY LUKE GARE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Andy Luke Gare, a resident of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, and 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 Andy Luke Gare to Gary Luke Allicock, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Marci E. Beyer, District Judge, on the 11th day of May 2020, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces,

New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted :
/s/ Andy Luke Gare
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-PB-2020-00033
Judge Arrieta, Manuel I.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NORINE LENORE DICKEY, a/k/a NORINE L. DICKEY, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NORINE LENORE DICKEY, a/k/a NORINE L. DICKEY, DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF NORINE LENORE DICKEY, a/k/a NORINE L. DICKEY, DECEASED. OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative filed by the petitioner, which petition provides a hearing on said petition, will be held at the Third Judicial District Court located at 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 2:30 p.m.

Pursuant to 45 1 401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for three consecutive weeks.

Witness our hands and the seal of this Court.

DATED: March 9, 2020.

David S. Borunda
Clerk of the District Court

By /s/ Melerie Talamantes

Deputy

Respectfully Submitted,
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Attorney for Petitioner

Dates: 03/13, 03/20, 03/27, 2020

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DONA ANA COUNTY

NO. 20-0033

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ISAAC MELENDREZ SR., DECEASED AKA: ISAAC M. MELENDREZ, DECEASED AKA: ISAAC M. MELENDREZ, SR.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT

1. This notice is being sent to the heirs (and devisees), of the decedent.
2. On February 21, 2020, Patricia A. Melendrez was appointed the personal representative of the estate of the decedent in an informal proceeding under the Probate Code.
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5. The estate of the decedent is being administered by the personal representative according to the terms of the Probate Code without supervision for the court. You are entitled to information regarding the administered of the estate of the decedent from the personal representative. You may also petition the court in any matter relating to the estate of the decedent, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Dated: Feb. 21, 2020

/s/ Patricia A. Melendrez
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BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Imran "Raze" Raza and Jamie O'Hara in front of the Raze Studio Illusions & Magic stage. The facility is celebrating three months of offering shows and services to the community.



COURTESY PHOTO

Illusionist Raze performs at Raze Studio Illusions & Magic.

Mall Magic

Abracadabra! Magic appears in Las Cruces

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

For 33 years, Jamie O'Hara has been on the scene in southern New Mexico providing magic- and music-based entertainment at various venues, homes and parties.

He's made a living at it, traveling throughout the region to showcase his skills and talents, which he's been perfecting magic-wise since the age of 9 and performing music since he was 13.

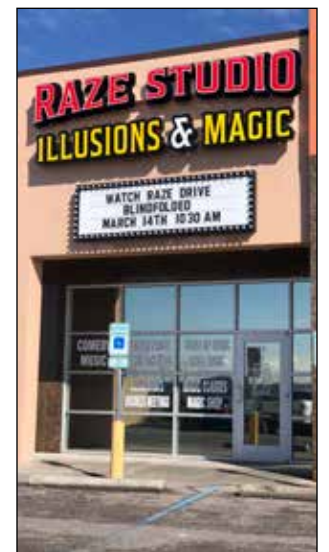
He recently hung up his traveling hat for a while.

Last year, O'Hara became friends with The Amazing Raze, an illusionist extraordinaire who also is local physician Imran Raza. Raza started performing when he located his practice here, and last year he decided to open his own magical storefront/theater. At

10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 14, Raze is preparing to drive his Ferrari, blindfolded!, through an obstacle course at the old K-Mary parking lot, 1900 Bataan Memorial Parkway.

With the help of magic, Raza

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The magical theater storefront marquis is easy to spot in the mall at 3202 Rinconada Blvd.

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Garrett set to steer history museum

By **JESS WILLIAMS**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Former two-term Doña Ana County Commissioner Billy G. Garrett has been appointed to the position of executive director of the New Mexico History Museum, which is a division of the state's Department of Cultural Affairs. He had been serving as interim director since last May.

Garrett said he and his wife, Cynthia, will retain their Las Cruces home, but they have taken up residence in Santa Fe while he is on board with the museum system.

He said he finds the work rewarding, and he sees a connection between his work as a county commissioner and what he's doing now.

"It's all about finding ways to bring the community together," he said. "I'm excited in this position to help New Mexico's history become more accessible to more people."

According to a press release Garrett will oversee daily operations,



Billy Garrett

a full calendar of public programs, and development of exhibitions. The campus of the New Mexico History Museum includes the Palace of the Governors, Pete V. Domenici Building, and Fray Angelico Chávez History Library. The museum is also home to the Palace Press, Palace Photo Archives, and the Native American Artisans Portal program.

"The New Mexico History Museum is one of Santa Fe's most valued cultural treasures and an important resource for all New Mexicans," Garrett said. "Building on this tradition offers wonderful opportunities for collaboration between museum staff, our supporters and communities across the state. Over the next three years, the Campaign for New Mexico History is going to generate the essential funding needed for new

exhibitions, work on the Palace of the Governors, and expansion of public programs. I'm honored to have been selected as executive director as we begin this exciting and important work."

As a county commissioner between 2011 and 2019, Garrett focused his efforts on infrastructure development, strategic planning, government transparency and animal welfare. He created the groundwork for what became the Zero in 7 initiative to lead the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley toward no-kill status, and he served on that entity's board of directors for eight years.

Much of Garrett's work experience has focused on management of cultural resources, environmental design, community planning and organizational management. He spent 26 years working for the National Park Service, where he developed a strong background as a manager and architect, with significant experience with historic structures. He'll use this experience to build capacity in the museum, strengthen communications and relationships with the public, and ensure the relevance of programs to communities throughout New Mexico.

A third-generation New Mexican, Garrett graduated from Las Cruces High School and later received a B.A. of Architecture and an M.A. in Anthropology from Arizona State University. Following his retirement from the National Park Service in 2009, he returned to Las Cruces.

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As a magician, Jamie O'Hara has been offering birthday parties with magic shows for 33 years. Now, he is able to continue the tradition in one place, Raze Studio Illusions & Magic, where even a basic birthday package includes things he has not been able to provide up to now.

MAGIC

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worked his way through medical school in Pakistan as a young man, O'Hara said. Eventually, Raza's magic-performance abilities even helped him impress an interview panel and get his foot in the door to the medical residency program at Memorial Medical Center.

"One thing led to another, and his medical practice is doing well," O'Hara said. "He decided to reignite his practice in magic, because he loves magic and loves to perform. He had two shows last year that were very successful with sold-out crowds."

O'Hara and Raza became friends over coffee, and soon Raza asked O'Hara to perform at the new facility. But O'Hara's schedule kept him on the road, performing often in eastern New Mexico. After the financial crash 13 years ago, he said he has been struggling to make ends

meet and often traveled as far as Carlsbad, Roswell and Artesia to ply his double trades as magician and musician.

Raza was persistent, so O'Hara put on his thinking cap.

"I came up with this crazy idea, and I honestly thought he was just going to chuckle and say forget it," O'Hara said. "'Why don't you give me a retainer fee so I can clear my decks and refocus largely on this,' I said. 'Then give me a salary for three months, and I'll do every show you can book in here. In fact, I'll help you book them and train other people to produce your shows.' And he asked if I would do that for a year."

The partnership storefront has been open for 12 weeks and has hosted several birthday parties, as well as two sold-out illusion shows. The magical facility welcomes visitors with lush colors, welcoming chairs and a deep red curtain across the stage. It also offers



O'Hara spends time at the studio to greet visitors, put together shows, schedule events and give tours of the theater.

a museum's worth of magical history, including a Houdini display, a guillotine, kabuki swords and various other illusion accoutrements.

Also found at Raze Studio Illusions & Magic are magic boxes with illusions and card tricks for sale, along with various other feasts for the eyes. Ephemera line the walls behind the counters, and, for the shows, concessions are open.

"I know it's crazy we've got a theater in a shopping center," O'Hara said. "We have a magic shop. Come to a show, pay a ticket price, enjoy concessions and visit the back of the room for sales after the show."

After a handful of birthday parties and the two live shows, the facility is making money and building its capabilities.

"We really we need to have four or five times that for this to become a humming operation," he said. "When that happens, we can do

two shows a month for [Raza] on consecutive weekends. Pretty soon, I'm going to do a show too, an evening of magic and comedy, probably with a lower ticket price (Raze's illusion shows are \$25)."

O'Hara said he's adjusting to what he called a significant change of pace in his life after being on the road for so long. Sometimes, he said, it feels like a bit like a cage.

