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Chief: Violent crime down in Las Cruces

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Violent crime is down in Las Cruces and the police department continues to improve its connection with the community to keep it down, Police Chief Jaime Montoya and Deputy Police Chief Miguel Dominguez told the Las Cruces City Council at a portion of their Monday, July 25 work session that focused on building a safer Las Cruces.

Montoya said violent crime in Las Cruces was 9 percent below the national average in 2015 and 11 percent below it in 2014. Property crimes fueled by drug use and people leaving home, business and vehicle doors unlocked, continue to be

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Students learn summer is sweeter when you help others

Jardin de Los Ninos boys and girls made lemonade and sold baked goods at their annual Lemonade Stand on July 22. This year, the students chose to donate the proceeds to Big Brothers / Big Sisters.

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School district's CFO retires Aug. 30

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Public Schools Chief Financial Officer Terry Dean isn't so much retiring at the end of August as he is shifting gears.

After more than 15 years with the school district, Dean, 55, will officially hang up his calculator, so to speak, on Tuesday, Aug. 30. But, after taking about a month off to go elk hunting, he

will begin a new career as a certified public accountant helping smaller school districts and charter schools around the state deal with financial issues.



DEAN

"I'm not necessarily interested in slowing down," Dean said. "I want to be an accountant again," he said, adding that, "My wife

says I can't stay home without adult supervision."

So, with a list provided by the New Mexico Public Education Department, Dean will begin traveling the state in September to help fill what he called a "huge void" that many small districts and charters are experiencing because they lack trained business professionals.

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Zika virus concerns prompt 30-school education outreach

Doña Ana County is one of four counties in New Mexico where the type of mosquito that carries the Zika virus has been identified. Since 2003, Doña Ana County has been home to mosquitoes that bear West Nile virus, as well.

In mid-July, Doña Ana County's Vector Control team taught lessons about mosquito dangers to elementary students in Hatch. Hatch Elementary is just one of 30 schools that will hear the presentation during this year's mosquito season. This year, more than ever, with international concerns about the Zika virus, it's important for residents to take steps to control the bloodthirsty pests.

In Hatch, Vector Control technician Bobby Guerrero treated students to a slide show, talk and "Vector Vaquero Fights the Bite" coloring books aimed at educating kids and families about mosquitos, and how to stop them.

"The key to controlling mosquitos is controlling stagnant water," said Guerrero. "That's where mosquitos lay eggs. Within 7 to 10 days, the mosquitos have hatched out and become flying, biting machines capable of spreading a handful of viruses."

The best way to prevent the spread of disease is to prevent mosquito eggs from hatching. Mosquitos lay eggs near homes, on farms, in abandoned swimming pools or on vacant land. If you glance into water and see squiggling black things – that's mosquito larvae. Vector Control can spray areas in the county where residents alert them about lots of mosquitos.

Guerrero said residents should be sure there is no standing water in their



Hatch Elementary students learn how to control the spread of mosquitos, during a county-wide Vector Control mosquito outreach program that will reach students in 30 schools.

yards. That means checking once a week for rainwater or sprinkler water that may collect in any kind of garden pot, bucket or children's toys left in a yard. See anything squirming around in the water? It's probably mosquito larvae. Tip out the water onto the ground.

Get Mosquito Dunks to toss into large containers of standing water that cannot be dumped onto the ground. Mosquito Dunks are available at hardware stores and home improvement stores.

Doña Ana County Vector Control also offers free "mosquito fish" that will eat mosquito larvae in stock tanks and ponds. These fish are voracious mosquito larvae eaters. The Vector Control mosquito fish pond is open Tuesday mornings from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at 4605 W. Picacho. For more information call DAC Vector Control at (575) 526-8150.

Female mosquitos bite humans and animals to get blood, since blood protein is needed for the development of mosquito eggs. Females then need still, stagnant water to lay eggs. They need just a little water,

like what might puddle up in a scrap tire in someone's back yard.

Tires, Guerrero said, are a particular problem because they hold water and absorb the sun's heat, which can reduce normal insect hatching times to 7 days. That's why it's important for tires to be disposed of properly by taking them to the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) Transfer Station, or one of the county's eight collection centers across the county. Illegal dumps in the desert are favorite mosquito breeding grounds, he added, and need to be cleaned up to prevent spreading disease.

DASO Citizens' Academy still has openings for Aug. 6 start date

Organizers with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department are hopeful they can fill a few remaining vacant spots for the fall class of the Citizen's Police Academy, which kicks off Aug. 6, 2016. The academy will span eight consecutive Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at DASO's Las Cruces headquarters, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

To date, nearly 200 Doña Ana County residents have graduated from the program, which was re-launched in 2011 after a brief hiatus.

Each Citizen's Academy applicant must be 18 years of age or older, must be a resident of Doña Ana County, and must have a valid driver's license or photo ID. Because of the sensitive nature of police work, a brief background check will be per-

formed on each applicant. Academy participants must not have any prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within the last three years.

The academy takes class members through various divisions of the department in an effort to strengthen community partnerships through education and awareness. Academy participants are volunteers who wish to learn more about the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department; it is not the cadet academy for those who wish to become certified law-enforcement officers with DASO.

Classes are interactive and give participants hands-on knowledge of how sheriff's deputies are trained to handle real-life situations. Class members will examine traffic enforcement, understand

the use of force – including the use of deadly force – observe K-9 demonstrations and presentations by the Special Response Team, bomb squad, and Animal Control. Several field trips are included in the academy, including tours of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority and the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

The fall 2016 Citizen's Academy is free of charge and runs through Sept. 24, 2016. Applications for the academy can be downloaded online at www.goDASO.org, and are also available at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces. The deadline to apply is Aug. 1, 2016, and the class size is limited to 25 people.

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LC, Doña Ana residents invited to National Night Out on Aug. 2

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Law enforcement agencies invite residents of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County to join their neighbors and area first responders for the annual National Night Out that will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, on Main Street Downtown.

The event is free and



all area residents are invited to attend.

According to a release, "National Night Out is designed to heighten

crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in various anti-crime efforts, strengthen community-police partnerships and encourage neighborhood camaraderie as we strive for a safer Las Cruces."

Law enforcement agen-

cies and other first responders – including the Las Cruces Police Department, Las Cruces Fire Department, Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office and New Mexico State Police – and several other municipal, state and federal public safety agencies will be on hand

to meet with residents and share information on the services they provide.

National Night Out is sponsored by the national Association of Town Watch and locally by the City of Las Cruces.

Residents who are unable to attend the NNO activities in Las Cruces

are encouraged to turn on a front porch light and spend Tuesday evening outside with neighbors.

The National Night Out is an opportunity to meet fellow residents and share information that can make our neighborhoods safer and more attractive places to live.

Reports of minor property crime within city limits can now be filed online

Bulletin report

Anyone needing to file a relatively minor property crime report of an incident that occurred within city limits – an incident that has no known suspect or crime scene evidence – can do so online through the Las Cruces Police Department's website.

The Las Cruces Police Department's Citizens Online Police Reporting System can accept reports for lost property, auto burglary, theft or larceny, telephone harassment and vandalism. The reports must be of incidents that occurred within Las Cruces city limits.

In most cases, filing a minor property crime report online is much quicker than waiting for an officer to respond to a non-emergency call.

If the incident in question is an emergency, or if there is a known suspect or potential crime scene evidence that can be collected, the reporting party should call 911 or 526-0795, the non-emergency phone number to Central Dispatch.

Crimes that occurred outside of Las Cruces city limits should be reported to law enforcement in the jurisdiction for which they occurred.

The Citizens Online Police Reporting System allows users to receive a temporary case number and print a copy of the unofficial police report. Information submitted to the online reporting system is reviewed by Las Cruces Police for approval. Once approved, the report is entered into the department's records and an official report is generated.

After the online report is approved, the reporting party will receive an email confirming the report and instructions on how to print a free copy of the report.

Las Cruces Police can also recommend further investigation into the matter.

The online reporting system can be found on the Las Cruces Police Department's website, www.CLCPD.com, under the 'File a Report Online' tab.



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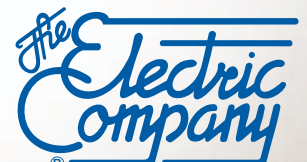
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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Summer scorch

OK, triple digits, we give up. You win.

If you've left your iPhone in the car at some point the past few weeks, you may have seen this message, accompanying a red thermometer on your black screen: "iPhone needs to cool down before you can use it."

Perhaps you know a few human beings who could use that same warning emblazoned on their person.

To state the super-obvious, it's hot out there, folks.

And getting hotter, it seems.

You know (if you've read your Las Cruces Bulletin) about the health risks and especially the dangers of children and pets in cars.

When I was a kid in Oklahoma, sitting in a hot car was actually how I'd cool down. In the hottest part of the day, in the hottest part of the summer, Joey Farrier and I would get in his

parents' 1972 Buick Century station wagon, roll up all the windows and let the sweating commence.

After about five minutes, we'd get out of the car and, man, did it suddenly feel much cooler outside.

Not everything you leave in the car comes out worse.

If you accidentally leave your fresh cup of coffee in the car, it can actually be hotter when you come back.

One summer morning I brought a Granny Smith green apple to work to munch on for breakfast.

At the end of the day, when I got in my car, it smelled like fresh apple pie.

What the heck?

Then I realized I'd left the apple in the car. It had actually baked during the day.

A local sign of the high temperatures is

long lines at Caliche's, Sweet CeCe's, Baskin-Robbins and all the other places with ice cream and cold treats.

The fact that ice cream melts about 30 percent faster in this heat means people eat it faster to avoid the dripping. You know what that also means ... Brain freeze!

There are as many homespun antidotes for brain freezes as there are for hiccups.

What's your family secret?

The only thing that's worked for me is to immediately eat a french fry.

While many of us office workers complain about the heat, the folks who really have it rough are those who work outside all day. People who work on roofs or in road construction not only have to be out in it all day, they have to wear long sleeves, long pants, hats and often gloves to

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protect them from the sun. Great appreciation goes out to all of them.

Another function of the heat is scalding steering wheels, door-knobs and windows. You have to be careful where you put your hands.

Recently I was at Young Park on a blistering Sunday and saw a little kid run excitedly for the water fountain to cool himself down. Unfortunately, the button was so hot he couldn't touch it. Cleverly, he pulled his shirt up and used it as a shield on the button so he could push it.

However, he didn't

count on the water itself hitting him in the face at 130 degrees.

Willis Carrier invented modern air conditioning in 1902.

There should be statues in his honor across the desert Southwest.

The cursed blessing of the evaporative cooler dates well before Carrier's work, as far back as ancient Egypt, when citizens hung a wet blanket over the opening to their home.

What are you doing to beat the heat?

Whatever it is, it's probably not working. This summer, the heat is beating us.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Timed Event Man



In the world of rodeo, cowboys usually fall into one of two categories; rough stock riders or timed event men. Each looks on the other with suspicion. Bronc riders can't imagine havin' to drag a horse and trailer all over the country and ropers think bull riding is uncivilized!

Jack and Russell entered the punkin roller at Bokchito, Oklahoma. They were both sixteen and invincible! On arrival they discovered a mix up. Jack entered in the bareback and Russell in the calf roping. Jack complained, "I told Mr. Ward to put me in the calf ropin' and Russell was ridin' bares! Besides, Russell's bought a brand new riggin'!" Which, of course he had! Not only that, Russell had a new set of custom made bronc spurs and had just attended Mel Autry's rodeo school!

The secretary glared at him and growled, "Well, Jack, you better see if it fits your hand, 'cause I ain't changin' the order!"

They stomped around cussing the contractor, the secretary, their luck and each other's event. But as the National Anthem played over the speakers, Jack was down in the chute tryin' to pound his left hand into Russell's right hand riggin'!

Minnie Mouse was an 800-pound grulla mare. Jack made some comment about stick horses and shetlands. 'Bout not wantin' to hurt her. Russell ignored him. Jack was sorta scratchin' his spurs a little and thinkin', "By, gosh, this ain't bad! I'm winnin' the bareback! Easier than I thought."

At the quarter mile pole Minnie Mouse bogged her head, planted her front feet and exploded in midair! By the time she lit on all fours again, Jack had both legs on the left side and was laid across her like a roll of carpet!

He couldn't get his hand free! With all his weight stickin' out like a wind vane on the starboard side, he began to drag the little mare right. From his vantage point on the wing tip, Jack could see the arena fence

flashing by at eye level. He was stuck hard and fast and pulling her closer and closer. Big square ties and net wire began clickin' by like a railroad bed.

'Gosh,' he thought, 'I hope it's cheap wire...'

He needn't have worried. He hit a tie! The collision was so calamitous it knocked the mare down!

At the conclusion of this spectacular exhibition the crowd applauded wildly. As Jack hobbled out the gate a man in yellow boots and a bolo tie asked him where he was gonna be appearing next.

Standing in the parking lot after the rodeo, Jack observed what a sorry job Russell had done in the calf roping.

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Recreational marijuana for New Mexico: Yes or no?

By Barry Fisher, MD
For the Bulletin

Has the time come for our state to legislate and regulate in favor of recreational marijuana?

Let's look at the reasons for and against this vote. Perhaps the most pressing issue for our state is the failing revenues from oil and gas. The damage to our budget has been disastrous.

Last year, Colorado posted total tax revenue of \$71.5 million received from the sale and regulation of marijuana. This year, to date, the state has already taken in \$85.62 million in taxes and fees. This projects out to more than \$171.2 million total revenue expected for this year alone.

That would help our state coffers make up for some of the loss in oil and

gas revenue.

