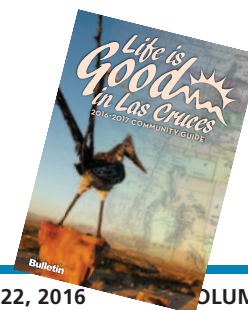


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Pets and hot cars: What may be legal may not be good for your pet

By Billy Huntsman
Las Cruces Bulletin

When it comes to leaving animals in cars, there are many gray areas regarding what is legal and what is illegal.

As a rule of thumb, pet owners should not only consider what situations are directly harmful to a pet—such as leaving a dog in an unventilated car in warm weather—but also what situations could conceivably lead to harm, such as leaving a dog in a car at night.

“It’s all about the safety of the animal,” said Dan Trujillo, public information officer with the Las Cruces Police Department. “This time of year,

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Beatin’ the heat



PHOTO BY KIRSTINA SANGSAHACHART

Kylee J. Sullivan, 7, eats ice cream she just made during the 13th-Annual Ice Cream Sunday at the The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces on Sunday, July 17. Visitors to the museum’s Ice Cream Sunday event got to make their own ice cream using a plastic bag or rolling tin cans with ice and rock salt inside them. See more photos on Page A19.

Police chief celebrates 25 years with LCPD in September

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Police Chief Jaime Montoya said his department will lead a July 25 discussion at city hall on how to build a safer Las Cruces. The meeting, which will be a city council work session, will begin at 1 p.m. in city council chambers, 700 N. Main St., and will inform the community about what the Las Cruces Police Department (LCPD) and other agencies “are doing and trying to do” to keep the community safe in the wake of violence in other American cities, Montoya said.



MONTOYA

Gun violence is not a serious problem in Las Cruces, said Montoya, who has been chief of police since 2013 and served three years as deputy chief before that. The bigger issue here, he said, is that gun owners leave doors unlocked and their guns are stolen during home and auto burglaries.

“The issue is responsible gun ownership,” Montoya said. Gun owners, he said, should have gun safes at home “to secure your guns,” and should make sure their vehicles are locked, especially if there are guns inside.

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Stormwater coalition sets Hatch meeting

The South Central New Mexico Stormwater Management Coalition will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28 at the Hatch Community Center at 837 W Hall St.

The July 28 meeting will focus on the Placitas and Rincon arroyos, as well as other initiatives in the Hatch area, all of which are part of a coordinated effort to maximize watershed rehabilitation, water conservation, flood protection and sediment management. The meeting will conclude with a tour to the Rincon Arroyo.

Doña Ana County Flood Commission Director Paul Dugie said the coalition was established to improve coordination and communication of stormwater management issues in southern New Mexico and Doña Ana County.

Stormwater management is planned, funded, and implemented independently by a variety of public agencies in multiple towns, cities, and districts throughout the region.

Recognizing that stormwater does not respect political boundaries, the coalition strives to meet the needs of the region through coordination and communication from a professional watershed management perspective.

The individual entities have collectively expressed their desire to coordinate efforts to identify existing problems relating to flood control within their jurisdictions and then to work toward formulating potential solutions to those problems.

The coalition has been instrumental in disseminating information and coordinating stormwater management solutions, Dugie said, adding that the July 28 meeting is open to the public.

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Sgt. Gerard Madden of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department K-9 Division talks to the 2016 class of Leadership Las Cruces prior to a demonstration of the dogs' skills at detecting explosives, drugs and other contraband. At right, one of the departmental canines 'hits' on a suspicious package, alerting officers to a potential threat.

PHOTO: Corrie Stone-Fielder



EPA top brass tour Doña Ana County's colonias

Infrastructure needs in Doña Ana County's 37 federally designated colonias was the focus of a July 12 tour hosted by District 1 Doña Ana County Commissioner Billy G. Garrett for top officials of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Garrett accompanied EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and EPA South Central Region Administrator Ron Curry on tours of Chaparral, Vado and Anthony, but the discussion covered broad infrastructure needs throughout Doña Ana County.

Among the topics addressed were the need for water and wastewater system improvements, the persistent problem of illegal dumping, ongoing initiatives to partner with communities for animal-control and codes compliance, as well as general community improvements.

Others in attendance included three Deputy Assistant EPA Administrator Jane Nishida, EPA Chief Financial Officer David Bloom, South Central Solid Waste Authori-



FROM LEFT: McCarthy, Curry and Garrett

ty Director Patrick Peck and Doña Ana County Constituent Services manager Elizabeth Reed.

Garrett said he hopes the tour and the extended discussion will result in more federal aid to Doña Ana County.

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DWI checkpoints scheduled for August

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The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department has scheduled multiple sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols during August. Checkpoints and patrols will be conducted at various undisclosed locations throughout Doña Ana County. Checkpoints are usually set up between 6 p.m. and 4 a.m. Deputies will be looking for all types of violations, with emphasis on intoxicated drivers.

The Doña Ana County Health and Human Services Department offers county residents a low-cost taxi ride home through Project HOME which is available on Fri-

days, Saturdays and holidays from 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. The project is a collaborative initiative with Las Cruces Shuttle and Taxi by which a person or group who has been drinking any amount of alcohol can call (575) 524-TAXI to be picked up for a discounted ride home. Project HOME will only take people from a bar or party to the rider's residence.

For up to two people, the taxi fee is a flat \$5 to any destination within Doña Ana County. For up to four people, the flat fee is \$10. Grant funding pays the balance of transportation charges.

Sheriff's Dept. to host town hall meetings

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will host monthly town hall meetings with the agenda to focus on upcoming community policing efforts in an area.

The meetings are designed to provide a platform for people in the rural communities of Doña Ana County to express concerns about public safety and address issues in each of the county's seven districts.

Details on an August meeting will be released at a later date.

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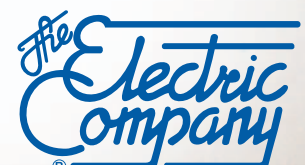
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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Life is Good Las Cruces is a great place to be

This year's edition of our annual publication, *Life is Good in Las Cruces*, hits doorsteps around town this week. Some early editions made it out last week.

The 164-page booklet is a vital resource to Las Cruces, visitors and travelers alike.

Why do we call it "Life is Good in Las Cruces"?

Because, while things aren't perfect, you can still end most days with a beautiful sunset, a great mountain scene or an amazing night sky. You can have delicious food with local green chile, either made at home or at one of our many fantastic restaurants. And, even if it's triple-digits-hot during the day, most evenings are still comfortable. There is a wide variety of things to do locally.

Why don't I let our magazine speak for itself?

Below is a list of context-free reasons why *Life is Good in Las Cruces*, gleaned from flipping through the magazine.

- For its historic and spiritual importance to the people of La Mesilla and southern New Mexico, San Albino was named a minor basilica by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008.

- The Fountain Theatre's 100-year legacy of entertaining the eager residents of the Mesilla Valley continues.

- Next to the Amador Hotel, GMB Development will construct buildings to house the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau, a full-service restaurant and bar, a martini bar, a pub and taproom and a coffee shop.

- "Having a downtown plaza re-establishes a welcoming community gathering place in the heart of the city," Las Cruces Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume said of the plaza that should be ready in September.

- The view of the Organ Mountains from Las Cruces is ubiquitous and ever-changing.

- What's definitely true, though, is Las Cruces has

personality.

- Las Cruces residents are now able to obtain permits to raise as many as six chickens or ducks within city limits.

- When the Las Cruces Vet Center opened its doors, it filled an important niche for services available to veterans living in southern New Mexico.

- "Pecans are looking good."

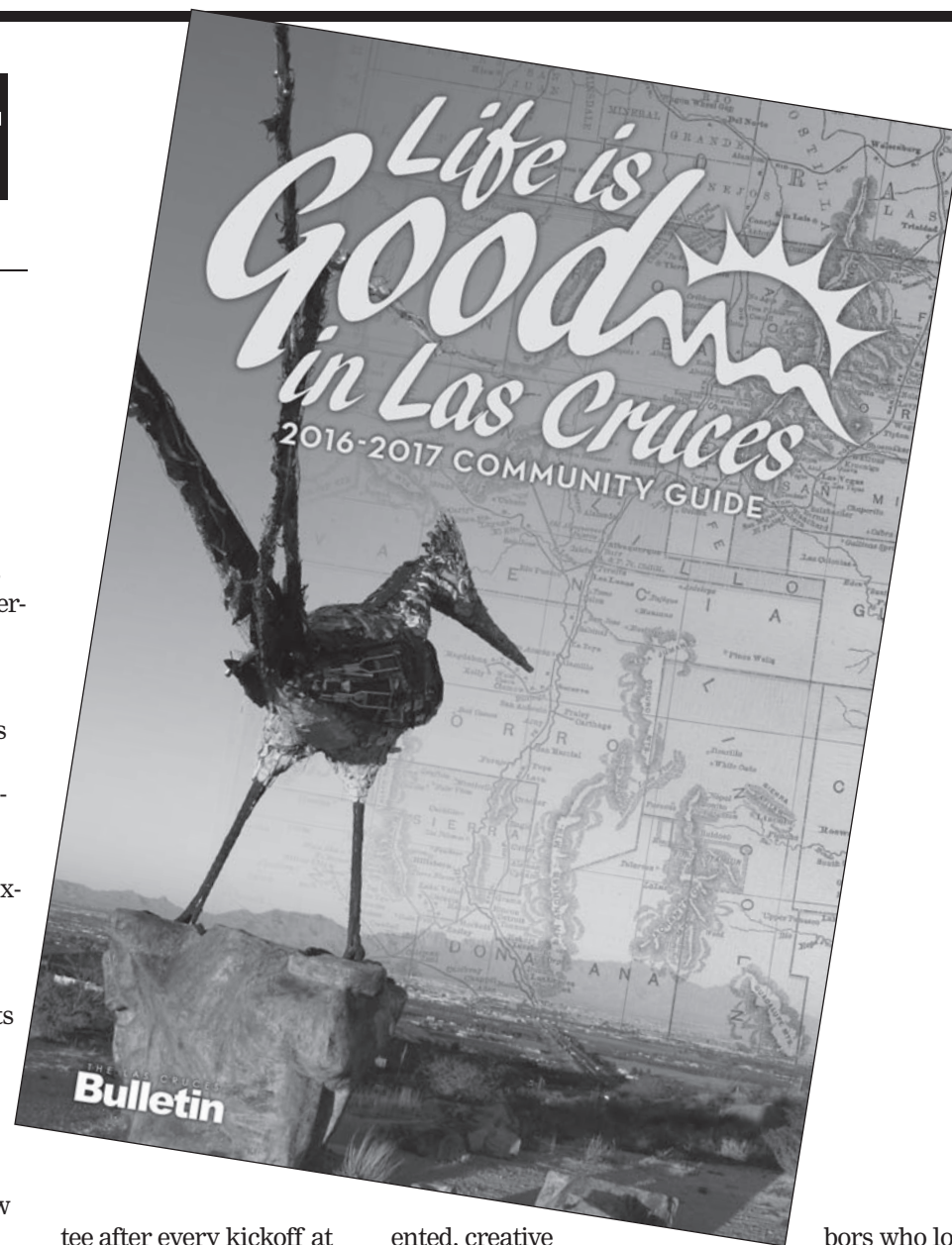
- The Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces is one of the best-known venues for residents to buy and sell locally created products.

- Pet a pony at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

- "Isn't a little milagro the perfect way to start a journey of the spirit?"

- Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine will generate an estimated \$80 million a year for Las Cruces and \$120 million for the region, and will create 350 new jobs.

- Striking the Wonder Dog retrieves the kicking



tee after every kickoff at each New Mexico State University home football game.

- No matter if you are into mountain biking, hiking, rock climbing or just enjoying a late-afternoon stroll, Las Cruces can be the mecca of outdoor excursions.

- "The art world in Las Cruces is comprised of a surprising number of tal-

ented, creative people."

- "There is a heck of a film industry opportunity for us. I think we're going to see a real explosion of film and entertainment opportunities in 12-18 months."

- "I love the community. It's warm and military friendly."

- "I'm lucky to be surrounded by good neigh-

bors who look out for each

other, and who provide for one another, when necessary."

- "I tell them 'The place looks 100 percent better with a margarita in your hand.'"

And there you have it. Add those to your own reasons *Life is Good in Las Cruces*. And check out our magazine today.

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Feast or famine

In feast or famine, at least examine

the game we came to play

'Cause win or lose, it's how we use

the card that come our way...

"Just let'er rain," the rancher said, "We've built up quite a thirst.

I know the low road's plum washed out, the tank dam's bound to burst.

We'll have to plant the wheat again and clean the water gaps

But you won't hear this fool complain if it reaches

to my chaps!

The truth is, friends, we've needed this. We've been so dry so long.

I thought I'd have to sell the cows and pay the piper's song.

The winter grass just lay there, stiff, for months it never changed.

I'd walk out through the craklin' brown that covered all my range

And watch the wind blow dust clouds where the good grass shoulda been.

I'd count the bales in the stack and calculate again.

The days of feedin' I had left before I'd have to face
The ultimate decision,
what I'd do to save the place.

The weatherman was helpful, 'cept he always told the truth!

Peddlin' chance of ten percent meant it just rained in Duluth!

That's nice for Minnesota but it don't help me a bit,

I gave up chewin' Red Man so I wouldn't have to spit!

But he said last night, 'a chance of rain'. More than just a trace.

I washed the car and left the windows open just in case

And sure enough this mornin' big ol' clouds came rollin' in.

They parked above the driveway and the thunder

made a din

That rattled all the winders in the house where I sat still.

And at two it started rainin'. I still ain't got my fill.

It's comin' down in buckets like its payin' back a debt.

Me? I'm standin' in the front yard, in my shorts and soakin' wet!

When the sun comes out tomorrow and sparkles all around

Off pools and puddles standin' like big diamonds on the ground

I'll remember feast or famine, but when it comes to rain

Ya take the feast when offered, if ya live out on the plain."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Council

On July 5, our city council passed a resolution in support of the NM legislature prioritizing common-sense background check legislation on all gun sales in 2017. This is one step on a long road – Thank you Mr. Mayor and Councilors Eakman, Gandara, Petroza and Sorg for all your support.

We all know that comprehensive background checks on gun sales save lives, and the vast majority of Americans, including most Republicans, are in favor of so doing (Pew and Quinnipiac Surveys).

Nationally, 46 percent fewer women are shot to death by intimate partners and 48 percent fewer officers are killed by illegal guns (Everytown). Closing such loopholes to prohibit violent felons, domestic

abusers and the dangerously mentally ill from easily obtaining weapons at gun-shows and online is something we should all favor. Does everyone know that NM is one of 10 states with weakest gun laws and highest rates of killings of law enforcement officers? (Gun Laws Enforcement)

We, as citizens of Las Cruces, must find common ground herein.

Please, let's talk together and find common ground. We can increase community safety while respecting gun ownership. Let's pass better background check legislation to save lives, educate folks for better gun safety around kids and consider voluntary gun buy-back programs.

— Jerry Nachison



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Lack of support for Rounds unwise

By **Barbara Hall**
For the Bulletin

With regard to the resignation of Stan Rounds as superintendent of Las Cruces Public Schools, in my opinion the lack of trust for Stan to make professional decisions leading to his resignation was unwise and hurtful to the district.

The criticisms of his actions in his position stem from adult issues and agendas and not with putting students first. Other issues are based on his implementation of state mandates and his handling of issues using his professional judgement, for example the injunction against the transportation company furnishing bus service for LCPS students.

I failed to see why the lifting of the injunction in any way benefited the district. It was certainly not in the best interest of students and their parents; and it undermined the superintendent's ability to act as a professional in the administration of the district.

The majority of LCPS principals, all professional educators, gave Mr. Rounds the highest

rating possible on all categories when they were asked to evaluate his performance. He



HALL

also had a great deal of support from other staff and community members.

There are programs

in place and others to be implemented, which may not now be funded with his leaving, that benefit students and make LCPS a better place to learn and grow. His expertise with budget matters, working with the New Mexico Public Education Department and overall knowledge and experience made him a valuable asset and will be difficult to replace.

Budgetary concerns are certainly another factor. The expenditure of buying out the contract of the superintendent, the subsequent search costs, the hiring of an interim superintendent, and additional legal fees (which total nearly \$80,000 already this year) make for a sizable amount of money which the district does not have to waste.

With all that said, the resignation has been accepted and we are in the midst of a search.

I would like to express my appreciation to the business and government community, parents, staff, and others who attended the July 7 meeting to provide input for the superintendent search and to the staff members of LCPS and (Interim LCPS Superintendent) Dr. (Steven) Sanchez and (former LCPS Chief of Staff) Tim Hand for organizing and conducting the meeting. The board was given many concrete suggestions to assist in the qualifications and necessary skills for a Superintendent. It was a meaningful, insightful and worthwhile conversation.

It is my hope that the administration, staff and board can reorganize, regroup and work together to help the district continue to provide the best educational possibilities for its students. I will certainly be among those willing and working to do so.

Barbara Hall is secretary and member of the Las Cruces Public Schools board of directors.

Promise to spend wisely next time

There is currently deep despair in New Mexico because budget cuts cannot be avoided and the political football can't be punted to next year. Things have to change now. Example: New Mexico State University has to cut \$12 million dollars from its budget.

The total budget for NMSU is around \$620 million so \$12 million is 1.9 percent. In an institution as large as NMSU, with all of its fundraising programs and hold-back funds, it is a small sum. But it's a cut and that's the problem.

In our current political climate many people think that every government program must be continued or something is seriously wrong. It is inconceivable in the media that budgets can be chopped, in fact, programs can be eliminated in hard times.

Over the last two decades the state of New Mexico has gone from a very rosy financial status to the budget crisis of today. Who knew the oil and gas business was going to tank?

The issue is: in the recent years when times were good, what did the people who guide our state do? They spent everything they could. Did they save anything for hard times? Not recent leaders.

Former Gov. Gary Johnson was a fiscal conservative. He constantly vetoed spending bills when he thought they were not wise. It was 700 times in eight years ending in 2002. Not all of his vetoes were spending, but many were and the money piled up.

In January 2003 Bill Richardson took office. There were hundreds of millions of dollars in rainy day funds that he spent immediately on political issues. The eight years of savings were gone in days. Bill Richardson was running for President of the United States. So he spent and spent and spent.

The last budget of Gary Johnson in 2002 was \$3.9 billion. That number went all the way to \$6.8 billion in Bill Richardson's quest for the presidency. He was named the nation's Education Governor for his spending on education, which had no effect on the outcomes for New Mexico students but looked good in the headlines.

Fast forward to today since there are serious budget problems at \$6.2 billion. The problem is that there has been a large downturn in the oil and gas revenues. The budget is no longer viable and

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



must be amended.

When talking about reducing spending some people act like there has always been over \$6 billion dollars in the budget. But New Mexico's budget was less than \$4 billion just a few years ago.

The last time there was an oil and gas bust was 1981. At that time, I remember seeing bumper stickers that proclaimed, "Please God, give me one more oil boom... this time I promise not to piss it away."

Do we have anyone saying that prayer today?

New Mexico was one of just five states who were not having budget problems in the late 1990s. Then in 2003 the spenders got their hands on our state. Some politicians want taxes to now rise as compensation for falling oil and gas revenues.

That would be wrong because it gives the impression that government budgets cannot be seriously cut. Not 1 percent or 2 percent. Rather, 10 percent. New Mexicans will be fine.

The media will find those people who lose out. But for the two million citizens in New Mexico being fiscally responsible is essential for our future and the future of our children. NMSU is gravely wringing their hands over less than two percent. Seriously.

Here's a solution: NMSU and the University of New Mexico have many similar programs. Retrench to one or the other a couple of the programs currently at both universities. Know this: you should not touch the core of NMSU's Land-Grant mission or the core of the University of New Mexico's metropolitan university.

It is time to bring sense back into the spending of the people's money by government entities. No more spending so that people can be elected with promises. The oil and gas will come back; will we be careful with the money next time?

Only if the voters elect those who are responsible and prepare for the next coming hard times.

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IN THE NEWS



COURTESY PHOTO

New Mexico State University sophomore Emerson Morrow, left, spent seven weeks as an intern in Senator Tom Udall's Washington, D.C. office this summer.

Las Cruces student completes D.C. internship

Emerson Morrow of Las Cruces served as an intern in the Washington, D.C., office of Sen. Tom Udall this summer. During his seven weeks on Capitol Hill, Morrow worked with the senator's communications team.

Morrow is the son of Tommy and Sandy Morrow and graduated from Mayfield High School, where he was president of the class of 2015. Morrow is currently a sophomore at New Mexico State University, where he is a President's Associates Excellence scholar studying government, journalism and mass communications. He completed an internship in the office of U.S. Representative Ben Ray Luján last summer.

Frenger Pool to close for annual inspection

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will close Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Dr., for its annual inspection Aug. 1 through Aug. 14. The pool will reopen Aug. 15. During the tempo-

rary closure, lap swimming will be available at Laabs Pool, 750 W. Picacho Ave., from 7 – 11 a.m., Monday – Friday and the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., Monday – Friday from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. and Saturday 8 – 11:30 a.m.

DACC administrator is New Mexico's Top Career & Technical Educator

John Walker has been named the Outstanding Career & Technical Educator by the New Mexico Association for Career and Technical Education.

Formerly known as vocational education, career & technical education helps students acquire academic, technical and employability skills for in-demand careers.

Walker serves as associate vice president for academic affairs at DACC where he has been employed for the past 32 years. He is the principal investigator for the Carl Perkins grant that provides support for career and technical programs at the community college. The Perkins grant is funded by the federal government and flows to the state.

The grant is administered by the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED).

Walker, as the state winner, will apply for the regional award at the Association for Career and Technical Education at the regional conference in 2017. If awarded he would be considered for the National Excellence Awards.

Most recently, Walker conducted a summer institute for high school CTE counselors, and teachers from throughout Dona Ana County as well as state officials from the PED to highlight career and technical programs at DACC.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Credit due to others

Regarding (The Bulletin's) generous article about my latest art piece installation at Metro Verde in Las Cruces, I've noticed reporters can be too generous in giving me sweeping credit for projects that I am but one part of, and though I try to be careful in describing my projects when interviewed, a word or two that is important to me can easily (and understandably) be misunderstood, or left out of the published story, giving the impression that I am taking full credit for not only my work, but the work of others.

So, just for the record, though I designed the "Tower of the Fore Winds" sculpture, and hand-made the weather vane parts, the tower sections were beautifully fabricated to my specs by Mesilla Valley Metals, and powder coated by Images in Iron, (both local firms). I also had the help of an excellent welder, an attention-shy friend who owns a lathe, and Metro Verde staff who provided engineering assistance and prepared the site for the installation (thanks Bo, Chad and Noel). And of course, I owe thanks to John Moscato, who commissioned the work.

Another important clarification: I am not the designer and installer of the splash pad for the new Downtown Plaza. The actual splash pad was designed and installed by Guy Marsh of Sundance Water Designs, Inc. My part of this project will be to apply my designs (selected in a competitive, juried process) to the concrete surface of the splash pad and the surrounding benches (designed by the project architect Steve Newby).

Large projects such as these require many hands. I deeply value all of my working relationships with the many skilled and talented collaborators in our community so willing to join in making my creative visions real, and I get enough attention from my work that I don't need to grab more than my efforts merit.

— Bob Diven

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Coming Up

Golf tourney, concert support veterans

The Luke's Wings Golf Tournament takes place Friday, Aug. 12, at Red Hawk Golf Course. Luke's Wings supports service members wounded in battle, helping families visit during recovery. Luke's Wings, in partnership with the Assisted Living Federation of America, also provides flights for family members of veterans in hospice care.

There will be an associated concert by Ruben Ramos Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds. To participate in this fundraising golf tournament, or to learn more about the concert, call Felix Cordero at 575-496-9146.

Hospitals of Providence host hiring fair July 28

The Hospitals of Providence Recruitment Team will host a hiring fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at SpringHill Suites by Marriott, 1611 Hickory Loop. Interested candidates can call (915) 577-8140 for more information.

