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Blessing of the fields



SUSAN MORÉE
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's that time again – time to honor the land, the water, the animals and the plants of the desert we all call home.

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd., will host its 25th annual Blessing of the Fields from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday, May 16th. Admission is free.

A procession will wind through the museum's grounds.

The blessing pays tribute to San Ysidro, the patron

saint of farmers. His Saint Day is May 15.

The morning opens with a welcome from the Museum, followed by the Prayer of the Four Directions led by Patrick Narvaez, Cacique of the Corporación de los Indígenas de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe de Tortugas and Tortugas Pueblo. The procession will be guided by the Most Reverend Bishop Peter Baldacchino of Las Cruces and Reverend Alejandro Reyes of Hatch.

Students from Las Cruces Catholic Schools will join in the ceremony, connecting younger generations to centuries-old traditions, and learn from storytelling rooted in cultural and spiritual history.

The procession will fea-

ture a handcrafted bulto, which means carving, of San Ysidro created by local artist Virginia Maria Romero. Inside the Museum, visitors can explore exhibits and find a wooden San Ysidro sculpture in the Main Gallery. From 1070 to 1130, San Ysidro worked in the fields for a wealthy landowner and was known for his devotion, his humility and his generosity to those less fortunate than him.

For many years, workers in San Miguel would make a pilgrimage each May, stopping at all the villages along the Mesilla Valley to enjoy a fiesta with food and entertainment. The day's festivities will include a plant sale from the Museum's greenhouse – just in time for spring planting.



PHOTO BY J.D. MCNAMARA

Children from Las Cruces Catholic School gather to watch the blessing of the field as the water flows in.



BULLETIN PHOTO BY CHRISTY ANCHONDO
Bishop Peter Baldacchino, the third bishop of the Diocese of Las Cruces, leads the procession around the grounds at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum as he blesses the animals and the fields.

Save for a sunny day :)

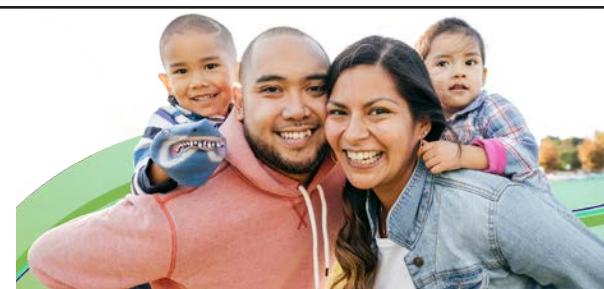
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Las Cruces City Council discusses \$610 million city budget

MATTHEW REICHBACH
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council will decide on May 19th whether to approve a proposed budget of \$609.6 million.

The council held a work session on April 28 to outline the budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2026. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year saw a decrease from the \$694.7 million budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

Jacqueline Rubalcava, the city's Budget and Grants administrator, presented the plan to the councilors and said the budget theme included was to showcase "the city's spirit and engagement throughout the year."

Even though the overall budget decreased, the general fund increased by \$5.7 million from the previous year's budget. Internal services and trust and custodial funds also increased, but all other expenditures, including enterprise funds and capital project funds,

decreased.

The general fund increase came because of increased personnel costs, as operating and capital costs each declined from the previous year. The budget includes a 5% general wage increase for city employees, allows for increased costs from labor negotiations, a 12% increase in insurance premiums, along with a 0.5% increase in costs for retirement costs through the Public Employee Retirements Association of New Mexico.

Personnel costs are over \$120 million of the general fund expenses.

District 5 councilor Becky Corran worried that a 5% increase in wages would not be enough.

"I really appreciate you all including staff wage increases," she said. "I think 5%, I just feel like we're behind. Everyone is behind because of the rate of inflation and I really appreciate and always want to advocate for us making an investment and paying



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our folks at the best wage that we possibly can."

The budget includes money for 12 new personnel in the Las Cruces Fire Department: six new firefighters, three drivers and three new lieutenants.

The budget also includes funds for new fire and police academies. The 55th police academy began in April but will last through the new fiscal year to graduation in September of this year. Another police academy will begin in January and end in July 2026.

The fire academy will take place from February 2026 to June 2026.

Some of the large costs transferred from the general fund include \$1 million for 17 new vehicles. These include eight Ford interceptors for police,

and various Ford pickup trucks, mostly F150s, for police, the fire department and other departments.

City Councilor Yvonne M. Flores questioned the funding for homeless outreach and asked if it was "not a handout to the homeless."

Natalie Green, the Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization manager said the funds were for those who do street outreach for those experiencing homelessness, which are contracted out from Mesilla Valley Community Hope. They try to transition the unhoused to housing or other programs.

"There's two teams of two employees each, so four employees total, and

they manage that program on behalf of the city," Green said.

Green later said in response to questions from District 2 Councilor Bill Mattiace about programs for housing, that the city is looking to utilize those funds to increase affordable housing. The city is utilizing the money to reimburse the Telshor Fund for the projects. The city created the Telshor Fund from its lease with Memorial Medical Center to fund health-related public services

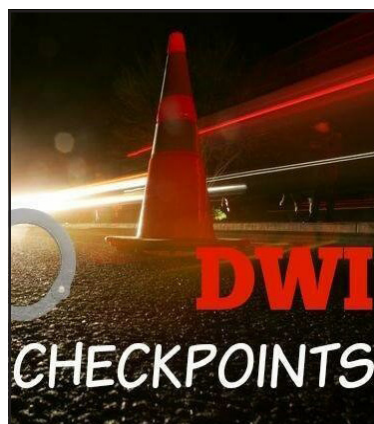
"Of course, that's over a 20-year period, but our intent is to make the Telshor Fund whole for any of the funds that it's allocated to us for loans," Green said.

DASO conducts sobriety checkpoints

BULLETIN REPORT

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office (DASO) is conducting sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols throughout the month of May in efforts to reduce DWI related crashes, injuries, and deaths.

The checkpoints will be held in undisclosed locations and areas within Doña Ana County, between the hours of 12 p.m. to 2 a.m. Deputies will be looking for all types of violations with an emphasis on intoxicated drivers.



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Webinar for elderly on legal planning

BULLETIN REPORT

The New Mexico State Bar Foundation's Legal Resources for the Elderly Program ("LREP") will be hosting a free virtual legal webinar in May.

The webinar will be held on May 20, starting at 11 a.m. This webinar will cover information regarding Powers of Attorney, including Financial Power of Attorney and Advance Health Care Directive, such as things to consider when picking an agent, what powers to grant an agent, how to revoke a Power of Attorney document and the possible consequences

of not having one in place in a time of need.

New Mexico residents can register for this free webinar online at <https://bit.ly/LREP-May-20> or by calling 505-797-6005 and providing their first and last name and email address. After registering, they will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The full calendar of upcoming Legal Resources for the Elderly virtual workshops for 2025 can be found at: <https://www.sbnm.org/For-Public/Legal-Resources-for-the-Elderly/Calendar>.

Local man killed in officer-involved shooting

SUSAN MORÉE
Las Cruces Bulletin

A Las Cruces man wanted for a probation violation in Arizona for sexual assault was killed during a traffic stop outside of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico State Police report.

Dennis Ritchie Jones, 75, was allegedly shot by a New Mexico State Police officer and was pronounced dead on the scene by the Office of the Medical Investigator.

A NMSP officer conducted a traffic stop at 12:09 p.m., on Tuesday, May 6th, on a white GMC pickup truck driven by Jones, according to state police. According to Troy Weisler, chief of New Mexico State Police, the officer stopped

Jones because he believed Jones to have an active arrest warrant.

During the traffic stop, an altercation between the officer and Jones began, the state police said through a press release. During the altercation, the officer fired at least one round from his duty-issued pistol in Jones' direction, according to state police.

Jones fled in his car and a pursuit began on NM Highway 181, according to the press release. Jones stopped the car in the mid-

dle of High Winds Road near the intersection with NM Highway 181 outside of T or C. The officer gave commands to Jones, who then fired on the officer, according to the press release. The officer allegedly returned fire with his duty issued rifle.

After the exchange of gunfire, officers approached the vehicle and found Jones unresponsive. The officer was not harmed, according to the press release.

The identity of the of-

ficer is not being released but the officer has been placed on standard administrative leave while the New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau investigates the shooting.

Weisler said the NMSP would release more details about the shooting as they become available.

The New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau is investigating the shooting because it involves a New Mexico State Police officer, according to the press release.

Police Investigate Officer-Involved Shooting

A Las Cruces Police officer was involved in a shooting that occurred at about 6:30 a.m. Thursday, May 8, in the 900 block of Walnut Street. The shooting resulted in the death of one man and non-life-threatening injuries to another.

Details of what happened have not been released yet by the LCPD, which is investigating the shooting along with the Officer-involved Task Force, according to a news release.

The identity of the deceased man is Josiah Perault, 18, police have said. The officer's identity has not been released by police while the investigation is in its early stages. But the officer will be placed on paid administrative leave, which is standard procedure, while an investiga-



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tion takes place, according to the news release. The officer was not injured, according to police.

The shooting occurred across the street from Lynn Middle School but did not occur on the campus, according to police. A portion of Walnut Street in front of Lynn Middle School was closed to traffic for the duration of the on-scene investigation.

During the investigation, Lynn Middle School

rerouted bus and parent drop-off on the northwest side of the school, near the gymnasium, with access from Nevada Avenue.

The Officer-involved Incident Task Force includes investigators from New Mexico State Police, the Las Cruces Police Department, Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office and New Mexico State University Police, according to the news release.

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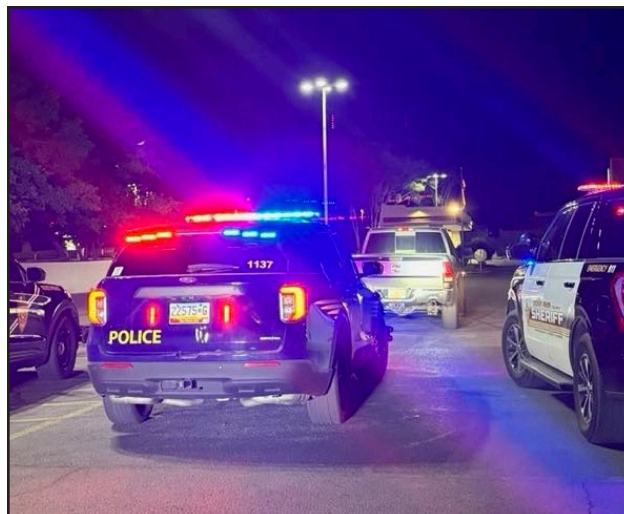
BULLETIN REPORT

The first week of Operation Not in Vain 2025 led to 37 felony arrests, 36 misdemeanor arrests, three stolen vehicles recovered and the seizure of 2.4 grams of methamphetamine, according to the Las Cruces Police Department.

LCPD initiated Operation Not in Vain on April 28. It runs through August and uses law enforcement resources to reduce crime in the city. It is named in memory of fallen LCPD Officer Jonah Hernandez who was killed in the line of duty in February 2024.

On May 1, officers surrounded a home in the 1900 block of Lyon Place, that resulted in the apprehension of 10 individuals with active warrants, according to police. Officers took George David Lessard, 29, into custody at the home, according to a news release. Lessard had four active felony warrants, including two counts of larceny, non-residential burglary, residential burglary, breaking and entering, tampering with evidence, criminal damage to property, unlawful taking a motor vehicle, receiving or transferring a stolen vehicle and conspiracy, according to LCPD.