Tourism has increased in the state of Colorado this past year, in part, based upon the availability of legalized marijuana. According to an article in the Denver Post, 20 percent of visitors polled stated the availability of legalized marijuana had a positive impact in their decision to visit Colorado, although just 8 percent of tourists actually went to a dispensary.

Our state is a wonderful tourist destination and the availability of legalized marijuana can only enhance tourism.

It is believed that were marijuana available recreationally, both alcohol and narcotic usage would be reduced. This would be expected to result in a reduction in alcohol-related

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auto crashes, and concomitant deaths from DUI vehicular injuries, and mortality related to narcotic overdosing. There has never been a reported case of death from overdose of marijuana, and this contrasts very favorably with the death rate from alcohol and narcotic pill overdose.

The black market for illegal marijuana, controlled by the underworld is quite profitable. If marijuana were legalized and available from regulated and taxed dispensaries, this would remove a significant source of funding from the drug lords who presently thrive on this large black market, and reduce their influence and power.

These seem to be four rational arguments favoring the legalization of recreational marijuana for New Mexico.

What are the arguments against legalization of marijuana?

There is a belief that this is a gateway drug to the use of more danger-

ous additive substances. Time has taught us marijuana may be the first drug used by those who become addicted to other drugs, but that most users do not progress to other drugs, and for many, marijuana replaces alcohol as the drug of choice.

Since marijuana is non-addicting and far safer than alcohol, this should be considered beneficial. In 1970, we were frightened by our federal government with ads depicting "reefer madness." This condition could not be further from the truth.

In a recent conversation with a former bartender favoring marijuana to alcohol, he stated that alcohol makes people aggressive, but marijuana makes people happy. He referred to alcohol as "courage in a bottle."

Alcohol abuse with DUI and its attendant injuries and deaths has been a chronic problem in our state. Marijuana has not been similarly associated with DUI injuries and deaths. Published data is

inconclusive as many DUI offenders involved in auto accidents have also used alcohol or some other drug prior to driving under the influence. Many studies suggest that marijuana causes drivers to drive more slowly and this might get them into trouble, while alcohol seems to remove inhibitions and cause the opposite. It is pointed out that marijuana users know they are affected, but alcoholics deny the effect.

However, there is insufficient data to suggest that marijuana does not have a bad effect on the driver.

Some might argue that we already have a big problem with alcohol and driving, why add a new drug to that mix? Fact is that we already have that drug in the mix due to its widespread usage. Legalization will have little influence in increasing its use and driving under its influence.

The bottom line seems to be that this is a good time to legislate recreational marijuana for New Mexico. Objective arguments against seem lacking when compared to the arguments in favor. It is time for our politicians to stop being afraid and acting on irrational fears instead of rational facts.

New Mexico has an oops moment with water

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



and scorched lots of the Gila and the Ruidoso areas.

In 1999, a Mars orbiter was constructed with one team of engineers using the English system of measurement while other teams used the metric system. It cost NASA \$100 million and a lot of ridicule.

Captain Joe Hazelwood put an underling in charge of piloting the Exxon Valdez as it left Alaska March 24, 1989. He was drinking and therefore wasn't available to keep the ship off a reef where it poured 11 million gallons of oil into the ocean. It cost about \$8 Billion and ruined Exxon's reputation.

Or the makers of booster seals on the Space Shuttle Challenger who said "don't take off when it is below a certain temperature," but didn't speak up forcefully when NASA got "launch fever" while the temperature was too low and the Challenger blew up killing seven crew and costing \$11 Billion. Oops.

Look at the Fukushima nuclear plant that built the emergency

pumps on the ocean side of the building that didn't work when they were swamped after the tsunami hit. Oops. But that is small potatoes to the Soviet party official who overruled the engineers and wanted to do a very unsafe test at Chernobyl.

That cost him his life and many others along with more than \$400 Billion in damages. Double oops.

We have oops like the twelve publishing houses that rejected J. K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" book. They lost a billion dollars. In 1999 Google founders were trying to sell their search engine for one million dollars and even lowered the price to \$750,000 but no one bought. It is worth about \$350 Billion today.

Record label Decca holds a special place in the heart of record label EMI. Decca signed Brian Poole and the Tremolos and passed on the Beatles. Oops. That is almost as bad as Russia in 1867 selling Alaska to the United States for a

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couple cents an acre because it was not valuable.

One of the biggest oops over the years is the way New Mexico thinks it can conserve its way to plenty of water. That is not possible. The state of New Mexico either has to pipe water into the state or it has to make unusable water into water that can be used for people and agriculture.

But there is no movement by the state officials to do something useful. Instead they stand mute and dumb on the crisis of New Mexico not having enough water. New Mexico has never had enough water and it gets worse with the needs of more people and agriculture.

The best they can do is hope that it will rain. Or those who think the answer is to quit having agriculture. That works as soon as we all stop eating. Idiots.

The best time to plant a shade tree was twenty years ago. Next best time was ten years ago. But you will never get shade if you do not plant a shade tree. Likewise, real action needs to be taken on securing a supply of water for the coming generations. Or I guess years from now as it gets worse and worse we can say, "Oops."

Email: drswickard@comcast.net - Swickard's new novel, Hideaway Hills, is available at Amazon.com

Coming Up

Teen Splash Night

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department invites all teens to Teen Splash Night from 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, July 29, at The Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. for swimming, music and games for teens 13 to 17. Admission is \$1. Due to this special event, the second open swim session at The Regional Aquatic Center will run from 4 to 6:30 p.m. For information, contact the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782.

'Cuts for the Cause' scheduled

Salon Cheveux will be hosting a fundraiser with 100 percent of the proceeds going to La Casa, Inc., the only domestic violence service provider in Doña Ana County offering comprehensive services, including emergency shelter, to diminish domestic violence and abuse in all forms. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at Salon Cheveux, 1001 E. University Ave. Suite B-1.

Cuts for the Cause will feature top local hair

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ALL I WANT IS SOMEONE TO HELP US BUY A WHEELCHAIR. WE'VE BEEN STANDING IN THIS STORE FOR WHAT FEELS LIKE HOURS. YES, I KNOW MOM, YOU WANT A PINK ONE. I'M NOT SURE IF THEY HAVE THAT COLOR HERE. IT LOOKS LIKE ALL THEY HAVE IS GREY OR BLACK. I DON'T THINK ONE SIZE FITS ALL. THE DOCTOR SAID YOU NEED TO BE PROFESSIONALLY FITTED FOR IT. NOBODY IN THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE THEY WOULD EVEN KNOW HOW TO DO THAT. HOW DO YOU USE THIS THING? I WISH THERE WAS SOMEONE HERE THAT COULD HELP US. I THINK YOU NEED SOMETHING HIGHER QUALITY THAN THIS, AND A PROFESSIONAL THAT WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO USE IT. I LOVE YOU TOO, MOM...

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Founded in 1981 by a group of community volunteers, La Casa Inc. has been providing 35 years of safe housing and counseling for victims of domestic violence and their children.

Running Club road race set for 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. 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 July 30

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.

Democratic Women meet

The Democratic Women of Doña Ana County holds their monthly meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 1, at International Delights, 1245 El Paseo Road. Come early to order dinner or beverage. Everyone welcome at this meeting. For information, call 644-0444.

Mesilla Valley Stamp Club monthly meeting

A meeting for the Mesilla Valley Stamp Club is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, at the Branigan Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Free and open to anyone interested in stamp collecting. For information, call Richard Hiss at 202-1937.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation banquet

Las Cruces Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation holds its 23rd annual banquet at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Live and silent auctions, raffles and games include firearms, hunts and gear. Tickets are \$40 for members. Yearly membership which includes a subscription to "Bugle Magazine" is \$35; members may bring a non-member guest. Reduced rates for youth, including membership, special raffles, games and a prize for every youth under 18. For information and tickets call Amy at 644-5342.

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, Aug. 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.

Medicare Basics workshop at Senior Circle

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."

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, and 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 496-9146.

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 second 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 Aug. 1 to 5. Sign up at the gym by paying a \$25 reservation deposit for the preferred week, or by calling 524-4960.

IN THE NEWS

Cruces ranked as 12th best-run city in nation

Las Cruces is one of the best-run cities in the nation, according to the website wallethub.com.

The personal finance website recently rated the top 150 best-run cities in the United States and New Mexico's second-largest municipality finished just outside of the top 10.

Albuquerque was not too far behind at No. 15 while El Paso checked in at No. 25.

Boise, Idaho took the top spot.

WalletHub compared 150 of the largest cities according to how well they are managed by their leaders.

"In order to make such a comparison, we examined each city's performance on six key indicators, including financial stability, education, health, safety, economy as well as infrastructure and pollution," the website reports. "We then combined these categories to construct an 'Overall City Services' ranking against which we measured the cities' total per-capita budgets in order to reveal their budgeting efficiency."

Las Cruces ranked No. 21 in financial stability. The city was No. 48 in the category of overall city services and No. 11 in total budget per capita.

DACC administrator is NM'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.



WALKER

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

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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.



PHOTO BY ALEX BURR

Mary Mogge, president of the American Association of Physics Teachers, presents the Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Stephen Kanim, from the Physics Department at New Mexico State University.

Physics prof receives national award

The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT), the largest national organization of physics teachers in the country, presented their Distinguished Service Award to New Mexico State University's Stephen Kanim at the summer meeting on July 19 in Sacramento, California.

Kanim recently retired from the Physics Department at NMSU. His primary research efforts have been to learn how students use conceptual understanding to help solve physics problems and how they use mathematics in physics. He has co-authored three physics workbooks and worked with many others to develop teaching materials.

Miyagishima named a top Farmers Insurance agent in the country

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima has been named a Championship agent by Farmers Insurance for his outstanding achievement and customer-focused efforts by the multi-line insurer.

"On behalf of Farmers, we are proud to bestow the honor of being a championship district manager to (Miyagishima)," said Roy Smith, president of personal lines for Farmers Insurance. "To be recognized as among Farmers top agents is a great honor and we sincerely appreciate all that Ken does for our customers and our organization."

Miyagishima was selected on a number of criteria, including his distinction in providing exceptional service to customers and a commitment to furthering the goals and standards of Farmers Insurance.

"This honor is a business career highlight and I feel fortunate to represent such a fine organization, which is committed to helping make customers smarter about their insurance choices," said Miyagishima. "I share this recognition with my entire district who focuses on helping our customers each and every day."



MIYAGISHIMA

Double Eagle named best steakhouse in state

The Double Eagle in Mesilla has been named the best steak house in New Mexico by *www.msn.com*. The news and lifestyle website recently listed the best steakhouse in each state and the Buddy Ritter-owned eatery at 2355 Calle De Guadalupe snared the honor for the Land of Enchantment.

The website reports: "Margaritas and steak? It's not a typical dining experience, but at Double Eagle in Mesilla, New Mexico, you won't want to miss out. Try the signature Green Chili (sic) Bloody Mary to spice up your evening."

To see the entire list, go online to <http://a.msn.com/06/en-us/BBueZUy?o-cid=se>.

For more information about Double Eagle, visit the website www.double-eagle-mesilla.com or call 523-6700.

Home Builders seeks board members

The Las Cruces Home Builders Association reports it has formed its nomination committee for 2017.

Board appointments are made at the


discretion of the LCHBA president. Board members are asked to serve a two-year term beginning Jan. 1. Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month and member are required to attend at least 10 of 12 meetings. Meetings last about an hour-and-a-half to two hours.

The board retreat will take place in November and is a day-long session. Those interested in serving on the board of directors or those who wish to nominate someone, should contact the LCHBA at 526-6126.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Aug. 5.


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 temporary 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.



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a serious concern in Las Cruces.

Random mass shootings, he said, are “hard to predict in our society” and almost impossible for any police department to prevent.

Montoya said he “would love to have more officers,” but noted LCPD has recently added nine additional officers for community policing thanks to a \$1.125 million grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

The council work session, he said, “was a great opportunity to explain and elaborate to the council and the public some of the programs and efforts we are committed to in order to enhance our relationships with the community we serve. We acknowledge that not all our efforts may be met with support but we are dedicated to our mission of helping all our citizens of Las Cruces.”

Joining Montoya and Dominguez at the meeting were LCPD Lt. Joy Mickendrow, who oversees the department’s Professional Standards Unit; Sgt. Eric Urenda, director of the LCPD Training Academy; Community Liaison Officer Aaron Glymph; and LCPS West Area Commander and Deputy Chief Justin Dunivan.

“It’s everybody’s job to keep the community safe,” Dominguez said.

In a PowerPoint presentation to the council, he detailed a number of LCPD programs through which the department works closely with the community, shares information and provides enhanced training to its officers.

Dominguez said the New Mexico Fusion Center based in Albuquerque, which is part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, provides LCPD with updated crime information. He said LCPD is also part of the federal Office of Emergency Manage-

‘We want Las Cruces to be known as a safe community both for the people who live here and our officers.’

GREG SMITH

Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem

ment’s Law Enforcement Planning Committee. And, Dominguez said, LCPD officials meet regularly with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to share information and coordinate training.

The deputy chief said LCPD officers are also receiving more training than ever, including 22 weeks in the academy; as well as 44 additional hours of crisis intervention training to help them deal with the mentally ill and individuals in emotional crisis; critical incidence training to help them deal with civil disorder, natural and man-made disasters, hostage and barricaded-subjects situations, bomb threat and active shooters; firearms tactical training; legal training, including search and seizure, reasonable suspicion and probable cause; and training in investigative techniques.

Dominguez said LCPD officers join Las Cruces firefighters for rescue training that includes “cutting edge technology and tactics.”

He said the department also works with

local schools and churches and with the occupants of public buildings to create emergency action plans.