Running Club road race July 30

The annual Back2School road race and party will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 30, at Pan American Plaza (Milagro Coffee). The event consists of one- and two-mile runs, with proceeds going to area high school cross country teams. Registration is \$20 after July 28. The one-mile run, starting at 9 a.m., is free to youths under 13 and Summer Youth Running Program participants. The two-mile run starts at 9:15 a.m. Register at register@lascrucesrunningclub.com. Free post-race meal for participants. For information, call 312-2584.

Friends of NRA banquet scheduled

The Butterfield Trail Friends of NRA will hold its 24th annual fundraising banquet and auction at 6 p.m., Saturday, July 30, at Picacho Peak Brewing, 3900 Picacho Ave. There will be game tables, silent and live auction items such as NRA merchandise, firearms, knives, art, jewelry and home decor.

Tickets are \$40/person, or \$75/couple. Group tables and sponsorships may be purchased by contacting Garrett Jordan at 915-422-7320 or Will McIntosh at Red Wing Shoes of Las Cruces, 142 Wyatt Drive, 524-2486.

Harley Owners Group lunch ride

The Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) invites any Harley riders to try pack riding, a staggered group formation pack ride. The next ride will be to Rudy's BBQ in El Paso on Saturday, August 6. Group will depart from Barnett's Harley Davidson at the intersection of I-10 and Avenida de Mesilla. For information, call Greg at 993-0283.

Discounted spay/neuter clinic taking registrations

Operation Spot-NM is sponsoring five days of re-

duced-fee spay and neuter clinics in July and August at PetSmart, 2200 E. Lohman Ave. The discounted event is for cats, kittens, dogs and puppies and costs \$70 for the spay or neuter and includes vaccines and microchip. Dates of the clinic are Monday and Tuesday, July 25 and 26, and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 8, 9 and 10.

Visit the Operation Spot-NM Facebook page for more information, or message the group. Register at www.operationspot-nm.org. Volunteers also are needed for this event.

Medicare Basics workshop at Senior Circle on Aug. 11

AARP will provide a workshop on Medicare Basics at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Senior Circle, 3948 E. Lohman, behind Walgreen's. This is a good opportunity to ask your questions on Medicare. For more information, call Dave at 317-385-8874.

Free movies in the park

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department and Pick Quik stores of Las Cruces announce the free 2016 Movies in the Park program. Movies begin at 7 p.m. (or dusk) each Saturday at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave.

Toastmaster Club meets every Wednesday

Las Cruces Toastmasters Club meetings are held: at NMSU, from 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday; at Good Samaritan, Community Center, Kiva Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. For information, call 640-8951 or email lascrucestoastmasters@gmail.com, or visit the Toastmasters International website at www.toastmasters.org.

Quilt Guild meets 2nd Monday

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in the auditorium at Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Guests are welcome at the meetings where there will be show and tell, door prizes and refreshments. For information, contact Linnea Egbert at 521-0521 or visit www.lcqq.org.

Zero Gravity Gymnastics

Zero Gravity Gymnastics, 3030 Harrelson, announces weekly summer camp sessions composed of different activities for different sports such as gymnastics, cheer, parkour and dance. Classes are not divided based on skill or age and are run all together. The rate is \$70/week and the sessions run from noon to 4 p.m. daily. Weekly sessions to be held July 25 to 29 and Aug. 1 to 5. Sign up at the gym by paying a \$25 reservation deposit for the preferred week, or by calling 524-4960.

Parks & Rec mobile unit making its last stops

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will complete its summer family fun with visits from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, at Valley View Park, 713 S. Espina St. and Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Jason Giron Park, 355 Three Crosses Ave. The mobile

unit provides fun and games for the entire family. The events are free. During the visits, the free summer meals program will be available to children up to age 18.

Story time, discounted shopping

Tutti Bambini hosts a children's story time at 10:45 a.m., Wednesdays at 300 El Molino Street. Attendees can shop for children's clothes at half price. For information, call 526-9752.

Doña Ana County Republican Party office hours

The Doña Ana County Republican Party Headquarters, 3201 S. Main St., is open to serve the public 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. For information, call 523-8683.

East Mesa Recreation Center summer hours

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Dr., will be open for the summer recreation program from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The summer program ends July 29. Open recreation will be held Aug. 1-12, and returns to regular hours, 2:30 to 7 p.m., on Aug. 15. For information, call the Recreation Section at 541-2454.

'Blast from the Past' discussions

Take a walk down memory lane when Stan Blitz and Jim Gibson lead discussions about the movies, music, television and stars of the 1950s and 60s from 2 to 3 p.m. every Friday at MountainView Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. For information call 522-0503.

MS Support/Education group meets 1st Thursday

Group meets from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room, Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle for emotional support and MS education. Date, time, location are subject to change: call, email or text before attending at 373-5130 or lascrucesmselfhelp@gmail.com.

Las Cruces Civitan Club Meeting

The Las Cruces Civitan Club meets monthly at on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Second Tuesday meeting starts at noon; fourth Tuesday meeting starts at 6 p.m. at Los Compas Restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive. For information, call 649-0165.

Elite Business Builders Group meets on Wednesdays

Elite Business Builders BNI Group meets from 8:30 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Picacho Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre. Open networking, questions and answers. For information and to be a guest call Cheryl

Search for Toto takes an unexpected twist

Bulletin report

Finding Toto 2, a nation-wide search spearheaded by Uncaged Paws out of Las Cruces, has found two shelter dogs to alternate performances of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT). Both dogs, one male terrier mix and one female poodle mix, were located in New Mexico shelters (Roswell and Artesia, respectively). After the run of the play in December, the dogs will be available for adoption to suitable homes.

But there's a twist.

The female Toto, named Tori, had just arrived at her foster home with dog trainer Susie Ouderkirk and her husband, Mike. As Ouderkirk began the first few days of basic obedience training with the dogs, she also introduced some activities that will be required on stage.

"Dorothy lifts and carries Toto frequently, as does the Wicked Witch. So I knew both Totos would need to get completely comfortable with being picked up and held," said Ouderkirk. "As I worked on the "up" command, I noticed that Tori was getting heavier. So heavy, in fact, that I had concerns about our Dorothy, Clarivel Garcia, being able to carry her for more than a minute at a time, especially if there's certain blocking movements like running or jumping."



PHOTO BY TABITHA ROSSMAN

The female Toto, who is cast in the Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "Wizard of Oz" in December, surprised her foster family by being "in a family way."

It dawned on Ouderkirk that Tori's weight gain was unusual.

"I had one of those light bulb moments: she's pregnant," Ouderkirk said. "I was worried and excited at the

same time. The purpose of this Finding Toto campaign is to bring attention to the thousands and thousands of dogs in shelters and at rescues that need homes. And one of our sponsors,

Operation SPOT- NM, is a spay and neuter advocacy program. What do we do with unexpected puppies?"

From rough calculations, Ouderkirk and Operation SPOT NM founder Kelly Barker knew Tori had been bred prior to getting to the Artesia shelter. Dr. Amber Thompson at Arroyo Vet Clinic performed the x-ray and ultrasound procedures and estimated she was 45 days pregnant, too late to consider a spay. Thompson estimates that Tori is carrying between three and five puppies which are expected to be born between Aug. 3 and 8.

So for the time being this Toto will be going on maternity leave to give birth to her litter. Applications are being accepted for a foster home where this leading lady can rest and care for her family. At the appropriate time, the puppies will be making appearances in support of the Spay-Neuter program and also be available for adoption.

"While this is a surprise pregnancy we will make lemon meringue out of lemons by ensuring that these lucky pups will receive loving homes and they will be fixed at the proper time so they are truly ambassadogs of the spay-neuter program," said Barker.

The Operation SPOT clinic is Aug. 8-10. Register at www.OperationSpot-NM.org and use the coupon code TOTO for an immediate discount.

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524-1201 or 520-730-4456.

Las Cruces Shrine meets on second Monday

The Las Cruces Shrine meets the second Monday of each month at 1150 W. Brown. All Shriners are invited to attend. For information and times, call 526-8396.

Model Railroad Club meeting

Southern New Mexico N Scalers Model Railroad Club monthly meeting and model railroad running day is the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the club layout at the Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds (located in the White Quonset Hut.) Enter from the far west gate. The next meeting is Saturday, Aug. 20. For information, call Mike Fifer at 526-8834.

Vital Records Office hours

The Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday

through Friday at 1170 N. Solano Dr. (Office is closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.) For information, contact the Las Cruces Vital Records Office at 528-5046.

Immunizations available at Department of Health

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office provides immunization services for children and adults on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1170 N. Solano Drive. For an appointment call: 528-5017.

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Activist brings animal rescue program to Las Cruces

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

It started about four years ago, when Kelly Barker was tagged in an animal-shelter poster on Facebook and made a financial pledge to help keep an animal from being euthanized. She wondered what happened to the dog she had helped to save and realized that most animal shelters didn't have the software to track rescued animals.



BARKER

Shelters, she said, "didn't run like businesses," Barker said. "They ran like government entities, and animal shelters are not high on the food chain of government entities," she said.

So, about four years ago, Barker decided to apply the expertise she had gained with software in international real estate and finance over a 25-year career and as the owner of a Michigan-based company that she shared with her brother until his sudden death about a year earlier.

"Shelters need software," Barker said, who also realized it was time she did something different, "what I wanted for my life," she said. Barker joined the "rescue world."

"It gave me such a purpose. I was

making a social change," she said.

Realizing that "the only way to get in front of the real core problem was to stop animals from being born into unwanted situations," Barker became a part of a nationwide spay-neuter movement.

After a boy was attacked by a dog in Roswell in 2014, Barker said, the city began increasing the number of animals it euthanized at its shelter. From her home 2,000 miles away and with the support of others from across the country, Barker helped to save hundreds of dogs at the Roswell shelter. "I want to be part of a positive solution," she said.

In January 2016, Barker set up a website that allows people to register for spay/neuter clinics. The site, she said, got more than 700 hits in its first 24 hours. "The gratitude from the community was huge," Barker said. At that point, she decided, "That's it; I'm going to Roswell."

With cooperation from the shelter, Barker helped bring spay and neuter clinics to Roswell that have sterilized more than 500 cats and dogs to date, she said. And the service has expanded to include surrounding communities. "Roswell became a cog," Barker said.

"Roswell is starting to turn," she said. "We have come a long way from where we were two-and-a-half years ago."

Not long after that, Barker settled in Las Cruces, where she serves as president of the nonprofit Operation SPOT (Stop Pet Overpopulation Today)-New Mexico and works with other local organizations to reduce the number of pets euthanized at the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley. ASCMV was created in 2008 through a joint-powers agreement between the city and county.

A single pair of unsterilized cats can produce 67,000 kittens over seven years, Barker said. The number is smaller for dogs, but still very high. And, while she is not against responsible breeding, Barker said "there are more than enough animals that are in need of loving homes."

Since Operation SPOT has national contacts, it has also helped with pet transfers, getting pets from a community where they are not wanted to a place where they will be adopted and given good homes.

In fact, it was Operation SPOT that located the two dogs that will share the role of Toto in Las Cruces Community Theatre's upcoming production of "The Wizard of Oz." The dogs will be offered for adoption to appropriate homes after the conclusion of the play. Thanks to Barker, the dogs were rescued from kill shelters in Roswell and Artesia and are now under the care of "Wizard of Oz"

cast member and dog trainer Susie Ouderkirk. Both dogs are black terrier types. The female, "Tori," surprised Ouderkirk with a pregnancy that occurred before she was taken in by the Artesia shelter. Plans are currently being made to find homes for the puppies.

Operation SPOT works particularly hard to get kittens and adult cats into homes, as feral cat colonies and homeless cats and kittens are an issue in Las Cruces and other cities. "We haven't even begun to scratch the surface" of the feral cat population problem, Barker said.

And, while "New Mexico has more than enough work" for Operation SPOT, Barker believes that she has created something that can be shared nationwide under the same brand.

Her goal, which she shares with many other animal activists, is for Las Cruces, Roswell and other cities to join the list of no-kill communities, where no healthy, adoptable animals are euthanized.

"I love it so much, I left my home in Michigan, packed up all my possessions and I live in Las Cruces now," Barker said.

For more information, call 520-3759 or email SavingLives@OperationSpot-NM.org. Visit <http://www.operationspot-nm.org> and find them on Facebook at Operation Spot - NM.

'Fix & chip' spay/neuter clinics set for Aug. 8-10 at PetSmart

Bulletin report

Operation SPOT-NM will hold in-store "fix & chip" spay and neuter clinics for dogs and cats at PetSmart, 2200 E. Lohman Ave., from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 8, 9 and 10, said Op Spot NM Founder Kelly Barker.

Reserve a spot at the clinic for your pet at www.operationspot-nm.org or on Facebook at Operation Spot - NM.

The cost is \$70 per pet, which includes spaying or neutering, microchipping and a rabies shot. If your pet already has a chip and proof of a current rabies shot, the spaying and neutering alone will cost \$45.

A seven-person mobile crew from Arizona will perform the surgeries, with assistance from about 25 local volunteers, including New Mexico State University students, said Barker.

Spots for a clinic in July have already been filled, so interested pet owners are advised to register early for the August clinics. With a pre-registration, you can bring your animal in early in the morning and pick it up that afternoon.

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Council approves city budget quarterly report

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council unanimously approved the city's fourth quarter financial report at the council's July 18 regular meeting.

The report will now be submitted to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration.

The budget shows that the city had a budget of slightly more than \$311 million in available funds for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2016, said City Budget and Grants Manager Robert Coleman. As of July 8, he said, the city had spent about \$157.4 million of that amount. Much of the remaining balance has been encumbered for a variety of city public works and utilities projects and other expenditures not yet posted, he said.

Coleman said the city likely will see a general fund surplus of about \$3.5 million for the fiscal year after all the bills

are paid.

"We've accurately budgeted for our projects," Coleman said, adding that "expenditures are somewhat less than we anticipated."

"Are we doing well? The answer to that question is 'yes,' because of our fiscal policies," he said. "At the end of the day, we pay our bills on time ... and perhaps put a little money aside."

As part of its unanimously approved consent agenda for the meeting, the council also approved a resolution authorizing the city to accept a \$309,086 grant from the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department for the Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum, for which the city serves as fiscal agent through the city's Juvenile Citation Program (JCP), said Interim City Manager Daniel Avila.

With the city's match of \$123,635 in general funds, donations, grant funds from non-federal sources and in-kind donations, the total allocation will be

\$432,721, he said.

"This is a continuation grant that has been supported by the city council since 2006," Avila said.

"The grant also funds the Juvenile Assessment Reporting Center, which is a comprehensive assessment facility that serves as the centralized point of entry into the Doña Ana County juvenile justice system and is operated by Families & Youth, Inc. The city subcontracts with FYI for this service and the amount of funding received from CYFD is \$120,500, with a \$48,200 match, which is provided by FYI in the form of in-kind services," Avila said.

"The JCP is a diversion program providing alternatives to probation, in order to focus on increasing personal responsibility and education of youth and parents to prevent recidivism through collaboration with the local juvenile justice system," he said.

At the meeting, the council also voted unanimously to table until its Aug. 1

regular meeting a resolution that would approve a 100 percent waiver of the cost of road improvements to almost 332 linear feet of Bell Road associated with a proposed subdivision known as Cardon Estates. The resolution was tabled to give city staff more time to assess road surface conditions and payment options.

The council will hold two meetings on Monday, July 25. During the first, beginning at 1 p.m., the council will meet as the Tax Increment Development District (TIDD) to consider a resolution adopting the 2016 Las Cruces downtown master plan and to discuss the downtown plaza and the conversion of Church and Water streets from one-way to two-way traffic.

The council will hold a work session after the TIDD meeting. Topics of discussion will include ways to make Las Cruces safer in the wake of mass killings in other U.S. cities.

For more information, visit <http://www.las-cruces.org/en/departments/city-clerks-office/city-council-meetings>.

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that would probably not be in the best interest of the pet."

In Las Cruces and southern New Mexico, Trujillo said, where summer nighttime temperatures are often in the '80s or '90s, leaving an animal in a car could result "in some type of abuse."

Leaving windows open, or cracking windows, does not work, Trujillo said, as air circulation might not be strong enough to cool the temperature in a car's cabin.

Leaving the air conditioning on "is conceivably OK," Trujillo said, with two caveats.

"One is: what if the vehicle turns off for some reason? Then, all of a sudden, the pet is left without air conditioning in an enclosed vehicle," Trujillo said. "And two: the vehicle could be stolen."

Another scenario some people have encountered is finding a pet locked in a hot car. Is it legal to break a window in order to free the pet?

"It's a judgment call," Trujillo said.

Trujillo said LCPD has only told 12 people to break windows in order to save pets. Trujillo said, while leaving a pet in a hot car is illegal, so is the breaking of someone's window.

Trujillo said people should call 911 first if they find a pet locked in a hot car.

"Our central dispatch will dispatch police and/or fire to the location and we have a very good response time," Trujillo said.

Trujillo also said putting an animal in the bed of a truck can result in harm to the animal as a result of the bed's lining getting too hot.

Further non-emergency questions can be directed to Trujillo at 535-5639.



Rolling a window down isn't effective in keeping pets cool inside a car in warm weather. Dan Trujillo, public information officer with the Las Cruces Police Department, says people should call 911 before breaking a car window to save a pet.

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NMSU listed on 2016 Center for World University Rankings

By Tiffany Acosta
For the Bulletin

On a list ranking the top universities across the globe, New Mexico State University has been recognized as 577th on the 2016 Center for World University Rankings list. With more than 25,000 degree-granting institutions

of higher education worldwide, this ranking would place NMSU in the top 2.3 percent.

“NMSU is one of the finest universities in the world,” said NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers. “This recognition is a reflection of the quality education we provide for

our students as well as the important research and outreach we provide for the state of New Mexico.”

The Center for World University Rankings distributes the only global university performance tables that gauge both the quality of education and

training of students along with prestige of faculty members and the quality of their research without the use of surveys and university data submissions.

Eight indicators are used to base the Center for World University Rankings, including qual-

ity of education (25 percent), measured by the number of a university’s alumni who have won major international awards, prizes and medals relative to the university’s size.

Other factors include alumni employment (25 percent), measured by the number of a university’s alumni who currently hold CEO positions at the world’s top companies relative to the university’s size; quality of faculty (25 percent), measured by the number of academics who have won major international awards, prizes and medals; publications (5 per-

cent), measured by the number of research papers appearing in reputable journals; influence (5 percent), measured by the number of research papers appearing in highly influential journals; citations (5 percent), measured by the number of highly cited research papers; broad impact (5 percent), measured by the university’s h-Index; and patents (5 percent, measured by the number of international patent filings.

For a complete list of the rankings, along with the methodology used, visit <http://www.cwur.org/2016.php>.



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Las Cruces Rescue Team helping out

Team members use their own vehicles and equipment, pay for their own gasoline

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Rescue Team (LCRT) got its start the day after Christmas last year when Daniel El Ashmawi and his red Hummer pulled a woman and her vehicle out of a snow drift on U.S. Highway 70 east of Las Cruces.

El Ashmawi said he even helped the New Mexico State Police pull vehicles from accidents that occurred that night on the highway near White Sands Missile Range.

"It was crazy," he said.

El Ashmawi said people he helped (at no charge) kept asking him what group or organization he represented. At that point, he was simply a volunteer doing good deeds. But it led him to create the LCRT off-road and roadside assistance team and its Facebook page, which he said had 100 friends within a month, 500 within in two months and now has more than 1,500.

"We get requests" for assistance every day, he said.

"We're like a free AAA service," said team member Steven "Kona" Manuel. And LCRT members, most of whom have four-wheel drive vehicles with all-terrain tires, will "go anywhere, as long as our vehicles can make it," he said.

LCRT is not a certified search and rescue team and is not affiliated with local law enforcement, although, as noted above, they assist police officers, sheriff's deputies, the Red Cross and other organizations if requested. El Ashmawi said the group considered pursuing search and rescue certification, but that would have placed restrictions on the assistance they could provide.

The off-roading team is comprised of seven people at present, including El Ashmawi, Manuel, Israel "Izzy" Vasquez, Vanessa Scott, Maria Aguilar, Mary Escudero and Ivan Lozoya.

Team members use their own vehicles and equipment, pay for their own gasoline and even bought team shirts. "Everything comes out of our pockets," Manuel said.

"I want to help people, so I joined the team," said Scott. She and Vasquez both have CPR and first-aid certification.

Vasquez also recently adopted a Great Dane puppy he named Duke, who will become a certified rescue dog to work with the team, he said.

All team members have full-time jobs in addition to rescue volunteering. El Ashmawi is office manager for West Side Recycling and a part-time dog groomer. Manuel is a resolutions specialist with General Dynamics. Scott also works for General Dynamics, as a bookkeeper,



BULLETIN PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

Rescue Team 3, from left, are Las Cruces Rescue Team members Steven "Kona" Manuel, Israel "Izzy" Vasquez, Daniel El Ashmawi, Vanessa Scott, Maria Aguilar and Mary Escudero. Not shown is Ivan Lozoya.

'Any organization or group of individuals who come out for the benefit of the community is a help to the community at large, not just law enforcement.'

KEN ROBERTS

Doña Ana Undersheriff

and also is a book publisher. Vasquez is part of the county's senior meals services in Mesilla. Aguilar is an interpreter. Escudero works in maintenance. Lozoya is a self-employed mechanic.

"We're more than just a team, we're friends," said El Ashmawi.

LCRT recently received a \$500 grant from Doña Ana County Deputy's Association CWA 7911, El Ashmawi said. That will allow the team to purchase some basic equipment like straps to pull vehicles out of ditches, jumper cables and energy lights.

"Any organization or group of individuals who come out for the benefit of the community is a help to the community at large, not just law enforcement," said Doña Ana Undersheriff Ken Roberts. He said the sheriff's office can't endorse any private group, "but individually and from the standpoint as a taxpayer and as the undersheriff, I applaud anyone who has the community dedication to come out and do something for nothing just because it's the right thing to do," he said.

The team is also working on getting its nonprofit status, which will allow LCRT to apply for additional grants and other funding. Team members' ultimate goal is to create full-time rescue-team jobs.

In addition to road-side rescue and sometimes finding lost children (and adults), team members also assisted Operation SPOT-New Mexico with a spay/neuter clinic this spring; helped locate a missing child at a re-

cent baseball game; assisted with the Las Cruces Race for Care event on National Cancer Survivors Day in June; and even picked up trash that included bottles, beer cans, boxes, a bumper and even a small swimming pool after an off-roading event in the desert. And, team members plan to escort Tarahumara runners from Mexico when they visit Mesilla Aug. 27.

LCRT hopes to attract new team members (it held a recruitment event July 20 at Young Park), and ultimately create districts within the city and have LCRT members in every one so it takes less time to reach someone in trouble.

Team members also have helped individuals and families in need by holding fundraising car washes and even helped to find and deliver appliances, furniture and other household items they need.

"We want to help everybody we can, but there are certain things we can't do," Vasquez said.

"We're a rescue team," El Ashmawi said.

The team also hopes to build on its success in and around Las Cruces and create sister organizations in other towns and cities in New Mexico and across the country. "That's my dream," said El Ashmawi, who is moving to Chicago— where he hopes to start another rescue chapter— with his family in August to pursue a career opportunity.

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"I can see both sides," Montoya said of the debate about background checks for firearms sales that took place during a July 11 city council meeting. "There has to be some type of common-sense gun control," he said. In particular, there needs to be a central database that would include criminal convictions, protection orders, no-fly status, mental health issues and other information to determine "if people are capable of having a gun," the chief said.

"It can be done," Montoya said. "We just have to start working together to get it done."

He said most of the crimes that police officers deal

with in Las Cruces are burglaries and larcenies, and are due in part to the city's high poverty rate. The majority of local crimes, Montoya said, are committed by "people stealing for drugs. They are looking for property to fence or sell to finance their drug habits," he said. The major drug of choice locally is methamphetamine, or meth, the chief said.

Gangs are another local problem, but, LCPD is "able to ID players in gangs and what they're doing," Montoya said. "Here in Las Cruces, they all live among each other," he said. Gang members are "no longer territorial, the way they used to be."

Montoya, 50, will celebrate his 25th anniversary with LCPD this September. He began as a patrol officer in 1991, worked in traffic combating DWI, was a detective

for five years and moved to the department's Special Services section, which includes the Gang and Targeting Neighborhood Threats units, the Crisis Intervention Team and a community liaison officer, before becoming deputy chief in 2010.

