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Big crowds showed up at Allen Theaters for 170 films that were part of the 11th annual Las Cruces International Film Festival April 8-12 in Las Cruces.

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## Community demands change after teen's death

Officials cite rising juvenile crime, call for action at City Hall

**ELIJAH REY REYES**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

A grieving Las Cruces family joined local leaders Monday, April 13, at Las Cruces City Hall, urging stronger action after the fatal shooting of a local 13-year-old who was shot by a 13-year-old the family had provided a place to stay.

The gathering, organized by community members including Marci Dickerson, brought together law enforcement, lawmakers and residents calling for accountability and prevention. Janel Carnero, the victim's mother, said her son Chris's death was preventable and called on both residents and officials to do more to protect young people.

"This was not an accident," she said.

The boy who allegedly shot Chris is facing an involuntary manslaughter charge.

Carnero also spoke about the environment she tried to create for children in her home.

"We wanted to show them what love was like, especially when so many have never experienced it before," Carnero said. "Chris embodied that spirit."

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## DACC earns Carnegie recognition for access, outcomes

College cited for helping undeserved students move into higher-earning paths

**ELIJAH REY REYES**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Santiago Diaz's days at Doña Ana Community College start early and often stretch past midnight as he balances coursework with his role as student government president. For Diaz, that pace reflects more than a demanding schedule. It points to a system he said is built to support students trying to move forward.

That support is central to a recent designation recognizing DACC as an "Opportunity College and University," part of the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. The designation evaluates whether colleges serve students who reflect their communities and whether those students see increased earnings after completing their education. Dr. Monica Torres said the recognition aligns with the college's mission.

"Community colleges are trying to make sure that everybody who wants higher education can get it," Torres said. "But we're also focused on making sure that when students leave, their experience actually benefits them."

At DACC, that commitment shows up in the day-to-day support students rely on to stay on track.

"They're always there for you," Diaz said. "It's pretty much like somebody taking care of your back."

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"Community colleges are trying to make sure that everybody who wants higher education can get it," Torres said. "But we're also focused on making sure that when students leave, their experience actually benefits them."

At DACC, that effort is reflected in its student population. About 80% of students come from historically underrepresented backgrounds, a figure that mirrors Doña Ana County. The classification also looks at long-term outcomes. Data shows students who attend DACC earn more several years after completing their programs compared to those without a credential.

Diaz said his own experience reflects that path. Originally from Ciudad Juárez, he came to the United States and enrolled at DACC, where he found academic guidance and support beyond the classroom.

"It's not about being the best," Diaz said. "It's about being resilient."

College officials point to a mix of classroom instruction and support services as key to that progress. Resources such as food pantries, financial aid workshops and student success programs help students manage challenges tied to cost, work, and family responsibilities.

"Faculty regularly as-



**Santiago Diaz, posing for a portrait.**

COURTESY SANTIAGO DIAZ

sesses what works in the classroom and adapts their teaching to better support the students," Torres said.

Beyond campus, the college's impact extends into the local workforce. Graduates enter fields ranging from health care and construction to water technology and information systems, contributing to industries across the region.

"There's hardly a mile that goes by where I don't see businesses that aren't influenced by DACC," Torres said.

For Diaz, the connection between education and opportunity is clear.

"After I get my degree, definitely I'll be on a better path," he said.

Torres said the college is continuing to refine its approach, focusing on improving outcomes and expanding support systems.

"We're not done meeting our commitment," she said. "We'll continue to work to improve."

## Internships give students a clearer path

Program helps students find direction

**ELIJAH REY REYES**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Jacquelyn Bernal signed up for a summer internship in high school, she was mostly looking for something to do — and a paycheck. What she found instead was direction.

"Honestly, you're for sure coming out of it with a different mindset," Bernal said.

Now a college student studying social work and psychology in Arizona, Bernal said the experience gave her an early look at the working world and helped shape what came next.

She spent several summers working at Vista Middle School, assisting teachers and helping administrators prepare for the upcoming year, but the biggest takeaway didn't come from the tasks themselves.

"I was able to talk to adults and just get their perspective on life and working," she said, adding that those conversations helped her better understand her future.

That clarity came with a few surprises.

"I definitely don't want to work in a school," Bernal said. "But it really just changed my view on wanting to help and it's more of a want now."

That shift led her toward a career in social work — and a desire to create opportunities for others.

"I could be the next one to make an internship for someone," she said.

The Doña Ana County Summer Internship Program, launched in 2021 in partnership with the New

Mexico Public Education Department, connects students with local businesses and organizations for hands-on experience across a range of industries, with more than 10,000 students participating so far.

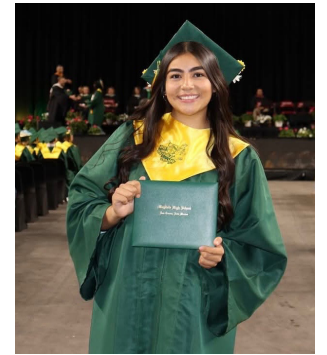
For employers, the program offers a chance to mentor students while strengthening the local workforce pipeline. Beth Williams, president and CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico, said internships are central to the organization's mission.

"We have been very focused on promoting students in the workforce," Williams said. "It was a natural fit to help students explore different careers."

Students working with The Bridge gain hands-on experience through networking with professionals and touring major employees such as El Paso Electric and Virgin Galactic.

"They really get to be exposed to several different career opportunities," Williams said.

Williams said the experience is just as meaningful for mentors, noting that working with students brings a renewed sense of purpose.



**Jacquelyn Gomez, receiving her degree during her high school graduation for Mayfield High School.**

COURTESY JACQUELYN GOMEZ

"I learn something new from them probably every single day," she said. "It reminds me why we do the work that we do."

For students, the program builds more than just experience, helping them develop habits that carry into future work. Bernal said the internship taught her responsibility and the importance of showing up ready each day.

"It taught me responsibility. I have to show up every day ready to work."

She added that even for those initially drawn in by a paycheck, the experience offers a clearer picture of what adult life can look like.

"It's a way of opening your eyes into what adult life is like."

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Kids can play at 29 courses in New Mexico, including New Mexico State University Golf Course, Red Hawk Golf Club, and Sonoma Ranch Golf Course in Las Cruces. The full list of New Mexico golf courses participating is available at <https://youthoncourse.org/course-directory>.

Last year, youth from across the New Mexico region joined the Golf With Us program and played nearly 200 rounds, including kids from the Boys & Girls Club of Central New Mexico, to learn golf and life lessons.

Enrollment for new members is open until June 15 at [BofA.com/GolfwithUs](https://BofA.com/GolfwithUs).

Last year, Golf with Us helped nearly 100,000 young people nationwide – including many first-time golfers – experience the transformative power of the sport.

### 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

To mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States, the Dona Ana County Historical Society is organizing a planning meeting to share ideas and coordinate events. We invite anyone who wants to commemorate this anniversary to come and discuss their ideas and find partners to work with them.

On Saturday, April 25, the planning meeting will be held at the Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Avenue from 10-11:30 a.m. DACHS is happy to provide a platform for people to come together to share their plans, but it will not choose, nor does it have funding for anniversary activities or events.

DACHS was created in 1963 to save Fort Selden and ever since, has been active in preserving, presenting, and publicizing local history through monthly lectures, articles, and field trips.

For more information about this planning meeting, contact Jon Hunner at 575.571.7777 or at [jonhunner6@gmail.com](mailto:jonhunner6@gmail.com).

### Spring typewriter fling

The next typewriter public outreach event and sale is April 25 at COAS Books.

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### Dash for Autism

The Gadsden Independent School District invites members of the media and community to attend the Desert View Elementary Dash for Autism, taking place Saturday, April 18, at Desert View Elementary School in Sunland Park.

The Dash for Autism is a community 5K run and 3.3K fun walk benefiting students receiving special education services. Proceeds from the event will support instructional materials, sensory resources, classroom support, and student enrichment opportunities.

The event brings together students, families, staff, and community partners to raise awareness, celebrate inclusion, and promote student success through a fun, family-friendly experience.

#### Packet Pickup:

Friday, April 17 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Desert View Elementary lobby, and

Saturday, April 18 (race day) beginning at 6:30 a.m.

Community members are encouraged to participate, donate, or attend as spectators in support of students and families.

#### Registration and donation information:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NM/SunlandPark/DesertViewElementaryDashForAutism>

For more information contact Guillermo Carmona, Director of Communications and Public Relations, Gadsden Independent School District, [gcarmona@gisd.k12.nm.us](mailto:gcarmona@gisd.k12.nm.us), 575-312-1866 (call or text).

### Board members at Habitat for Humanity

Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity is looking for dedicated board members.

Habitat for Humanity’s mission is simple: to provide homes for Las Cruces residents who might not otherwise be able to afford one.

As a member of the board, you would be involved in activities in support of Habitat for Humanity, such as financial and cultural decisions, on-site participation in construction, fundraising opportunities and more. A background in construction, finance or marketing is especially desirable, but anyone interested in serving a worthwhile charitable organization is welcome.

For more information, contact board president Drew McPhee at [drew.mcphee@michalscheck.com](mailto:drew.mcphee@michalscheck.com).

### Exhibition at NMSU

Dr. Megan Metcalf speaks on Jamie Isenstein’s exhibition “Cameo,” on view now at the University Art Museum. Dr. Metcalf teaches contemporary art history in the Department of Art at NMSU. She has previously held

positions at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, UCLA, ArtCenter College of Art and Design, and Otis College of Art and Design.

Her first book, “Collecting Choreography: Simone Forti and Performance in the Contemporary Art Museum,” will be published by University of California Press in January 2027.

Hear from Dr. Metcalf April 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Zane-Bennet Collection Study Room/106 in Devasthali Hall.

Zoom webinar link: <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/83746811396>

### Plant Share April 18

The annual Cruces Creatives Plant Share is coming up Saturday, April 18 starting at 9 a.m. Gardeners and plant lovers will be exchanging seeds, seedlings, perennials, annuals, veggies, baby trees, bushes, and more at 205 E. Lohman right in front of Cruces Creatives.

Everyone is welcome, feel free to bring your own plants if you’d like, but it’s not required. See you there!

### Vintage Woodworking Tools

Patrick Scoggin, a Cruces Creatives member, is looking to re-home a collection of antique woodworking tools from the early 1900s or late 1800s and is hoping to find a good home for them with people that would appreciate them.

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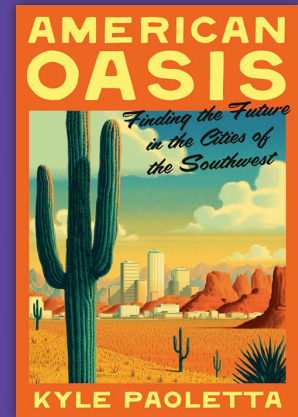


## Social Justice Reading

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Fire Station 2 east-facing wall

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# Young ambassador leads cleanup effort in Las Cruces

## Centennial junior organizes April 18 cleanup

**ELIJAH REY REYES**

Las Cruces Bulletin

At just 17, Jordyn Campion has already taken on a problem many adults overlook.

The Las Cruces native and Centennial High School junior has removed more than 200 illegally dumped tires from the desert — a hands-on effort that now extends into her role as a Land of Enchantment Young Ambassador, after being selected as one of 14 students statewide by the governor.

Campion is now using that platform to organize a community cleanup set for April 18 near her school.

“I really just wanted to help make an impact in that part of the commu-



Jordyn taking one of the illegally dumped tires to be properly disposed.