Dominguez said LCPD received 146,984 calls for service in 2015, and 76,101 calls from January to June 2016. He said the department generated 29,864 incident reports in 2015 and 14,838 reports from January to June 2016.

One of the department’s goals, Dominguez said, is to increase on-line reporting of non-emergency crime. In the first six months of this year, he said, 155 incident reports were handled online, saving the department almost \$8,000. More than 1,000 other reports received during that same timeframe could have been dealt with online, he said.

Dominguez said LCPD officers continue to work proactively to reduce crime by regularly checking to make sure businesses’ doors are locked at night. He said the LCPD Mobile Operations Command Center also takes a mobile unit to locations throughout the city on a regular

basis so officers can meet with local residents and hear local concerns.

He said the department is working with the Las Cruces Retail Assets Protection Association to reduce crimes like shoplifting and larceny, and the LCPD also works with other city departments and local faith-based and civic organizations to prevent crime. Dominguez said officers regularly participate in local Neighborhood Watch meetings, National Night Out, the Emergency Services Expo, Las Cruces Public Schools’ Safe Routes to Schools program and the Crime Victims Walk, which LCPD sponsored in April.

The department, Dominguez said, also does community outreach through the Youth Leadership Camp it sponsors along with the city and New Mexico State University, its Coffee with a Cop program, safety presentations officers do for senior-citizen and day care centers, its ride-along program and through presentations to local schools about safety, anti-bullying and other issues.

He said officers also regularly participate in the Las Cruces Habitat for Humanity program, the Lot Rejuvenation Program (officers help the elderly and handicapped clean up vacant lots), animal awareness programs that help children learn how to care for their pets, the Las Cruces Public Schools

EXCEL career and technical education program and the Ident-a-Child program.

Montoya participated in the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing briefing at the White House last week, and said LCPD is already focusing on many of the topics outlined in the task force’s six pillars of policing in the modern world, which include trust and legitimacy, policy and oversight, technology and social media, community policing and crime reduction, training and education and officer wellness and safety.

“We have no idea how much the police department does in the community,” said City Councillor Ceil Levatino. “I think we can better let the public know all the things our police department is doing,” said Levatino, who said she is “so impressed with how well officers work with the community.”

Councillor Jack Eakman urged police officers to “take care of yourselves mentally, physically and spiritually. That will be doing us a great service,” he said.

“We want Las Cruces to be known as a safe community both for the people who live here and our officers,” said Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith. Smith chaired the July 25 work session in the absence of Mayor Ken Miyagishima, who was out of town. “I’m feeling very confident that we’re in a safe place,” he said.

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“There’s so much need for someone to go in and teach them ... cash-basis accounting,” Dean said. “It’s not politics, it’s just the facts.” He plans to help the schools and school districts “clean up their mess and teach them how to keep it clean, and ride off to the next assignment.”

Dean said he also will be able to pursue his interests in hunting and fishing during his travels. “If I have an elk tag, I’m going to put a ‘Gone huntin’ sign on my office door and go hunting,” he said.

Dean was hired away from the Gallup-McKinley County School system by former LCPS CFO Jack Jenkins in 2001. Dean’s first position with the school district was comptroller. He was named CFO in 2006, and has also overseen LCPS operations since 2014.

“Jack did such an incredible job of managing the finances of this district ... during a difficult growth period,” Dean said. In contrast, Dean said much of his tenure as CFO has been spent dealing with a “funding crisis from the state of New Mexico. They’re not funding education,” he said.

Not that many years ago, half of the state’s general fund was allocated to education. “Now, less than 42 percent of the state’s operational fund goes to public education,” Dean said.

That’s one of the reasons Dean has decided now is the time to retire from public education. “I feel like sometimes the public blames the superintendent and myself because there’s less resources,” he said.

“Because the resources are not there, there are comments made by bomb throwers from the pulpit of public input

What others say about CFO Terry Dean

“I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Dean in my capacity as deputy superintendent for eight years and now in my short tenure as interim superintendent,” said Dr. Steven Sanchez. “I came to respect Mr. Dean as a true professional who was always guided by the highest ethical standards as he managed an incredibly complex budget. One of Mr. Dean’s distinguishing characteristics is that he always kept the students at the center of all decisions. For that, all of us in the Las Cruces Public Schools will forever be indebted to his service,” Sanchez said.

“Terry Dean is an exceptional human being, who I have known as a father of one my students, back in the day,” said LCPS Board of Education President Maria A. Flores, who is a retired teacher. “I have deep admiration for him as a family man, and as a consummate and tireless advocate for our students. He always kept the true mission close to his

heart, if it was not about students, then it was not good. I have trusted no one more than Mr. Dean to tell me the truth, and will miss his ‘mas o menos.’ We send him off reluctantly, but knowing that he will continue to do good for all of New Mexico’s children. My best wishes to him and his family always,” Flores said.

“I found him to be an exemplary boss,” said Cindy Esqueda, who has been Dean’s administrative assistant since 2007. Dean, she said, is “very conscientious about students and how everything relates to and starts with them. (He is) the most ethical and straight arrow I’ve ever known; always quoting or searching state statues for staying within the law. I feel I can speak for everyone in the department and say, he is very easy to work with and for, a great mentor and he has an awesome sense of humor ... oh, the stories he would share. He will be greatly missed,” she said.

that make insinuations on my integrity,” Dean said. “I’m going to leave before any of the allegations or bomb throwing sticks to me,” he said.

“The society of entitlement has gotten to such that everybody is looking for somebody to blame,” Dean said. “I’m not going to do that,” he said. “You might not like what I’ll tell you, but I’ll always tell you the truth.”

Dean said the thing he is most proud of at LCPS “is this team.”

He has allowed many employees in his department to take flex time and pursue university degrees. As a result,

“nine people have gotten their degree since I’ve been here.” That includes not only accounting degrees, but also degrees in speech-language pathology, radiology, school counseling and teaching, along with several MBAs. “A lot of them have left” his department, he said, to pursue their careers.

“My goal is to grow the individual,” he said. “If you can’t help someone achieve their personal goals, you’re just treating them like a screw in the machine.”

Dean said he also is proud of his service directing LCPS’ enhanced

educational environment program, which is gradually replacing cheap classroom furniture with quality desks and other fixtures. Each high school costs about \$3 mil-

lion to refurbish, he said, and there are still two of those two go, along with middle and elementary schools. The process is about one-third complete, Dean said.

“We’ve been able to accomplish a lot,” he said. Former LCPS Superintendent “Stan (Rounds) was able to accomplish an incredible amount with the finance piece,” Dean said.

“You go around the state, Las Cruces is a gem, it’s a jewel,” he said. LCPS “facilities are second to none. We’ve done a good job using the resources to maintain facilities, to build facilities. We’re sitting in a good place.”

Dean said he had intended to retire on June 30, at the end of the last fiscal year, but decided to wait two more months to “get the fiscal year rolled over, set up and get school started. It just worked better for the team,” he said.

The time is right” to move on, Dean said. “I’ll pull a Peyton Manning. I’m going out on top.”

Dean is a native of Tatum, New Mexico with

bachelor’s degrees in accounting and personnel management from Eastern New Mexico University. He worked in a bank early in his career, doing collections and “hated it. I liked when I was doing monthly accounting reports.”

Dean worked for both Gallup-McKinley County Schools and Silver Consolidated Schools in Silver City before coming to LCPS.

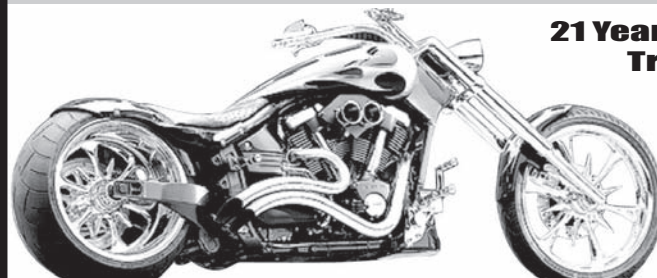
He has twice serviced as president of the New Mexico Association of School Business Officials. “I’m kind of the old guy in the state,” he said. “Now they call me.”

Dean and his wife of 29 years, Dama, who teaches special education at Tombaugh Elementary School, have two children, Katelyn, who teaches drama at Camino Real Middle School in La Cruces, and Quintin, who is a senior at New Mexico State University studying wildlife biology. They also are expecting their first grandchild in February. “We’re excited about that,” he said.

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Retired Las Cruces teacher is off to Morocco with the Peace Corps

By Mike Cook
The Bulletin

Recently retired after more than 20 years as a public school teacher in Las Cruces and about to turn 70 years old, Amy Carpenter has sold her long-time home and is learning to speak Arabic.

She has joined the Peace Corps and will move to Morocco later this year to work “in a teaching capacity” as a youth asset builder in community development for at least two years in a small village more than 5,500 miles away from home.

Carpenter “had to do a huge amount of evaluation” after retiring as an English and journalism teacher at Mayfield High School in May 2015.

“People kept asking, ‘What are you going to do?’” she said.

“I’ll know it when I find it” was her answer.

For Carpenter, choosing the Peace Corps was a return to an interest she’s held for nearly 50 years. Carpenter was selected by the Peace Corps for an assignment in Morocco at age 21, but “I fell in love and decided not to go,” she said.

She did travel to Thailand, Laos and Malaysia on a teaching assignment for two years beginning in 1998, where she went scuba diving, rode elephants and learned to speak “very bad ‘taxi-Thai,’” she said. “Now, I’m trying to learn Arabic, which is just brain-breakingly hard.”

Carpenter has been living in a “little bitty two-room apartment waiting to blow this pop stand” since her house sold in March. The offer on her house came the day after she interviewed with the Peace Corps.

“The minute I made the commitment to doing it, things just snowballed,” Carpenter said.

She has since sold almost everything that was in the house – “I’m so sick of stuff,” she said, adding that “I have lots of beautiful things in storage and I will be happy to come back to them.”


“I thought that I would be grief stricken,” Carpenter said. “In the grand scheme of things, I don’t have to understand everything. I call it the ‘big mystery’ and hand it over to whatever. I thought that I would feel very disoriented. I don’t. I feel really at peace, centered, excited and ready to get going,” she said.

Carpenter said she has accepted that she is “doing just exactly what’s right for me. I need to know I have a purpose,” she said. “I need to know that I’m relevant and I can be useful.”

The Peace Corps application and medical questionnaire was “just exhaustive,” she said, and included questions like “Can you lift 50 pounds and walk up two flights of stairs?”

Having hiked in the Gila National Forest with a 35-pound pack on her back, Carpenter’s answer was yes. And her health is excellent, she said. The application was followed by visits to doctors and dentists.

And now that she’s only a couple of months away from her departure date, “I am so beyond-belief thrilled,” Carpenter said. She will leave Las Cruces for Albuquerque Aug. 31, then travel to Philadelphia



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Carpenter said she is also hoping to put together a night sky project with “a couple of science teachers, working on how the night skies and the stars that can be seen are different at different times of year in countries that are far apart,” she said.

Carpenter also would “like to involve an English teacher at the same school to talk about the myths that have grown up about the different constellations and that have lasted for thousands of years, driving moral constructs and enriching the interrelationships between mankind and their earliest encounters with forces outside of, and larger than, themselves,” she said. Teachers can email her at amycarpenter5252@gmail.com.

CARPENTER SEEKS CORRESPONDENCE PARTNERS WHILE SHE IS IN MOROCCO

Bulletin report

Amy Carpenter, who will spend two years in Morocco as a Peace Corps volunteer beginning in September, is seeking correspondence partners among public school teachers in Las Cruces “who want to have their classes experience the fun of writing back and forth internationally with other students,” Carpenter said.

She would like to find teachers at the elementary, middle and high school levels to participate, Carpenter said.

Carpenter said she and corresponding teachers “might be able to craft a couple of (class) units to focus on this. Depending on the teachers, their students, and the objectives, the units could be long or short, and could have completely different objectives,” she said, including a shared art project (“draw a picture from everyday life in your home, school, town”) or history project (“tell each other something about the history of your town or area.”)



COURTESY PHOTO
Amy Carpenter with Sam Damon in Las Cruces Community Theatre’s ‘The Lion in Winter.’ Carpenter has joined the Peace Corps.

45-year-old Peace Corps has sent more than 5,000 volunteers to Morocco

Bulletin report

The Peace Corps, founded in 1961, has sent more than 5,000 volunteers to Morocco with a goal of creating a sustainable future in the country, said Amy Carpenter of Las Cruces, who will travel to Morocco to begin two years of volunteer service in September.

“They give you the whole world and say, ‘Where do you want to go? What do you want to do?’” she said.

Peace Corps’ volunteers’ housing, food and medical care are paid for, but they receive no salary. Volunteers do receive a small “separation allowance” to help with resettlement expenses when they leave the program.

“From 1961 to 2015, nearly 220,000 Americans have joined the Peace Corps and served in 141 countries,” according to www.peacecorps.gov.

The organization remains guided by three goals from its own Peace Corps Act, to help: 1) the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women; 2) promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served; and 3) promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of all Americans

Morocco “wraps around the top of northwest Africa,” Carpenter said, between the north Atlantic Ocean and Tunisia, just south of Spain. It contains “five climate zones and three mountain ranges,” she said, as well as the northern end of the Sahara Desert.

It borders both the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, and also borders Algeria, Western Sahara and Mauritania, and is about nine miles from Spain across the Strait of Gibraltar.

Morocco is a constitutional monarchy ruled by King Mohammed VI who took the throne in July 1999 and is part of the Alaouite Dynasty that has ruled Morocco since 1631, including the period of 1912-56 when it was under a French protectorate.

