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Schools' leader resigns

Rounds receives severance payment

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

At a special meeting on Tuesday, June 14, the Las Cruces Public Schools board of education accepted the resignation of long-time superintendent Stan Rounds, which includes a severance payment in the amount of \$140,000.

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The end of an era

John Gutierrez, owner of My Brother's Place, holds up five fingers to Angie Morales, equaling the number of times she dined at My Brother's Place during the restaurant's final week. The iconic Las Cruces eatery shut its doors for the last time on June 11. See pages A6-A7 for a story and photos.

PHOTO BY RICHARD COLTHARP

County sees high local turnout in primary

Table set for hotly contested general election

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Turnout for the June 7 primary election in Doña Ana County was 23 percent of total registered voters (30 percent of qualified voters), Chief Deputy County Clerk

Scott Krahling said.

That compares to 10 percent of registered voters who voted in the 2014 primary and 12 percent who voted in the 2012 primary, he said.

All told, 24,247 people voted in this year's primary,

including 16,760 Democrats and 7,487 Republicans. That includes 8,658 early voters, of which 6,097 were Democrats and 2,561 were Republicans.

Early voting, Krahling said "is gaining popularity." It increased about 6 percent from 2012 to 2014 and by another 4 percent between 2014

and 2016, he said. Absentee voting has increased by almost 1 percent, he said. Voting on Election Day declined by about 11 percent between 2012 and 2016, Krahling said.

"Turnout was better than in other recent years, as it's also been in other states,

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Gov. Martinez announces jobs

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez has announced two major business developments in Doña Ana County, expected to inject several million dollars and hundreds of jobs into the local economy.

Doña Ana County Manager Julia T. Brown said staff has worked alongside the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance to realize the projects.

In the new West Park development of Santa Teresa, approximately five miles north of the port of entry, Valley Cold Storage will begin construction next summer of a massive refrigeration operation that will eventually encompass 350,000 square feet. The first phase will include a 104,000 square-foot operation to be built on approximately 15 acres. Fourteen new jobs will be created initially, with an investment of nearly \$14 million.

Groundbreaking is tentatively scheduled for sometime in July of 2016.

According to Brown, approximately \$140,000 in funding for the storage facility came from the Local Economic Development Act and the New Mexico Economic Development Department. An additional \$1.8 million in funding will directly benefit Santa Teresa's Intermodal Park, a 1,300 acre master-planned industrial development. The funding

is earmarked for approximately 300 jobs that will be created collectively.

"These announcements are very exciting for our local economy," Brown said. "And it's a complement to the vision we have always had for Santa Teresa. This is exactly the kind of development we hoped to attract to further advance the southern communities of Doña Ana County."

The newest developments join a host of other ongoing projects underway in Santa Teresa, including a

215,000 square-foot Fed-Ex ground facility, which broke ground last month.

On Picacho Avenue, just outside the city limits, Pecan Brewery and Spirits is finalizing details of a new brewery and canning/bottling facility. The company will hire 40 new employees for the venture, and will breathe new life into a 25,000-square-foot building that had been sitting vacant for more than eight years.

According to the company, the facility will allow the company to expand its pecan beer and other brews into new markets, both within New Mexico and internationally.

The company is working under the Local Economic Development Act that provides for public support to foster, promote and enhance local economic development efforts.



JULIA T. BROWN

PULL-UPS FOR VETS



Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Deputy Jamar Cotton is doing pull-ups throughout the month of June to benefit homeless and near-homeless veterans in Doña Ana County. Effective July 1, the Community of Hope won't be able to provide for many homeless/near homeless veterans because of budget cuts. From June 1-July 1, Cotton will perform pull ups for donations with the goal of raising at least \$3,000. To contact Deputy Cotton about making a donation, send an email to input@donaanacounty.org with 'COTTON' in the subject line.

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Who was America's 1st female presidential candidate?

Bulletin report

As Hillary Clinton elbows her way toward the presidential election, one may wonder: Who was the first woman to run for president?

Victoria Claflin Woodhull was nominated in May, 1872, by the Equal Rights Party, and her running mate was African-American social reformer and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Woodhull's most notable claim to fame is just the tip of the iceberg for a deeply rich and sometimes audacious life.

"Well-behaved women seldom make history," wrote Harvard scholar Laurel Ulrich in 1976, "and this is especially true about our first

woman presidential candidate in the U.S.," says charitable entrepreneur Neal Katz, author of the historical novel "Outrageous: The Victoria Woodhull Saga, Volume One: Rise to Riches" (thevictoriawoodhullsa.com).

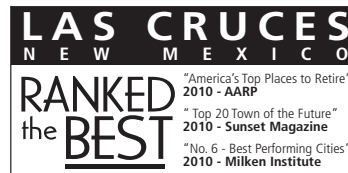
"Victoria would not let anything keep her from

what she believed was her entitled destiny, notwithstanding social expectations and prevailing morality," Katz's book states.

Woodhull and her sister, Tennessee Celeste Claflin, became the first women both to own and

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Opinion



From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

The end of an era at LCPS

Rounds had critics, but also many accomplishments

A school superintendent and a newspaper publisher can and do have conversations on myriad topics.

State budgets, educational trends, recent articles about the school system, construction projects, the fate of mutual acquaintances and on and on.

Invariably, though, whenever I ran into Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds, his first question was this: "How's your daughter's education going?"

My youngest daughter has spent the past eight years in the LCPS system, all under the Rounds administration. My answer to Rounds was always: "Very well. We're pleased with both her teacher and her principal." Then I would deliver some details.

A year or so ago, I attended an open house at Arrowhead Park Medical Academy, the new early college high school. Like everyone else that evening, I was wowed by the facility, and the opportunities it creates. Here's what wowed me most: My daughter was also wowed. She doesn't wow easily.

She is considering medicine as a possible career, and felt certain she would have to leave Las Cruces for her education. That evening, though, after she saw the facilities at APMA, and glanced up at the construction of Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, she looked at me, pleasantly surprised, and said, "I'm in a good place!"

I'm firmly convinced APMA, and its predecessor, Arrowhead Park Early College High School, would not exist without the leadership and will of Stan Rounds.

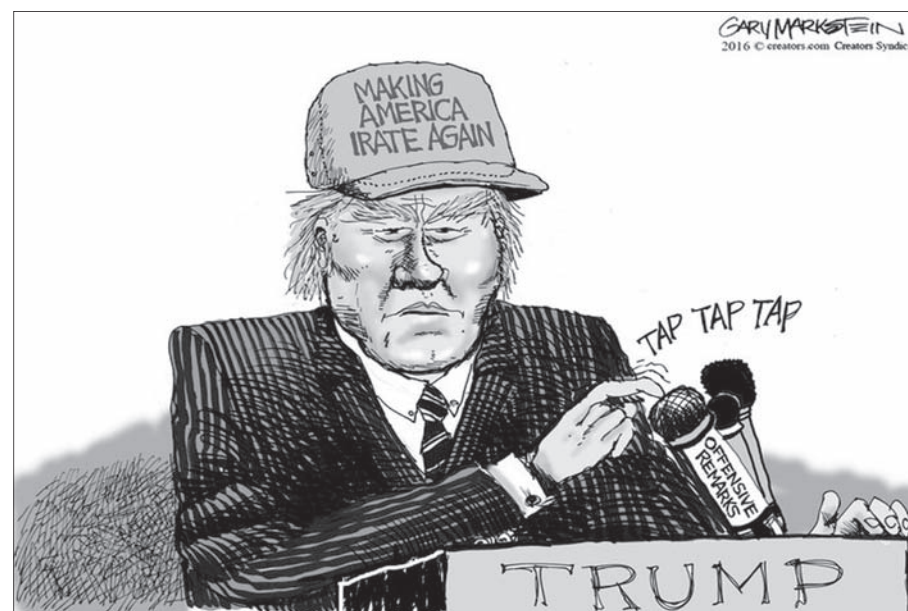
Rounds' nine years at LCPS have been robust.

In addition to the early college high schools, which have become a state-wide, even nationwide, model, Rounds saw the opening of the city's fourth traditional high school, Centennial High, which should be considered a success by almost any interpretation of the word. He was intimately involved with the beautiful renovations at Las Cruces High School. System-wide graduation rates, spiraling dangerously close to 50 percent when Rounds arrived in 2007, have risen dramatically. Within a year of his arrival, he reduced the central-of-office payroll by \$1 million while still surrounding himself with highly qualified support staff. He has created great collaborations and important educational relationships with New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College.

These accomplishments have come during dwindling state education budgets, driven by the recession and tumbling oil and gas prices.

Rounds is a strong, driven, results-oriented leader. That, in itself, made him a lightning rod. It is a complicated era in education. There are

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widely diverging opinions on many things in education, including standardized tests, charter schools and curricula.

Rounds has been in education in New Mexico a long time, and seen dramatic changes. His experience statewide gave him invaluable understanding of state government and how it addresses education. He was superintendent in several school systems in the state, including Alamogordo, where I lived for a dozen years. He had critics there, but many teachers and administrators I knew in Alamogordo sang Rounds' praises.

He has made important inroads with the business community of Las Cruces, which desperately needs the education of our local workforce to rise if it is to attract new quality business, industry and jobs.

Rounds is certainly not perfect and has made his share of mistakes. Anyone who is actively doing things and making things happen will make mistakes. Many people whose opinions I

deeply respect are among Rounds' harshest critics. They have made some good points.

All of that is under the bridge.

Rounds is out.

The Las Cruces Public School Board is now tasked with finding another superintendent. You may or may not recall that, before Rounds' arrival, LCPS had gone through four superintendents in four years.

Perhaps Rounds' most important achievement was bringing desperately needed stability and continuity to the school system.

The school board may very well find an excellent candidate to come to Las Cruces and lead the education of our most important commodity, our children. I intensely hope they find the right individual to head that important task, continue current successes and address current problems. They need to find such a person.

They will not, however, find another Stan Rounds.

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operate a Wall Street brokerage firm and to publish the first women-owned newspaper. Woodhull was also the first woman invited to address a congressional committee.

How does Hillary Clinton compare to the first woman U.S. presidential candidate? “Woodhull advocated a tax on the wealthy, women suffrage, equal pay, free vocational training or higher education for women and full legal equality as emancipation from the slavery of marriage,” Katz says.

Katz states that Woodhull’s story is important, because:

- **Feminism is for everyone.** Feminism matters because, ultimately, it engenders compassion, making us all better human beings. In time we will all talk about humanism, or simply caring for everyone equally. Katz is pledging 50 percent of his royalties to a foundation formed in tribute to Victoria Woodhull that will transform the lives of single mothers.

- **She campaigned against Wall Street’s corruption.** Woodhull acquired wealth as a result of the Gold Scandal of 1869, the near total failure of the U.S. economy. Understanding how exploitation of our ‘free markets’ started elucidates today’s machinations.

- **Knowing your her story enlightens how we create our own history.** Young people are grasping the importance of women empowerment, yet knowledge of early suffragettes and strong women throughout history is not equally widespread. Woodhull should be an iconic symbol for all of us.

- **“Free love” meant something different in the 1870s.** Woodhull

helped progress enlightened views of a woman’s sexuality by defying the regressive norms of her day. During the 19th century, women who married in the U.S. were essentially trapped if they were in a loveless or violent marriage. A husband could legally will his wife’s children away. Divorced women, however, were ostracized as scandalous. Woodhull advocated “free love” as emancipation from this unfair double standard in 19th-century marriages.

- **She effected change and so can we.** Woodhull’s story is about hope, overcoming adversity, and manifesting the life you want to live. Social change happens when someone defies the norm. Former Senator Barack Obama challenged conventional wisdom, disregarded preconceptions and rejected society-imposed limitations – and that’s how he became a two-term president. Woodhull was in the same spirit, because both believed in themselves



WOODHULL

and their mandate. That is how things change.

“After the primaries are settled, we may have two women candidates competing for the job of president,” Katz says. “Whether Carly and Hillary make it that far, we’d all be much more enriched to know how trailblazers like Woodhull helped make this possible.”

About Neal Katz

Neal Katz is a serial entrepreneur. He harbors

a passion for women’s rights and his lifestyle is centered on self-awareness and love. His novel “Outrageous: The Victoria Woodhull Saga, Volume One: Rise to Riches” (thevictoriawoodhull.com) spotlights gender prejudice, exposes early manipulation of “free markets” and reveals how political power structures used prison and seizure of assets to prevent innovation and social change. Katz has pledged 50 percent

of royalties from his book and all ancillary revenues to a foundation formed in tribute to Victoria Woodhull and her passion for woman rights. Katz promotes a new financial paradigm to monetize charities through Credit Funding, which will provide sustainable and renewable funding for diverse charitable endeavors, such as micro-finance, low-income housing, education, vocational training, and infrastructure renewal.



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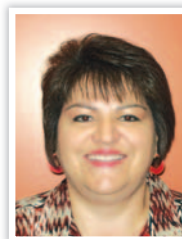
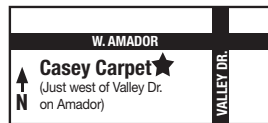
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Memorializing My Brother's Place

'Like losing a member of the family'

Bulletin report

Kellie Williams Dinsmore flashed back to a long-ago babysitting gig, when she wanted to talk with the kids' dad, who had headed off to "My Brother's Place."

The memory came from when the Las Cruces restaurant, established in 1972, was still very young. Dinsmore called the restaurant and asked for George, but there was no George there.

The mistake was made clear later; George had gone not to the restaurant, but to his actual brother's house.

Maybe it wasn't a mistake.

For many Las Cruces, over the restaurant's 44 years, going to My Brother's Place was just like

visiting family and friends.

And just as people pay their respects and say their last farewells to family and friends, last week at My Brother's Place felt like an extended wake.

As a tribute to the restaurant, as well as to her recently departed father, Angie Morales ate there five times last week.

"I spent my whole check coming here all week," Morales said.

"This was his favorite place," Morales said of her father, Ron Cooksey, who died May 24.

Friday, June 10, Morales went to My Brother's Place with her stepmother, Debbie Cooksey.

"We used to always come here," Debbie Cook-



My Brother's Place was definitely a sibling's place for sister and brother Kellie Williams Dinsmore and Jess Williams.

sey said. The 80-mile drive from the Cooksey home in Tularosa was only a minor deterrent.

"They've been great customers," said owner John Gutierrez, who founded the restaurant with his brother, Steve.

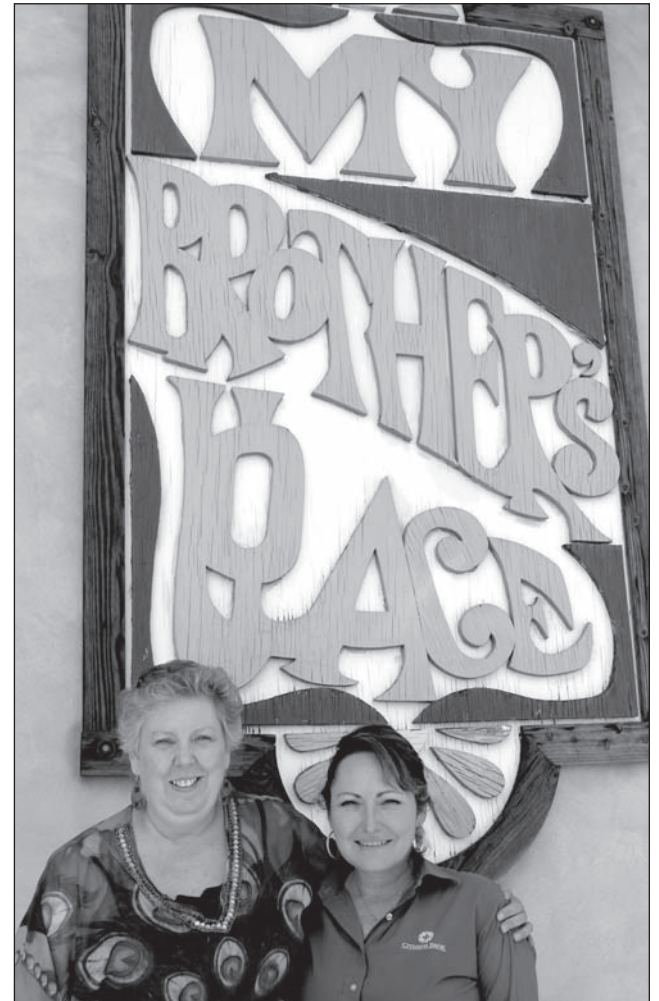
Gutierrez said this while ringing up checks, which he was doing in between busing tables

and washing dishes. He planned to continue doing everything until after the last customer was served on the last night, Saturday, June 11.