COURTESY JORDYN CHAMPION

nity and get more community members involved,” Campion said.

She said seeing litter scattered across the desert while driving through Las Cruces made the issue difficult to ignore. Rather than waiting for someone

else to step in, she chose to take action.

For the past two and a half years, Campion has focused on removing illegally dumped tires, reaching a total of 208. That experience has shaped her current work, with a focus

on both cleanup efforts and community education. Through the upcoming event, she hopes to highlight the long-term effects of littering while encouraging residents to take greater responsibility for the surrounding landscape.

“I’m hoping it will help not just now, but in the future,” she said. “And to show what can happen to our deserts when we don’t take care of them.”

As a Young Ambassador, her work centers on environmental advocacy and community engagement, including projects aimed at increasing youth involvement across the state. She said that mission begins with taking initiative. “You can’t just wait



Jordyn cleaning up as her role as Land of Enchantment Young Ambassador.

COURTESY JORDYN CHAMPION

around for someone else to do something,” Campion said. “You have to figure out what you’re passionate about and pursue that.”

The community cleanup is scheduled from 9 to 11 a.m. April 18 on public land northeast of Centennial High School. Organizers hope the effort will not only improve the area surrounding the campus but also encourage continued involvement beyond a single morning.

**April 24, 2026**

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## Breathe better this spring

### How allergies affect your sleep

**JOSHUA LEVINGER,**  
MDOtolaryngologist (ENT),  
Memorial Ear, Nose & Throat  
Institute

When spring arrives, many of us start sneezing and sniffing. But did you know that spring allergies can also change how you breathe while you sleep?

#### What are spring allergies?

Spring allergies happen when your body reacts to pollen from trees, grass, and flowers. Your nose gets stuffy, you might sneeze a lot, and your eyes may feel itchy. This is often called “hay fever.”

#### What is sleep apnea?

Sleep apnea is when you stop breathing for short periods during the night. This happens because your airway gets blocked. People with sleep apnea often snore loudly and feel very tired during the day, even after a full night’s sleep.

#### How are they connected?

When you have allergies, your nose becomes swollen and stuffed up. This makes it much harder to breathe through your nose at night. When you can’t breathe

well through your nose, you are more likely to have trouble breathing while you sleep.

In fact, people with allergies are twice as likely to have sleep apnea. The stuffiness makes your airway narrower, which leads to more snoring and pauses in your breathing.

#### Why does this matter?

If allergies are making your sleep worse, you might:

- Feel very tired during the day.
- Have trouble focusing at work or school.
- Wake up with a headache.
- Feel grumpy or moody.
- Need to use the bathroom more often at night.

#### What can you do?

The good news is that treating your allergies can help you sleep better. Here are some simple steps:

- Keep windows closed on days when the pollen count is high.
- Shower before bed to wash pollen off your hair and skin.
- Use a nasal spray (like Flonase or Nasonex) every

day. These can take a few weeks to start working, so be patient.

Use air conditioning with a clean filter.

#### When to see a doctor

You should talk to a doctor if you snore every night, wake up gasping for air, or still feel exhausted after eight hours of sleep.

Doctors can often offer a sleep test right in your own home instead of having you stay overnight in a lab. And if over-the-counter medicines don’t help your allergies, simple office procedures and “allergy drops” can also help you breathe clearly again.

Remember, taking care of your allergies helps you get the rest you need.

*Dr. Levinger specializes in comprehensive general otolaryngology for all ages. His clinical interests include the management of sleep apnea, and the treatment of nasal and sinus disease with image-guided surgery, in addition to other ear, nose, and throat disorders. Memorial Ear, Nose & Throat Institute can be reached at 575.556.1860.*

## Weight management is a lifelong journey

**ASHLEY CHILDS**

DNP, FNP-BC, MountainView  
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Losing weight and keeping it off requires proper nutrition, lifestyle interventions, exercise, and in some cases, medication or surgical management.

Weight loss is often framed as a short-term goal. However, we know this is a chronic, relapsing condition that needs long-term management and support. As a bariatric nurse practitioner, and bariatric patient, I approach weight management with both clinical expertise and with personal understanding. The most effective strategies are rooted in evidence, individualized care, and compassion.

#### Understanding obesity as a chronic disease

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creased resting metabolic rate (a slower metabolism), increased hunger hormones, and fewer signals indicating fullness and satisfaction. These biological responses to weight loss are the reason why the disease of obesity and overweight is chronic in nature and requires long-term treatment and support.

#### Nutrition strategies

There is no single “best” diet for everyone. Key dietary strategies include portion control, reduction or elimination of processed foods and added sugar, increased fruit and vegetable intake, along with caloric restriction. Recommendations for caloric restriction

to assist in weight loss is around 1,200-1,500 kcal/day for women, and 1,500-1,800 for men. Food choices should include adequate fiber intake to help you feel full longer and improve metabolic health in conjunction with high protein intake to preserve lean muscle mass.

Some of the best evidence-based dietary recommendations include the Mediterranean and DASH diets — but should be individualized to each patient based on metabolic risk and likelihood of long-term adherence. Sustainable weight loss and nutrition should focus on consistency.

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## Electric rate hike in hands of Gabriel, Greg and Patrick



THE VIEW FROM HERE  
**WALT RUBEL**  
Guest Columnist

One of the state's most powerful but least understood boards will soon decide if we will all be paying an additional \$40 a month for electricity.

The Public Regulation Commission has received a request by El Paso Electric to increase rates. The proposed increase would come in two phases, EPE's Jennifer Borden told Fox14. The first will be about \$15 a month for the average customer, and the second will

be about \$25 a month.

The murky process for the PRC to evaluate data and gather public input is expected to take about a year. Opponents of the rate increase, which in the past has included the city of Las Cruces, will have the opportunity to present evidence against it.

I covered rate case hearings when I was reporting from Santa Fe during the Richardson administration. Or at least I tried to. Pretty much every word was over my head. The details of the case were incredibly complex.

But the basic premise behind ratemaking in New Mexico is both simplistic and outdated. Like so many of our rules, it was designed for life as it was decades ago, when vast swaths of the state did not have ser-

vice.

To incentivize companies to invest in unserved communities, the state established a cost-of-service model for ratemaking that guarantees they will recoup their investment.

El Paso Electric claims it has made more than \$400 million in investments in New Mexico since 2020 for upgrades and new technology. Those investments were necessary to maintain a reliable power grid and reduce the number of outages, it said.

Without the increase, the company says it will have a "base revenue deficiency" of \$70.6 million.

The proposed rate hike comes at the same time we're already dealing with huge increases in the costs for gas, health care, food

and housing.

"We know that any increase in monthly bills affects our customers, especially during times of economic uncertainty," said EPE President and CEO Kelly Tomblin. "However ... You know the rest."

According to public information, the company's annual revenue is listed at \$1.24 billion.

To be fair, El Paso Electric is still required to operate under the state's new Energy Transition Act, which mandates a switch to zero-carbon electricity by the year 2045. They didn't get the sweetheart deal that was offered to Project Jupiter for its massive data center in the south county.

Gabriel Aguilera, Greg Nibert and Patrick O'Connell aren't exactly

household names, even among those who follow New Mexico politics, but they are the ones who will decide how much our electric bills will go up.

They were all appointed by the governor to serve on the PRC. Prior to a constitutional amendment in 2020, the PRC had been an elected position. It provided the springboard for Ben Ray Lujan's ascent to the US Senate.

My theory back then was that an elected board was more skeptical of rate increases because they knew consumers were also voters. But, like many things involving the PRC, I could very well be wrong.

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## Children murdering children



ROAD LESS TRAVELED  
**SHAWNA PFEIFFER**  
Guest Columnist

is quick to offer a passing remark. Maybe a few shed some tears for this tragedy. Lots of armchair quarterbacks on social media. Politicians lining up to a podium, reeking of hypocrisy. An outpouring of community support in the days after a child dies in such a preventable way.

But then the weeks pass. The flowers wilt. A couple months later, those politicians will forget their son's name. And yet their private grief will remain, deafening in the silence of their community abandoning them.

The trial will resurrect some of the public interest. The tragedy is fresh again, but the communal grief for the family is gone. Hoping that their son's death will not be in vain, that it will

prevent a similar tragedy, is now proven to be a false hope.

Society's guilt at the failures leading up to this tragedy, all the things that could have been done long before a 13-year-old brought a firearm into his friend's loving home, means that we all collectively can't look a grieving mother in the eye.

We have failed. As a community, we failed to intervene years ago when the boy first misbehaved. We failed when he became effectively homeless. We failed when he was able to access a firearm from an irresponsible adult, or another child. We failed to pass laws that would have held him accountable for multiple previous instances of possession of a dangerous weapon by a minor.

We will fail both of those boys when he is charged with a lesser crime and serves little (or no) time for robbing a loving family of their son, his friend. And we will continue to fail all of our children when we ignore that laws must change to alter the violent path that too many of our youth find themselves on.

Restorative justice looks great as a platform. Family reunification sounds like a compassionate solution. Serious youthful offender status for a 13-year-old seems excessively punitive.

But when children have to escape homes with uncaring parents, find themselves repeatedly causing trouble without consequence, and escalate their crimes all the way to murder, our compas-

sion must be replaced with action.

Our outrage cannot wilt with the flowers on a grave. Our insistence at effecting real change for the youth in our community cannot wane with time. How many times will we collectively cry alongside a sobbing mother before we actually do something about it?

If this tragedy fades into quiet ignominy, like so many before it, how can we face another grieving family next time? How can we face ourselves?

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## GUEST OPINION

# I worked the border

Here is what it takes to win

**GREG CUNNINGHAM**

Republican Candidate,  
NM-02

My understanding of New Mexico's drug crisis did not merely come from a report or a briefing. I worked it from the inside as an undercover narcotics detective, as an officer commissioned by the DEA, and as a Marine who learned what a secure perimeter looks like and what it costs when it fails.

Fentanyl is the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 45. Not car accidents. Not cancer. Fentanyl manufactured in cartel labs, moved through the same corridors that illegal crossings use, distributed into communities like ours while Congress debated talking points. Those are not strangers dying. Those are our kids, our neighbors, our families.

In August of 2024, we got the call no family should ever get. Our nephew was gone. Fentanyl. He was not a statistic. He was a father. He left behind two children who will grow up without him, and a family that will carry that hole for the rest of their lives.

I have sat with that loss. I know what it weighs. No parent, no child, no New Mexican should have to live through what we lived through. That is not a policy position. That is why I am running.

The enforcement picture has changed. Border crossings are down sharply. Fentanyl seizures at the southern border have been cut nearly in half. Drug deaths are falling.

That progress is real and it matters, and the single most important thing Congress can do right now is make sure it holds. Results built on policy guidance can be reversed overnight.

What this district needs is someone in Washington who will fight to lock these gains into law: codify the end of catch-and-release, put mandatory detention in statute, and designate fentanyl trafficking for what it is — a national se-

curity threat, not just a drug crime.

My opponent, Gabe Vasquez, represents 180 miles of the southern border and voted against the Laken Riley Act three times. He then went to a town hall and bragged about it.

The Laken Riley Act required federal agencies to detain illegal migrants arrested or charged with violent crimes. It passed with bipartisan support. Vasquez voted no, three times, and called it an act of courage. He also voted against the FY26 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill.

He did not serve in law enforcement. He has not worked on these cases, and his voting record shows it. That is not a close comparison.

The people doing the hardest work in this fight are not in Washington. They are sheriffs, deputies, and local narcotics units operating in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, designations that bring federal resources and coordination to the corridors where this poison actually moves.