In addition, police said in the release that they arrested at the Lyon Place home five men and four women with outstanding warrants. The nine arrested were Hector E. Gonzalez, 53; David Joseph Padilla, 39; Micheala B.



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McBurrows, 30; Victor Rodriguez-Najera, 27; Terry William Bittle, 44; Desarae M. Ramirez, 33; Jessica Ramirez, 31; Destiny Monique Lopez, 31; and Nicholas James Saucedo, 35, according to LCPD.

The execution of the Lyon Place warrant was led by the New Mexico State Police Fugitive Apprehension Unit.

"This joint operation shows the message we are sending to those who want to break the law," said New Mexico State Police Chief Troy Weisler. "Crime will not be tolerated in our communities. I have sent and will continue to send NMSP officers from across the state to assist our fellow agencies in seeking out those who attempt to threaten the peace and well-being of our neighborhoods."

The first week of Operation Not in Vain also included 237 traffic stops, 49 traffic citations, 12 trespass warnings and the seizure of one fire-

arm, according to the news release. Besides the 2.4 grams of meth seized, law enforcement partners seized 55 fentanyl pills during the first week of the operation, the release states.

"Our multi-agency team has hit the ground running and is seeing great success," said Las Cruces Police Department Chief Jeremy Story. "This project goes well beyond the typical calls our officers respond to during their regular shifts, and the collaboration and commitment shown by everyone involved has been outstanding."

The operation is utilizing law enforcement resources from the Las Cruces Police Department, New Mexico State Police, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office, New Mexico State University Police, the Mesilla Marshals Office, the Third Judicial District Attorney's Office, the U.S. Attorney's Office along with several federal agencies.



Alma d'Arte founder honored

PHOTOS BY FRANCISCO TAFOYA

Alma d'Arte Charter High School honored and feted Irene Oliver-Lewis, the founder of the school, on Friday, May 8th, 2025, during its gala event by naming its building the Irene Oliver-Lewis Center for the Arts. Oliver-Lewis was a driving force behind the rehabilitation of the Court Junior High School building to turn it into a youth center in the 1990s. She then founded Alma d'Arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court Avenue, as a place for creative students to thrive in 2004.





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NMSU Grads

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New Mexico State University graduated over 2,000 students on May 9th and May 10th. Pictured here is the commencement for the 548 graduate students who gained either a Master's degree or a doctorate degree on Friday, May 9th after years of hard work. The graduation ceremony was held at the Pan Am Center at the eastern end of NMSU's campus.

Airport board seeking applicants

BULLETIN REPORT

The Airport Advisory Board for the Doña Ana County International Jetport at Santa Teresa seeks applicants to serve on the seven-member body. Applications are due by 5 p.m., Friday, May 30.

Members work closely with the jetport manager, county engineer, planning director and a representative of the County Attorney's Office to identify safety, growth, development or administration issues relevant to the airport.

Selected applicants will fulfill a three-year term which will run from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028. Board members serve staggered three-year terms,

meet monthly and periodically report to the Board of County Commissioners, recommend changes or inform about upcoming challenges and opportunities in the airport's operations or administration.

All Airport Advisory Board meetings comply with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, which means, among other things that the Board's meetings are open to the public and agendas for regular and special meetings are published, at least 72 hours prior to the meetings and posted on the Doña Ana County website.

Applicants must reside in Doña Ana County or El Paso and the application includes an interest in serving, knowledge of aviation and airport issues, along with the applicant's qualifications to serve. Licensed pilots are encouraged to apply.

The application is available on the County's website at www.donaana.gov, under the About Us tab, then click on Apply for Committees/Boards. To request an application, contact International Jetport Manager William Provance at (575) 644-2358 or williamp@donaana.gov.

OBITUARY

GREGORY TREVOR JACKSON DE ROUEN



Gregory Trevor Jackson de Rouen, born April 21, 1989, was known as 'Trevor' throughout Las Cruces. He passed away on March 14, 2025, at the age of 35. His sudden passing was deeply heartbreaking for family and friends alike.

Trevor was generally charming, helpful, could light up a room, and was quick with a joke. Even

when he had struggles, he never doubted his own salvation and the saving grace of Jesus Christ, which he was always ready to share with others. He loved to spend time with family, boxing, training kids in the gym, cutting hair and making people laugh, but his pride and joy was always his daughter. He leaves behind his daughter Seri, his mother and six siblings.

Please join us for Trevor's Memorial, Saturday May 24, 2025, at 12 pm at New Covenant Fellowship in Mesilla Park. Please wear bright colors as we will joyfully celebrate and commemorate his life.

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Let's go bowling and ice skating



THE VIEW FROM HERE
WALT RUBEL
Guest Columnist

Bowling and ice skating are both coming to Las Cruces.

During a State of the County Address last week, County Manager Scott Andrews announced that the county intends to add a seasonal ice skating rink as part of a larger upgrade at the Fairgrounds.

A temporary ice skating rink was constructed several years ago as part of a Christmas celebration at NMSU, but Las Cruces has never had its own seasonal ice skating rink. Skaters at the NMSU event were experienced on roller skates,

but going from wheels to blades was a whole new experience.

County Commission Chairman Christopher Schaljo Hernandez said during a recent community radio interview that the county has put out a request for proposal seeking a private company to build and manage the rink from late November to February.

Schaljo Hernandez said he thinks the Fairgrounds have been an underutilized asset. The proposed ice skating rink is just one way the county will try to bring more people to the site. New microwave towers will improve high-speed Internet connections at the Fairgrounds.

While ice skating may be coming to Las Cruces for the first time, bowling is coming back for the first time since 2018, when Ten

Pin Alley was closed.

The old K-Mart building off Main Street on Bataan Memorial is being converted into a family entertainment center that will include 24 lanes of bowling, along with six lanes of duckpin bowling for kids.

That means for the first time in seven years Las Cruces residents will be able to join a local bowling league and compete in local tournaments. Because of our lack of facilities, bowling will not be offered this year when the state Senior Olympics are held in Las Cruces. Cornhole is in, bowling is out. It's a new day.

Bowling's heyday came in the 1960s, following the invention of the automatic pinsetter. Both of my parents were in a bowling league. Dad was serious, mom was there to socialize. In the mid-60s there

were an estimated 12,000 bowling centers. By 2007 that number was less than 5,500.

The book "Bowling Alone" in 2000 predicted many of the troubling societal changes that we are grappling with today. Suffice it to say people were happier when they were bowling in leagues.

Which they will soon be able to do again in Las Cruces.

The entertainment center will also include indoor pickleball courts, laser tag, bumper cars, sports simulators and a 5D arena.

Local developer Kevin McGrath said in a recent radio interview that the pickleball courts will be ready to open first, by September or October, and the rest will be ready by the middle of next year.

Bowling in Las Cruces will forever be connected

to the horrific bowling alley massacre of 1990 in which three adults and four children were murdered. Police are still searching for the killers. But that crime had nothing to do with the sport.

Like pickleball, the popularity of bowling is tied to the fact that it is accommodating to both serious competitors and those just playing for fun. We have gone for too long without it.

By the winter of 2026, we may be able to go ice skating in the afternoon and bowling in the evening. That sounds like a fun day.

Walter Rubel is a guest columnist for the Las Cruces Bulletin. He is a retired journalist and a former managing editor of the Las Cruces Sun-News. He can be reached at waltrubel@gmail.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CHAOS

Where is the order I once knew?

The predictability of the outside world?

Within a brief three months much has vanished.

How much more will disappear?

Systems are failing us.
Our leaders are failing us.
Have we entered a no man's land?
A land of no return?

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CHAOS I never thought I'd see.
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This government for the people,
Where is it?

And who speaks out?
A very few, not the many.

And will their voices be heard?
Will they be silenced?

The few that speak have found their courage.
Will others find theirs and join them?
Questions without answers.

How long must we wait for the answer?

Do we feel more and more vulnerable?
Foreign students asked to leave.
American citizens

wrongly deported.
Phones confiscated at U. S. borders.

Privacy no more
Agencies invaded.
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Is Big Brother watching us?

What will the outcome be?
Is democracy eroding before our very eyes?
A day by day accounting?
Will there be a point of no return?

Can we yet somehow, somehow, turn it around?
Can the people yet say, "This is not right."
Can our leaders yet hear us?
How long must we wait for the answer?

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Kathleen Sampson
Las Cruces, NM

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Providing housing to the unhoused works

In a recent column published in The Las Cruces Bulletin, several comments were made that were highly critical of efforts of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH) to support unhoused people who live in our community. Of special concern were several statements made about Amador Crossing, a planned apartment complex built on City of Las Cruces land that would provide housing and a range of much needed support services to 50 unhoused residents of Las Cruces. Some of these statements are misleading, others are simply untrue. We share a few factual data points in this Letter to the Editor that we wish to share with readers:

1. The statement that Amador Crossing is not prioritized for families or veterans - This statement is true. We use other funding to prioritize housing for families like the 12 units next to us owned by FYI+. We prioritize veterans through funding and supporting our veteran housing complex, which has 22 units. There will be veterans who live at Amador Crossing, but there is not a preference. This is so that we can honor housing vouchers from a wide range of people wishing to live in the units at Amador Crossing.

2. The myth of no rules for occupancy – Those that criticize the work that the MVCH does continue to perpetuate the falsehood that Housing First means no rules. This is simply not true. Housing first only means that we don’t require people to have money or be sober upon getting housing. We meet people where they are. For housing rules, we defer to a strict lease agreement, which has literally pages of rules. We also abide by Landlord/

Tenant laws (house rules are not part of landlord tenant laws.)

3. The myth that \$15 million buys you nothing but 50 apartments - The argument that the \$15 million only builds housing units is, again, not true. The site will have 50 units and will also have special construction specifications, two service staff offices, a property management office, a security vestibule, a laundry room, a computer room, and a resource training room. It’s not just 50 units – it is much more, so the math of \$300K per unit is wrong and misleading. It is unfortunate that we hear this same incomplete litany shared in the Opinion section of this newspaper and in comments others make at City Council meetings.

4. The myth of a 72-year-old woman living at Camp Hope for nine years - This again is simply not true.

5. The myth that Housing First does not work – Housing First, the argument that we house people first, then provide a pathway to mental health and substance abuse treatment, does work. Housing First works better than treatment-first programs and has better outcomes for housing stability. For Community of Hope specifically, providing housing by using Housing First at entry boasts 90.6% stability rates (compared to 27% success in housing stability for treatment first programs!) Our success rate for Housing First is much higher than the national average, 79%, as documented by the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

6. The myth that building Amador Crossing is a waste of taxpayer dollars - Providing permanent sup-

portive housing with public dollars is a much less expensive way to house people than putting them in jail, seeing them admitted to hospitals, or both. Even building an emergency shelter to hide all the people some of the residents of Las Cruces don’t want to see, people who aren’t quite ready for shelter or rules and would not go inside, would be a waste of taxpayer dollars. Building Amador Crossing is a one-time, \$15-million-dollar investment – and it ends homelessness for 50 people at a time.

We close this letter by reiterating the value of building Amador Crossing and debunking the myths that were shared in The Bulletin opinion column. We invite people reading this article to learn more about the good work that we do, and if our story resonates with you, to join us in our work through donations, volunteering, or both.

Respectfully,
The Board of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Who will speak up against Trump?

I have watched with dismay as President Trump has issued order after order undermining our basic freedoms. I was especially dismayed to hear him mutter about deporting American citizens to El Salvador. This slide toward dictatorship has been aided by a Congress more afraid of losing their congressional seat than losing their country. I offer this quote from Martin Niemoller who was a protestant minister in Nazi Germany. He spent seven years in concentration camps, but did survive the war. “In Germany, they first came for the communists, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a communist. Then, they came for the Jews, and

I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a trade unionist. Then, they came for the Catholics, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Catholic. Then, they came for me – and by that time, there was nobody left to speak up.”