"He said he would be the last one out of the door Saturday night, and I told him I'd be there to hold it open for him," said Jess Williams, another loyal longtime customer and a one-time tender of the restaurant's bar.

Las Cruces Kenny Chavez, who owns Sky's the Limit cleaning service and other businesses, was the third generation of his family to work for the Gutierrezes.

"My grandpa (Henry Chavez Jr.) did tile for Ralph," Chavez said. Ralph Gutierrez owned City Drug, the business onto which My Brother's



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Debbie Cooksey and Angie Morales dined together at My Brother's Place June 10 in honor of Ron Cooksey — Debbie's husband and Morales' father. Ron Cooksey passed away May 24, and My Brother's Place was his favorite restaurant.



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Patrons often mention the details, like the fountain, that made My Brother's Place unique.

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SENSE OF COMMUNITY

There are a million stories about My Brother's Place, its employees and customers.

Here are two stories from customers on different ends of the My Brother's Place time-space continuum.

ALYCE BALES: Longtime Las Cruen Alyce Bales had a bizarrely unique diet. Primarily, she consumed Nutter Butter cookies, Diet Dr Pepper and Kool cigarettes. An avid animal lover, she was a vegetarian. Picky as she was, though, she did have a favorite restaurant and a go-to dish: green chile enchiladas from My Brother's Place. She was a charter customer, and every employee knew her by name. When Bales passed away in 2014, there was a reception following her memorial service. On the tables for guests were Nutter Butter cookies, Diet Dr Pepper and – delivered and paid for by My Brother's Place – green chile enchiladas.

MATTHEW TORRES: Despite being born and raised in Las Cruces, 17-year-old Matthew Torres had never been to My Brother's Place. He didn't even know what it was. So he went Friday, June 10. Waiting in line, Torres overheard more stories. Apparently, some out-of-towners were coming to a local wedding just to have an excuse to eat at My Brother's Place one last time. "I regret never visiting this place," Torres said. "The sense of community is something I have never seen before. I felt like an outsider and at the same time I felt comfortable, like I was at someone's home. It felt like one big family reunion. There was laughter, smiles and tears."

MY BROTHER'S PLACE

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Place was originally grafted. When the drug-store closed, My Brother's Place filled in the space.

"My dad (Henry Duran Chavez) worked there in the 1970s as a cook," Chavez said.

So when it came to his first job, Kenny Chavez found My Brother's Place too.

"I worked there through high school," Chavez said. "I started as a dishwasher, then cook, and finished as head night cook."

Did John Gutierrez influence Chavez's own entrepreneurial spirit?

"John was real strict with me, like I was his son," Chavez said. "But he showed me be honest

with people, do the best you can, work hard and it will pay off."

Chavez said the restaurant's absence will be felt, like losing a member of the family.

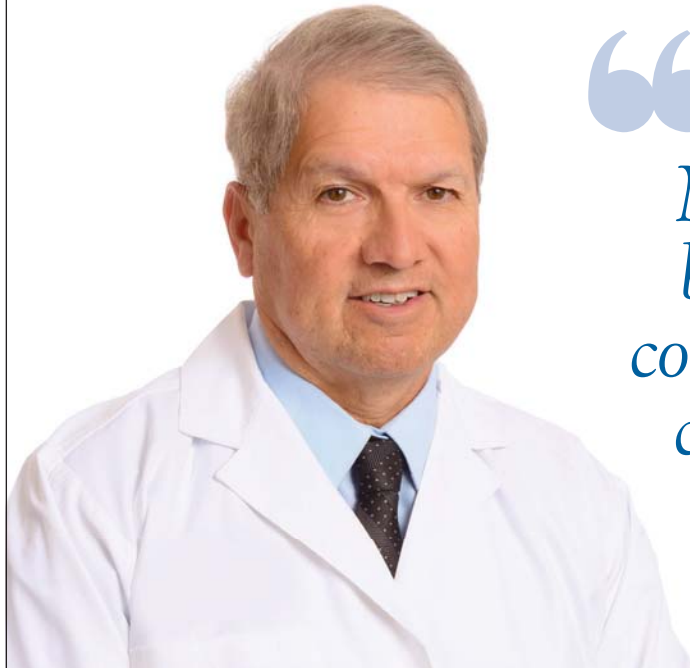
The restaurant was packed by 11 a.m. Friday, June 10, and a line was out the door all day into the night, just as it was all week. Patrons waved to each other from across the dining room and hugged and shook hands with warmth and camaraderie. Laughter was the most notable sound inside, but tears were nearly equally prevalent. Many of the tears were shed in memory of Steve Gutierrez, who died of leukemia in 1991.



Maria Neukirch and Sonia Banuelos celebrate lunch and friendship at My Brother's Place.



Alex and Emma Galvan enjoyed meals at My Brother's Place for years.



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City council imposes fireworks restrictions

No ban placed on sale, purchase of fireworks

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

At a special meeting on Monday, June 13, the Las Cruces City Council unanimously passed a resolution that places a restriction on where fireworks can be set off inside the city limits on the Fourth of July. No ban or restriction was placed on the sale or purchase of fireworks currently legal in the city.

Las Cruces Fire Department Fire Marshal Ted Sweetser said the resolution is necessary because of extreme drought conditions in the area and triple-digit temperatures expected in the days leading up to July 4. It mandates that fireworks be lit only on paved areas (streets), sidewalks or barren lands and that water be available in case a fire is started.

Sweetser said the drought index for the city has

improved since the council discussed the resolution at its June 6 meeting, but drought conditions remain a serious concern for firefighters. He said the restriction on fireworks is necessary to try to keep people from lighting fireworks on mesas and in grassy areas and other locations where they could start fires which could be spread by the wind.

Sweetser said the Palmer drought severity index, which the city uses, is published every Monday and is based on the dryness of the soil.

Las Cruces fireworks seller Jimmy Nevarez spoke in opposition to the resolution, saying it violated both existing city ordinance and state statute because the city is not currently in severe or extreme weather conditions.

"It feels to me like we're being picked on," Nevarez said. "We are the only county or municipality in New Mexico considering this ban," he said. "This will not affect our sales, it's more of just a legal thing. When there are dry conditions, you don't see me, those kinds of restrictions have to be put in place; now, we're not in those conditions." Nevarez said he was concerned that local residents "will only hear ban, not restrictions."

"I think we're in a severe drought," said city attorney William R. "Rusty" Babington. "I think the council has the legal authority to consider this resolution and adopt it." He recommended that the council pass the resolution. "Then, if conditions change, you have the ability to go in and rescind that proclamation," he said.

Sweetser said the fire department and the Las Cruces Police Department and its codes enforcement officers will provide about 15 units that will patrol city streets on July 4 to enforce the fireworks restrictions and the ban on illegal fireworks. He also recommend-

ed that local residents call either the fire department's non-emergency number (528-3473) or 911 to report the illegal use of fireworks.

Sweetser said the fire department receives about 400 calls annually from June 20 to July 6 on "just fireworks alone."

The city has to consider public safety, said Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Smith, but noted that the Fourth of July is "a particularly special celebration for our country."

A lack of rain and strong winds are "not good conditions for fireworks," Councillor Olga Pedroza said. "I think we need to be safe."

The fireworks restrictions imposed by the resolution passed by the council are "not only prudent, but just common sense," said Mayor Ken Miyagishima.

Having to place fireworks restrictions 15 days before the Fourth of July holiday to provide public notice about the restrictions puts council members in "the position of weather forecasters ourselves," Councillor Jack Eakman said. "We can't come out a day ahead of time and possibly impose something," he said.

The city needs to "do everything we can to make sure the public understands exactly what this is so we are not negatively impacting a business that sells fireworks," Councillor Ceil Levatino said about the resolution. "I would hope that any public information that we put out on this is very, very clear and correct about what exactly we are voting on and how the public is affected by it," she said.

Interim City Manager Daniel Avila said that would be made clear in the information the city provides to the media and local residents about the fireworks restrictions. He also said radio ads about the restrictions would be done in both English and Spanish.

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Education board OKs LCPS budget, still awaiting PED approval

By Billy Huntsman
For the Bulletin

The Las Cruces Board of Education voted 5-0 Thursday, June 9, to approve the district's proposed \$338.4 million budget for the 2016-17 school year, while the budget has only been partially approved by the Public Education Department.

The approved budget is \$2.9 million short of last year's budget, which LCPS Chief Operating Officer Terry Dean had proposed making up for by eliminating 54 non-teaching positions.

Prior to June 9's special budget hearing, Dean announced the number of proposed positions to cut will be

49 due to a lower cost for risk insurance than anticipated and a decision to hold off on purchasing previously budgeted district vehicles.

"Employees who are in good standing will keep a job but some are being reassigned to another position," he said. "The cuts will be achieved through resignations, retirements and natural attrition of employees."

\$187.2 million of the district's budget comes from state funding. The remainder comes from federal programs and state grants, not all of which have yet been approved, Dean said.

The board's vote on June 9 allows for any adjust-

ments made by the PED to be implemented immediately. The PED is expected to give its full approval, with or without adjustments, before the start of the next fiscal year, July 1.

Despite the shortfall, the approved district budget will also provide state-mandated salary increases for teachers "who move to a higher experience level," as well as citywide minimum wage increases mandated by the Las Cruces City Council.

This minimum wage increase to \$9.20 an hour, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2017, applies to LCPS classified employees, such as custodians, secretaries, educational assistants and security guards.

ROUNDS

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Rounds' current contract ends June 30, 2017. Under the terms of the agreement he and the board signed Tuesday, Rounds will resign effective June 30, 2016. He will fulfill a training obligation with the University of Virginia Turnaround program in Virginia during the next few days and then be on paid leave until June 30.

Chief Financial and Operations Officer Terry Dean was named by the board as acting superintendent from June 15 to 30. On July 1, the board is expected to appoint an interim superintendent as it begins the search for



ROUNDS



DEAN

Rounds' permanent replacement.

Under the terms of his agreement with the board, Rounds will receive the \$140,000 payment; the total employer costs to the district for the remaining 11 months of the contract is \$216,183. Round's annual salary is \$175,906.

School board attorney

Elena Gallegos said the severance funds will come from a surplus in the school district's cash balance, which she said was expected to be \$7.5 million at the end of this month but actually will be more than \$9 million.

"The district is in a good fiscal position to render the severance payment to Mr. Rounds," Gallegos said.

The agreement, which was approved by the board on a five to zero vote, must now be approved by state district court and by New Mexico Public Education Depart-

ment Secretary Hanna Skandera.

The meeting was chaired by board Vice President Chuck Davis in the absence of board President Maria Flores. Flores was in Michigan for a family event, but was linked to both the special meeting and a one-hour-and-20-minute closed meeting of the board.

By phone, she read a statement that both the board and Rounds had approved. It included this information:

"On behalf of the entire district, the LCPS School

Board expresses its appreciation to Mr. Rounds for his efforts while serving as superintendent of this great school district. Mr. Rounds thanks the current and past Board of Education for providing him with the opportunity to serve the Las Cruces Public Schools. Together we have:

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• received strong community support for our bond and mill levies.

The Board extends its best wishes to Mr. Rounds in his future endeavors. On its part, the Board will soon begin its search for a new superintendent so as not to disrupt the district's operations."

Rounds received a standing ovation from most of the near-capacity crowd that attended the special meeting, including board Secretary Barbara Hall.

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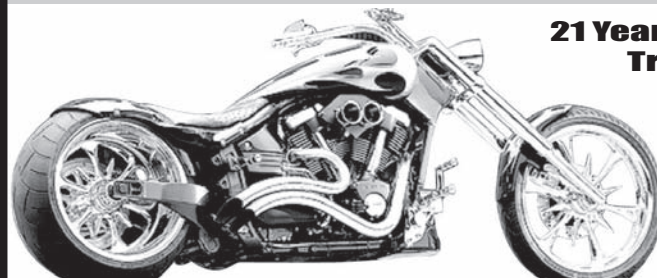
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Bulletin report

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can rise 19 degrees Fahrenheit after only 10 minutes in the sun, 34 degrees after 30 minutes, and 45-50 degrees in about one hour. The rapidly increasing interior temperature of a vehicle can cause injury to people and pets, even when outdoor daytime temperatures are in the 80s or low 90s.

And studies show the practice of leaving a vehicle window partially

open, or “cracked,” is of little or no help in decreasing the interior temperature.

People can succumb to heatstroke when the core body temperature reaches 104 F and a body temperature of 107 F is considered lethal.

The Las Cruces Police Department offers these safety tips.

- Do not leave pets or people (sleeping babies, children, elderly) in a vehicle – even with the windows “cracked” or down.
- Place a purse or wallet in the back seat as a reminder that your child is in the car.

- Provide proper shade and fresh water for pets.

- Do not leave pets in the bed of a pickup as surface temperatures can rise quickly.

- Don’t let breezes or windy weather fool you. The lack of circulation inside an enclosed vehicle on a warm day, even with windows “cracked,” can be deadly.

- Avoid leaving your vehicle running and unattended simply to

keep the air conditioning on, such as to run into a convenience store. The vehicle could be stolen in seconds.

- Avoid overexertion of dogs such as walking/jogging them during the heat of the day.

- Always lock your car when unattended and teach children that vehicles are never to be used as play areas.

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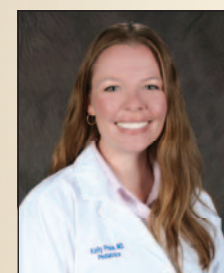
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Las Cruces 'pillar' remembered as hard worker

By Billy Huntsman
For the Bulletin

Karin Davidson, described by her friends as "a beacon" of the Las Cruces realty industry, died Saturday, June 4, at age 56.

Since 2005, Davidson had worked with Exit Realty Horizons. She also volunteered extensively with the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR) and was that organization's president at the time of her death.

"She took her role as president very, very seriously," said Steve Montanez, LCAR's current treasurer. "She wanted to make sure our association and its members were served the way they deserved at all times."

"Karin I knew as a devoted wife and mother," said Billie Haynie, LCAR's 2015 president and broker with Stull Real Estate. "She devoted a vast majority of her time to Mesilla Valley Christian School. She was a tremendous colleague and mentor for me in my personal real estate business."

Mike Julian, a broker for Steinborn Real Estate, LCAR's previous president-elect and current interim president, had been friends with Davidson for more than a decade.

"She and I entered into the business from other careers about the same time frame," Julian said.

Prior to 2005, Davidson had worked for 20 years in farm management.

After graduating from NMSU in 1984 with a master's degree in horticulture/agronomy, Davidson worked as a manager for an Arizona farm.

This love eventually brought her back to her home in 1990 to continue working in farm man-



KARIN DAVIDSON

agement.

"She loved Las Cruces," Montanez said.

Her time in the agriculture industry earned her much recognition. She was the founding president of the Arizona Pecan Growers Association, a president of the Western Pecan Growers Association and a president of the Doña Ana County Farm and Live-

stock Bureau. She was inducted into the Western Pecan Growers Hall of Fame and the New Mexico State University College of Agriculture's Sam Steele Society.

Davidson maintained ties to agriculture work even after becoming a real estate broker.