"While I do love being on the road – I've got friends on the road and I love doing shows – I was weary," he said. "I've been a free-range animal for 33 years, and now I have a cage, and that's a difficult adjustment. But as a guy who does magic tricks, if you have to have a cage and the cage is a theater where you hang out with magicians and listen to music and do all this other stuff – WOW! – that's pretty cool."

Raze's next illusion show is scheduled March 28 at Raze Studio, 3202 Rinconada



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Blvd. in Las Cruces. For information, visit the website at razestudioillusions.com or call 575-250-RAZE (7293).

Raze Studio opens 4ish each afternoon, Wednesday through Sunday, sometimes ear-

lier. Calling ahead is a good idea, but the museum-quality displays alone are worth the trip to check the place out.

Elva K. Österreich may be reached at elva@las-crucesbulletin.com.

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Solid cast shines in Black Box Theatre's 'Bosoms and Neglect'



PHOTO BY PETER HERMAN, BLACK BOX THEATRE

Jamie Bronstein and Bobby Senecal in Black Box Theatre's production of "Bosoms and Neglect," by playwright John Guare.

By MIKE COOK

Las Cruces Bulletin

Black Box Theatre's production of "Bosoms and Neglect" reminded me of a Russian nesting doll. It continues to open itself until, at the end, you have this beautiful and fragile moment that captures the entire essence of the play very powerfully and intimately.

That moment belongs to Jamie Bronstein, giving the acting performance of her life as "Henny," the blind and aging widow with cancer, a decade or more of suicide attempts and a son she is trying to understand and make

peace with.

Playing a blind character has to be difficult enough but delivering a deeply moving monologue in the play's final scene is made even more challenging because Bronstein is confined to a bed throughout. There are no props, no music, no tricks of the light – just Bronstein telling Hetty's story of suffering and survival, of struggle and denial, of bosoms and neglect. It was riveting, and I will remember it as one of my favorite scenes of all times.

And that takes nothing away from Bronstein's co-stars in this production: Bobby Senecal as Hetty's son, tragically nicknamed "Scooper," and Avra Elliott, playing Deidra, the woman he meets in their psychiatrist's waiting room. They were both terrific as two damaged people who have perfected their skills of making themselves and each other miserable. Thanks to their brief but violent encounter, they both wind up in the same hospital as Hetty.

Senecal's Scooper starts his visits to the unseen psychologist, Dr. James, because he is too happy. He's having an affair with a married woman, and also has history with her husband. Scooper has been seeing James three times a week for six years at \$150 an hour.

But Elliott's Deidra

can top all that: She has been going five times a week for eight years but only pays \$140 an hour. Deidra claims to be an orphan who turned her father in for selling drugs, and a nun who kicked the habit. She wears a wedding ring even though she's never been married. The only thing Scooper and Deidra seem to have in common is their love for books.

Bravo and kudos to Bronstein, Senecal and Elliott, and to director Monte H. Wright, for a production that finds the funny moments that highlight this dark comedy, but also finds its heart and delivers it like the blow of a hammer.

"Bosoms and Neglect" was written by John Guare, whose other plays include "House of Blue Leaves" and "Six Degrees of Separation."

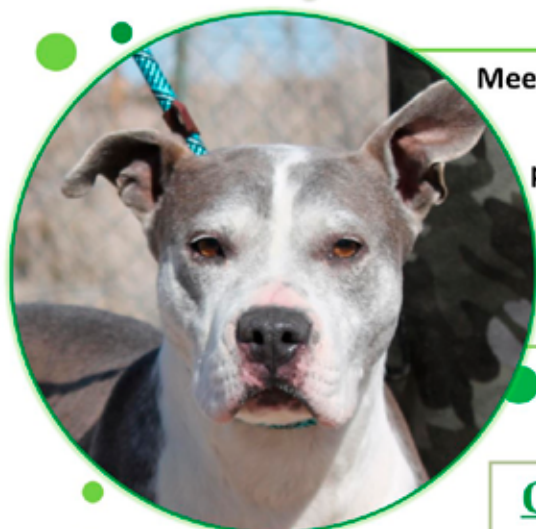
My advice: Go see this play.

Remaining performances of "Bosoms and Neglect" are at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, March 13-14 and 20-21; 2:30 p.m. on Sundays, March 15 and 22 and 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 19. Tickets are \$12-\$15 for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday performances and \$10 for the Thursday, March 19, performance only.

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Actors in A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley's "Alice in Wonderland" learning an acting warm-up game.

Down the rabbit hole, kid style!

A Children's Theatre of the Mesilla Valley (ACT) presents Lewis Carroll's classic, "Alice in Wonderland," with two casts featured in four performances at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., downtown.

Performances are 7 p.m. Fridays March 13

and 20 and at 1 p.m. Saturdays, March 14 and 21. Tickets are \$8 and are available online at www.achildrenstheatre.org and at the door before each performance. Doors open one hour before each show. Directed by Jazmin Buchman, Luis Castro and Natasha San-

chez. Performers in both ACT casts are age 5-15. ACT is a nonprofit based in Las Cruces that has provided theatre and film experiences for children since 1993. For more information, call ACT at 575-571-1413 or call Show Coordinator Pinky Kingsley at 575-644-9561.

'Murderess' is playing now



COURTESY PHOTO

'Murderess' this weekend. Left to right in the cast of ToadHall's production of "Murderess" are Debbie Jo Felix as Laura Fair, Erin Wendorf as Margaret "Ma" Hossack, Erica James as Celia Bryan, Nancy Sorrells (presenter), Nancy Klein Tafoya as Jane Toppan, Nora Brown as Gossipy Neighbor and Amy Whipple as Lizzy Borden. Additional performances of the play are 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 15. Both performances are at NMSU's Isabel Crouch Readers Theatre between the Speech and English buildings on campus, behind the Barnes & Noble bookstore at the corner of University Avenue and Jordan Street. Admission is \$5 and free to students. Tickets are available at the theatre before each performance. "Murderess" is "an intriguing play composed of six monologues by six historical women suspected of or charged with murder," said ToadHall founder and the play's director, Ken Forestal. Playwright Anne Bertram describes the women in her play as "notorious killers from American history (who) reveal their secrets in a suite of monologues." For more information, contact Forestal at kmforestal@yahoo.com.



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Spotlighted artists were drawn to each other's work

"The Explorer," by Noël Sandino



By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces artists C.C. Cunningham and Noël Sandino first admired each other's work during For the Love of Art Month last year and the 2019 the ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico member show.

"I loved her work instantly," Cunningham said. "She had a similar reaction to mine. We connected deeply as abstract artists and process painters. I love to play in the studio."

Playing in the red clay of her native Oklahoma as a child, one of her first artistic creations was a sculpture of a horse's head. After moving to Las Cruces, she found herself

mixing Las Cruces-area red sand with acrylic paint to give a more authentic flavor to her artwork. "Here I am playing in the dirt again," she said. "There's something about the earth that is so appealing to me."

Cunningham first came to northern New Mexico in 2000 to attend a journaling workshop. She met a couple from Las Cruces and knew she would live here one day. After living in Denver and Taos, she moved to Las Cruces in 2002. She moved back to Denver in 2010 before returning to Las Cruces in 2015.

Cunningham took up painting until age 50, when

she took a watercolor class and painted petroglyphs near Deming. She fell in love with acrylics, but her first sale was a watercolor landscape. She's participated in a number of art workshops, but never attended art school.

Sandino and her husband had lived in Sacramento for nearly 40 years before moving to Las Cruces in 2017. She said she soon realized, "This is an art community!"

Sandino started drawing cartoon characters at age 3 or 4, she said, took ceramics, textile and printmaking classes in grade school and high school and won an art scholarship in junior

high. She began work as a decorative painter and muralist for commercial and residential interior designers professionally and "felt so blessed that I was able to make a living in an art field," she said.

Sandino had an early interest in photography, discovered she had a good eye for composition and switched to painting. She also loves printmaking and teaches it in workshops and classes.

"I play a lot," Cunningham said. "I love texture. I like to push paint. 'It's really a lot about the play. What if I do this?'"

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"Is It Lust or Love," by C.C. Cunningham

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Tombaugh Gallery features two-artist show, two receptions

FROM A TOMBAUGH GALLERY NEWS RELEASE

The Tombaugh Gallery features artists C. C. Cunningham and Noël Sandino with the exhibit "Beyond Words – One Word Two Visions" in March and early April at the gallery, 2000 S. Solano

Drive.

The show opened with an artist reception March 8. A second artist reception, "Beyond Words," 5-7 p.m. Friday, March 27, which will include a collaboration painting event, as the two artists take turns creating a work of art.

The exhibit continues through Friday, April 10. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday.

