

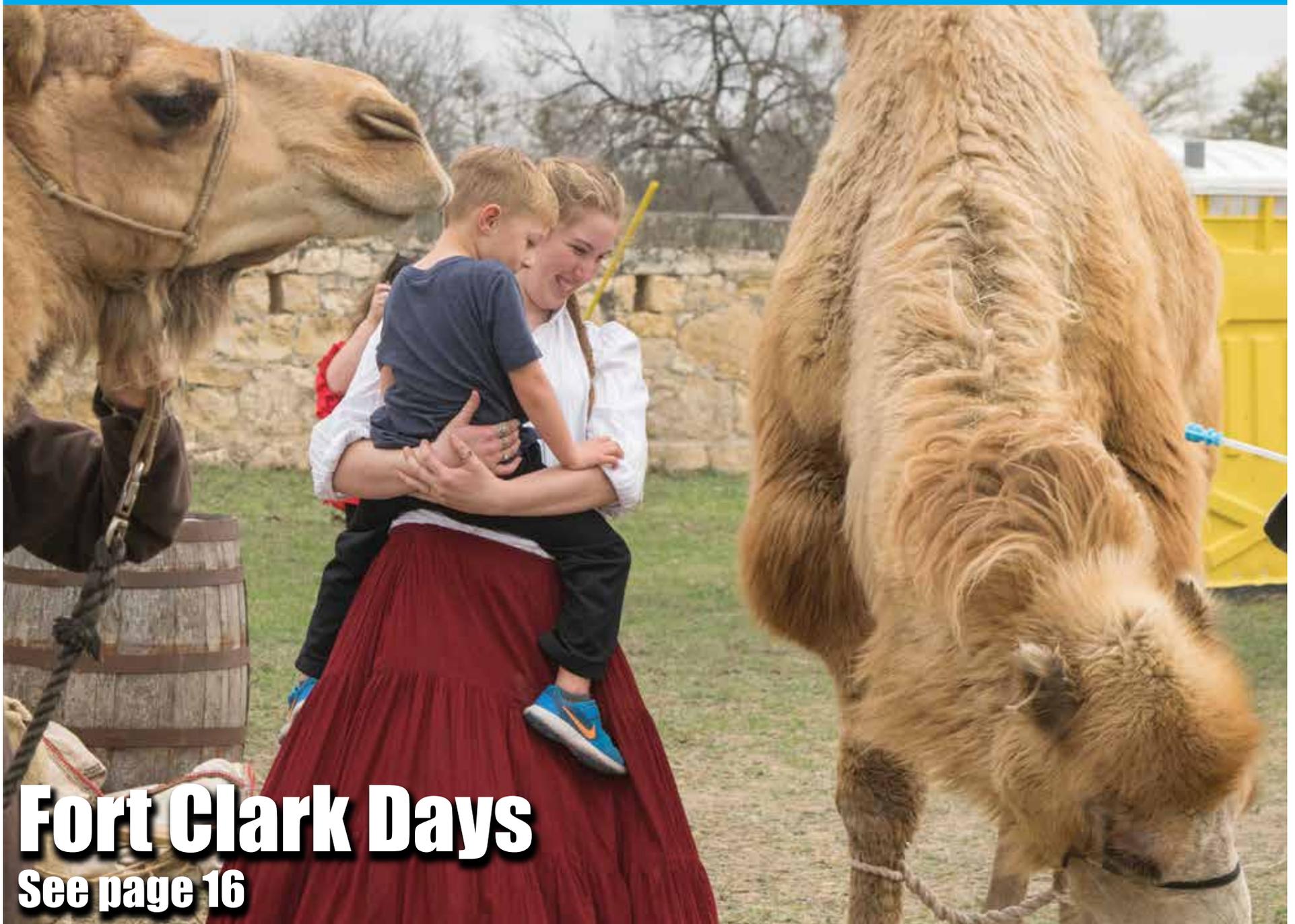
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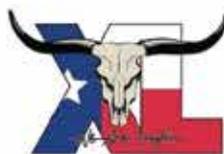


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FORT CLARK DAYS - HISTORIC FESTIVAL

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 6-7

EXPERIENCE A LIVING HISTORY FESTIVAL AT FORT CLARK SPRINGS, BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS, SHOWCASING OLD WEST GUNFIGHTERS, REENACTMENTS, CANNON FIRINGS, MUSEUM TOURS, ARTS AND CRAFTS, FOOD, AND MUSIC. ADMISSION IS FREE, WITH \$5 PARKING.