Let me close by paraphrasing Dylan Thomas:

Do not go gentle into those dark nights
Rage, rage against the dying of your rights

Steve McLary
Las Cruces, NM

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Get involved now

In the April 25, 2025, issue of the Bulletin Shawna Pfeiffer wrote about the difference between macro- and micro-politics. While I agree with her concern that not enough voters pay attention to and vote in local elections, where we differ is in her conclusion that we need to leave national politics to the midterm elections in 2026. At some point, the national becomes local, as we are seeing with the threat to our Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument, the militarization of our southern border, the risk to our families from diseases like measles by failing

to reinforce the life-saving value of vaccines, the costs to our seniors who are concerned about difficulties and delays in getting help with their social security, the list goes on. Likewise, at some point, the local becomes national. For example, in May 1963, thousands of children marched in Birmingham to protest Alabama’s segregation laws. Reports on television and in newspapers showing the brutality of the police response to this nonviolent protest caused outrage that resonated at the national level and led President Kennedy to propose new federal civil rights legislation. Given how many pressing concerns we all have, it can be

hard to do everything, everywhere, all at once. Yet, civic engagement in our democracy is as important now as it was when the Continental Congress issued the Declaration of Independence in 1776. To foster non-partisan, grassroots participation in government at all levels, the League of Women Voters studies and develops public policy positions on a wide variety of issues. You can learn more on the LWV national website at lwv.org and on the LWV Southern New Mexico site webpage at lwvsnm.org/.

Lynda St. Clair, member,
League of Women Voters of
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Las Cruces, NM

A glimpse of Doña Paz and her Chiva Town

FAITH HUTSON

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

When I moved into the Las Cruces Original Townsite over 20 years ago, I learned that the south end of the Mesquite Historic District is known as “Chiva Town.”

This is an area once dominated by goats and still presided over by the spirit of “Doña Paz.”

Goats, “chiva” in Spanish, were brought to Las Cruces in the 1880’s by Don Eugenio Peña. For a while Peña lived in El Paso after migrating from the state of Chihuahua, Mexico.

Later, he moved with his goat herds and his first wife, Adela Pacheco, to Las Cruces.

Maria Paz Barela was born on 18 January 1886, to Jesus Barela and Maria Florencia Acosta. The Barela-Acosta’s were neighbors of Eugenio Peña in Las Cruces, and he employed Maria Paz as a caregiver for his ailing wife Adela. After Adela passed away, Maria Paz married Eugenio in about 1907, when he was around



Doña Paz and Don Eugenio.

44 years old and she was about 22. Don Eugenio Peña and his wife Doña Maria Paz Barela Peña (affectionately known as Doña Paz) owned five acres that ran roughly from the Las Cruces arroyo, south to Utah Avenue, east to Espina Street and west to El Paseo.

The area they settled in came to be known as “Chiva Town,” or “goat

town,” because of the goats that Peña had brought with him.

By the early 1900s there were thousands of goats in Doña Ana County. Chiva Town is bisected by El Camino Real de la Tierra Adentro; the Royal Road through Nuevo Mexico, which historically jogged through the sand dunes linking what are now known as South Espina



Chiva Town

PHOTOS COURTESY OF FAITH HUTSON

Street, and Mesquite Street. In the 1991 book of biographical essays, “Survivors: Women of the Southwest,” by Rita Kasch Chegin, Las Cruces Elsie Chavez Chilton talks about Chiva Town during the 1930s and 1940s. According to Chavez Chilton, Chiva Town was several acres located up on the high place that is now known as Solano Drive.

“The goats and the herders lived there in very small, makeshift huts. They would milk the goats, sell the milk and cheese and butcher some of the goats. They would come down to the lower part of town to sell it,” Chavez Chilton said in her book.

Don Eugenio sold goat milk “leche de cabra” from a blue wagon, and when he passed away in 1929, Doña Paz took over. She sold goat cheese from a horse-drawn buggy. She had many herds of goats

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Las Cruces Utilities Department – See you at the farmers market!

Saturday, May 17, 2025, is not only a great time to enjoy spring weather, friends and family at the nationally acclaimed Farmers and Crafts Market of Las Cruces, it's also a grand opportunity to meet employees of the City of Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) Department. Look for the canopy with the LCU logo!

Several times a year, LCU has a booth at the Farmers Market manned by staff from many of its lines of business: Natural Gas and Energy, Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, Business Services, Technical Support, Regulatory Compliance and Management of Information Systems. They are available to talk with customers about their utility services.

"It's an outreach by LCU and an opportunity to ask questions about

any issues," said Utilities Administrative Assistant, Denise Alejandre, who coordinates the event and will be participating, as she has done at every LCU Farmers Market Day since joining LCU three years ago.

Most questions asked at the booth are about customers' utility bills, but visitors also make suggestions about utilities services and even pass on kudos about the work LCU employees are doing, she said.

"We get a lot of people," said Alejandre, who grew up in Anthony, New Mexico.

The event has always been successful. That sometimes means LCU staff see customers who are angry about an issue when they arrive at the booth and walk away satisfied.

At the booth, visitors can pick up

free LCU magnets, stickers, insulated tote bags, pens and water bottles. Brochures and handouts about many LCU services and projects will also be available.

Here are some topics likely to be discussed at the LCU booth on May 17th:

- The May 20th public workshop at City Hall to discuss LCU's Energy Transition Plan, which is part of the Climate Action Plan adopted by the Las Cruces City Council in 2020. LCU Deputy Director for Natural Gas and Energy, Hector Terrazas, will be available to talk to visitors about the project.

- LCU's waterline inventory to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency Lead and Copper Rule revisions, and how LCU keeps City drinking water clean

and safe, and protects the health of LCU customers.

- City water regulations and conservation efforts and the summer watering schedule. You can also get help on ways to reduce water usage in your house and yard.

- Signing up for UtilityHawk, LCU's free service for customers, which alerts you if there is a continual flow of water in your home that could indicate a leak and will let you know ahead of time if you are likely to exceed your monthly utility budget.

- The free trash cart latch that is being installed on all residential trash carts now through early 2026 to hold the bin lid in place in case the cart tips over in the wind.

For more information, please visit lascruces.gov.





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High school students receive scholarships

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The Las Cruces Host Lions Club, which is a service-oriented organization, honored local high school students on May 13, 2025, in recognition of their outstanding dedication to community service with annual scholarships. The club presented the awards during a celebratory luncheon in keeping with the Lions Club's motto, "we serve." The students are, left-to-right: Garrett Viera of Centennial High School, Antonio Torres of Mayfield High School, Alyjah Lara of Mayfield High School, Eleanor Krizek of Las Cruces High School, Alexandra Morales of Las Cruces High School, Mia Villegas of Centennial High School, Cole Foster of Mayfield High School and Teagan DeArmand of Centennial High School.

NMDA seeks applicants for Chef Ambassador Program

BULLETIN REPORT

Applications now open for third class of program participants

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) is accepting applications for its NEW MEXICO—Taste the Tradition® Chef Ambassador Program.

This opportunity allows chefs to represent and promote New Mexico agriculture through food, media and live events across the state and beyond.

The application deadline is Friday, June 20, 2025. Application materials and full details are available on the NMDA Chef Ambassador

webpage. Completed applications and required attachments must be emailed to tastethetradition@nmda.nmsu.edu with the applicant's name in the subject line.

Created by NMDA's Marketing and Development Division in 2018, the Chef Ambassador Program gives chefs the opportunity to advocate for local agriculture, connect with consumers and showcase New Mexico-grown products in-state and nationally.

"New Mexico agriculture is about families feeding families—and it's vital to our state's economy," said New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture Jeff

Witte. "Our locally grown and made products reach markets and restaurants across the country and beyond."

Two selected chef ambassadors will serve a two-year term, acting as advocates for local ingredients, culinary excellence and the state's food culture. NMDA is seeking chefs, sous chefs or pastry chefs currently working in New Mexico who are passionate about using and promoting New Mexico-grown and -made products.

For questions, contact the NMDA Marketing & Development Division at 575-646-4929.

Fire Rescue welcomes deputy chief Cody Haver

BULLETIN REPORT

Doña Ana County Fire Rescue has named Cody Haver as the new deputy chief.

He will lead the Fire Prevention Division and will serve as the county's fire marshal, a new position for the department, according to a news release.

Haver brings nearly two decades of fire and emergency medical service experience. He began his career with the Las Cruces Fire Department, LCFD in 2004 serving in many roles including, serving as a firefighter, driver operator, lieutenant and most recently as a battalion chief. Haver helped lead the research, creation and growth for the Mobile Integrated Health Program and the Mobile Crisis Response programs at LCFD.



CODY HAVER

He also wrote several state and federal grant proposals to procure personal protective equipment and advanced training opportunities for firefighters, according to the release.

As a fire marshal at LCFD, Haver coordinated assistance to local restaurants during the COVID-19 public health restrictions to ensure fire safety compliance, according to the

news release.

"Deputy Chief Haver comes to us highly recommended from the Las Cruces Fire Department. He has a wealth of knowledge, experience and proven leadership in the fire service," Interim Chief Andrew Bowen said through the release. "We are confident his expertise will significantly benefit our department and the community we serve."

According to the news release, Haver earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and master's degree in public administration from New Mexico State University. He is a licensed paramedic through the state of New Mexico and certified paramedic through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Paper flowers events scheduled for Branigan Library

BULLETIN REPORT

Las Cruces Public Libraries is hosting free flower-making workshops May 17, May 22 and May 23 at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

All three workshops, creating paper sweet pea flowers, will be held in the Makerspace No. 2 on the second floor of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. on Roadrunner Transit Route 1.

The May 22 and May 23 workshops are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. The May 17 session begins at 2 p.m.

Go to the Branigan Library website to register online. Online registration is required for this free adult program. If all sessions are full, prospective participants can add their name to the waitlist.

For more information contact Deanna Duffy, Librarian, at (575) 528-4005 or by email at dduffy@lascruces.gov.

Those who require special accommodations for a disability to participate in this event are encouraged to call the library at (575) 528-4102, TTY 711, at least 48 hours in advance.

NMSU students engineer projects at Spaceport America

BULLETIN REPORT

New Mexico State University students completed a capstone project that involved designing, testing and manufacturing equipment to support suborbital rocket launches at Spaceport America.

Spaceport America created real-world capstone projects for upper-level university students to help with graduation requirements in 2024, according to a news release. A group of 13 students from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and NMSU participated in the

capstone project over the 2024-2025 academic year. Of that group, nine were NMSU students, the release states.

The nine NMSU students from the university's College of Engineering completed two separate capstone projects. The first centered around developing a launch rail adapter that would allow the integration of smaller rockets onto Spaceport America's full-sized launch rail, according to the release.

Another NMSU student capstone project was dedicated to designing and fabricating a mockup rocket



Spaceport America

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for New Mexico Spaceport Authority. With an adjustable weight range between 200 and 2,400 pounds, the mock rocket aims to serve as a high-quality training tool for rocket assembly

and loading procedures and perform load tests, according to the news release.

The work also led to a partnership between Spaceport America and

the National Association of Rocketry (NAR) club at NMSU, according to the news release. Spaceport America plans to host NAR events in the future to provide more opportunities to New Mexico students of all ages to get involved in aerospace, according to the news release.