Contact the Tombaugh Gallery at 575-522-7281. Visit www.uuchurchlc.org/locations/tombaugh-gallery-2 or find them on Facebook.

Last-minute changes can't derail film fest

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

The 2020 Las Cruces International Film Festival had some moments where organizers were queasy, as several special guests dropped out at the last moment, several out of concerns about the coronavirus.

"The show must go on," said festival director Ross Marks. "We picked up some great guests who we weren't expecting. Having Graham Moore step in was great, and his panel workshop was among the best we have ever had in my eight years with the festival."

Between Moore and Richard Dreyfuss, this year's festival featured two Academy Award winners -- Moore for his screenplay for "The Imitation Game" (2014) and Dreyfuss for his performance in "The Goodbye Girl" (1978).

"It started off with a bang," Marks said. "It was the biggest opening night we ever had, with the most people we ever had for an opening night screening. We sold out the first theater with 250 people and put 150 in the second theater. The virus didn't seem to scare off

the film goers, even if it scared off some of the out-of-town guests."

Marks said that between the special guests and the response from filmmakers and community filmgoers, as well as a warm and gracious staff, the 2020 film festival was "a wonderful success."

"Our number-one goal is to be a filmmaker festival," he said. "As a filmmaker myself, I wanted to create a festival I would want to be a part of."

The 2020 festival boasted a couple of "firsts," Marks said. This is the first time they had two Academy Award winners take part and the first time they had an actual feature film premier, with "Astronaut." The movie's writer and director Shelagh McLeod flew in from London for the event and later sent an email to Marks telling him it was the best festival she has attended, and she was impressed by the hospitality of the area.

"The overall response from filmmakers was so overwhelmingly positive," Marks said. "This year was extremely smooth, a tribute to everybody involved in the



Actor Richard Dreyfuss holds the crowd's attention at the 2020 Las Cruces Film Festival

PHOTO BY
ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

festival."

As plans for next year, Marks said there were some really big-name special guests who wanted to come in this year and couldn't because of the schedule. They have already committed to being here next year if they get the schedule early enough. Those dates will be released soon.

Elva K. Österreich may be reached at elva@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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Boba Café and Cabaret has new owner, same great atmosphere

REVIEW

By **MIKE COOK**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Realtor Gail Zimmer and I have traded many email messages during the last few years about her daughter, Taylor Rey, and more recently, about Zimmer's very successful "Search for a Star" competition in January and February at Boba Cabaret. Realizing we had never actually met in person, we decided to have lunch together there March 5.

Angela Stoltenberg bought the restaurant and cabaret from Chris and Eliza Waggoner a little more than a year ago, and it was nice to see her again, busy as ever behind the counter, serving and greeting customers. And, as usual, the restaurant was busy with a full lunch crowd.

One of the things I like the most that Stoltenberg has held on to from the Waggoners is gluten-free bread. And, it's really good gluten-free bread, too. I had a



Gail Zimmer with a made-to-order salad at Boba Café and Cabaret.

corned beef sandwich – it's called a Rueben on the menu, but I can't abide sauerkraut, so our excellent waitress, Erica Hall, left that off – with swiss cheese and

thousand island dressing. It was outstanding!

Zimmer got Hall and Stoltenberg to create a made-to-order salad that included some tasty-looking chicken



Boba Café and Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St.

and cheese. Hmm, I should have asked for a sample, especially since there was such a healthy portion, Zimmer had to take a good bit of it home in a box.

Zimmer had rousing success with her first producing venture at Boba Cabaret. Twelve contestants were selected for the competition, performing before sold-out audiences during four performances,

Jan. 31-Feb. 8. Some of the contestants had never faced an audience before, Zimmer said, adding that they all had a great time, and the winner, Timothy Parra, got a \$500 cash prize.

Zimmer said she's looking forward to doing more shows at the cabaret. I've performed there a few times, although it's been a while. It's a great venue, and I always enjoy going.

The lunch and dinner menus include a wide range of appetizers, salads, soups (Egg Flower, Albuquerque Torilla and even Shrimp, Tofu and Seaweed), sandwiches (everything from a BLT to tuna salad with green apples), quesadillas, wraps and rollups. Dinner specials include Ca-

ribbean Night any night of the week, featuring beef, chicken, shrimp and combination jerk dinners, with Boba's own special green chile jerk sauce.

There's also a kid's menu.

Boba also has beer and wine, a wide range of sodas and coffee drinks and, of course, the bubble milk tea for which it's most famous. And ask about their desserts.

Boba Café and Cabaret, 1900 S. Espina St., is open 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 10:30 a.m.- 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday. The restaurant is closed on Sundays. You can eat inside or on the outdoor patio, and Boba also has delivery service available. Call 575-647-5900.

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Animal paintings by Dinah Swan

DAAC hosts animal pastel workshop

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) will host the one-day “Animal Pastel Painting Workshop” with acclaimed artist Dinah Swan 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 (painting workshop), and 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 (framing workshop), at the DAAC Arts and Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado in Bulletin Plaza.



Dinah Swan

Paisano Café.

This workshop will begin with a short lecture/demo by Swan, followed by exercises on painting animal eyes and fur. In preparation for the next part, participants

The cost is \$75 per person. Bring your lunch or join others next door at

will review value, shape and contrast to create dynamism.

Participants will then paint a coyote head/shoulders and will finish by painting another animal: a bear, dog, rabbit, wolf or a second coyote. All images will be provided.

The workshop includes the Wednesday, March 18, two-hour class “Framing Your Art Using Recycled Frames.”

Swan will model how to use upcycled frames and a Logan matt cutter during the framing workshop and promises “enlightenment” with this essential matt-cutting tool by the

end of the class.

Bring 400- or 500-grit sandpaper or buy it at the Tuesday workshop. Also bring or plan to borrow an assortment of soft, dry pastels.

Swan said she will provide a variety of other “tools and stuff for students to try,” including tortillons (cylindrical drawing tools), alcohol, blending tools, erasers, stencils, pencils, hard pastels and so on. Swan said workshop participants should bring an apron or other protective clothing, a few soft paper towels and a soft artist’s paintbrush for removing pastel and masking tape.

DAAC will provide foam core sheets to which each student’s pastel paper will be taped. Also, bring a portable easel if you have one.

For more information, contact Swan at 970-247-

1995 or Dinahswan@aol.com. Visit www.dinahswan.com.

To reserve a place in the workshop, call DAAC at 575-523-6403. Visit www.daarts.org for a complete supply list.

Swan’s wildlife artwork returns to Las Cruces

Artist Dinah Swan’s “Animal Magnetism” exhibition opened March 1 at the Doña Ana Arts Council Arts and Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado in the Bulletin Plaza.

Born and raised in the South, Swan began coming to Las Cruces after her parents moved here from the Gulf Coast to retire. Her sister, Leslie Leavitt, moved to Las Cruces in 2000 to care

for them. Dinah and her husband, Terry, owned a couple of homes in Las Cruces and spent several winters here and still make occasional visits. They now live in Durango, Colorado.

Prior to “Animal Magnetism,” her most recent Las Cruces show was “Animals of the Southwest” last summer at New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.



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Review: I've Got a Secret (Corpus Christi)

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Bulletin

Playboy turned fake priest hoodwinks village

Secrets belie this superb, dark film, which was a finalist for the Best International Film at this year's Academy Awards.

It begins at a Polish reformatory for wayward reprobates, when some young men assigned to a wood-working unit assault one of their own while momentarily unsupervised, causing great harm to his manhood.

One of the perps is Daniel, a lanky and seemingly unrepentant youth.

Released shortly thereafter, Daniel heads for a village that has a huge sawmill that employs gents such as him,

GRADE: A+

Opens tonight at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. It runs for a week and is in Polish with good subtitling.

seemingly in a work-release type program.

However, even after vowing to remain sober to the institution's priest, he immediately heads for alcohol, drugs and random sex.

Upon arriving at the village, he bypasses the sawmill and heads for the church, meeting a young woman who is the sole person in the chapel.

He tells her he is a priest and produces a clerical collar (we're not sure how he got that) and is soon introduced to the elderly vicar of the church.

Daniel has paid some attention to the Catholic services while in the prison and soon finds himself (believably) filling in for the ailing alcoholic vicar—doing masses in his own way, much to the surprise of the very 'religious' villagers.

Coinciding with this is a memorial (a Descanso of sorts) that pays homage to six young people who were killed in a crash, supposedly by a drunk driver. This has caused quite a riff in the town, and Daniel sets out to find the story.

He does a superb job of convincing the town that he really is a priest, filling in on all levels, but also keeping some of his other habits: occasional drinking, occasional drugs and enough amorous adventures to

whet his appetite.