With her husband, Jon, she opened Davidson Manufacturing

Vacancies to be filled soon

Bulletin report

Las Cruces realty industry "pillar" Karin Davidson passed away in the middle of her year-long term as president of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors.

Currently filling the role is Mike Julian, past president-elect who had been in the process of moving back to his hometown of Alamogordo and vacating the position.

"(Davidson) was in the process of locating a new person to take over that president elect position," Julian said.

A volunteer organization, Julian said LCAR is currently seeking candidates to fill the role of president and president elect.

"The candidates will then be taken before the entire body of members of LCAR for a vote," Julian said.

By mid-July, Julian said, LCAR's vacancies should be filled.

(a.k.a. Ottesen Machine Company) in 1992. The company generates an estimated \$640,000 a year.

But according to her friends, real estate is

where Davidson really shined and, in fact, she was named the LCAR Realtor of the Year in 2015.

"Anybody who devotes themselves in the man-

ner she did was very, very dedicated to the real estate industry," Julian said.

Funeral services for Davidson were held Monday, June 13, at Cal-

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Chris Cowan, Youth Director



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ABOVE: Bob Diven, holding a candle, hugs Jess Williams at the vigil.

LEFT: Hundreds attended the vigil at Pioneer Women's Park on Sunday evening, June 12.

Vigil held for Orlando mass shooting victims

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Hundreds of people attended a candlelight vigil held Sunday evening, June 12, in Pioneer Women's Park for the victims and the families of victims of the mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando.

People of all ages, races and sexual preference spoke at the event, including a number of elected officials. Speakers' words were interpreted in American Sign Language, and one deaf speaker's words were interpreted by a hearing person. The event was organized by Las Cruces activist Carrie Hamblen.

"I am proud to be part of this crowd and this community," said Greg Smith, mayor pro tem.

State Rep. Bill McCamley, D-Doña Ana, also spoke. Others attending included state Sen. Bill Soules, D-Doña Ana, and candidates Merrie Lee Soules, a Democrat running against U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, R-N.M., former city councilor Nathan Small, a Democrat running against state Rep. Andy Nuñez, R-Doña Ana, and Chief Deputy County Clerk Scott Krahling, who is running for county clerk.



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Las Cruces grant proposal among finalists for National Creative Placemaking fund

80 projects being considered for a total of \$10.5 million

By Patrick DeSimio
For the Bulletin

On June 7, ArtPlace America announced that a grant proposal from Meetings for Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (MESA), based in Las Cruces, is one of 80 projects that it will consider for its 2016 National Creative Placemaking Fund.

These 80 projects are 6 percent of the 1,361 initial applications that ArtPlace reviewed.

ArtPlace America's National Creative Placemaking Fund is a highly competitive national program that invests money in communities across the country in which artists, arts organizations, and arts activity will help drive community development projects that are addressing challenges or opportunities related to agriculture and food; economic development; education and youth; environment and energy; health, housing; immigration; public safety; transportation; or workforce development.

MESA, a partnership between Pata Viva Farm and New Mexico State University's Institute for Energy & the Environment, has proposed to use a mix of culinary arts and agricultural science to protect the environment by enhancing farming practices in the Rio Grande Valley around Las Cruces.

As the next step in ArtPlace's process, personnel from Pata Viva and the Institute for Energy & the Environ-

Workshop on foundation maps for nonprofits

Thomas Branigan Library is hosting a grant foundation class for adults on the topic of funding nonprofit groups, held at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Introduction to Foundation Maps is from 10 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, June 22. This course will focus on strategies to find foundations in specific regions that work on the issues you care about most and discover which foundations have a history of funding nonprofits like yours. Register by phone at 541-2393 or email at kpartin@las-cruces.org.

ment will complete more extensive application materials and host a site visit with an ArtPlace staff member and a national peer expert. ArtPlace will convene these peer experts for an in-person panel meeting this fall and will then announce the final projects, in which it will invest a total of \$10.5 million, in December 2016.

ArtPlace America (ArtPlace) is a ten-year collaboration among 16 partner foundations, along with eight federal agencies and six financial institutions, that works to position arts and culture as a core sector of comprehensive community planning and development in order to help strengthen the social, physical and eco-

About meetings for Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture (MESA)

Farmers around Las Cruces face water scarcity, soil salinization, and topsoil erosion, all of which threaten the environment and the long-term viability of agriculture in our area. We know how to address these issues thanks to agricultural scientists, but to make enough of a difference, we need to act as a community.

To bring the farming community together, MESA will host free seasonal meals at Pata Viva Farm. At these meals, staff from the Institute for Energy & the Environment will provide demonstrations and training on sustainable agricultural practices, and personnel from Pata Viva will organize the farming community for collective action to protect the environment and the futures of farms along the Rio Grande Valley in Doña Ana County. To reduce economic obstacles to sustainable agriculture, MESA will organize bulk purchases and community installation teams, provide interest-free agricultural loans administered by the Institute for Energy & the Environment, and gather and publish financial data and metrics from the working farm of Pata Viva.

In sum, MESA proposes to organize the local farming community and facilitate collective action on sustainable agricultural techniques that can slow or even reverse groundwater depletion, soil erosion, and soil salinization, thereby protecting agriculture and the environment around Las Cruces for generations to come.

conomic fabric of communities.

ArtPlace focuses its work on creative placemaking, which describes projects in which art plays an intentional and integrated role in place-based community planning and development.

NMSU to open passport acceptance facility

By Adriana M. Chavez
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University's Office of International and Border Programs will open a Passport Acceptance Facility on campus to serve the university community and the general public.

The facility will be located in Room 233A of the Garcia Annex building, located next to Breland Hall. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The facility at NMSU will be a "one-stop shop" for those applying for or renewing passports. Customers will be able to have their passport pho-

tos taken on site, and can also get information on the types of passports available.

"We thought the pass-

port acceptance office would be a great way for us to send the message that we are serious about getting out and seeing the world," said Cornell Men-

king, associate provost for International and Border Programs at NMSU.

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Remember those good, ol' Hula Hoop days?

By Susie Ouderkirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

No vignette of peaceful, 1960s American life is complete without a station wagon in the driveway of a modest ranch house and a pre-teen girl swiveling a Hula Hoop around her hips on the front lawn.

Those were the days of imagination, not instant visual gratification via a sleek handheld device. Children had to go outside, even if it was hot, take off their shoes, step through a plastic ring and start gyrating. It

took a surprising amount of energy and coordination to keep that hoop going around above your hips. But once you got it, you didn't want to stop. There was something about the steady rotating movement and the rustling of the pebbles inside the tube that both calmed and excited.

Big sisters taught younger siblings how to revolve the plastic ring. Their mothers gave it a whirl, generally with success. Even (good-natured) fathers awkwardly spun the hoop, once around if they were

lucky, to everyone's delight.

It's a simple enough task to perform while still being able to carry on a conversation, or solve a problem, or think about boys. It took mere seconds to get started, but could last for hours, especially in pleasant company. It was interrupted with no consequences for a glass of lemonade. And if the hoop was left outside overnight, even in the rain, it was good as new by morning.

What a fine toy the Hula Hoop was. And still is.

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A little hoop history

In 1948, friends Arthur Melin and Richard Knerr invented a sling shot device used to shoot meat up to falcons used for hunting. They named their fledgling company Wham-O after the sound the slingshot made, according to www.History.com. Nine years later, Melin and Knerr invented a flying plastic disk they called the Pluto Platter. It was a hit, and goes down in history as what we now know as the Frisbee.

Wham-O's next toy, from 1958, was inspired by children in an Australian gym class who were spinning a wooden hoop around their waists. Melin and Knerr's version was made of plastic, and according to History.com, was named "hula" after the Hawaiian dance. The rest is history.

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Las Cruces performer literally jumps through flaming hoops

By Susie Ouder Kirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

The hula hoop. Simple yet difficult. Iconic yet humble. Priceless yet inexpensive. Who could have imagined a plastic ring filled with small pebbles would become a symbol of all things wholesome and American?

Although Hula Hoops don't dot the lawns in the millions as they did 40 years ago, they do have a faithful following. In fact, according to Hula Hooping.com, tens of thousands of hoopers worldwide claim to use it as a form of regular exercise, and stage shows at county fairs, art festivals, theater productions and the like often include forms of hooping.

Among its many laurels, Las Cruces also can boast an international top-three hooping champion in Georgina Armentariz, aka Firefox. She recently shot to the top of the pack in this year's Hooping Idol contest, which pits hoopers from all over the globe against one another for the title of Hooping Idol #6.

So how does one go about becoming a world-class hooper?

"I was born and raised in El Paso, Texas," Firefox said. "I encountered prop manipulation around the age of 21 at a fire-prop-making work-

shop. I saw fire dancing there for the first time and immediately gravitated to the mesmerizing flow of fire dance. I discovered hooping a couple years after that at a camping event where a woman had the biggest, heaviest hoop I'd ever seen. I asked her if I could try it and I got lost in the euphoric trance of the hoop for the next couple hours." In addition to hooping, she's deciding on a concentration for her master's degree and helping run a photo booth business with her husband.

Hooping Idol is an international hula hoop competition, judged by a panel of renowned hoop artists, Firefox said. "It's the American Idol of Hula Hoops." (Through the years, enthusiasts dropped the moniker "Hula" and refer to the activity simply as "hooping.")

The competition runs for six consecutive weeks, and contestants are challenged to produce a weekly theme-based routine on video in just three days. The videos are uploaded to the Hooping Idol website and hooping aficionados around the world vote online for their favorites. One performer is eliminated each week.

"We are currently in the semi-finals with five

contestants remaining" Firefox said,

Hooping itself is not difficult, she said. Anyone "and I mean anyone" can do it. The routines

SEE **HOOPS**, PAGE A32



Hooping Idol finalist Firefox, from Las Cruces, demonstrates spinning a flaming hoop. Photo by John Curley Photography.

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IN THE NEWS

Woods is honorary degree recipient for DACC

Benjamin Woods was presented with an honorary degree during the Doña Ana Community College commencement in May at the Pan American Center on the New Mexico State University campus. Woods recently retired after 25 years of service to NMSU.

He received an associate of arts degree in business from DACC. The



WOODS

NMSU Board of Regents conferred the degree for the many contributions he made to education, including the NMSU system community colleges.

Among his significant contributions to DACC are his leadership for multiple school bond and mill levy elections and support

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Being active and making a lasting impact on the community is important to Dr. Cunningham. She is a member of the local Soroptimist International service organization, and has helped to establish and organize two successful fundraising races, The Soroptimist of Las Cruces Turkey Trot and the Run with your Doc!, both which support local charities and projects.

Dr. Cunningham continues to help grow the dental community through her work with the Dona Ana Community College Dental Hygiene Program. She has served as an instructor and interim program director for the Dental Hygiene program over eight years. When she is not practicing dentistry, she enjoys a variety of outdoor activities such as swimming, biking and running and taking in the beauty and weather that Southern New Mexico has to offer.

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of the Central and East Mesa Campuses, as well as the Sunland Park, Gadsden, Chaparral and Hatch Centers.

Woods' career at NMSU began in 1990 as the director of facilities.

He served 11 presidents while at the university.

His positions included vice president for facilities and services, vice president for human and physical resources, senior vice president for


planning, physical resources and university relations, senior vice president for external relations/chief of staff and president of Aggie Development Inc.

Woods earned many honors over his career, including appointment to Leadership New Mexico, the New Mexico Spaceport Authority, New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award, New Mexico Amigos and Energy Professional of the Year.



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Donate Life

Mayor Ken Miyagishima helps with the unveiling of a plaque set up by the Southern New Mexico Donate Life Transplant Support Group. The plaque is the first step in the creation of a memorial at La Llorona Park in Las Cruces. The 10th Annual Donate Life Car Show and Health Expo will be held at Young Park on Aug. 20 and continues to raise funds to complete the memorial project. For more information, contact Susan Brown at 496-2627 or Lupe Jimenez at 649-7814.

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Las Cruces teen named New Mexico Youth of the Year

By Ashley Echavarria
For the Bulletin

Selected among six outstanding youth, Franklin "Kinte" Gilbert has been named the New Mexico Youth of the Year by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA). The Youth of the Year title is an honor bestowed upon an exemplary young person in recognition of leadership, service, academic excellence and dedication to a healthy lifestyle. As the New Mexico Youth of the Year, Gilbert will serve as an ambassador for all teens in the state, will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship from BGCA and a \$1,000 scholarship from the New Mexico Boys & Girls Clubs Area Council, and will go on to compete in Dallas for regional Youth of the Year June 19 and 20, vying for the national title.



GILBERT

for more than four years. In his time as a member at the Club, he has participated in numerous programs including UPS Road Code, a program that teaches young people about the importance of safe driving; and SMART Moves, a drug resistance program. Gilbert's favorite and most notable activity at the Boys & Girls Club is his time spent in the music room, where he has become an avid piano player. Together with other Club members he has performed his works for Club events and has recorded music videos.

Gilbert will compete against other Boys & Girls Club members within the Southwest Region June 19 and 20. If named regional winner, he will be awarded an additional \$10,000 college scholarship, renewable for four years up to \$40,000. Six youth, including five regional winners and a military youth winner, will advance to Washington, D.C., in September 2016, to compete for the title of BGCA's National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year will receive an additional scholarship of \$25,000, renewable for four years up to \$100,000 and will have the opportunity to meet with the President of the United States in the White House.

The odds for Gilbert could have been much different. A middle child of three, he lives at home with his single mother who works two jobs to provide for him and his younger sister. His father, an inconsistent figure in his life, has struggled with addiction and been in and out of prison. Branding himself as a leader, Gilbert hopes to encourage his peers to stay away from drugs and wants to be a role model for other kids who may be facing the same issues with one or more parent.

Gilbert, an upcoming Sophomore at Arrowhead Park Early College, has been a member of the Boys & Girls Club

for more than four years. In his time as a member at the Club, he has participated in numerous programs including UPS Road Code, a program that teaches young people about the importance of safe driving; and SMART Moves, a drug resistance program. Gilbert's favorite and most notable activity at the Boys & Girls Club is his time spent in the music room, where he has become an avid piano player. Together with other Club members he has performed his works for Club events and has recorded music videos.

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For more information about the Youth of the Year program, visit <http://www.youthoftheyear.org>.

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club, call 526-1519 or visit www.bgclasruces.org.

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Fire chief warns of illegal-burning consequences

Bulletin report

Recent reports of illegal burning in Doña Ana County have prompted warnings from officials with the Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department.

Last month in Chaparral, fire crews were dispatched to the 400 block of Paloma Blanca to battle a reported structure fire. After an initial investigation, the cause of the fire was traced to a homeowner who was illegally burning trash on his property in a 55-gallon barrel.

Barrel burning or any type of intentional receptacle fire is prohibited in Doña Ana County.

As a result of the homeowner's actions, the fire spread through some dry weeds to a nearby motor home and fishing boat, which were completely destroyed.

According to Doña Ana County Fire Chief Eric Crespín, the homeowner was cited for improper handling of the fire.

Additionally, Crespín passed along several safety reminders to county residents pertaining to open burning:

• Call the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority, 526-0795, to determine whether burning is permitted on that particular day.

• Open burning of non-piled vegetative material is strictly prohibited. This includes barrel burning or any type of intentional receptacle fire.

• Legal, approved burning is to be conducted at least 300 feet away from any occupied dwelling,

workplace or area where people congregate.

• Legal, approved burning shall be conducted no earlier than one hour after sunrise and shall be extinguished no later than one hour prior to sunset.

• Burning shall be attended and monitored at

all times.

• Burning of the following materials is strictly prohibited: natural or synthetic rubber products (including tires); waste oil, filters or lubricants; insulated wire; plastic (including PVC pipe); tar, asphalt or tar paper; railroad ties;

wood, wood paste or treated lumber that contain any of the following: arsenic, chromium, pentachlorophenol, creosote; batteries; motor vehicle bodies or interior components; pathogenic wastes; asbestos or material containing asbestos.