In addition to the students' NMSU advisors, they worked under the direction of Joachim Lohn-Jaramillo, who is a graduate of Las Cruces High School. Lohn-Jaramillo earned a Ph.D. at the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College, according to the release.

Throughout the academic year, the students worked with Lohn-Jaramillo and additional New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA) personnel to develop various pieces of launch rail equipment and accessories.

The students presented their projects during a design clinic held in late April and early May.

"We are very pleased to support these students and the universities," said New Mexico Spaceport Authority Executive Director Scott McLaughlin. "These projects solve important problems for us and help students get real-world experience."

Travel appears back to pre-pandemic levels

BULLETIN REPORT

Visit Las Cruces staff said during the Monday, May 12, 2025, city council work session that many travel industry professionals believe travel is back to pre-pandemic levels of tourism, according to a news release.

The City Council received updates from Visit Las Cruces and the 2025 New Mexico legislative session during the work session. Visit Las Cruces is funded by the city's lodger's tax, which charges 5% per room per night.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the city's lodger's tax revenue was \$2.8 million, according to the news release.

According to a New Mexico Tourism Department's report, visitor spending

in Doña Ana County was \$521.3 million and visitation sustained 8.4% of all jobs within the county, the news release states.

Visit Las Cruces staff said they anticipate a bump in the motorcoach market that used to have a large presence in Las Cruces but moved to larger cities in the last few years, according to the news release. Now, Visit Las Cruces anticipates reentering the motorcoach convention market through 2028.

Councilors also received an update on the 2025 New Mexico Legislative Session from Chief Administrative Officer Barbara Bencomo and the City's lobbyist, Larry Horan.

During the 60-day legislative session, legislators introduced 1,182 bills. Horan

said he tracked 142 different pieces of legislation that were specific to the City of Las Cruces.

House Bill 8, an omnibus crime package that passed and was signed into law by Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, included several pieces of legislation including criminal competency and treatment, competency restoration, the prohibition of firearm conversion devices, additional sentencing for fentanyl trafficking, changes to DWI blood testing and progressive penalties for motor vehicle theft.

Horan also highlighted housing and homelessness reduction initiatives including the \$110 million statewide funding that's expected to benefit Las Cruces and Senate Bill 267 on housing application fees

that will protect renters by capping application and late fees, according to the news release.

Additional funding approved during the legislative session includes \$12 million in Rural Air Service Grants, \$1 million for the Las Cruces Air Show and \$200 million for statewide water projects. The City of Las Cruces also received more than \$13.8 million in funding for capital project priorities including the Fire Department's Mobile Integrated Health/mental crisis response facility, the Police Department's Real-Time Crime Center, the Paseos Verdes and Amador Crossing housing projects, and the Branigan Library renovation and expansion, according to the news release.

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COMING UP

Friday, May 16

- Pop-up Food Distribution, 8 a.m., at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid, Las Cruces. Info: RRFB.org
- City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department hosts Hiking Trails in the Southwest: La Cueva Loop Trail, 9 a.m., Dripping Springs Natural Area, 15000 Dripping Springs Rd., Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-2454
- 25th Annual Blessing of the Fields, 10-11 a.m., at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd., Las Cruces. Info: NMFarmAndRanchMuseum.org
- Mesilla Valley Contra Dance with Carol Ann Fugagli and the Mesilla Valley String Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla. Info: 575-636-5509
- Dwight Yoakam Brighter Days Tour, 7:30 p.m., at Pan American Center, 1810 E. University Ave., New Mexico State University Campus. Info: 575-646-1420

May 16-18

- Kayak Fishing Tournament, 7 a.m., at Elephant Butte Lake State Park, 101 Hwy 195, Elephant Butte. Info: 505-908-1133
- Lincoln Forest Renaissance Faire, 4 p.m., at Wingfield Park, 300 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: OsoProductionsRuidoso.com
- Las Cruces Ukefest, 7 p.m., at Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe St., NMSU. Info: LasCrucesUkefest.com

May 16-22

- Mesilla Valley Film Society presents "No Other Land," 7:30 & 2 p.m. at the Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla. Info: MesillaValleyFilm.org

Saturday, May 17

- Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, 100 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853
- Butterfly Flutterby, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, 56501 N. Jornada Rd., Las Cruces. Info: Asombro.org
- Weaving for Justice Maya Tex-

tile Sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Christian Church atrium, 1809 El Paseo Rd., Las Cruces. Info: Weaving-For-Justice.org

- Veterans Legal Clinic, 1-4 p.m., at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces. Info: 915-525-4567

- Borderlands Ballet Company presents A Night At The Movies, 7 p.m., at ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave., Las Cruces. Info: 505-652-0204

Sunday, May 18

- Chapter 431 Vietnam Veterans Food Drive, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Walmart Supercenter, 3331 Rinconada Blvd., Las Cruces. Info: 575-449-1926

May 18-20

- Mesilla Valley Film Society presents "Hidden Flora," 7:30 p.m. at the Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla. Info: MesillaValleyFilm.org

Monday, May 19

- Las Colcheras Quilt Guild, 6 p.m., at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave., Las Cruces. Info: Linnea at 575-521-0521

- Film Las Cruces presents The Wrap, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-805-3456
- Goldpine – Americana, 7 p.m., at Cruces Creatives, 205 E. Lohman Ave., Las Cruces. Info: 575-448-1072

Wednesday, May 21

- Guided Bird Walk, 8-10 a.m., at Tellbrook Park, 4290 E. Winchester Rd., Las Cruces. Info: MesillaValleyAudubon@gmail.com
- Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, 100 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853
- Hardin's Music Saloon presents The Lemon Twigs, 7 p.m., at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: EPHardins.org

Ongoing Events

- Overeaters Anonymous, 9:30 a.m. Saturdays, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Hybrid meeting, available by Zoom. Info: Bob at 610-762-3779.
- Saturday Morning Breakfast for Veterans, 8-10 a.m. every Saturday at Deming American Legion Bataan Post 4, 619 W. Spruce St., Deming. Info: 575-546-8385
- Coffee & Donuts for Veterans, 8-11 a.m. every Monday & Wednesday at Deming American Legion Bataan Post 4, 619 W. Spruce St., Deming. Info: 575-546-8385
- Overeaters Anonymous, noon Wednesdays at St. James Episcopal Church, 102 St. James St. Hybrid meeting, available by Zoom. Info: Bob at 610-762-3779.
- Unity of Las Cruces Prayer & Meditation Circle, 7 p.m. each Wednesday via Zoom. ID 817 3441 31190. Passcode WEDSVC. Info: 575-936-3019.
- Las Cruces Ukes meets for a Strum for Fun play-along, 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the Creative Arts Room. Info: lascrucesukes@gmail.com.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Weekly weight loss support group, meets at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday, at the Center for Spiritual Healing, 575 N.



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- Coalition of Conservatives in Action, 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at Kitchen Kraft Home, 980 N. Telshor Blvd. Info: 816-510-1105.
- Friday Nite Trivia for Veterans and guests, 6-10 p.m. at Deming American Legion Bataan Post 4, 619 W. Spruce St., Deming. Info: 575-546-8385
- Los Leones de Mesilla Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesday at La Posta Restaurant, 2410 Calle de San Albino, Mesilla. Info: 915-613-6315
- Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meets at 6 p.m. on the third Monday of every month, at American Legion Post 10, 1185

E. Madrid Ave., Las Cruces. Info: Linnea at 575-521-0521

- The Minnesota Club meets at 11 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month, at various restaurants around Las Cruces. Info: Kris at 575-323-3624 or Kmaiernn@msn.com
- Dona Ana Doll Club meets on the third Saturday of the month at different eating establishments around town. Info: Annaliese Rollins at 915-479-3537.
- Epilepsy Support & Education Services, Inc. meetings, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the third Saturday of every month at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Info: 575-636-4500 or EpilepsySupportNM.org.
- The Mutual UFO Network presents Coffee Cups & Flying Saucers, 11 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month at Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave., Alamogordo. Info: 860-324-7614

Al Pacino stars in local filmmaker's horror movie

SUSAN MORÉE
Las Cruces Bulletin

Al Pacino, who needs no introduction, stars in an upcoming film produced by Las Cruces filmmaker Ross Marks.

The film, called "The Ritual," opens at Allen Theatres Cineport 10, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., on June 6.

The famed actor, who is 85, plays a priest who performs an exorcism on a woman who locals believe is possessed by the devil.

"The Ritual" is a horror film based on a true story. Marks, who produced it, said the film is based on a true story about the last officially ordained exorcism to take place on U.S. soil.

Filmed as a period piece, "The Ritual" is set in Ohio in the early 1920s.

"We tried to stay as faithful to the original story as possible," Marks said.

This will be Marks' producing debut.

Marks is the executive director and founder of the Las Cruces International Film Festival. He directs films and teaches filmmaking at New Mexico State University.

Marks said this film represents a milestone for him as it's his first time to switch roles and step in as a film producer.

But it's not his last. "The Ritual" was shot in Natchez, Mississippi, in 2024. Marks already has two new projects lined

up – one called "The Mench" to begin shooting in August and another called "A Silent Violence," which starts shooting September 15th. Marks will work as producer for both of those films.

But, in addition to making his debut as a producer with "The Ritual," Marks had the opportunity to work with a film legend.

What's it like to work with Pacino?

Marks said Pacino is "very quiet and shy."

"But when the camera rolls, he becomes that character. He takes his craft very seriously," Marks said.

Marks said Pacino just has...something.

"I've worked with Academy Award winners. He has an 'it' factor. He's something special. You can't take your eyes off him," Marks said.

What's it like to produce?

Marks said he is really excited to shift his career toward producing.

"I can't direct as many movies as I would like so I pivoted to producing through my production company, followed up with 'Brewmance,'" he said.

"Brewmance" is a romantic comedy Marks produced in 2024.

Marks said it was hard at first not to be the one making the creative decisions behind the camera, but once he settled in



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New Mexico State University Creative Media Institute professor Ross Marks (above) produced "The Ritual," a horror film starring Al Pacino that will be in theatres nationwide June 6.



as producer, he said he loved it. He said working with Pacino was a real high point for his career, too.

"There were a lot of 'pinch me' moments sitting on the set, growing up knowing Al as one of the great actors. I was tickled and thrilled to be there. It's so difficult to get a movie made. It's a miracle any film gets made. It's truly a miracle to work with Al," Marks said.

Pacino is not the only famous actor who appears in the movie. The film is star packed with roles delivered by Dan

Stephens, from "Downtown Abbey," Patricia Heaton, from "Everybody Loves Raymond," Patrick Fabian from "Better Call Saul," and Ashley Greene from "Twilight."

Marks said that while "The Ritual" is a horror film, it tells a human story.

"It's a fascinating look at American history and how people with mental illness were deemed as people with demons who had taken over their souls and minds," Marks said.

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Las Cruces UkeFest: New Mexico’s only Ukulele Festival

CHERYL FALLSTEAD
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico’s only ukulele festival, the Las Cruces UkeFest, will be held May 16 – 18, 2025. This popular festival is for novice to advanced ukulele players who want to enjoy a week-end jamming and learning new skills with fellow lovers of the four-stringed instrument. The festival is hosted by the Las Cruces Ukes, a nonprofit community group of ukulele enthusiasts who have practiced and performed together for more than a dozen years.

Festival Basics

The festival begins Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m. with a concert at the NMSU Atkinson Recital Hall. The concert is included in festival registration. Tick-

ets are only \$10 for those who simply want to enjoy a fantastic evening of ukulele music performed by ukulele professionals Casey MacGill, Rachel Manke, Abby Lyons, and Devin Scott. Children 12 and younger are admitted free with a paying adult, and concert tickets can be purchased online or at the door.