Soon, another hooligan arrives in town and demands a ransom in order for Daniel to keep his secret (s), all while Daniel attempts to arrange for a proper funeral for the driver of the 'other' car involved in the accident,

who may or may not be guilty.

Corpus Christi is certainly one excellent film, and the casting and story are superb. In an interview with director Jan Komasa, he notes how the story was based on true events.

"This case was one of the many cases researched by Mateusz Pacewicz, the scriptwriter. He wrote an article on one particular case about a guy named Patrick. Patrick was pretending to be a priest in a small community in Poland for four to five months during Corpus Christi, the Christian holiday, which takes place around May/June. In the

original case, there was no juvenile-detention center, no accident in a village. This was all added. But the core of the story, the passion of the main character, stayed.

In the original story, Patrick was uncovered as a fake priest. People in the village were not only feeling cheated but also very confused, because they were very religious. They didn't know if their children were actually baptized. Or what about the sacraments he gave them? Were they married or not?

They started to write letters to the Vatican. The Vatican ran an investigation and ultimately decided, to everyone's surprise, that it's all legal — even though he's a fake priest — because it was done in an authentic, by-the-book way.

But Patrick had to be excommunicated, expelled from church. He can't take part in any sacrament. He can't have a church wedding anymore. For the Church, pretending to be a spiritual Christian representation, it's the biggest canonic sin you can make."

'Corpus Christi' is a very dark film, so those who take issue with true-to-life stories might want to stay home.

Jeff Berg has been reviewing movies for The Bulletin since 2002. He lives in Santa Fe and may be reached at ned-ludd76@hotmail.com.



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van der Aa has art show at Mandrake gallery

BULLETIN REPORT

Michael Poncé and Trish McCaul of the Mandrake Fine Art and Botánica, 501 E. Hadley Ave., will feature new work by Las Cruces artist Roy van der Aa for the month of March. An opening reception will be held 3-8 p.m. Saturday, March 14.

This new collection, "The way I see," is a departure from the non-objective geometric work van der Aa has been doing for 10 years.

The new pieces consist of painted collages and involve a way of re-imagining landscape painting and the world at large, van der Aa said.

Born in Amsterdam, van der Aa grew up in Montreal. His formal education includes two years of fine art specialty at John Abbott College and three years at Concordia University studying printmaking and archaeology. In 1981, van der Aa founded Zones, a cooperative fine arts production studio and exhibition space, which he operated until moving to the United States in 1989. He is a founding member of ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico and a member of the salon discussion and developmental art group The Insighters.

van der Aa has had more than 115 solo, two-person and group shows. He has exhibited throughout the southwest U.S. and Quebec. Most recently, he was part of a curated group print show at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

van der Aa lives in Las



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Artwork by Las Cruces artist Roy van der Aa that will be part of his exhibit at Mandrake Fine Art and Botánica, 501 E. Hadley Ave.

Cruces with his wife, writer/editor Robin L. Baxa, and their filmmaker son, Rowan.

Mandrake Fine Art and Botánica is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. For more information, find The Mandrake Fine Art & Botánica on Facebook.



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Mary Diesel has March show at Aa Studios

While Aa Studios owner Roy van der Aa is having an art show at Mandrake Find Art and Botánica, Las Cruces artist Mary Diesel will have an exhibition at Aa Studios, owned by van der Aa, behind 2645 Doña Ana Road.

The exhibit of new works mixed water media by Diesel is called "Crows in the Cottonwoods." An opening reception will be 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 13. Diesel will be in the studio 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, March 15.

The exhibit will continue through Sunday, April 5, and can be visited by appointment.



"Crows in the Cottonwoods," by Mary Diesel at Aa Studios, behind 2645 Doña Ana Road

For more information and to schedule a visit to the studio, call 575-520-8752.

Diesel is a native of

East St. Louis, Illinois who moved to Las Cruces two years ago after 24 years in Big Bend, Texas.

Diesel has returned to watercolor – she calls it "mixed water media" because she includes acrylics and gouache – and is a member of the southern chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. She's also part of Agave Artists collective in Mesilla. Diesel also paints with acrylics and makes ceremonial breastplates from cast paper pulp.

For more information, contact Diesel at 575-556-9600 and spottedslinky55@gmail.com. Visit marydiesel.com.



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By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

The NMSU Theatre Department's production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is one of the very best shows I have ever seen. It is, in a word, brilliant.

The entire nine-member cast, along with understudy Victoria Cox, is comprised of NMSU theatre students, and I would give each one a perfect 10 and a whole box of gold stars for their work.

Six actors played elementary-school students participating in the spelling bee in the school gym: Jenna Ivey



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE WISE, NMSU THEATRE DEPARTMENT

The cast of the NMSU Theatre Department's current production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," left to right, Kamryn Neill, Brianna Horvath, Riley Merritt, Joshua Jackson, Huge De Billie V, Xodia Choate, Jenna Ivey, Nicholas Mayeux and Ben Muckenthaler.

(Olive Ostrovsky), Hugo De Billie V (William Barfee – it's pronounced bar FEY!), Xodia Choate

(Logainne "Schwartzzy" Schwartzandgrubenerre), Brianna Horvath (Marcy Park), Joshua

Jackson (Leaf Coneybear) and Riley Merritt ("Chip" Tolentino).

Then there were Kamryn Neill (teacher and former spelling bee winner Rona Lisa Peretti), Nicholas Mayeux (Vice Principal Douglas Panch) and Ben Muckenthaler (Mitch Mahoney, doing community service).

Neill and Muckenthaler double as Olive's parents, Jackson and Muckenthaler double as Schwartzzy's two fathers and Merritt also plays Jesus (juggling on a



Joshua Jackson as Leaf Coneybear in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Behind him are Kamryn Neill as teacher Rona Lisa Peretti and Nicholas Mayeux as Vice Principal Douglas Panch.

skateboard, no less).

Each can sing, act and dance, and their work as an ensemble and in smaller groups is exceeded only by their

charming and powerful individual performances.

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Stamp club holds annual show

The Mesilla Valley Stamp Club, established in 1971, will host its 30th stamp show/sale March 14-15 at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 East University Ave.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission

is free.

Local and traveling stamp collectors will be exhibiting and competing for exhibit awards. Supplies will be available, as well as educational opportunities related to worldwide stamps and postal history.

At the junior table, young collectors will be provided free stamps.

Hourly door prizes will be awarded.

The Mesilla Valley Stamp Club – the state's oldest – meets at 6:30 p.m. first Thursdays at Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid Ave.



Hugo De Billie V as William Barfee and Kamryn Neill as Rona Lisa Peretti

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extra box of gold stars (with assistance from NMSU theatre grad and stage wonder Calvin Chervinko) as choreographer. Hugo de Bille V's dancing and singing in "The Magic Foot" and spelling words with that foot attest to the talent of all three. Hugo is astonishing in this role.

The orchestra pit has been removed for this show – the excellent band, conducted by Lisa Hermanson, with Mary-Lynn Brown, Brian Theodorson, Jacob Speller (don't you love it?), Peyton Womble, Myles Wood-Brown and Richard Sayanagi, was in the back.

That arrangement brought the actors closer to the front row where I was sitting, which was especially cool because Merritt gave me a bottle of water during one of his forays into the audience as former champion speller "Chip" Tolentino. He was outstanding, especially during his daring performance of "Chip's Lament."

I have seen Jenna Ivey perform several times but was astonished to

learn that she only began acting a year ago. She's amazing, and never more so than as Olive. Her performance of "The I Love You Song" with Neill and Muckenthaler is a showstopper in the grandest tradition.

Brianna Horvath brought genius to her role. I'm not sure why, but her character, speller Marcy Park, may have been my favorite. Xodia Choate as Schwartz, was as amazing as she always is as (I loved "Woe Is Me.")

I hadn't seen freshman Joshua Jackson perform before, but his Leaf Coneybear was a memorable combination of in-your-face and great vulnerability. Nicholas Mayeaux showed comic greatness as the word pronouncer and was perfect as the icky vice principal.



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Riley Merritt as "Chip" Tolentino in "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"

Kamryn Neill had amazing versatility as the very proper if slightly disturbing Miss Peretti and as Olive's mother in far away India. Muckenthaler was fearless and absolutely fabulous as Mitch Mahoney, and he joined Jackson in creating the perfect pair of fathers for Schwartz.

Four members of the audience are selected to join the spellers in each performance, and they were all great fun during Thursday night's show. One of the four actually spelled an impossible word correctly.

Heaps of praise to musical director Herman-son, lighting designer Jim Billings (notice the stage's basketball-court floor), costume designer (right down to the bee broach worn by Neill) Yamilex Holguin, sound designer Jim Wilkinson, props designer David Hereford and stage manager Jazmen Escarcega.