BCFS FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH

MARCH 6 - CELEBRATE FAMILY CONNECTIONS BETWEEN FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS AT THE FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE EVENT, HOSTED BY BCFS HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES, ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6, AT THE ENCHANTED JARDIN, 4934 US-90.



BCFS Health and Human Services-Del Rio invites the community to the eighth annual

FATHER Daughter DANCE

A night that celebrates fathers, daughters, and meaningful connections.

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¡HAY CAKE EN CASA!

cake picnic



CAKE PICNIC AT CASA DE LA CULTURA

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

JOIN THE CAKE SWAP PICNIC AT CASA DE LA CULTURA, 302 CANTU ST, DEL RIO, TX, FROM 10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM. BRING A HOMEMADE CAKE TO SWAP SLICES, ENJOY COMMUNITY FUN. ATTENDANCE IS FREE WITH A CAKE; NON-BAKERS CAN BUY A LIMITED \$10 CAKE BOX TICKET. PROCEEDS SUPPORT CASA DE LA CULTURA



20, 21 y 22 MARCH 2026

Del Rio galleries highlight Women's History Month during First Friday Art Walk

BY JOEL LANGTON
THE 830 TIMES

Del Rio's downtown arts community will come alive Friday evening as several galleries open their doors for the city's monthly First Friday Art Walk, offering people an opportunity to explore new exhibits and experience the city's growing arts scene.

Several venues are also highlighting Women's History Month through special exhibits and programming during March.

One of the featured exhibits is "La Mujer" at Casa de la Cultura. The title translates to "The Woman," and the exhibit explores themes of women's identity, strength and cultural influence.

The gallery, located on historic Brown Plaza in San Felipe, is welcoming original visual artwork in a variety of mediums, including painting, drawing, mixed media, photography, printmaking, fiber art and sculpture. The exhibit opens Friday at 7 p.m.

At Lee Bunch Studio Gallery, longtime local artist Pam Bunch will showcase her work alongside pieces from other artists featured in the gallery. Bunch, a Western artist whose work has been exhibited across the region, has long been a cornerstone of Del Rio's arts community.

The gallery will be open from 7 to 10 p.m., with guests invited to enjoy snacks and beverages — including Bunch's well-known brownies.

The Firehouse Gallery, home of the Del Rio Council for the Arts at 120 E. Garfield St., will feature writer and photographer Sarah Bird. Bird documented Texas' Juneteenth rodeo circuit in her photo essay Soul Circuit: Juneteenth Rodeos in Texas, capturing riders, families and traditions that celebrate the long history of Black cowboys in the state.

The exhibit will be open from 7 to 9 p.m.

Just two blocks away, people can also stop by Falcon Art Gallery, where the work of Del Rio artist Adrian Falcon is on display. Falcon is known for his contemporary pieces that explore modern forms, color and abstract expression.

Falcon has exhibited his work throughout Europe, and his pieces are part of collections

and exhibitions shown around the world.

Another stop on the Art Walk is La Bohemia Lemon Drop, a downtown business that has made art a centerpiece of its creative space. On Friday, the venue will feature artwork from Del Rio High School students.

La Bohemia also regularly hosts live music, creating an atmosphere where people can enjoy performances while browsing artwork throughout the store.

Food and dessert will also be available during the event. Sweet Scoops Ice Cream, Don Pepe's street tacos and The Wok This Way food truck are expected to be on site.