The department has some officer vacancies at present, but it also has 46 recruits waiting to attend the police academy this fall, and Montoya said those new officers should bring his department to full strength.

Montoya said he has no plans to retire, but is already working on a department "bucket list." His major goals are to make sure "the next person coming in will have less to worry about," and that the department's records management system is upgraded.

Montoya said one item got checked off his list when the department reached 200 officers late last year thanks to a \$1.125 million grant from the United States Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) that allowed LCPD to hire nine additional officers.

Increasing the department's "community policing effort" is another of Montoya's major goals. "I want more people on the ground talking to people ... more face-to-face interaction with the public," he said. Montoya said that will also increase "outreach to our juveniles."

The additional officers are especially important because beginning later this year when the East Mesa Public Safety complex opens, LCPD will have both an east and a west command, Montoya said. Deputy Chiefs Justin Dunivan (west) and Miguel Dominguez (east) will be the area commanders.

The community outreach effort will also include a police car that has been converted into one half police car and one half taxi and emblazoned with the message that you can pay \$7,000 for a DWI conviction or \$20 for a taxi ride, Montoya said. This powerful visual concept, he said, will be available for use at school rallies and to place outside bars and at other locations to help reduce drinking and driving.

The department also will sponsor a youth leadership academy at Young Park beginning at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 28, he said.

Based on officer surveys and his daily interaction with officers and staff, Montoya said he is confident LCPD is in good shape. "I see a department that's healthy, in that I'm not losing people to other departments," he said. In fact, he said, LCPD is gaining officers from those other departments. "We're highly respected," Montoya said. People "want to work for us."

"Chief Montoya is very professional and follows all protocol," said Interim City Manager Daniel

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Avila. "He treats everyone fairly and instills in his officers to do the same. He is an asset to the City of Las Cruces," Avila said.

Montoya said he encourages his officers to think about "that human factor. The badge says they don't have to, but the human heart says they should," he said.

For example, almost three-quarters of LCPD officers have received crisis intervention training (CIT) to help them deal with people who are mentally ill or in emotional crisis.

Montoya said he hopes all of his officers will have

received the extra CIT by the end of 2016.

"We deal with the mentally ill on an almost-constant basis," Montoya said. And while "It just doesn't seem like the mentally ill get the services they need," Montoya said, the CIT training helps his officers recognize the "need to change the way we do things."

Although police officers confiscated about \$3,000 worth of illegal fireworks, the Fourth of July holiday caused "no major problems" for local law enforcement or the community, he said.

"To me, this is not a job," Montoya said about being police chief. "I have family that lives in this community. I like this place," he said. "I'm going to retire here. You've just got to make it safe and a bet-

ter place."

Las Cruces has been Montoya's home since 1982. His father, Victor D. Montoya, is a Las Cruces native. Chief Montoya and his wife, Bernice, have three children and two grandchildren. "My wife is my biggest supporter and my dad made me the man I am today," he said.

Montoya will travel to Washington, D.C. later this month to participate in the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, which the chief called "a great honor." The visit will include a briefing at the White House, he said.

For more information, visit <http://www.las-cruces.org/en/departments/police-department>, and find them on Facebook at Las Cruces Police Department.



NMSU researchers: Milk helps extinguish chile pepper heat

By Justin Bannister
For the Bulletin

The next time you bite off more than you can handle in regard to a hot

chile pepper, your best bet is to drink some milk. That's according to research conducted by New Mexico State University's Chile Pepper Institute.

"Capsaicin is the chemical compound found in chile peppers that makes them taste hot," said Paul Bosland, an NMSU Regents Professor and director of the Chile Pepper Institute. "It turns out that milk has a protein in it that replaces the capsaicin on the receptors on your tongue. It's really the quickest way to alleviate the burning feeling."

Bosland said when capsaicin attaches to receptors in your mouth, it sends the same signal to your brain as it would if you had touched something hot. That's why some people also begin to sweat when they eat hot peppers. Milk, and other dairy products like sour cream or even ice cream, will help to put out that fire.

So, does anything else work?

"Carbohydrates also replace the capsaicin on the receptors, just not as effectively as milk," Bosland said. "These would be things like bread or sugar. Sugar is the better of the two. That's why we see the traditional Mexican desserts like flan and sopapillas with honey. These are made from breads, sugars and milk."

Bosland often gets calls asking whether alcohol will help with the heat sensation from chile peppers. The answer is no, and water won't work either. They both just wash the capsaicin around your mouth. Neither will block it.

The very first chile peppers evolved around Bolivia in South America.

'It's really the quickest way to alleviate the burning feeling.'

PAUL BOSLAND

NMSU Regents Professor and director of the Chile Pepper Institute

The early wild peppers were very small and round and were probably spread by birds because they do not have the same heat receptors in their mouths as humans do.

Experts believe that when the first humans arrived in the Western Hemisphere, probably around 15,000 years ago, they began to cultivate chile peppers and select them for various traits. The plants naturally cross-pollinate well, so new varieties are easily developed and constantly being made. Today, there are thousands of chile pepper varieties, from the super-hot Trinidad Moruga Scorpion to the standard bell pepper, which doesn't have any heat at all.

"People will often ask, which is hotter, red or green chile peppers," Bosland said. "It depends on the variety, but generally, red won't be as hot because red chile peppers will have more sugars in them, which helps to counter the heat."

An interesting situation happens when astronauts put hot sauce on their food in space, because it doesn't taste as hot as it does on earth. Bosland said researchers are still trying to figure out why that is.

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Kid Scoop's Backyard Games

Are you looking forward to the Olympics in Rio? It's time for YOU to get in on the fun in your backyard or neighborhood park. Most of the events on this page work for two or more players. So, invite some friends to join you at The Kid Scoop Backyard Games!

Water Balloon Shot Put

(Be sure to pick up all the little water balloon pieces after the event!)

Stuff you need:

- water balloons
- sidewalk chalk

Draw four squares on your patio or the sidewalk. Draw a large numeral **1** in the first box, a large **3** in the second box, a large **5** in the third box and a large **7** in the fourth square.

From a good distance away, each player throws four water balloons, trying to score the most points. If your balloon lands in the box marked **1**, you get one point, score three points for the box marked **3** and so on.

Extra Challenge: Before each throw, spin around three times!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple step directions to play a game.

Newspaper Catch

Stuff you need:

- newspaper
- tape

Crumple one sheet of newspaper into a ball. Wrap tape around it to hold it together. Facing your partner, hold a sheet of newspaper flat between you. Try to make the ball bounce up and down on the newspaper. How high can you toss it and still catch it? How many times in a row can you catch it?

The Discus Challenge

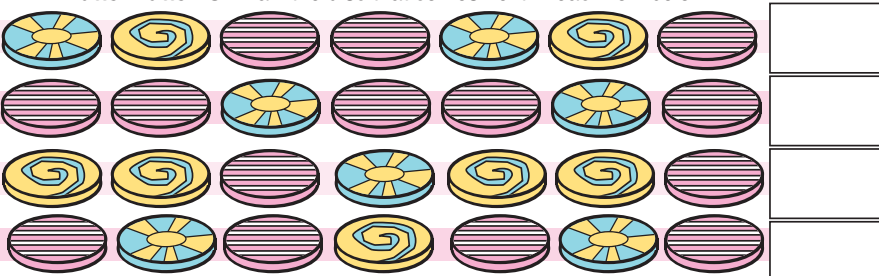
Stuff you need:

- plastic flying disc or coffee can lid
- empty box or laundry basket

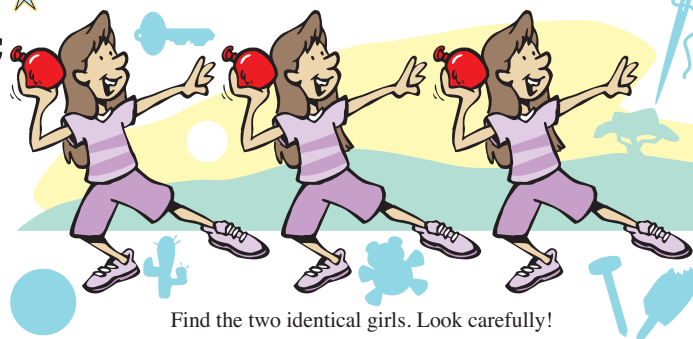
Place the box or basket on one side of the yard. Each player takes a turn trying to throw the disc into it from 10 steps away. After everyone has had a turn, try throwing from 30 steps away. Score 10 points for each successful throw.

Extra Challenge: Have left-handers throw with their **right** hands and right-handers throw with their **left** hands.

Platter Patterns: Draw the disc that comes next in each row below.



Standards Link: Math/Probability: Extend simple patterns.



Find the two identical girls. Look carefully!

Synchronized Shadows

Stuff you need:

- At least 4 players
- 1 person to judge
- Boom box

Choose one person to be the judge. Divide everyone else into teams of two. One person on each team is the stander; the other is the shadow. The judge turns on the music, and each stander moves to the music, while her shadow tries to make the same movements. When the judge stops the music, everyone freezes. If the stander and the shadow are not in identical positions, they're out. The game continues until only one identical pair remains.



Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities in common objects.

Reading Racers

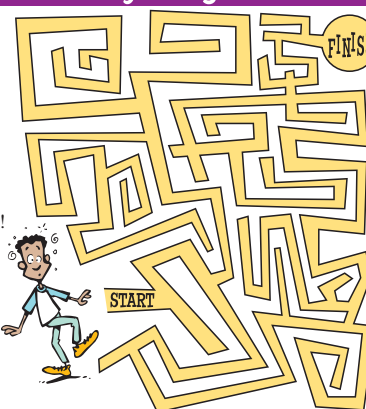
Choose a long article in the newspaper. Read it for 60 seconds. Then have a friend read it for 60 seconds. Each of you write down the *who*, *what*, *when*, *where* and *why* in the article as best as you can remember. Then, read the article aloud and see who got the most right.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Respond to who, what, when, where and why questions; identify the main idea and supporting details in expository reading.

The No-Bike Cycling Race

Decide on a start and a finish line on a patch of grass. Then, somersault like a bike wheel as you race towards the finish line!

Somersaults can make you dizzy! Help this kid find his way to the finish line.



Standards Link: Physical Education: Eye hand coordination.

Double Double Word Search

- STEPS
- BALL
- SHADOWS
- DISC
- MUSIC
- GAME
- POINTS
- STUFF
- BACKYARD
- PARK
- EVENTS
- WATER
- THROW
- MOST
- BOUNCE

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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T	A	T	W	N	Q	K	M	U	O
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Olympic Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper for three examples of people using physical energy and three examples of people using mental energy. Which is more tiring? Discuss whether or not exercise can help people focus their mental energy better.

Standards Link: Students identify physical and mental practices that support or enhance health and understand the interdependence of both.

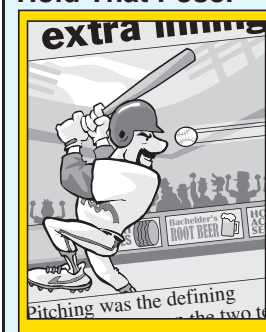
Write On!

My Favorite Event

What is your favorite event at the Summer Olympics and why?

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Hold That Pose!



Find an action photograph in the newspaper.

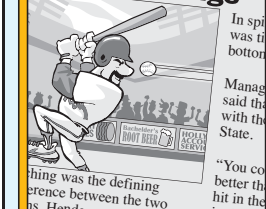


Attempt to imitate and hold the pose in the photograph. Try not to laugh!



Have a friend try. Who can hold the pose longest?

Midcity beats State in extra innings



After you catch your breath, read the caption or article that goes with the photo.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Buffalo Soldiers remembered

Staff Sgt. Harold Morris dons a Buffalo Soldier uniform at Fort Selden Historic Site in anticipation of National Buffalo Soldiers Day July 28. Morris, a Vietnam veteran, dressed in remembrance of the 9th and 10th Cavalry soldiers, black troopers who served at Fort Selden in 1876. The soldiers earned the nickname Buffalo Soldiers. Fort Selden, one of seven New Mexico Historic Sites, hosts Frontier Day Saturday, Sept. 10.



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Volunteers from Centennial High School, left, help visitors make ice cream during the event.

Gabriella Volpato, 6, center, eats ice cream she just made while her grandmother Linda Buttram, right, uses a tin can to churn more ice cream.



Kids make homemade ice cream



Benjamin Meza, 4, rolls a tin can to make ice cream during the 13th-Annual Ice Cream Sunday at the The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces on Sunday, July 17. Visitors to the museum's Ice Cream Sunday event got to make their own ice cream using a plastic bag or rolling tin cans with ice and rock salt inside them.

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From left Merrilee Alvarez, Gabriel Alvarez, 6, Rey Alvarez, and son Rey Alvarez III, 7, take turns shaking a plastic bag to make ice cream.

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Alternative middle school program looks to add students

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Many people know about Las Cruces Public Schools' has a highly successful alternative high school program at Rio Grande Preparatory Institute (formerly San Andres High School). But, did you know LCPS is also home to Mesilla Valley Alternative Middle School?

The program was created several years ago by former Superintendent Stan Rounds and incoming interim Superintendent Dr. Steven Sanchez, who named it LEAP, for Leading Edge Acceleration Program.

LEAP is home to sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students in the old MVTECH building at 400

W. Bell St. in Mesilla Park. Facilities include a state-of-the-art kitchen and cyber cafe, a greenhouse, a woodshop and a wide range of musical instruments so that students are "learning ... and applying it in a real-world situation," said new Principal Dr. Toni Hull.

Each of the school's seven classrooms contains promethean boards and Apple TVs, and every student gets an iPad. Students are provided bus transportation to LEAP, and can participate in athletics at the middle school they are zoned to attend.

Hull took over the program two months ago, moving from Picacho Middle School, where she had served as in-

structional specialist and then assistant principal. She previously served as an instructional specialist at Mesa Middle School.

Hull's staff at LEAP includes four teachers certified in core subjects and two educational assistants. The LEAP student-to-teacher ratio is 20 to one, which is lower than in other middle schools, she said.

At LEAP, students "learn together in the same classroom," Hull said. "Kids help each other.

It's about making middle school a place they want to come to." Staff help students to "focus and learn what they want to learn about in a structured way," she said.

At the end of the 2015-16 school year, LEAP students researched individual topics they were interested in and then made presentations to their teachers and classmates, said LEAP instructional specialist Colette Martinez. One student, she said, presented on how to build and use a skateboard. Another talked about gastric cancer, and another focused on starting a clothing de-



PHOTO COURTESY OF LEAP

Students learn how to work in a kitchen.

sign business.

LEAP staff help students set goals for individualized study and use programs like Reading Plus and Ascend Math to help them learn. One student, Martinez said, entered LEAP reading at a sixth-grade level. When he left the middle school three years later, he was reading at a 12th-grade level, she said.

Every project each student works on "has some kind of relevance to their lives," Hull said. Electives, which tend to be

more popular with students, are embedded into core classes at LEAP. That way, a student may learn about geometry in his or her math class and then apply it to preparing a meal in the school kitchen or building something in the woodshop or growing something in the greenhouse.

And classes run on a "very flexible schedule to create those different learning opportunities," Hull said. The goal is to allow students to learn on their own, with less structure.

And, she said, LEAP will introduce a number of student clubs next school year, including drawing, video gaming, robotics and music. Clubs will be "student driven," she said and will take advantage of teachers' individual strengths and interests as well.

Hull said more student field trips are also planned next school year to places like the New Mexico State University culinary arts department and the city Parks and Recreation Department so students can see "real world people and real world jobs they could be interested in."

The staff, she said, also calls on LEAP parents with expertise in a particular subject area to help guide students into particular vocations and areas of interest.

"Middle School is a discovery time," Hull said. It's also often "where the disconnect happens," when some students may start thinking about dropping out of school, she said.

And because the school has a small student population – it has

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Students try their hand at woodworking.



From left are LEAP instructional specialist Colette Martinez, Principal Dr. Toni Hull and Erika Urueta, president of the LEAP Parent Advisory Council. In the background is a new LEAP mural painted by Las Cruces artist Ralph Reyes.

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about 70 students committed for next school year and hopes to reach about 100 – students get individualized attention from staff. And, Hull meets with the entire school every week.

Erika Urueta, president of the LEAP Parent Advisory Council and a member, said her son loves the LEAP program. “He talks about school. He really loves it,” Urueta said, and has even learned to cook in the school kitchen. He’s made straight A’s since he came to LEAP two years ago, and has gotten his younger sisters excited about coming to LEAP, Urueta said. He’ll be an eighth grader next year and is already talking about going to high school and studying to be an engineer.

The LEAP program, she said, provides a lot of technology to students and offers “a balance of street and book smart. You’re learning,

but it’s fun,” Urueta said.

Discipline at the school is handled on a case-by-case basis, Hull said. She works individually with students who have discipline problems, talks with them about what they did wrong, helps them to learn from it, and then they “get back to learning,” she said. There are no in-school suspensions.

“I meet with every parent and every kid before they come to this school,” Hull said. “We start building that partnership from the beginning.” She tells her students, “Your parents are going to be involved in what you’re doing and come see you be successful.”

For more information or to schedule a tour of the school if you have a middle school student interested in attending LEAP, contact Hull at 527-6059 or thull@lcps.net.

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New private school opening in Las Cruces

By **Billy Huntsman**
For The Bulletin

Acton Academy is an Austin, Texas-based private school system with locations mostly in Texas and Central America. In 2016, however, more than a dozen new locations will be opened up throughout the United States, into Canada and Asia. One of these new locations is in Mesilla.

Opening a Las Cruces location was the idea of Anna Emerick-Biad and her husband, who were dissatisfied with current education offerings. When Acton opens on July 29, Emerick-Biad's three school-aged children will attend.

Each Acton Academy is a micro-school, characterized in "Education Week" by the following criteria:

- Schools have no more than 150 students, K-12.
- Children of mixed ages learn together

in the same classroom.

- Teachers act more as guides than lecturers.
- A heavy emphasis is placed on digital and project-based learning.
- Small class sizes create opportunities for a more personalized education.

Acton operates on an 11-month school year, from September to July, at a cost of about \$5,900 a year. There are a number of scholarships available, and siblings of Acton students receive discounted tuition.

"Student tuition funds the latest technology, skilled teaching staff, exceptional hands-on materials and beautiful facility and grounds," says the Las Cruces campus' website. "Our goal is to remain budget-friendly and implement money-saving technology as it is developed to further drive costs down. Acton Academy Las Cruces is proud to announce that the

school is 100 percent cloud-based, which provides excellent customer service including parent apps with syncing school calendar, online scheduling, online student progress tracking and school safety measures by NEST."

There is no homework at Acton Academy, according to its website. Instead, students' only ongoing out-of-school responsibility is to read.

An independent private school, Acton Academy does not need accreditation, licensure or approval from the New Mexico Public Education Department. Instead, Acton Academy is accredited through the International Association of Learner-Driven Schools, a component of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, which promotes the Whole Child approach to education.

Whole Child is guided by the following tenets:

- Each student enters school healthy and learns about and practices a healthy lifestyle.
 - Each student learns in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe for students and adults.
 - Each student is actively engaged in learning and is connected to the school and broader community.
 - Each student has access to personalized learning and is supported by qualified, caring adults.
 - Each student is challenged academically and prepared for success in college or further study and for employment and participation in a global environment.
- The Las Cruces location will immediately offer kindergarten through seventh-grade curriculums. The school plans to offer additional grades in the coming years, with the hope of soon providing K-12 education.

Construction starts in August on Jornada Elementary School

By **Mike Cook**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Construction will begin in August on a Las Cruces Public Schools construction project that will move the administration offices of Jornada Elementary School to the front of the building, said Gabe Lucero, project manager for WDG Architects – Wil-

liams Design Group, Inc., the Las Cruces architectural firm that is working on the project.

Lucero said the work should be completed in early January 2017.

Jornada Elementary – 3400 Elks Drive – is the last LCPS school to have its administration offices moved to the front of the building so staff have di-

rect sight of the front door, which gives added security to the building, said LCPS Director of Construction Gloria Martinez.

"The safety of the students was the primary issue for this project," said LCPS Chief Communications Officer Jo Galvan. "Moving the front office to the front of the building



provides a new sense of security," she said.

A second phase of the project will "consist of demolishing some interior walls, doors, windows, etc. of the existing administration area and turning it

into a classroom," Lucero said. Phase two, he said, "will also include an entrance corridor/waiting area for the existing nurse room. The parent workroom will also be relocated to this area."

The project will cost about \$530,000, and "was an important project in the 2014 bond" election, Galvan said.

The project is currently out for bid to general contractors, Martinez said.



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A program of the world travel adventures of Vince Gutschick and Lou Ellen Kay with pictures, stories, and artifacts from 38 nations of the world, occurs twice a month at Las Cruces Academy. Gutshick and Kay are the school's board chair and head, respectively. Presentations with light snacks take place at 2 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of every month at 1755 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. Free of charge; children are especially welcome. For information, call Vince at 571-2269.

S.N.A.P Program every Saturday

The Science, Nature and Art Program at the Museum of Nature and Science (classes held in the atrium between the Museum of Art and the Museum of Nature

and Science) offers educational activities inspired by science, technology, engineering and math. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, June 25, is Clouds. www.las-cruces.org/museums.

Film crew training class at DACC

Do you see yourself working in the film industry? Get your foot in the door with this Doña Ana Community College class that provides students with basic IATSE 480 Union certifications, exposure to multiple below-the-line craft areas and 15 union-recognized days toward the required 30 to become eligible for the overflow list.

The class, CMT 126, Film Crew Training 1 - CRN #54021, will be held during the fall 2016 semester from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 17 through Dec. 12. For information, contact mbyrnes@dacc.nmsu.edu.

Pesticide NMX could rescue California's spinach crop

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Local entrepreneur Luke Smith, president of EcoSeal, believes his organic pesticide NMX could save California's profitable baby spinach crop from the devastation of downy mildew, a plant parasite.

"Salinas Valley spinach growers lose up to 60 to 70 percent of their crop," Smith said. "The only current way to fight it is to use resistant varieties.

He said farmers plant six or seven varieties, hoping to harvest three or four.

"There's a huge demand for a product that works," Smith said.

NMX could be the answer.

Spinach was one of several cold weather vegetables tested earlier this year in California to evaluate the effectiveness of NMX.

Ironically, no downy mildew arrived to sicken the spinach field where NMX was applied, so the tests had to be redone.

"It's just unfortunate it did not show up in that field," Smith said. "We're waiting on the spinach (re-testing) results, because it's the biggest money crop," he said. "It's the crop hardest hit by downy mildew."

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COURTESY PHOTO

Luke Smith of Eco Seal prepares to spray his organic pesticide on a research field at New Mexico State University Fabian Garcia Research Center.



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Volunteers, among them Marty Howell of SMA engineering company in Las Cruces, work with villagers to assemble PVC for the project.

SMA engineers put expertise to work on two continents

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Under heavy cloud cover, senior engineer Marty Howell of Souder, Miller & Associates (SMA) Las Cruces trudged up a mountain from the Honduran farming community of Monquecaugua.

Climbing with him were men, women and children from the village, each hauling heavy sacks of supplies slung across their shoulders. The little band of climbers included a local priest and missionaries from Tennessee, Howell said.

Their mission was to create a safe supply of drinking water for the community in the valley below.

Howell was there with Water Engineers for the Americas, a nonprofit organization whose board of directors includes three associates from SMA, a regional engineering company that started in Santa Fe.

"There was a tank on the moun-

tain-top," Howell said as he showed photos of the project. "Our job was to build a main line down the mountain. By the time we got there, people from the community — men, women and children — had already dug a trench down the mountain, by hand with shovels, a mile a day. They dug the whole thing. Our job was to guide putting the pipe in the trench and troubleshoot."

Engineering for people

A common theme unites the work SMA — Las Cruces does, whether deep in the mountains of South America or in the cities and colonias of southern New Mexico: solving problems for communities.

"For me the fun thing about engineering is you end up in a situation with a box of parts and you have to figure out how to make it work — whether you're in Honduras or in the office in Las Cruces — and that's why

I like this job," Howell said. "Everything we do helps people."