These task forces work because local officers know the territory, the communities, and the players in ways no federal agency ever will. Congress funds that infrastructure. I will fight to protect it, expand it, and make sure the men and women running those operations have what they need.

New Mexico deserves a congressman who has actually stood on that line, not just visited it for a photo. Someone who knows that an understaffed DEA field office is not a budget line, it is a signal to cartels that the door is cracked open.

Someone who will fight for Border Patrol agents stationed right here in our district and for the state and local officers who carry this fight every single day. I have worked this fight. I know how this enemy operates. And I know what it costs when we lose.

## GUEST OPINION

# License plate readers make our community safer

**JEREMY STORY**

Police Chief, Las Cruces  
Police Department

Technology has rapidly evolved in the past 19 years of my policing career. When I started, we worked without computers in our cars and looked up addresses in a map book.

As technology has advanced, law enforcement is leveraging new tools to keep communities safe. Criminals are very effective at using technology to victimize people and defeat our efforts to catch and prosecute them. Police de-

partments must keep pace.

License plate readers specifically have been a hot topic recently. These cameras capture and read license plates, enabling law enforcement to quickly search for vehicles that are stolen, linked to human trafficking, or involved in other criminal activity. LPR technology also integrates with AMBER or Silver Alerts, alerting law enforcement in real time when a vehicle associated with an alert passes a camera — helping officers respond quickly in critical situations.

In Las Cruces, we have used this technology to help solve everything from homicides to missing-person cases. Our ability to locate and recover stolen vehicles has improved significantly since we implemented LPRs in 2021. Just recently, the first clue to an attempted kidnapping on NMSU's campus came from an LPR. Because of this technology, the NMSU Police Department arrested the suspect the following day.

While LPRs do not provide continuous tracking or identify who is behind

the wheel, they are one of the few tools available that can quickly surface actionable vehicle information in the moments it's needed most.

This tool is just one piece of the puzzle, but it is a critical one. Guardrails are important, and they exist in both department policy and state law, but the value of LPRs far outweighs reasonable privacy concerns. LPRs allow law enforcement to obtain justice for victims and, in some cases, prevent them from becoming victims in the first place.

## GUEST OPINION

# Sierra Cares helps families when home feels the hardest

**MARTI LICON**

Executive Director, Sierra  
Cares

Sometimes the hardest part is not the hospital stay. It is what happens after.

For uninsured patients in Southern New Mexico, going home can mean going home afraid — still sick, still weak, and unsure how to manage medications, equipment, follow-up care, or the next crisis. Sierra Cares was created for those moments. It was built because too many people are discharged needing home health or hospice support, but without coverage, they are left to face recovery alone.

Sierra Home Health & Hospice is launching Sierra Cares to help uninsured patients receive compassionate post-acute care after leaving the hospital. The program is designed in partnership with

Memorial Medical Center, MountainView Regional Medical Center, and Three Crosses Regional Hospital to create a real pathway for patients who otherwise might fall through the cracks.

This is for the daughter trying to care for her father with no training and no support. For the senior too frail to recover alone. For the family facing serious illness and wondering how they will get through tomorrow.

Sierra's proposal says the real value is what happens for the patient: instead of being sent home confused and unsupported, they receive care, guidance, and someone to walk with them through the next steps.

And Sierra Cares has a partner in Elite Medical that will be providing free transportation (ambulance) to these indigent

patients who need it.

Sierra Cares aims to serve about 90 uninsured patients each year, reduce readmissions by 25%, and improve patient satisfaction by 15%. But beyond the numbers, the heart of the program is simple: no one should suffer alone because they do not have insurance.

“At Sierra, we believe every person deserves dignity, compassion, and care — especially in life's hard-

est moments,” said Marti Licon, executive director. “Sierra Cares is about making sure our neighbors are seen, supported, and not forgotten.”

Sierra describes this effort as more than a care program — it is “a model not just of care delivery, but of care dignity.”

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Concerned about air quality**

As a resident of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and a public health student at New Mexico State University, I write this letter to discuss a significant issue impacting the health of the Las Cruces community — exposure to poor air quality from pollution.

What sparked my concern for this issue was learning that the 2025 “State of the Air” report from the American Lung Association found that the Las Cruces-El Paso Metro Area was ranked 18th in the nation for most ozone pollution. The California Air Resources Board states ground-level ozone pollution is located near the ground, meaning we breathe it in our living environment during our daily lives.

It is a pollutant that damages living cells, causing respiratory inflammation and other harmful health effects. Ozone pollution is caused by emissions from vehicles and industrial activities chemically reacting with sunlight to form toxic ozone. In places with hot and sunny weather, this also means greater concentrations of ozone are produced.

Being exposed to high levels of ozone air pollution is a major problem affecting the health of Las Cruces residents, as air pollution directly impacts overall health and increases risk of disease. Exposure to air pollution is linked to cardiovascular disease, asthma, respiratory disease, cancer, immune disorders, and an increased risk of death.

There are many ways we can combat the issue of air pollution in Las Cruces. As a community, we must promote advancing the public transportation system. This can be an important component in reducing air pollution.

Through improving public transportation, we can reduce emissions from vehicles and promote environmental sustainability in our community. Continuing to invest in walkable infrastructure in Las Cruces is also essential to reduce emissions from vehicles. We must urge our elected officials to prioritize reducing air pollution and improving air

quality for residents.

Ultimately, I want my community to have clean air. Las Cruces is a beautiful city, with incredible views and nature all around. Residents should be able to enjoy the beauty of our home without worrying about increased exposure to air pollution.

Trinidad Blea  
Las Cruces

**Heat-related illness**

I am writing to raise awareness and implement prevention-focused interventions, from a public health perspective, in Dona Ana County regarding heat-related illnesses among youth.

This rising health concern affects families across Las Cruces and its surrounding cities and is more prevalent during the summer months, when temperatures rise to dangerously high levels. With rising temperatures, families are forced to find new and improved ways to stay hydrated and cool throughout the summer, especially when most children are involved in school and club activities, practices, and events. These circumstances directly place them at a disadvantage, since they are considerably more at risk of dehydration, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

This public health issue is critical since children are among the most vulnerable populations to suffer from heat-related illnesses. In Dona Ana County, some households are low-income and reside in rural areas, which often increases the likelihood of unreliable air conditioning, limited transportation, and limited access to air-conditioned centers to keep cool.

According to the New Mexico Department of Health, our pediatric population is among the most susceptible to heat-related illnesses because they are unable to regulate body temperature as quickly as older individuals.

Health officials recently reported that “834 heat-related emergency department visits around the state” occurred due to record-breaking heat. They recommended that all

residents be prepared to beat the heat by staying inside, drinking plenty of water, wearing appropriate clothing, and planning outdoor activities appropriately during the cooler hours.

This is not only a medically preventive and educational health concern; it is also a source of community equity and environmental justice. Most children who attend public schools participate in sports, clubs, and programs offered throughout the day. Others are typically forced to stay home and may lack access to safe cooling environments.

As a public health worker and concerned community member, I advise families to seek indoor activities as much as possible or to plan outdoor activities for early morning or evening. Alternatively, even visiting community resources and engaging in indoor activities such as community centers, museums, libraries, natatoriums, and activity centers, as much as possible, will provide a safe space where children can practice physical safety and support healthy childhood development.

Community leaders should approach this issue head-on and take the necessary steps to protect our children. First off, schools, parks, and recreational leagues should adopt and implement strong guidelines to raise awareness and educate about heat safety.

This could include mandates that trees or shaded rest areas are present, that water fountains work properly and are cleaned regularly, and that activity restrictions are strongly encouraged during peak heat advisory timeframes.

Dona Ana County should also increase the attention community centers receive to convey the message that no individual is ever excluded or left out in the heat and to promote the availability of these resources. Additionally, investing more money and time in adding cooling infrastructure, especially in rural areas, would help keep families cool, such as splash pads, natatoriums, or even water parks.

Finally, educational interventions should be encouraged and mandated in

residential areas so that parents, caregivers, and coaches can learn to recognize early warning signs (red/pale skin, sunburn, headache, nosebleed, etc.) and how to respond when an individual shows these symptoms.

I strongly advocate that our county leaders, school personnel, city officials, and youth program directors prioritize pediatric heat safety and education.

Christina Gutierrez  
Las Cruces

**Another take on Cesar Chavez**

The migration of people coming to America looking for a better life has brought challenges and hardship throughout our history resulting in special leaders who have sacrificed so much so individuals are treated fairly and with respect.

Not all of these leaders are honored equally. George Washington owned slaves but still was memorialized with the naming of our nation’s capital and a national holiday.

Farm workers suffered from the lack of accessibility to drinking water and extreme heat. Cesar Chavez, a Navy veteran, wanted to improve working conditions in the fields for agricultural workers. He was instrumental in passing the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act.

Now politicians, in record speed, based on grievances coming from his long-term partner Dolores Huerta, are removing his legacy, despite Chavez having thousands of supporters. Jessica Coriell, an organizer stated “If it weren’t for Cesar’s words and encouragement and kind and loving advice, I wouldn’t be where I am today. Ironically, Chavez was never charged with sexual violating women’s rights.

We cannot forget the hard-working farmers and agricultural workers who provide us the food we depend on and hope that future generations will remember the sacrifice Cesar Chavez made instead of erasing him from our history.

Chris Mathys

**Fully fund Branigan Renovation and Expansion Project**

At the April 6, 2026, city council meeting, city staff presented a Construction in Progress budget for allocating the increased Gross Receipts Tax funds. Councilors spoke up and asked city staff to include a \$2 million line item for the library.

Although it is not a done deal, this is a major step toward identifying the funds needed for the Branigan Renovation and Expansion Project. Contacting your city council member and/or your county commissioner in support of our library will make a difference.

The Branigan Memorial Library was founded in 1935, funded by a bequest from Alice Branigan to honor her husband, Capt. Thomas Branigan. Originally located in what is now the Branigan Cultural Center, the library moved to its current location in 1979.

A computer lab and other improvements were added in the early 1990s, funded by the Gates Foundation Grant. It has been 57 years since the library opened on Picacho Avenue. And over 30 years since it has seen any improvements. It is time.

Las Cruces, with a population of over 113,000 residents, is a major hub in Southern New Mexico. The Branigan also serves the larger community of Dona Ana County with double the population of the city. The library is a vital community center which freely serves every resident no matter their zip code or their economic status.

Public libraries are a major community resource that enrich the quality of life. They play an important role in facilitating free and open access to information. This requires that the library keep pace with the growing and evolving community needs, which means the library needs to receive appropriate financial support.

Penny Scribner  
Las Cruces

**An opinion piece that made me think**

Shawna Pfeiffer’s piece on “A hand-up, not a handout” grabbed my attention. My first reaction to the title, before I had time to sit down and read the rest, was how helpful and beneficial “a hand up” in the form of almost-free college tuition in 1961 had been for my wife and me, and how job training is, too.

Both provide huge long-term benefits to both the individual and society. As a result, we have been able to give back to others and the community in many ways.

At the same time, “handout” reminded me of all the mega millions being “handed out” by the federal government to wealthy farmers and billionaire investors in the form of “payments,” subsidies, and tax breaks for those who don’t need or deserve them.

And, how the dollars the government provides for assistance to the poor, like WIC and Food Stamps, and medical care, support the bottom lines of providers from farmers to grocers, to medical providers. Money circulates. Healthy children like education are an investment in the future, not money being wasted.

On the other hand, I was disappointed to read that the cost of building a one-bedroom apartment came to \$350,000 per unit. A three-bedroom house can be purchased in Las Cruces for less.