Morocco has a per capita gross domestic product of about \$3,000, according to a 2015 estimate. It has a population of about 34 million and covers about 447,000 square miles. Nearly 98 percent of its citizens are Muslims.

For more information, visit www.peacecorps.gov/morocco.

CARPENTER

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Sept. 19 before her flight to the Moroccan capital of Rabat the next day as the oldest of 50 Peace Corps volunteers from all over the United States bound for the north African country.

Carpenter will spend the next 12 weeks living with a family in Rabat and participating in culture-based training, which will include learning about Morocco’s government structure and Peace Corps policies and language emersion. Carpenter must also familiarize herself with the country’s gender issues, like keeping the head covered and wearing long garments that cover most of the body.

She said Morocco is “less strict” about cultural issues than many other Muslim countries

“because of the long influence of the French in the government,” and has a “much more European flavor. And, because Morocco is one of only three countries in the world bordered by both the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea, much of its climate is tropical.”

“They watch us work together (in Rabat) before they decide which teams there are going to be,” Carpenter said, and where those teams will be sent within Morocco.

Carpenter likely will be teaching English and writing to both children and adults. An avid amateur actor in Las Cruces (she has appeared in “Hamlet,” “The Lion in Winter” and “Nickel and Dime”) among other local productions), she can also teach drama and even direct plays in Morocco. She’s already taught Shakespeare in

three different countries. “I’ll probably be teaching whole villages,” she said.

Carpenter’s commitment to the Peace Corps is for 27 months, but she could stay longer, she said, if her health remains good and she enjoys it.

Carpenter’s children had different reactions to their mother’s decision to go to Morocco. Her son, 41, said, “Atta girl, mom,” while her daughter, 40, said “You can’t

leave. I just got you back” (referencing Carpenter’s international travels 15 years ago).

Although they did want to know about her safety in Morocco, Carpenter said both her children “have been completely supportive. They have so much confidence in me and they want me to be happy,” she said.

“As long as I’ve got a brain and a heart and a strong back and I want to keep working, I think I should,” Carpenter said.

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NMSU advertising club brings home 1st place at competition

By Taylor Vancel
For the Bulletin

A team of students from the Journalism and Mass Communications Department at New Mexico State University brought home a first-place win in an advertising competition this spring in Salt Lake City -- a first for the team and for the university.

The American Advertising Federation is an advertising trade association representing all facets of the advertising and marketing communications industry. NMSU's chapter, with 15 members, is one of more than 200 college chapters nationwide.

Every year, the organization partners with an iconic brand for the National Stu-

dent Advertising Competition. This year's sponsor was Snapple.

"We were really excited that our client was Snapple this year. It's a brand we could all relate with well," said Amanda Getchell, who graduated in May with a degree in journalism from NMSU's College of Arts and Sciences. "It was a quirky brand that made the creative aspect a lot

more fun."

This year, the competition required all college chapter teams develop an integrated marketing communications campaign. The plan needed to have all the components for the company to raise awareness of their brand and to increase

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the frequency at which customers purchase the product. Each team was also given a scenario budget of \$50 million, which they had to divide up for every expense in their campaign.

The NMSU team's slogan was "Snapp Outta Ordinary." Team members said their objective was for others to get out of their everyday routine and drink the drink that will help them find adventure.

NMSU AdFed also developed a campaign called "Snapp Across America." With this campaign, the team focused on the concept of "experience" with a roadtrip for their target market.

"Snapp Across America" had two vans driving across the United States and stopping in certain cities for a Snapple-sponsored event. The team even created an app for customers to track the van, see where its next stop is and learn Snapple facts.

Team members said that one of the most rewarding parts of this project was getting very real, hands-on experience for what working in advertising and marketing communications is like.

"Through this project, I learned the power of teamwork, strong leadership and how demanding the real world is," said Brian Toles, an upcoming senior at NMSU double majoring in journalism and marketing. "Being part of the creative team, I saw firsthand how little details made a world of a difference."

Prior to competing in the district competition, NMSU AdFed had previously worked for local businesses, such as Zia Pizza Company and Tutti Bambini Children's Store, to raise brand awareness.

TIDD board recommends approval of Downtown development plan

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces City Council, meeting Monday afternoon, July 25 as the Tax Increment Development Board (TIDD), voted unanimously to recommend the city's draft downtown master plan update for approval by the city council.

The meeting was chaired by TIDD Board Vice Chair and Mayor Pro Tem Greg Smith. Board Chair and Mayor Ken Miyagishima was out of town. Doña Ana County Commissioner Billy Garrett serves an ex-officio TIDD member.

The plan emphasizes improving downtown walkability, thinking beyond downtown, capturing opportunities and adaptive reuse, said Susan Henderson, principal/town planner with Placemakers, a planning and communications consulting firm that has seven offices in the United States and Canada, including one in Albuquerque.

Placemakers has served as project lead on the downtown master plan update. Placemakers' contract with the city also includes a retail market analysis, a housing study and the creation of a project website (www.lascrucesdowntownplan.org).

Three things are needed to improve downtown walkability, Henderson said: "on-street parking everywhere possible," street trees for shade and well-constructed and maintained sidewalks that are wide enough for pedestrian traffic.

Thinking beyond downtown, she said, means including the Mesquite and Alameda Depot historic districts in downtown development.

Capturing opportunities, Henderson said, includes building up to 250 new apartments downtown to meet existing demand and adding more than 100,000 square feet of retail property, which she said could generate \$23 million in tax revenue over 10 years.

"The urban retail market is like the new thing," she said. "You have the stage set for that."

Encouraging adaptive re-use, Henderson said, means making use of existing buildings in downtown development.

The downtown master plan, which was last

revised more than 12 years ago, is part of the city's comprehensive plan. It emphasizes not only neighborhood connections, but also urban agriculture and giving equal priority to pedestrians, motorists and bicyclists, Henderson said. Downtown planning, she said, should emphasize "the things that make Las Cruces unique."

"You can't over-emphasize the walkability," Councillor Gill Sorg said. "This is what everybody is looking for. The more we can make downtown walkable, the better," he said.

"I'm looking for how this plan relates to the larger whole," said County Commissioner Garrett. The plan is "a great opportunity for placing Las Cruces in a regional sense," he said. "I just think we're missing something if we don't address the larger zone ... the larger regional perspective."

"I'm very excited about the possibilities," said Councillor Kasandra Gandara. The city, she said, needs to decide what percentage of downtown should walkable and work toward that goal. "I would like for us to be clear about what that's going to look like," she said.

"I have a concern about too much consumerism and too much retail," said Councillor Olga Pedroza. "We do not need to compete with Mesilla Valley Mall," she said. "I think just a little bit more thought needs to go into this. Just exactly what kinds of businesses do we want to attract?" she asked.

Legally, the city cannot specifically designate certain types of businesses it wants to attract to downtown, Henderson said. But, she said, studies indicate the greatest demand is for a grocery store.

"Having foot traffic is of the highest importance," said former Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas, who spoke during the public input portion of the two-hour TIDD meeting.

Las Cruces Downtown Coordinator Andy Hume said some revisions will be made to the plan based on the comments of TIDD board members at the July 25 meeting. He said a resolution proposing adoption of the updated plan likely will be placed on the

city council agenda for a final vote within the next 60 days.

Hume also reported that TIDD has more than \$14 million in total assets, but that nearly \$13.5 million of that total has been encumbered for downtown projects, including Amador Hotel redevelopment and the conversion of Church and Water streets from their current one-way configuration to two-way traffic.

The Church and Water streets project, he said, is currently in the final design phase. Construction is expected to begin in March 2017, although that date could be moved up, Hume said.

To help lessen the impact of construction on downtown businesses during the conversion, Hume said, the city is putting together a "construction survival guide" that will be available both in print and electronically to assist business owners and customers.

The downtown plaza, Hume said, should be completed in August, as scheduled, "after one year of work." A dedication ceremony will be held Sept. 17, he said. The \$5.6 million plaza, located at the northeast corner of Griggs Avenue and Main Street, will measure 180 feet by 320 feet, and it will be expandable by temporarily closing off adjoining streets to traffic. It will be able to seat up to about 1,200 people.

"Having a downtown plaza reestablishes a welcoming community gathering place in the heart of the city," Hume said.

In a 2007 special election, a majority of downtown property owners voted to recommend the formation of the TIDD to use tax-exempt bonds issued by the city to fund downtown redevelopment. In separate votes, the city council and county commission approved the TIDD, which is authorized by state statute. The TIDD was created in 2008.

During a special meeting of the city council on Wednesday, July 20, the council voted unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of up to \$5.5 million in gross receipts tax revenue bonds for flood control improvement projects.

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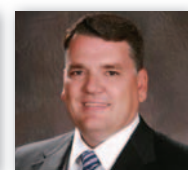
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Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center to host open house

Bulletin report

The Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center will host an open house featuring activities and programs for students, potential students and business professionals from 3 to 6 p.m. Aug. 5 at 2345 E. Nevada Ave.

The open house will feature free hot dogs, a tiny house, a semi-tractor trailer, a new ceramics kiln, 3-D printers, flight simulators, adult education, the Center for Career and Student Success, community education and small business devel-

opment services.

“We invite everyone to come and see what is new at WFC,” said Dean of Advanced Technology Sandra Castillo. “For those looking for a new exciting career, come learn about degree programs including, Aerospace, Manufacturing, Building Construction and more.”

Featured will be the first tiny house constructed in Las Cruces by Building Construction students and staff, the new Ceramics Laboratory which will be installing a new kiln, a flight simulator used

by the aerospace technology program, 3-D printers used by the manufacturing technology program, the opportunity to take a big-rig selfie in one of the trucks used in the Commercial Driving License program, a video on success in the new economy by the Center for Career and Student Success, displays of the kids college, learning in retirement, customized training and more. Spaceport America will also have a display at the event.

Giveaways include a raffle for a new dog

house and cutting boards built by Building Construction, a steel art wall sculpture made by the Welding program, and noted Santa Fe artist Amado Peña posters and tiles.

The tiny house is 240 square feet. It includes a living room, kitchen, loft bedroom, bathroom with a shower, composting toilet, air conditioner, heater, appliances, spray foam insulation, snap lock flooring, metal roof and will have gray water as effluent.

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Hospital CEO's message: Get healthy, stay healthy

By Mike Cook

Las Cruces Bulletin

Health care in the United States covers a broad spectrum of issues, including availability, cost and quality of care. But the advice Memorial Medical Center Chief Executive Officer John Harris said he would most like to give people in Las Cruces is how to stay out of the hospital.



HARRIS

"Lead healthier lives," Harris said. "Do the things for yourself and your children and the people around you to be healthy."

About 70 percent of people's maladies "are preventable," he said, or could at least be significantly reduced through better diet and exercise.

People "are not eating the right food, not exercising enough," Harris said. They are "getting heavier and heavier from

childhood to adulthood," and that results in issues with blood pressure, cholesterol, heart health and type 2 diabetes, he said.

"Every pound of fat you carry (exerts) four pounds of stress on the knees (and requires) thousands of miles of vascularization to support it," Harris said. And that's all "supported by one organ" (the heart).

"A lot of lip service is paid to this and very little action is taken," he said, and that's why the country's health care system is so heavily devoted to crisis intervention.

"There's a smarter way to do all this," Harris said, and that's through preventive care. Memorial Medical Center (MMC) is "trying to do our part to educate the public," he said, to help people "make more intelligent decisions for themselves. That's where we've got to go," Harris said.

If people can become healthy and stay healthy, "they won't have to go in



the hospital," he said.

"It all starts with primary care," he said. Many people in Las Cruces and New Mexico don't have primary care physicians (PCP). Instead, if they get sick, they go to an urgent care center. MMC health fairs that check vital statistics often reveal serious medical conditions, such as "out-of-control blood pressure" and very high cholesterol that peo-

ple didn't even know they had, Harris said.

For example, every adult over the age of 50 should have a colonoscopy, Harris said, noting that colon cancer is "one of the most preventable cancers there is." Even so, all of MMC's colorectal surgeons are busy performing surgeries on victims in the latter stages of cancer because "people don't get colonoscopies

done," Harris said.

Colon resections and chemotherapy are "life-changing in addition to being expensive," he said.

Harris said business owners should encourage their employees to have PCPs and to visit them regularly for examinations, including blood pressure and cholesterol checks and blood work. PCPs can also schedule more detailed exams, including colonoscopies, and can help their patients lose weight (about 40 percent of the U.S. adult population is obese, Harris said), reduce other health risks and develop healthier habits, he said.

One of the benefits of healthy lifestyles to employers is that people who exercise and take care of themselves have lower rates of absenteeism at work, Harris said.

And, "you don't have to belong to a gym" to get enough exercise to be healthy, he said. You can run or walk at a high school track or on a quiet street or ride a bicycle, as Harris himself does several times a week.

"It's enjoyable," he said, and "it becomes a habit."

"We've got to motivate people to do these things," Harris said.

On the other hand, he said, MMC has the personnel and the technology to provide the best possible care for people with health care crises, including cancer and heart attacks.

"This is really an exciting time to be involved in health care in Las Cruces," Harris said.

MMC is refurbishing and expanding its cancer center, which includes the addition of new technologies, such as tomography and a linear accelerator, he said. The hospital also is hiring addition-

al medical and radiation oncologists, Harris said, and it is working with the University of New Mexico Cancer Center, which was awarded "the highest designation and rating in the United States for cancer treatment and research programs" in August 2015, according to unmc.edu.

Harris said MMC recruits 30 to 35 health care providers a year to deal with patients' continuum of care, including both diagnosis and treatment.