The things SMA does to help people in southern New Mexico include bringing safe drinking water to cities and colonias, providing wastewater engineering services, monitoring landfills, designing disposal cells and managing landfill closures, and cleaning up abandoned oil storage tanks.

Projects include survey work for runways at Spaceport America and Holloman Air Force Base.

What distinguishes SMA, however, is not what the company does but how it does it.

Regard for employees, like regard for clients, is part of the culture, according to SMA managers.

"Employee ownership plays into virtually every decision the company makes," said COO Karl Tonander.

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Tainted oil undermines legitimacy of free markets

One of the ironies of globalization is that natural resource-rich countries are often among the most corrupt and poorly governed.

This phenomenon is known as the resource curse. It arises from the ability of ruthless government officials to use resource revenue for their own purposes.

The major players in global oil markets are not large western corporations, but governments. Often the governments are controlled by military rulers who have seized the government via violence, in essence having stolen the countries' natural resources by force of arms.

Thus the major players in the global oil markets are not western corporations, but despotic governments. They only hire foreign corporations, if they hire them at all, to get the

Chris Erickson
State of the Economy



oil out of the ground. The biggest oil producers, like Saudi Arabia, use their own national oil company, hiring large western oil companies only for special jobs, if at all.

In fact, Saudi Arabia controls 20 percent of global oil reserves while Exxon, the largest U.S. oil company, only controls 1 percent.

Smaller countries do need to hire outside firms to extract their oil. When they do, they often pay the oil company with oil. In return, the oil companies pay the country's officials vast sums in the form of royalties, signing bonuses and other incentives. The exact nature of these payments is typically

kept secret, allowing for vast corruption.

Control by ruling elites of natural resources, especially oil, creates an opportunity for graft and corruption. Oil gives officials revenue that allows them to stay in power regardless of their support from the masses. The money generated from oil sales insulates dictators and other scoundrels from the will of the people. In fact, oil sales finance repression.

Meanwhile, elites in "normal" countries must rely on tax collection, which is much easier to do when the elites enjoy the consent of the governed. To gain this consent, elites provide services wanted by people. Thus, even in countries lacking formal democratic institutions, the need to collect taxes provides a mechanism that limits abuses.

Oil revenue short-circuits this mechanism, thereby accounting for the resource curse.

This presents a problem for libertarians and other free-market advocates. The legitimacy of the free-market system depends on voluntary trade, yet much of the world's oil is not acquired through free exchange but instead by oppression and violence.

Dictators are enabled by our oil greed.

This is not a trivial issue. If you think about it, the global trade in tainted oil permeates all aspects of our economy. Ninety percent of transportation, for example, is fueled by hydrocarbons. Then there are artificial heart valves, cosmetics, fertilizers, asphalt among many other things.

Repressive regimes around the world are stealing the

wealth of their countries, using force to subjugate their citizens so that they can sell oil to us. Our purchase of that stolen oil is financing the misery of others. We need to do something about this.

A decade ago we had a global campaign against "blood diamonds" that were being sold by rebel groups to finance their military campaigns. The world united to stop this trade, which has been achieved for the most part.

Now, perhaps, it is time for a global campaign against "blood oil."

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SMA

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He said it was a factor in the location SMA - Las Cruces chose for its new, larger office building.

SMA will soon move to a larger office off Sonoma Ranch Boulevard, close to where many of SMA's 34 Las Cruces employees live.

Working with communities

Senior engineer Lilla Reid, the Las Cruces office manager and head of the water resources business line, said SMA helps communities get funding to do their projects and puts to-

gether the planning documents for their projects.

"It's nice for communities," she said. "So many boards work hard all day — not with funding documents. It helps if we do the documents."

In addition, SMA has taken on as part of its mission educating public entities about federal funding available for community infrastructure updates. In April, SMA collaborated with the county to present a seminar on sources of federal funds and how to tap into them.

"One of our primary areas of interest as a company is to get funding for our communities,"

Tonander said.

He said although other companies have followed SMA's lead in assisting communities with funding, "I truly believe we're the best example of this,"

Projects past and present

Reid, a New Mexico State University graduate who joined the company 18 years ago as an intern, said in reality there is need for a source of clean water for New Mexico communities.

Tonander said in recent years, in part as a result of a push by state agencies, there has been more of a focus on the reuse of water and on engineering efficiencies.

SMA currently is working on such a project for Doña Ana Mutual Water Consumers Association., designing improvements to a wastewater treatment plant so the water can be reclaimed and safely used on Picacho Hills Country Club golf course.

"We're planning and

designing construction, modifying what's there and retrofitting," Reid said.

"We have contracts with the city for storm-water management, water storage and waste water management," Tonander said.

"We worked with the city on the East Mesa water line improvement project to bring the design up to city standards, with larger diameter pipe and new hydrants," Reid added.

The menu of options for clients recently expanded with the acquisition of a portion of Southwest Engineering Inc.

"Paul (Pompeo) brought a facet we didn't have: commercial," Tonander said.

He said Pompeo has 25 years of experience in civil engineering for residential and commercial development, from land planning, design, and government approvals, carrying through to construction management.

"What I've done now is

brought myself and five other employees who continue to do the same type of work we've been doing," Pompeo said.

He said he sees an increase in residential and commercial construction in Las Cruces, making this a good time for a merger.

"We're very busy on lots and lots of projects," he said.

Among them is the hospital at Park Ridge multi-use project, with construction set to start in early fall on the infill project.

Pompeo said he and his colleagues are working on site developments, including roadways, drainage and utility.

An environmental bent

SMA started in 1992 when Miller Engineering Inc. merged with Karl Souder & Associates, a Santa Fe hydrology firm to form SMA, Tonander said.

The company, which now has offices in several states, considers Albuquerque its home, he said.

Tonander opened the

Las Cruces office to address the needs of clients in the southern part of the state.

"Each office evolved based on the interests of the senior personnel and the projects available in the area," he said. "We started with an environmental bent, because that was where I came from."

Most of the larger offices, like the one in Las Cruces, now offer a lengthy menu of engineering services.

"We're lucky the way our office and company have evolved, we have a lot of different services," Tonander said. "One of the cooler things we've done recently We have FAA approval to do some drone survey work."

With drones, SMA can shoot accurate aerial photos of sites where groundwater, commercial construction or landfill cell closures are planned.

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MVEDA forum focuses on economic vitality, sustainability

The August MVEDA Business in the Borderplex Forum will focus on the recommendations that resulted from New Mexico First's Economic Security and Vitality for New Mexico Town Hall held in May in Albuquerque.

With more than 200 registrants, the town hall produced a platform of 11 consensus recommendations, each garner-

ing support from more than 85 percent of the participants.

New Mexico First President Heather Balas will present an overview of the findings and recommendations of the town hall at the MVEDA meeting 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

The meeting will begin with a hot entrée buffet followed by a brief update from MVEDA staff.

Advance registration is \$25, payable by major credit card via the secure portal on the registration form. Payment at the door is \$30.

Due to space limitations, reservations

are required. Registration closes Thursday, July 28. Register online at www.mveda.com/blog.

NMSU Career Expo planned

New Mexico State University will hold its 32nd annual Career Expo Fair Sept. 20-21 on the third floor of the Corbett Center Student Union.

The Sept. 20 session will focus on employment opportunities for business, agriculture, liberal arts and community health students; the Sept. 21 session will be for engineering, sci-

ence and technology.

Employers attending the career fair will interact with candidates who would like to learn more about their career field, or obtain a position as an intern, co-op, summer or regular employee.

NMSU has students enrolled in 90 bachelor and 50 graduate programs.

Though each day has different focus, employers and candidates are encouraged to attend both days to maximize their networking opportunities.

Employers may participate one day for \$400 or two days for \$700.

For more information, contact Career Services at 646-1631.

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Honors and obstacles

The spinach-testing saga exemplifies the complications that can arise on the path to commercialization of a new product.

In spite of obstacles, EcoSeal has achieved a string of successes in securing funding, testing with various plants and earning the distinction of being a 2015 New Mexico Small Business Assistance (NMSBA) "success story."

Through NMSBA — which assists New Mexico small businesses facing a technical challenge to access the expertise of national labs and universities — Smith has collaborated with scientists from New Mexico State University and Sandia National Lab, as well as with business experts from NMSU.

Griselda Martinez, manager of the NMSBA program at NMSU's Arrowhead Center, said EcoSeal was one of 300 companies throughout New Mexico to receive assistance from NMSBA in 2015. He was one of 10 selected as a "success story."

Rediscovering NMX

The NMX story began in 2005 in an NMSU lab.

NMX, made up of essential oils, was developed by microbiology professor Geoffrey Smith and a team of researchers, Luke Smith said.

"When they found it was edible, they got excited," he said.

The professors wrote a paper about their findings and then shelved the project until Luke Smith re-discovered it nearly a decade later.

"An edible pesticide — that's crazy, right?" Smith said. "I got super excited."

He founded EcoSeal to commercialize the promising pesticide.

Smith moved his company into NMSU's student incubator, Studio G, where he got business guidance from entrepreneurs volunteering through Arrowhead Center.

Test and re-test

In 2014, Smith began studies with Ryan Goss, a professor in the NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences, on the effect of NMX on sucking insects that attack turf grass, as well as its effectiveness as a fungicide.

Later, the fledgling company tested the prod-

The path to commercialization of NMX organic pesticide

2005	New Mexico State microbiology professors develop the organic pesticide NMX, which tests prove is edible.
2014	Luke Smith founds EcoSeal and wins an NMSU Launch competition that provides \$15,000 seed money.
2014-15	Studies on turf grass demonstrate the effectiveness of NMX against sucking insects. Further studies indicate effectiveness as insecticide and fungicide on turf grass and onions.
2015	EcoSeal competes in regional I-Corps event at El Paso; qualifies for nationals and receives a \$50,000 grant.
2016	NMX tested on winter vegetables in California; final results due shortly.
	Smith meets with bio-pesticide research and production companies to determine their interest in NMX.

uct's effectiveness against soil diseases and fungal diseases on local farms that grow onions and a variety of peppers.

"We learned it was as effective as other organic pesticides and really effective on fungal diseases," Smith said.

In a spring 2016 test with organic vegetables in California, an independent testing company evaluated not only the effectiveness but also the toxicity of NMX. In order to be approved by the EPA as a bio-pesticide, the product must be tested for toxicity, Smith said.

From now through October, EcoSeal will evaluate NMX's effective on nematodes, a variety of

roundworm that damages the turf grass on golf courses.

"Right now, nothing works very well, so if we get even a semblance of control, it will be really great," Smith said.

He said plot tests will be done in a greenhouse during the summer heat. Grass growing in a greenhouse will be inoculated with nematodes and then treated with NMX.

Another round of tests will be conducted on the golf course at University of New Mexico, "because they have nematodes," Smith said.

The business of entrepreneurship

In fall 2015, Smith re-

He anticipates completing the EPA submission packet in 2017 and the EPA registration process by 2018.

Meanwhile, important business decisions lie ahead for the young entrepreneur, who holds a Master of Accountancy degree from NMSU.

In order to proceed with marketing NMX, Smith must determine what the product does best.

"Time and energy wise, we will most likely focus on marketing it as a fungicide for winter vegetables," Smith said.

Another area in which the product excels is as a surfactant — an additive to existing herbicides and pesticides that increases their uptake.

As a surfactant, NMX reduces the surface tension on the leaves of a plant, which increases the uptake of an herbicide or pesticide, Smith said.

He said his organic product is superior to traditional surfactants because it has a natural, essential oil smell rather than a strong chemical odor.

"Surfactants are less regulated than pesticides," he said. "We could get to market quicker."

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From dream to reality

Guzman Sport Karate Kickboxing still growing

By Billy Huntsman
Las Cruces Bulletin

Eli Guzman has owned, operated and served as master sensei at Guzman Sport Karate Kickboxing for 15 years.

A native of Las Cruces, Guzman tracks the origin of his interest in martial arts to his parents taking him to see Bruce Lee films at the Aggie Drive-In when he was a child.

That interest led Guzman to pursue an education in martial arts. Currently he is a fifth-level black belt in Muay Thai kickboxing, a blue belt in Brazilian jujitsu and a seventh-degree black belt in karate.

“I just recently got my seventh degree at our 15th annual martial arts tournament,” Guzman said.

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Las Cruces Eli Guzman is a fifth-level black belt in Muay Thai kickboxing, a blue belt in Brazilian jujitsu and a seventh-degree black belt in karate.

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Former New Mexico State University golfer Alena Sharp will compete for Canada in the upcoming Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro along with fellow former Aggies Gwladys Nocera (France) and Ursula Wikström (Finland).

Former Aggies head to Summer Olympics

Bulletin report

With the 2016 Olympics set to begin on Aug. 5 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, New Mexico State Aggie fans will be invested more than usual as three former Aggie women's golfers take the international stage.

Alena Sharp (Canada), Gwladys Nocera (France) and Ursula Wikström (Finland) will look to go for

gold as they represent their respective countries in the 31st running of the Olympiads. Sharp played with both Nocera and Wikström in college.

Sharp, a First-Team All-American in 2003 and 11 year LPGA Tour veteran will take a break from arguably one of her best seasons on tour to represent Canada in Rio. She recently finished in a tie for

21st at the 71st U.S. Women's Open with a 1-over 289 card.

The Ontario, Canada, product finished her Aggie career with five victories, three of which came as a senior. Sharp reached as high as No. 5 in the Golfstat/NCAA rankings her senior year and owned a 73.25 stroke average. She also picked up Honorable Mention All-America

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Larry Rose III on award watch list

Bulletin report

New Mexico State University running back Larry Rose III has been named as one of the forty “players to watch” for the Walter Camp Football Foundation's 2016 Player of the Year award. The Walter Camp Award is the nation's fourth oldest individual college football accolade.



ROSE III

After leading the Sun Belt Conference with 1,651 rushing yards on 240 carries and being named the SBC's Offensive Player of the Year, Rose III was named to the Associated Press All-America Third Team. The sophomore was the only SBC student-athlete chosen for this honor following the 2015 season and was the

first Aggie to be selected since Karl Dean, who earned Third Team in both 1974 and 1975.

After rushing for 1,102 yards as a freshman, Rose III became the first back-to-back 1,000-yard rusher for the Aggies since Dennis Manns. Manns rushed for over 1,000 yards each of his four years in Crimson and White (1995-1998).

A native from Fairfield, Texas, Rose III broke the all-time single season rushing record 10 weeks into the 2015 season as he rushed for 191 yards against UL Lafayette. Overall, Rose III finished the season ranked sixth all-time in the SBC in single season rushing yards.

Rose III completed the season with three 200-yard rushing games and seven 100-yard rushing games.

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USGA needs to be put on the clock

It has been more than four weeks since the U. S. Open debacle at Oakmont in which the USGA decided to wait until play on the golf course was concluded to assess Dustin Johnson a one-stroke penalty for allegedly causing his ball to move on the 5th green almost four hours earlier in the day.

What's my take on that surprising episode? Anybody who was watching the Fox broadcast that Sunday afternoon knows exactly what transpired, so I will offer my perspective and considered opinions about what has remained one of the most controversial episodes in the annals of professional golf history. And it could have been much worse, especially because Dustin Johnson was involved and it easily could have determined the championship.

Back in the 2010 PGA Championship, Johnson was assessed a penalty on his 72nd hole after grounding his club in what was actually a small bunker on Whistling Straits. It kept him out of a playoff. Then, last year at Changers Bay, Johnson three-putted from 12 feet keeping him from another playoff with winner Jordan Spieth.



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

This time, despite the ridiculous mishandling of the rule decision by USGA officials, Johnson remained superbly mentally tough and in control of his game and won by three shots. But the way things unfolded late on June 19th provides plenty of room for controversy, speculation and criticism.

The rule in question is number 18; actually both 18-1 and 18-2 concerning "ball at rest moved."

According to 18-1 if a ball at rest has moved by something other than the golfer himself "it must be known or virtually certain that an outside agency has moved the ball." However, "In the absence of such knowledge or certainty" the player is held responsible for causing the ball to move.

The rule book is highly specific and reads like the small print in a legal or disclaimer document, but it doesn't provide all the answers. There are

hundreds accumulated "decisions" cases for each part of each rule, and there are various interpretations of rules by USGA blue coats, and then there is "guidance" which can apply to those interpretations.

It's sort of like the Bible: different authorities and scholars and experts usually see and interpret certain things differently. It's just a good thing that our nation's system of jurisprudence for criminal cases doesn't go by the same guidance as the USGA because our penitentiaries would be overwhelmed by murderers and convicted felons who are assumed to be guilty.

USGA assumes the golfer is guilty unless indisputable evidence (often video) proves otherwise. Despite whether the player states unequivocally that he did not do anything to cause the ball to move, according to the USGA the golfer must be penalized if it is "more likely than not" that he caused the ball to move. In the case of Dustin Johnson he did nothing to cause his ball to move, not even grounding his putter behind the ball.

Apparently the USGA people chose to ignore the simple mat-

ter of gravity (slope) together with a 14-stimp green speed. "Sports Illustrated" kindly called it a "curious decision."

When it comes to organizing its three professional major championships (US Open, Women's US Open and Senior US Open) the USGA prides itself on establishing stringent qualifications, setting up championship golf courses to be extremely difficult and having plenty of volunteers and rules officials on hand. The blue coats talk of the US Open as being an "examination" for the best golfers in the world.

They're not grading on the curve, and intense golf competition isn't an exam. But this I'm sure of: the USGA failed its own examination on two counts. First, for "slow play." They should have been put on the clock immediately when the incident happened with Johnson on the 5th green. And secondly, to wait until hours after the incident occurred, after play was concluded, to issue a ruling, was in my view and abomination. The USGA response? "Upon reflection we regret the distraction caused by our decision to wait."

ROSE III

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He rushed for a career-high 260 yards at Rio Grande rival New Mexico, but the highlight of his season was a 212-yard, four touch-down rushing performance against Idaho on Oct. 31. He scored two touchdowns in the final 3:56 of the game and then added a touch-down in extra time to lift the Aggies to victory.

Rose III also led the conference with 1,934 all-purpose yards. Overall, he racked up four 200-yard all-purpose games and nine 100-yard all-purpose games. Rose III earned two consecutive SBC Offensive Student-Athlete of the Week awards after spectacular performances against Idaho and Texas State.

In addition, Rose III amassed 283 receiving yards and two touch-downs on 30 receptions. This included a flat-pattern pass, which he carried 77 yards for a touch-down at Texas State.

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honors as a junior, First-Team All-Big West Conference as a freshman and First-Team All-Sun Belt Conference the other three years.

Nocera, who was a senior when Sharp was a freshman, crossed



NOCERA

of the last three years and 15 in total since turning pro in 2002. Nocera was a regular on the LPGA Tour before making the transition to the LET in 2012. Since then, she's taken home the trophy four times on the Ladies European Tour.



WIKSTRÖM

reached a Golfstat/NCAA ranking as high as No. 19. Nocera earned All-America Honorable Mention selections in 2000 and earned back-to-back First-Team All-BWC selections in 1999 and 2000.

The third and final Aggie heading to Rio to


compete in the Olympics is Wikström, who went by Tuuti during her time in Las Cruces. She concluded her career with a 75.14 stroke average at NM State. Like her fellow Olympians, Wikström garnered All-American Honorable Mention distinction as well as First-Team All-SBC in 2001.

The Finnish native turned pro in 2003 after graduation and has finished in second several times. Her best finish in 2016 has been a tie for 13th at the 2016 Buick Championships at Shanghai Qizhong Garden Golf.

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LEFT: Savonne Lucero with First Light Federal Credit Union, left, Kevin McGrath with Burger Time restaurants and Marci Dickerson with Dickerson's Catering and The Game, enjoyed the hot sun and fellowship during the 23rd Annual Burger Time Golf Tournament at Red Hawk Golf Club, July 14-16. The event raised \$251,000 to support athletics and all activities with Las Cruces Public Schools high schools.

ABOVE: Golfers sit and enjoy a meal after playing 18 holes in the hot sun.

GUZMAN

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GSKK, like most martial arts schools today, offers instruction in the many branches of martial arts, including karate, Muay Thai kickboxing

and Brazilian jujitsu.

"Because of the UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship), people are cross-training," Guzman said.

Guzman said his dojo does not specifically train aspiring UFC fighters.

"If one day someone decides to try to go for something big like (the UFC), that's fine," he said. "My main focus is to develop leaders. I'm not looking to build the next big UFC fighter; I want to build leaders in the community."

Guzman said of particular importance to him is to instill "great character" in his students.

"I try to focus on showing kids how to be respectful, showing them discipline, give them a positive direction to go in," he said.

Guzman implements an instructor-training program, where he has higher-level students teach lower-level students. Guzman said this method teaches ITP students leadership skills and gives them a taste of the teaching aspect, which, Guzman said, "is a whole other ballpark" compared to learning martial arts.

Guzman said he has had some students for as long as 10 years.

"My whole goal is for (students) to start working for me, to keep them growing," he said. "I want to make sure, if they love martial arts, they have a future."

Guzman said age is not really an impediment to practicing martial arts. He has students from ages 3 to 60.

"Martial arts keeps you young," he said.

Guzman said he currently has more than 200 students enrolled in his school who practice martial arts for a variety of

reasons.

"Weight loss, learning self-defense and improving self-esteem are some of the key things we focus on," Guzman said.

While not a core focus of his dojo, Guzman said, with about 10 percent, or 20 of these students, GSKK participates in martial arts competitions at least once a month.

GSKK opened its doors in 2001 when, Guzman said, he decided to turn his hobby into a way of life. He had initially approached former Las Cruces Mayor Ruben Smith about teaching martial arts for free, "just give me a facility." Guzman said he was told Las Cruces already had a free martial arts program.

Having no prior business experience, Guzman said he then started devising a business plan. To help bankroll his business, he sold his car—a 1965 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport—for \$1,500.

With that \$1,500 Guzman went on to open his business, which has received the Las Cruces Sun-News Readers' Choice for Best Martial Arts facility multiple times, most recently in 2015. GSKK achieved a

continuing first-place ranking in karate schools in the New Mexico State Karate Alliance, where Guzman also has a first-place ranking in karate instructors, among other accolades.

Guzman said his high standards for himself and for his business are the reason for his success.

"You have one life," he said. "What are you going to do with it? You've got to have a purpose."

In 15 years, more than 40 people have attained the level of black belt at GSKK, while several others have additionally achieved second-degree status.

"That shows dedication," Guzman said. "It takes a long time to achieve black belt."

The business moved to its current location, 1203 N. Main St., about eight years ago, Guzman said, from its previous location on Mesquite Street.

"Martial arts has taught me to be a leader," Guzman said. "It's taught me respect, it's taught me discipline, it's taught me to stand up for others and not be bullied."

Guzman said he plans to open other dojos, starting within a few years.

"I get to live my dream," Guzman said.



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Football Follies

Part 2: Try Outs

Bulletin writer Susie Ouderkirk recently got the opportunity to do something she's longed for all her life: play football. What started out as a story to cover for the Bulletin turned into a journey with an unknown ending. Now Ouderkirk shares her journey with the Bulletin. This is part two.

By Susie Ouderkirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

It was Sunday, June 26, the evening of tryouts for the Las Cruces Coyotes full-contact women's football team, and I hadn't told my husband I was thinking of doing more than interviewing the coaches and the women who showed up and taking a few pictures.

I figured I'd check out the tryouts and get a look at the ladies who showed up. If the drills and terminology were over my head, or if the workout was geared toward personal trainers and aerobics instructors, I would stay on the sidelines, interview a few people, take some pictures and call it a wrap.

I assumed the ladies I encountered at the tryouts would be young, strong, big, angry and disenfranchised with chips on their shoulders, with also a general sense of misanthropy. I could not have been more wrong.

The 27 women who tried out for the Coyotes were just like me. Most were younger; a few were not. Many were heavier, some were slimmer. Several were taller, a handful were shorter. None looked like a "football player." They smiled and welcomed each other, shaking hands and introducing themselves. One woman held her 6-week-old baby in her arms. Three or four looked too young to buy alcohol. A couple looked like grandmothers. But, most importantly, I didn't look out of place. With the exception of my plastic Las Cruces Bulletin nametag, I was just one of the gang, moving restlessly in a loose group on the infield turf of the Oñate High School football field.

So I put my camera away and made the choice to attempt the tryout process.