CRIME BRIEFS

Deputies identify victim of fatal hit and run

The victim of a fatal hit-and-run crash last week in Chaparral has been identified as 50-year-old Juan Sanchez.

Doña Ana County Sheriff's deputies are investigating the incident, which happened at around 9:30 p.m., June 5. According to deputies who responded, it appeared Sanchez had been walking along the road and was hit by an unknown vehicle that has yet to be located.

Anyone with information on the crash is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to CRIMES (274637) using the keyword LCTIPS.

County Sheriff's deputies recently canvassed several miles in the community of Tortugas to address ongoing problems related to speeding, graffiti, DWI and blight.

During the June 9 meeting at Guadalupe Park, residents expressed concerns that their close-knit community was threatened by motorists using the main roads that run through Tortugas to access other areas. Others said the ditch banks were being illegally used by motorists as well as ATV riders who allegedly were ignoring traffic laws.

On June 10 and 11, 10 deputies on bike, patrol and foot took to the streets of Tortugas and reported multiple contacts with motorists to issue warnings and citations for stop sign violations, speeding, driving without a license and two incidents of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Deputies report successful project in Tortugas

Following concerns heard at a recent town hall meeting, Doña Ana

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NMSU Model UN team wins big at conference

By Dana Beasley
For the Bulletin

For more than a decade, New Mexico State University's Model United Nations team has received top tier awards at the annual National Model U.N. Conference in New York City. This year, the team continued its standard of excellence, receiving multiple individual awards and earning the Outstanding Delegation Award, the highest honor presented to a university team.

"It didn't surprise me in the least," said Neal Rosendorf, NMSU Model U.N. faculty adviser and assistant professor

of government in the College of Arts and Sciences. "It is an extraordinary privilege to be working with these students."

In March, the group of 14 competed against more than 2,500 students from schools all around the world. The team served on committees to address current global issues, including rural education, arms control, drug trafficking, forest management, organized crime and finance.

As a simulation of the actual United Nations, Model U.N. is intended to educate students on effective communica-

tion and multilateral diplomacy. In addition to the delegation award, several members took home individual prizes, including five Outstanding Position papers across nine students, as well as two Outstanding Delegate awards.

"This is an invaluable tool for learning how to cooperate with people — how to collaborate while still being a part of the team, how to get your ideas across. It's a great experience that you don't get inside of a conventional classroom," said Joli McSherry, a government major interested in pursuing a career in public relations and diplomacy.

Each fall, the team president and faculty adviser select NMSU Model U.N. members through a competitive application and interview process. The end result is a group of savvy, self-motivated and multitalented individuals.

"These folks are looking for the potential for excellence, and for those who are returning, proven excellence," Rosendorf said. "At the end of the day, this is their team. And while I've tried my best to be a resource, more often than not, I've found myself to be a proud observer and admiring bystander."

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Remembering former NMSU engineering dean, professor

By Billy Huntsman
For the Bulletin

C. Quentin Ford, former interim dean of the College of Engineering from 1980 to 1981, died April 30 at the age of 92. His memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 18, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage, Museum 4100 Dripping



FORD

Springs Road.

Ford came to New Mexico State University in 1946 to obtain his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He had previously received a bachelor's degree in marine engineering from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., in 1944.

He served in the U.S. Navy before coming to NMSU, and after graduating he attended the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1950 and then Michigan State University in 1959 where he received master's and doctoral degrees re-

spectively. He served on the faculties at both institutions.

Returning to NMSU after completing his doctorate, Ford served as head of the Mechanical Engineering Department from 1959 until 1971, becoming the first head in the department's history to hold a Ph.D. He served as associate dean of the College of Engineering from 1974 to 1980, then from 1981 to 1988, when he retired.

Following his retirement, the College of Engineering established the C.Q. Ford Endowed Scholarship, to be given each year to a sophomore, junior or senior New Mexico-resident student at NMSU with a GPA of at least 3.5.

In 2006, Geothermal Drive Underpass, at the southeast corner of the Aggie football stadium, was renamed Dr. C. Quentin Ford Underpass. Ford is survived

by his wife and children.

Basic car, home repair courses at DACC

The DACC Community Education course "Powder Puff Mechanic" will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Saturday, June 25 at DACC Workforce Center, room 106, 2345 E. Nevada. The cost is \$19. Review basic maintenance procedures and how to prevent potential problems when driving your vehicle. Change a flat tire, check oil and tire pressure. Gain a better understanding of your car and how to address problems before getting stranded. For information or to sign up, email commed@dacc.nmsu.edu or call 527-7527.

"Basic Home Maintenance" will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22 at DACC

Workforce Center, room 106, 2345 E. Nevada. The cost is \$19. Hole in the wall? Running toilet? Broken screen? Learn this and more to deal with the more common and basic home repairs. Gain confidence to make simple home repairs in this new course. For information or to sign up, email commed@dacc.nmsu.edu or call 527-7527.

DACC class to discuss 'Crucial Conversations'

"Crucial Conversations" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 21. The cost is \$139. Get a framework for having those difficult-yet-crucial conversations with co-workers, supervisors, employees, friends, neighbors and family. Topics include offering constructive feedback, tactfully suggesting better

hygiene, dealing with an angry customer, apologizing and more. For more information, call 527-7776 or email ctp@nmsu.edu.

Introduction to starting a business class at DACC

Learn what it takes to turn your hobby into a business. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 18 at DACC Workforce Center, room 106, 2345 E. Nevada, explore such topics as creating a business plan, assessing business feasibility and preparing management and financial plans. Discover what it takes to succeed and develop a plan to get started. Students should bring a USB flash drive. Age 18 and up. Cost: \$33. For more information or to sign up, email commed@dacc.nmsu.edu or call 527-7527.



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Dogs' day out at the office is June 24 this year

By Nick Thomas
For the Bulletin

They say every dog has his day. This year, that day is Friday, June 24, when the 17th national Take Your Dog to Work Day will be held. Once again, dog owners throughout North America will be prodding their

poodles and pulling their pugs to patronize their place of employment.

The event, promoted by Pet Sitters International (see www.takeyourdog.com if you think I'm pulling your paw), has been growing nationwide since the first year, according to spokesperson Beth

Stultz. Involvement ranges from merely taking a dog to work, to holding office pet parties, and even raising money and awareness for local pet-rescue organizations.

"I've heard about an owner-dog look-a-like contest with proceeds

going to a local animal charity," said Stultz. "Although I'm not sure I'd want to win that contest!"

Your first step should be to consult with your employer for permission to hold the event. To convince him or her, try this: if your boss is always complaining about staff

who never make it to meetings on time, explain that your border collie will round up those slack stragglers and promptly herd them into the conference room before you can say "Lassie come home."

Speaking of the iconic TV pooch, if you're a col-

lie owner, you may want to mention how dependable they are at alerting others when a colleague falls down the elevator shaft.

Needless to say, a few words of caution should be heeded before hauling

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COURTESY PHOTO

Elizabeth Vega, Bri Bagwell, Karla Walton, Adrian Guzman, and Jennifer Martinez produced winning videos about Las Cruces.

City wins 'Telly' awards for film/video production

The Telly Awards has named the City of Las Cruces as the winner of a Silver award (highest honor) and two Bronze awards in the 37th Annual Telly Awards out of more than 13,000 entries from all 50 states and numerous countries. The Telly Awards honor the very best film and video productions, groundbreaking online video content, and outstanding local, regional and cable TV commercials and productions.

The Silver Award was for the Bri Bagwell music video titled "Las Cruces" in the category Online Music Video. The music video was produced by the City's Public Information Office's CLC-TV and

Visit Las Cruces. The award-winning video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/b4cdpboLbOw>.

The music video "Las Cruces" also received a Bronze award in the category of Videography/Cinematography — Videographer Adrian Guzman.

A Bronze award was also received for the Public Service Announcement (PSA) titled "Hit the Trail" in the category Videography/Cinematography produced by the City's Public Information Office's CLC-TV; Videographer Adrian Guzman. The PSA promoted Las Cruces' urban trail system. "Hit the Trail" can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/Y5VQYS4pvoM>.

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4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

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8:30 p.m. Jo Dee Messina (Country)

10 p.m. The Mayor's Welcome Presentation of Colors National Anthem

10:30 p.m. July 4th Annual Fireworks Display

Entrance into the event's area will be from Motel Boulevard only. Tashiro Drive will be closed and used as an exit only.

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Brewery, cold storage facility announce expansions

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

With assistance from the state's economic development closing fund, Pecan Brewery & Spirits LLC and Viking Cold Storage and Transportation plan to expand into Doña Ana County.

They have pledged to create a total of 54 new jobs.

State funding also will be provided for a well in the Santa Teresa Intermodal Park, Martinec announced at an event June 9 at Pecan Grill & Brewery.

'A shot in the arm'

Martinez said the brewery would renovate a building for use as a canning and bottling facility in order to increase the manufacture and export of its signature pecan beer.

"With the new facility they can produce and bottle their famous pecan beer ... increase production and export all over the country and eventually, I believe, all over the world," Martinez said.

She said the brewery would receive \$200,000 from the state's closing fund, the Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) fund, which has grown to \$56 million during the Martinez administration.

Julia Brown, Doña Ana Coun-



Listening as Gov. Susana Martinez announces their businesses will bring new facilities on board are Jennifer Bush of Viking Cold Storage and Tom Springer of Pecan Brewery & Spirits LLC, seated with Doña Ana County Manager Julia Brown.

ty manager, called the growth of Pecan Brewery "a shot in the arm for Doña Ana County and the state of New Mexico."

"We're excited the Springer Group ... made the decision to expand out into the county. It will result in a major infusion of capital and ... good paying jobs,"

she said.

"Tom and Jeanine Springer's first venture, the Pecan Grill & Brewery, opened in December of 2009," a press release stated. "Along with their daughter Ashley Springer, Tom and Jeanine Springer have grown a business they feel brings some-

thing unique to the Mesilla Valley. Employing more than 80 people, they have not only built a business, but a family. They have donated over \$30,000 to families of wounded soldiers and contribute to local fundraisers by giving gift cards."

New life for an old space

Following the event, Tom Springer said the brewery would renovate a severely neglected 20,000-square-foot building on about four acres at 4581 W. Picacho Ave.

Springer, a developer by trade, said: "I'm as excited as anything to take an old building that has been an eyesore for a long time and turning it into something nice."

The Pecan Brewery manufacturing facility will have a space where patrons can view its brews being produced and also an outdoor area where families can enjoy games, food and a place where children can play.

"We are excited for our new addition in Mesilla Valley and our new phase of our growth; we hope to improve both the economy and the family atmosphere that Las Cruces deserves," Ashley Springer said.

Bush family adding facility

Another business that will receive LEDA funds to expand is Viking Cold Storage of Las Cruces, which will build a second facility in Santa Teresa to meet growing demand in southwest

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El Paso, Juarez growth heartening for Las Cruces

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

Trader Joes may be inching closer to Las Cruces — maybe.

Randy McMillan at the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance annual commercial real estate update June 7 hinted the foodies' favorite national grocery chain might be coming to El Paso. He said he'd heard a rumor.

If collective community wishing would make it so, Trader Joes would set up shop in the Sun City and then, in good time, move into Las Cruces as well.

McMillan, principal with NAI 1st Valley, was one of four commercial realtors who examined the tea leaves at the forum. Also speaking were Kary Bulsterbaum of Steinborn TCN Real Estate and Rex Maingot and Pedro Niño of CBRE.

While they cited significant negatives, such as difficulty renting office space that's less than deluxe and the lack of buildings available for manufacturing, their assessment was more positive than it's been in recent years.

Among the winners they listed were multi-family residential and health-

care construction.

"Thank the Lord for Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine," McMillan said. "It's the shining star in our economy."

The university and its Arrowhead Center — as well as nearby properties — are expected to boost Las Cruces' growth, he said.

Retail

Bulsterbaum was bullish on retail, especially on the East Mesa.

"I think we're just a couple of wins away from seeing big retailers want to

pull the trigger on locating out there," he said. "We continue to get a lot of looks from national and regional restaurants. It seems this food thing isn't going to go away any time soon."

He said restaurant operators continue to look hard at the market — with national and regional retailers, including "unique grocers not named Trader Joes, continuing to look at the city."

McMillan was less enthusiastic about progress in the retail sector, which he

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AmberCare hosts Hispanic Chamber



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY ALTA LECOMPTÉ

Christine Logan of the New Mexico Department of Economic Development catches up with Pam Hett of the Hett Agency at the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Mix 'n' Mingle held June 9 at AmberCare, 3870 Foothills Road.

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2-4 p.m.: Pasos para Iniciar su Negocio. Identifique cuales son los pasos a seguir antes de iniciar su negocio. For more information, call 575-527-7676 or visit www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces.

5:30-7:30 p.m.: Part three of a three-part WESST series on how to write a business plan. Springhill Suites, 1611 Hickory Loop. Register online at www.wesst.org, by calling Alicia Garcia at 575-541-1583 or emailing agarcia@wesst.org.

WED 6/29

Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce pool party, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Cost \$5; sponsors free. For sponsorship or event information, contact carrie@nmgreenchamber.com or 323-1575.

FRI 7/1

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Lunch and Learn First Friday, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Pichaco Ave. Topic is how to write a press release with Las Cruces Sun-News' Jason Gibbs and Las Cruces Bulletin's Brook Stockberger. Free and open to the public. Bring a bag lunch.

FRI 8/5

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Lunch and Learn First Friday, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Pichaco Ave. Topic is effective marketing for business and nonprofits with the owner of Sinate Media, Leah Messina. Free and open to the public. Bring a bag lunch.

FRI 9/2

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Lunch and Learn First Friday, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Pichaco Ave. Topic is "What form of business is best for you?" with Executive Director Frank Lopez of Ngage New Mexico. Free and open to the public. Bring a bag lunch.

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Texas, southern New Mexico and Mexico. The company, owned and run by Clay Bush and Jennifer Bush, plans to add 14 jobs.

Martinez said Viking Cold Storage will receive \$140,000 from the closing fund to build its new facility.

Davin Lopez, president and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Develop-

ment Alliance, said when the Bush family opened their business, the state didn't have the right combination of resources to support their needs.

"They did it on their own, a true testament to entrepreneurship," he said. "Now we're actually talking about having the tools available in our toolbox to support eco-

nommic development."

Construction to start in July

Viking Cold Storage and Transportation owns and operates an 80,000 square foot facility on Watson Lane in Las Cruces, which opened in 2009.

In phase 1 of its expansion, Viking Cold Storage will build a 100,000-square-foot facility on almost 14 acres. Construction is expected to start in July in

the new West Park. The project will result in \$13.7 million in new investment. Subsequent phases would expand the facility to 350,000 square feet.

Building in Santa Teresa would bring the business closer to customers

in Mexico and west Texas.

"We've been here since 1993 and we love southern New Mexico," said Jennifer Bush.

She said the business gives her family an opportunity to contribute to the economic well

being of the area.

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This put downward pressure on other assets. As of April, for example, there was \$8 trillion in government debt worldwide paying negative interest rates.

Chris Erickson
State of the Economy



Prior to 2008, no one had foreseen negative interest rates. But in the wake of the Great Recession and the failure to adopt stimulative fiscal policy, central banks have found themselves with no choice but to adopt extraordinary policies.

So far, this has been a vain effort. Europe continues to experience very slow growth and prices are hardly budging, indicating weak markets. Without fiscal stimulus — increased government spending or lower taxes — for which there is no political appetite, negative inter-

est rates remain the best hope for spurring short-term growth.

Low interest rates have the effect of encouraging risk-taking as investors move out of the risk curve, seeking return. That is the good news as it means that businesses can find funding for new product lines or for expansion into new markets.