Together, the participating galleries offer people a chance to explore Del Rio's growing arts scene while meeting local artists and discovering new work during the monthly Art Walk.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATING GALLERIES

Bunch Studio Gallery

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Falcon Art Gallery

Phone: 830-469-5327

Del Rio Council for the Arts (Firehouse Gallery)

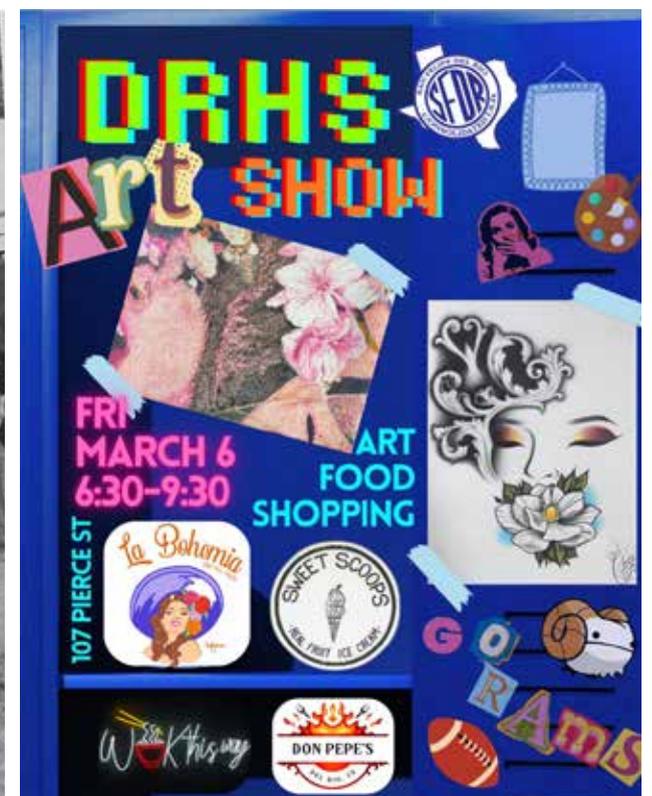
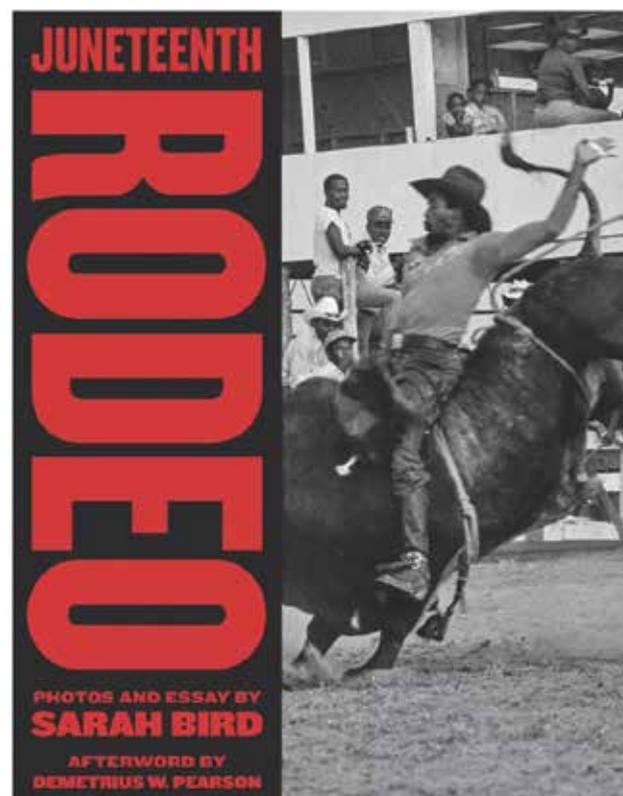
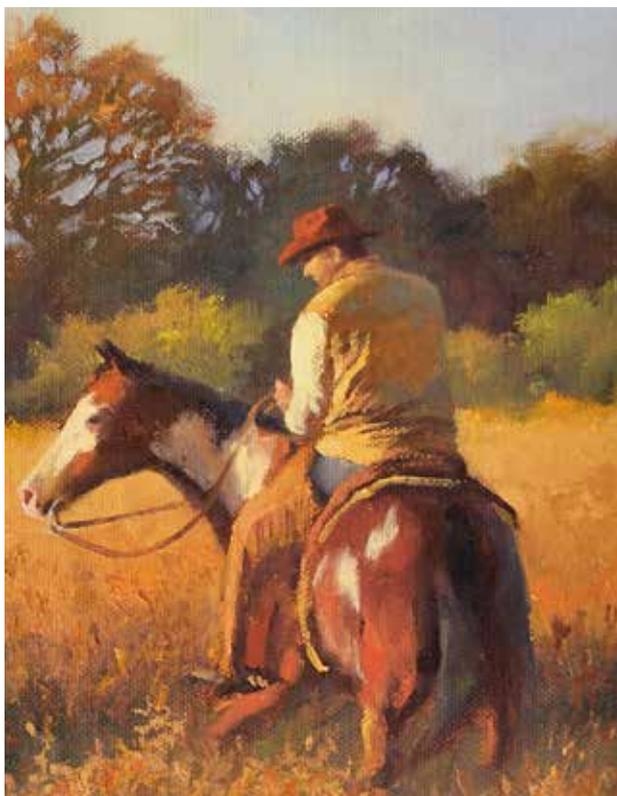
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Casa de la Cultura