The festival continues Saturday and Sunday at the NMSU Corbett Center Student Union, with workshops for all levels of players taught by those same talented musicians. It also includes a jam session, open mic, catered lunch on Saturday, and a ukulele marketplace.

Meet the Instructors

Casey MacGill has a long career, beginning with busking in Southern Cali-



Rachel Manke will return to the Las Cruces UkeFest in 2025 to perform and teach workshops



Casey MacGill returns to Las Cruces UkeFest to share his decades of musical knowledge.

COURTESY PHOTOS



Abby Lyons will make her debut at Las Cruces UkeFest 2025.



Devin Scott will be part of Las Cruces for the first time this year.

fornia in the 1960s. Since then, he has appeared on “The Tonight Show Star-

ring Johnny Carson,” the “Gong Show,” and in the movie “Frances” with Jes-

With his trio, Mood Indigo, he has even inspired Fred Astaire to break into dance.

Rachel Manke has been playing the ukulele since the late 1990s and performed on “A Prairie Home Companion.” She studied with Joel Eckhaus, a student of the famed Roy Smeck. She loves Tin Pan Alley songs and other old-time music.

Abby Lyons is coming to Las Cruces UkeFest for the first time, adding to the long list of festivals where she has performed and taught. You can hear her singing on “Life on Our Planet” with Morgan Freeman on Netflix and “The Wheel of Time” on Amazon Prime. She teaches ukulele, songwriting, and piano at the Old

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Faire fun in the forest

DEX REPORT

Hear ye, hear ye! Knights in shining armor, jesters, minstrels and more await you and your entire family for three days of archaic adventure in the tall pines. Step back in time and experience the magic of medieval and Renaissance Europe – featuring workshops, a bustling marketplace and food court, craft beer and wine, activities and entertainment – as OSO Productions presents the second annual Lincoln Forest Renaissance Faire, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday-Sunday, May 16-18, at Wingfield Park, 300 Center St., Ruidoso.

Don your finest medieval apparel and stroll

the grounds of a magical kingdom, where over 100 artists and vendors will be hawking their exquisitely handmade wares. From intricately designed jewelry to finely crafted leather goods, you'll find a vast array of unique creations to explore and purchase, including candles, crystals, clothing, books, wands, potions, and relics.

Food is also a big part of the atmosphere as steel wagons serve up the best fare in the land, including everything from Renaissance fare to modern local flavors. Scheduled to appear are Whitt's Branding Iron, Ma'am Bears Sweet Tooth, Tularosa Taco Company, Weird'O Beardo Jerkey, Fry Bread Queen,

the Roasted Corn Factory and more. Or indulge in craft beer, local wine or mead in the tavern area by such favorites as Bonito Valley Brewing Company, Lost Hiker Brewing, Mystic Ambrosia Mead, Noisy Water Winery, Downshift Brewing Company, Sheehan Winery and Dark Stranger Meadery.

To make things even more interesting, each day of the festival is dedicated to a particular theme. Friday, May 16 launches the festival with a thrilling Pirate Invasion, featuring swashbuckling fun and activities that will delight buccaneers of all ages. Saturday, May 17 continues the fun with Medieval and Celtic Day, complete with



Don't forget the mouth-watering food and drink!

COURTESY PHOTOS

Maypole, stirring music, Highland Games, and the crowning of a King and

Queen of the festival. On Sunday, May 18, conclude your experience with Fantasy & Family Day, including

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UKEFEST

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Town School of Folk Music in Chicago.

Devin Scott is the director of the Rocky Mountain UkeFest. He performs everything from old-time classics to pop and has turned his passion for the ukulele into the opportunity to live his best life traveling the country teaching workshops, leading jam sessions and performing.

Workshops at Las Cruces UkeFest

Each instructor will teach four workshops over the weekend. MacGill's offerings include workshops on strumming patterns, songs by Slim Gaillard, and favorite Beatles tunes.

Manke will teach workshops on the I IV V song structure, songs of Roy Smeck, and developing a stage plan. Lyons is teaching the beginner track with everything from Ukulele 101 to songwriting. Scott, who will lead the jam session, has workshops on picking, soloing, and "stage presents."

Register in Advance

The full festival, including catered lunch, the concert, and all the workshops you can fit into your weekend, is \$225. A special rate is available for full-time students. Advance registration is required for the full festival, but concert tickets will be available at the door.

Learn more about the festival and register at las-crucesukefest.com.



Internationally renowned Irish rock band the Young Dubliners will headline the entertainment at the second annual Lincoln Forest Renaissance Faire.

FAIRE

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ing fairy hunts, interactive storytelling and other family-minded activities

to spark the imagination.

But wait, that's not all! Entertainment for the weekend includes everything from Full Contact Armored Combat, artisan

demonstrations, interactive events, and dance by Jewells of the Desert, to the music of A Drunker Shade of Green, Doso Dirtbags, Moksi and more. Headlining the entertainment on May 17 will be internationally renowned Irish rock band the Young Dubliners, as part of their national Feicin' Freezin' Tour.

The Young Dubliners, often affectionately known as "The Dubs," are a thrilling Irish-American rock band that first took the stage in sunny Santa Monica, California, back in 1988. Their music defines a unique blend of Celtic rock, seamlessly intertwining original rock compositions with spirited Irish folk songs, captivating audiences with their raucous energy and infec-

tious melodies. With more than three decades of music-making, the Young Dubliners have carved out a monumental place in music history, delivering groundbreaking performances and paving the way for Celtic rock in contemporary culture.

The second annual Lincoln Forest Renaissance Faire days and hours are 4 p.m.-9 p.m., Friday, May 16; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, May 17; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, May 18. Advance tickets are \$25 + fees for single day, and \$45 + fees for the entire weekend. Day of tickets are \$30 + fees for single day, and \$50 + fees for the weekend. Age 12 and under are free. To purchase tickets or for more information about the festival, visit LincolnForestRenFaire.com.

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Dwight Yoakam

The legendary Country music singer/songwriter/actor hits the road with the Mavericks for the Cosmic Roundup & Rodeo Tour in support of his latest release *Brighter Days*, his first studio album in nine years.

Kick up some dust at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 16, at the Pan American Center, 1810 E. University Ave., Las Cruces. Info: 575-646-1420



ARTS ROUNDUP

DAVID SALCIDO
Las Cruces Bulletin

Lincoln Forest Renaissance Faire

Don your finest medieval attire and immerse yourself in the magic of another time with a bustling marketplace, delicious Renaissance fare, enchanting children's activities, talented jesters, fortune tellers, troubadours and more.

Get medieval from 4 p.m., Friday, May 16 through 5 p.m., Sunday, May 18, at Wingfield Park, 300 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: OsoProductionsRuidoso.com

Las Cruces Ukefest

Nonprofit community group the Las Cruces Ukes present the annual festival for lovers of the four-stringed instrument, bringing in-demand ukulele instructors from across the country for workshops and a concert.

Uke out at 7 p.m., Friday through Sunday, May 16-18, at the Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe St. and NMSU Corbett Center Student Union on the International Mall of the NMSU Campus. Info: LasCrucesUkeFest.com

**No Other Land**

The Mesilla Valley Film Society presents the Academy Award-winning documentary chronicling the struggle by residents of the West Bank's Masafer Yatta area to stop the Israeli military from demolishing their villages.

Witness annihilation at 7:30 p.m., May 16-29, at the Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla. Info: MesillaValleyFilm.org

Butterfly Flutterby

The Asombro Institute for Science Education invites you to spread your wings and celebrate the beauty of butterflies through interactive displays and presentations, creative activities, games and trading cards.

Spread your wings 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, May 17, at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, 56501 N. Jornada Rd., Las Cruces. Info: Asombro.org

**Hidden Flora**

The Mesilla Valley Film Society presents local filmmaker Ryan Rox' LCIFF winner of Best Narrative Feature and Best LGBTQ+ Film, about a hopelessly romantic teen navigating first love while exploring self-discovery.

Explore self at 7:30 p.m., May 18-20, at the Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla. Info: MesillaValleyFilm.org

**The Lemon Twigs**

The indie rock sensations known for their 60s and 70s-inspired pop hooks, jangly guitar sensibilities and intelligent songwriting swing through town in support of their 2024 release "A Dream Is All We Know."

Get twiggled at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: EPHardins.org



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20 For only the price of production

21 Rarely used golf club

22 Aleve rival

23 Spectators' loud cheers

25 Sizable sofas

26 Angled

27 Southeast Kansas city

28 River islet

30 Beginner's painting class

31 Sousaphone, e.g.

33 Loaf flavored with a certain fragrant herb

39 Incorporates gradually

43 Hitter Griffey

44 Having a basic knowledge of arithmetic

45 "The Wild Wild West" actor

47 Sao -- (largest of the Cape Verdes)

48 Actress Jessica

49 -- parmigiana

50 Hi- -- image

51 Golfer's peg

54 Vote in favor

55 Clarinetist Shaw

58 Wander

62 Temporary, as a committee

63 Creator of Oz

65 Neighbor of Croatia

66 Acquiesce, figuratively
- 71 Virgil epic

72 Noted Deco master

73 Paper opinion pieces

74 Many a song by Journey or Chicago

77 Eight x five

78 Knight's title

81 Suffix with journal

82 Alley- --

83 Flatware item

85 Ho-hum thing

86 Hurl

89 Site-to-site transfer of data

93 "Glass half full" attitude

96 JFK posting

97 Deprived of parental care

98 It's east of Croatan Sound

101 "The devil -- the details"

102 Cure- -- (panaceas)

103 Alabama-to-Illinois dir.

104 Per unit

106 Pound pen

110 Popular video-sharing service

113 Apt thing to drive on while pondering this puzzle's theme?

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119 Fine-food fan

120 Turn to ice

121 "Get --" (John Travolta film)

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8 Lend -- (pay attention)

9 -- center (community facility)

10 Make public

11 -- -Magnon

12 "-- I supposed to know?"

13 Darjeeling or pekoe

14 Gallivant

15 Darth Vader, in boyhood

16 CNN political commentator Ana

17 U.S. capital's vicinity

18 Allude to

19 Not alfresco

24 Drink mixer

29 Fact

32 Atop, to poets

34 Gumbo vegetable

35 Fasten shut

36 Terminus

37 Vocalist Sumac

38 Ask earnestly

39 Ask earnestly

40 Golf target

41 "SOS" band

42 Tyro

46 Born, on a society page

50 Lively frolic

51 Sousaphone, e.g.

52 Oklahoma city

53 Self-help writer LeShan

55 Go off script

56 Old Valerie Harper role

57 "Mazel --!"

58 Ill-mannered

59 Up until now

60 "I Am Woman" singer Helen

61 Mined metals

62 Supermodel Wek

63 Minstrel poet

64 Social insect

66 Some antique autos

67 In time past

68 Gather in

69 Depend on

70 Mo. in spring

71 Exist

75 Unlace, e.g.

76 Having vulgar interests

77 To and --

78 Imminently

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80 Comic Foxx

83 Salty Greek cheese

84 Neighbor of Yemen

85 Boils a little

86 Wild West sheriff's badge

87 Med. plan

88 Comic actor Mayall

89 Minister's study: Abbr.

90 "Love Story" novelist Segal

91 Switch to second gear, maybe

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93 Speechifies

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95 Chat with

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105 Fruit drinks

107 Wows

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Messy church

BULLETIN REPORT

St Andrews Episcopal Church, 518 Alameda Blvd., is hosting its monthly program called Messy Church from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 17.

The event is free and will feature a celebration of the life of Mary, the Mother of Jesus with games, Bible stories, snacks and craft-making projects for all ages.