Whether actually negative as in Europe and Japan or just very low as in the United States, low interest rates can adversely affect the economy. Most obvious is the impact on the bottom lines of financial intermediaries. The negative interest paid on deposits at the ECB or the Bank of Japan undermines banks' profitability. Meanwhile, the assumed 8 per-

cent return used to calculate future pension benefits has become a sad joke. And savers are finding little reward in saving when interest rates are so low.

Even more insidious is the distortion low interest rates give for job creation. Low interest rates incentivize borrowing to purchase machinery to replace labor. The short run dynamics are depressed wages as workers are displaced by machines. Thus low interest rates mean low wages, a dynamic we have seen in the current recovery.

In the long run, the borrowing going on now will result in capital deepening, which should increase productivity and, ultimately, wages. But that long-run prospect is yet in the

future. Indeed, the recent monthly Bureau of Labor Statistics report makes clear that labor market remains very soft despite eight years of recovery.

The ultimate solution is a return to normal interest rates of, say, 4 percent. Achieving that goal has not been easy for central bankers. The three rate increases expected during 2016 as of January have now dwindled to one increase and may turn out to be none.

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described as “holding on.”

“Retail has been flat since 2007 and is down from 1.7 percent (annual) growth to 1.6 percent, which is not a good sign. Before 2007, retail trade regularly jumped 10 percent a year,” he said.

McMillan said retail va-

cancy rates rose slightly last year, in large part because of the closing of Pro's Ranch Market.

On the brighter side, he noted Lohman Avenue “continues to be ground zero” for retail development in Las Cruces.

“Everyone coming to

town wants to be there.”

McMillan said the Walmart Neighborhood Market under construction at Lohman Avenue and Sonoma Ranch Boulevard will create “a good deal of retail development.”

“On the East Mesa, The Game II is going to knock it out of the park,” he said.

He said while popula-

tion has grown on the East Mesa, the availability of goods and services has not kept up.

Housing

Bulsterbaum said housing is off to a great start in 2016, major retailers are giving Las Cruces a look, the medical landscape is evolving and El Paso.

Lot sales and new home

sales are up and there's been a double-digit jump in home sales in 2016, he said. Retirees may be buying again — and new home construction may be recovering from the long, deep recession.

McMillan said building permits for single family homes jumped from 292 to 379, which he said is “a real good sign.”

He said there's a 99 percent occupancy rate for apartments in complexes with 50 units or more.

“If there's a need for construction, that's where it's at,” McMillan said.

He said the only permitted apartment project started this year to date is a 35-unit project by Tierra del Sol. Housing is key to continued economic expansion in Las Cruces, he said.

Office space

Bulsterbaum noted improvements in office lease activity.

There's been a decline in the length of time office space remains on the market; space is being absorbed in half the time it took two years ago, he said. Demand, however, is still confined to high-quality space.

He said the target market for top-quality office space is larger than it had been perceived.

The absorption rate has been healthy and in fact there is pent-up local demand among government contractors and other businesses, he said.

McMillan said the Las Cruces office vacancy rate is 17 percent.

“Office space is tough all over the nation,” he said. “These are pretty good numbers compared with many cities.”

A shortage of well-priced, functional industrial space, however, is limiting the ability of businesses to locate or expand in Las Cruces, Bulsterbaum said. Another drag on economic development, McMillan said, is GRT rates.

“You cannot raise prices and expect growth to increase,” he said.

El Paso

“2015 was the best year ever in home sales in El Paso,” Bulsterbaum said. “The border may be our biggest economic opportunity. Period.”

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North-South baseball teams face off at Field of Dreams

Southern New Mexico all-stars come up just short during series

Bulletin report

The Optimist Club of Las Cruces held the 41st annual Bob Ogas North-South All-Star baseball games showcasing the most talented high school baseball players from around New Mexico on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, at the Field of Dreams. The northern half of Las Cruces brought the big guns Friday night, defeating the southern team 5-0. The South rose again during the first of a doubleheader on Saturday, evening the score with a 5-2 win. But the northern team took the series with an 8-4 victory during the second game on Saturday.

New Mexico State University provided housing for the players and coaches.

Area high schools represented were Las Cruces, Mayfield and Centennial. Coaching the south team was Cody May from Carlsbad High School, and taking the reins for the north team was St. Pius's Mark Hilton of Albuquerque.

The players participated in a home run derby and a skills showcase on June 9, followed by a cook-out for the teams.

A breakfast banquet at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces on Saturday, June 11, featured Tim Haggerty, broadcast/media relations for the El Paso Chihuahuas and coach Brian Green of NMSU as speakers.

The Optimist Club of Las Cruces is a service organization working with community youth since 1961. The all-star event was renamed four years ago for co-founder Bob Ogas, a former Mayfield High School coach and principal.



PHOTO BY SUSIE OUDERKIRK

The best New Mexican high school baseball players came together to duke it out at the Las Cruces Breakfast Optimists Club North-South All-Star games June 10 and 11.



COURTESY PHOTO

Golfers enjoy the greens at New Mexico State University's golf course.

Temperatures not hurting summer golfing

By Billy Huntsman

Summer is the start of the golfing season, and if the midday summer temperatures of Las Cruces have been keeping you away from your favorite course, try going earlier in the mornings or later in the evenings.

NMSU

New Mexico State University's golf course pro says the summer temperatures haven't really impacted business.

"Our local population is pretty used to the heat here," said assistant head pro James Vanderhaven.

Even a hot day can attract 120 paid rounds, while a good day is anywhere between 130 and 200 paid rounds, he said.

The course books tournaments years in advance, Vanderhaven said. The course will have six tournaments before the end of June, each with 50 to 100 players.

"We have weekly leagues Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday," Vanderhaven said. "Those go all summer."

Vanderhaven said the staff at the golf course, which is made up of himself, director of golf, Jason White, as well as some shop assistants are taking care of all business.

White had previously served as the course's head pro before then-director of golf, Ben Koesters, retired effective May 1, 2016.

White subsequently took the position

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of director of golf, and the course is currently in the process of hiring a new head pro.

“We’re profitable every year,” Vanderhaven said, going on to say the course generates more than \$140,000 a year.

Call 646-3219 to book a tee time.

Sonoma Ranch

Sonoma Ranch is recovering nicely after being dropped by the Las Cruces Country Club and coming under the ownership of Sonoma Ranch Partners again, opening to the public once more in late December 2015.

“(Business) has been steadily picking up,” said head pro Vernon Bane. “We’ve seen increased play during the week, especially the weekends, and we have a new twilight special that’s picked up a lot of our afternoon play.”

Bane had previously served as the assistant head pro at the NMSU golf course.

He said there are sporadic tournaments planned at Sonoma Ranch throughout the summer before the tournament season properly starts for that course in September.

“We’re trying to do specials, trying to do things to get people to brave the heat,” Bane said. “Once you’re in the cart, once you get moving, it’s not too bad. The golf course is in good shape and we’re excited to be open to the public again.”

Call 521-1818 to book a tee time.

White Sands

The nine-hole White Sands Missile Range course on the other side of the Organ Mountains is also doing well, said the management, with about 200 paid rounds a week.

A big challenge is that the public thinks the course, as a government-funded amenity, is limited access, affected by New Mexico’s non-compliance with the federal Real ID Act of 2005.

It’s not, however. New Mexico IDs are accepted by the golf course. People who wish to play need only their IDs, proof of insurance and vehicle registration, which they show upon entering the base.

The course is generally never busy, said the management.

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Roller derby



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Chelsea Townsend, 23, aka 'MalliBully Barbie' prevents opposing jammer Chalice Thompson, 35, aka 'Lita-Lita Ho' Beata from scoring with the help of Pam Voltin, 39, 'Maully Marine', Kristi Gottsponer, 36, 'Nikki Six-Shooter', and Rebecca Ryan, 40, 'General Grant Slam'.



The opposing team the Oklahoma City Derby lost the match to local Sucia's 116-257 at Meerscheidt Recreation Center.



Joslene Gomez, 38, aka the 'Venemous DeMilo,' founder of the local league scores the first point against Oklahoma City.

Charlie Blanchard is out of town. His column will return shortly.



Las Cruces youth rider qualifies for rodeo finals

Bulletin report

A Las Cruces student will be competing in the National Junior High Finals Rodeo June 19 through 25 in Lebanon, Tennessee.

Avery Ledesma, a 12-year-old seventh grader at Holy Cross Catholic School earned the right to compete at nationals in barrel racing and ribbon roping. Ledesma placed third in barrel racing and, with her partner Jake Orris, fourth in ribbon roping in the

state. The top four contestants in each event advance to the national competition.

Ledesma will be representing New Mexico at the world's largest junior high rodeo, which was established to bring the sport to 6th, 7th and 8th grade riders, and serves as a feeder system into the high school ranks.

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Local animal advocate group searching for Toto

Bulletin report

In sunny Las Cruces, New Mexico rainbows are not a common sight, but this Christmas season all eyes will be looking to the end of the rainbow and sharing the adventures of two canines whose lives will be changed forever.

A national campaign has been launched to seek out the leading canines for the beloved play, 'The Wizard of Oz,' performed by the Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT).

The Las Cruces Community Theater has selected Kelly Barker of Uncaged Paws to lead the search, called "Finding Toto 2." Barker developed the campaign to use social media to maximize the search and share the candidates and their audition videos with the public so they may also take a leading role in the selection of the canines.

"There are so many charming, loveable dogs in shelters and this is the star search to find the dogs that will take the lead as Toto in the holiday program of the 1939 classic," Barker said.

In the many adaptations, the lead canine Toto has been a terrier. But, LCCT president and "Wizard of Oz" director Janet Beatty-Payne wants to broaden that horizon to ensure that as many suitable candidates can be auditioned for the role. The casting call is open to small to me-



In the film version of "The Wizard of Oz" from 1939, Toto was played by a Cairn terrier named Terry.

dium sized dogs, no more than 35 lbs who have personality, charm, good manners, are quick to learn and are comfortable in crowds with adults and children, said Payne.

"We're casting two dogs to split the role of Toto, for reasons of animal welfare as well as finding homes for not just one dog," said Susie Ouder Kirk, who will be fostering and training the canine actors.

"Homeless animals depend on animal advocates to help them get to the safety of new and loving homes. More than seven and a half million com-

panion pets enter U.S. shelters each year; approximately 3.9 million are dogs," Barker said. "It is our goal to find the two Toto canines, but also to ensure that many other dogs are introduced to potential adopters through their video auditions. The program of Find Toto2 will allow us to tap into the vast animal advocate network who will be casting call spotters for this role. A critical portion of our goal in this campaign is to raise the awareness of adoptable dogs that are in need of new homes."

After the candidates are

chosen they will be transported to Las Cruces, New Mexico, where they will be hosted by their foster family while learning their role with an experienced animal trainer. When the final curtain call has occurred they will begin the interview process for their forever home. In the course of their busy schedule there will be ample opportunities for these furry celebrities as "ambassadors" for shelter pets.

Uncaged Paws is the developer of the New Mexico low cost/free spay-neuter-microchip program of Operation Spot-NM.

"We hope to have concluded the search by July 25 for the next Operation Spot-NM clinic where these lucky canines will be introduced to the community," says Barker.

The contest is open only to dogs that are currently in shelters or are with registered rescue organizations. For each candidate, submit a 3-5-minute video, in good light, which highlights the pet and their winning personalities. The submission is on the Facebook site, Find Toto2. Provide the name of the submitting shelter/rescue contact information. Prizes will be awarded to the winning shelter/rescue that introduces the new Totos.

Find the campaign on Facebook and on Twitter at #FindingToto2.

'Wizard of Oz' auditions are June 26 and 27

Bulletin report

If it's your burning desire to play Dorothy or the Wicked Witch or the Tin Man or the Wizard or any of the other characters in the classic "Wizard of Oz" musical, this could be your chance.

Auditions will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday and Monday, June 26 and 27 at Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT), 313 N. Main St. downtown. Performance dates for the show, directed by Janet Beatty-Payne, are December 2 through 18.

Needed for the show are 15 to 20 males and females from ages 10 to 70. No roles are pre-cast. Children and teens are encouraged to audition for numerous roles as munchkins/flying Monkeys/people of Oz/chorus. Those who audition need to prepare a Broadway-style song to audition for all roles except Dorothy. Girls ages 13 to 23 who want to audition for the role of Dorothy should prepare the song "Over the Rainbow." An accompanist will be provided. A short dance routine will be taught as part of the audition.

Beatty-Payne said she is holding auditions several months before rehearsals will begin "to allow time for all of these amazing costumes to be hand crafted by our wonderful costumers, Robert "Bobcat" Young and Susie Ouder Kirk. It is my mission to create the most beautiful production of Wizard of Oz possible," she said.

The stage musical includes the music and lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg from the 1939 "Wizard of Oz" movie.

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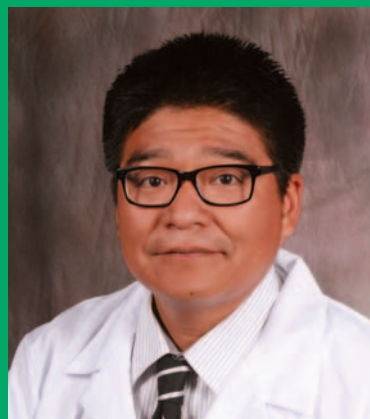
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NAACP Juneteenth banquet

The Doña Ana County NAACP announces the 2016 Annual Juneteenth Banquet featuring guest speakers Las Cruces Police Department Chief Jaime Montoya and U.S. Army Test

and Evaluation Command Operations Director Nicholas Charles at 6 p.m., Friday, June 17 at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Tickets are \$50 and are available by emailing info@naacpdonaana.org or calling 635-7538.

Monthly High Tech Consortium meets

The June High Tech Consortium

(HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, June 17 at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course banquet room, 1274 Golf Club Rd. Speaker is Dr. Griselda Martinez. HTC meetings are open to the public. Meeting attendance (no meal) is \$5 and meeting attendance with meal is \$20.00 (check or cash preferred.) For information call Terry Jack at 522-3868 or Paul Deason at 644-8427.

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largely because of Democratic and Republican presidential primaries that are inspiring new and infrequent voters to head to the polls," said Heath Haussamen, editor and publisher of the Las Cruces-based news organization NMPolitics.net. "The high engagement in this year's elections is encouraging and something I hope continues into the future," he said.

"That's what happens when you have a presidential primary that matters," said Albuquerque pollster Bruce Donisthorpe. "Turnout goes through the roof. People vote in presidential elections. They vote when their vote matters," said Donisthorpe, who has polled many local county and legislative races in the past eight years.

"Our goal is that everyone votes who is qualified, so while I am pleased that so many people voted, I think we have a long way to go to encourage more people to participate in exercising their right to vote," Krahling said.

New Mexico has a closed primary, which means only Democrats can vote in the Democratic primary and only Republicans can vote in the Republican Primary. All registered voters are eligible to vote in the Nov. 8 general election.

With regard to county

commission races that saw incumbent Democrats Wayne Hancock and Dr. David Garcia lose their primaries, Haussamen said, "I don't necessarily think the votes to oust two incumbents ... were solely about those two commissioners. I don't think the sheriff, who endorsed challengers who defeated incumbents in the county commission races, gets the credit either.

"I think Doña Ana County has too often been in the news in recent years for lawsuits that cost taxpayers' money, problems at the jail, political fighting, budgetary problems, and an unpopular tax increase – and voters are tired of it all," Haussamen said. "So they voted for new leadership in both races where they had a say this election cycle. Had the sheriff been on the ballot, the result very well could have been the same for him – and that's true of the other commissioners as well," he said.

Haussamen said he thinks local legislative races "have the potential to affect the balance of power in Santa Fe. Three of four seats that flipped from Democrat to Republican in 2014 to give the GOP control of the New Mexico House for the first time in six decades are located partially or entirely in Doña Ana County. In particular, the race between Republican Andy Nuñez and Democrat Nathan Small could be one of

the most expensive legislative races ever, with oil and gas backing Nuñez and environmental and progressive groups backing Small with campaign donations — and dark money too," he said.