"Putnam County" is directed by NMSU Theatre Department

Head Wil Kilroy, and his work bringing these outstanding players and crew members together deserves a crate full of platinum stars.

There is only one more weekend to see the show. Final performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 13-14 and 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, March 14-15. The AS-NMSU Center for the Arts is located at 1000 E. University Ave.

Tickets are \$15-\$18 for adults, \$11 for students and \$5 for high school students. Purchase tickets by phone at 575-646-1420; in person at the Pan-American Center ticket office or the AS-NMSU Center for the Arts box office, which opens one hour before each performance; or online at Ticketmaster. For more information, visit <https://theatre.nmsu.edu/>.

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 14 Old jazz buff
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 23 Amaze a Sherlock Holmes portrayer?
 25 - acid (corrosive liquid)
 26 - -mo
 27 Brighton brew
 28 12-month fame?
 30 Trendy berry in juices
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 34 Goddess of the dawn
 35 Singer Brown got dressed?
 42 Gridiron gains: Abbr.
 43 Pen giant
 45 Make reparations
 46 Cosa - (Mafia's kin)
 48 Areas of expertise
 51 Provides party platters
 53 Determine which team scored?
 57 Supper scrap
 58 "Egypt - up like a flood": Jeremiah
 46:8
 60 "NO TURN -" (traffic sign)
 61 Octa- plus one

62 Relative of a résumé
 64 Judge on the bench, e.g.
 65 Bee creation
 66 Fact about a consolidation loan?
 71 Two-spot
 74 University in Atlanta
 75 In - (owing)
 79 Old science magazine
 80 Balance pantrayer?
 81 Pittsburgh's Carnegie - University
 84 Instructors' org.
 85 Sub-shop blaze?
 88 Relative key of B minor
 90 Michelangelo work
 91 California wine region
 93 Old Greek market
 94 Erwin of old films
 95 "The Tell-Tale Heart" tale-teller
 98 Moola earned by a love god?
 100 Blocks from the freezer
 102 Is up against
 104 School in Berkshire
 105 Road named after singer Deanna?
 110 Seeded loaf
 112 - Alamitos, California
 115 Thinking the world of
 116 What to do to socks that tear

every 24 hours?
 120 Appear
 121 Asinine
 122 Late actress Brennan
 123 Hot- - (drag racer)
 124 Turn from a straight line
 125 Say "no" to

DOWN

1 Mortar trays
 2 List-ending abbr.
 3 TV clown
 4 "Frasier" woman
 5 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
 6 Li'l fellow
 7 Gasteyer of "Mean Girls"
 8 Truckload
 9 Deadly pale
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 11 "If I Had -" (Lyle Lovett song)
 12 American avant-garde artist
 13 Antediluvian
 14 Toyota rival
 15 Iroquois foe
 16 Falafel bread
 17 Amendment
 18 Samuel of justice
 19 PC whizzes
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 63 Most chancy
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 108 Organic compound
 109 Head, to Gigi
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 114 "Auld Lang -"
 117 Amp plug-in
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 119 Furry TV alien

CALL TO ARTISTS

By **JESS WILLIAMS**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Tribute to Mark Medoff: Submissions sought for an exhibit that will hang in the Black Box Theatre lobby gallery from April 17 through May 3, in conjunction with the run of "The Majestic Kid," which was penned by Medoff in the 1980s. Ceil Herman will direct. Any form of art is acceptable. Info: margaretpaints@yahoo.com.

In Effect Gallery's 'Spring Fling' show: Submission deadline is April 21 for the second annual "Spring Fling" art show Friday, May 8, 6-10 p.m. Any media accepted, but maximum sculpture height is 36 inches. Two-dimensional artwork not to exceed 22

x 24 inches, including frame, horizontal or vertical. Entry fee: \$15 per piece. All work must be for sale. Info: dennis_lujan@yahoo.com or deserthoundmilligan@gmail.com

Memorial Medical Center's Art Initiative seeks works of art for the Administration Building of the MMC Cancer Center on Telshor Avenue and the MMC HealthPlex, Surgical and Women's Imaging Center on Northrise. Mediums: oil watercolor, acrylic, dyes, collages, ceramic, mixed media, indoor and outdoor sculpture, pottery, fabric, weaving, quilting, stained glass and others. Themes: hospital appropriate, warm, positive, humorous and

uplifting, with people, animals. Deadline: ongoing. Submit 3-4 jpgs of completed works with title, medium, size, price, artist name, email, phone, bio and personal pic to: Janice Jones, Janice.jones@LPNT.net, and Cynthia de Lorenzi, Cynthia.de.Lorenzi@gmail.com.

World Turtle Day: Art exhibit and public reading. Confirm participation by April 1 via email to jelicht@gmail.com. Submit pieces to Tombaugh Gallery, 2000 S. Solano Dr. Submit poetry, essays and stories by April 5 via email to editor@desertexposure.com. All media welcome. Show will run May 3-29. Reading on May 23. Info: 575-642-1110.

Tombaugh Gallery: Submission deadline: April 10. Regional artists within a 200-mile radius of Las Cruces may submit proposals for exhibitions for the 2021 calendar year. Non-traditional media or subject matters welcome. All artwork must be for sale. Include a letter of proposal with information about the artist, type of work to be shown and USB flash drive containing eight representative images as JPG files. For group shows, supply a list of all members and two images from each member. Info: jelicht@gmail.com or uchurchlc.org/about-us/our-art-gallery

Singing Out Las Cruces: Seeking accompanist.

Paid position. LGBTQ+ choir meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Tuesday, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Performances throughout the year. Info: singingoutlascruces@gmail.com.

Male barbershop quartet looking for experienced tenor or lead singer. Must be able to read music and be available to practice at least once a week. Contact Chuck Riggs: 575-521-1729; chuck.riggs@mac.com.

The Mesilla Valley Swing Band has openings for baritone sax, trumpets, trombone, drums and percussionist. The band rehearses from 6-9 p.m. Wednesdays at The First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Contact

Jim Helder, 575-373-2188, 575-540-9701 or drh@cognizor.com.

New Horizons Band of Las Cruces is looking for players. The band rehearses 6:45-8:15 p.m. Tuesdays in the NMSU Music Building, 1075 N. Horseshoe. Contact band Director Judy Bethmann at msjudy@hotmail.com or www.nhsocruces.com.

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A&E EVENTS

By JESS WILLIAMS

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Mesilla Valley Vintage**Wines:** 2461 Calle de Principal, Mesilla.6 p.m. Wednesdays:
Trivia night6 p.m. Thursdays:
Open jams.

8 p.m., Friday, March 13: Daisy + M.F. Rhythm Section.

7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 14: Hooligans Irish Celebrations.

3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 15: Ricky + Emily.

7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20: Raw Material.

Rio Grande Theatre**Events:** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Info and tickets: 575-571-1413.

March 13 and 20: 7 p.m., Children's Theatre, Alice in Wonderland. \$8.

March 14 and 21: 1 p.m., Children's Theatre, Alice in Wonderland. \$8.

Doña Ana Photography**Club:** Cruces Creatives, 205 E. Lohman Ave. Info: daphotoclub.org.

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17. Viewing of "Candlelight" submissions, followed by review and awards presentation of first quarterly print competition.

9 AM -12 Noon., Saturday, March 21. Photography Club Boot Camp: "Creating Better Photographs" will cover basic composition, lighting and photographic styles \$5.

Poetry reading: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, Palacios Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. "Feathered Dreams: Celebrating Birds in Poems, Stories and Images" by Janet Ruth. Free. Info: 575-522-1119.**Doña Ana Arts Council:** 1740 Calle de Mercado, Bulletin Plaza. Info: 575-523-6403 or daarts.org.

March 14, 4-7 p.m.: Second Saturday 10-10 Arts Hop Opening Reception for the Dinah Swan's "Animal Magnetism" gallery exhibit. Free. Ex-

hibit available through March, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

March 16 & 23: 5:30-7 p.m., Feed Your Mind: *Art in Paris* ORMarch 19 & 26: 1:30-3 p.m., Feed Your Mind: *Art in Paris*

An art history and cultural series presented by art historian Kathleen Key. \$60 for four sessions or \$20 per seminar.

March 17 & 24: 1:30-3 p.m. Feed Your Mind: *Impressionism* with Kathleen Key. Art history focusing on Impressionism from 1860 - 1926. \$60 for four sessions or \$20 per seminar.March 17, 24 & 31: 5:15-6:15 p.m., *Essentrics: Body Toning and Strength Building* with Carol Witham. Yoga mat, water and pre-registration required. \$10 per class. Class maximum is 12.March 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: *One-day Workshop: Painting Animals with Pastels with Dinah Swan*. Exercises on painting animal eyes and fur. \$75.