That includes bringing in more obstetrician/gynecologists, perinatologists, neonatologists and midwives to deal with women's health issues, he said. That way, the hospital can deal not only with normal childbirth but also high-risk deliveries that would have necessitated transporting a patient to El Paso or Albuquerque in the past.

In September, MMC will bring on staff a plastic surgeon who specializes in micro-surgery to bring the hospital to the "highest level of mammography and breast care in the region," Harris said.

MMC also has "the leading group of general surgeons in southern New Mexico," he said. The hospital is "building up a top-notch group" of orthopedic surgeons and is "looking at adding" neuro-surgery to deal with head and spine issues, Harris said. MMC also has a "number of outstanding ear, nose and throat specialists," he said.

MMC also brought in the New Mexico Heart Institute, which Harris called a "premier cardiovascular unit," to add to the hospital's open-heart surgery program.



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Harris said the hospital has improved the work environment for nurses and has given them a substantial increase in pay.

“It takes a very special person to be an outstanding nurse,” he said. “They just provide great care.”

The hospital also has “dramatically improved our capabilities” in providing emergency care, Harris said, especially in reducing the length of time a patient has to wait to receive care.

He said MMC also has stabilized behavioral health care services at the hospital, and is providing more services on an out-patient basis.

MMC also recently purchased a free-standing diagnostic imaging center on Roadrunner Boulevard and took over the treatment center next door, Harris said. That 16,000-square-foot facility should be open within the next 90 days to provide bone and joint orthopedic services to the region. “It’s easy to get to,” he said, and “it’s easy to get in and out of.”

The hospital also will open an urgent-care clinic near U.S. Highway 70 and Sonoma Ranch Boulevard in September, Harris said, and plans to open more like it in other locations.

Harris said MMC also works with local health care providers Ben Archer Health Center, La Clinica de Familia and Presbyterian Health Services, as well as hospitals in Deming, Silver City and Truth or Consequences, to help “meet community needs.” The goal, he said, is to make MMC into a regional referral center.

“It’s great to have really high-quality people right here where you are,” Harris said. “We believe New Mexicans should stay in New Mexico for their care.”

He said MMC’s Family Medicine Residency program, which began in 1996 and launched a collaboration with the New Mexico State University College of Health and Social Services in 2014, is helping to place more PCPs in the region. Recruiting doctors who are not employed by hospitals to practice locally is especially difficult because Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates are much lower than in other areas, Harris said, noting that people 65 and older make up “the fastest growing sector in the entire region.”

He said MMC also is looking forward to the opening of Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine on the NMSU campus next month. BCOM, Harris said, is a “fabulous facility” that came about because of regional cooperation and the leadership of “exceedingly bright people that know how to get things done.”

MMC has 199 beds, all in private rooms, which will soon be refurbished with new wall and floor coverings, furniture and televisions, Harris said. The hospital opened its doors in April 1950 as Memorial General Hospital and moved to its current location at 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. in 1971.

“There are so many great things that can be done here,” he said.

Harris, 66, became MMC’s CEO in October 2013. He has more than 40 years in health care administration, including as market CEO for Sierra Providence Health Network in El Paso and as CEO for other hospitals in Texas, Arizona, Washington, Utah and California. Harris’ first CEO position was at the 70-bed Price, Utah, hospital when he was 27 years old.

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Harris on Obamacare

Bulletin report

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) has “helped us a lot,” said Memorial Medical Center (MMC) CEO John Harris.

Because the ACA, or Obamacare, as it is better known, has provided insurance coverage to more people, it has helped reduce the hospital’s indigent care losses, which were

considerable because “a lot of indigent, charity care is provided in this part of the world,” Harris said.

But, he said, the act includes “outrageous and catastrophic deductibles,” which he said can run \$5,000 to \$6,000 for people with little or no savings.

“We need to take a well-intentioned idea and refine it,” he said.

The ACA was signed into law in March 2010 and upheld as constitutional by the U.S. Supreme

Court in 2012.

The ACA created the largest insurance coverage expansion since Medicare and Medicaid were created when President Lyndon Johnson signed amendments to the Social Security Act in 1965.

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Park, Frank O'Brien Center a fixture in Mesilla Park

Editor's Note: This is part of an ongoing series about the public parks in the Las Cruces area.

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Mesilla Park city park and Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, named for the former Doña Ana County state senator and Las Cruces businessman, are located at 304 Bell St. in Mesilla Park.

The nearly four and one-half acre park includes benches, shelters, tables, a playground, a water fountain, grills,

basketball courts and a horseshoe area, among other amenities.

Here is a brief timeline of Mesilla Park and the park, provided by Phil Catanach, recreation administrator for the Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department:

- 1887: The Rio Grande Land Company, a real estate subsidiary of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, planned the community of Mesilla Park.
- 1894: George D. Bowman filed the Bowman Addition to the Mesilla Park town site, adding two new streets on the north, College and University avenues, and Bowman

Avenue on the west.

- 1906: Henry Bowman, George's son, amended the original town site to include a schoolhouse, designed by Trost & Trost Architects & Engineers of El Paso. The school, built in 1907, remained a schoolhouse until 1974, and was used as a recreation center and for storage through the 1980s.

- 1964: Mesilla Park was annexed into the City of Las Cruces.

- 1981: A total of \$108,000 from the U.S. Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service and the City of Las Cruces was used to purchase the land and building, with the intention of

building a city park on the western half of the property. The park was designed by Mory & Worley Landscape Architects of Albuquerque and built by Smith and Aguirre Construction Company, Inc. of Las Cruces.

- 1990s: The building was used as a full-time recreation and senior center.

- 1994: The building was renovated, using state funds. Denton-Newby Architecture Planning, Inc. did the design work. Lara Builders did the construction work. Both are Las Cruces firms.

- 1997: Exterior work on the building was done by North Star Construction.

- 2012: The name of the building officially becomes the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center.

- 2014: The building was added to the New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties.

- 2015: The building was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

- Today: The center is home to the city's recreation programming and Keep Las Cruces Beautiful and is one of the city's five senior lunch program sites.

Frank O'Brien Papen (1907-96) was born in Las Vegas N.M. He served as manager of a general store and postmaster in the mining town of Terrero, NM., where he began selling insurance, which brought him to Las Cruces. He served a term in the New Mexico House of Representatives in the 1950s and was appointed to the state senate in 1969 and re-elected to the seat three times.

O'Brien married Mary Kay Papen, née Kuper, in 1991. Today, she serves as president pro-tem of the New Mexico State Senate, and holds the same senate seat as her late husband.

For a complete biography of Frank O'Brien Papen, visit http://las-cruces.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=267&meta_id=27901.

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Bianna Spence struts her steps at White Sands National Monument. Spence, of Las Cruces, began dancing when she was 5 years old. At age 19 she now works at Las Cruces School of Dance & Music.

Dancing across the dunes

By Elva K. Österreich
Las Cruces Bulletin

The remarkable qualities of White Sands National Monument just north of the Organ Mountains have been recognized by photographer Jonathan Givens who is traveling across the United States combining the grace of dance with the grace of the majestic outdoors. In addition, a local dance school was invited to participate in the project.

“Dance Across the U.S.A.” is a project with a goal of showcasing the beauty of the country and the dancers that live within it, according to the website www.danceatusa.com which chronicles the project. Givens and his team are driving across the country to all 48 contiguous states and flying to Alaska and Hawaii to complete the project.

Monique Foster’s Academy of Ballet was contacted by Gibbons and five of the advanced students were chosen to participate and traveled to the white sands on July 14 for their dance adventure.

“They called me and said they needed dancers for the project, so I sent them some dancers,” Foster said. “He (Gibbons) was impressed by the dancers. He

chose this picture of Grace (Godman) which was published (online) by DanceSpirit magazine.”

Godman is 14 years old and has been part of Foster’s school for four years.

“She’s a natural, gifted towards dance,” Foster said.

Foster said all the girls Givens selected for the shoot have studied at the Academy of Ballet in Alamogordo for many years and have been in many performances. All of them have performed as featured dancers in at least one ballet produced by the schools – most recently in Beauty and the Beast.

“These girls are all committed dancers and, except for one (who will be moving to Albuquerque), are planning to audition for the recently formed dance company Borderlands Ballet as either company members or apprentices, which will be holding auditions at the Las Cruces School of Dance & Music on Aug. 10 at 10 a.m.,” Foster said.

She said being part of the Dance Across the U.S.A. projects is just neat. Givens plan, Foster said, is to finish his travels across the U.S. and put together a book with the images he’s put out all across the country.



PHOTO BY JONATHAN GIVENS

Grace Godman, 14, of Alamogordo danced her way into the graces of DanceSpirit magazine as part of the photographer’s dream to travel all the United States taking photos of dancers in national parks in commemoration of the 100 year celebration for national parks.

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\$5.5 million in bonds helps dairy upgrade

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

What began as a pizza distribution business in Wisconsin in the 1950s has grown into a Las Cruces dairy that today produces about four million pounds of cheese a year, uses hundreds of thousands of gallons of milk produced in nearby dairies and employs about 130 people.

F&A Dairy Products, Inc., located at 355 Crawford Blvd. in the city's West Mesa Industrial Park, opened in 1995 and doubled its capacity in 2009 when it added a second processing plant, F&A Chief Financial Officer Casey Habersang said.

The dairy also produces millions of tons of whey powder from milk fat, and sells it in the United States and several foreign countries for use in high-protein drinks, candy bars and other products. And much of the dairy's wastewater is used to irrigate nearby alfalfa fields F&A leases from the state.

This summer, thanks

Former mayor remembers bringing F&A to LC

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

"It was a huge deal back then," said Las Cruces businessman Ruben Smith, who was the city's mayor when F&A Dairy Products was looking to locate a facility in Las Cruces in 1995.

Smith said he, then-City Manager Bruno Zaldo and then-City Councillor Jack Valencia flew to Dresser, Wisconsin, to meet with then-dairy owner Angelo Terranova about the re-location.

"We were very impressed," Smith said.

The dairy was already buying milk from the Las Cruces area, Smith said.

"They were trucking it. They had a tremendous transportation cost."

The agreement to locate a dairy in Las Cruces' new West Mesa Industrial Park "was a handshake and a \$10,000 check," Smith said. "I do it the old-fashioned way," Smith remembers Terranova telling him.

"We came back with a deal," said Smith, who served as mayor from 1991 to 2003. He had earlier represented Las Cruces' 35th district in the New Mexico House of Representatives for 10 years.

The entire Terranova family was "super polite," super-professional, super personable, Smith remembers.

"We became very good friends," he said.

to the Las Cruces City Council's unanimous approval of up to \$5.5 million in revenue bonds, the dairy hopes to begin installing evaporative drying ponds and a whey pasteurizing system, make upgrades to its internal water system for safety and sanitation and improve its packaging line automation system, Habersang told the council

at its June 20 meeting.

He traveled to Santa Fe on July 19 to put the proposal before the state Board of Finance, which also unanimously approved it, Habersang said.

"The city has issued industrial revenue bonds for F&A Dairy on three other occasions to promote economic development" at the industrial park, Interim City Manager Daniel Avila said in his June 17 newsletter to the city council.

The dairy has been able to "stay strong through all the ups and downs of the economy," Habersang said, and has remained a "stable point" and "anchor" of the industrial park, where it was the first business to locate, he said. The industrial park is located about 10 miles west of downtown Las Cruces, just off Interstate 10.

Tanker trucks, each loaded with 249,000 gallons of milk, arrive at the 250,000-square-foot facility day and night from dairies all along Interstate 10 and in Hatch,

Habersang said.

"The milk supply is just down the road," he said.

The dairy processes the milk to produce mostly mozzarella and provolone cheeses that will bear its label or the private label of one of its customers. F&A also makes a variety of other cheeses and specialty blends.

Most of F&A's cheeses are used in pizzas and delis, and Dion's Pizza of Las Cruces is one of its best customers, Habersang said. Dion's began ordering one palette of cheese a week, and now uses a truckload each week, he said.

"It's been a great partnership," Habersang said.

Other local customers include Toucan Market, Corner Deli and Luna Rossa Winery.

F&A has distributors in El Paso and Albuquerque, and you'll find their cheeses served "in restaurants all over the state," Habersang said.

The dairy's largest markets are pizzerias on the East Coast, especially



BULLETIN PHOTOS BY MIKE COOK

F&A Dairy uses local milk to produce four million pounds of cheese a year. The dairy also produces millions of tons of whey powder from milk fat, and sells it for use in high-protein drinks, candy bars and other products.

in New York and Florida, he said. F&A also sells in California and other states. The dairy is hoping to expand its sales in neighboring Arizona and Texas, Habersang said.

Habersang said 95 percent of F&A's sales are in the United States, but the dairy also sells its cheese in Mexico, Korea and the Middle East.

"Everything is driven by markets," Habersang said, which change every day.

The dairy's three loading docks ship about 25 truckloads of cheese and 15 truckloads of whey powder to its customers every week, he said.

In addition to blocks of cheese, F&A also produces five-pound bags of shredded cheese and cheese diced into one-quarter-inch squares, he said.

Once the milk arrives at the dairy, it is pumped into one of six enormous silos. The milk, along with starter culture and other ingredients, is pumped into 12 separate vats that each produce an average of 4,500 pounds of cheese 35 to 40 times a day, Habersang said. The all-natural cheese produced by F&A Dairy is comprised of cultures,

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enzymes, milk and salt.

The hot cheese curd (it's about 160 degrees) goes through 90-percent salt brine that is 35-to-36 degrees to cool it and help keep its shape, Habersang said. The salt also acts as a protective barrier for the cheese, and as a natural preservative.