Finally, requiring sobriety as a condition for help misses the main point, which is reducing homelessness. Alcoholism, mental illness, and substance abuse exist behind closed doors in my upscale neighborhood.

Residents at Amador Crossing are entitled to the same level of safety, decorum, and freedom inside their apartments and common spaces as I have in my neighborhood. Eligibility to enter should be based on need only. Those unable to treat their neighbors appropriately should be kicked out to make room for others who mind their own business.

Thank you, Shawna, for making me think harder about “a hand up” vs “a handout.” And we all will keep working on solutions to the other problems, too.

Jerry Scribner  
Las Cruces

# PUZZLE QUADRENNIAL ARRIVALS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Elite roster
  - 6 Yard tool
  - 11 Attorney's job
  - 15 Close loudly
  - 19 Maui porch
  - 20 Yankee Yogi
  - 21 Penne -- vodka
  - 22 Imogene of comedy
  - 23 Motivational speaker who wrote "Unlimited Power" [1960]
  - 25 Tooth-saving procedure
  - 27 Takes effect
  - 28 He convoked the Council of Trent [1468]
  - 30 Via walking
  - 33 Rolling car part, in Leeds
  - 34 Suffix with Rock
  - 35 Lead singer on the 2010 hit "Pumped Up Kicks" [1984]
  - 39 And more: Abbr.
  - 41 "Always on Time" rapper [1976]
  - 45 Suffix with Rock
  - 46 Aquanaut's abode
  - 48 "Equi-" cousin
  - 50 Bovine bellow
  - 51 -- B. DeMille
  - 54 Director of "Wings," the first Best Picture winner [1896]
  - 59 Santa -- (hot winds)
  - 61 Platoon VIP
  - 62 Morales of "Freejack"
  - 63 Liquidy Japanese bowlful
  - 67 Gave it a shot
  - 69 Crime doers
  - 73 When the people featured in this puzzle were born
  - 77 Sniffed (around)
  - 78 Tale
  - 79 More prying
  - 80 Political admin.
  - 82 Dianne of "Parenthood"
  - 85 -- marche (cheaply, in Paris)
  - 86 He played Jagger Cates on "General Hospital" [1972]
  - 92 Finished
  - 95 Color grade
  - 96 Hwy. offense
  - 97 Overly long sentences
  - 99 Bread variety
  - 100 Founder of the Shakers in America [1736]
  - 103 "Adios!"
  - 106 "Anniversary Song" singer [1916]
  - 109 Wise to
  - 111 Catch sight of
  - 113 Fled to marry
  - 114 "So Rare" bandleader [1904]
  - 118 Thick-trunked African tree
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  - 128 Facet
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  - 130 Actress Kemper
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  - 134 Be in power
- DOWN**
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  - 6 Recedes
  - 7 Actress Mazar of "Younger"
  - 8 Smile widely
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  - 10 Hoarse
  - 11 Rug
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  - 14 Classic neon diner sign
  - 15 Mountain climber, e.g.
  - 16 TV actress Anderson
  - 17 Brazilian berry
  - 18 African nation
  - 24 Klemperer and Preminger
  - 26 -- rug (dance)
  - 29 Raw metal
  - 30 Quad VIP
  - 31 Elis' college
  - 32 Noisy fights
  - 33 Merry song syllables
  - 36 Stitch
  - 37 Mai --
  - 38 Right-angled annexes
  - 40 Covert U.S. org.
  - 42 Steak- -- (frozen beef brand)
  - 43 Mauna --
  - 44 Huge time stretch
  - 47 What the number in brackets is for the people featured in this puzzle
  - 49 Stockholm is its capital
  - 52 During a single sitting
  - 53 1996 Mario Puzo novel, with "The"
  - 55 Farming-related prefix
  - 56 "Correct -- I'm wrong"
  - 57 Blanket for the legs
  - 58 Rest atop
  - 60 Tofu source
  - 63 Everest, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 64 -- Jima
  - 65 Remove from the cargo hold, e.g.
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  - 89 Sis or bro
  - 90 Actor Hamm
  - 91 Single-stranded cell stuff
  - 93 Bronte's Jane
  - 94 Feat of skill
  - 98 "Come Back, Little --" (1952 film)
  - 101 Supple
  - 102 "Exile" New Age singer
  - 104 "For sure!"
  - 105 Jargon suffix
  - 107 "Buffy the Vampire --"
  - 108 Walk with a limp
  - 110 "It's true!"
  - 112 Aviator's guidepost
  - 114 Connect
  - 115 "Casablanca" heroine
  - 116 Roman 1,551
  - 117 Make anew
  - 118 Cause of ruin
  - 119 Mimicked
  - 120 Chances
  - 123 Ram's mate
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**SUPER CROSSWORD**

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- 108 Walk with a limp
- 110 "It's true!"
- 112 Aviator's guidepost
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- 116 Roman 1,551
- 117 Make anew
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- 123 Ram's mate
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## COMING UP

### Friday, April 17, 2026

• The El Paso Symphony Orchestra will be holding auditions on Sunday, April 26, 2026, in the Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall at the University of Texas at El Paso, 500 W University Ave M243, El Paso, TX 79968, for the following positions: Principal 2nd Violin, Section Violin, Section Viola, Section Cello, Principal Oboe, 3rd/Bass Clarinet, Principal Horn, Utility Horn, Bass Trombone. Audition application and requirements/music can

be downloaded at: <https://bit.ly/4jR1qdp>. For further information, contact El Paso Symphony Personnel Manager Leann Isaac at (915) 637-8144. Applications are due by April 20, 2026.

### Saturday, April 18, 2026

• To celebrate Earth Day Saturday, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri, will host a bird walk at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park at 8:00 am. For more information and to register for the bird walk, please call the church office at 575-522-7119.

• Hike through the chapters of local history on your way to Dripping Springs with BLM archaeologist Garrett Leitermann. (1.5 mi each way) Starting at 9 a.m. at Dripping Springs Visitor Center Garden.

• Come say hello to us at our table at an Earth Day celebration hosted by CAMBIOS! We'll be around until 6pm but music and celebrations continue until 10pm. Starting at 3 p.m. at Young Park in Las Cruces.

• Weaving for Justice will sell Maya textiles, 10am to 3pm in the Atrium of the First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Rd. Proceeds go to Maya weaving collectives in Chiapas, Mexico. Information: [www.weaving-for-justice.org](http://www.weaving-for-justice.org)

### Sunday, April 19, 2026

• To celebrate the installation of solar panels, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri, will host "Earth Day Sun Day" with a creation-themed worship service at 10:00 am and a free community meal and activities at 11:30 am on Earth Day Sunday, April 19. The community is invited to attend. For

more information, please call the church office at 575-522-7119.

• Celebrate Earth Day early at Kilbourne Hole! BLM Ranger Kevin will lead participants on a 3-mile hike below the rim of the crater to discover the explosive origins of this National Natural Landmark and the fiery forces that shaped much of southern New Mexico. \*\*High-clearance and/or 4WD highly recommended to access the start of this hike.\*\* Will be capped at 12 vehicles/20 participants. RSVP required: [kchesak@blm.gov](mailto:kchesak@blm.gov) Starting at 9 a.m. at Kilbourne Hole.

### Tuesday, April 21, 2026

• Join us for a guided mountain bike ride and learn about your monument lands along the way! Riders must bring their own trail-ready mountain bike and helmet. (3-6 miles, depending on attendees' interests and abilities) Every Tuesday in April! From 6 p.m.-sunset at the Dona Ana Mtn parking area.

### Thursday, April 23, 2026

• Follow NMSU Theatre Arts INTO THE WOODS April 24-May 5!  
• All performances are held at the

NMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E University Ave, Las Cruces

• Preview performance on 4/23 at 5:30pm  
• \*All tickets ½ price - high school students with ID are free!  
• Opening night 4/24 at 7:00pm  
• \*Reception to follow  
• Performances: 4/25, 5/1, 5/2 at 7pm and 5/3 at 2pm

### ON GOING

• Unity of Las Cruces Silent Meditation - Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 12 -1pm @ 424 N Main St., Suite 500

• The Belton Bridge Center at 1214 E. Madrid Ave., Las Cruces, offers three duplicate Bridge games weekly. The Monday game starts at 12:15 for newer players. The Wednesday and Friday games begin at 12:30 for all levels of players. The games are sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League. For more information, call 575 636 2240 and leave a message.

• The Minnesota Club meets at 11 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month, at Golden Corral around Las Cruces. Info: Call Bev Nelson at 575-649-6106 or

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• Southern NM N Scalers Model Railroad Club meets at the Southern NM Fairground and are open to the public the 3rd Saturday of every month from 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM. Enter through the far west gate. Contact Mike Fifer, 575 993 7078 for more information

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## Into the Woods returns to NMSU stage with student-driven production

Cast and crew bring Sondheim's classic to life

ELIJAH REY REYES

Las Cruces Bulletin

Fairy tales don't always end the way you expect—and at New Mexico State University, "Into the Woods," is set to prove exactly that.

Directed by Lisa Hermanson, the musical brings together familiar fairy tale figures like Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk, while unfolding a broader story about consequence, connection and what happens after wishes come true.

"This is the first production that NMSU has done in a very long time, if ever," Hermanson said, adding that producing the show also serves to honor Stephen Sondheim's legacy as one of musical theater's most influential figures.

That ambition is reflected in the scale of the production, with dozens of students and faculty contributing across performance, design and technical work, creating what Hermanson described as a deeply collaborative environment.



The Baker and Little Red Riding Hood.

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"There were almost 40 people in the room working on this show," she said. "This is such a labor of love."

The size of the production is matched by the demands of the material, as Sondheim's music and storytelling require both technical precision and emotional depth from the cast. For sophomore musical theatre major Kate Conrad, who plays Florinda, one of Cinderella's stepsisters, the role offers both freedom and complexity as the character evolves throughout the show.

"She's one of the characters you can have the most fun with," Conrad said. "But as the show goes on, she becomes more aware of the world around her."

She said working within a close-knit cast has been just as meaningful as the role itself, shaping both the rehearsal process and the overall experience.

"It's been really amazing," she said. "The camaraderie is top notch."

That sense of connection extends beyond the stage, as students balance long rehearsals, choreography and



A closeup of Little Red Riding Hood.

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coursework while preparing for opening night, often working through physically and mentally demanding material. Edward Leyva, who plays the Wolf, described the role as a departure from his usual performances, giving him the opportunity to explore a different range as a performer.

"This role has been totally new for me," I get to add a little twist of creepiness with changes in voice, movement and expression," Leyva said. "The choreography involves jumping, kicking and a lot of leg movement and it's been a new challenge for me."

Leyva also pointed to the difficulty of maintaining performance energy, especially given the structure of the show and the timing of his appearances on stage.

"I come on, sing, and then don't return until the very end," he said. "So I have to keep my energy up, so the audience gets that same energy when I come back."

While much of the focus is on the performers, assistant costume designer Emily Glover said work behind the scenes has also played a key role in shaping the production.

"One of the most difficult parts of designing costumes for a very well-known show is figuring out how to bring ingenuity to something that has been produced so many times," Glover said.

While rooted in well-known fairy tales, the production leans into themes that continue to resonate with modern audiences, offering both entertainment and reflection.

"There are a lot of themes that are still prevalent today," Conrad said. "It's a place where we can all come together and share stories."

Hermanson emphasized that message, noting the importance of connection and shared experience within the story.

"The world we build together is the world that matters," she said.