March 19, 4 - 6 p.m. Opening reception for Three-Day Pop Up Art Sale for Doña Ana Community College ceramics students. Sales benefit

ceramics students.

March 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Get ArtRageous! *Painting on Silk* with Judy Licht. \$35 includes all materials and light refreshments. DAAC members receive a 20 percent discount.

March 27, Noon to 1:30 p.m.: Promoting Art in the Mesilla Valley. Dinah Swan will give a gallery talk on her exhibit "Animal Magnetism". Free.

March 30, 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.: *One-day Workshop: Multiwatermedia Painting on Watercolor Paper* with Marie Siegrist. Appropriate for all levels of painters. Supply list provided upon registration. \$70. Register at daarts.org.**Mayan textiles sale:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 21, Weaving for Justice, 525 E. Lohman Ave., Suite C. Proceeds go to weavers from Mexico. Info: www.weaving-for-justice.org.**Nature and Science Saturday Pre-K:** 2 p.m. Saturday, March 21, Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Hands-on activities, stories, arts and crafts related to paleontology. Info: 575-522-3120.**'Luchador' spring break camp:** Registration closes March 18. Camp is 8 a.m. to noon, Monday, March 23, through Friday, March 27, Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. Activities and presentations related to *lucha libre* culture. Limited enrollment. \$40. Info: 575-522-3120.**Branigan book talk:** 1:30-2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. "Pack of Scoundrels" by Bailey Harrington. Info: bonpolo@comcast.net.**Mesilla historic property tour:** Registration deadline is March 27. Sponsored by Museum of New Mexico Foundation. Info and registration: 575-202-1638.**Book launch:** 3-6 p.m., Saturday, March 28, Nopalito's Galeria, 326 S. Mesquite St. "Obituaries and Other Lies" by Ron Cooke. Reading at 4 p.m. Light refreshments. Info: 575-524-0003.**"Cricket in the Web:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, Downtown Blues Coffee Shop, 130 S. Main St. Book signing event by Las Cruces author Paula Moore. Info: 575-523-8828.**Denim and Diamonds Fashion Show:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 4, Hotel Encanto, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Annual fashion show/fundraiser for Progress Club of Las Cruces scholarship fund. \$30 per ticket. Info and tickets: 303-726-7040 or itsjustana@comcast.net**Art classes series:** For children, teens and adults, Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Register at the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St., for sessions through March 28, April 15-May 23. Info: 575-528-3330; museums.las-cruces.org.**Tapestry study group:** 10 a.m., fourth Mondays, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Presentations and activities. Info: luannr.kilday@state.nm.us.**Fiber art study group:** 10 a.m. to noon, second Thursdays, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Info: lr-brecke@yahoo.com.**Fiber Art Friday:** Open work sessions, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. each Friday, Cruces Creatives, 205 E. Lohman Ave. Lab tools and equipment available or participants can bring their own. Members free. Non-members \$5. Info: 575-448-1072.**Las Cruces Arts Association:** Monthly meetings, 1:30 p.m., third Sundays, Cruces Creatives, 205 E. Lohman Ave.*Send calendar notices to jess@lascrucesbulletin.com at least 10 days prior to desired publication date. Only emails will be accepted. No PDFs. Include name of event, time and date, location/address, brief description and contact information. For ongoing events, send monthly updates.***If your walls could talk, they'd thank you.**Mike Apodaca, Agent
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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

By **JESS WILLIAMS**
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The 10 O'Clock Artists

4-7 p.m. Saturday,
March 14, Artists' reception

Runs through April
Frame and Art Center
1100 S. Main St.
'Eclectic,' a multimedia exhibit by The 10 O'Clock Club, a group that meets monthly at 10 a.m. on the 10th of the month. An eclectic group including water colorists, painters, ceramic artists, found objects and more. Reception music provided by Lorenzo Miguel on acoustic guitar.

Desert Sunrise Studio

Various events
Through March
537 N. Alameda Blvd.

Various events and exhibits, including writing circle, book discussions, spiritual discovery and open studio experiences. Find Desert Sunrise Studio on Facebook and Instagram for more.

Trails End Gallery

Through March 14
Trails End Gallery
1732 N. Mesquite Ave.,
575-649-2951

Featuring the art of Virginia Maria Romero, Rhoda Winters, Robert Highsmith, Penny Simpson, Patricia Black, Gary Biel and Armando Garcia.

Mesquite Art Gallery

Through March
340 N. Mesquite St. 575-640-3502
The private collection

of gallery owner Mel Stone, featuring pieces for sale by Aaron Freeman, Raul Dorn, Joyce Macrorie and more.

Carl Coker 92nd Birthday Show

Through April
Rio Grande Theatre
Gallery
211 N. Main St. 575-541-2290

Showing new work in a retro/deco style, Coker has had a long and distinguished career as a professor of art at several universities including, NMSU and the University of Tulsa. An award-winning painter and sculptor, his areas of interest and specialization include Indigenous architecture and the art and architecture of Ancient Peru.

'Local Color: Landscapes and Architecture'

Through April 5
NM Farm & Ranch
Heritage Museum
410 Dripping Springs
Road. 575-522-4100

Collaborative effort by members of the Mesilla Valley Weavers Guild, highlighted by an 84-inch x 93-inch piece, "Blue," representing mountains, sky, water, blues music and blue moods through weaving, felting, crocheting, piecing, quilting, needlepoint, embroidery, knotting, coiling and free-form constructions.

'Narratives of Faith and Devotion'

Through spring
New Mexico State Uni-

versity Museum/Kent Hall
1280 E. University Ave.,
575-646-4536

El Santo Niño de Atoche's importance to communities of the Borderland, featuring photographs from churches in El Paso and Chimayo.

Lucha Libre: Stories from the Ring

Through June 13
Branigan Cultural
Center
501 N. Main St., 575-541-2154

History of *lucha libre*, its connections to the border region, and the stories that have come from the sport, featuring masks and wrestling wear, as well as how *luchadores* have influenced art and social justice.

Student art

Indefinitely
Doña Ana County Government Center
845 N. Motel Blvd., 575-525-5808

A rotating exhibit of paintings, drawings, etchings and photographs by students in the Las Cruces and Gadsden school districts.

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Bernie Digman cruises on a Cloud

By JESS WILLIAMS

Las Cruces Bulletin

Bernie Digman's cruiser turns heads wherever it goes. It's a 1958 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud.

"I purchased it via an on-line auction site last year," Digman said. "I had wanted a car like this since about 1965 or so, growing up in Farmington, where either a local doctor or insurance agent owned a similar year and model of Rolls. I was first attracted to the "swoopy" front fenders"

Digman, owner of Milagro Coffee and Espresso on East University Avenue, frequently drives the behemoth around Las Cruces to buy groceries or run errands. When he's not on his beloved motorcycle or in his company van, he uses the Silver Cloud for daily transportation.

With the auction bid in the back of his mind, Digman was about to leave on a trip to Alaska when he got the notification that he had won the bid and needed to arrange shipping from California to New Mexico.

"The seller was the fourth owner of the car and had purchased another car, so he needed the garage space," Digman said. "When we talked, I told him I was heading to a raft trip in Alaska and time was tight, so we managed to get it shipped."

The day arrived for the car to arrive, but it didn't. At around 11 p.m., Digman went to bed, not knowing where the Silver Cloud was making its



Bernie Digman takes a break from tinkering on the engine of his 1958 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud.

shade from the light of the moon. An hour later, he was awakened by a text notification from the transport driver, who was clearing the Deming city limits with Digman's precious cargo.

Since he's also a long-time volunteer firefighter, Digman made arrangements for the driver to meet him at the Talavera Volunteer Fire District station, which has a large parking lot where the truck and trailer could maneuver upon arrival. The agreed meeting time was 7 a.m. Digman warned the driver not to block the station's garage doors at any time.

At the appointed time and place, Digman took delivery.

"They had the vehicle unloaded, and between their very limited English and my very limited Spanish, we got the inspection done and signed off. I asked them if I could take a picture of them with the car. I now have what is likely the only image of a '58 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud with a couple of guys kneeling in front flashing what may or may not be gang signs."

It turned out the car had 62,000 original miles on it and what Digman called "tons of document-

tation. As the Rolls crowd would say, it was 'well sorted.'"

The color is called Tudor Grey, and the vehicle sports a six-cylinder engine with a 4-speed General Motors transmission.