"Two Senate races will also be hotly contested," Haussamen said. "Can Democrat Jeff Steinborn, who gave up his House seat to run for Senate, unseat Republican Lee Cotter? And can Republican Ceil Levatino, who has to give up her Las Cruces City Council seat if she wins, unseat Democrat Bill Soules?"

"The House is more likely to be in play than the Senate, but it's possible control of both cham-

bers will be up for grabs," Haussamen said. "The uncertainty at the top of the ticket surrounding the turmoil in the GOP and their presumptive presidential nominee, and the question of what Democrat Bernie Sanders' supporters will do in November, makes it really difficult to predict how voter turnout will affect down-ballot races," he said.

Donisthorpe said Hillary Clinton was able to defeat Bernie Sanders in the Democratic primary in Doña Ana County and statewide because of her "strong Hispanic base of support. She led Bernie by as much as 40 to 50 points in the Hispanic voting cat-

egory in some of these counties," he said.

Overall, the primary election went smoothly in the county, Krahling said.

"No election is perfect, but we are very happy with how it went overall," he said. "Our office did an excellent job preparing for and anticipating the turnout so that it was a good experience for voters in our community.

"We are excited that so many people participated in this election," Krahling said. "We had many firsts. Memorial Day voting was a huge success as 460 people voted on that day. Many 17-year-olds voted in the primary election. We had user-friendly sample bal-

lots and online tracking of line length available to the public. Free bus rides including Dial-A-Ride services were also available in Las Cruces and throughout the county. This was by far the most exciting election I have run because our staff and poll workers did an excellent job; we witnessed the successes of our outreach program and the tools we implemented for an organized and well run election," he said.

Krahling said Tuesday, Oct. 11, is the last day to register for the Tuesday, Nov. 8 general election.

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Firefox hoops on a horse named Stella during the video shoot of her first Hooping Idol submission.

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HOOPS

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integrate dance and off-the-body movements for more technical and dynamic hooping.

“The most difficult thing about hooping is dedication and consistency,” Firefox said.

She currently performs throughout the southwest along with a dozen other

performers in her troupe Odd-Lab.

Firefox also teaches workshops a couple times a year, and encourages the curious to check out You Tube videos or sign up for Skype lessons.

“I’ve taught kids as young as four, as well as adults in their late 60s,” she said. “Hooping is for everyone.”

Hooping equipment can be found online, but is also relatively simple to make.

To vote and view all of Firefox’s videos, visit her YouTube channel at “Firefox Productions”: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUd3NTvJQAL-bIIdt2h4daiw>.

“I feel incredibly honored to be a part of Hooping Idol 6. The contestants in this Hooping Idol, in particular, have some

amazing technical ability and fantastic flow. It’s a privilege to have made it so far and I hope to continue this journey,” she said. “One of the things that has surprised me the most is the community support that I have received each week during the voting sessions, and the generosity of people who have offered their resources to help bring my vision to life. I truly can’t thank the Las Cruces community along with my friends and family enough for their continued support.”

Come on, Las Cruces. Let’s get this unique performer to the very top by voting on the Hooping Idol 6 website at <http://www.hooping.org/2016/06/hooping-idol-6-season-finale/>.

DOGS

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your massive mutt to the office.

Some people genuinely suffer from cynophobia (fear of dogs), so it’s a good idea to check with co-workers prior to the event. While a growling Rottweiler would certainly cast an imposing figure sitting by the desk, guarding your stapler, it might be unsettling for some co-workers if left unleashed to roam around the water-cooler.

And since dogs love to chew, you should also keep a close eye on him at work to ensure he doesn’t run off with stuff. Just because you steal stationary supplies from the office doesn’t mean your dog should.

While well-behaved dogs visiting many businesses wouldn’t pose any major problems, there are some establishments that are inappropriate for pets. If you work in the fast-food industry, it’s probably best to forgo participation since some

customers tend to frown on fang marks in their cheeseburgers.

Likewise, if you’re employed in the funeral trade, leave your dog at home. There are just some items you don’t want your dog digging up and dragging back to show you. And for goodness sake, don’t take your dog to work if you’re in the boomerang testing business — you’ll drive the poor animal nuts.

Finally, keep in mind that co-workers may also be bringing their dogs to the office, so it’s important that yours can socialize with fellow canines. Your boss won’t appreciate the place looking like a Civil War battlefield at the end of the day.

On the other hand, you don’t want your dog to be too well-behaved. Should the boss ever realize that your dog fetches things more quickly than you and comes running immediately when whistled, Rover may be promoted to your position while you’re demoted to the office dog house.



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Music in the Park



Enjoy an eclectic mix of performances from local, regional and nationally recognized artists

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Music in the Park Series moves to Young Park

The Pic Quik Music in the Park Series moves to Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., for the month of June. All concerts will begin at 7 p.m. on Sunday evenings, and will include an eclectic mix of performances from local, regional and nationally recognized artists.

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June 12
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June 19
Jason D. Williams
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Espuelas de Plata
Mariachi from Las Cruces

June 26
Neal McCowan Band
C&W from Las Cruces
Luke Reed
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- FRI JUNE 17 10:30 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Rhythm Roundup-Music/Dance ages 2-5
- FRI JUNE 17 12:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Teen Yoga
- FRI JUNE 17 3:30 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Library Lab-Stories/Activities ages 6-10
- SAT JUNE 18 1:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Team Anime Anime & Japanese related activity (grades 5-12)
- SAT JUNE 18 1:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Family Game Day
- SAT JUNE 18 • 7:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Compañía Ballet Clásico of UACJ presents La Bayadère
- MON JUNE 20 1:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Moviemaking Monday (grades 5-12)
- MON JUNE 20 2:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Bellydancing (Adult Summer Read Event)
- TUE JUNE 21 10:30 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Read to Me-Storytime ages 1-3
- TUE JUNE 21 6:30 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Branigan BookClub Unfair by Adam Benforado
- TUE JUNE 21** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
EOT: Triple Play of Las Cruces with Craig Rivera, Phil Holmes and Sue Caldwell
- TUE+THU JUNE 21+23 4:00 P.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Teen Game Night-ages 12-18
- WED+THU JUNE 22+23 10:00 A.M.** **BRANIGAN LIBRARY**
Toddler Time-Storytime ages 3-5
- FRI JUNE 24 • 7:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
ACT presents "Adventures on Wild Island & The Chinese Princess"
- SAT JUNE 25 • 1:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
ACT presents "Adventures on Wild Island & The Chinese Princess"
- MON-SAT JUNE 27-JULY 2** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
Missoula Children's Theatre Camp
- FRI JULY 1 • 7:00 P.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
MCT presents "The Jungle Book"
- SAT JULY 2 • 11:00 A.M.** **RIO GRANDE THEATRE**
MCT presents "The Jungle Book"



JAZZ EVENTS

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June 18, 2016 • 7pm

ACT presents "Adventures on Wild Island & The Chinese Princess"
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'The Nerd' surprises and delights at LCCT

By Mike Cook
The Las Cruces Bulletin

If I described a guy as wearing black-framed glasses that had tape on the nosepiece, pants that were too short, suspenders and a bad haircut, you'd say I was talking about a nerd, right?

But looks can be deceiving, so stay until the very end of "The Nerd" at Las Cruces Community Theatre before you make a decision about who exactly Mike Cruz is playing in the part of Rick Steadman.

You'll also need to reserve your judgment about drama critic Axel Hammond (Robert "Bobcat" Young). And, don't be too hasty in making up your mind about the final choices that Willum Cubbert (Joel Fisk) and Tansy McGinnis (Karen BuerdSELL) will make in the show.

You can, however, pretty much take the Waldgraves – Warnock (Victor Zamora), Clelia (Mary Huhmann) and Thor (Alban Huhmann) at face value. Warnock is a very angry businessman, Clelia is his uptight wife and Thor is their terrorizing and terrified child.

The play, written by the late Larry Shue, was first produced in 1981 and ran for 441 performances on Broadway in 1987 and



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Left to right are Robert "Bobcat" Young as Axel Hammond, Joel Fisk as Willum Cubbert, Karen BuerdSELL as Tansy McGinnis, Mary Huhmann as Clelia Waldgrave and Victor Zamora as Warnock "Ticky" Waldgrave in Larry Shue's "The Nerd," which continues for two more weekends at Las Cruces Community Theatre. Not shown is Alban Huhmann, who plays Thor.

1988. It has been an audience favorite in productions around the country, and LCCT's production is no exception. Audiences enjoyed its first three performances this past weekend, and that is sure to continue the next two weekends.

The play is a farce, and director Teddy Aspen-Sanchez (who is himself one of Las Cruces' most original and experienced actors) got it. His actors played the outrageous bits to the hilt – everything from Cruz in a Halloween costume and BuerdSELL in four-inch

(ouch!) red heels to Zamora's escalating rage attacks and Mary Huhmann's plate-smashing ecstasy.

The character of Axel Hammond has the best lines in the show, and Young plays them to the hilt. I knew he was a very talented costumer – he designed and made costumes for "The Explorers Club" that recently finished its run at the Black Box Theatre and for "The Nerd" – but I didn't know he had such good timing or so much sass on the stage. Young also designed the

wonderful set for "The Nerd."

BuerdSELL is another personal favorite of mine. But, I must confess, I didn't recognize her when she first appeared on stage. Her costume and makeup completely changed her appearance and, I think, helped guide her in a hilarious performance.

Cruz amazed me. I remember him in LCCT's recent production of "Shrek, The Musical," which was his first on-stage performance. With the help of Young's costume design, Cruz simply became the nerd in this production – irritating and hilarious. His voice,

his gestures, his posture, everything went right along with his clothes to present the archetypal goofball that Shue so artfully captures in this play.

I've had the pleasure of seeing Fisk in a number of roles in shows like "Shrek, The Musical" and "Slasher" at LCCT. One of the most astonishing features of his performance here is that he's at least 10 years younger than the character he is playing, but you don't notice it. Cubbert is pretty much the straight man in this piece, but Fisk found his comedic moments and made the most of them. And even at his most perplexed and un-

happy, he presented a most appealing character.

I particularly enjoyed Zamora's performance as the angry businessman "Ticky" Waldgrave. His rage built and built and built and was hilarious – especially when he was soaked with water and carrying shoes and covered with cottage cheese and just carrying on.

Real-life mother and son Mary and Alban Huhmann were delightful as pretend mother and son in this show. Mary, in her first show at LCCT, was a wonderful hysteric; Alban, who has performed in a number of children's theatre productions in Las Cruces, was terrific as a loud and irritating problem child who becomes the victim of a Halloween monster, a room full of people with paper bags on their heads and other misunderstandings.

Other crew members included stage manager Jessica Jimenez and Young's assistant and set crew member Rabbitt Loring. Daniel Aguilar did the light design and director Aspen-Sanchez the sound design.

There are six more performances of "The Nerd" at LCCT, 313 N. Main St. downtown. They are Fridays and Saturdays, June 17 and 18 and 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. and Sundays, June 19 and 26 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$11 for students, senior citizens and active-duty military; \$9 for children age 6 and under; \$10 per ticket for groups of 10 or more; and \$5 for "rush" tickets to students with valid IDs 15 minutes before curtain time if seats are available.

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'The Real Thing' opens June 17 at Black Box Theatre

By Mike Cook
The Las Cruces Bulletin

No Strings Theatre Company presents the Sir Tom Stoppard play "The Real Thing" beginning Friday, June 17 and continuing through Sunday, July 3 at Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. in downtown Las Cruces.

The play stars Josh Taulbee as Henry and Nora Brown as Annie, Henry's second wife. Eric Brekke plays Max, Annie's first husband; Jamie Bronstein is Charlotte, Henry's first wife; and Ellie Hernandez plays Debbie, the daughter of Henry and Charlotte. Abe España plays Billy, a young actor; and Sean Murphy plays Brodie, a young activist; both have important roles in Annie's life.

Black Box co-owner Ceil Herman directed the play. Her husband and theatre co-owner Peter Herman designed the lights and sets for the production. Karen Ross is the stage manager and Bekka Riley is the light board operator.

"I have loved Tom Stoppard's playwriting since seeing 'The Real Inspector Hound' in London," said director Ceil Herman. "His style is witty, smart and fun. Peter and I were also fortunate to see the Tony award-winning production of

"The Real Thing" on Broadway, and we have seen it several times since then. It's been on my list of plays to direct since opening our theatre in 2000. I think is very wise and has so much to say about relationships in general and the games some people play within those relationships. I think the play is an excellent one to round out our season, and I hope our audiences will enjoy it as much as we do," she said.

In his review for The New York Times, Frank Rich wrote that "The Broadway version of 'The Real Thing' – a substantial revision of the original London production – is not only Mr. Stoppard's most moving play, but also the most bracing play that anyone has written about love and marriage in years."

"I'm a great admirer of his, always have been," said Las Cruces playwright Mark Medoff of Stoppard. Medoff's play "Children of a Lesser God," won the 1980 Tony award for best play.

"The Real Thing" was first produced in London in 1982. Its first production on Broadway earned the play the 1984 Tony award for best play, along with the Drama Desk Award for outstanding new play and the New York Drama Critics' Circle

Award for best play. It also won the 2000 Tony and Drama Desk Award for best revival of a play.

Some of the best-known names on the Broadway and London stage have starred in The Real Thing, including Glenn Close, Jeremy Irons, Christine Baranski, Ewan McGregor, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Cynthia Nixon. Many have won Tony awards for their performances.

"The Real Thing" examines what Tom

Stoppard saw as an element he had neglected in his previous plays: the ability to show what keeps couples together or rips them apart, and it is highly self-reflective," said Ceil Herman. "The main character, Henry, is a playwright and we quickly see all the insecurities and suspicions that make up his fragile ego. The main problem is that Henry has been

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NM Vintage Wines offering live music in June

Bulletin report

NM Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Principal in Mesilla, has booked six musical acts (and more) for the upcoming June weekends. Friday, June 17 Steve Selby brings his high energy original saxophone rock and jazz. Blue Gramas, an old-time Appalachian fiddle group plays bluegrass and country favorites, including original songs on Saturday, June 18, and on Sunday, June 19, singer/songwriter Jamie O'Hara performs.

The following weekend's entertainment includes Double Clutchers, a New Mexico-based rockabilly act fresh from their California tour, who share their original music and popular covers on Friday, June 24. A special Pride celebration takes place Saturday, June 25 with special guests and extras, featuring Rick Hernandez playing acoustic guitar favorites. And on Sunday, June 26, Soulshine performs their unique rock, pop, folk, soul and country acoustic music.

All Friday and Saturday night events begin at either 7 or 8 p.m., and run until about 10 p.m. Sunday performances start at 2 p.m. and rock on until 4 or 4:30 p.m. The musical entertainment is always free. For information, call 523-9463 or visit www.nmvintagewines.com.



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Left to right: Tamara Stimatze, Kaleigh Jones and Anna Bauer enjoy a glass of wine at NM Vintage Wines, Beers and Cigars, while celebrating Stimatze's near completion of her Ph.D in Experimental Psychology from NMSU.

Puzzles

CRYPTOQUIP

THIS IS A SIMPLE SUBSTITUTION CIPHER IN WHICH EACH LETTER USED STANDS FOR ANOTHER. IF YOU THINK THAT X EQUALS O, IT WILL EQUAL O THROUGHOUT THE PUZZLE. SOLUTION IS ACCOMPLISHED BY TRIAL AND ERROR.

Clue: P equals O

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VPE SOOV PV LWKXYVB K

TPXLOF PQ QPPM, DOFFOM

"TDVK! KFF TDVK!"

SCRAMBLERS

UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS WITHIN EACH RECTANGLE TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS. THEN REARRANGE THE BOXED LETTERS TO FORM THE MYSTERY WORD, WHICH WILL COMPLETE THE GAG!