Audiences can also expect elements not often seen locally, including a live orchestra and detailed staging

choices designed to enhance the overall experience.

"It's not often in Las Cruces that you get live music underneath a theatrical performance," Hermanson said.

For Conrad, the production has also created space for growth beyond the stage, pushing her to take on a deeper character and expand her abilities as a performer.

"It's given me a chance to step outside of my comfort zone and play someone more layered than what first meets the eye," she said.

As opening night approaches, cast members hope the experience resonates beyond the performance itself, offering audiences both an escape and something to reflect on.

"I think it's a fantastic way to escape for a couple hours," Conrad said. "And maybe walk away with a new perspective."

"Into the Woods," runs April 23 through May 3 at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts on the NMSU campus. Performances are scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on May 3. Tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$16 for students, seniors and military, and \$10 for those under 16. Tickets can be purchased online at [nmsutheatre.ludus.com](http://nmsutheatre.ludus.com) or by calling the box office at 575-646-4515.

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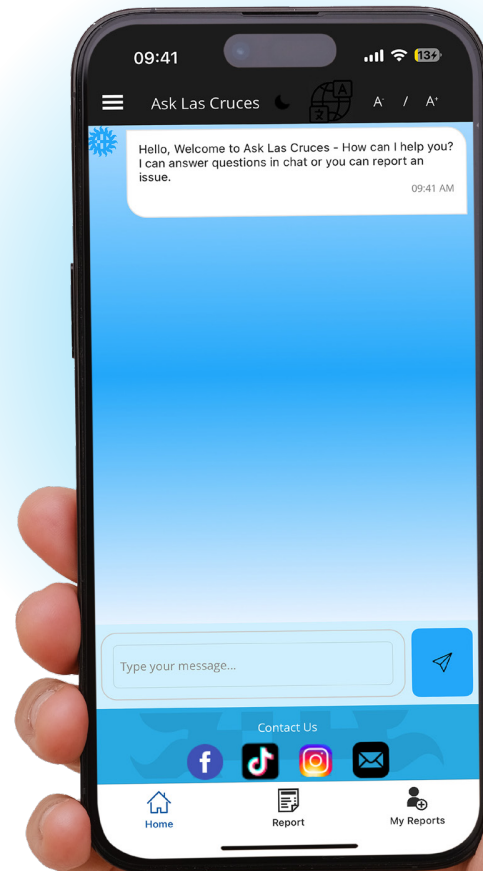
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Janel and Manny Carnero speak during a press conference on Monday, April 13, at Las Cruces City Hall, following the fatal shooting of their son.

ELIJAH REY REYES

## CHANGE

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He came to us because his friend didn't have a place to sleep."

Dickerson called on the community to stay engaged and hold leaders accountable.

"We have to make sure our voices are heard," she said. "This doesn't stop here — we have to continue showing up and demanding change."

According to Las Cruces police, the number of juveniles found with firearms has increased from 18 cases in 2018 to 58 in 2025. Officials also noted a sharp rise in drive-by shootings, and more than 1,000 firearms have been reported stolen in the past five years. Lt. Bradley of the Las Cruces Police Department said the trend reflects a broader shift in how firearms are viewed among youth.

"We are seeing this for a lot of reasons, but one of the reasons we are seeing it is a cultural shift among young men," Bradley said. "Carrying firearms has become a status symbol. It has become an accessory."

State lawmakers also pointed to challenges in

passing legislation aimed at addressing juvenile crime. Sen. Bill Soules said efforts to strengthen laws around serious juvenile offenders have repeatedly stalled.

"We've introduced legislation to address this, but it hasn't moved forward," Soules said.

Sen. Crystal Diamond-Brantley emphasized the need for both accountability and long-term solutions.

"We have to find solutions that protect our communities and our children," she said.

Speakers also stressed the need for prevention, including expanded youth programs, mentorship opportunities, and earlier intervention. Angela Garcia, a community advocate and owner of Toy Box Learning Centers, said early support systems are critical in addressing youth violence.

"We need to give kids opportunities and support before they ever get to this point," Garcia said.

Organizers encouraged residents to stay engaged through local elections and community efforts aimed at reducing youth violence.



Ross Marks (left) and Michael Rooker (second from right) with the creator of the official awards - Theresa and Daniel Basaldua.

COURTESY DAMIAN CARRANCO



Director Harry Gantz (at the podium) and Arjun Sethi, who wrote the book, accepted two awards for American Hate: Best Documentary Feature and the Grand Jury prize.

COURTESY KYLE IVY, LCIFF

## Big crowds showed up for 170 films screened over the five day Las Cruces International Film Festival

The 2026 Las Cruces International Film Festival brought on the crowds April 8-12 at the Allen Theaters and other venues around the city. It was year 11 for this student-run event that featured 170 films from independent film makers.

The big winners:

**Best New Mexico Film:** In The Absence Of Love

**Best International Film:** EBB & Flow

**Best Local Short:** The Way We Carry Water

**Best Music Video:** Sleeves

**Best Student Film:** Woman At The Well

**Best Animated Short:** The Bell Boy

**Best Documentary Short:**

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**Best Narrative Short:** Whiteface

**Best LGBTQ+ Short:** Not Exactly Strangers

**Best Cinematography:** Donostia

**Best Screenplay:** The Quiet Man

**Best Documentary Feature:** American Hate

**Best Director:** A Reflection Of You

**Audience Choice:** The Way We Carry Water

**Best Narrative Feature:** Lepas

**Grand Jury Winner:** American Hate

**Outstanding Achievement in Drama:** Bruce Davison

**48 Hour Film Contest:**

**Jury Prize:** Team Desert Lens Films

**Audience Choice:** Team Dessert Grain Films

**Second Place:** Team 48 Hours Later



Michael Rooker and LCIFF founder and executive director Ross Marks in front of a large theater crowd.

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The Way We Carry Water won two awards, for Best Local Short and Audience Choice.

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## WEIGHT

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## Are weight loss medications right for you?

Anti-obesity medications may be recommended for certain patients who have a Body Mass Index of 30 or higher or who have a BMI of 27 or higher with weight-related comorbidities when lifestyle modifications alone are inadequate.

Medication therapy can sometimes improve feelings of fullness after eating, thus reducing caloric intake, and some can help support improved metabolic regulation. There are many types of medications that reduce obesity when combined with lifestyle and dietary modifications, which include the well-known GLP-1 "shots."

Among these, tirzepatide and semaglutide demonstrate the greatest efficacy. Tirzepatide

produces a mean weight loss of 11.69% (with high-certainty evidence showing superiority), while semaglutide achieves 8.48-11.40% weight loss while on the medication.

It is important to note, studies have shown that discontinuing medications at goal weight typically leads to weight regain, so continued use of these medications is generally recommended for weight maintenance when lifestyle interventions alone

are inadequate.

## The benefits of bariatric surgery

Bariatric surgery is a powerful tool, not a last resort in weight loss. Surgery remains the most effective long-term treatment for severe obesity. It has been shown to lead to sustained long-term weight loss, improvement or remission of conditions like Diabetes Mellitus Type 2, hypertension and sleep apnea.

The two most common pro-

cedures include sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass. However, keep in mind that surgery is not "the easy way out." It is simply a tool that requires life-long changes in nutrition, activity, and follow-up care.

## Making a commitment to weight loss

Sustainable weight loss and maintenance require more than motivation, it requires understanding, commitment, and evidence-based

support. As both a provider, and a patient, I have seen firsthand that success is not defined by perfection, but consistency, adaptability, and utilization of the right tools. Weight loss is not a short-term goal; it is lifelong care.

*Ashley Childs, DNP, FNP-BC, is a family nurse practitioner specializing in bariatric services at Mountain-View Medical Group - Wellness and Weight Loss Center.*

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY**

## OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Case No. D-307-DM-2026-230  
 Judge Robert Lara Bernadette C. Castillo, Petitioner v.

Jose Francisco Lopez, Respondent.

## NOTICE OF SUIT

To Jose Francisco Lopez, Respondent: Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you, The subject of this lawsuit is: Divorce 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: Bernadette C. Castillo  
 9620 Easy Ln.  
 Las Cruces, NM 88011

**WITNESS** the Honorable Robert Lara, 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 20th day of March, 2026

Bernice A. Ramos Clerk of the District Court  
 /s/ Yvette Lopez  
**Dates: 04/03, 04/10, 04/17, 2026**

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

NO. D-307-CV-2026-00486  
 SUNWARD F/K/A SANDIA LABORATORY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

v.  
 AARON HERNANDEZ, Defendant.

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED OR

**DESIGNATED DEFENDANT:** AARON HERNANDEZ GREETINGS DEFENDANT(S):

You are hereby notified that Sunward f/k/a Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union, as Plaintiff, has filed an action in the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and wherein the said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you. The general object of said action is: Civil Complaint for Deficiency Balance Due. You are further notified that 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 will be entered against you. The name and post office address of the Attorneys for the Plaintiff is as follows: Aldridge, Hammar & Wexler, P.A., 1212 Pennsylvania NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110. **WITNESS** the Honorable Casey B. Fitch, 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 on March 20, 2026.

**CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT** By: Kathleen Morin Deputy  
**Dates: 04/03, 04/10, 04/17, 2026**

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

NO. D-307-CV-2025-00268  
 IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.  
 MAURICIO O. MELENDEZ PAEZ, Defendant.

## NOTICE OF SALE

BY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on May 5, 2026 at 10:00 AM, outside the Outside the main entrance of the 3rd Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot numbered 43 of Replat of Viewpointe Subdivision, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the Plat of said Replat of Viewpointe Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Dona Ana County, New Mexico on February 02, 1981 in Plat Book 13, Folio 75 The address of the real property is 221 Bay Club Drive, Santa Teresa, NM 88008. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on March 4, 2026 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the



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above-described real estate in the sum of \$145,828.34 plus interest from March 1, 2026 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.3750% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, plus any additional attorney fees and costs actually expended from the date of this judgment until the date of the Special Master's Sale, plus those additional amounts, if any, which Plaintiff expended for taxes, insurance, or any other cost of upkeep of the property of any sort. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special

assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: March 25, 2026. /s/ Margaret Lake Margaret Lake Special Master Pro Legal Services, LLC 201 Eubank Blvd. NE, Suite A1 Albuquerque, NM 87123 (505)715-3711 **Dates: 04/03, 04/10, 04/17, 04/24, 2026**

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

Case No.: D-307-CV-2025-01437 IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSE L MARTINEZ; STACIA MARTINEZ; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PLEASE TAKE**

NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1331 Magoffin PL, Las Cruces, NM 88007, and more particularly described as follows: LOT 2, BLOCK M, LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE II, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 4152, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 19, 2005, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 21, PAGES 208-209, PLAT RECORDS. Including any mobile home, and any and all improvements, fixtures, and attachments. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control. The sale is to begin at 9:00 AM on May 29, 2026, 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 Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the foreclosure Judgment granted on March 17, 2026, in the total amount of \$187,759.05, with interest at the rate of 3.1250% per annum from November 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 property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, and all taxes and utility liens, special assessments and taxes that may be due. Idaho Housing and Finance Association, its attorneys, and the undersigned Special Master, disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property "as is," in its present condition, subject to the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING. By: Robert Doyle c/o Legal Process Network P.O. Box 279 Sandia Park, NM 87047 1 NM-25-1012239-JUD IDSPub #0313966 4/3/2026 4/10/2026 4/17/2026 4/24/2026 **Dates: 04/03, 04/10, 04/17, 04/24, 2026**

**STATE OF NEW**

**MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
NO. D-307-CV-2025-00825  
IDAHO HOUSING AND FINANCE ASSOCIATION,  
Plaintiff,

v.