"The engine is low compression, so it likes low-octane fuel," Digman said. "I usually keep it around 70 mph or so [on the highway]. It has been in one wedding, so far, up in Kingston at the Black Range Lodge. It was for a good friend -- the world famous banjo player, Bill Evans, and his beautiful new bride, Babi."

In the days before ra-



Bernie Digman's 1958 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud at Las Cruces lookout, west of town.

dial tires, all the best cars Digman rode on bias tires, and Digman's car remains true to those roots. He said it floats like a boat.

It came with an "A/C kit" from England. Most of the components were installed for air-conditioning, but neither a condenser, compressor nor evaporator -- all expensive, and all American made -- had been installed to make the system work.

And although it's a beauty to behold, the car is not the safest on the road.

"There are no seatbelts or shoulder harnesses, which causes our son (a nurse) to raise holy hell if he finds I have toted his mother around," Digman said.

Except for the bench section of the front seat, the seats are all original. The trim throughout is hand-finished English walnut burl.

Unlike modern vehicles, the Silver Cloud is mostly mechanical. Among the very few electronic components are the radio and some solenoids on the suspension. The radio is an original

RCA tube-style, and Digman said it still works fine.

Parts are not as costly as Digman had feared and also reasonably easy to find. There were slightly more than 2,200 of these models made in the ten or so years they were manufactured. When it needs work, Digman either does it himself or hunts down help.

"To date," he said, "I have removed and had rebuilt and replaced the generator, thanks to K&S Auto Electric down off Watson Lane. I also replaced a cracked radiator cap with the sage advice of the folks from Las Cruces Radiator up on Lohmador. I was excited to find that one of the country's esteemed restorers of Rolls Royces and Bentleys moved here a couple years ago and lives out in our neighborhood. I have not yet met him, but I dang sure will."

Meanwhile, he's turning heads and waving out the window as he tools around town, with his signature Fu Man Chu moustache blowing in the breeze.

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Happy birthday to the Reading Alliance

March is birthday month at Children's Reading Alliance (CRA). Counting from the very first meeting in 2011, we are either nine years old or four years if you count from incorporation as our own 501 C(3) in 2016.



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Reading Solution

working to promote literacy ..."

In 2020, more than ever, our community continues the important work of changing the future, and that's what we are celebrating today. March is full of

activities that promote reading.

This weekend, the theme for Read Across America activities is *Celebrating Diversity Through Books*. Join NEA-LC and the City of Las Cruces for a family event at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center from noon to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 14. Stop by our table. We'll be there with books!

The women of Las Cruces Junior League are promoting a simple yet fundamental truth about kids and books: "If you allow children choice and access, they will be more engaged." Determined to help children choose books

of their own, Jr. League's Little Black Dress initiative is raising funds for a book celebration at a local elementary school. To donate, visit www.jllc.org/

Rio Grande Rotary Club is collecting gently loved children's books. If you have books to contribute, call Di Maddox at 970-443-7848.

Unitarian Universalist Church members recognize that literacy is fundamental to social justice and have chosen CRA for their monthly Change for Change program.

At Children's Reading Alliance headquarters, we are celebrating a few milestones, too. The U.S. Department of Patents and Trademarks has issued a trademark to First Teacher/Primer Maestro.

Dr. Elaine Hampton has finished a multi-year impact study to measure the long-lasting behavioral changes that occur in families after a parent has completed the First Teacher/

Primer Maestro program. Study results are available on the CRA website. www.childrensreadingalliance.org

CRA welcomes Audrey Hartley as our executive director. Hartley brings extensive managerial and non-profit experience. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from New Mexico State University, and she is certified in Early Childhood Education from Dona Ana Community Col-

lege. Hartley is the author of the children's book, "Colors for Michaela."

Jennifer Alvarado joins CRA as programs manager after 10 years of experience in early childhood education. Alvarado earned her bachelor's degree at NMSU, and she is pursuing her master's degree in speech and language pathology.

Wish us a Happy Birthday! The Alliance relies on your generosity to fund our

many programs. For more information or to donate to the Children's Reading Alliance, call Hartley or Alvarado at 575-522-3713.

Rorie Measure is the president of Children's Reading Alliance, a grassroots initiative to encourage family literacy throughout Doña Ana County. She is a reader, writer, teacher, reading specialist and literacy trainer. She can be reached at rmeasure@gmail.com.

Health-related bills to take effect May 20

BULLETIN REPORT

Four bills boosting the wellbeing of New Mexicans have been signed into law by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham. House Bill 100, House Bill 292, Senate Bill 1, and Senate Bill 131 help ensure that all New Mexicans can live longer, healthier lives, no matter where they live or how much money they earn. The bills reduce the cost of prescription drugs, develop more affordable health care insurance options and raise the legal age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21.

House Bill 100, sponsored by Representatives Deborah Armstrong, D-Albuquerque, and Micaela Lara Cadena, D-Mesilla, empowers the New Mexico health insurance exchange, beWellnm, to take on at the state level responsibilities and authority formerly held by the federal government, furthering access to insurance plans. Additionally, it codifies provisions

of state law so that New Mexicans will continue to be able to access health insurance plans even if the Affordable Care Act goes away.

House Bill 292, sponsored by Cadena and Sen. Daniel Ivey-Soto, D-Albuquerque, caps copays and out-of-pocket expenses for insulin, making them the lowest in the country at \$25 per prescription for a 30-day supply. In the last decade, the list prices of common types of insulin have roughly tripled. Today, a quarter of American adults with diabetes say that price has impacted their insulin use, according to the American Diabetes Association.

"I am proud to have sponsored House Bill 292 making sure all New Mexicans can afford the medicine they need to survive and thrive. Capping insulin copays is an effort to bring much needed relief to families facing unconscionably high drug

prices," Cadena said.

Senate Bill 1, sponsored by Armstrong and Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Las Cruces, authorizes the New Mexico Department of Health to develop a plan for New Mexico to import wholesale drugs from Canada. Prescription drugs from Canada on average cost 30 percent less than in the United States.

Senate Bill 131, sponsored by Representatives Joanne Ferrary, D-Las Cruces, and Elizabeth Thompson, D-Albuquerque, and Senators Linda Lopez, D-Albuquerque, and Gabriel Ramos, D-Silver City, regulates the manufacture, distribution and sale of tobacco products. Additionally, the bill raises the legal age for purchases of e-cigarette and other tobacco products from 18 to 21, aligning New Mexico law with federal law and creating criminal penalties for vendors who sell to those under the age of 21.

Each of the news laws takes effect May 20.



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Wacky preacher stories just keep coming

I've already shared several mostly true stories about preachers relating to people in their parish. Last time I shared stories relating to funerals. I continue with two more and then some wedding stories.

My father tells about a man who was a member of his church and passed away after a long illness. He had a reputation as a "ne'er-do-well," lazy, crude and difficult to live with. His wife, in trying to be as kind to his memory as possible, said the only positive thing she could think of: "He was the



RUTH MOORER
Not for Sissies

cleanest man I ever knew. He was always taking a bath!"

Then, there was our neighbor across the street who asked me many months ahead of his passing if I would sing at his funeral. He happened to be our county attorney, and he had a keen sense of humor. One of the songs he wanted was "Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life, At Last I've Found You!"

I'd never heard that song sung at a funeral before. It didn't seem to be entirely appropriate. During the funeral, as I sang the song, I had

a feeling that "Brother Clark" was standing in the alcove and laughing about what he had asked me to do.

Weddings lend themselves to interesting and funny moments. I remember a wedding with a lovely little flower girl who meticulously cast out the rose petals to make a pathway for the bride. Then, as the bride and groom were exiting, she carefully began to pick up each petal, but after about three minutes, she saw the futility of it and marched out.

Flower girls and ring bearers serve a useful function. They are nice diversions for the nervous bride and groom. The entire attention of

the gathered guests is not upon them. At our daughter's wedding rehearsal, the ring bearer did his part very well, but when it came time for the wedding, he was quite contrary. He thought the rehearsal was the wedding, and he did NOT want to do it again.

My father remembered a preacher, in the horse-and-buggy days, who was asked to perform a wedding out in the country. He needed to borrow a horse and buggy, but he had no cash to pay up front.

He told the livery man that he'd be willing to "split the wedding fee" if he would let him have the horse and buggy.

The man agreed. After the wedding, when the preacher returned the horse and buggy, he started walking away without paying. The livery owner asked him about it, and the preacher replied, "Oh, I almost forgot. Five hundred thanks!"