Push each other

Before we began, each participant was asked to come up with a number that was special to her. Not expecting the request, I fumbled. How hard can it be to blurt out a number?

"Seven?" Already taken. "Four?" Already taken. Um... This shouldn't have been hard, but since I'd been thinking about the technicalities of football for two solid days, my brain just sputtered coming up with a simple digit.

But alas, like the vibrant image of the holy grail above Zoot's Anthrax castle (kudos to those of you who get this reference), THE number jumped into my head: 50. My dad's number when he played football. At that time—the mid-1950s—most college football players did double duty: playing both offense and defense. The number 50 was a half-back's number and I was proud to have his. So, temporarily tattooed on my fist with a Sharpie was the number 50. In a moment uncharacteristic for a football player, I looked at that 50 on my hand and it almost brought me to tears.

Coach Billy Avalos introduced himself and his assistant coaches, gathered us into a big circle and explained what we were about to do.

We warmed up with basic stretches and moved into step exercises, traveling back and forth in a line, skipping with our knees up to our chests, sliding sideways, running backward. My pulse was up. I was breathing heavily. All good. I can do this.

Then coach said, "Everybody, once around the track. Go." All the way around the track is 400 meters. Sounds so easy. It wasn't. But I wasn't going to walk for anything. I was going to run those 400 meters if my lungs burst. They didn't. I made it around. But as I crossed the finish line, Coach Jamar waved me up to the front of the pack, which was collectively catching its breath.

When the last of the runners made it all the way around, Coach put the slowest runners at the front, single file, and said, "You're all doing this again. The slower runners are in the front; the faster runners are in the back. You'll push each other. Go."

Having fun

This was the first moment I questioned my decision to do this. I had an easy out: go pick up my camera, focus the lens knowingly, squat down and start taking action shots of the other women. Instead of being a football wanna-be, I was just a Bulletin reporter again.

But this was the closest I'd ever been to a sport I'd wanted to experience my whole life. So the camera stayed in the bag, and I ran another 400 meters in a single-file line, encouraging the runners in front of me, being urged on by the ones behind me.

I have to admit, even though I was feeling out of breath and uncomfortable, I was having fun.

But tryouts were just getting started, and I knew I should demonstrate some guts and some "hustle," so I jogged confidently from station to station: first sprinting back and forth with shuttle runs, then making short passes or running five-yard bench routes or curls, then lining up for 40 yard dashes (my time: 7.2 seconds.)

After what felt like just a few minutes, but was actually two hours, coach Avalos gathered us onto the bleachers, thanked us for our participation and promised to contact us with his decision by the next day.

I left the field feeling wonderfully spent and kind of proud of myself for just getting it done. I was slow. I was uncoordinated. I fell during the shuttle runs. I was pasty and red-faced at the same time. I'm positive I didn't look like a football player.

Maybe I could help the team out in some way other than as a player. Could I help with water and snacks? Could I make copies of the rulebook and collate them? Could I write press releases for the team? Sure: Coach will find someplace for me. I may not be young and fast anymore, but I'm useful.

On Monday, June 27, I sat at my desk at the Bulletin looking through the photos I'd taken at tryouts, and piecing together the start of my first-person article. My cell phone rang. It was coach. The first thing he said was, "We want you on our team." I froze, staring at the faint ghost of the black 50 barely visible on my right hand. In yet another moment uncharacteristic of a football player, I nearly burst into tears.

And so it begins.

NMSU equestrian to compete for one more year

By Justin Bannister
For the Bulletin

New Mexico State University, along with the New Mexico State Athletics Department, announced today that the equestrian team will be allowed to compete in the 2016-2017 season. This will, however, be the final season for the team to be funded by the university.

"Our students are incredibly important to us," said NMSU Chancellor Garrey Carruthers. "As the university continues to be under enormous pressure to cut our budget by \$12.1 million, we have spoken with our stakeholders repeatedly over the course of this process. However, we should have given more notice to our equestrian team.

This final season will give them an opportunity to compete and to seek other opportunities if they choose. I have shared this decision with the chair of our Board of Regents and she concurs."

Earlier this week, NMSU announced it would immediately discontinue sponsorship of the equestrian team. The team will now be allowed to compete in its final season being funded by the university. NMSU will still fully honor the scholarships of its current equestrian student-athletes for the remainder of their eligibility.

The decision to discontinue funding of the program was made after careful consideration following recent cuts to the university's budget due to declin-

ing state funding and declining enrollment. Other cuts include eliminating vacant and filled positions around the university, eliminating the on-campus employee health center and beginning the process to eliminate the engineering surveying program.

"The Athletics Department needs to cut its budget, much like the rest of the university, but we will be able to accommodate this final year of the program," Director of Athletics Mario Moccia said.

Supporters of the NMSU equestrian program are seeking private funding to make the program self-sustaining. NMSU supports this approach as advocates for the program work to fund the program at a competitive level.

2016 NMSU volleyball schedule

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Aug. 26	UC Santa Barbara	Las Vegas, Nev.
Aug. 27	at UNLV	Las Vegas, Nev.
Sept. 2	Austin Peay	Troy, Ala.
Sept. 2	Valparaiso	Troy, Ala.
Sept. 3	at Troy	Troy, Ala.
Sept. 3	Southern	Troy, Ala.
Sept. 9	Sacramento State	Las Cruces, N.M.
Sept. 9	Texas A&M	Las Cruces, N.M.
Sept. 10	Arizona	Las Cruces, N.M.
Sept. 16	Central Connecticut	Providence, R.I.
Sept. 17	Binghamton	Providence, R.I.
Sept. 17	at Brown	Providence, R.I.
Sept. 22	Seattle U	Las Cruces, N.M.
Sept. 24	Utah Valley	Las Cruces, N.M.
Sept. 29	at CSU Bakersfield	Bakersfield, Calif.
Oct. 1	at Grand Canyon	Phoenix, Ariz.
Oct. 5	UTEP	Las Cruces, N.M.
Oct. 8	UT Rio Grande Valley	Las Cruces, N.M.
Oct. 13	Missouri-Kansas City	Las Cruces, N.M.
Oct. 15	Chicago State	Las Cruces, N.M.
Oct. 16	at New Mexico	Albuquerque, N.M.
Oct. 20	at Utah Valley	Orem, Utah
Oct. 22	at Seattle U	Seattle, Wash.
Oct. 27	Grand Canyon	Las Cruces, N.M.
Oct. 29	CSU Bakersfield	Las Cruces, N.M.
Nov. 5	UT Rio Grande Valley	Edinburg, Texas
Nov. 10	Chicago State	Chicago, Ill.
Nov. 12	Missouri-Kansas City	Kansas City, Mo.
Nov. 17-20	WAC Tournament	Las Cruces, N.M.
Nov. 23	at UTEP	El Paso, Texas

Red water worries? Get answers

By Suzanne Michaels
For the Bulletin

Following the Flint, Michigan, disaster with high levels of lead in the water, everyone across the nation is on high alert regarding drinking water safety.

In Las Cruces, we don't have lead issues – but we do have naturally occurring minerals in the aquifers (iron and manganese) that are not harmful, but can show up in water from your faucet as varying levels of discoloration.

The discolored water events are due to a variety of circumstances. For example, every year with the approach of spring and summer, the demand for water increases as residents begin outdoor irrigation and run swamp coolers. Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) ramps up all water wells to meet the community's increased water consumption.

"The change in water demand changes the water velocity through our distribution system," said Adrienne L. Widmer, P.E., Water Resources administrator, "which causes the minerals that have settled in pipes to become apparent when water flows out of taps in some parts of the city."

Recent water main breaks have also disrupted the flow of water through pipes, causing more incidents of discoloration, or "red" water.

"A couple of scenarios can cause water to come out of the tap with a rusty or red color. It's important to know that iron and manganese occur naturally in our aquifers," says Widmer, "Because of that, we treat water with polyphosphate to keep those minerals in suspension."

"Second, we chlorinate our water to assure the community that we do not have coliform bacteria issues in the water distribution system, in accordance with the drinking water standards. Even a tiny amount of chlorine can cause the iron and manga-



Residents can alert LCU about red water issues by calling 526-0500, 24-hours a day. The water system in the affected part of town is then flushed, allowing the discolored water to clear. The red/brown color is caused by the iron and manganese that has dropped out of suspension in the water. While not harmful to consume, residents should avoid washing laundry when the water is discolored, due to possible staining of clothing.

nese to drop out of solution in the water, turning it red."

To help explain what's happening and to assure customers that our drinking water is safe, LCU is hosting a Water Quality Open House at the LCU Administrative Offices, 680 N. Motel Blvd, on Thursday, August 25th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Any customers who have questions about water quality are invited to the Open House. A variety of booths will be provided to answer any questions.

You can reach Las Cruces Utilities at 528-3500 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Las Cruces Utilities provides GAS – WATER – WASTEWATER – SOLID WASTE services to approximately 100,000 Las Cruces area residents.

NOLAN BLAIR CLAYSHULTE "CHIC" *August 13, 1924 to July 12, 2016*

Nolan Blair Clayshulte "Chic" was born August 13, 1924 in Mesilla, New Mexico. He was the son of Nelson "Ned" Clayshulte and Lena Norton Clayshulte. He died on July 12, 2016 at the age of 91 after a short illness. He had four brothers and a sister. He is survived by three children (Kathy, Russell, and



CLAYSHULTE

David), 4 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. After 2 years at the New Mexico A&M, he was drafted into the army during WWII. After his return he spent time throughout New Mexico. Foremost he was a New Mexican and his roots returned him to the Mesilla Valley. He was a real life person, he had faith in those

around him. Easy to make a friend, extend a hand. He kept his life simply, close to the earth, field strong, sunburnt and stubborn. He was a farmer at heart, this was his earth, his place and he knew every farm, every orchard by name.

There wasn't a farmer in the valley he didn't know and they respected Chic.

He ran the custom combines and could tell the ripeness of the grain at an easy glance. He was a 33° Mason and a member of the Scottish Right of Freemasonry. As a founding father for the Trinity Lutheran Church, he worked tirelessly to help feed the poor and cared deeply about his church family.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, July 21, 2016, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive the burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho Avenue with military honors accorded by a New Mexico National Guard Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League – El Perro Diablo.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (www.lls.org).

To send condolences, email a note to rclayshulte@earthlink.net.

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PETE "PEDRO" C. HERNANDEZ

July 16, 2016

Pete "Pedro" C. Hernandez, 70, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on July 16, 2016. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.

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January 1, 1953 to July 8, 2016

ELIAS "DODO" RENDON JR., was called to his eternal home on Friday, July 8, 2016. He was born January 1, 1953 to Elias "Coney" Rendon and Jessie Lopez in Mesilla. "Dodo" as he was fondly known to his family and friends went to live with his paternal grandparents, Monico and Seferina Rendon at the age of three, and remained there for most of his life. First them taking care of him and then in later years, he taking care of them. He eventually move to Las Cruces where he remained until his pass-

ing. Elias enjoyed dancing, joking around, cooking and spending time with his family and friends.

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LANA LOUISE HUBER

June 13, 2016

Lana Louise Huber, 73, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on June 13, 2016.

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LOUIE (DADDY LOUIE) FIGUEROA

August 19, 1916 to July 14, 2016

Together Again... On Tuesday, July 14, 2016, LOUIE FIGUEROA was reunited with his beloved wife, Molly. Louie was 99 years young, only 5 weeks from his 100th birthday. Louie was the longest living member of his family and also the oldest. Louie and his beloved Molly had been married for over 58 years when she passed away on February 27, 2014, at the age of 83.

The Figueroa family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca Funeral Chapels 300 E.

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July 19, 2016

NEMECIO ALEMAN, 78, of Las Cruces NM, passed away on July 19, 2016. Services have been entrusted to La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.

RAÚL VEGAMONTES

July 6, 2016

Our beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, RAÚL VEGAMONTES, age 83, of Las Cruces entered eternal life on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. He was born June 28, 1933 in Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, Mexico to Jose Guadalupe and Ramona Nuñez Vegamontes. Raúl retired from General Motors and an Assembly Line Worker and was a member of the Catholic Church.

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MARY ANNE THIBODEAU

July 15, 2016

MARY ANNE THIBODEAU, age 86, of Las Cruces died Friday, July 15, 2016 at Village at Northrise.

Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.



MANUEL T. PEÑA

April 8, 1945 to July 14, 2016

Our dear beloved faithful husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, MANUEL T. PEÑA, age 71, of Mesquite passed away Thursday, July 14, 2016 at La Posada Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by his loving family. He was born April 8, 1945 in Casas Grande, Chihuahua, Mexico to Gerardo O. and Ramona Tafoya Peña. Manuel retired in 2004, from Doña Ana County as a truck driver and was a member of the Del Valle United Methodist Church.

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ROSS LAMAR RAMSEY

July 14, 2016

Ross Lamar Ramsey, 78, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on July 14, 2016.

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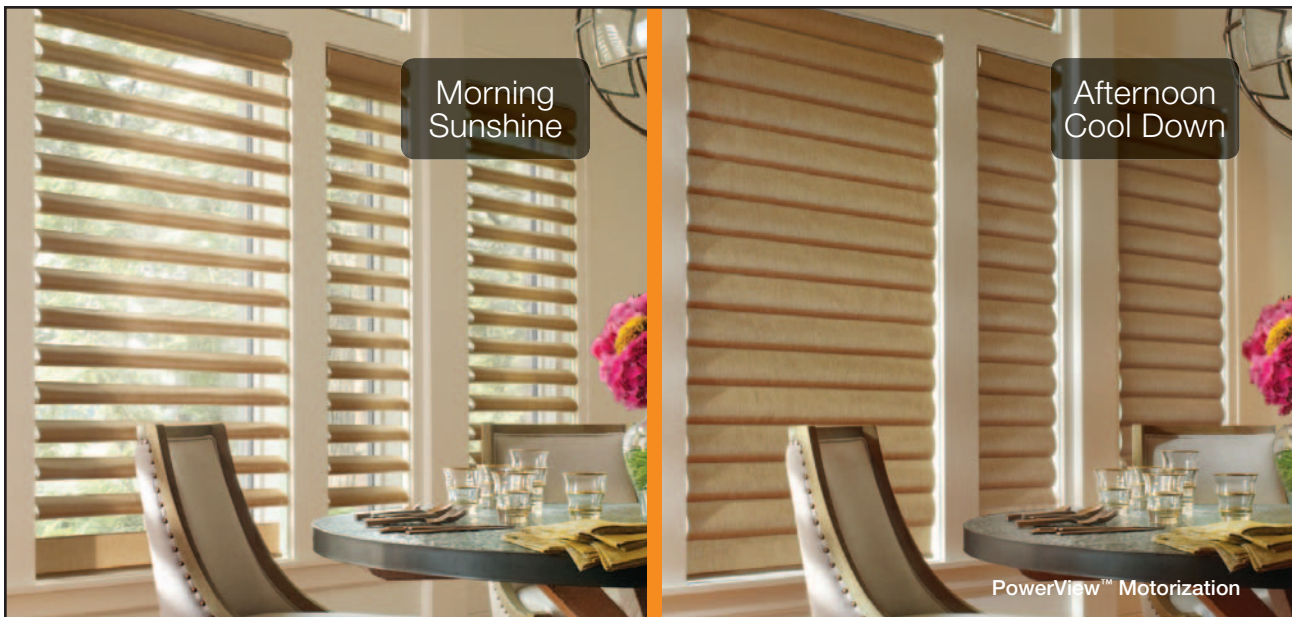


Seniors Got Talent

The Cactus Chords of Las Cruces won the gold medal in the 65+ Seniors Got Talent competition July 16 at the New Mexico Senior Olympics in Roswell. The group consists of John Phillips, tenor; Larry Courter, lead; Steve Litts, bass; and Mel Adkins, baritone. The group sang "My Wild Irish Rose" and "Coney Island Baby" in Roswell and is now qualified to compete in the national Senior Olympics in Birmingham, Alabama, in June 2017.



NMSU Air Force ROTC cadets march past the reviewing officials on the Horseshoe during the 114th annual ROTC Pass-in-Review event. NMSU Air Force ROTC recently established an alumni chapter in celebration of the program's 70th anniversary.



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NMSU's Air Force ROTC establishes alumni chapter

By Dana Beasley
For the Bulletin

In celebration of Detachment 505's 70th anniversary and to provide an avenue for graduates to preserve and share their knowledge, New Mexico State University's Air Force ROTC has established an alumni chapter.

"With decades of alumni, there is someone who has served in every Air Force career field and gained valuable insights learned only through experience," said Lt. Col. Jeremiah Klomp, NMSU Air Force ROTC commander and professor of aerospace studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. "We hope to provide a means whereby those with experience can share it with those just starting out on the same path."

Founded in 1946, Detachment 505 at NMSU is one of the oldest Air Force ROTC detachments in the country.

Noted alumni include Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez, the father of modern Air Force maintenance.

Along with reconnecting with former classmates and friends, chapter members will have opportunities to become involved with the cadets and cadre as a mentor; be a

source of information for career development; and participate in cadet training, social events, parades, graduation and other activities.

"We created the alumni chapter to provide a mechanism and avenue for our alumni to stay connected to the detachment and the cadets. It is a forum where our experienced alumni can share their wisdom and lessons learned with our cadets and young officers who are just starting out," Klomp said. "Additionally, we hope to create opportunities for old classmates and friends to renew their friendships and cultivate new ones."

Following an Air Force ROTC cadet's graduation from NMSU, alumni chapter members will also have opportunities to aid in the transition of new second lieutenants to their first duty station.

Col. Joe Bechtol, U.S. Air Force, retired, NMSU class of '64, is chairing the group.

All NMSU Air Force ROTC alumni are invited to join the chapter.

Those interested in becoming a member may sign up at airforcerotc.nmsu.edu/alumni_index/ and a chapter member will be in contact.

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Tequila, Tacos and Cerveza



Festival happens Saturday, July 23, at Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum



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Kids Opera presents free July 22 performance

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Sixteen children in grades three through eight will present an opera they wrote themselves and will perform at 3 p.m. on Friday, July 22 at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. downtown.

The opera is entitled "The Plexit," Saving Pluto," said Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) Program Coordinator Katy Milligan, who has oversight of DAAC's children's programs.

"The story, based on the Hero's Journey, involves their heroes having to leave their home planet of Pluto and travel to earth to be able to ultimately save Pluto," Milligan said. "It is very imaginative and full of timely references."

"I would love for people to see and hear what these kids have created in only two weeks," Milligan said. The students enrolled in Opera Storytellers summer camp, which DAAC is sponsoring for the second year in partnership with the Santa Fe Opera.

Participating students, who began the camp July



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LEFT: New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department Resident Scenic and Lighting Designer Jim Billings serves as a course instructor at the opera camp and is shown here with two opera camp students.

BELOW: Students drew life-size images of the characters they will play in the opera, which will be displayed, along with other camp creations at the time of the performance.

11, are under the direction of Rebecca Holmes from the Santa Fe Opera's ALTO (Active Learning Through Opera) program, Milligan said. New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department Resident Scenic and Lighting Designer Jim Billings serves as a course instructor; along with composer John Carlo Pierce, who is the director of opera for the NMSU Department of Music; and

NMSU Music Department Concert Choir director and graduate assistant Christa Frederickson. Lauren Chadwick and Kenton Baker are serving as teaching aides.

"The emphasis of the program is on the process of children developing their own creativity, while learning to work together, DAAC Executive Director Kathleen Albers said. "The final production is a validation of all their hard work. "Rebecca Holmes of the Santa Fe Opera is one of the most gifted performing arts teachers that we've ever seen. She has a wonderful ability to honor the children's ideas (some that are quite wild, usually including vampires and pirates) while keeping the children on-task to create the libretto, music, lyrics and dance that support the story," Albers said.

Even the opera's program was designed by a student: Marissa Marshall. Students also drew life-size images of the



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characters they will play in the opera, Milligan said. "These, along with other creations from this camp, will be on display at the time of the performance," she said.


Camp sponsors include El Paso Electric, the Community Foundation of El


Paso, The Artists of Picocho Hills, the GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces, the Devasthali Family Foundation, Hotel Encanto and many generous individual supporters, Milligan said.


"We were able to give scholarships to all stu-

dents who asked for them, which means this program was open to everyone in our community," she said.

For more information, call DACC at 523-6403 or email development@daarts.org. Visit www.DAarts.org.

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The fun does not end with the three main draws, though. The festival will also include mariachis, water pong, Chihuahua racing, Tequila

Olympics, El Jefe Taco Champ Vote, red beers, margaritas, Mexican candies, local food trucks and much more.

General admission is \$25.

The ticket includes 10, .25 ounce samples of any tequila, all access entry, sampling cup and branded festival koozie.

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Young actors offer 'delightful' performance

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

I think the best word to describe Starlight Theatre Company's production of "H.M.S. Pinafore" is delightful.

I had a great time opening night, Friday, July 15, as more than 20 young performers – none older than 19 and some as young as 11 – graced the stage at the New Mexico State University music building for two hours to bring this Gilbert and Sullivan classic to life.

As soon as I walked into the Atkinson Recital Hall and saw Doug Robey handing out programs, I knew the set would be beautiful, and I wasn't disappointed. Doug has created magic on stages all over Las Cruces, and Her Majesty's (Queen Victoria was still on the throne) Ship Pinafore was no exception.

The costumes, designed by Jeannette Coletti and Angie Taylor, also were amazing, right down to the last detail, including the Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter's (Theo Taylor) monocle and the lorgnettes that several female cast members were using. As with Robey's set, Coletti and Taylor created beautiful period gowns for the girls in the cast and naval uniforms for the boys. I especially liked Able Seaman Ralph Rackstraw (C. Mason Hooley) having the only red neck scarf.

And speaking of Mason, it's hard to believe this is the same little dude I was in "Shadowlands" with at Las Cruces Community Theatre four years ago. He'll be a junior at Centennial High School next year, and boy can this kid sing. I'm not sure you can rock the quarter-deck of a 19th century British sailing ship, but he might just



Left to right are Luke Savage, Zoe Choate and Mason Hooley in "H.M.S. Pinafore."

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have done it.

In fact, all the leads had wonderful voices, including the afore-mentioned Theo Taylor, Luke Savage (Captain Corcoran), Spencer Gilbert (Dick Deadeye), Mark Andersen (Boatswain's Mate Bill Bobstay), Bridget Andersen (Josephine, the captain's daughter), Sophia Diven (Sir Joseph's first cousin) and Xoe Choate (Little Buttercup).

Mark is only 14; Mason and Theo are 15; Sophia is 16; Luke, Bridget and Xoe are 17; and Spencer is 19. Just imagine singing a lead or second lead in a much-loved and often-performed comic opera that debuted nearly 140 years ago. It takes talent, hard work and a lot of guts. All of them have the gifts of voice, stage presence and spirit.

Every one of the leads got a chance to shine in solos, duets, trios, quar-

tets and group numbers. Their melodies and harmonies were enchanting. I must confess that Savage's "I Am the Monarch of the Sea" is a particular favorite of mine in this show, along with all of them singing "This Very Night."

They also danced well, as everyone in the cast did. I still can't figure out how Spencer managed to do some fairly intricate dance steps while continuing to drag his character's bum leg, but he did.

When the sailors (Ethan Estep, Timothy Trujillo, Thomas Bestelmeyer, Mateo Garcia-Bryce, Jake Estep, Matthew Taylor and Richard del Plain) and Sir Joseph's sisters, cousins and aunts (Catherine Taylor, Peyton Matthews, Madison Estrada, Valerie del Plain, Bethany Coletti, Lilia

Taylor, Allianna Chavez, Leah Welsh and Ethany Fierrao) joined in, their voices filled the entire auditorium.

Every single performer played a character with a name and a personality, and they all contributed to the success of the show. They sang, they danced, they acted, and they were wonderful.

Director Ginger Scarbrough Andersen has much to be proud of in this show. Somewhere, I know, Gilbert and Sullivan are chucking (probably separately, since they couldn't stand each other) and saying, "Well, yes, haven't they done it again!"

Alejandra del Plain is the show's production manager, Ryan Fellman is the music director, Jacob Darmata is the assistant director, Stephanie Bestlemeyer is the properties master, Bridget Andersen is the make-

up designer, Vanesa Garcia is the hair designer and John Paul Andersen is the sound engineer. Kevin Self, Laura Vechione and Charlie Ann Manning outdid themselves as the show's choreographers.