JULIAN PAUL GARCIA, MARISELA ERICKA GARCIA, NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on May 5, 2026 at 10:00 AM, outside the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 3, Block 18A, DALE BELLAMAH MANOR, SECTION 2, PLAT 2, DIANE MAURA DRIVE, situate in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat Number 484 thereof, filed for the record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on June 11, 1958 and recorded in Book 8, Page 21, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The address of the real property is 1220 Skyway Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly

described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on March 11, 2026 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$156,355.23 plus interest from June 13, 2025 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.750% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, plus any additional attorney fees and costs actually expended from the date of this judgment until the date of the Special Master's Sale, plus those additional amounts, if any, which Plaintiff expended for taxes, insurance, or any other cost of upkeep of the property of any sort. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a payoff, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and

void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption. Dated: March 30, 2026./s/ Margaret Lake Margaret Lake Special Master Pro Legal Services, LLC 201 Eubank Blvd. NE, Suite A1 Albuquerque, NM 87123 (505)715-3711

**DATES: 04/03, 04/10, 04/17, 04/24, 2026**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
Case No. D-307-

DM-2026-230  
Judge Robert Lara Bernadette C. Castillo, Petitioner

V.  
Jose Francisco Lopez, Respondent.

**NOTICE OF SUIT**  
To Jose Francisco Lopez, Respondent: Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you. The subject of this lawsuit is: Divorce 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: Bernadette C. Castillo 9620 Easy Ln. Las Cruces, NM 88011  
WITNESS the Honorable Robert Lara, 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 20th day of March, 2026  
Bernice A. Ramos Clerk of the District Court  
/s/ Yvette Lopez  
**Dates: 04/03, 04/10, 04/17, 2026**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
Case No. D-307-DM-2026-122

Judge: Robert Lara Sandy Lorien Nerio, Petitioner,

V.  
Alexander Bernard Santos, Respondent,

**NOTICE OF SUIT**  
To Alexander Bernard Santos, PETITIONER: Take notice that a lawsuit has been filed against you. The subject of this lawsuit is: Divorce. If you do not file a response or responsive pleading with the above-titled Court within 30 days after the third publi-

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cation of this notice, the Court may enter a default judgment against you.

Petitioner's Name Sandy Lorien Nerio 1751 W. Hadley Ave. #154, Las Cruces, NM 88005

WITNESS the Honorable Robert Lara, 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 20th day of March 2025.

BERNICE A. RAMOS CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: /s/ Yvette Lopez Deputy

**Dates: 04/10, 04/17, 04/24, 2026**

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

Case No. D-307-CV-2025-1881  
Judge: James T. Martin

SHIRLEY ZERTUCHE HOLGUIN, GAVINO S. ZERTUCHE, ABEL ZERTUCHE AND JACOB S. ZERTUCHE Plaintiffs,

vs.

JOSHUA HOLGUIN, VANESSA HOLGUIN HEATHER ZERTUCHE, LINDA PEREZ, THE ESTATE OF MANUELA GONZALEZ AND ANY UNKNOWN DEFENDANTS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY Defendants.

## NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: ESTATE OF MANUELA GONZALEZ ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS, Shirley Zertuche Holguin, Gavino S. Zertuche Abel Zertuche and Jacob S. Zertuche The nature of this suit is substantially as follows, to-wit: This action

is brought to quiet title on the following property owned by Shirley Zertuche Holguin, Gavino S. Zertuche, Abel Zertuche and Jacob S. Zertuche is more particularly described as follows: Subd: Lot 5 and Lot 6, Block 6, COX'S FIRST SUBDIVISION #117, Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 2 East, together with all improvements, appurtenances, and hereditaments thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

The property address is known as: 880 E. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88001. If you or your attorney does not respond to this Notice of Pendency of Action, a Default Judgment may be taken against you. Respectfully submitted, Matthew G. Watson Attorney for Plaintiffs  
PO Box 2183 Mesilla Park, NM 88047  
matt@watsonlawlc.com

**Dates: 04/10, 04/17, 04/24, 2026**

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

No. D-307-CV-2025-01537  
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

BERNARDO G. LOPEZ, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on May 15, 2026, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the outside the main entrance of the Dona Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described

real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 912 Lark Pl, Las Cruces, and is situate in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: LOT NUMBERED 4 IN BLOCK NUMBERED G OF COUNTRY ACRE PHASE 6, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID COUNTRY ACRE PHAS 6, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 5, 1991 IN PLAT BOOK 16, FOLIO 378-379. THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on March 30, 2026, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$280,158.90 and the same bears interest at 5.125% per annum from February 15, 2026, to the date of sale. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens

not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption. Electronically filed /s/ Robert Doyle Robert Doyle, Special Master  
c/o Legal Process Network  
PO Box 279 Sandia Park, NM 87047  
505-417-4113

**Dates: 04/10, 04/17, 04/24, 05/01, 2026**

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA Third Judicial District Court

Case No.: D-307-CV-2025-03162  
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff,

vs.

CONSTANCE WASH; SOUTH-WEST ALARM AND FIRE INC.; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT; Defendants.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO to Defen-

dant, Constance Wash, to be published on: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff Newrez LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing 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 5262 Spirit Hunter CRT, Las Cruces, NM 88001. The real property which is the subject matter of this action is legally described as follows: LOT NUMBERED 13 OF ANASAZI ESTATES III, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID ANASAZI ESTATES III, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 30, 2005 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 172-173. 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: /s/ Katherine L. McCarthy Jason Bousliman Katherine L. McCarthy Attorneys for Plaintiff 6501 Eagle Rock NE, Suite A-3 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113 Telephone No.: (505) 219-4900 kamccarthy@mcCarthyholthus.com IDSPub #0314170 4/10/2026 4/17/2026 4/24/2026

**Dates: 04/10, 04/17, 04/24, 2026**

## 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 storagetreasures.com  
**By DISCOUNT SELF STORAGE**  
2190 HOLIDAY AVE LAS CRUCES, NM 88005  
575 525-9056  
BEGINNING ON TUESDAY, April 28, 2026 AT 10 A.M. AND ENDING ON FRIDAY, May 1, 2026 AT 10 A.M.

**THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS: A26, B09, B13, I14, I42, P23, Q03, Q11.**

Tenant address is "last known."

### Unit A26

Eva Compean  
1475 6th St  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Unit items consist of: Dryer, luggage, boxes, kids toys, mattresses, misc items.

### Unit B09

Arturo Regalado  
6765 Pinta Rd  
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Unit items consist of: Generator, dolly, disco items, misc items.

### Unit B13

Alfey Medina  
1123 Juniper Ave  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Unit items consist of: Tools, totes, boxes, misc items.

### Unit I14

Eva Compean  
1475 6th St  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Unit items consist of: Step ladder, vacuum, boxes, misc items.

### Unit I42

Lana Roberts  
301 S Motel Blvd 203  
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Unit items consist of: Furniture, cooler,

misc items.

### Unit P23

Melody Lazoya  
1713 Calle Sosa  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Unit items consist of: Clothing, bags, totes, furniture, misc items.

### Unit Q03

Kylee Ruiz  
201 S Miranda  
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Unit items consist of: Boxes, table, rug, misc items.

### Unit Q11

Melissa Martinez  
P.O. Box 16251  
Las Cruces, NM 88004

Unit items consist of: Washer, shelf, motorized toy car, misc items.

**Dates: 04/10, 04/17, 2026**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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To be held over the internet at: storagetreasures.com

### By DISCOUNT SELF STORAGE

2499 El Camino Real  
Las Cruces, NM 88007  
575 382-0000

BEGINNING ON TUESDAY Apr. 28, 2026, AT 10 A.M. AND ENDING ON FRIDAY May. 01, 2026 AT 10 A.M.

**THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS: 311, 336, 471 & 472 (Tenant address is "last known")**

**WILL BE AUCTIONED.**

### UNIT 311

HERBEY ZAMBRA-NO  
28 QUARTZ MOUNTAIN RD.  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88012

Unit items consist of: Furniture, Boxes,

Bags, Misc. items  
**UNIT 336**

JOSEPH A. GUERRERO  
4065 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88012

Unit items consist of: Mattress, boxes, Misc. items  
**UNIT 471**  
PABLO RODRIGUEZ  
4218 INDEPENDENCE LOOP  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88005

Unit items consist of: Totes, Bags, Dryer, Misc. items

### UNIT 472

GABRIEL DURAN JR.  
2070 ROSEDALE DR.  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88005

Unit items consist of: Washer, Dryer, Mattress, Rims, Furniture, Misc. items  
**Dates: 04/10, 04/17, 2026**

## 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 storagetreasures.com

### By DISCOUNT SELF STORAGE 5395 Bataan Memorial W

LAS CRUCES, NM 88012  
575 541-5760

BEGINNING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2026 AT 10 A.M. AND ENDING ON FRIDAY, MAY 1ST, 2026 AT 10 A.M.

**THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS: 224, 450**

Tenant address is "last known."  
**UNIT 224**  
MARK ELLIS  
5475 Porter Dr Spc 48

Las Cruces, NM 88012  
Unit items consist of: Tent, totes, luggage,

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E-bike, couch, misc. items  
**UNIT 450**  
CELIA ROMERO  
7521 Amber Dr  
Las Cruces, NM  
88012  
Unit items consist of:  
Fireplace, A/C, baby  
toys, misc. items  
**Dates: 04/10, 04/17,  
2026**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on March 09, 2026, McPherson Land & Cattle Co. c/o Steve McPherson, 620 FM 97 Lockney, TX 79241 and Matt McPherson 600 FM 97 Lockney, TX 79421, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. MR-00001 into MR-00006 (T4) for Temporary Permit to Change Point of Diversion and Place of Use within the Mount Riley 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 applicants are requesting to temporarily discontinue the use of wells MR-00001-POD1 located in the NE ¼ NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 31, Township 28 South, Range 02 West N.M.P.M. at latitude 31° 50' 05.34" N longitude 107° 05' 22.20" W and MR-00001-POD2 located in the NE ¼ SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 31, Township 28 South, Range 02 West N.M.P.M., at latitude 31° 49' 53.46" N longitude 107° 05' 20.94" W. for an amount of water not to exceed 42.00 acre-feet per annum for commercial and livestock purposes located in Pl. NW ¼ of Section 31, Township 28 South, Range 02 West N.M.P.M., and temporarily commence the use of existing well MR-

00006-POD1, drilled to a depth of 440 feet and constructed with 6.56 inch casing, located in Pl. Lot 4 Section 17, Township 29 South, Range 03 West N.M.P.M., at latitude 31° 47' 06.00" N longitude 107° 10' 34." W, for land owned by McPherson Land and Cattle Co., lands owned by the state of New Mexico described in NM State Land lease GM-2716-0000, lands owned by the State of New Mexico described in NM State Land lease GM-2915-0000, and ands owned by the Bureau of Land Management described under BLM lease NM03039 of the Potrillo Ranch allotment. The properties described in this application are located approximately 2 miles east of Columbus . New Mexico Dona Ana County. The applicant states that water will be used for livestock and possible commercial on border wall. This application is for a temporary permit and the water rights will revert to the prior point of diversion and place of use on March 31, 2026, or upon 30 day written notice to the office of the State Engineer. To view the application and supporting documentation please visit the Office of the State Engineer's website, www.ose.nm.gov, select the "Notices for Publication" link at the top of the homepage, click on the county in which the application was filed, and select the relevant notice for publication. 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 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, 321 W. Spruce St., Deming, NM 88030, on or before **May 29, 2026**. 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, 575-546-2290. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

**Dates: 04/10, 04/17,  
04/24, 2026**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 22, 2026, Manuel C. and Susanna R.