Shaping, cooling and flavoring also take place in cheese floats inside special cages designed by F&A Dairy owner Jeff Terranova, he said. The number of hours the cheese stays in the brine water depends on the kind of cheese it will become.

Once the cheese is cut into 6.5-, 12- or 20-pound blocks and dried, it is sent to the packaging department, where it is placed in a shrink-wrapped, vacuum-sealed bag and labeled. An employee checks each block of cheese before placing it in a box for shipping, Habersang said. Quality control is vital, even at the very end of the process.

"We don't want a complaint from the customer," Habersang said.

Brothers Frank and Angelo Terranova founded F&A Cheese Company in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1958 "to select and

distribute the best cheese and pizza supplies they could find," according to www.fadairy.com. "Knowing they could make a better cheese than they could buy, (they) purchased their first manufacturing plant - Belle Cheese in Amery, Wisconsin - in 1965. They expanded their operations by purchasing the Indianhead Dairy in Dresser, Wisconsin,

renaming it F&A Dairy Products, Inc. Later, they merged Belle Cheese into F&A to form a single company."

Angelo's son, Jeff Terranova, now owns the company. His son, Tyler, 20, is learning the business.

For more information, visit www.fadairy.com. Find them on Facebook at F & A Dairy Products, Inc.



Dairy looking to hire new employees

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

F&A Dairy Products of Las Cruces is hiring production workers, said the dairy's human resources manager, Celina Ramirez.

Ramirez said the dairy needs full-time employees who can work flexible hours and have their own reliable transportation to the dairy, which is located at 355 Crawford Blvd. in Las Cruces' West Mesa Industrial Park, about 10 miles west of downtown Las Cruces, just off Interstate 10.

Because "cheese making is not an exact science," Ramirez said, "people have to have a little bit of flexibility" to work for the dairy, she said. That may include working some weekends and holidays and some extended shifts.

F&A Dairy starts 40-hour-a-week employees at \$9 an hour, and

benefits include medical, dental and life insurance, she said, along with paid vacations and profit sharing.

"We're just looking for some good people," said Casey Habersang, who started out with the dairy in sales seven years ago and worked his way up to CFO two years ago.

He called F&A "a great company to work for. We're a big company but it's still a family environment."

The dairy works with two temp agencies to hire its employees so they can "try before you buy," Ramirez said. But she is happy to talk to any prospective employee to start the hiring process.

For more information, contact Ramirez at 647-1696 or celina@fadairy.com. The fax number is 526-3091. Visit www.fadairy.com.

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Members of a recent Citizen's Police Academy learn about the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department



Citizen's Police Academy looks to fill class

Bulletin report

Organizers with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department are hopeful they can fill the remaining vacant spots for the fall class of the Citizen's Police Academy, which kicks off Aug. 6. The academy will span eight consecutive Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at DASO's Las Cruces headquarters, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

To date, nearly 200 Doña Ana County residents have graduated from the program, which was relaunched in 2011 after a brief hiatus.

Each Citizen's Academy applicant must be 18 years of age or older; must be a resident of Doña Ana County, and must have a valid driver's license or photo ID. Because of the sensitive nature of police work, a brief background check will be performed on each applicant. Academy participants must not have any prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within the last three years.

The academy takes class members through various divisions of the department in an effort to strengthen community partnerships through education and awareness.

Academy participants are volunteers who wish to learn more about the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department; it is not the cadet academy for those who wish to become certified law-enforcement officers with DASO.

Classes are interactive and give participants hands-on knowledge of how sheriff's deputies are trained to handle real-life situations. Class members will examine traffic enforcement, understand the use of force – including the use of deadly force – observe K-9 demonstrations and presentations by the Special Response Team, bomb squad, and Animal Control. Several field trips are included in the academy, including tours of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority and the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

The fall 2016 Citizen's Academy is free of charge and runs through Sept. 24, 2016. Applications can be downloaded online at www.goDASO.org, and are also available at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., in Las Cruces. The deadline to apply is Aug. 1, 2016, and class size is limited to 25 people.



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Tax holiday rewards frugal parents, lucky kids

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

Deborah Barela and her “spoiled rotten kids” will be heading for Mesilla Valley Mall next week to shop for back-to-school. Fortunately for them and other local families, Aug. 5-7 is New Mexico’s Gross Receipts Tax Holiday.

“Everything’s at the mall,” Barela said.

MVM will be ready for Barela and all the other shoppers seeking to save money during the tax holiday, marketing manager Susan Palmer said.

Shopping hours will be extended, with MVM open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. The first 50 shoppers to stop at the event table in the center corridor will receive a goody bag with coupons and school supplies, Palmer said.

What’s covered

The tax holiday, which takes place the first weekend each August, this year begins at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 5, and concludes at midnight Sunday, Aug. 7.

During that time, the law provides a deduction from gross receipts for retail sales of qualifying tangible personal prop-

Nontaxable transactions during the tax holiday

- Clothing or shoes sold for less than \$100; however, accessories and special clothing or footwear primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and not normally worn beyond the scope of the athletic activity or protective use remain taxable
- Desktop, laptop, notebook or tablet computers sold for no more than \$1,000, and any associated monitor, speaker or set of speakers, printer, keyboard, microphone or mouse sold for no more than \$500
- School supplies students normally use in a standard classroom. The law specifically lists notebooks, paper, writing instruments, crayons, art supplies, rulers, book bags, backpacks, handheld calculators, maps and globes as deductible during the tax holiday

Source: New Mexico Department of Taxation and Revenue. For more information and a list of items that are taxable during the tax holiday, visit www.tax.newmexico.gov

erty; in effect allowing the retailer to sell the items “tax free,” the New Mexico Department of Taxation & Revenue stated.

To qualify for the deduction, clothing or



Mesilla Valley Mall shoppers Joseph Bailon, Olympian University of Cosmetology; Ruben Saenz; Evangeline Saenz, pre-K; and Ruben Saenz Jr., third grade take a break Sunday afternoon July 24.

shoes must be priced at less than \$100 per unit. The price limit for desktop, laptop, tablets or notebook computers is \$1,000, and for related computer hardware it is

\$500. School supplies for use in standard, general-education classrooms

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A.W.L. studio brings business of beauty to Don Roser Drive

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

The first time she peeked in the window, Angela White-Lowery knew the vacant suite at 505 S. Don Roser Drive would be a perfect place to open a hair, nail and skin studio.



WHITE-LOWERY

Not that the building itself was perfect. But she was ready.

Her intuition nudged her to follow her dream, and director Jo Ann Garay of the local Small Business Development Center was there to guide her through the potentially daunting process of opening a business.

Following a June 1 opening, A.W.L.

studio is thriving.

Following her gut

“I believe in signs,” White-Lowery said. “If a year ago I drove by and looked at the building, I would have gotten sick to my stomach.”

A.W.L. — starting with the remodeling that took place between mid-March and late May — is a family affair, she said.

“My father (Barry White) ultimately is the reason we’re here,” White-Lowery said.

She said he assured her that as soon as he retired they would open the studio she dreamed of.

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Has the U.S. government defaulted on its debt?

Last year, Congress refused to pass a bill to increase the debt ceiling, making the possibility of default by the U.S. government a real possibility. Ultimately, a compromise was reached and the national debt was suspended through 2016, thereby taking the issue off the table for the election.

U.S. debt has long been considered the safest asset available. Since the earliest days of the Republic, when Alexander Hamilton convinced the Congress to nationalize state debt arising from the Revolution, the policy of the United States has been to honor its debts.

But has the U.S. government ever defaulted? The answer depends on how you define default. Purists will say “yes” but most economists will say “no.”

Chris Erickson
State of the Economy



When I was a kid, we would search through stacks of dollar bills, collected by my parents at their store, looking for silver certificates. These were currency that promised to pay a silver dollar if presented to the Federal Reserve. I'm not sure why we so coveted silver certificates, but we did.

Anyway, in June 1968, the U.S. Treasury suspended the redemption of silver certificates. The suspension was not without warning — people had been put on notice, and most silver certificates had already been withdrawn from circulation.

Yet, there still are some silver certificates in circulation. I even have a few. If you have in your possession a silver certificate that says redeemable for silver, you can't do that. The U.S. government is not standing by its promise to redeem.

Is that a default? Depends on whom you ask. After all, you can use a silver certificate to buy a dollar's worth of silver on the open market, so you can still get your silver — just not from the government.

Then there is the decision by Franklin Roosevelt to go off the gold standard in 1933.

During World War I, to finance the war effort, the United States had issued bonds to U.S. citizens that explicitly provided that the holder had the right to be repaid in gold.

The onset of the Great Depression made maintaining the gold standard impossible. Without notice, by government fiat, repayment in gold was suspended. On June 4, 1933, holders of U.S. debt could ask to be repaid in gold; on June 5, they could not, all done by executive order.

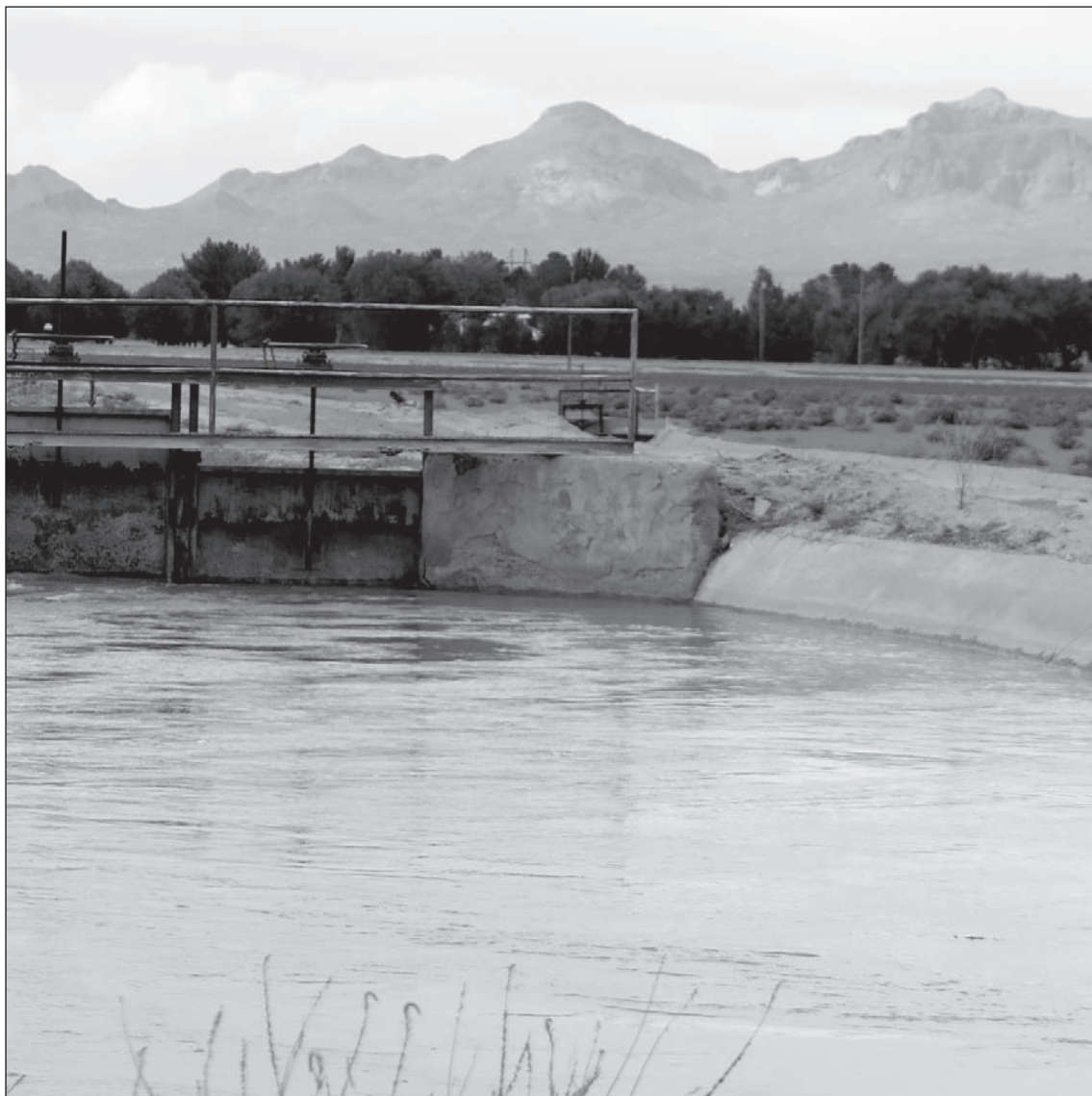
It is not clear that the government had the right to change the terms of the bond contract unilaterally. The case went to the Supreme Court, which decided 5-4 in favor of the government's right to unilaterally suspend gold payment.

Was Roosevelt's action a default? The argument that it was is stronger than that for the silver certificates; certainly, the gold bonds were less valuable after suspension than before. Yet, if the bonds were held to

maturity, they still paid face value and funds raised could be used to buy gold dollar for dollar of what would have been paid — although it was illegal for a U.S. citizen to own gold back then.

In addition, going off the gold standard was the right thing to do. As it turns out, those countries that left the gold standard the quickest were also the countries that recovered from the Great Depression the soonest. Roosevelt made the right decision even if it meant default.

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The fields and groves of the Mesilla Valley will receive surface water irrigation from Elephant Butte Irrigation District through August.

Monsoon disappoints hydrology consultant

Bulletin report

Not usually a bearer of good news in dry years, Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) hydrology consultant Phil King is bullish about the 2016 chile harvest in southern New Mexico.