As you can tell from the matching names among cast and crew, many parents and family members, along with other volunteers contributed to the success of this show. Go see their work!

Remaining performances of "H.M.S. Pinafore" are a children's matinee at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 22, followed by a 7 p.m. regular performance that night. There will be a matinee sing-along at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, followed by a regular performance at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for students and children and \$10 for adults. Group rates are also available.

Theatre offers Saturday singalong

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The 1 p.m. performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore" on Saturday, July 23 at the NMSU music building is a sing-along matinee.

Lyrics will be projected above the stage, said Director Ginger Scarbrough Andersen, or you can buy an H.M.S. Pinafore choral book from Amazon.com for \$5.95 and bring it with you.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students. For groups of 10 or more, tickets will be discounted to \$8 for adults and \$3 for children and students.

Group discounts are also available for the children's matinee at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 22, and for both 7 p.m. regular performances on Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23.

For more information, contact Denise Welsh at 642-2980

Advance ticket sales are available at Spirit Winds and HoldMyTicket.com (service charge applies). Tickets are also available at the door.

For more information contact Denise Welsh at 642-2980 or dwelsh@nmsu.edu or Debra Darmata at 505-795-8470 or debardarmata@netscape.net, or email info@StarlightChildrensTheatre.org. Visit StarlightOnStage.org.

Chala's Wood Fire Grill is a twist on traditional

By **Matthew Torres**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico is filled with many different types of Mexican restaurants. Many times we get some kind of twist on traditional Mexican food and it becomes something more unique.

Chala's Wood Fire Grill is a Mexican restaurant with its own atmosphere opened by Frankie Torres, who wanted to open a restaurant since his days at Las Cruces High School.

Torres has worked in many kitchens previously and has combined that real-world experience with education from the well respected culinary school at El Centro College in Dallas.

Like many Mexican restaurants, Chala's serves chips and salsa; here the chips were homemade and the salsa is tasty. Chala's also offers hamburgers, sandwiches, and burritos, as well as traditional Mexican food such as enchiladas and tacos.

But Torres has his own spin on many of these meals. With a slight twist on Mexican food, Chala's offers more meats, bacon and sausage and still includes salad and veggie taco options. It stays true to its name as there is a wood fire grill. With this grill the food is less greasy and tastes better; the vegetables are fresh and mix with the food perfectly. The meats are smoked authentically,

and even the bacon is house made, starting from Torres' hand-selected pork bellies.

I had the chilacas and the quality of the food did not disappoint; the overall meal was sizable, the chile con carne was cooked just right, while the corn masa boat had its own sweet taste. It was all topped with fresh vegetables and mixed perfectly. The beans and rice tasted both marvelous and had good flavor. My friend had the A-Mountain Burger, Chala's version of the green chile cheeseburger; he enjoyed the burger and the seasoned fries. Another favored meal is the Hefty Cuban which contains pork, ham, and the house-made bacon.

The staff is attentive and friendly; while waiting, our server refilled our drinks at just the right time. She was friendly and quick, making sure to get our food out on time.

The atmosphere of the restaurant is calm and feels like home. The flowers on the tables are real and the architecture is modern yet quaint. Smoke from the grill and the aroma of the great food flowed from the open kitchen into the restaurant.

Different weekend menus give diners a chance to try Chala's variety.

The restaurant was wonderful; good food with a twist, friendly and attentive staff, and an overall unique atmosphere.



Chala's offers unique selections as well as traditional New Mexican cuisine, such as red cheese enchiladas.



The A-Mountain Burger at Chala's combines beef, green chile, cheese and house-made bacon.

PHOTOS BY MATTHEW TORRES



Frankie Torres of Las Cruces started Chala's Wood Fire Grill more than a year ago and has found a solid audience for his creative twists on New Mexican food and barbecue.

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Events Calendar

Film crew training class offered at DACC

Do you see yourself working in the film industry? Get your foot in the door with this Doña Ana Community College class that provides students with basic IATSE 480 Union certifications, exposure to multiple below-the-line craft areas and 15 union-recognized days toward the required 30 to become eligible for the overflow list.

The class, CMT 126, Film Crew Training 1 - CRN #54021, will be held during the fall 2016 semester from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 17 through Dec. 12. For information, contact mbyrnes@dacc.nmsu.edu.

Craft Brew & Winery SummerFest

The Craft Brew & Winery SummerFest is scheduled for noon to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at The Grapevine Plaza Event Center, 3900 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, half a mile west of the Rio Grande River, behind Fairacres Post Office.


Attendees can try hand-crafted beers from statewide brewers. The event includes New Mexico wineries, local food trucks, giveaways, door prizes, fun and games in New Mexico's largest Beer Garden. Live music all day from 1 to 10:30 p.m., featuring Derrick Harris, C.W. Ayan, Soulshine, Damn Union and Ghetto Blasters.

Advance tickets on sale for \$15 at www.holdmyticket.com or call 505-886-1251, or \$20.00 at the door.

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SNAP – The Science, Nature, and Art Program (SNAP!) encourages visitors to embrace their artistic creativity while engaging in activities inspired by STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Architecture, and Mathematics). This free family program is held in the atrium between the Museum of Art and the Museum of Nature and Science, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday.
July 16: Soap Bubble Art

Summer Classes at Museum of Nature and Science

411 N. Main St. 522-3120
Camps run on a Monday through Friday schedule. Workshops run for two afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to attend varies, as noted below.

Workshops at Branigan Cultural Center

501 N. Main St. 541-2154
Class is held on Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. and are open to youth ages 7 to 12. The cost to attend each workshop is \$10.
July 26 & 28, Tuesday & Thursday: Wood Burning Design

Youth Classes at the Museum of Art

491 N. Main St. 541-2137
Classes run four consecutive days (Tuesday - Friday) from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m. The cost for each youth class is \$60. Classes are designed for specific age groups.

- July 26-29**
10 a.m.-noon
701: Ceramic Experience (ages 6-8)
702: World Art Adventures (ages 6-8)
703: Nature Drawing (ages 9-12)
1-3:00 p.m.
704: Ceramic Experience (ages 9-12)
705: Still Life (ages 13-17)
706: Sculpture (ages 9-12)
- August 2-5**
10 a.m.-noon
801: Ceramic Experience (ages 6-8)
802: Painting (ages 6-8)
803: Art Adventures (ages 9-12)
1:00-3:00pm
804: Ceramic Experience (ages 9-12)
805: Drawing (ages 9-1)
806: Kids Crafters (ages 6-8)

Studio arts classes for adults at the Museum of Art

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Classes meet weekly, on Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, or Saturday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Ceramics classes cost \$110; all other classes are \$60.

Youth cheerleading program registration

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department offers three dates for individual registration for the Youth Cheerleading Program which will cheer for the Youth Flag Football League from August through October. Registration is from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and July 23 at the Parks & Recreation Department Administration Office, 1501 E. Hadley Ave.

Age divisions are Pre-K & kinder, first and second grades, and third and fourth grades (based on the 2016-2017 school year). Cost is \$40 per individual due at registration, which includes a game jersey and pom poms. All participants will be required to have a Parks & Recreation activity ID card. To obtain a card, parents or guardians, along with the child, must appear in person at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., to fill out the permission form, provide proof of child's age and grade level, and to have the child's photo taken. Cards will be issued from 9 a.m. to 8

p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Games begin the week of August 22. For information, call 541-2563 or email Athletics@las-cruces.org.

Summer Recreation Mobile Unit schedule

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will visit local parks with its Summer Recreation Mobile Unit, which provides fun and games for the entire family. The events are free and offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

During the visits, the free summer meals program will be available to children up to age 18. The Summer Recreation Mobile Unit will be at the following locations on dates specified:

August 3 Valley View Park, 713 S. Espina St.
August 10 Jason Giron Park, 355 Three Crosses Ave.
No registration is needed. For more information, call 541-2550 or email RecPrograms@las-cruces.org.

Zero Gravity Gymnastics

Zero Gravity Gymnastics, 3030 Harrelson, announces weekly summer camp sessions composed of different activities for different sports such as gymnastics, cheer, parkour and dance. Classes are not divided based on skill or age and are run all together. The rate is \$70/week and the sessions run from noon to 4 p.m. daily. Weekly sessions to be held July 25 to July 29. Sign up at the gym by paying a \$25 reservation deposit for the preferred week, or by calling 524-4960.

Yappy Hour every third Wednesday

Yappy Hour at St. Clair Winery is an event for pets and their people from 4 to 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. Food, activities, contests, games and speakers. Fundraiser for the DAC Humane Society; \$5 donation. St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla.

'Blast from the Past' discussions

Take a walk down memory lane when Stan Blitz and Jim Gibson lead discussions about the movies, music, television and stars of the 1950s and 60s from 2 to 3 p.m., every Friday at MountainView Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. For information call 522-0503.

New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum camp

Outdoor Cooking (ages eight -12)
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., July 26, 27, and 28
\$40 for non-members, \$35 for members
Bring your appetite! Children will use the Museum's Horno to make pizza and try their hand at Dutch Oven cooking. Beans and rice, eggs on a stick, and cornbread are just some of the foods that will be cooked. Deadline to register is July 21. Pre-registration required in person and a non-refundable deposit of \$5 is required for each class, cash or check. For more information, call 522-4100.

'Just Play' Camp Dates Set

Kathy Rodolph's Just Play Camps are set for the 2016-17 season: there will be six individual player camps and one team camp. The All Skills Camp will hold two sessions on Aug. 20, with the first one running from 9 a.m. to noon. Session two runs from 1 to 4 p.m. for players in grades 9 through 12. Prospect Camp I will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 17 and 18. Prospect Camp II will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 12 and 13.

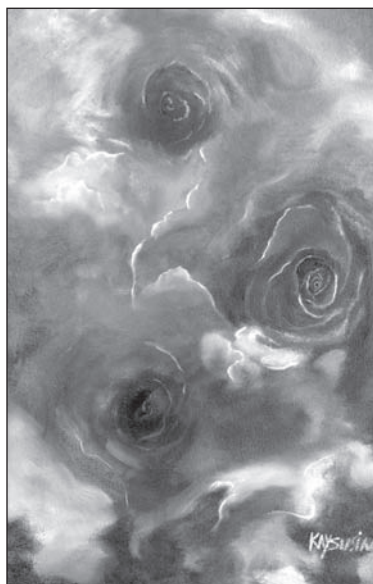
The Team Camp will be held on Jan. 21-22, 2017. Teams must have a minimum of 10 campers and a maximum of 15 campers to participate. Individuals who would like to attend the team camp but do not have a team attending are also encouraged to sign up. For information or to register for a camp, please contact Stef Ewing at sewing@nmsu.edu or visit

Master Gardener certification classes to begin August 18 – The Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension is now taking applications for residents wishing to become certified Master Gardeners (MGs). Applicants must successfully complete the 15-week Master Gardener Classes offered and complete a 50-hour internship that includes 25 hours of answering questions on the Hotline and 25 hours of other community-based volunteer activities. Certified

Galleries & Openings

'Impressions by Kay' features local artist

Work by artist Kay Susin is scheduled to be featured in an exhibit titled 'Impressions by Kay' from Aug. 5 to Aug. 31. At Julie Ford Gallery, 311 North Downtown Mall.



'Keeping It Hot' opens Aug. 5

For August, the Gallery at Big Picture is hosting the Las Cruces Arts Association's juried exhibit 'Keeping It Hot', featuring places, people or whatever in humorous and serious depictions. Mediums include: oil, acrylic, dyes, watercolor, photography, sculptures in wood, stone, metals and gourds, and jewelry, fiber, glass and ceramics.

The opening reception is Friday, Aug. 5 and continues through the month of August. The Gallery at Big Picture is located at 311 N. Main Street. Hours are Tuesday – Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9:30 - 1:30. For information, call 647-0508.

'Shining Stars' features artist with disabilities

The Tombaugh Gallery presents the "Shining Stars" exhibit, the art work of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The show opens on Sunday, Aug. 7 with a reception at 11:30 am. By creating story boards, the artists tell their stories, expressing what makes them a "shining star." The artists have been invited to speak about their art work at the reception. The Tombaugh Gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano, inside the Unitarian

Weir, Leininger work on display

The art paintings of Wendy Robin Weir and Marj Leininger are on permanent exhibit at Creative Harmony and Gifts at 220 N. Campo St. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. For information, call 312-3040.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Work by artist Kay Susin, including these two paintings, is scheduled to be featured at Julie Ford Gallery, 311 North Downtown Mall.

Universalist Church of Las Cruces.

The artists took part in a two-day event, in which they created portraits of their lives. Beth Mount, a quilt artist and advocate for people with disabilities, facilitated the process. The artists were encouraged to bring

personal photos and memorabilia important to them. Additional collage materials, including pictures, fabrics, and papers were provided for the collage process. Working together with the support of family and others, the individuals were able to tell their

stories of resilience, capability and courage in a fun and creative way, resulting in a beautiful final product. The Tombaugh Gallery is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. The show closes on Aug. 26.

CALENDAR FROM PAGE B6

MGs must volunteer at least 50 hours each year to retain their certification. The MG instructional classes meet every Thursday usually from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. These classes will start on Thursday, August 18, 2016, and run through mid-December. There is no class during the week of the Thanksgiving holiday. The cost of \$195 for students and commercial applicants covers all class materials and a binder. Course instructors include NMSU Cooperative Extension Specialists, certified MGs and other regional horticultural experts. The application form for enrolling in the MG classes is available at the Cooperative Extension Office located at 530 N. Church Street (just north of the Main Post Office) in Las Cruces. Also on this same website is a Sample Master Gardener Syllabus so you can view the topics that may be included in the classes. Complete the application form and either fax, mail or deliver it to the Doña Ana Cooperative Extension Office located at 530 North Church Street, Las Cruces, NM 88001-3440 Phone: (575) 525-6649 Fax: (575) 525-6652. Please submit your application form as soon as possible. Applicants will receive an acceptance letter/phone from the Program.

Railroad Club

Southern New Mexico N Scalers Model Railroad Club, has its monthly meeting and model railroad running day 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the club layout at the Southern New Mexico Fair Grounds. Layout is located in the White Quonset Hut. Enter from the far west gate. For more information, please contact Mike Fifer, 526-8834.

Desert Writers meets Wednesdays

Desert Writers, a program open to Doña Ana County writers age 55 and older, meeting Wednesday mornings from 9 - 11 am at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., is seeking new members who write fiction, non-fiction or poetry. Each week authors share work in progress, followed by comments from writer mentors and other group members, who include both published and unpublished writers. Visitors always welcome. No fee. For more information, contact: kingorry@comcast.net.

La Frontera - Hand-made artisan products from women's groups in Chihuahua and Chiapas, Mexico will be for sale this summer at NOPALITO'S GALERIA, 326 S. Mesquite St., Las Cruces. The store is staffed by volunteers and will be open during July and August on Fridays (5-8 p.m.); Saturdays (12-5 p.m.), and Sundays (11-3 p.m.).

Photos from NMSU spring semester available online

NMSU Auxiliary Services is sharing more than 400 photos taken from various events across campus during the spring 2016 semester. They can be viewed at https://www.facebook.com/135822796485412/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1007896045944745 or on the NMSU INSIDER mobile app, which is available free of charge for Apple & Android devices. Please contact auxservices@nmsu.edu for more information.

Empty Bowls 2016 set for October

The annual Empty Bowls event is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Paul's United Methodist 225 W. Griggs Ave. \$20 includes lunch and a bowl and lunch only is \$12. This event is sponsored by the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces. All proceeds go to El Caldito Soup Kitchen to "FEED the HUNGRY".




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My Big Fat Hillbilly vacation

By Brook Stockberger
Las Cruces Bulletin

An elevator in a three-story house? How decadent.

For a bunch of hillbillies from Appalachia in southwestern Pennsylvania, the fact the rented house at Lewes Beach, Delaware, had an elevator seemed quite fancy.

Plus it was invaluable when hauling all the beer my 70-year-old mother bought to the second-floor kitchen. This was a family vacation a long time in the making.

In June, eleven relatives ranging in age from six to 73 who hardly see each other spent a week at a beach house

As for the beer, grandma – or

“Bub” as she is affectionately known to her grandkids – apparently thought we were a bunch of frat boys on spring break; we barely had room for the food after all the cerveza was packed into the fridge. Needless to say, much of the beer was still chilling at the end of our vacation.

My parents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and, instead of a party, they along with my brother’s family and mine all planned for months and finally gathered in The First State and fished, swam, ate and, yes, had a few cold ones while resting on one of the house’s four decks.

Good times.

Back to the great Commonwealth

My wife, Terri, and I flew into Pittsburgh with the two teenagers and our six-year old. The excursion to the beach was bookended with several days in my old stompin’ grounds on Chestnut Ridge outside of Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

TIP: If you’re flying a good distance, do not be afraid to check out prices for the Albuquerque International Sunport. The last two times I’ve taken to the skies to return home I’ve driven to the Duke City’s airport because the savings were so great. In fact, with this past trip, the difference for the five of us to fly round trip to Pitts-



Grant Stockberger, 6, can’t wait to reel in something, anything, as he fishes off a pier in Lewes, Delaware.

burgh and back was nearly \$1,000 between Albuquerque and El Paso. The savings was more than worth the drive up and back.

We were greeted, as always in Pittsburgh International Airport by life-sized statues of George Washington and Franco Harris near the escalators.

The next three days were a blur of:

- Planning for a party to celebrate my son Tyler’s high school graduation
- Watching Stanley Cup hockey at a sports bar with cousins I have not seen in years
- Shooting deer rifles, shotguns, revolvers and even an old German Luger
- Mingling with many, many relatives and friends at Tyler’s party
- Sharing sips of homemade moonshine straight from a Mason jar (I have a good source who has a good source and I put in an order about a month before we flew back.)
- Eating as much pizza from Jioio’s in Latrobe where you get the best pie around

On to the beach

Early the morning after the party, the 11 of us loaded into three vehicles and set off for Delaware. I drove my dad’s car and took the lead. When we stopped for breakfast in Breezewood, Pennsylvania, my 20-year-old niece asked me why I was driving so slowly. I said I did not want to lose anyone following along, but now I would kick in the butt and see if she and my parents in their truck could keep up. But I still went slower than usual. Being lead car is quite a responsibility.

TIP: If you find yourself taking to the roads back east, remember that east driving and west driving are worlds apart. Whereas out here the population is sparse and states are large and flat, back east there are many hills and ups and downs through the forest and twisting past farms and bypassing large cities. It takes longer to get anywhere back there, so plan accordingly.

Fishin’, eatin’ and such

The house we rented was in a community that has a private pier. Fishing at night was peaceful. The sound of the water gently lapping against the posts and a gentle – some thought chilly, but I liked it – breeze enhanced the experience. I did not technically fish myself, but I helped, Grant, our six-year-old, keep his line in the water. He didn’t catch anything the first night and was very frustrated, but would eventually reel in an ugly horseshoe crab and an even uglier toad fish later in the week.

One of his highlights, though, came when he got to hold a tiny shark, still alive, that his big brother caught.

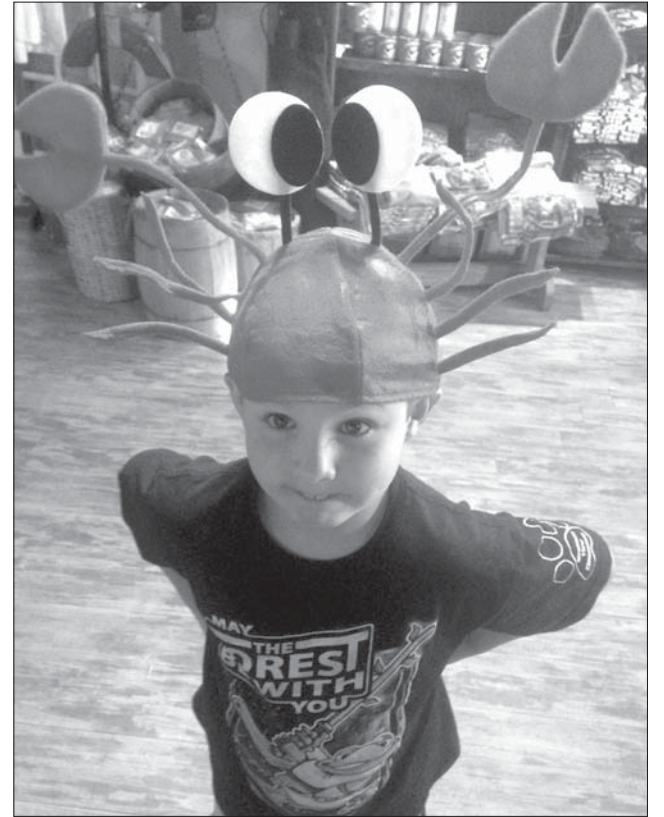
My 14-year-old daughter, Jessie, latched onto something big the first night and it had her pole bowed way over. I stood by to help in case her arms gave out, but whatever it was swam under the pier and the line broke.

TIP: Squid turned out to be the most successful bait. A hunk of squid with a decent-sized sinker, plopped out next to the pier worked the most magic.



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY BROOK STOCKBERGER

The Stockberger family with Brook, front, Tyler, Jessie, Grant and Terri wait in the Albuquerque airport for their flight back east.



ABOVE: Grant Stockberger, 6, proudly displays the “crab hat” he talked his mom into buying at Crabby Dick’s restaurant in Rehoboth, Delaware.

LEFT: Brook Stockberger shows off the homemade moonshine he procured during his trip back home to the hills of Pennsylvania.

VACATION

FROM PAGE B8

One late afternoon for dinner, we decided to hit a Chinese buffet. (Hey, you can’t have seafood every night.) The problem, though, was the cost was \$16.99 per person, which, along with drinks, makes for a hefty bill. I tried to point out the price, I’m not sure most of our group even paid attention, but my warning was lost in the hustle and bustle of the who-was-sitting-where discussion and who can squeeze past who etc. (My family is, shall we say, not quiet.)

Anyway, the problem came when the hefty bill arrived and gratuity was already included in the price. Some members of my family do not appreciate the practice and complained long and loud at the front counter. I grabbed Terri and Grant and slipped out the front door embarrassed. Still, that was the only real hiccup of the entire week, which is pretty impressive if you ask me.

Even though we ate many of our

meals in the house, the restaurant we enjoyed the most was place called Crabby Dick’s just down the road in Rehoboth, Delaware. Terri and I ate there for lunch on our ninth anniversary and I had awesome crab cakes. We went back that evening for dinner with the whole crew and Grant ate two bowls of shrimp bisque. I was impressed.

Now, Crabby Dick’s sells a variety of t-shirts with every innuendo based on its name as you can imagine and the entire family circulated through the racks and shelves giggling. I’m not sure how much was spent on apparel, but the teenagers had a blast, as you can imagine.

Headin’ home

Back in Pennsylvania, my uncle Terry drove over to my parent’s house in the morning on his small tractor with a wagon and three dogs trailing behind. He announced one of his hens had new chicks, which brought his overall total of chickens to about 80. His rooster or roosters – who can keep track – often woke my wife with their crowing through the woods. Country boy that I

am, I could sleep through the sound, but it drove my wife batty.

After a few more days, we packed up the car and my dad prepared to drive us to the airport in Pittsburgh. The Mason jar still has some ‘shine in it, but I knew I could not bring it on the plane, so I left it in the capable hands of my folks. After one last stop for pizza at Jioio’s, we headed back to Pittsburgh for a night at a motel and the flight home.

TIP: Make sure to check your boarding pass to see if you have been selected for prescreening by the TSA. As we were walking toward the long security line, an agent was reminding people to check. We did so and we ALL were selected, so we bypassed the long line and zipped right through security. Pretty awesome.

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Museum offers sewing demonstrations

Bulletin report

It might be appropriate if New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum (NMFRHM) volunteer Karen Stith added a “c” to her last name and started calling herself Stith.

After all, she and other volunteers do sewing and weaving demonstrations most Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon at the museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

The museum advises that you call first to make sure the sewing and weaving demonstration is happening that week if you want to come and see it.

NMFRHM admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens ages 60 and older, \$3 for children ages four to 17, \$2 for active members of the United States military and military veterans and free to children ages three and under and members of the Friends of NMFRHM.