Sosa, PO Box 1285, Mesilla Park, NM 88047 filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No.: LRG-18100-POD1, OSE File No.: LRG-18100-1, for Permit to Drill an Additional Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by drilling well LRG-18100-POD1 to a depth of 250 feet for 6-inch casing, to be located within the NE¼ SE¼ of Projected Section 22, Township 24S, Range 02E, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 106°43'10.85"W and 32° 12'13.36"N (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, to supplement well LRG-04004, located on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion 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 1.25 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE¼ SE¼ of said Section 22, NMPM. The site for new well LRG-18100-POD 1 is located at the physical address 8389 S Main St., Mesilla Park, NM 88047. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978, Section 72-12-24. Dona Ana is the County affected by the diversion and in which the water has been or will be put to beneficial use. This notice is ordered to be published in the Las Cruces Bulletin.

To view the application and supporting documentation please visit the Office of the State Engineer's website, www.ose.nm.gov, select the "Notices for Publication" link at the top of the homepage, click on the county in which the application was filed, and select the relevant notice for publication. 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 of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 on or before May 22, 2026. 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: 04/10, 04/17,  
04/24, 2026**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on January 12, 2026, Ruby Stafford, 1529 Javelina Chaparral, NM 88021, filed with the **STATE ENGINEER** Application No. HU-00237-POD2, OSE File No. HU-00237, for Permit to Change location of well within the Hueco Underground Water Basin of the State of New Mexico by discontinuing the use of well HU-00237 located within in the NW¼ SE¼ NW¼, of Section 08, Township 26 South, Range 05 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 03'45.8"N 106° 27'25.5"W (WGS84), on land owned by Applicant, and drilling well HU-00237-POD2 to a depth of 600 feet for 4-inch casing, to be located within the NW ¼ SE ¼ NW ¼, of said Section 08, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 03'45.8"N 106° 27'25.5"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant. For the continued irrigation of up to 5.0 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE ¼ NW ¼, of said Section 08. The applicant has requested emergency authorization to drill the proposed well under NMSA, 1978,

Section 72-12-22. 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 please visit the Office of the State Engineer's website, www.ose.nm.gov, select the "Notices for Publication" link at the top of the homepage, click on the county in which the application was filed, and select the relevant notice for publication. 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 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 12, 2026**. 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: 4/17, 04/24,  
05/01, 2026**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
D-307-PB-2026-0006  
Judge Arrieta  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES ALEXANDER RICHEY, Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that JOAN RICHEY has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of CHARLES ALEXANDER RICHEY, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required, pursuant to NMSA (1978) §45-3-801 (2016), to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for the Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Pica-

# LEGAL NOTICES

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cho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005  
STREETER LAW FIRM, LLC  
1100 S. Main St. Suite 100  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
(575) 524-6893  
/s/ Jessica L. Streeter  
NM Bar No. 142793  
**Dates: 04/17, 04/24, 05/01, 2026**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
No. D-307-PB 2026-73

Judge Martin  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN SCOTT DOWNING,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JANICE LYNN KREHER has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.  
MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.  
/s/ Melissa J. Reeves-Evins  
NM State Bar. 7629  
200 W. Las Cruces Ave., Ste A  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
575-522-5009  
522-5031 FAX  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
**Dates: 04/17, 04/24, 05/01, 2026**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DONA ANA**

**THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Cause No. D-307-CV-2026-00061  
Judge: Fitch, Casey B.

In the Matter of the Estate MARILYN JANE BURCHAM,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Fredda C. Blair has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address shown in this Notice or filed with the Court. The attorney for the Personal Representative is William L. Lutz of the Law Firm of Martin & Lutz, P.C., 2110 N. Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.  
DATED this 9th day of April 2026.  
/s/ Fredda C. Blair  
FREDDA C. BLAIR  
6765 Brahman Rd.  
Las Cruces, NM 88012

**Dates: 04/17, 04/24, 05/01, 2026**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT**

**DONA ANA COUNTY**  
No. 26-0045

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Melanie J. Grant,  
a/k/a Melanie Jeanne Grant, deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent. All persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are

required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-200, Las Cruces, NM 88007  
Dated: 03-02-2026  
/s/ David A. Grant  
David A. Grant  
2221 San Felipe  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

**Dates: 04/17, 04/24, 05/01, 2026**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT**  
**DONA ANA COUNTY**  
No. 26-0046

In the Matter of the Estate of John A. Grant, a/k/a John Alexander Grant,  
deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of the decedent. All persons having claims against the estate of the decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or sixty (60) days after the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal represen-

**Dates: 04/17, 04/24, 05/01, 2026**

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

PB-2026-0075  
Judge Fitch  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOREN ELIAS

WAGNER, Deceased.  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative, in care of the Bates Law Firm, PO Box 305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005.  
DATED: April 8, 2026.  
/s/ Eugene Frederick Wagner  
Eugene Frederick Wagner  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Loren Elias Wagner, Deceased  
PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY:  
BATES LAW FIRM  
P.O. Box 305  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305  
(575) 524-8585  
(575) 524-1895 (Fax)  
/s/ Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Lloyd O. Bates Jr.  
Attorney for the Estate NM Bar No. 175

**Dates: 04/17, 04/24, 05/01, 2026**

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

No. D-307-DM-2025-01133  
Aleze Renee Garcia,  
Petitioner In the Matter of the Kinship Guardianship of C.A.G., a child and concerning John Doe, Faith Garcia,  
Respondent.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to John Doe, Respondent. Greetings: You are hereby notified that Aleze Renee Garcia, Petitioner, filed a Petition to Appoint Kinship Guardian for C.A.G. 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.  
Aleze Garcia  
1300 Sexton St.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Dates: 04/17, 04/24, 05/01, 2026**

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

Case No. D-307-PB-2026-00049  
Judge Fitch, Casey B.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSE HERNANDEZ A/K/A JOSE FILEMON HERNANDEZ,  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN THAT BENJAMIN M. HERNANDEZ and MARIA E. GAL-LEGO have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the estate of JOSE HERNANDEZ a/k/a JOSE FILEMON HERNANDEZ. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Co-Personal Representatives, c/o J. David Beasley, Esq., P.O. Box 1620, Las Cruces, NM 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005, (575) 523-8200. Dated: April 9, 2026.  
Submitted by: /s/ J. David Beasley, Esq.  
J. David Beasley, Esq.  
Beasley Legal, P.C.  
J. DAVID BEASLEY, Esq.  
Beasley Legal, P.C.  
Attorney for the Estate of JOSE HERNANDEZ A/K/A JOSE FILEMON HERNANDEZ  
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Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 14th day of April, 2026.

**Dates: 04/17, 2026**

**Request for Proposals - Phase 2 Construction Services**

Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces is soliciting proposals from qualified, licensed, and insured contractors to provide construction services for Phase 2 of a multi-phase construction project. Phase 2 of the project includes the remodel of the existing 20,336 square foot building, and additional construction of a gymnasium, a lobby, and a front porch. Detailed scope of work, plans, specifications, and submission instructions will be provided within the RFP package. The RFP package will be made available on Wednesday, April 15, at 9 a.m. at this website: [www.bgclascruces.org/RFP](http://www.bgclascruces.org/RFP) Optional Pre-Proposal Meeting and Site Tour: Monday, May 4, 2026 at 10 a.m. at 1005 El Paseo Rd. Deadline for question submission: May 18, 2026, by 5 p.m. All questions about the project should be sent in writing to Joseph Fuemmeler at [joseph@desertpeakarchitects.com](mailto:joseph@desertpeakarchitects.com).  
Proposal Deadline: Friday, May 29 by 5 p.m. Late submissions will not be accepted.  
Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces is an equal opportunity organization and encourages proposals from minority-owned, women-owned, and locally owned businesses.  
**Dates: 04/17, 04/24, 2026**

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## Aggies sweep rivalry weekend

IZZY PALMISANO  
NMSU Athletics

The NM State softball team closed the three-game UTEP series Sunday afternoon, April 12, with a strong showing at the NM State Softball Complex. The Aggies struck early and continued to add on throughout the game, pairing consistent offense with a strong outing in the circle. NMSU completed the series sweep with an 8-0 victory over the Miners.

The Aggies opened the scoring in the first as Madi Bachman launched a two-run home run for an early advantage. The lead grew in the third when Destan Burks homered and Tamara Carranza delivered a two-run double as part of a four-run frame. NMSU added insurance runs in the fourth and fifth, while Taryn Bennett held UTEP to just two hits to seal the run-rule win.

Burks went 3-for-4 with a home run, two RBIs, and two runs scored and Bachman finished 2-for-3 with three RBIs. Johnna Aragon collected two hits and scored once.

### Back-to-back homers lift NMSU

On Saturday, NM State leaned on pitching and timely to secure the middle game over UTEP. The Aggies locked in defensively and made the most of key at-bats to control the rivalry matchup. Behind a dominant performance in the circle, NMSU captured a 3-0 shutout.



COURTESY NMSU ATHLETICS

NM State broke through in the second inning when Faith Aragon doubled home the game's first run. After several scoreless frames, the Aggies added insurance in the fifth as Burks launched a solo homer before Kendal Lunar followed with a home run of her own in the next at-bat. Faith Aragon handled the rest, retiring UTEP down the stretch to seal the shutout victory. She threw a complete-game shutout, allowing three hits while striking out 10.

### Starting out right

The Aggies opened the rivalry weekend against UTEP with a strong offensive showing Friday night at the NM State Softball Complex. The Aggies struck early and continued to add on through the first three innings, building separation and controlling the pace.

Behind timely hitting up and down the lineup and steady work in the circle, NMSU claimed an 8-3 victory in the series opener.

NM State wasted no time, scoring in the first on an RBI double from Lauren Garcia before erupting for three runs in the second, highlighted by a three-run homer by Burks. The Aggies added four more in the third, with RBIs from Bachman, Burks, and Faith Aragon extending the lead to 8-2. Aragon settled in after a brief second-inning surge from UTEP and closed out the game in the circle to secure the win.

Burks finished with four RBIs, while Bachman was 2-for-3 with a double, an RBI, and two runs scored. Johnna Aragon scored twice and reached base twice from the bottom half of the lineup.

Faith Aragon earned the win, striking out 10 over a complete-game effort.

**Aggie**

NEW MEXICO STATE

**UPCOMING BASEBALL**

VS **SAM HOUSTON**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17 | 6 PM**  
RETRO NIGHT | SUNGLASSES GIVEAWAY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18 | 6 PM**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19 | 11 AM**  
\$1 HOT DOGS | BARK IN THE PARK

PRESLEY ASKEW FIELD | LAS CRUCES, NM  
TICKETS: 575-646-1420

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## Still climbing mountains

### At age 98, Anne Nauman is going strong at the Senior Olympics

**KURT JOHNSON**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Some people are just built differently.

Mt. Charleston is a 12,000-foot peak in southern Nevada, a challenge Anne Nauman just couldn't resist. That kind of determination did not appear overnight.

Nauman grew up in an era when competitive sports weren't really available to women. Raised on a fruit farm in eastern Long Island, New York, in the 1940s, her primary exercise came in climbing trees, racing around the woods and playing active games like Red Rover.

"I always loved running but there were never any organized sports at that time in high school and college," Nauman said. "That was before Title IX."