Phone: 830-768-2287

La Bohemia (Lemon Drop)

Phone: 830-703-6303





(Photo by Lou Zykla)

One of the popular attractions at Fort Clark Days is their cannon fire demonstrations. Kerr Wardlaw, Val Verde County Commissioner, was part of the artillery reenactments. Wardlaw said the festival is important because people can interact with historians and learn about the different wars.

Bracketville holds Fort Clark days Saturday

BY JOEL LANGTON
THE 830 TIMES

For more than a century, Fort Clark stood as one of the most important military outposts in Southwest Texas, helping protect the frontier and shaping the history of the region.

Saturday, that history will come to life when more than 100 vendors will sell their wares and thousands will come through the fort's gates, driving mustangs instead of riding them, to enjoy Saturday's celebration, and fundraiser.

"All the money raised goes back into our community council, a 501c3 and they start planning next year's event," said Charlena Cavendar, Fort Clark Springs executive director.

Organizers are quick to point out that admission is free for the family-friendly event, but there is a nominal \$5 charge for parking.

The event is going to embrace the Old West, as they put living history front and center featuring a Wild West gun fight, camels and buffalo soldiers, to name a few parts of the day.

One of the highlights of Fort Clark Days each year is the nearly 100 living historians who recreate daily life at the historic frontier post.

The historians come in from across the state and Southwest. They're dressed in period clothing, participants portray soldiers, scouts and civilians from the fort's early days, demonstrating everything from military drills to frontier crafts and camp life. The reenactors help visitors better understand what life was like at Fort Clark dur-

ing its years as an active U.S. Army post

There will be plenty for people to see, do and hear:

Cannon firing demonstrations throughout the day

Buffalo Soldiers and frontier military history exhibits

Live music on multiple stages

Arts & crafts vendors and food vendors

Photography walking

tour

Museum tours and historic wagon tours

Camel Corps presentations and frontier demonstrations

Saturday night street dance

Cavender said it's an event that keeps growing. "We find that every year, as people visit our event, they want to come back and they bring friends," Cavender said.

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830 Entertainment: Events at a glance!

BCFS FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

March 6 - Celebrate family connections between fathers and daughters at the Father Daughter Dance event, hosted by BCFS Health and Human Resources, on Friday, March 6, at the Enchanted Jardin, 4934 US-90.

FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK

MARCH 6 - Local art galleries, including Del Rio Council for the Arts at the Firehouse and the Falcon Art Gallery, will have their venues open for the First Friday Artwalk on Friday, March 6. Stay tuned with The 830 Times to know more about the details on the galleries in the next issue.

FORT CLARK DAYS

MARCH 6-7 - Living history festival at Fort Clark Springs in Brackettville, Texas, featuring Ole West gunfighters, Wild West shows, action-packed gunfight reenactments, cannon firings, museum tours, arts and crafts vendors, food, music, and free admission (parking \$5 per vehicle). Stay tuned for the full schedule and more details on living historian presentations and evening events.