You can join the Friends of the NMFRHM for \$25 (student), \$35



PHOTO BY MIKE COOK

New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum volunteer Karen Stith, who does sewing demonstrations most Wednesday mornings at the museum, shows a bonnet she made to a group of children recently visiting the museum.

(individual/couple), \$65 (family), \$100 to \$249 (Pioneer), \$250 and above (legacy) and \$1,000 (lifetime). Pick up a friends of the museum brochure at the museum or send your check to Friends of the NMFRHM, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011, or call 522-4100 or

email friends.nmfrhm@gmail.com.

NMFRHM is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road, west of New Mexico State University and just off University Avenue. For more information, call 522-4100. Visit www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org.

Soprano's recital slated for July 24

Bulletin report

Sophia Sessa Grieb, soprano, will hold a recital at 5 p.m., Sunday, July 24 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.



GRIEB

Admission is free, though offerings to support Grieb's ventures will be accepted.

According to a release, Grieb, a voice graduate from New Mexico State University, is a choral scholar and section leader in St. Paul's Chancel Choir.

She will be participating this summer and

early fall in opera apprenticeship programs in Savannah, Georgia, and Berlin, Germany. She will be studying under the legendary Met baritone, Sherrill Milnes, at the Savannah VOICE Festival, and with the world-famous soprano Cheryl Studer at the University of the Arts in Berlin.

Grieb's program for the recital includes a variety of music, including all the way from Mozart's "Queen of the Night" aria to the familiar "Over the Rainbow." She will be accompanied by Douglas Weeks, Minister of Music and Worship Arts at St. Paul's.

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: Y equals L

SWHO MI H SHF OE BMRZYP
 OZYY H VZQIEB WZ WHI SHOZQ
 GQEVYZOI EB WMI YHSB?
 SMOW HYY GZS QZIVZRO.

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!



"No wonder you're bored!
 What you need is a _____!"

Calm **BESALT**

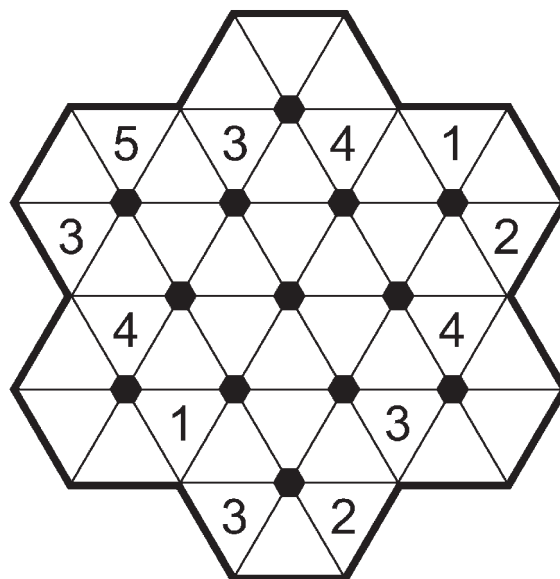
Cranky **YORNER**

Feral **TUBER**

Rubble **HARTS**

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.

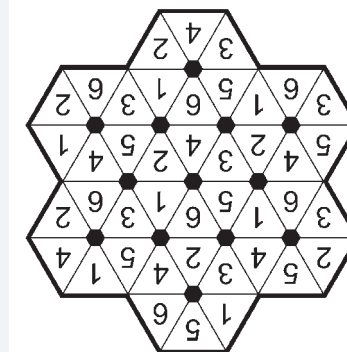
PUZZLE ANSWERS

What is a way to nicely tell a person he has water droplets on his lawn? With all dew respect.

CRYPTOQUIP

HOBBY
 Today's Word
 1. Stable; 2. Orner; 3. Brute; 4. Trash

SCRAMBLERS



SNOWFLAKES

Puzzles

SUPER CROSSWORD Where did it go?

18x18 crossword grid with numbers 1-129.

ACROSS

- 1 Cover again, as a gift
2 Slyly spiteful
7 The "E" of NEA: Abbr.
16 "Hulk" director — Lee
19 R&B singer Keys
20 Degrade
21 Bite-size Nabisco treat
23 Actress Swank comes next?
25 "That's been canceled"
26 Large truck
27 Singer — James
28 Sign of good or ill
29 Disobeys established rules on how to make and serve meat sauce?
37 Shaped like a bagel
38 "What —!" ("How dull!")
39 Ship locale
40 Donkey serving morning meals?
45 Biblical land with a queen
50 "Say it — so, Joe!"

- 51 Cuts into small cubes
52 Chi preceder
55 Landfill woe
56 Classic autos
57 Made in the manner of
58 Hairdo for folks going after prey?
62 Detroit-to-Nashville dir.
63 "Mr. —" (1983 hit for Styx)
66 Ropy
67 Sun blockers worn while on vacation?
72 Ireland's longest river
75 Events for bulldoggers
76 Cut grass
79 Business that makes flag holders?
81 Join together
84 Lion growth
85 "— further review ..."
86 Grassy area
87 In harmony
89 Met solo
90 Must-haves
92 Positively charged atom

- moving very quickly?
97 One may shout "Out!"
100 British types
101 Is defined as
102 Groups with no university teachers as members?
110 Sector
111 Hipsters' talk
112 Roman poet
113 Shrink
115 Thing influencing the decision to use white-wash?
123 Aardvark lookalike
124 Bring to mind
125 Bit of ado
126 Part of UCLA
127 Ship's left
128 Keyed in
129 Biting writing

DOWN

- 1 Rally cheer
2 — Lilly
3 Wheaton of TV and film
4 Blu-ray player brand
5 Ill from flying

- 6 Check endorser
7 "Pipe down!"
8 Crunchable muscles
9 Upsilon preceder
10 Mao — -tung
11 "It's true"
12 Gives forth
13 Quaint paper copies
14 Hazardous
15 Org. in "Homeland"
16 Eatery lure
17 Israeli desert
18 Stupid or thug-gish
22 -- about (circa)
24 Mime duo?
27 Fancy jug
29 Fishing row-boats
30 Before this time, to bards
31 Royal decrees
32 Abhorrence
33 Fades away
34 Coach Holtz
35 Part of ETA: Abbr.
36 Sedan liquid
37 Some ski lifts
41 Rx org.
42 Bring pain to
43 Neck cover

- 44 Make a pick
46 Neighbors of Navajos
47 Ideal garden
48 Tennis' Bjoern
49 Military force
53 Cat sound
54 Really liking
58 "Hiya"
59 — Reader (alternative magazine)
60 De — (anew)
61 Cur's sound
64 Other, to Tomas
65 Great asset
67 Sideways up
68 Dad's bro
69 Wrench, e.g.
70 "This one's —" ("I'll buy")
71 "The battle —"
72 Rotated
73 Expect
74 Emollient plant
76 "Maid" of Robin Hood
77 Kin of leeks
78 Gets off the bottle
80 Faux follower
82 H.S. class
83 Winter mo.
84 San — (Bay Area city)

- 87 Yemen city
88 "Of course, Senor!"
91 Spanish for "south"
93 Skin feature
94 Grade A item
95 Slice of history
96 "Star Wars" queen
98 Rum cocktail
99 Xanax maker
102 Tennis' Rafael
103 Maine university city
104 Pond creatures
105 Window part
106 Open to view
107 Divided into districts
108 Batting stat
109 Slight fights
114 Enervate
115 "— me go!"
116 It climbs walls
117 Do a floor job
118 "I Like —" ('50s slogan)
119 Abridge
120 Angle lead-in
121 Bobby of the rink
122 Dark deli loaf

WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

PLACE A NUMBER IN THE EMPTY BOXES IN SUCH A WAY THAT EACH ROW ACROSS, EACH COLUMN DOWN AND EACH SMALL 9-BOX SQUARE CONTAINS ALL OF THE NUMBERS FROM ONE TO NINE.

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9.

9x9 grid with numbers 1-9 for puzzle solutions.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

WEEKLY SUDOKU

18x18 crossword grid with puzzle solutions.

SUPER CROSSWORD

AtTheMovies



Coming soon on DVD July 26

<p>The Boss Rated: R Genre: Comedy Director: Ben Falcone</p> <p>Barbershop 3 Rated: PG-13 Genre: Comedy Director: Malcolm D. Lee</p>	<p>Criminal Rated: R Starring: Action, drama Director: Ariel Vromen</p> <p>Hardcore Henry Rated: R Genre: Action, adventure Director: Ilya Naishuller</p>
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Top-grossing July 15-17

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| <p>1 The Secret Life of Pets (Week No. 2)
\$50,838,355</p> <p>2 Ghostbusters (Week No. 1)
\$46,018,755</p> <p>3 The Legend of Tarzan (Week No. 3)
\$11,441,337</p> <p>4 Finding Dory (Week No. 5)
\$11,281,179</p> <p>5 Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates (Week No. 2) \$7,657,918</p> | <p>6 The Purge: Election Year (Week No. 3)
\$6,185,695</p> <p>7 Central Intelligence (Week No. 52)
\$5,372,013</p> <p>8 The Infiltrator (Week No. 13)
\$5,303,775</p> <p>9 The BFG (Week No. 3)
\$3,789,434</p> <p>10 Independence Day (Week No. 4)
\$3,521,282</p> |
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Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Movie reel based on a 5-point scale.

<p>Finding Dory Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: Dory, a friendly-but-forgetful fish, reunites with her loved ones, learning a few things about the meaning of family along the way. Starring: Ellen DeGeneres Director: Andrew Stanton, Angus MacLane</p>	<p>The Secret Life of Pets Rated: PG Plot Overview: A terrier named Max regularly invites his friends to hang out at his place while his owner is gone, but his quiet life is upended when said owner also takes in Duke, a stray mutt whom Max instantly dislikes. Starring: Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill Director: Louis C.K., Eric Stonestreet, Kevin Hart</p>
<p>Ghostbusters Rated: PG Plot Overview: Following a ghost invasion of Manhattan, paranormal enthusiasts Erin Gilbert and Abby Yates, nuclear engineer Jillian Holtzmann, and subway worker Patty Tolan band together to stop the otherworldly threat. Starring: Melissa McCarthy Director: Paul Feig</p>	<p>The Infiltrator Rated: R Plot Overview: A U.S. Customs official uncovers a money laundering scheme involving Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar. Starring: Bryan Cranston, John Leguizamo, Diane Kruger Director: Brad Furman</p>
<p>The Jungle Book Rated: PG Plot Overview: Mowgli the man-cub flees the jungle after the tiger Shere Khan poses a threat, guided by Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther. Starring: Neel Sethi, Bill Murray Director: Jon Favreau</p>	<p>The Legend of Tarzan Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: Tarzan, having acclimated to life in London, is called back to the jungle to investigate the activities at a mining encampment. Starring: Alexander Skarsgård, Rory J. Saper Director: Jaume Collet-Serra</p>
<p>Central Intelligence Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: Bob, a one-time bullied geek turned lethal CIA agent, returns home and enlists the help of the former "big man on campus," Calvin, on a top-secret mission Starring: Kevin Hart, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson Director: Rawson Marshall Thurber</p>	<p>Now You See Me 2 Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: Now You See Me 2 packs in even more twists and turns than its predecessor, but in the end, it has even less hiding up its sleeve. Starring: Daniel Radcliffe, Dave Franco Director: Jon M. Chu</p>
<p>The Purge: Election Year Rated: R Plot Overview: Two years after choosing not to kill the man who killed his son, former police sergeant Barnes is head of security for Sen. Charlene Roan. Starring: Elizabeth Mitchell, Frank Grillo Director: James DeMonaco</p>	<p>X-Men: Apocalypse Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: With the emergence of the world's first mutant, Apocalypse, the X-Men must unite to defeat his extinction level plan Starring: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence Director: Bryan Singer</p>
<p>Hillary's America Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: Documentarian Dinesh D'Souza analyzes the history of the Democratic Party and what he thinks are Hillary Clinton's true motivations. Starring: Dinesh D'Souza, Jonah Goldberg, Andrea Cohen Director: Dinesh D'Souza, Bruce Schooley</p>	<p>Ice Age: Collision Course Rated: PG Plot Overview: Manny, Diego, and Sid join up with Buck to fend off a meteor strike that would destroy the world. Starring: Ray Romano, Denis Leary, John Leguizamo Director: Galen T. Chu, Mike Thurmeier OPENS FRIDAY, JULY 22</p>
<p>Star Trek Beyond Rated: PG Plot Overview: The USS Enterprise crew explores the furthest reaches of uncharted space, where they encounter a new ruthless enemy who puts them and everything the Federation stands for to the test. Starring: Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Karl Urban Director: Justin Lin OPENS FRIDAY, JULY 22</p>	<p>Lights Out Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: When her little brother, Martin, experiences the same events that once tested her sanity, Rebecca works to unlock the truth behind the terror. Starring: Teresa Palmer, Gabriel Bateman, Maria Bello Director: David F. Sandberg OPENS FRIDAY, JULY 22</p>

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Jashaun St. John plays an 11-year-old member of the Oglala Sioux Nation in the movie "Songs My Brothers Taught Me."

'Songs My Brothers Taught Me' shows life of Sioux characters

By Jeff Berg
For the Bulletin

Through the years, about 25 or so movies have been filmed at least in part on the Pine Ridge Indian Nation in southwestern South Dakota.

Not counting a '70s documentary, it wasn't until the late '80s that a film crew found its way to this land of despair. Pine Ridge, which is home to members of the Oglala Sioux Nation" is one of — if not the poorest — county in the U.S. Unemployment runs rampant as does alcoholism and of course, violence.

Housing is minimal and in general, awful.

The first film to shoot, albeit briefly, on Pine Ridge, was "Powwow Highway," much of which was shot in Santa Fe. It is a terrific "pro-Indian" movie, directed by a South African, and starring Gary Farmer and A Martinez (Longmire). I screened it several times during my years at the Fountain Theater, always to receptive audiences.

Other film crews followed, mostly

shooting documentaries, but also some feature films including "Skins" (2002), "Thunderheart" (1992), and now "Songs My Brothers Taught Me."

The one unique thing about this often-slowly paced picture is that it was shot entirely on Pine Ridge, using all Native actors, although it is directed by Chloe Zhao, who was born in Beijing, China.

Glad she did the film, but wouldn't it be nice for some Lakota people to have opportunities as well?

I digress.

"Songs My Brothers Taught Me" focuses on one Pine Ridge family, concentrating on Johnny Winters and his younger sister, 11-year-old Jashaun.

Both are part of a broken family, head-



ed by Irene Bedard, who is of Cree and Inupiat ancestry in real life. Products of a rodeo star cowboy father, who is said to have sired 25 children around Pine Ridge, there is also an older brother who is in prison. Said father has just died in a house fire

and Johnny has taken a job of sorts, delivering alcohol, illegally, to various homes around the reservation. His girlfriend, Aurelia, is college-bound. Johnny is thinking he wants to join her leaving Jashaun with their hard-drinking mother and her boyfriend of the moment.

Jashaun starts to look for a replacement for Johnny, latching on to an odd character, the overly tattooed rapper, clothing designer and tattoo artist, Travis. In truth, Travis probably needs

more adult supervision than Jashaun.

The movie moves slowly, but often confidently, ala a Terrence Malick film. Zhao picks up nature shots around Pine Ridge, including some in the glorious Badlands National Park, while also focusing on her very quiet but interesting characters.

It is also built and written in part on the actual lives of the characters, although one hopes that their real father was not the active procreator of 25 kids.

"Songs My Brothers Taught Me" is not a film that fills itself with Lakota tradition and ceremony, nor does it allow, thankfully, for an Anglo to come to the rescue of these smart and determined kids, which gives the film extra credit from me.

Although I have to once again say "decidedly not for all tastes," this picture gives one of the first truthful and honest looks at contemporary American Indian life on a reservation, something that no one should have to endure.

Haciendas at Grace Village snares top ranking

Bulletin report

The website *www.SeniorAdvisor.com* has named Haciendas at Grace Village the Best of Assisted Living in Las Cruces for 2016. According to a release, the designation is awarded to fewer than 1 percent of providers nationwide.

The *SeniorAdvisor.com* "Best of" awards recog-

nize senior living and home care providers who receive consistently high ratings and positive reviews from their residents, families and visitors, the website reports.

The Haciendas at Grace Village is the only purpose-built facility, designed from the ground up, to specifically serve those with Alzheimer's

and dementia in southern New Mexico and western Texas, the release states.

"Our caring staff is committed to the highest level of care and professionalism and this award honors their dedicated work," said Janet Acosta, executive director of Haciendas at Grace Village.



SENIOR SCENE

Immunizations available at Dept. of Health

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office provides immunization services for children and adults on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1170 N. Solano Drive. For an appointment call: 528-5017.

Audubon Society bird walk

On the third Wednesday of every month, the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society guides an easy, outdoor bird walk for beginners. Learn about the avian wildlife that visits and lives in the Las Cruces area. Wear walking shoes and bring water. Binoculars are helpful, but aren't required.

For more information, email jwilbur@jaysplanet.info.

Beginning chess

Have you always wanted to learn to play chess? Now's your chance. Learn in a calm supportive environment amongst a group of your peers from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. every Friday at the Sage Café Senior Community Center, 6121 Reynolds Drive on the East Mesa. For more information and/or directions, call 528-3151.

Zumba at Mountain View Senior Circle

Classes are held at 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1. Info: 522-0503.

Sage Readers' Club

Get together with other seniors to talk about books. This informal "book club" meets from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Sage Café Senior Community Center,

6121 Reynolds Drive on the East Mesa. For more information and/or directions, call 528-3151.

GriefShare seminar meets at First Baptist

GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group designed to help rebuild life after losing a loved one. Bereavement experience may be recent or not so. The seminars offer encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling or other family member or friend. Learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and learn to not live in bondage as a slave to certain emotions. Learn information about facing a new normal in life and renewing hope for the future. Seminars meet from 4 to 6 p.m., Sunday in room 229, First Baptist Church Las Cruces, 106 S. Miranda. Cost: \$10 for participant workbook. For registration and information call Penny Baca at 635-9696.

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Munson Senior Center class registration ongoing

Registration for classes at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. will be on a walk-in basis starting Monday, July 25. Lapidary and Silver Jewelry open labs for those certified are Tuesday and/or Thursday and will cost \$3 per session.

The fee for the following open studios is \$1 per session:

- Clay Works-Tuesday and Thursday sessions are either 8 to 11 a.m. or noon to 4 p.m.

- Friday clay works session is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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- Open studio combining Gourds and Mosaics-Friday afternoon

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Classes are for participants age 50 and older.

Other free activities

include wood carving, beginning and intermediate Spanish, Spanish conversation, crocheting, knitting, quilting, fitness, Tai Chi, line dancing, zumba gold and Desert Writers. Also available are billiards and games including bridge, canasta, chess, horseshoes, mah jongg, pinochle, Texas holdem', dominos, and hands N' feet. For information, call Munson Senior Center at 528-3000.

Doña Ana brings home Senior Olympic medals

Bulletin report

The New Mexico Senior Olympics were held in Roswell July 13 – 16. There were 27 different types of com-

petitions ranging from track to dance with winners in county competitions competing for state honors. The competitions were held in five-year

age groups from 50 to 100 years old. Doña Ana county had one of the largest groups attending with 86 participants.



Ray Garza won a gold medal in the 800-meter run. He also received medals for shorter runs.



ABOVE: Betty Burgess holds up a sign for Doña Ana participants to gather for the march to the opening ceremonies.



Eugene Pettes warms up for the discus throw. Pettes won medals in discus, javelin, long jump, high jump and running races.



RIGHT: Betty Burgess bested the competition on her way to a medal in the 1500-meter race walk.

COURTESY PHOTOS

SENIOR SCENE

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'Blast from the Past' discussions

Take a walk down memory lane when Stan Blitz and Jim Gibson lead discussions about the movies, music, television and stars of the 1950s and 60s from 2 to 3 p.m., every Friday at Mountain-View Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. For information call 522-0503.

Desert Writers

Desert Writers, a program open to Doña Ana County writers age 55 and older, which meets from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday mornings at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., is seeking new members who write fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Each week authors share work in progress, followed by comments from writer mentors and other group members, who include both published and unpublished writers. Visitors always welcome. No fee. For more information, contact: kingorry@com-cast.net.

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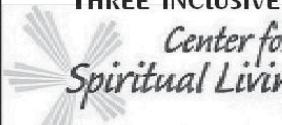
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Hakes called as Stake President of area LDS



HAKES

Bulletin report

At a special conference on June 12, a new stake presidency was called and sustained by the local members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The stake presiden-

cy consists of the stake president and his two counselors, who lead and direct the local affairs of the church.

Kim Hakes was called as stake president, with Robert Curnutt and David

Knapp called as counselors. They replace former Stake President Jay Robb, and Mike Wallace, former counselor. Hakes served for several years as a counselor in the previous stake presidency and both Curnutt

and Knapp served as bishops for local wards, or congregations, in Las Cruces. Members of the stake presidency typically serve for 8-10 years and receive no pay.

The Las Cruces stake en-

compasses an area which includes Las Cruces, Alamogordo, Hatch, Truth or Consequences and Cloudcroft and consists of 13 congregations of various sizes divided by geographic boundaries.

RELIGION LISTINGS

Spiritual group discussion at Funky Karma

Eckankar, religion of sound and light of God, is a practical spiritual teaching which can be used to better understand the ordinary and miraculous events in our lives. Eckankar will host a spiritual discussion from 11 a.m.-noon on Saturday, July 23 on the topic, "The Gift of Giving

and Receiving" The events take place at Funky Karma, 3207 S. Main St. For more information, call 654-0071.

First Presbyterian presenting charity checks

Los Peregrinos Food Bank and La Casa will each receive a check for \$1,800 from First Presbyterian Church during services at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, July 24 at 200 E. Boutz Road. The money was raised by gathering recipes from church members and creating cook-

books from the home-grown entries. Hundreds of cookbooks were sold at local events in Las Cruces.

Roundtable discussion at Unitarian Universalist

Roundtable discussions take place at 9 a.m. every Sunday in the sanctuary, 2000 S. Solano Drive. July 24: Billy Garrett, the District 1 Dona Ana County Commissioner and past commission chairman will explain more about current issues and answer questions about the county.

Whatever became of 'Whatever Became of Sin?'

Forty-three years ago Karl Menninger (yes, of the Clinic) wrote a book entitled "Whatever Became of Sin?" Briefly stated, Menninger wrote that sin has not disappeared; not at all.

Menninger defined sin as "the behavior that violates the moral code or the individual conscience or both; behavior which pains or harms or destroys my neighbor – or me, myself."

But in American culture we have tended to shift the responsibility for all ills from the individual to society. This leads to a culture of blaming rather than one of accepting responsibility for our behavior. So he was at the same time asking, whatever became of guilt? Real guilt, that is, not the guilt trips that people heap on each other. This is guilt as genuine responsibility for the consequences of bad acting.

Since Menninger wrote that book there have been



Gabriel Rochelle
Tales from the Cassock

more twists and turns to the issue. We have been through the rise of entitlement, the strange notion that we deserve everything positive we get, from an unearned A in a college class to that Mercedes-Benz Janis Joplin sang about. In a philosophy of entitlement, we don't deserve anything negative that might come our way.

During these years we also have seen the rise of senseless and capricious acts of terror and destruction, all of which are justified by perpetrators who believe that their way of thought or life is the only right one and the rest of us can go to hell... literally. Whatever became of sin, indeed? If we can manage to blame the victim, then Menninger's prophetic words have not only come

to pass, but they have been surpassed. We've come to a more deadly conclusion.

The vast majority of people in the U.S. would, I think, rightly reject the notion of a God who sits in heaven wagging fingers at people for bad behavior. But you have to wonder, what has taken the place of some cosmic moral authority? What happens to standards of behavior if there is no Standard with a capital S?

That was one question posed by the 1970s, during which time Menninger wrote. And the answer was pretty clear: everything goes and you'll find out along the way what works, and what doesn't. We'll just have to deal with the collateral damage in terms of wrecked families and institutions.

But there was more collateral damage during this period: the loss of a perceived need for forgiveness. The sappy movie "Love Story" had

that atrocious line in it that "love means never having to say you're sorry," which is a lie. But people bought it, and still do.