“I think it's going to be a good year for chile,” King said July 22. “I've sampled some in Hatch and it was pretty good. Or maybe it's just that it's been so long since we've had fresh chile that we're getting pretty desperate.”

As for matters King more typically discusses, he said he's less pleased with the monsoon to date.

“We don't have a real monsoonal flow going,” he said.

King said due to lack of rain, the EBID board at its July meeting decided not to further increase its allocation, which was hiked to 13 inches in June. When the season began the allocation was 10 inches.

The 2015 release was 11 inches. In June, King said, “The inflow

we've gotten into the reservoirs has been pretty good since May,” he said. “The 3 inches may be only one irrigation, but it will free growers up to move water around and concentrate it where it's really needed.”

By July, the picture had changed.

“The inflow into Elephant Butte just crashed since early June,” King said.

He said EBID irrigation would wrap up in the Hatch/Rincon valleys July 24, because they began receiving irrigation a month and a half earlier than the Mesilla Valley.

“They have a higher percentage of vegetable crops, which are basically winding up,” King said. “The pecan farmers will be finishing with ground water.”

He said EBID expects to pump in the Mesilla Valley throughout August.

“We've been running pretty close to full blast this entire heat wave,” he said.

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“He sticks to his word,” White-Lowery said.

Her dad took responsibility for the remodeling so she was able to continue working to support her family, she said.

White-Lowery’s husband, John Lowery, also pitched in with the remodeling.

He’s a veteran, a former welder and currently a mechanical engineering technology student at New Mexico State University.

“Anything involving measuring, he was right there with my dad,” White-Lowery said.

Getting sound advice

Before embarking on her business venture, White-Lowery visited the New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Department to make sure she was following all the regulations that apply to new businesses. There she learned about SBDC.

“I had been in the business 13 years, but I was booth renting,” she said. “I called Taxation and Revenue because I wanted to know how to start an LLC.”

Among other things, she learned: She had to get her CRS (Combined Reporting System) number before she registered with Taxation & Revenue. And before that, she needed an IRS EIN (Employer Identification Number).

Within a week of meeting with Carol Miranda of Taxation & Revenue, she was working with Garay at SBDC, going over a new business packet and charting her course.

“I thought I had all my ducks in a row, but she pointed out a lot of things I hadn’t even considered,” White-Lowery said. “Unless you have someone there to help you, you’re screwed.”

From Garay, she



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Jo Ann Garay of the Small Business Development Center visits with new business owner Angela White-Lowery of A.W.L. Studio.

A.W.L. Studio

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WHEN: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

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learned the importance of having a formal agreement with co-workers who are leasing space at A.W.L., something she never had when she was leasing space. The agreement spells out when the rent is due and what the responsibilities of the renter and owner are, White-Lowery said.

“I’m not big for social media, but Jo Ann let me know how important it was,” she said. “Tess (receptionist Tess William-

son) is young and into all that. She made us a wonderful Facebook page. We have Instagram and she even did Google Maps. She’s been teaching me a lot.”

Marked for success

Garay said White-Lowery stood out to her as an entrepreneur, a person with the drive and dedication to succeed and the openness to follow suggestions.

She praised her client for hand-picking compatible associates who work well together. With the exception of one person, members of the A.W.L. group have worked together about 10 years.

“That’s huge,” Garay said, adding each associate brought their own book of clients to A.W.L.

The A.W.L. group includes one man, Alex

Romero, who works with his wife, Charlie Romero.

“Alex probably hears more than he wants to hear,” White-Lowery said. “He’s always grounded.”

Also on board are skin and waxing specialist Beth Carrillo, hair stylist Ginger Smith and hair and nail professionals Yvette Martinez and Elena Duran. White-Lowery, a graduate of Oñate High School and Olympian Academy of Cosmetology, is a nail tech.

“All of us work really well together,” White Lowery said. “We give each other constructive criticism, say what we want and then it’s over.”

Family time

Although the remodeling is complete and A.W.L. is open for business, the family continues to support its suc-

cess.

Son Estevan Lowery, 14, designed the logo, and — at the suggestion of Barry White — was paid the going rate for his labor.

Every other Saturday is family day at the studio.

“Every other Saturday when I’m done working, my mom, dad, son and husband pull up and we scrub this place from top to bottom,” White-Lowery said.

On alternate Saturdays, the family gets to play together while a cleaning company readsies A.W.L. for its next week of welcoming clients.

“People who walk in say it’s beautiful,” White Lowery said. “What makes it beautiful is everybody sharing it with me.”

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Vescovo Toyota construction underway



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After breaking ground in February, construction is underway in earnest at the new 7.3-acre site of Vescovo Toyota of Las Cruces, 780 S. Valley Drive. The dealership is expected to move from its current South Valley Drive location into the new 30,000-square-foot facility later this year.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, Aug. 5

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

Thursday, Aug. 11

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Career Expo, The Women's Intercultural Center, 301 Lincoln St., Anthony, N.M. Career readiness class 9 to 11 a.m. Job fair 1 to 3 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring their resumes and come professionally dressed. For more information, email Terry.Gaiter@state.nm.us.

Friday, Sept. 2

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

Friday, Oct. 7

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Lunch and Learn First Friday, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. How to maintain an effective website with Paul Angel, owner of Cheddar Social. Free and open to the public. Bring a bag lunch.

Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 9-10

"Innovation and Discovery in Agriculture and Food" event. Innovators are invited to apply to present their agriculture, agriculture-related food or value-added food discovery/innovation/product to experienced business advisers. Application deadline is Friday, Oct. 7. For information, call New Mexico State University Arrowhead Center at 646-6120.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017

11th annual Agricultural Employer Conference in Las Cruces. Info: www.ag-growers.com or call Angela at New Mexico Workforce Connection, 740-6484.

TAX HOLIDAY

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must be under \$30 per unit.

However, according to the N.M. Department of Taxation & Revenue, many retailers absorb the tax on a number of non-qualifying items.

One such retailer is Carlos Rivas of Run Culture, Downtown on North Main Street.

Rivas said he gives "overarching discounts on shoes that don't make that tax-free category."

In addition, Rivas said he discounts shoes for high-school cross-country teams and offers specials on accessories and nutritional items, because they're not tax-free.

What the kids want

High-end athletic shoes are indeed high on Barela's kids' shopping lists.

"It's all about the brand name," she said. "They like the

Shopping smart during the tax holiday

- Take inventory to determine the clothing and school supplies your kids need
- Check your school's supplies list as well as lists provided by your favorite stores — schools may have specific requirements
- Visit www.tax.newmexico.gov to see which items on your list are eligible for the tax holiday
- To take the pain out of shopping in tax holiday crowds, deploy at least two adults on the mission
- Consider buying extra so you can donate some new clothing and/or school supplies to your favorite nonprofit

good stuff.

"Hollister is the favorite store of all three."

Shandin Shirley, manager of Hollister Co. in Las Cruces, said the store has been listening to what customers want and has added uniform-approved items such as khaki

pants, polos and crew-neck sweaters, as well as backpacks.

Asked what's trending this year, he said, "The main focus for students is a lot of different denim," he said.

The "in look" this year is super-skinny denim and denim-like leggings, Shirley said.

He said the August tax holiday signals the start of retail's biggest season, including Back to School, Black Friday and the December holidays.

To cope with demand during the season, the local Hollister store will add about 25 full and part-time associates during the season, he said.

Barela said her two sons, students at New Mexico State University, will be shopping for casual polos, jeans and shorts, while their younger sister is "a little more glammy."

In addition to visiting the mall, they'll hit Best Buy on Telshor Boulevard for their electronics needs/wants.

"They're pretty good about saving their money for goodies," Barela said. "That's what they use their allowance for."

Sharing the savings

Another Tax Holiday shopper, Dianne Sage, owner of the Jazzercise Fitness Center of Las Cruces and the mother of six, finds the season much easier now that only two of her brood are in K-12.

"Whatever you save during the Tax Holiday Weekend is worth it," she said.

Sage said she'll be shopping for a Jornada Elementary School first grader and a Centennial High School sophomore.

"He's so picky he goes with me," she said of her sophomore son. "And he takes advantage of the tax holiday if he has any money," Sage said. "Last year he bought computer accessories."

She said she usually purchases extra items during the tax

holiday to donate to local nonprofits that assist families.

Taking inventory

This is the first year all three of Amy Richards' kids will be in school.

She has a routine for approaching the challenge of outfitting them for the school year.

"I've got to look through the closet first," she said. "Once I figure out what they need, we'll plan what to buy."

Usually it's her eldest, now entering third grade at Desert Hills Elementary School, who gets new clothes, while the younger two get hand-me-downs.

There's one big ticket item the Richards family won't need to purchase — shoes.

They were outfitted as a gift during a family vacation in Alaska, Amy Richards said.

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MLB draftees choose NMSU Bulletin report

After being selected in the 2016 Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft, junior college transfers Caleb Henderson and Marcus Still have opted to honor their National Letters of Intent to play baseball at New Mexico State University in 2017.

Henderson was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the 29th round as the 866th overall pick and Still was drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 31st round as the 942nd overall pick.

"One of the three pillars of our coaching staffs' vision is to recruit and develop," said head coach Brian Green. "Our first recruiting class was nationally ranked by Collegiate Baseball. Now in our second class, we have two drafted players that have decided to put off professional baseball for the short term for the collegiate experience.

"We are honored that Caleb and Marcus have entrusted us to help them develop their skills in Las Cruces, and are just as excited for the arrival of our next recruiting class, which is very talented," Green said. "Joel (Mangrum) and the entire coaching staff continue to do a great job on the recruiting trail. We all can't wait for fall practice to begin to cre-

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New Mexico State swimmer Jannah Sonnenschein competes in the 2016 WAC Championships. The Aggie sophomore was chosen to represent Mozambique in the 31st Olympiads held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

NMSU PHOTO

NMSU's Sonnenschein achieves Olympic dreams with Mozambique

Bulletin report

Many dream of representing their country, but very few get the opportunity to do so on the world's biggest stage. For New Mexico State University swimmer Jannah Sonnenschein, that dream became reality when the sophomore was chosen to represent Mozam-

bique in the 31st Olympiads held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Originally from Amsterdam, Netherlands, Sonnenschein moved to Mozambique at an early age and has since competed for the Mozambican youth national team. Standing at 5-6, she has competed in several international competi-

tions including the Commonwealth Games in Scotland and the World Junior Olympic games in Nanjing, China.

"As a coach it is the ultimate dream and goal to help athletes qualify for the Olympic Games," NM State head Swimming & Diving coach Rick Pratt said. "We are so happy

for Jannah and proud that our program played a part in her success. Her qualification speaks volumes about our culture here and that we have the right environment to take swimming to the highest level."

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Rose III, McMeans named to Preseason All-SBC Team

Bulletin report

New Mexico State University football's Larry Rose III and Anthony McMeans have been selected for the Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference Teams. Rose III has been named Preseason Offensive Student-Athlete of the Year was chosen for the All-Sun Belt First Team, while McMeans was picked for the All-Sun Belt Second Team.



McMEANS

"I'm really proud of both of those guys," said head coach Doug Martin. "Larry and Anthony both work hard every day, and they deserve this honor."

The SBC's reigning Offensive Player of the Year, Rose III led the league with 1,651 rushing yards on 240 carries during the 2015 campaign.

Following the season, the rising junior was named to the Associated Press All-American Third Team. He was the only SBC student-athlete chosen for this prestigious honor for the 2015 season. Rose III was also the first Aggie to earn this recognition since Karl Dean, who was selected to the Third Team in both 1974 and 1975.

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Golf Iconic offers us an ironic twist to Justin Dahrling's PGA career

Justin Dahrling, 28, is a cyber-era Renaissance man. Five years ago when he took over as head PGA pro at Sonoma Ranch Golf Club (SRGC), he was fresh out of the Professional Golf Management program at NMSU. Dahrling, then 23, was the youngest PGA Class-A pro in the Sun Country Section and the youngest to be named a golf club head pro.

A lot has changed since then. In early 2015, the Las Cruces Country Club group took over ownership and management of Sonoma Ranch, but that didn't last very long. Earlier this year SRGC went back into the hands of the original owners in protracted and ongoing legalities. Dahrling's present role is as executive assistant to the owners of SRGC.

But this is a story having more to do with entrepreneurial creativity and success, as well as a thriving startup right here in Las Cruces. Perhaps Dahrling was clairvoyant in a way, with respect to the turmoil over SRGC, because he conceived of the idea of creating a line of quality, customized golf club covers back in fall 2013. In Janu-

Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor



ary 2014, he decided to pursue his manufacturing dream, working alone in his home to process orders for goods.

"I had to learn how to sew, learn design and imaginative looks that people would really like and then, soon enough, study and master the workings and software of expensive machines that do detailed embroidery," Dahrling said.

He started Golf Iconic, one of the very few sources for exceptionally detailed American-made, customized golf club head covers.

"I finished my first custom putter cover on March 21, 2014, and had my website (www.golficonic.com) up and running a week later," he said.

These days he has a thriving little shop for turning out ever-increasing orders of custom covers made of "ultra-leather" and exotic (not endangered) animal skins, as well as small

wallets called "cash covers." Based on the website, custom orders come in from golf pro shops, college and high school teams and even PGA Tour pros.

"One of the first big orders I did was for Martin Kaymer, who won the PGA Championship in 2010," Dahrling said.

Dahrling has now sent custom covers to customers in all 50 states and 21 foreign countries.

In addition to his local design, layout, sewing and embroidering shop, Dahrling is currently finalizing his forthcoming line of Golf Iconic putters.