More details

The event will host a following of the life of Mary. The group will then create and decorate personal prayer boxes and explore their use before breaking out into games, food and drink.

If you would like to participate and/or bring family or friends, complete the on-

line registration form at: <https://form.jotform.com/250705413015141> or call the Church office at (575) 526-6333.

There's also a signup sheet in the Gathering Space at St. Andrew's. Advance registration is required for planning purposes. All are welcome.

About the church

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church calls itself "a voice in the desert." Church parishioners participate in service efforts including shelf stable

food and school supplies for Central Elementary students. The Amador Health Center started at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. In the early 1990s, several people at St. Andrew's joined with other community leaders to create the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, which is an alliance of not-for-profit agencies that serve people experiencing poverty and homelessness. The Community of Hope and Camp Hope are models for other cities striving to end homelessness for their citizens.

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April Real Estate report puts the brakes on home sales

STEVE MONTANEZ
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

April's housing report shows a significant shift from last year's dynamics. After an impressive first quarter for 2025, April's report represents a decline of 18% from last year in overall closed sales in Doña Ana County. Inventory levels saw a 10% increase compared to 2024. While sales were down, so were prices.

Interest rates saw a sudden increase at one point in April; rates tipped passed 7%. This may have put many buyers' plans

to purchase on hold for a couple of months. We will have to stay tuned to see if this trend continues. If so, we may be shifting toward a buyers' market for the first time since 2010. While median price stayed about the same, buyers are now starting to take advantage of more incentives from both sellers and new home builders to get them to the closing table. If you are a buyer, now is the time to make a deal as most listings are spending more days on the market and seeing at least one price drop before going under agreement.

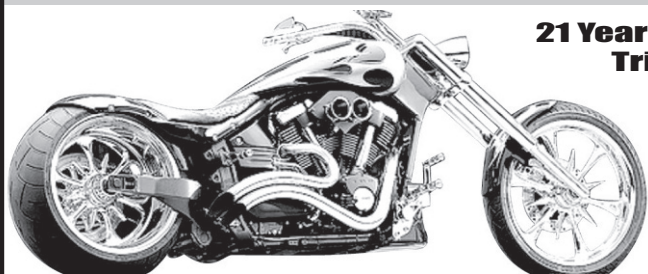
Our market is shifting. Nationwide we are starting to see a little more breathing room for buyers because of rising inventories, interest rates and affordability. We are moving toward a balance after years of an extreme seller advantage. It's a great time to negotiate and find the best deal. With a 96% list to sale price ratio, it's still a great time to be a Las Cruces homeowner.

Steve Montanez is president and chief executive officer of New Mexico Properties. He writes a monthly real estate report



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Indoor Pickle Ball Planet opens

SUSAN MORÉE
Las Cruces Bulletin

Pickle Ball Planet opened in April and plans a grand opening celebration this summer.

Co-owner Adam Brous told the Bulletin that an indoor pickle ball court enables players to play despite dust storms and wind.

He said the courts at Pickle Ball Planet, 1836 W Amador Ave, Suite A, will soon be open 24-7 so pickle ball enthusiasts can play anytime.

Brous said the primary goal of Pickle Ball Planet is to welcome everyone, including beginners.

What is Pickle Ball?

Pickle ball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. Brous said it's similar to tennis and ping pong.

It attracts many who need a sport with less emphasis on running. The game has an active pace that is fun and can feel captivating, Brous said.

"This is really a sport for folks age 8 to 80. It spans all athleticism levels," Brous said.

Some Pickle Ball Planet features

Pickle Ball Planet has installed cameras so serious-minded players, for an extra fee, can watch captured video of their game to work on improving skill.

"We have the ability to analyze the game with artificial intelligence," Brous said, adding that players can request an AI analysis of their game.

"We're certainly high tech but low barrier to entry access," Brous said.

Pickle Ball Planet offers an array of membership levels and amenities.

Kohl's named Rotary Club Business of Quarter

BULLETIN REPORT

The Rio Grande Rotary Club named Kohl's of Las Cruces the Rio Grande Rotary Club's Business of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2025.

The Rio Grande Rotary Club's Business of the Quarter acknowledges a local business's outstanding achievements and community involvement.

"We wanted to recognize the vital contribution Kohl's has made to the Rio Grande Rotary Club's Dress a Child program," said Matt Holt, president of the Rio Grande Club.

Kohl's will receive a commemorative plaque in a small presentation with Rio Grande Rotary Club members, as well as a Business of the Quarter placard to display in their business.

The Rio Grande Rotary Club considers its Business of the Quarter award



COURTESY PHOTO

Didi Ramando, manager at Kohl's Las Cruces and Mike Binns, a member of Las Cruces Rio Grande Rotary Club, pose for photos after Binns gives Ramando an award from the Rotary Club.

based on the following criteria:

- Creativity: Demonstrates different ideas regarding community support
- Engagement: Active as a civic partner, with representation at community events
- Response to Adversity: Facing challenges with optimism, focus on community support.

In April, Matt Holt, president of the Las Cruces Rio Grande Rotary Club and Mike Binns, a member of the club, delivered pizzas to Kohls staff in appreciation of all their efforts and support for making Las Cruces a better community.

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Qualifications:

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Legal Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 14, 2025, Colver LP, 5835 Onix Dr. Suite 300 El Paso, TX 79912 filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-06965-POD7, OSE File No. LRG-06965-1, for Permit to Drill and Use a Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by drilling new well LRG-06965-POD7, to a depth of 90 ft. with a 16 in. casing, to be located within the NW ¼ NW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 30, Township 25 South, Range 3 East (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 6' 41" N, 106° 40' 28" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing wells LRG-06965, LRG-06965-POD4, and LRG-06965-POD5, located as described in OSE File No. LRG-06965-1, all on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 82.58 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE ¼ of Section 30, Township 25-South, Range 3 East (NMPM) as

described by Subfile No. LRS-28-0100097, Right A of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. The proposed site of new well LRG-06965-POD7 is southeast of La Mesa, NM and is approximately 322 ft. southeast of the intersection of Montes Rd. and HWY 189. 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. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/ Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 on or before **June 6, 2025**.

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, 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: 05/02, 05/09, 05/16, 2025

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 31, 2025, Kathryn L. and Matthew T. Arden, 7 Cielo del Oeste, Anthony, NM 88021, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-18888-POD1, OSE File No. LRG-18888-1 and LRG-18888-2, for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by discontinuing the use of well LRG-17699-POD1, located within the SW¼ SE¼ of S33, T27S, R03E, NMPM, and more specifically described where points intersect at X=1,519,308 Y=331,020.2 (NMSP, Central 83), on land owned by Eduardo and Georgina Contreras, and drilling well LRG-18888-POD1 to a depth of 175 feet for 6-inch casing, to be located within the SW¼ SE¼ of said Section 33 and more specifically described where points intersect at 1,519,750 ft. and 330,911 ft. (NMSP, Central 83), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all

conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, for the ground water only irrigation of 0.78 acres of land within the SW¼ SE¼ of said Section 33, also combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 2.28 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW ¼ SE ¼ of said Section 33, and the irrigation of .91 acres of land within the NW 1/4 NE ¼ of S04, T27S, R03E, NMPM. Applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. 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. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity asserting 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). If the protest does not include the complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address, it may be deemed invalid and not accepted for filing unless Protestant provides with the protest an

affidavit stating that it does not have one of the above-listed elements/requirements (phone number, mailing address, email address, etc.). The objection to the approval 1 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 **June 27, 2025**. 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, 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: 05/02, 05/09, 05/16, 2025

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 11, 2025, Michael B. Heard, P.O. Box 1206, Las Cruces, NM 88004, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-16819-POD 2, OSE File No. LRG-16819-1, for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New

Mexico by discontinuing the use of well LRG- 16819-POD 1 located within in the NE¼ SW¼ SE¼ of Section 12, Township 23S, Range 01E, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 19'2.29"N 106° 47'25.13"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and drilling well LRG-16819-POD 2 to a depth of 160 feet for 4-inch casing, to be located within the NE ¼ SW ¼ SE ¼ of Section 12, Township 23S, Range 01E, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 19'2.45"N 106° 47'25.05"W (WGS84), on land owned by applicant, for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per year for domestic one household use, as described by Subfile Order No. LRN-28-011-1018 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. The site for new well LRG-16819-POD 2 is located in Las Cruces, NM and may be found at 704 Parker Rd. Well LRG-16819-POD 1 will be plugged. 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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of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.
Dates: 05/02, 05/09, 05/16, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed, of in satisfaction of lien, in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act.
To be held over the internet at: storaget-reasures.com
By DISCOUNT SELF STORAGE 2499 El Camino Real
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575 382-0000
BEGINNING ON TUESDAY May 27th, 2025, AT 10 A.M. AND ENDING ON FRIDAY May 30th 2025, AT 10 A.M.
THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS: 006, 327, 733, 786, 792, 808 (Tenant address is "last known") WILL BE AUCTIONED.
UNIT 006
BEATRICE BELL
2230 DONA ANA RD. LOT 69
LAS CRUCES, NM 88007
Unit items consist of: Wigs, Boxes, Totes, Furniture, Misc. items
UNIT 327
BRANDY LOUGH-BOROUGH
1010 LUNA ST.
LAS CRUCES, NM 88001
Unit items consist of: Totes, Boxes, Bags, Misc. items
UNIT 733
DANIEL M. SALAS
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LAS CRUCES, NM 88005
Unit items consist of: Tools, Furniture, Misc. items
UNIT 786
JAIMIE L. CALDERON
4916 CHAGAR CT.
LAS CRUCES, NM 88007

Unit items consist of: Totes, Furniture, Outdoor furniture, Misc. items
UNIT 792
JESSICA BARRAZA
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LAS CRUCES, NM 88001
Unit items consist of: Totes, Ice Chest, Mattress, Misc. items
UNIT 808
CHRISTINE M. MCMAHON
2520 TIFFANY DR.
LAS CRUCES, NM 88011
Unit items consist of: Boxes, Totes, Furniture, Ladder, Misc. items
Dates: 05/09, 05/16, 2025

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

Case No. D-307-DM-2024-01294
Judge Grace B. Duran
Kelly Paul Plank, Petitioner
V.
Gennora Lanette Plank, Respondent.
NOTICE OF SUIT
To Gennora Lanette Plank, Respondent: Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you, The subject of this lawsuit is: Divorce, Gennora Lanette Plank. If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publication of this notice, the Court may enter a default judgment against you.
Petitioner's Name: Kelly Paul Plank
1550 Dream Walker Way, Chaparral, NM 88081. WITNESS the Honorable Grace B. Duran, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 7th day of April 2025.
Bernice A. Ramos