In fact, love does mean having to say you're sorry, when you have offended someone, perhaps especially those you love. Forgiveness can only work, however, when someone has owned up to a breach in behavior that ruptured the relationship with another person. That breach and the sub-

sequent alienation are what the church has always meant by sin. It is not something that just goes away.

Love works on the ground of forgiveness. And forgiveness is essential where sin has broken relationships. And broken relationships can only be healed on the ground of a larger reality of love that encompasses both the offender and the offended. At least that's the Christian paradigm.

Maybe we need new

words in our age to communicate the same truth. For younger people these words may no longer have meaning; they may be empty. But the truth they bear remains, and perhaps we have to search for the right words to say the same truth we've always said. But say it we must.

Fr. Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission in Las Cruces. The parish web site is: www.stanthonylc.org. Visitors are always welcome.

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If you are in the market for a shade tree, here is some information to keep in mind before making your purchase.

First and foremost, know the size of the tree you will select. Make sure it will not block a view or grow into telephone or electrical lines. Remember, the larger the tree, the larger the roots. It can mirror the canopy of the top portion of its own branching structure. In other words, look up before planting.

Try to place the tree where the shade will be during the hottest part

Gary Guzman
Gardening Guru



of the day. In most cases you can significantly cool off a south- or west-facing wall. A well-placed shade tree can keep your home a bit cooler as well as adding value. Keep in mind roots will grow where there is moisture.

Keep the tree away from sidewalks and foundations. The distance will depend upon the spread of the tree.

The leaves will drop off in winter, so keep this in mind when planting in a courtyard or patio area.

If you want quick shade from trees such as cottonless cottonwood or a willow, there are some disadvantages. Those trees will need more water than moderate or slower-growing trees, and they generally have a shorter life span. They

are also more susceptible to insect or disease attack such as aphids or chlorosis.

On the other hand, you will see significant growth within a year or two if the trees are properly watered and fertilized. The rapid growth means a smaller tree can be purchased when cost is a factor.

Moderate growing trees such as ash or oak will take more time to produce a significant amount of shade but will pay off with less water and maintenance through the long haul.

Proper pruning early on will result in little or no pruning when these trees are mature.

As a rule, you will see significant growth one to two years after planting. Some people say, "The first year it sleeps; the second year it creeps; and the third year it leaps."

Larger specimens may be more desirable to start with if quick shade is a must.

Be sure to use plenty of organic amendments in the soil before planting. It is best to dig a hole twice as wide to help loosen the soil around the roots. Do not bury the root ball deeper than its original height, other than to cover any exposed roots. The use of mulch on top of the newly planted root ball will help keep the soil moist and cut down on



weed growth. It will also add organic material to the soil as it breaks down, which will aid with plant vigor.

Do not break the root ball apart unless it is root-bound. You will know it is root-bound if you see nothing but roots and no soil around the edge. In this case gently pull apart the lower edges to help

disperse new roots away from the center of the root zone. This will keep the roots from spiraling and slowly "choking" through the years.

Newly planted trees will require more water for the first few months depending upon temperatures. It is best to water deeply and less often months after planting. This result should

benefit your tree by producing deeper and more drought-tolerant roots.

Now that it is getting to the end of summer, it should be easy to locate just exactly where you will need shade. As they saying goes: "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago; the second best time is now."

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Thai Noodles With Spicy Peanut Sauce (Yield: 4 servings)

12 ounces linguine
4 tablespoons sesame oil

Sauce

½ cup green onion, chopped
1 cup finely shredded carrot
2 cups frozen stir fry vegetables
3 tablespoons minced fresh garlic

½ tablespoon ground ginger or 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, minced
¼ cup honey
¼ cup creamy peanut butter
¼ cup soy sauce
3 tablespoons rice vinegar
½ tablespoon (or more) chili-garlic sauce, such as Sriracha

Garnish suggestions: Greek yogurt and/or sliced green onions

Cook pasta in a large pot of salted water following package directions. Drain and return to pot. Add 2 tablespoons sesame oil and toss to coat. Set aside. Heat remaining 2 tablespoons sesame oil in heavy pot over medium-high heat. Add green onions, carrots, stir-fry veggies, garlic, and ginger.

Sauté until vegetables soften, about 4 minutes. Add honey, peanut butter, soy sauce, vinegar and chili-garlic sauce and mix well. Simmer sauce 2 minutes.

Pour sauce over pasta and toss well. Serve and enjoy! Note: This recipe can be served hot or chilled.

Thai Chicken with Basil (Yield: 4 servings)

1½ pounds (about 4) chicken breast, boneless and skinless, cut into 1-by-2-inch pieces
2 tablespoons Asian fish sauce
1 ½ tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon water
1 ½ teaspoons sugar
2 tablespoons cooking oil
1 large onion, cut into thin slices

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2-3 fresh chile peppers (such as jalapeño, serrano or Thai), seeds, and ribs removed, cut into thin slices

3 garlic cloves, minced
1 ½ cups lightly packed basil leaves

In a medium bowl, combine the chicken with the fish sauce, soy sauce, water, and sugar.

In a large nonstick frying pan or a wok, heat the oil over moderately high heat.

Add the onion and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes. Stir in the chiles and garlic; cook, stirring continuously, 30 seconds longer. Remove the chicken from the marinade with a slotted spoon and add it to the hot pan. Cook until almost done, stirring, about 3 minutes. Add the marinade and cook 30 seconds longer. Remove from the heat and stir in 1 cup of the basil. Serve topped with the remaining ½ cup basil.

Thai Chicken Lettuce Wraps (Serves 4)

1 teaspoon olive oil
3 cups cooked chicken breasts (about 3 breasts), skinned and shredded (I prefer baked chicken)
1 (8 ounce) can sliced water chestnuts, chopped
1 head Boston or Butter lettuce 1 garlic clove, chopped*
1 teaspoon fresh ginger, minced
1 lime, juice of
2 teaspoons chili-garlic sauce such as Sriracha
2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
2 tablespoons teriyaki sauce

Heat olive oil in a large skillet. Add shredded chicken and water chestnuts

Meanwhile, remove core from head of lettuce. Wash. Dry leaves ideally using a spinner but paper

towels will do.

Combine garlic, ginger, lime juice, chili-garlic sauce, cilantro, and teriyaki sauce in a bowl and mix well. Add to skillet and stir.

Arrange lettuce leaves on the outer rim of a serving plate. Spoon chicken mixture onto the center of each lettuce leaf and roll like you would a burrito. Serve with extra chili-garlic sauce or soy sauce as garnish if desired. (Adapted from *food.com*)

Thai-Fresh Mango Salad with Basil Dressing (Yield: 2 servings)

1 medium bowl fresh lettuce, or a combination of mixed greens (enough for 2 people)

1 semi-ripe to ripe mango, pitted and cut into cubes

1 small red chile pepper, stemmed, seeded, cubed or sliced

1 carrot, peeled and sliced into thin sticks (or grate)

½ to 1 cup cucumber, sliced

¼ cup dry-roasted peanuts or cashews (I prefer meaty cashews)

Rinse fresh greens and dry, preferably using a salad spinner. Place in a salad bowl. Add remaining vegetables. Add mango cubes to the salad.

To “beef” up the salad, add grilled shrimp, chicken, or fried tofu.

Basil Dressing

Note: Dressing should be used within 24 hours or freeze in a plastic container. This dressing makes a great veggie dip, or use as a marinade for chicken, fish, or shrimp.

15-20 large basil leaves, use more if leaves are small

1 whole green onion, sliced
3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon fish sauce or soy sauce
2 teaspoons brown sugar

Place all ingredients in a mini chopper, food processor, or blender. Puree.

Drizzle dressing over salad and toss well. Add nuts and toss again. Top with a few more nuts and enjoy.

NMSU Grape Day set for Aug. 13

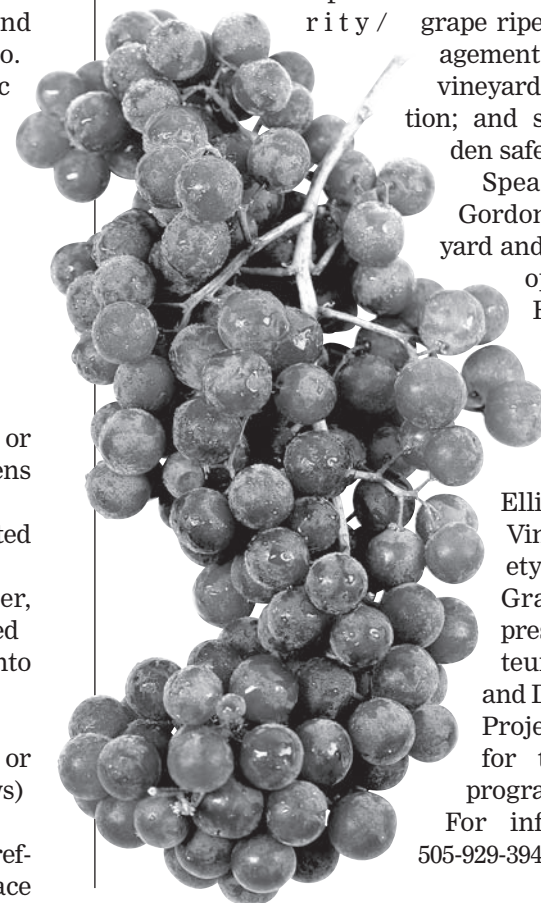
Bulletin report

New Mexico State University's annual Grape Day is set for 8 to 11 a.m. in Fabian Garcia Science Center on campus, Saturday, Aug. 13.

Topics to be covered are: grape maturity / grape ripeness; pest management tools; the home vineyard and plant selection; and small farm/garden safety.

Speakers include: Gordon Steele, vineyard and winery owner/operator; Cary Hamilton from NMSU Extension Plant Sciences: IR-4 Program; Dale Ellis, New Mexico Vine & Wine Society, Southern Rio Grande chapter president and amateur wine maker; and Daniel Goodrich, Project Coordinator for the Viticulture program at NMSU.

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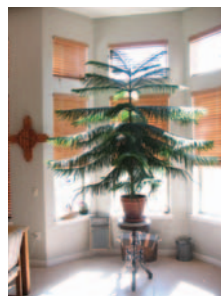
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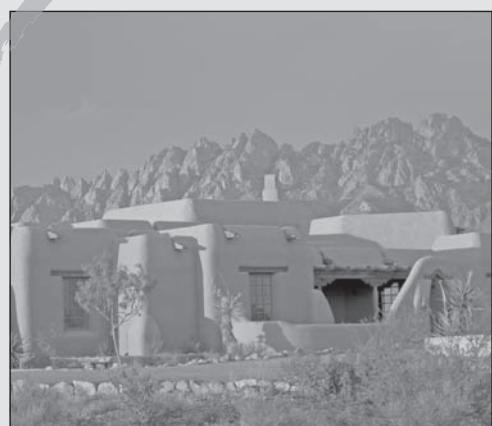
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HPV vaccine can protect women across broad age range



Albuquerque professor focuses on women in southwest

Bulletin report

A research paper published in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* reported that the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is safe and efficacious across a wide age range of women. The international study found that it protects against HPV infection in women older than 26 years. Vaccination programs worldwide currently target routine vaccination of women 26 years and younger.

The study recruited women in 12 countries across four continents. Cosette Wheeler, PhD, at The University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center, was the lead author of the report.

The human papillomaviruses cause cancer of the cervix, anus, and middle throat. Five types of HPV account for about 85 percent of all invasive cervical cancer cases. HPV vaccines are expected to prevent most of these cancer cases.

Many countries routinely vaccinate girls and boys 25 years and younger, although vaccination rates in the United States remain low. In the US, only about 40 percent of girls and 21 percent of boys receive the three-dose vaccination series. The earlier the vaccine is given, the more efficacious it can be.

This study focused on the benefit of

vaccinating women 26 years and older. Infection with HPV can take place at any time throughout adulthood and women in this age group may have already been exposed to HPV. The study showed that women in this age group were still protected from HPV infections.

The scientists followed each woman for four to seven years. They found that the vaccine protected the women against HPV infections during the follow-up period and that the women were protected from many types of HPV across a broad age range. These study results are essential to new approaches in cancer prevention, particularly those that are investigating combined approaches of cervical screening and vaccination in adult women.

Cosette Wheeler is a UNM Regents Professor in the Departments of Pathology and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. Her New Mexico research group has contributed for over 20 years to understanding the molecular epidemiology of human papillomaviruses (HPV) in cervical precancer and cancer among Native American, Hispanic and non-Hispanic women of the southwest and on a global basis.

New women's football team hosts car wash

The newest member of the Sugar N Spice Football League, the Las Cruces Coyotes, is holding a fundraising car wash from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 30 at Blake's LotaBurger, 2915 N. Main St. Car washes will be available for a donation of \$5, but, "We'll take any and all donations to support this team," said team member Susie Ouderkirk.

"The boundaries of women competing in full contact athletics is becoming more and more accepted," said head coach Billy Avalos. "Our Coyotes have the heart and dedication and are putting the time in to play a sport that was often times frowned upon. They need your support to compete in large Venues such as Dallas, Houston and New Orleans."

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Winery, food bank join to fight hunger

Bulletin report

St. Clair Winery is reaching out to Roadrunner Food Bank with a campaign to support hunger causes in Las Cruces, Farmington and Albuquerque. The New Mexico Winery will use its 2012 Bistro Red wine as an avenue to raise funds in partnership with the food bank.

“Through the partnership, St. Clair has pledged to donate \$1 per bottle sold of our new wine, Bistro Red, to Roadrunner Food Bank,” said St. Clair Marketing Director, Maritza Gomez. “This year, we anticipate the donation will be between \$12,000 and \$15,000.”

The partnership hopes to raise awareness about hunger issues in New Mexico.

In Doña Ana County alone, Roadrunner Food Bank supplies many known food pantries such as Casa de Peregrinos, El Caldito Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army and 12 others.

Those with St. Clair said the winery chose to partner with the food bank because it is not just a city or county affiliate, but its assistance spans the whole state and includes the entire spectrum of those in need including

women, children, men and the elderly.

“Our goal was to ensure the donation would make an impact locally,” Gomez said.

Roadrunner Food Bank will be the sole beneficiary of the promotion.

“Partnerships like this one help us extend our ability to reach more of our hungry neighbors,” said Melody Wattenbarger, president and CEO of Roadrunner Food Bank. “As one of the hungriest states in the country, every dollar we raise helps in our mission to end hunger. The funds raised over the length of this unique promotion will help us provide about 75,000 meals.”

Each of the St. Clair Winery & Bistro locations in Las Cruces, Albuquerque and Farmington will have the Bistro Red wine available for purchase. Other New Mexico retail locations such as Albertson’s, Fiesta Foods and Toucan Market also are retailing the wine.

For more information, visit www.stclairwinery.com/feednm. For details about volunteering or giving to the food bank, visit www.rrfb.org or call 505-247-2052.



Big Brothers/Big Sisters Dawn Starostka, Elke Wunderlich



Casa de Peregrinos Antoinette Fuentes, Elke Wunderlich

Mesilla Valley Rotary Club of Las Cruces donates \$11,000 to community programs

Bulletin report

The Mesilla Valley Rotary Club of Las Cruces has donated funds to eight organizations that provide for youth in Doña Ana County. Big Brother’s Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club, Casa de Peregrinos, College Career Technology Academy, Hearts for Autism, Jardin de los Ninos, La Casa, and the J. Paul Taylor Academy, received grant awards from funds raised by the Rotary Club’s Mesilla

Valley’s Got Talent Youth Talent Competition.

“Mesilla Valley’s Got Talent was such a success that we were able to contribute to so many worthwhile organizations,” said Mesilla Valley Rotary Club President Elke Wunderlich. “Our mission with the talent show is to give back to youth oriented programs.”

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USDA phone app updates health information

Bulletin report

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports its FoodKeeper phone application has been updated to include food storage information in both Spanish and Portuguese. Now Spanish and Portuguese speakers can use the app to better understand storage recommendations for more than 400 items covered by the tool, including various types of baby food, dairy products and eggs, meat, poultry, produce, seafood and more.

In the update posted to the Google Play and iTunes stores, users will find a new setting menu offering language options and the ability to display temperatures, weights and measures in imperial or

metric units. In addition, improvements were also made to the way the app syncs with the calendar of smartphones and tablets to remind users to use food before it may spoil.

"This app empowers people to help meet our nation's food waste reduction goals, and it also links to our virtual food safety resources that answer common questions about how to safely handle, prepare and store foods," said agriculture secretary Tom Vilsack, via a release.

Better food storage should reduce food waste and reduce the frequency of users preparing and eating products that may be spoiled.

The FoodKeeper app was developed by

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service in partnership with Cornell University and the Food Marketing Institute. Since it was launched in April 2015, it has been downloaded more than 100,000 times. Additional updates are planned for September, which will include information on product recalls and educational videos.

With the FoodKeeper application, each user can:

- Find specific storage timelines for the refrigerator, freezer, and pantry, depending on the nature of the product;
- Get cooking tips for cooking methods of meat, poultry and seafood products;
- Note in their device's calendar when

products were purchased and receive notifications when they are nearing the end of their recommended storage date;

• Submit a question to USDA using the 'Ask Karen' feature of the application. 'Ask Karen' is USDA's 24/7 virtual representative. The system provides information about preventing foodborne illness, safe food handling and storage, and safe preparation of meat, poultry, and egg products; and

• Submit items not included in the database for consideration in future updates.

For those that do not have access to a smartphone, the FoodKeeper can also be accessed at FoodSafety.gov/FoodKeeper.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Stress reduction classes at Mesilla Valley Hospice

A free Orientation to Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) classes is being offered from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 at the Mesilla Valley Hospice rotary room, 299 Montana Ave. Classes offered once a week for eight consecutive weeks, 2-3 hours per class. Learn to take better care of yourself by exploring and understanding the interplay of mind and body and mobilizing your inner resources for coping, growing and healing. For information, call 523-4700.

Bi-lingual diabetes classes in August

Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach is taking reservations for classes in English and Spanish from 2-5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 2 and 9 and Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Families & Youth, Inc. building, 1320 S. Solano, Suite 1. Email reservations to snmdo@snmdo.com or call 522-0289. Class size is limited to 12 and support persons are encouraged to be present with each attendee.

August Acupuncture specials at Crossroads

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Tai Chi class

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department Tai Chi classes are held 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday and are open to

adults. Cost: \$30 for a four-week session, \$15 for those 60 and older. Limited space available on a first-come, first-served basis. Info: 541-2455.

Meditation classes at Tesoro

Zen Buddhist meditation and study group with the Rev. K. Hilbert is 6 p.m. Thursdays at 1605 S. Main St. Walk-ins welcome. Cost: \$7 drop-in, five classes for \$30 or 10 classes for \$60. Info: 541-5660.

Breastfeeding support group

Mama's Milk Club Breastfeeding Support Group meets 10-11:30 a.m. every Friday at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., West Annex, Piñon A meeting room. Refreshments are provided. Free. Info: 521-5393.

Zumba class at aquatic center

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department holds Zumba class at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., 9-10 a.m. every Saturday. Info: 541-2782.

Zumba at Mountain View Senior Circle

Classes are held at 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Mountain View Senior Circle, 3948 Lohman Ave., Suite 1. Info: 522-0503.

Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of those individuals who, through shared experience, strength and hope, are recovering from a compulsive relationship with food. Local meetings are held at noon Wednesdays in the library of St. James Episco-

pal Church, 1102 St. James Ave.; and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Info: www.aa.org or call Barbara at 405-0128 or Wayne at 647-5684.

Aggie Cupboard summer hours

The Aggie Cupboard is open 3-6 p.m. every Wednesday for summer food distribution throughout the summer. To receive a free bag of nonperishable food, bring your NMSU ID to Regents Row, Room B114. The Aggie Cupboard is open to all current NMSU and DACC students, as well as faculty/staff. If you require food assistance and those hours do not work for you, e-mail aggiecupboard@nmsu.edu to make alternate arrangements.

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous is a 12-step fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other, that they may solve their common problem and help each other recover from sexual compulsion. We release our addiction to internet porn, unhealthy addictive relationships and anyone or anything that keeps us from healthy, loving relationships. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. Mondays at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor (behind the T Mobile building). For information visit www.sca-recovery.org or call 526-9535.

Yoga at the Center for Spiritual Living

Yoga classes meet 9-10 a.m. Mondays and 4-5 p.m. Wednesdays at 575 N. Main St. \$5. Info: 523-4847.

Center offers 'trauma-informed' yoga

Bulletin report

Eytan Salinger, LCSW, instructs a trauma-informed yoga class from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Monday at Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main St.

According to a release, the yoga class uses traditional and innovative yoga techniques to help restore internal rhythm and integrity often damaged with traumatic experiences. Traumatic stress may come from physical, mental or emotional shock or through chronic stress.

PTSD and chronic anxiety are two examples of traumatic stress.

The yoga class involves gentle movement, breath work, coordination and relaxation techniques

and is open to adults of all ages and abilities. No yoga experience is required. New students are encouraged to call before attending class at 680-6449. Class price is \$10.00.

"Most people think PTSD is something only veterans or first responders experience," said Patti McClure, executive director of Tesoro, "But many people who come to the center with chronic anxiety have experienced trauma through rape, sexual abuse, domestic violence, horrible car accidents and other life changing events. We don't ask a person how they've been traumatized, we just help them find a way to heal it."

PETS OF THE WEEK



HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

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Bike and Chowder bicycle club summer rides

This informal recreational bicycle club rides every Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning. All rides start in Mesilla at the plaza. Starting times vary with the season. The only requirement is a helmet. Free. Info: bikeandchowder.org.

Cancer support group meets at UUMC

Cancer Care, a support group for those dealing with cancer, (patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends) meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. Info: Betty Harris at 524-3994 or the church office at 522-8220.

Community fitness classes with child care at St. Andrew's

Pilates with Laura Vechione runs at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 14 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda Ave. Please bring a mat. There will be modifications for people with poor mobility or those who are unable to get down on the floor. Cost is \$3 per class or \$30 for the series (12 classes). Child care for kids 10 and under is available for an additional \$2 per session or \$20 for the series (per child).

Hands-Only CPR training at MMC

Learn the newly accepted hands-only technique in this 30-minute class. Class will be 10-10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 13, in the Memorial Medical Center West Annex Conference Room, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. The next class is Saturday, Sept. 3.

Classes are limited to 30 participants. For information, call 524-2167.



We need your events and activities

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Breast cancer support group meets fourth Saturday

The Breast Cancer Support Group of the Community Foundation of Southern NM meets the fourth Saturday of each month. This month's meeting is 10-11:30 a.m., Saturday, July 23 at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., in the Annex Bldg., located west of the main hospital entrance. The speaker is Melissa J. Reeves P.C., attorney, who will discuss the topic, "Estate Planning and Guardianship." No pre-registration required and the event is free. Info: 524-4373.

Tesoro Integrative Health Center yoga classes

Tesoro, 1605 S. Main St., offers yoga classes. Walk-ins

welcome. Drop-in fee is \$7; five classes for \$30; and 10 for \$60. Classes are: 10 a.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday, Gentle Yoga; 7:15 a.m. Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Kundalini Yoga; 6:15 Tuesday/Thursday, 10 a.m. Saturday, Hatha Yoga; 6:15 Monday/Wednesday, Gentle Yoga. Info: 541-5660.

Parkinson's Support Group meets third Tuesday

The Parkinson's disease Support Group of Southern New Mexico (PDSGSNM) meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Senior Circle, 4311 E. Lohman Ave.

MS Support/Education group meets first Thursday

Join a multiple sclerosis support/education group 4:30-6 p.m. the first Thursday of every month in the Social Center Creative Arts Room at Good Samaritan Society Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

Date, time and location are subject to change. Info/RSVP: 373-5130 or lascrucesmselfhelp@gmail.com.

Immunizations available at Dept. of Health

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Central Public Health Office provides immunization services for children and adults on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1170 N. Solano Drive. For an appointment call: 528-5017.

Birth, death certificates available at Public Health Office

The Vital Records Office at the Las Cruces Public Health Office, 1170 N. Solano Dr. is available for registering and acquiring birth or death certificates Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch.

For information, contact the Las Cruces Vital Records Office at (575) 528-5046.