My father also had a seminary buddy who was preaching on the subject of tithing, which is the Biblical model for giving one tenth of one's income to the church. He was putting much eloquence and enthusiasm into his message in order to persuade his audience. He concluded his remarks by saying: "And if you can't give a tenth, then give a fifth!"

(I hope that you figured out the math.)

I've saved the best story for last. There was this Bishop of our church who was riding on a train to a conference. A man boarding the train noticed the Bishop, stopped with a puzzled look on his face and asked him, "Where in the hell have I seen you before?" The Bishop thought a moment, and replied, "Well, I don't know. What part of Hell are you from?"

Ruth Justice Moorer is a resident of Las Cruces since 1996. She is a former public-school science teacher and United Methodist pastor.

New law, funds aimed at senior wellness

A bill supporting New Mexico's seniors, veterans and adults with disabilities has been signed into law by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham.

House Bill 225, the Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity Fund, aids businesses and individuals who provide services to seniors and persons with disabilities.

The bill was named for long-time state Rep. Henry "Kiki" Saavedra, D-Albuquerque, who died in 2019.

The legislation was sponsored by Representatives Deborah Armstrong, D-Albuquerque, Susan Herrera, D-Embudo, Linda Trujillo,



D-Santa Fe, Jim Trujillo D-Santa Fe and Karen Bash D-Albuquerque.

It appropriates \$5.4 million from the general

fund to the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTS) to address high priority services, including

transportation, behavioral health and case management.

"We can never do enough to honor our el-

ders, but we can always do better," Armstrong said. "This fund reflects New Mexico values by investing in seniors, families and independent living."

"This bill will improve access to vehicles for disabled persons and generally improve the quality of life of New Mexico's seniors in rural and underserved areas," Bash said. "I'm proud to have been a sponsor and work with my fellow legislators and the governor in getting this important bill passed and signed."

Long-term care and a holistic approach to the physical and emotional

well-being of a diverse population of seniors and people with disabilities is the aim of the legislation.

Proposed programs include: creating sustainable living facilities that promote more satisfying lives, work and relationships; providing caregivers respite from full-time caregiving responsibilities; building out adult day care and implementing best practice models; promoting intergenerational volunteers; and creating multigenerational centers within current senior centers.

The law takes effect May 20.

Pickleball tourney benefiting veterans seeks sponsors, players

By MIKE COOK
Las Cruces Bulletin

The pickleball tournament that honors the memory of a young Las Cruces soldier is seeking sponsors and players.

The third annual Aaron Gifford Pickleball Benefit Tournament will be held Saturday-Sunday, April 4-5 at 12 temporary, outdoor pickleball courts at the New Mexico State University tennis complex, 1815 Wells St., on the NMSU campus.

The double-elimination round robin tournament is SSIPA and USAPA sanctioned. Age groups are 10-49, 50-54,



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Mixed doubles winners from the 2019 Aaron Gifford Pickleball Benefit Tournament.

55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74,
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same age will compete
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entrants at a particular
level, the tournament

director may combine skill levels, as needed.

Men's and women's doubles will be played Saturday; mixed doubles will be played Sunday.

There were 99 players in the 2018 tournament and 150 in the 2019 tournament.

Proceeds will benefit military veterans with PTSD and the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH) veterans housing program, which helps local veterans struggling with homelessness to find permanent homes.

All participants must have active USAPA membership. Participants who play in SSIPA

events must have current SSIPA membership. A one-time membership is available.

Registration is \$50 per person, which includes fees for certified referees. Register at pickleballtournaments.com.

Sponsorships are available at four levels: bronze (\$100-\$199), Silver (\$200-\$349), Gold (\$350-\$99) and Platinum (\$500 and above).

The tournament was started by Aaron Gifford's mother, CeCe Hunter, and his twin sister, Kiley, after Aaron lost his life to PTSD on Jan. 8, 2018, after serving with the U.S. Army's

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Going for it



Oñate's High School's Donovan Black (24) and Dorian Rivera (32) are among players, coaches and fans cheering on the team, who defeated Roswell 54-49 in the March 6 Class 5A first-round state playoff game. Fourth-seeded Oñate faced 12th-seeded Volcano Vista in a quarterfinal game at the Pit in Albuquerque.



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Las Cruces High's Gonzalo Carbalan, right, shoots while Ray Brown (13) and Isaiah Carr (24) watch the arc of the ball. LCHS won the March 6 Class 5A first-round state playoff game against Gadsden, 86-62. The No. 1-seeded Bulldawgs were set to play 8th-seeded Clovis Wednesday, March 11, in a quarterfinal game in Albuquerque that ended after the Bulletin's press time.

In golf and business, Palmer was wise

Arnold Palmer (1929-2016) was once featured in an ad about adroit business practices. His advice was as applicable to how we can play good golf as to succeeding in business. Here is my version of Arnold's tips.

Aspire to excellence. Nobody ever became great by settling for average. Always try to be the best you can be. Sounds like Arnie and his Army. My dad admired Arnie and that was how he raised me. I did my best every time I dove into the pool at ND.

Have a vision. As the saying goes, "if you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there." If you're tired of playing so-so golf I suggest you set some specific goals, write them down and create a logical plan that will lead you to accomplishing those goals. Just like you



CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

would if you were running a smart business. Focus on your goals, not the obstacles in your way.

Choose wisely. Golf and business are all about decisions

and choices. That includes the friends you play golf with, the courses you play, how you choose to practice, the golf clubs you select, even the aiming line you pick. These are not to be made impulsively. The best decision-makers are clear-headed, extremely focused and unencumbered by emotional turmoil.

Play to win. That's Arnie all the way. I'm not a riverboat gambler or hustler when it comes to golf. I have a lot of pride, so I'd rather play masterfully and bravely and lose than to play like a chop and win money. My mindset stems from my

experience as a start-up entrepreneur years ago, knowing that over 90 percent of small businesses fail within the first 18 months. So I decided I would not fail; and I didn't. I approach golf the same way. I try to be intelligent, and I play to win.

Avoid hazards. Avoiding hazards is just as key to success in golf as it is in business. In sports, there are penalties, fouls, bad bounces and rules infractions of all sorts. Just as in life.

Getting entangled in hazards because of poor choices and personality flaws has been the downfall of so many celebrities, sports stars, politicians and executives.

Some were great on the field but dumb off the field.

Not unlike the temptations in business and life, hazards on the golf course attract the unprepared, unthinking, unaware, over-zealous and inept golfers.

Tournament proceeds also benefit Mission 22, a program that creates awareness about veteran suicides and provides support for veterans through medical, psychological and therapeutic programs, Hunter said.

Donations can be sent to The Aaron Gifford Benefit, 1200 Sonnet Court, Las Cruces, N.M. 88007

For more information, contact Hunter at 575-640-8725 or cecehunter@gmail.com.

Play by the rules. It's an unfortunate reality, but most golfers don't know a lot about the rules of golf. Even some tour pros. I grew up in the 40s when common folks played by the rules so as not to shame their families. What ever happened to shame anyway?

Become emotionally resilient. There is no other characteristic of success that is more shared by business leaders and sports winners than emotional and mental strength.

On the golf course, in organizations and on sales calls, bad breaks happen, things turn sour and it can seem like the cards are stacked against you.

How you respond to setbacks and adversity defines how genuinely strong you are, and often, whether you will ultimately prevail.

Be detail-oriented. People who are expert in what they do pay attention to details.

I don't care if we're talking about musicians or architects or lobbyists or surgeons or tour golfers.

Leaders make the people they lead feel important and valued by doing and saying those critical little things – the details.

Maintain a positive attitude. One of the most influential books ever written is "The Power of Positive Thinking" by Dr. Norman Vincent

Peale, first published in 1952, which posited that what we reap in life is proportionate to what we sow mentally. Do you like working (or playing) with negative whiners? I like to hang out with positive, upbeat people. If you want to play good golf, think positive. When bad things happen, don't berate yourself; encourage yourself.

Get a coach. As an executive or a golfer, help from a pro is needed. Don't go it alone.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership. Contact Blanchard at docblanchard71@gmail.com.

PICKLEBALL

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3rd Infantry for eight years, including the first U.S. invasion of Iraq, Hunter said.

"Upon Aaron's return from military service, my husband, Ken, and I introduced pickleball to Aaron and his twin sister, Kiley," Hunter said. "Aaron grew to love playing pickleball and played in tournaments throughout the state of New Mexico, where he

won numerous medals. This sport became a passion for Aaron, and he built a wonderful community and made many friends."

Hunter said the tournament was created to support veterans who return from combat with PTSD. Since starting the tournament committee two years ago, more than \$40,000 has been raised, she said. Last year, the committee donated \$22,000 to the MVCH veterans housing program.

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