It wasn't just school sports that didn't welcome female participation. That attitude carried over to competitions like running. Not only were there no women-only races, but she couldn't even find running shoes designed for her. She had to wear men's running shoes packed with moleskin to keep them from slipping.

Nauman picked up running in her 40s while working at a research lab. It started innocently enough, driven by the competitive streak within her.

"A lot of the men there would run during their lunch breaks, and every year they had a race around the perimeter of the lab," Nauman said. "This was Brookhaven National Lab on Long Island. It covered a big area, so it was about 10 miles around. I noticed every year that there were never any women running and I was really annoyed and decided we had to get a woman out there, so I started running."

That desire to show men — most of whom were in their 20s and 30s — that women could run was part of her motivation. She also ran because of the fitness benefits.

"I had a hard time recovering from the only serious operation I've ever had," she said. "I was just feeling really out of shape after I recovered and I decided that running, at least trying it, would be some way to get myself back in shape."

Despite the lack of a women's division in competitive races during the 1980s, Nauman competed in about 100 races while she was running. Most were 10Ks or 10-mile races.



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"I was a serious runner for a long time, but I was never very fast because I was older," Nauman said. "This is mostly back in the 80s when everybody who was running were really serious runners, very different from the way it is now. Nowadays it's just kind of a fun party type deal, but in those days, it was serious stuff."

And that competitive drive eventually carried her to one of her proudest accomplishments: Mt. Charleston.

Nauman and her husband, Chuck, lived in the Las Vegas area for 36 years before moving to Las Cruces in 2023. Be-

ginning on her 65th birthday, Nauman celebrated every birthday by climbing the 12,000-foot peak. She kept up the tradition until she turned 80.

For her, that's what a birthday party looked like.

Her greatest triumph on the mountain had come five years earlier. There was an 18-mile trail race to the Mt. Charleston peak and back down — from 7,800 feet to 12,000, a 4,000-foot elevation gain.

"That was one of my favorite races," Nauman said. "I only did it twice, when I was 60 and 61. I was the first woman down the second time I did it."

Looking back, Nauman believes her love of running may have started long before she ever entered a race.

An uncle who lived with her family had been a star distance runner at Michigan State University. His love for the sport came through the stories he told of the legendary runners of the 1920s and '30s.

"I had grown up hearing about running," she said. "My uncle was really good. He was always talking about running, so I knew all about Glenn Cunningham, and who's going to do the first four-minute mile and, and Paavo Nurmi, and all of that. I just grew up hearing all about running, so it was kind of in my head. I just thought I would try it and, and I enjoyed it, and while I was not terribly good at it, not very fast, I really did enjoy it."

Nauman ran 10 marathons and even competed in a couple of biathlons, running and shooting. Her first marathon was New York City at age 51, an event she ran twice. At 61, she had her best marathon performance, delivering a time that qualified her for the prestigious Boston Marathon.

But her memories of Boston are bittersweet.

"The trouble is it was not my best marathon," she said. "It was actually my worst."

For most of her competitive running career, Nauman dealt with the same thing she had faced all along — first, the lack of other women to compete against and later, the lack of women her age.

"I did have several women friends out there, but all of them were 20 years younger than me," Nauman said.

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# Digging: Your Rights and Responsibilities

## Know what's below. Call before you dig.

New Mexico excavation law places certain responsibilities with the excavator (a person using a mechanical digging device) for preventing damage to underground facilities. The law provides for a one-call system that the excavator can use free of charge to arrange to have underground facilities located and marked before an excavation occurs.

### State Law Requires Excavators to:

- 1) Plan your excavation.
- 2) Mark the excavation area in white.
- 3) Call before you dig.
- 4) Determine the location of any underground facilities.
- 5) Call the one call center if any facility is not marked to determine if it is "clear."
- 6) Preserve line location markings or provide offsets.
- 7) Expose any conflicts and maintain at least 18 inches of clearance from the horizontal mark and the edge of the mechanical digging device.
- 8) Support underground facilities during excavation as necessary.
- 9) Backfill in a careful manner.
- 10) Notify facility owners and 811 of any damage immediately.
- 11) Standard locate tickets are valid for 10 working days.

### What Happens When You Call:

Once you provide the necessary information, the one call operator will confirm all pertinent details. It is your responsibility to ensure the information was properly recorded on the request. Likewise, faxed or on-line requests will be returned to you as confirmation, and it is your responsibility to immediately confirm the information is correct.



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## Escarbar: Sus Derechos y Responsabilidades

### Entérese de lo que hay abajo. Llame antes de escarbar.

La ley de excavación de Nuevo México impone ciertas responsabilidades al excavador (Es una persona que utilice un artefacto mecánico para escarbar) para prevenir daños en las instalaciones bajo tierra. La ley provee un sistema de "una llamada" que el excavador puede utilizar sin costo para hacer arreglos para que le localicen las instalaciones bajo tierra y que estas sean marcadas antes de que la excavación ocurra.

### La ley requiere que los excavadores hagan lo siguiente:

- 1) Planeé su excavación.
- 2) Llame antes de escarbar.
- 3) Marcar el área de excavación en color blanco.
- 4) Determine la ubicación de cualquiera de las instalaciones existentes bajo tierra.
- 5) Llame al centro de "una llamada" si alguna de las instalaciones no está marcada para determinar si es "seguro proseguir."
- 6) Conserve la ubicación de las líneas marcadas o proporcione la distancia/desvío.
- 7) Avise de cualquier conflicto y manténgase al menos 18 pulgadas al margen y de la orilla de algún artefacto mecánico para escarbar.
- 8) Apoye/preserve las instalaciones bajo tierra según sea necesario cuando este excavando.
- 9) Rellene con cuidado.
- 10) Avise a los dueños de las instalaciones y marque el 811 inmediatamente para reportar cualquier daño.
- 11) Las peticiones estándar (ticket) son validas 10 días hábiles solamente.

### Qué pasa cuando usted llama:

Una vez que usted proporcione la información necesaria, la operadora de "una llamada" le confirmará acerca de los detalles pertinentes. Es su responsabilidad asegurarse de que la información sea registrada adecuadamente en el documento de la petición. A sí mismo, mande por fax o por Internet su petición, se le mandará una confirmación, y es su responsabilidad corroborar de inmediato que la información es correcta.



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# Mistakes happen, but not all are created equal



THE GOLF DOCTOR  
**CHARLIE BLANCHARD**  
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In 1999, our government space agency, NASA, launched a rocket that sent a Mars orbiter into deep space. However, someone at NASA made the dreadful mistake of using the U.S. customary system instead of the required metric measurements.

The confusion caused a malfunction on the \$125 million (nearly \$1 billion today) craft, resulting in the probe's loss. That is a bit of history that leads me right into mistakes golfers make every day, though

not nearly so costly. I review these randomly.

The first mistake that comes to mind is golfers trying to give unsolicited advice to strangers on the practice range. This is not only annoying to folks that just want to be left alone, but it is rude in terms of etiquette.

Another faux pas I notice regularly is middle-aged men thinking that the young, pretty beverage cart girl enjoys chatting with them. Hey guys, here's a golf tip: order the beer, pay for it, thank the beer cart girl, provide a generous tip, and be gone.

Also, some golfers delude themselves by believing their playing partners actually like your non-stop, stupid jokes. That rivals the tendency of some to just talk and blab incessantly, disturbing the serenity of the outdoors.

When it comes to risky mistakes, reaching your hand into a bush to get a golf ball is dangerous, but not as dangerous as reaching into the water for your golf ball in a pond full of alligators. Golf courses in Florida abound with stories about golfers losing hands and arms. Another dangerous habit some idiots have is yelling at a big guy down the fairway that you think is playing too slow.

Professional golfers make mistakes too. One of the most famous and saddest errors happened at the 1968 Masters, when Roberto DeVicenzo signed a wrong scorecard, thereby depriving him of a playoff with Bob Goalby for the championship. DeVicenzo's playing partner, Tommy Aaron, wrote down a 4 instead of a birdie 3 on the 17th hole, and DeVicenzo, without realizing it, signed for a 66, when in fact he actually scored 65. He was heard lamenting, "What a stupid I am!"

Over the years tournament pros have made a number of similar mistakes, though not so career changing as DeVicenzo's. In the 2019 Genesis Invitational at Riviera CC in L.A. Jordan Spieth signed a wrong scorecard in the second round and was disqualified. And in 2019 Wyndham Clark was disqualified from The Players Championship for signing a wrong scorecard.

We can't forget the crazy and the common mistakes everyday golfers make on the golf course. One really

stupid one is agreeing to play a money game when you don't know the format or the rules. That could be embarrassing and expensive.

Then there's playing the wrong ball, playing the wrong tees (usually too long), playing the wrong hole (because your GPS watch was set wrong), playing the wrong club because you manage to lose the club you should be using.

I'm reminded of an apt Yogi quote: "We made too many wrong mistakes."

Mistakes many golfers make also involve time, like showing up for your tee time late. At some clubs you lose your tee time and have to wait for an opening. Then there is wasting time searching for extra golf balls, as if you can't

afford to buy a dozen new golf balls. And worst of all is wasting valuable time by playing too slowly, which often involves not being ready when it's your turn, taking excessive practice swings or just dawdling.

Golf swing and aiming mistakes are bound to happen. We correct those by instruction and practice. Stupid mistakes by mindless buffoons are ones that are avoidable.

Henry Ford once said, "The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing." I say, we should learn from other people's mistakes, so we don't make the same ones.

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“There’s never anybody my age and when I first started racing, there was one category for women. There were no age categories, just a women’s category. Then they started adding age categories, but it was very unusual when they added an over-40 and they called it masters running. It was for anybody over 40.”

These days, Nauman has traded distance running for a different kind of competition.

She will celebrate her 99th birthday in October. After moving to Las Cruces three years ago, she turned her energy to power walking — speed walking in a more upright position, taking relatively small, quick steps while propelling herself by driving her elbows.

Nauman did not know anything about the sport until she moved to New Mexico, saw something in the Bulletin and went to the track where the Doña Ana Senior Olympics were being held.

“I just watched the power walking and thought I can do that,” she said. “The following year there was an opportunity for some instruction and some practice lessons with Betty Burgess. She’s a terrific lady. She and Mary Jordan, they’re really great. I learned how to do it from them, and then that year, in 2024, I competed in the Doña Ana County Senior Olympics and also in the state senior Olympics, which fortunately was here in Las Cruces.”

This will be Nauman’s third year competing in the Games. But while she still cannot help trying to pass anyone in front of her, it’s more about the camaraderie. There remains one familiar problem, however: no one in her age category.

“I really wish there were more older women out there,”



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Nauman said. “I’m hoping in Las Cruces somebody might pop up to give me a little competition and a little company. The next oldest person, I think, was something like 84, so I’m just out there by myself.”

Some things, it seems, haven’t changed.

It is not like the days in Nevada, when she lived on the northwest edge of the Las Vegas Valley and for 36 years did her walking on that 12,000-foot mountain snowcapped half the year, but exercise remains a major part of Nauman’s life.

“I don’t have that much energy every day,” she said. “There are days when I feel my age, but I like to keep going and my husband too. We do all this together. He’s 10 years younger than I am, he’s going to be 89 next month but he’s still in really great shape.”

The same thing that got Nauman running decades ago is still there to keep her moving today.

“It just feels good. That’s why I enjoyed running. It just feels good,” she said.



**Anne Nauman with her husband, Chuck, at last year’s Doña Ana Senior Olympics powerwalking competition.**

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