Clerk of the District Court
Dates: 05/09, 05/16, 05/23, 2025

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THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS: 59, A07, A47, B03, B09, B46, C08, C48C49, I03, I24, I40, J19, Q02, Q10
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Unit 59
Shakira Garcia
4175 Bataan Memorial West #1
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Unit items consist of: Furniture, tires, tools, tile, misc items.
Unit A07
Arturo Verdin
13617 little River Rd #8101
Roanoke, TX 76262
Unit items consist of: Boxes, bike, totes, mattress, misc items.
Unit A47
Lisa Florez
P.O. Box #5
Mesquite, NM 88048
Unit items consist of: Furniture, bags, clothes, totes, misc items.
Unit B03
Edward Rodriguez
1055 Larry Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit items consist of: Toolbox, sewing machine, baby carriage,

misc items.
Unit B09
Arturo Regalado
5812 Chula Vista
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Unit items consist of: Generator, bed frame, boxes, misc items.
Unit B46
Sharon Bloom
1300-G El paseo Rd #271
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Unit items consist of: Boxes, tools, computer, office, chairs, misc items.
Unit C08
Addam J Zamora
5310 Saddle Mountain Rd
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Unit items consist of: Furniture.
Unit C48 C49
Odonis Jones
1340 Paxton St
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit items consist of: Clothing, boxes, totes, misc items.
Unit I03
Adrien Sandoval
2111 Schofield Lane
Farmington, NM 87401
Unit items consist of: Plastic totes, hat, misc items.
Unit I24
Barbara Saenz
5316 Central Rd
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Unit items consist of: Mini fridge, clothing, shopping cart, misc items
Unit I40
Socorro Cardenas
2845 El Camino Real
Las Cruces, NM 88007
Unit items consist of: totes, boxes, furniture, misc items.
Unit J19
Shiela Fields
2200 Holiday Ave Trlr 412
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Unit items consist of: Furniture, plastic totes, bags, misc items.
Unit Q02
Brigido E Martinez
602 McClure #33
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Unit items consist of: Totes, clothes, books, misc items.
Unit Q10
Osvaldo Figueroa
1025 Maple St
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit items consist of: Furniture, totes, paintings, electronics, misc items.
Dates: 05/09, 05/16, 2025

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

No. D-307-DM-2024-00076
Alberto Gallegos & Rosa Sagarnaga
In the Matter of the Kinship Guardianship of PRB, a child and concerning Esmeralda Sagarnaga & John Doe Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Esmeralda Sagarnaga & John Doe, Respondent. Greetings: You are hereby notified that Alberto Gallegos & Rosa Sagarnaga, Petitioner, filed a Petition to Appoint Kinship Guardian for Priscilla Rosa Bravo against you in the above entitled court and cause. Unless you enter your appearance and written response in this cause on or before thirty (30) days after the last date of publication, a judgment by default will be entered against you. Alberto Gallegos & Rosa Sagarnaga 705 E. May Las Cruces, NM 88001

Dates: 05/09, 05/16, 05/23, 2025

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 7, 2025, Joe A. and Sandra Marquez, 54 Memory Lane, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-866- POD9,

OSE File No.: LRG-866-16, for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by discontinuing the use of well LRG-866-C, located within in the SE¼ NW¼ NE¼ of S35, T24S, R02E, NMPM, and more-specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 106°42'18.62", 32°10'57.28" (WGS84), on land owned by Noreen Frances Rowe, and drilling well LRG-866-POD9 to a depth of 150 feet for 4 inch casing, to be located within the NE¼ of S35, T24S, ROZE, more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 106°42'16.6", 32 ° 10'56.4" (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 1 acre of land within the NE¼ of said Section 35, owned by the applicant. Applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-23. Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. 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. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity asserting 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). If the protest does not include the complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address, it may be deemed invalid and not accepted for filing unless Protestant provides with the protest an affidavit stating that it does not have one of the above-listed elements/requirements (phone number, mailing address, email address, etc.). The objection to the approval 1 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 **July 11, 2025**. 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, at 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions

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of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 05/16, 05/23, 05/30, 2025

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 1, 2025, FERZA Properties, LLC, C/O Lorenzo Fernandez, 201 Los Mochis., Canutillo, TX 79835, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-9606-POD3, OSE File No. LRG-9606 & LRG-9606-A, for Permit to Change Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by discontinuing use of well LRG-9606-CLW280066 located within NE¼ NW¼ SE¼ of S 15, T26S, R03E, NMPM, or more specifically where points intersect at X=1,525,768.2 Y=380,638.72 (NMSP, Central 83), and drilling well LRG-9606-POD3, to a depth of 300 feet with a 16-inch casing, to be located within said Section 15, more specifically described at X=1,525,986.39 Y=379,881.32 (NMSP, Central 83), all located on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of the amount of water subject to all conditions and provisions contained in the August 22, 2011 Final Judgment and Settlement Agreement in Stream System Issue No. 101, SS-97-101, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 69 .05 acres of land in the SE¼ of said Section 15, owned by the applicant. Old well LRG-9606-CLW280066 will be properly plugged. 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. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity asserting 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). If the protest does not include the complete name, phone number, email address, and mailing address, it may be deemed invalid and not accepted for filing unless Protestant provides with the protest an affidavit stating that it does not have one of the above-listed elements/requirements (phone number, mailing address, etc.). 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 **July 11, 2025** Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest if the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and

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Dates: 05/16, 05/23, 05/30, 2025

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case No.: D-307-CV-2025-00267
BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
MARY L. HARVEY;
Defendant.
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defendants, Mary L. Harvey, to be published on: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Bokf, 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 12290 Fort McRae Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows: LOT 7, BLOCK D, FORT SELDEN ESTATES, PHASE I, IN THE COUNTY OF DONA ANA, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 2616 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JANUARY 17, 1995, AND RE-

CORDED IN BOOK 18, PAGES 184-185, 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. McCAR-THY & HOLTHUS, LLP By: Jason Bousliman Marin Kowal Attorneys for Plaintiff 6501 Eagle Rock NE, Suite A-3 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 Telephone No.: (505) 219-4900 mkowal@mccarthyholthus.com IDSPub #0248230 5/16/2025 5/23/2025 5/30/2025

Dates: 05/16, 05/23, 05/30, 2025

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. D-307-CV-2025-00545
ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff,
vs.

LILLIAN H. TRUJILLO, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF LILLIAN H. TRUJILLO, Deceased, EDWARD V. TRUJILLO, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF EDWARD V. TRUJILLO, Deceased; YSELA CHAVARRIA; EDWARD TRUJILLO JR.; MICHELLE GONZALEZ; CHRISTINE KIRBY; FOUNDATION FINANCE COMPANY LLC; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF LILLIAN H. TRUJILLO; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF

EDWARD V. TRUJILLO, Deceased, Defendant(s). **NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**
Defendant(s) Lillian H. Trujillo, if living, if deceased, The Estate of Lillian H. Trujillo, Deceased, Edward V. Trujillo, if living, if deceased, The Estate of Edward V. Trujillo, Deceased, Michelle Gonzalez, The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Lillian H. Trujillo, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Edward V. Trujillo, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1310 Pines St, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as: LOT 11, BLOCK J, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 463 THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JULY 25, 1957, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 7, PAGE 57, PLAT RECORDS, Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005. If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against

Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Attorneys for the Plaintiff: Tiffany & Bosco, P.A. 1700 Louisiana Blvd NE, Suite 300 Albuquerque, NM 87110 (505) 248-2400 April 7, 2025 By /s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt Deborah A. Nesbitt Joshua T. Chappell Attorney for Plaintiff **Dates: 05/16, 05/23, 05/30, 2025**

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 14, 2025, Joe R. Corona, 400 Hallas Rd., Anthony, NM 88021, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. LRG-11148-POD2 under OSE File LRG-11148 for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico. 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. The applicant proposes drilling well LRG-11148-POD2 to a depth of 250 feet with a 16-inch casing, in a location within the NE¼ NW¼ of projected Section 28, Township 27S, Range 3E (NMPM) and more specifically located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 56' 10" N and 106° 38' 48" W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and discontinue the use of existing well LRG-11148, located on land owned by the applicant located within the NE¼ NW¼ of said projected Section 28 (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at inter-

sect at 31° 56' 09" N and 106° 38' 47" W (WGS84), 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 47.09 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NW¼ of said projected Section 28 (NMPM) as described in Subfile No. LRS 280180123 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-11148-POD2 will be located southeast of La Union, NM and may be found approximately 0.47 miles northeast of the intersection of Hallas Rd. & Casad Rd., La Union, NM. Existing well LRG-11148 will be properly plugged. 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. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity asserting 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, it may be deemed invalid and not accepted for filing unless Protestant provides with the protest an affidavit stating that it does not have one of the above-listed elements/requirements (phone number, mailing address, email address, etc.). 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 shall be required to provide evidence showing 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 **July 7, 2025**. 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, 575-524-6160. 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: 05/16, 05/23, 05/30, 2025

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case No.: D-307-CV-2024-02530
BOKF, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
JUAN LUIS

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HERNANDEZ AKA JUAN HER-
NANDEZ; MARIA
GUADALUPE ME-
DINA AKA LUPE
M. MEDINA AKA
LUPE MEDINA;
PROGRESSIVE
DIRECT INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY;
UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA BY
AND THROUGH
THE INTERNAL
REVENUE SER-
VICE; LAS CRUCES
MEDICAL CENTER
LLC D/B/A MOUN-
TAIN VIEW RE-
GIONAL MEDICAL
CENTER; STATE
OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT
OF WORKFORCE
SOLUTIONS;
Defendants .

**NOTICE OF FORE-
CLOSURE 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 2973 Polder
Lane, Las Cruces,
NM 88007, and
more particularly
described as follows:
LOT 37, RILLITO
ACRES PHASE 1B
SUBDIVISION, IN
DONA ANA COUN-
TY, NEW MEXICO,
AS SHOWN AND
DESIGNATED ON
THE PLAT THERE-
OF, FILED IN THE
OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK
OF SAID COUNTY
ON NOVEMBER 3,
2005, IN BOOK 21
PAGE(S) 394-395 OF
PLAT RECORDS.
Including a 2006
Silvercreek 2562 mo-
bile home, with VIN
SCH01068640AB
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 July
15, 2025, outside the

main entrance of the
3rd Judicial District
Courthouse, 201
W. Picacho, 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 Prop-
erty to pay expenses
of sale, and to satisfy
the foreclosure
Judgment granted
on April 24, 2025,
in the total amount
of \$93,233.01, with
interest at the rate of
4.6250% per annum
from March 1, 2025
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 prop-
erty and improvements
concerned with
herein will be sold
subject to any and all
patent reservations,
easements, and all
taxes and utility
liens, special assess-
ments and taxes that
may be due. BOKF,
N.A., its attorneys,
and the undersigned
Special Master,
disclaim all respon-
sibility 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 manu-
factured 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 viola-
tions concerning the
property, if any. NO-
TICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN that the pur-
chaser at such sale
shall take title to the
above described real
property subject to a
one (1) month right
of redemption. PRO-
SPECTIVE PUR-

CHASERS AT SALE
ARE ADVISED TO
MAKE THEIR OWN
EXAMINATION OF
THE TITLE AND
THE CONDITION
OF THE PROPERTY
AND TO CONSULT
THEIR OWN AT-
TORNEY BEFORE
BIDDING. By:
Margaret Lake 201
Eubank NE Suite
#A1 Albuquerque,
NM 87123 1 NM-24-
999378-JUD IDSPub
#0248253 5/16/2025
5/23/2025 5/30/2025
6/6/2025
**Dates: 05/16, 05/23,
05/30, 06/06, 2025**

**New America
School-Las Cruces**
Report card is
available at [https://
nmvistas.org](https://nmvistas.org)
Grades Served: 9-12
NAS-LC received an
ESSA designation of
CSI.Grad.
DISTRICT PROFI-
CIENCIES
MATH: 10%, READ-
ING: 15%, SCI-
ENCE: 22%
DISTRICT GRADU-
ATION RATES
4-YEAR: 25%,
5-YEAR: 47%,
6-YEAR: 31%
Dates: 05/16, 2025

**STATE OF NEW
MEXICO COUNTY
OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**
No. D-307-
PB-2025-00075
Judge Arrieta, Man-
uel I.

IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE
OF: JOSE DANIEL
MELENDEZ, DE-
CEASED.
**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**
NOTICE IS HERE-
BY GIVEN that
JOSE DANIEL ME-
LENDEZ, JR. has
been appointed per-
sonal representative
of the estate of the
decendent. All per-
sons having claims
against the estate
of the decendent 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, which-
ever is later, or the
claims will be forever
barred. Claims must
be presented either
to personal represen-
tative 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
9th day of May,
2025. KEITHLY &
ENGLISH, LLC
/s/ Shane A. English
SHANE A. EN-
GLISH
Attorney for Jose
Daniel Melendez, Jr.,
Personal Representa-
tive N.M. State Bar
No. 4854
Post Office Drawer
1329, Anthony, NM
88021 (575) 882-4500
(575) 882-5000 [FAX]
kne1329@aol.com
**Dates: 05/16,
05/23, 05/30, 2025**

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC SALE**
Notice is hereby given
that the following
property shall be sold
at public auction or
otherwise disposed
of, in satisfaction of
lien, in accordance
with the New Mexico
Self Storage Lien
Act. To be held over
the internet at stor-
agetreasures.com
By **DISCOUNT
SELF STORAGE**
5395 Bataan Memo-
rial W
LAS CRUCES, NM
88012
575 541-5760
BEGINNING ON
TUESDAY, JUNE
3RD, 2025 AT 10
A.M. AND ENDING
ON FRIDAY, JUNE
6TH, 2025 AT 10
A.M.

**THE ENTIRE
CONTENTS OF
STORAGE UNITS:
348, 489, 498, 502**
Tenant address is
"last known."
UNIT 348
KIMBERLY ACOS-
TA

7533 SIERRA DE
ORO PL
LAS CRUCES, NM
88012
Unit items consist
of: Furniture, boxes,
misc. items
UNIT 489
HERBEY ZAMBRA-
NO
3854 SAN MARINO
RD
LAS CRUCES, NM
88012
Unit items consist
of: Gym equipment,
grill, pressure wash-
er, boxes, misc. items
UNIT 498
ANA RIOS
3901 SONOMA
SPRINGS AVE
LAS CRUCES, NM
88011
Unit items consist
of: Furniture, totes,
misc. items
UNIT 502
MELINDA SALAS
12899 CENTRAL
AVE NE #348
ALBUQUERQUE,
NM 87123
Unit items consist
of: Toys, furniture,
boxes, mattresses
**Dates: 05/16,
05/23, 2025**

**STATE OF NEW
MEXICO IN THE
PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA
COUNTY**
No. 25-0123
In the Matter of the
Estate of Inge E.
Ferda, a/k/a Inge
Ferda, deceased.

**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**
NOTICE IS HERE-
BY GIVEN that the
undersigned has
been appointed per-
sonal representative
of the estate of the
decendent. All per-
sons having claims
against the estate
of the decendent 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, which-
ever is later, or the
claims will be forever
barred. Claims must
be presented either

to the undersigned
personal represen-
tative at the address
listed below, or filed
with the Probate
Court of Dona Ana
County, New Mexico,
located at the follow-
ing address: 845 N.
Motel Blvd., Room
1-200, Las Cruces,
NM 88007
Dated: May 13, 2025
/s/ Steve Robert
Ferda
Steve Robert Ferda
8606 Graceful Oak
Xing, Katy, TX 77494
**Dates: 05/16,
05/23, 05/30, 2025**

NOTICE is here-
by given that on
February 21, 2025,
Crosstown Construc-
tion & Trucking,
LLC (Contact: Rocky
M. Nevarez), PO Box
375, Dona Ana, NM
88032, filed with
the **STATE ENGI-
NEER** under OSE
File No. LRG-9382-
2, Application No.
LRG-9382-POD2 for
Permit to Change
Location of Well
within the Lower Rio
Grande Underground
Water Basin of the
State of New Mexico.
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 Bulle-
tin. The applicant
proposes drilling
well LRG-9382-
POD2 to a depth
of 225 feet with an
8-inch casing, in
a location within
the NE¼ SW¼ of
projected Section
36, Township 22S,
Range 1 E (NMPM)
and more specifically
located at or near
where Latitude and
Longitude inter-
sect at 32°20'54"N
and I 06°47'52"W
(WGS84), on land
owned by the appli-
cants, and disconti-
nue the use of existing
well LRG-9382, lo-
cated on land owned
by the applicants
located within the
NE¼ SW¼ of said

projected Section 36
(NMPM) and more
specifically described
where Latitude
and Longitude
intersect at inter-
sect at 32°20'53"N
and 106°47'52"W
(WGS84), for the
continued diversion
of the amount of
water subject to all
conditions and pro-
visions contained in
the August 22, 2011
Final Judgment and
Settlement Agree-
ment in Stream Sys-
tem Issue No. I 01,
SS-97-101, combined
with surface water
from the Elephant
Butte Irrigation
District, for the
irrigation of 4.5 I
acres of land, owned
by the applicants,
located within the
NE¼ SW¼ of said
projected Section
36 as described in
Subfile Order No.
LRN 280080339 of
the Third Judicial
District Court, Dona
Ana County, State of
New Mexico. The ap-
plicant has requested
emergency autho-
rization to drill the
proposed well under
NMSA, 1978, Section
72-12-22. The site of
proposed well LRG-
93 82-POD2 will be
located in the north
part of Las Cruces,
NM and may be
found approximate-
ly 0.2 miles east of
the intersection of
Dona Ana Rd. and
Armstrong Rd., Las
Cruces, NM. Existing
well LRG-9382 will
be retained for other
rights. To view the
application and sup-
porting documenta-
tion 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.
Any person, firm or
corporation or other
entity asserting
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). If the pro-
test does not include
the complete name,
phone number, email
address, and mailing
address, it may
be deemed invalid
and not accepted
for filing unless
Protestant provides
with the protest an
affidavit stating that
it does not have one
of the above-listed el-
ements/requirements
(phone number,
mailing address,
email address, etc.).
The objection to the
approval of the appli-
cation must be based
on: (1) Impairment;
if impairment, you
must specifically
identify your water
rights; and/or (2)
Public Welfare/Con-
servation of Water;
if public welfare or
conservation of water
within the state of
New Mexico, you
shall be required
to provide evidence
showing 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
July 18, 2025.
Facsimiles (faxes)
will be accepted as
a valid protest if the
hard copy is hand-de-
livered or mailed and
postmarked within
24-hours of the fac-
simile. Mailing post-
mark will be used to
validate the 24-hour
period. Protests can
be foxed to the Office
of the State Engi-
neer, 575-524-6160.
If no valid protest or
objection is filed, the
State Engineer will
evaluate the appli-
cation in accordance
with the provisions
of Chapter 72 NMSA
1978.
**Dates: 05/16, 05/23,
05/30/2025**

CHIVA

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which her four daughters milked to make the cheese.

During World War II and the meat rations, Doña Paz sold off herds as people had begun rustling them. Once the goats were gone, she turned her house, located at the corner of Mesquite Street and Utah Avenue, into a dance hall. Every Saturday night “bailes” or dances, were held for the community. The men from the Civilian Conservation Corps, a federal program designed to provide work to unemployed men, would come dance to music provided by a local band, and Doña Paz’s bullwhip kept everyone in line. What a lively place this must have been once upon a time!

Doña Paz was a successful female entrepreneur and leader during Las Cruces’ formative years. She made posole from scratch (shucking and soaking the corn) which she sold at her dances. She made novenas



Doña Paz driving her horse and buggy

to San Isidro, the patron of farmers, with nine-day prayer pilgrimages offering petitions to the Saint and praying for God to bless the fields. People walked to each farm to

ensure good harvests. She also would make posadas from her home that portray Joseph and Mary seeking a room at Christmas time. She danced at a local pueblo south of

Las Cruces called Tortugas, made her own “tesguino,” which means corn

beer, and would go trick or treating at Halloween. Doña Paz passed away at the age of 79, on December 25, 1965, and is buried at San Jose Cemetery.

Chiva Town and the goats were still around in the early 1960s. Wanda Mattiace, who lived there during that time, talked to me about the warmth and caring of community members. They always shared what they had even though they were very poor. Wanda was a very skinny girl and on her daily walks to and from Valley View school, people were always saying “come here ‘flaca’” (skinny) and they would give her warm tortilla quesadillas filled with goat cheese.

As recently as 1972 there were still unpaved streets in Chiva Town. With zone changes the old Las Cruces arroyo was named, Valley View Park and was built along the arroyo’s old path, and the Munson Senior

Center and public housing projects were constructed. Today, Chiva Town, Doña Paz and her goats, are a story that needs to be retold. A plaque honoring Doña Paz was dedicated on May 16, 2001, as an enduring symbol of how a pioneer woman shaped the early history of Las Cruces.

Author’s Note: The author would like to thank the granddaughter, great-granddaughter and great-grandson of Doña Paz for contributing stories and photos to this article.

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Editor’s Note: This story appears courtesy of the author and is a part of a series of stories honoring the historic value of Las Cruces and, during the month of May, Historic Preservation Month.




Doña Paz Barela Peña with Donicio Parra on the left.



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Women's golf day celebrates its 10th year



THE GOLF DOCTOR
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This email I received in early April announcing Women's Golf Day for 2025, with dateline West Palm Beach, Florida and London, England: Women's Golf Day (WGD) is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2025, marking a decade of connecting, inspiring, and empowering women and girls through golf. This milestone is not just a celebration – it's a

call to action, brands, and industry leaders to "Help Us to Help You" by increasing participation and expanding opportunities for women in golf year-round.

I fully support the Women's Golf Day movement, and this year is a pivotal moment for the WGD community. WGD is a platform that celebrates girls and women golfing and learning skills that last a lifetime. The goal is to break barriers, change perceptions and create more opportunities for women in golf, ensuring that golf becomes a game where everyone feels welcome. While WGD events take place around the globe between May 27 and June 3, 2025, its mission extends beyond

a single event. WGD is a gateway for women into the sport and provides a platform for locations and PGA Professionals to share their ongoing initiatives, education programs and events through social channels, newsletter and the WGD website www.womensgolfdays.com. The website lists events and locations around the country for participation and involvement.

Women's Golf Day started in 2016 as a grassroots movement. The post-Covid-19 efforts moved to elevate and engage partners to create a sustainable business model to ensure this is a lasting program. WGD events have taken place at more than 1,350 lo-

cations in over 85 countries since its inception. Since its beginning WGD has introduced thousands of new golfers to the sport and is the fastest-growing female golf development initiative in the world. Participating facilities that are registered on the website can be found by simply using the location finder at <https://www.womensgolfdays.com/locations/>.

Official partners of Women's Golf Day are the PGA of America, The R&A, USGA, Japan Golf Association and Golfbreaks. WGD is also proudly supported by the Annika Foundation, the European Tour, the PGA Tour, The First Tee, The Golf Channel, Golf Now, Sky Sports, Troon

Golf, The World Golf Foundation and many more.

"Women's Golf Day has proven that one day and collectively working together can create a lasting impact," says Elisa Gaudet, founder of Women's Golf Day. "We are excited to celebrate this milestone and invite more golf facilities, federations and golf organizations brands and participants to be a part of a movement that continues to change lives around the world."

Event attendance reached an all-time high in 2024 with events attracting hundreds of women, most notably at Dobson Ranch in Arizona where 320 women took over the golf range. Among the awards WGD

has received is the International Network of Golf Industry Honors Award for Business Achievement in 2023.

In our area women golfers have the opportunity to participate in competition organized by the Border Ladies Golf Association. There are several local golf clubs that are participating members of BLGA: There will be a detailed article in this column soon about the BLGA.

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