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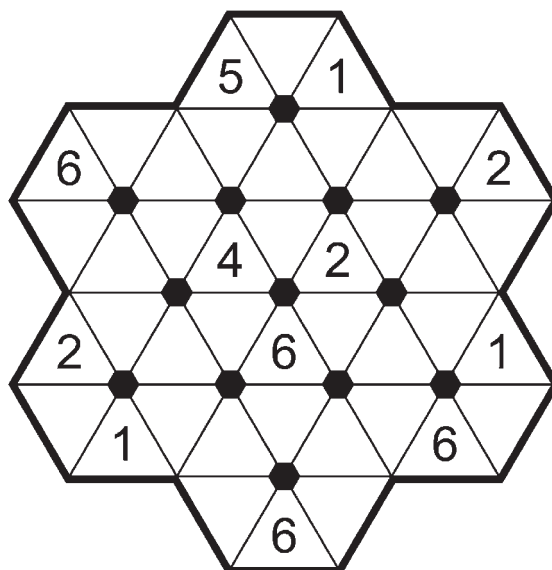
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TODAY'S WORD

SNOWFLAKES By Japheth Light



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

THERE ARE 13 BLACK HEXAGONS IN THE PUZZLE. PLACE THE NUMBER 1-6 AROUND EACH OF THEM. NO NUMBER CAN BE REPEATED IN ANY PARTIAL HEXAGON SHAPE ALONG THE BORDER OF THE PUZZLE.

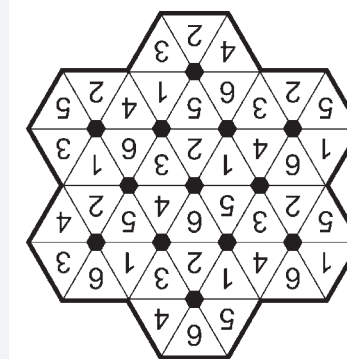
PUZZLE ANSWERS

The greedy talking starling, not keen on sharing a morsel of food, yelled "Myna! All myna!"

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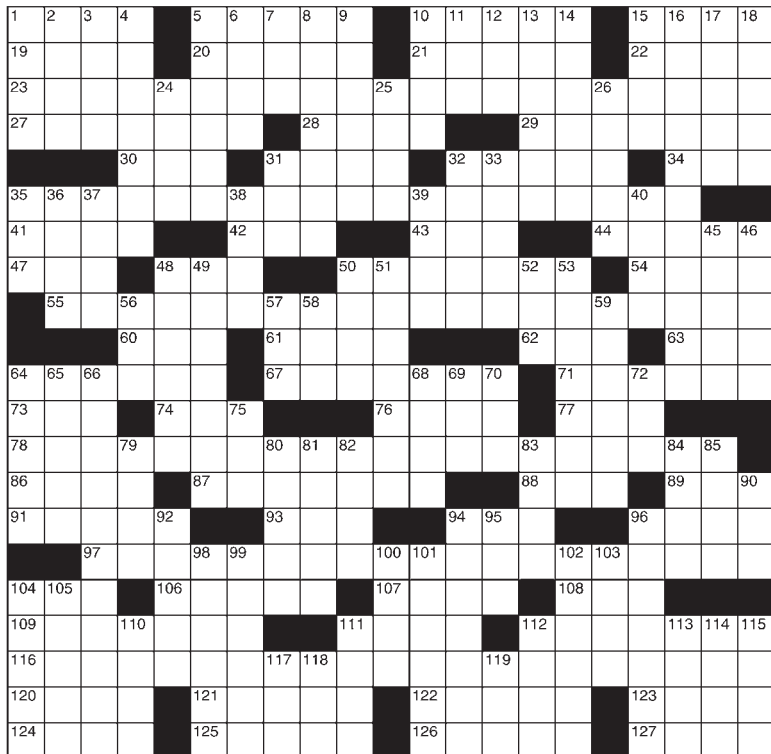
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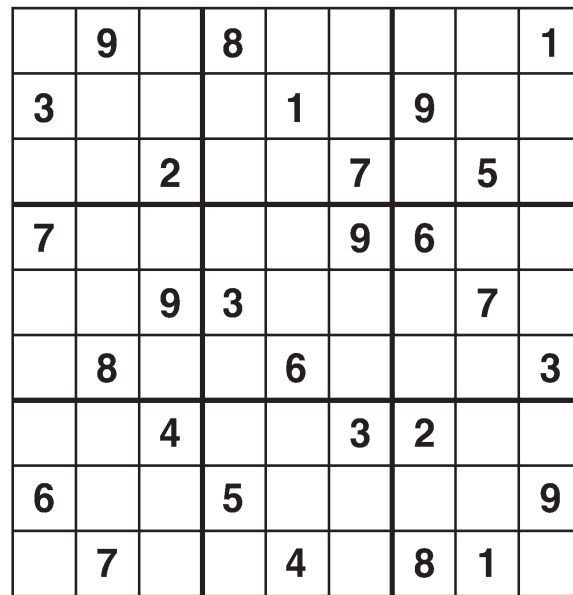
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- ACROSS
1 Mrs. Alfred Hitchcock
5 Had an expectation
10 "C'est moi," in English
15 Car financing co., once
19 Malicious
20 Greater than
21 Of film sound effects
22 Quiet stretch
23 Start of a riddle
27 Like potatoes
28 — a soul (nobody)
29 Coagulated
30 Similar to
31 Have — (know the right person)
32 Online letter
34 Serpent follower
35 Riddle, part 2
41 Wields
42 Kitten sound
43 Flatow or Glass of radio
44 SeaWorld attractions
47 Minivan driver, often
48 Geol., e.g.
50 Smart guy
54 Purview
55 Riddle, part 3
60 Many millennia
61 Thrill rider's inhalation
62 Thrown object's path
63 Grafton's "— for Evidence?"
64 Graph anew
67 Riddle, part 4
71 Jim who played Ernest P. Worrell
73 Smelter input
74 Lit syllable
76 Blockhead
77 Is, pluralized
78 Riddle, part 5
86 Befuddled
87 Poison in many murder mysteries
88 Some small batteries
89 Bam bird
91 Bird homes
93 Flamboyant stole
94 Actress Grier
96 Soft cheese
97 End of the riddle
104 "Hostel" director Roth
106 Besmirch
107 "May — a favor?"
108 "Gloria in excelsis —"
109 Making out
111 "— all know ..."
112 Buildup of unfinished work
116 Riddle's answer
120 Lead-ins to big days
121 Elvis hit, e.g.
122 Bang or pop matter
123 Cardinal and cherry
125 Auto type
126 "Eew!"
127 \$1,000 units, in slang
DOWN
1 Doubtful
11 To boot
12 35mm camera option
13 Resident of Islam's spiritual center
14 Cornea coverer
15 Overfill
16 Like a triplex
17 Patriot Ethan
18 Bonnie's pal
24 Sch. for the Bruins
25 Novelist Sarah — Jewett
26 Manuscript leaf
31 Yes vote
32 Zimbalist of "The F.B.I."
33 Marlins' city
35 "Tasty!"
36 With 113-Down, recently
37 Pixar's lost clown fish
38 "Jake and —" (comedy Web series)
39 River to the Seine
40 Trapped like —
45 Cliffside nest
46 Full of lip
48 Suave
49 Situated in the middle
50 Long (for)
51 Blocked
52 Comic actress Gasteyer
53 Blissful state
56 Buddhism, e.g.: Abbr.
57 John Deere Classic org.
58 Dorm leaders, for short
59 Wolfs (down)
64 "Mr. Bean" star Atkinson
65 Wipe chalk from
66 Ale brand until 2011
68 Put on
69 Nabokov's longest novel
70 Male issue
72 Stephen of "Stuck"
75 "— ideas?"
79 Like a Mass: Abbr.
80 African land
81 From here — (henceforth)
82 Ampule, e.g.
83 Poet's foot
84 Kin of "me neither"
85 Leia, to Luke
90 Piano piece
92 Bridal gown fabric
94 Sit to be painted by, perhaps
95 "Great" bird
96 Schoolchild's burden
98 Dances with dipping
99 Squirm
100 Menu choice
101 Deviating off course
102 "My Cup star Runneth Over" singer
103 Bi- plus octa-
104 Go in
105 Go out
110 Hug go-with
111 Port city of Yemen
112 Firm cheese
113 See 36-Down
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115 Places to lift
117 Tally (up)
118 Long of "Premonition"
119 2016 Olympics city

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

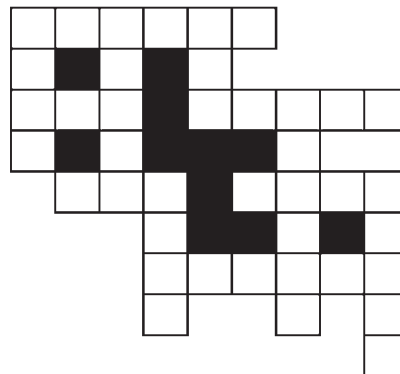
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FEAR KNOT By RJ Johnson

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

* It was 19th-century mathematician and philosopher William Kingdon Clifford who made the following sage observation: "It is wrong always, everywhere, and for anyone, to believe anything upon insufficient evidence."

* Thanks to stories of Robin Hood, most people have heard of King Richard the Lion-Hearted. He wasn't much of a king, though; he spent only about six months in England, and he didn't even speak English.

* If you have the great good fortune to take a cruise along the length of the Danube River — Europe's second-longest — you'll hear seven languages spoken along the banks as you travel.

* Just a couple of hours southwest of Indianapolis, you'll find the town of Vincennes, Indiana, home to the Backyard Roller Coasters. This is where John Ivers, a blue-collar worker, decided he wanted to build a roller coaster in the backyard of his home off Highway 41 — and he didn't let his lack of an engineering background stop him. The thrilling 10-second ride was completed in 2001, and in 2006 those with less nerve got their own, tamer coaster on the same site. The coasters are open to the public, so visitors can try out either (or both) of the rides by making an appointment.

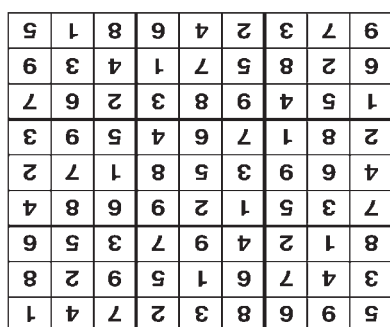
* You may be surprised to learn that an elephant is 40 to 50 years old before all of its teeth come in.

* Aside from being well-known conquerors, what did Alexander the Great and Napoleon have in common? They both hated cats.

PUZZLE ANSWERS



FEAR KNOT



WEEKLY SUDOKU



SUPER CROSSWORD

Thought for the Day

"Man can be the most affectionate and altruistic of creatures, yet he's potentially more vicious than any other. He is the only one who can be persuaded to hate millions of his own kind whom he has never seen and to kill as many as he can lay his hands on in the name of his tribe or his God."

— Benjamin Spock

‘Miles Ahead’ is miles beyond reality and interest

By Jeff Berg
For the Bulletin

So, instead of an honest look at the real life and work of famed trumpeter and musician, Miles Davis, director, co-writer, and star Don Cheadle gives us a totally fictional look at what he thinks Davis would have wanted in this picture.

Turns out that Cheadle feels that Davis would be best portrayed (in his “lost” years) as a present day ‘gangsta,’ offering that Cheadle was more interested in sex, drugs, and guns than an actual movie. It gets so ludicrous that one might wait for this version of Miles Davis to be the first Rap trumpeter.

Giving Cheadle some credit applies here, since it must be quite hard to summarize the life of a great artistic genius of any of the arts- filmmakers, actresses and actors (a bit easier here, since you can add a variety of film clips), writers, etc. and he does do a pretty fair job at portraying some of the actualities of Davis’s life.

But he also misplaces the timeline, presenting the story in the late 70s, a time when Davis mostly retired.

This version of Davis is a man who lopes around his massive apartment/studio, doing drugs, coming on to women, bopping a writer representing Rolling Stone Magazine who lies his way into Gangsta Davis’s life, drinking, and making angry calls to schmoozy radio stations de-



COURTESY PHOTO

Don Cheadle stars as Miles Davis in “Miles Ahead,” the offering at the Fountain Theatre the week of June 17. It runs for about 100 minutes.

manding that they play his early work rather than the new stuff while having throwback memories about his former wife, Frances, who he, of course, used and abused, but loved anyway.

Also at issue here is a copy of the new tape that Davis has done but not surrendered to Columbia Records for review and pressing. It becomes, sort

of, the mission of Dave Braden, said writer, played by Ewan McGregor, to A) do a story on Davis’s alleged about to happen ‘comeback’ and B) get his mitts on the tape.

Failing this, but setting it up for the slime bucket who is Davis’s manager, who is, going to do what with it? We don’t know and it is too difficult and boring to try and figure out.

After the tape is pilfered, Davis and Braden again become allies, chasing the bad guys down the streets of New York, with a fair amount of gun play, which makes the last third of this unimaginative and silly picture just a ruse for another bad buddy movie, replete with guns and coke spoons.

A much more interesting story might come from wife

Frances’ career, which, at least in this picture, seems ill-fated and not given much credence.

‘Miles Ahead’ is a major disappointment on almost all fronts. As Davis himself once said, “For me, music and life are all about style.”

Not much of that here, I’m sorry to say. If you are smart, you’ll stay miles away from this uneven and untrue film.

‘THE REAL THING’ FROM PAGE B5

writing about romance but can’t seem to experience it. The premise is that he’s looking for ‘the real thing’ and thinks he has found it. Apparently it’s not that easy and this makes for great repartee and wonderful sarcasm. There are also tucked-in references to other plays and the use of a staged play within a play echoes the search for the real thing,” she said.

Stoppard, who turns 79 in July, was born Tomáš Straussler in Zlín,

Czechoslovakia. He won the 1968 and 1976 Tony awards respectively for best play for “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead” and “Travesties. His other plays include “Arcadia,” “Night and Day,” “Beyond Therapy,” “The Invention of Love” and “Shakespeare in Love.” His script adaptation of “Shakespeare in Love” won the 1998 Oscar for best original screenplay.

The art exhibit by Margaret Bernstein in the lobby of the Black Box

Theatre is titled “Orange You Glad You Came.”

Performances of “The Real Thing” are Fridays, June 17 and 24 and July 1 and Saturdays, June 18 and 25 and July 2 at 8:00 p.m.; Sundays, June 26 and July 3 at 2:30 p.m.; and a Thursday, June 30 evening performance at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 regular admission and \$10 for students and seniors over age 65. All seats on Thursdays are \$8. Season tickets are on sale for NSTC’s 2016-2017 season. For reservations and more information, call 523-1223. Visit www.no-strings.org.

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Peace Camp set to run June 27 through July 1

Bulletin report

Peace Village of Las Cruces is a non-profit organization that hosts Peace Camp, an interfaith, multicultural day camp that provides an inclusive environment in which children learn the message and practices of nonviolence and peacemaking from various world traditions in a fun and cooperative atmosphere. Peace Camp welcomes children from all spiritual and cultural traditions entering grades 1 through 8. "Peace Camp is fully volunteer-staffed with local youth receiving training and

stipends to work as Team Leaders (counselors) during the week of camp," said Renee Beltran, the Peace Camp summer coordinator. "Each year, Peace Camp is located at different locations within the liberal faith community of Las Cruces."

This year Peace Camp takes place from 8:30 to 3 p.m., Monday, June 27 through Friday, July 1, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, located at 2000 S. Solano Drive.

For information, call Renee Beltran at 635-6683.

SUMMER CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Vacation Bible School at Bethel Bible Fellowship

The 2016 Vacation Bible School (VBS) "The Ultimate Adventure with Jesus" is daily from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24 at 890 Stern Drive for children entering kindergarten through fifth grade. The program is free, but please register to reserve a spot at <http://vbsslascruces.com/> or call 523-9227.

8/1 Construction Challenges \$15
8/1 Lego Mania \$10
Storytime Tuesdays are free.