FREE LASER TAG AT PLA-MOR BOWLING, MARCH 6, 13, 20 AND 27 - 1201 N Bedell Ave Offers free laser tag with \$2 bowling for elementary, middle and high school students.

CARD GAME MEETUP: MAGIC THE GATHERING

MARCH 6 - The local GameStop, 2415 Veterans Blvd. STE G, will hold a card game meet-up even for Magic the Gathering on Friday, March 6.

COSMIC PAINTBALL

MARCH 6-7 - Glow-in-the-dark experience at Adrenaline Paintball in Del Rio from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM, \$35 per player including UV shirt, full equipment rental, and 300 paintballs. Book now for private events or groups at 432-664-1493.

CAKE PICNIC AT CASA DE LA CULTURA

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 - Bring a full homemade cake to participate in the cake swap picnic at Casa de la Cultura, 302 Cantu St, Del Rio, TX, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM, where bakers of all levels swap slices, get take-home boxes, and enjoy community fun (free to attend, but cake required to participate; limited \$10 cake box tickets available for non-bakers). Proceeds benefit Casa de la Cultura—label allergens and bring a stand/knife.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - SPRING FORWARD

MARCH 8 - Set clocks forward one hour at 2:00 AM to begin Daylight Saving Time, as per The Old Farmer's Almanac. Lose an hour of sleep but gain longer evenings.

BETHEL CENTER FOOD DRIVE

MARCH 9 - Home2 Suites, 122 Lowe Dr, will be accepting items for a food drive from Monday, March 9, to Monday, March 23. All proceeds will benefit Del Rio's Bethel Center located at 900 E. 13th St.

FREE BOWLING AT PLA-MOR BOWLING

MARCH 9 - 1201 N Bedell Ave Offers free bowling for elementary, middle and high school students.

INVASIVE ARMORED CATFISH REMOVAL

MARCH 13-15 - Casa de la Cultura and Texas Parks and Wildlife host net fishing to manage invasive armored catfish (mud suckers) in San Felipe Creek, with packet pickup Friday March 13 (5-7 PM), teams of 1-3 people, no entry fee or license required, and weigh-in Sunday March 15 at noon (prizes for most caught).

SPRING ON MAIN

MARCH 14 - The Pop Up DRTX presents food, music, and market vendors at the Kress Building, 720 S Main Street, Del Rio, from 11 AM to 4 PM. See you there for spring vibes and local shopping.

VENDOR FEST AT PLA-MOR ENTERTAINMENT

MARCH 14 -- 10 Vendors, 3 food trucks and 3 vendors inside Del Rio's premiere entertainment center. People will be able to bring food purchased onsite into the facility. Sports Bundle offering large pizza, 10 wings and a pitcher of soda or beer for \$27.99.

COME-UNITY WORSHIP NIGHT AT CULTURE SHOCK

MARCH 7th Come join us Saturday March 7th for our Come-Unity Worship Night at 7 PM. All are welcome to join. Bring a pop up chair and let's come together. 114 W. Greenwood St., Del Rio, TX

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FORT CLARK DAYS - MARCH 7
CHAMBER MEMBER LUNCHEON - MARCH 11
SPRING BREAK CLEANUP - MARCH 14
BORDER BASS BATTLE FISHING TOURNAMENT - MARCH 14
VENDOR FEST AT PLA-MOR ENTERTAINMENT -- MARCH 14
ONE PLACE MARKET - MARCH 21
SHS COLOR ME RUN - MARCH 21
RUNNING LAS VACAS - MARCH 20 THROUGH MARCH 22
FIESTA OF FLIGHT AIRSHOW - MARCH 28
BATTLE OF THE BUSINESSES AT PLA-MOR ENTERTAINMENT - MARCH 29
COLUMBIA DE LA FLOR FEST - APRIL 3
CON TANTO AMOR EXHIBIT - APRIL 3
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