Courses which do not meet minimum enrollment requirements by seven days before the first day of class will be cancelled. For more details, visit <http://vbsslascruces.com/> or call 523-9227.

The Saint James youth group

Members of the St. James youth group are involved in many facets of the St. James worship services, participating as acolytes, choir members, lectors, altar guild, and as ushers. Teen group activities include: prayer, Bible study, Christian rock concerts, movie nights, games, holiday parties, hiking/outdoor field trips, messy games night (not for the squeamish or faint of heart), weekend lock-downs with focused worship, plus Camp Stoney summer camps. Ages within the group range from middle-school to college.

All denominations are welcome. For more information, contact: Youth-Group@StJamesLasCruces.org.

Cornerstone Baptist Church vacation Bible school

Cornerstone Baptist announces VBS from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday, August 1 at 5301 Cortez Ave. This weeklong event is free and open to the public. Games, skits and Bible lessons. To learn more call 532-0902 or go to <http://www.cornerstn.org/home.html>

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools Summer Camps

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools is offering several sports and STEM camps this summer.

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Chris Cowan, Youth Director

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A toast to Trost

Editor's note: This is part one of a two-part series.

By Eric Liefeld
For the Bulletin

For the first third of the 20th century, the acclaimed El Paso architectural firm of Trost & Trost designed most of the important buildings in the southwest—and many of the important buildings in the Mesilla Valley. Visionary designer Henry C. Trost was a contemporary of Frank Lloyd Wright, and both were influenced by Chicago architect Louis Sullivan, who is often referred to as the spiritual father of American architecture. Trost & Trost had an outsized impact on the architecture of the southwest, with many influences visible in our modern buildings today. Unfortunately, most of the firm's records were lost, and while some communities have capitalized on their Trost & Trost architectural heritage, many buildings designed by the firm in the Mesilla Valley have remained obscure or have been lost to demolition.

Mesilla Valley Preservation, Inc. (MVP) has been researching both surviving and lost Trost & Trost architecture seeking proof of attribution. In just a few years, MVP has literally doubled the known list of Trost & Trost buildings in the Mesilla Valley.

Born in 1860 in Toledo, Ohio, Trost worked with

Trost & Trost structures

MVP has now been able to verify well over 30 Trost & Trost structures in the Mesilla Valley — both standing and lost — including:

- The John O. Miller House (aka The Pink House) on University Avenue, built in 1908 (demolished in 2008)
- The Francis E. Lester mail order house on Union Avenue (demolished)
- The H.B. Holt House
- The Winfred E. Garrison House
- The Frank Hayner House
- Mesilla School (1910, now the Mesilla Community Center)
- Mesilla Park School (1907, now the Frank O. Papen Community Center)
- Doña Ana, Rincon, Berino Schools
- Porter House
- Price family houses
- Gadsden High School
- The Rouault Hotel (later the Herndon Hotel) at the corner of Main St. and Griggs, built in 1913 (demolished)
- The Manasse Building, Main St. and Griggs (demolished)
- The Masonic Temple at the corner of Griggs and Church Street, built in 1911 (demolished)
- The Armory on Griggs St., just west of Alameda Boulevard (demolished)
- Central School, built in 1905, and additions (demolished)
- Grandview School (later the East Ward School and Bradley Elementary) between Lohman Avenue and Amador (demolished)
- Lucero School later North Ward School (demolished)
- Alameda School (demolished)
- Loretto Academy, Lohman Avenue, east and west Mission Revival additions (demolished)



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The two-story Hotel Rouault, at Griggs Ave. and Main Street, would later become the Herndon Hotel. The building directly to the south (right) of it on Main Street was the Manasse building, which MVP has verified as another Trost & Trost design.

several architectural firms in Kansas and Colorado, spending influential time in Chicago between 1888 and 1896 when the city was undergoing tremendous growth and rebuilding after the great fire of 1871. He moved to Tucson, Arizona in 1899, where many distinctive structures bear his name.

He moved to El Paso in 1903 to join his brothers Gustavus and Adolphus and his nephew George to form Trost & Trost. Their timing could not have been better. El Paso was booming, and Trost & Trost rapidly helped transform the sleepy adobe town with reinforced concrete skyscrapers to support new business activity. New Mexico was near the end of its long quest for statehood, and every community (no matter how small) had to erect schools to demonstrate that the state was properly educating its children. Every school needed an architect to draw up plans, and often manage the construction process itself.

Unlike many architects who stayed within a single recognizable style, Trost was at home in diverse architectural styles popular at the time. For this reason, his designs can sometimes be difficult to recognize. Trost & Trost designed everything from brick and reinforced concrete skyscrapers and hotels, to comfortable homes, schools, and other private and munic-

ipal buildings. He was also one of the first green designers, building in what he called his "Arid Southwest" design aesthetic to make the best of the southwestern climate. As a symbol of his versatility, Trost designed several Mesilla Valley buildings from the native adobe. Trost & Trost single-handedly established the look of the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts (now NMSU) and the Texas College of Mines (now UTEP). To this day much of the firm's iconic architecture still defines the downtown El Paso skyline.

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Space sup(Port) America

By Carol Buschick
Special to the Bulletin

As a little girl I wanted to go up into space, see what the stars looked like up close. See Mars. Were there really little green people up there? I wrote short stories about traveling in space years before the term “astronaut” was adopted by NASA in 1959. I told people I was from Mars.

Taking the free tour of Spaceport on April 2, on the high desert between Hatch and Truth or Consequences, I got the feeling of being just a little bit closer to my favorite planet. I was thrilled to actual tears.

The desert landscape seemed flat, but actually rolled and after topping a small ridge, I spotted what appeared to me a couple large mounds of sand nestled in a depression of the desert floor. Then these mounds began to take shape, the shape of two huge unworldly space ships huddled together on the ground. The east facing semi-circle of continuous windows provide a panoramic view of the San Andres Mountains

rising from the vast expanse of desert. When on the outside looking in you can only see the brilliant reflection of the sky, the mountains, the desert, the runways, plane and people on the ground. You wonder, what is inside?

There is no other structure in the world like Spaceport America. The way it sets into the landscape, its lines flowing simply, gracefully defining its new and future purpose is a vision of power, purpose, intention, accomplishment, hope and majestic beauty.

The tour was guided into a huge hangar where our focus was drawn to Virgin Galactic, a mock-up of the space vehicle that will carry scientists, businessmen and civilians who just want the experience of traveling into space.

The most lucrative and life enhancing benefit of this program will be when commercial space ships begin to deploy satellites that will bring better, faster communication, research, education, security and much more to the people.

A beautiful, inspiring, informative video and lecture presentation by Aaron Prescott, Spaceport Business Manager, gave visitors a comprehensive overview of past, present and future purposes and goals of Spaceport America. Generous time for questions and answers revealed great enthusiasm for the project.

The brain child of Sir Richard Branson, Virgin Galactic is a major commercial space travel tenant preparing for the next manned launch from Spaceport. The present cost of a ticket is \$250,000. Over 700 potential patrons have already purchased seat on the six-passenger, two-crew SpaceShip Two.

After a devastating setback with SpaceShip One's crash, killing the co-pilot and severely injuring the pilot, the project is back on track with the next manned test flight scheduled for the summer of 2017. The building of SpaceShip Two will have improved automation, safety features and fuel to insure a safer flight.

The launch is not by rocket. A double bodied jet carrier aircraft known as “White Knight Two” with four engines and wings carries SpaceShip Two up to 50,000 feet. At this altitude the space ship is deployed, its rocket engine is ignited, powers up to 2600 miles per hour and reaches a height of about 70 miles above Earth's surface. You are now in outer space.

At this point the engine has been cut, the wings of the ship are adjusted and the decent to Earth begins. Further wing adjustments slow the descent and allow SpaceShip Two to glide onto a runway at Spaceport and you are home. Your



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Spaceport

roundtrip flight into space has taken approximately two hours. Thank you for flying Virgin Galactic today.

Sometimes I hear people say, “New Mexico should stop its financial support of Spaceport and cut its losses.” But there is so much to be gained by continuing the support. So many more improvements in our daily lives—our increased longevity, health, comforts and well-being as a people, a nation—can be credited to the ingenuity and inventions developed through the space programs.

Medical devices, nutrition, safety equipment, advances in communication, clean energy such as solar, better, stronger building materials, safer road and runway surfaces, better and safer sports and recreational gear, better clothing for various climates, satellite TV, GPS devices, more knowledge of our planet and universe. Would you believe freeze dried ice cream and other frozen treats? Yummm.

To stop support of Spaceport is to stop future benefits to our lives in New Mexico.

While at Spaceport, I asked Christine Anderson, chief executive officer, and Tammara Anderson, director of business development how New

Mexico—particularly southwestern New Mexico—benefitted from the Spaceport development. Their number one answer was: “Job!”

Twenty-eight New Mexico companies have sub-contracted for site development, construction of facilities and utility installation; as well as various vendors through “Follow the Sun” tours.

Currently, 50 full-time employees work at Spaceport in science, technology, research, training and operations. More hiring will occur as launches are scheduled. This phase just took a big step forward as Spaceport has signed a contract with EXOS Aerospace Systems & Technologies, Inc., of Caddo Mills, Texas, for a five-year launch partnership. EXOS is focusing on enhancing research opportunities for pharmaceutical markets. They plan to launch their first payload flight later this year.

On April 1 of 2016, students from the University of Southern California transported the rocket, Fathom, they designed and built to New Mexico for launching. These students are members of the “Rocket Propulsion Group” within the department of astronautical engineering. Their launch was a success, but the rocket did not reach

the height they had hoped it would. More of these experiments are expected to come to the port.

Spaceport has influenced and helped develop curriculum in space-related studies at University of New Mexico and NMSU. Student tours scheduled from Dona Ana and Sierra counties brought more than 2000 sixth-graders to visit the port since September, 2015.

Business owners in Hatch, Truth or Consequences and Elephant Butte say they are seeing positive effects due to business from Spaceport's needs, personnel and visitors. Las Cruces is also experiencing the financial benefits.

Once again, New Mexico has achieved an historic first in progress. The 47th (and fifth-largest) state in the Union has an amazing history and a most progressive, promising future in the United State of America. Spaceport America is on its way. What an amazing journey it will provide for New Mexico and mankind.

For me, all of this means it may be possible for the oldest wish on my bucket list to come true. All I have to do is buy a winning lottery ticket and run up to Spaceport American to buy my ticket. Beam me up, Scotty!

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Use common sense with horses

The electric light parade is coming up here in Las Cruces. My thoughts turn to my experience driving our pony in it with a dear friend riding in the cart beside me. Another friend ended up walking with us to help reassure our pony, Andy. You see, that nighttime parade pushed every possible equine instinct for fight or flight to the limit.

I should have realized that fact, but I had never watched the parade before. From fireworks going off to neon-covered children to a hail storm – Andy faced a barrage of triggers. We had also, unfortunately, ended up with the fire engine behind us wailing its sirens, flashing its lights and honking its horn. Heck, it scared the willies out of me! Andy had cotton pressed into his ears and was covered in lavender oil. We all survived.

But survival is exactly the goal for horses in any questionable situation. They are prey animals. In the wild, their instincts act to prevent them becoming a meal. In the stable, with trusted people, they know they are not likely to be preyed upon. On the trail (or in a parade in the dark), the like-



Katharine Lark Chrisley
Stable Woman

lihood of something frightening happening is palpable. Horses will flee suddenly from a perceived threat simply because their deep seated instincts can override their trust and training.

That feeling you had as a child of needing to race across the dark bedroom and leap into bed (as if something under the bed might grab you) is the exact way a horse can feel when he sees an unfamiliar object or hears a flapping plastic bag. Familiarization (as opposed to desensitization) can help a horse become less reactive. We will start popping bubble wrap in our stable yard soon. Slowly at first, then in succession (like firecrackers), it will help the horses be less startled on the 4th of July.

Knowing this instinctive response is possible with horses, it becomes simple common sense to do things like wear a helmet when riding, tie horses with quick release knots, wear sturdy shoes or boots around them and never allow lead ropes or lines to wrap

around body parts.

If you build trust into your schooling of a horse, he will look to you for direction when he gets worried. If he fears you, he will want to get away from both you and the scary situation.

There is a saying, “green on green makes black and blue” and it refers to inexperienced riders on untrained horses. Many people will get a young horse for a child to “grow up with” as they might do with a puppy or kitten (and I have reservations about that as well). The small animal ends up at risk in that partnership – with a horse, the child becomes endangered. Common sense dictates that in all equine/human relationships, one of the pair needs to have some proper experience.

So, this 4th of July we will turn on all the lights in the stable yard. We will use lavender essential oil and frankincense oil to help the horses cope. I will even have tranquilizer available because we cannot predict what all will go on in the neighborhood. We will do our best to protect our precious horses from the fireworks that can be so terrifying

to them. They cannot help but feel threatened. Their instincts for survival dictate their feelings (if you have neighbors with animals, please consider them this holiday).

And, I will only drive sweet Andy in day time parades!! And I will always wear my helmet.

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Digital cadaver lets students visualize anatomy clearly



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Arrowhead Park Medical Academy teacher Kris Vaudrey works with the image from a digital cadaver.

By Elva K. Österreich
Las Cruces Bulletin

The folks at Anatomage took a frozen cadaver, sliced it thin and scanned the slices into their machine. Then they did it again and again, finally creating digital versions of human beings good enough to study for students at all levels of their human anatomy learning.

At Arrowhead Park Medical Academy (APMA), a public charter school for high school students interested medical fields, the digital cadaver provides teacher Kris Vaudrey an opportunity not only to teach effectively but to inspire imaginations.

The “skin” on the digital bodies, one male and one female, is an animated drawing so it doesn’t resemble real people, but what is under the skin is the real deal from adipose tissue (fat), to the skeleton in a variety of choices – opaque hard tissue, transparent hard tissue,

x-ray or transparent soft tissue.

As an example, Vaudrey pulls up an image of the kidneys, they float there on the table, just waiting for somebody to explore more. Then he can touch the digital scalpel, draw a line through one of the kidneys and turn it on the touch screen to examine what is inside. The image can be enlarged, moved and adjusted by the touch of a finger or three.

“It’s basically a massive computer with a huge graphics card,” Vaudrey said.

All his classes, from basic freshman levels to accelerated learning anatomy, can learn from the table. The new Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine even takes its students over to APMA to work with the table on occasion.

And the images from the table can be digitally viewed from anywhere on campus, Vaudrey said. And he doesn’t have to be at the table it-

self to manipulate the images, he can do it on a big screen in front of the students.

According to the Anatomage website, “The Anatomage Table is the most technologically advanced anatomy visualization system for anatomy education and is being adopted by many of the world’s leading medical schools and institutions.”

The table plays right into the mission of the whole school, Vaudrey said.

“The goal is to expose students to all the different options,” he said. “There are so many pathways for them – nursing, pre-med, physical therapy. Some of our students will go on to DACC (Doña Ana Community College) to become certified nursing assistants or get two-year certificates as radiography techs.”

Basically, Vaudrey said, the mission is to graduate students into medical fields, who will stick around in the community.

La Casa initiative aims to make community safer

By Sara Armijo
For the Bulletin

Domestic violence and abuse is a public health issue that affects everyone in the community, not only the victims. Based on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) it is estimated that in Doña Ana County over

the next year there will be 7,875 victims of domestic violence or abuse with a cost to the local economy of \$5.5 million dollars.

La Casa Inc. is the only provider of emergency shelter and comprehensive support services for victims of domestic

violence in Doña Ana County. For 35 years La Casa has provided this service to the community and continued help is needed.

Because domestic violence affects the whole community, the only way to make progress in the battle to end the violence and abuse is to come together and address the problem as a community. To that end, La Casa is asking 1,000 of our neighbors, our friends and our family will each donate \$100 to help make the community a safer place.

For the next two months, through July 31, community members have the opportunity to be one of the 1,000 partners to help La Casa in the One Thou-

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