I was not at all trying to dissuade Dahrling, but I did mention to him that, after my two decades of experience at the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, a new putter product line is just about the most difficult startup in the golf business. Then I realized if anyone can successfully launch a new line of putters, it's Justin Dahrling.

Here is his reasoning: "Most of putting is aim and line. So many larger putters are way too complicated, with so much going on to look down at. I look at those and I see too many con-

flicted lines. My design is to make a (cavity blade) putter with the KISS principle in mind – simplicity."

I have seen prototypes of the new putters (the first is called the "Pursuit") and they're classy, gorgeous and finely crafted. Of course, Dahrling can putt expertly with a bunker rake. He's a pro.

It struck deep in my own heart when Dahrling said he "always had visions of owning my own business and doing something that was cool." I shared with him my vision after my first 26.2-mile marathon (time 2:59.57) in November of 1978, and then the opening of Total Runner stores in greater Detroit in April of 1979.

We're kindred spirits, I said. At the time, the Internet age was still 15-plus years away. Dahrling's startup had much to do with his utilization of what's called search engine optimization, by which he smartly and cleverly managed to secure the number-two website position on Google search.

He says "that was big" and believes that pricing competitively with the biggest custom maker,

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She's even had the honor of carrying her nation's flag during the opening ceremonies at the World Junior Olympics. The chance to receive that honor once more is likely, but this time, it will be in front of millions watching around the world.

"Most of all we are proud of Jannah, who sacrificed much to be where she is now," Pratt said. "She is a terrific athlete and person and embodies the Olympic spirit. She is the perfect representative for both Mozambique and NM State and we look forward to cheering her on as she competes in Rio."

Sonnenschein showed great promise as a freshman, finishing in sixth at the Western Athletic Conference Championship meet in the 100m fly with the time of 55.67, the fourth-fastest time in

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

- Aug. 6 – Qualifying heats, 10 a.m. (MT)
- Aug. 6 – Semifinals, 7 p.m. (MT)
- Aug. 7 – Finals, 7 p.m. (MT)

HOW TO WATCH

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program history. As a sophomore, she placed fifth in the 100m fly with a time of 55.20 – shaving .47 off her previous time at the conference championship meet.

No matter the result, Sonnenschein will have Aggie fans cheering her on from Las Cruces, the Netherlands and Mozambique as she steps foot onto the pool deck to go for gold in the 100m fly.

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After running for 1,102 yards as a freshman, the Fairfield, Texas, native became the first back-to-back 1,000-yard rusher since Denis Manns, who rushed for 1,000 yards each of his four seasons in the Crimson and White. Rose III also scored a career-high 14 rushing touchdowns as a sophomore.

Rose III broke the NM State all-time single season rushing record only 10 weeks into the season as he rushed for 191 yards against UL Lafayette. Overall, he finished the season ranked No. 6 all-time in SBC single season rushing yards.

Rose III collected three 200-yard rushing games and seven 100-yard rushing games. Although he had a career-high 260 rushing yards against Rio Grande rival New Mexico, the highlight of his season was a 212-yard, four-touchdown rushing performance against Idaho on Oct. 31. The running back scored two touchdowns in the final 3:56 of the game to force overtime before adding a touchdown in extra time to lead NM State to victory.

In addition to Rose III's rushing yards, he led the

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conference with 1,934 all-purpose yards. This included four 200-yard all-purpose games and nine 100-yard all-purpose games. He earned back-to-back SBC Offensive Student-Athlete of the Week awards after spectacular games against Idaho and Texas State.

Rose III also amassed 283 receiving yards and two touchdowns on 30 receptions. This included a flat-pattern pass, which he carried 77 yards for a touchdown at Texas State.

McMeans started each of the 12 games for the Aggies as part of an offensive line that allowed Rose III to achieve his accomplishments. Additionally, the rising senior helped quarterback Andrew Allen complete 115-of-214 passes for 1,529 yards and 16



NMSU PHOTO

New Mexico State University running back Larry Rose III seeks yardage against Mississippi during a game last season. Rose and offensive lineman Anthony McMeans have been selected to the Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference teams.

touchdowns. With McMeans at center, Allen was able to go 13-of-31 for 243 yards and four touchdowns in a 37-34 victory over UL Lafayette. Allen also added a career-high 23 pass completions for 308 yards against ULM on Dec. 25.

McMeans anchored an offensive line that allowed quarterback Tyler Rogers

to complete 74-of-135 passes for 974 yards and seven touchdowns in four games, which was highlighted by 31 pass completions for a career-high 445 yards and three touchdowns against Georgia State on Sept. 12.

Additionally, McMeans'

play on the offensive line helped quarterback Nick Jeanty complete 54-of-101 for 531 yards and three touchdowns. With the offensive line's blocking, Jeanty went 24-of-45 for 297 yards and two touchdowns in a 31-21 win at Texas

State on Nov. 7.

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ate this year's culture."

Henderson, a native of Conifer, Colorado, comes to Las Cruces from Central Arizona College in Coolidge where he was an infielder for the Vaqueros. Henderson was named the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference Player of the Year for the 2016 season and was also named First Team All-Region and First Team All-ACCAC.

In his two years at

CAC, Henderson posted a .359 batting average in 357 at-bats with 77 RBI and 47 extra-base hits, including 32 doubles, seven triples and eight home runs. He also racked up 16 stolen bases in 19 attempts.

In the 2016 season alone, Henderson posted an impressive .406 average in 180 at-bats, with 19 doubles, five triples, six home runs and 47 RBI. His batting average ranked fifth in the ACCAC. Henderson also logged 9 stolen bases and earned a .493 on-base per-

centage.

A Queens Creek, Arizona product, Still comes to NM State from Scottsdale Community College, where he played outfield for the Fighting Artichokes. A Second Team All-ACCAC selection, Still posted a team-leading .344 average in 215 at-bats in 2016, which led the team. He racked up 29 RBI and 25 extra-base hits, which included 13 doubles, four triples and eight home runs. Still was second in the ACCAC in stolen bases, swiping 33 bags in 40 attempts.

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Our dear beloved son, brother, uncle and friend, GILBERT PATRICK MELENDREZ, age 53, lifelong resident of Las Cruces passed away Sunday, July 24, 2016 at La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by his loving family. "Gilbert" or "Gil", as he was fondly known to family and friends was born

on March 17, 1963 on St. Patrick Day and was very proud of his middle name.

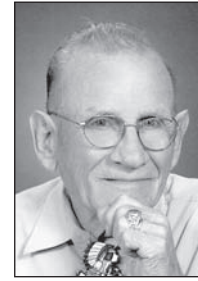
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DONALD GEORGE MOEN

Nov. 8, 1931 to July 24, 2016

DONALD GEORGE MOEN was born in Neillsville, Wisconsin on November 8, 1931 and passed away quietly on July 24, 2016 after a short stay in Sagecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Las Cruces, NM. Donald was the son of George R. Moen and Gertrude Harding both deceased, of Wisconsin. Donald was married to Mary Lou Gantz Moen (deceased) on April 14, 1951.



MOEN

Don proudly promoted God and Country for his sons, James Douglas, John Thomas and Haldane. He served 4 years aboard the USS Gatling as a sailor. When he returned from the Navy, he and Mary moved their family to Las Cruces, NM. He attended NMSU and graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. Don's professional career began with NASA in Las Cruces in 1963 where he earned outstanding awards for superior work. Don's profession took his family to the NASA Houston Space Center where he also earned outstanding awards for his engineering work. He was proud to be a part of the team that got America to the moon. He was very proud to be the recipient of an American Flag that had been to the moon and back. He retired after 25 years' of loyal service and moved back to Las Cruces.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Mary. They were married for 53 years. Their children are James Douglas Moen and Gayla Gillespie of Lubbock TX, John Thomas Moen and Roseann of Las Cruces, NM, Haldane Moen and Deda of Granbury, TX. The grandchildren are Christopher Moen (deceased), Shannon and Joey Holton, Allison and Bryan

Simpson, Tom and Sara Moen, Amy and Ruben Garcia, Donny and Pam Moen, Jeremy and Tia Moen, Bobby Moen and 18 great grandchildren. Other family include Dale and Joe Ann Gantz, Dot and Jim Dougherty, Sid and Reba Gantz, Carey and Bob Murphey, all of Las Cruces and Robin and David (deceased) Gantz of Atlanta, GA.

Before and after Don's well-earned retirement, he was very active in The First Methodist Church in Alvin TX and St. Paul's Methodist Church in Las Cruces, NM; Boy Scouts of America, Sunrise Lion's Club receiving the Melvin Jones Award, and Rotary International receiving the Paul Harris Fellow award. He was and 32ND Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner and served both with dedication and love.

Visitation was held at Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road on Thursday afternoon, July 28, 2016. Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, July 29, 2016 at 9 AM in St Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs, Las Cruces, NM followed by internment at 10 AM at the Masonic Cemetery, 760 S. Compress Rd, Las Cruces, NM.

Memorial donations may be sent to Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005. (575-523-4700)

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JACOB ERIC RATHGEBER

July 26, 1932 to July 22, 2016

JACOB ERIC RATHGEBER passed peacefully on July 22, 2016 at Mesilla Valley Hospice after a series of complications from a heart procedure in late March. Eric was born July 26, 1932 in Farmingdale, Long Island, New York.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Cross Retreat Center, 600 Holy Cross Road, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 Montana Av-

enue, Las Cruces, NM 88005, or Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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PEDRO V. CHAVIRA

April 30, 1928 to July 25, 2016

PEDRO V. CHAVIRA, passed away peacefully on July 25, 2016 at the age of 88. He was born April 30, 1928 in El Paso, TX to Leandro Chavira and Cruz Villarreal Chavira. Pedro was raised in Chihuahua, Chihuahua and returned to the U.S. in the summer of 1952 with the Bracero Program. On August 16, 1955 he married Angela Calzadillas with whom he would share the rest of his life.

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JOHN PROPTS NUTTER

July 24, 2016

John Propts Nutter, 64, of Las Cruces, NM passed away on July 24, 2016. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home.

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July 26, 2016

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WILLIAM GABRIEL 'GABE' TELLES

May 25, 1956 to July 19, 2016

WILLIAM GABRIEL "GABE" TELLES, age 60, of Las Cruces passed away Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at Memorial Medical Center. He was born May 25, 1956 in Albuquerque to Roberto G. and Rafaela Holguin Telles. "Gabe", as he was fondly known to family and friends was employed as a meat cutter at Wal-Mart and was a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

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Mosquito lessons spread across the county

By J Hopkins and Suzanne Michaels
For the Bulletin

The message is spreading: In mid-July, Doña Ana County's Vector Control team taught lessons about mosquito dangers to elementary students in Hatch. Hatch Elementary is just one of 30 schools that will hear the presentation during this year's mosquito season, which emphasizes that, with international concerns about the Zika virus, it's very important to control the bloodthirsty pests.

In Hatch, Bobby Guerrero, vector control technician, treated young students to a slide show, talk and "Vector Vaquero Fights the Bite" coloring books aimed at educating kids and families about mosquitoes and how to stop them from spreading disease.

"The key to controlling mosquitoes is controlling stagnant water," said Guerrero – that's where mosquitos lay eggs. Within seven to 10 days, the mosquitos have hatched out and become flying, biting machines capable of spreading a handful of viruses.

The best way to prevent the spread of disease is to prevent mosquito eggs from hatching. Mosquitoes lay eggs near homes, on farms, in abandoned swimming pools or on vacant land. If you glance into water and see squiggling black things – that's mosquito larvae. Vector control can spray areas in the county when residents alert them about large numbers of mosquitos. But residents can take action on their own, too.

What you can do:

1) Be sure there is no standing water in your own yard. That means checking once a week for rainwater or sprinkler water that may collect in any kind of garden pot,



Young students at Hatch Elementary learn how to control the spread of mosquitos, during a county-wide Vector Control mosquito outreach program that will reach 30 schools. Mosquitos lay eggs in standing water in scrap tires, irrigated farm fields and around homes.

bucket or children's toys left in a yard. See anything squirming around in the water? It's probably mosquito larvae. Tip out the water onto the ground.

2) Use Mosquito Dunks to toss into large containers of standing water that cannot be dumped onto the ground. Mosquito Dunks are available at hardware stores and home improvement stores like Home Depot and Lowe's.

3) Get free "mosquito fish" from Vector Control to eat mosquito larvae in stock tanks and ponds on your property. These fish are voracious mosquito larvae eaters. Come to the Vector Control mosquito fish pond on Tuesday mornings from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at 4605 W. Picacho to pick up free mosquito fish. For more information, call DAC Vector Control at 526-8150.

Female mosquitoes bite humans and animals to get blood, since blood protein is needed for the development of mosquito eggs. Females then need still, stagnant water to lay eggs; without that, there will be no new insects. They need just a little water, like what might puddle up in a scrap tire

left leaning against a wall in someone's back yard, or in a plastic water bottle cap.

Tires, Guerrero said, are a particular problem because they hold water and absorb the sun's heat, which can reduce normal insect hatching times to seven days. That's why it's important for tires to be disposed of properly by

taking them to the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) Transfer Station, or one of the eight county collection centers across the county. Illegal dumps in the desert are favorite mosquito breeding grounds, he added, and need to be cleaned up to prevent spreading disease. More information at www.SCSWA.net

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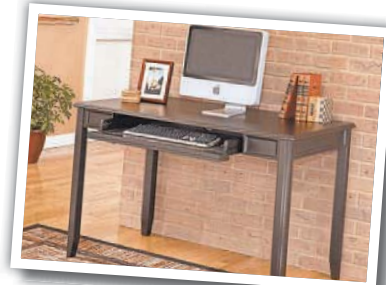
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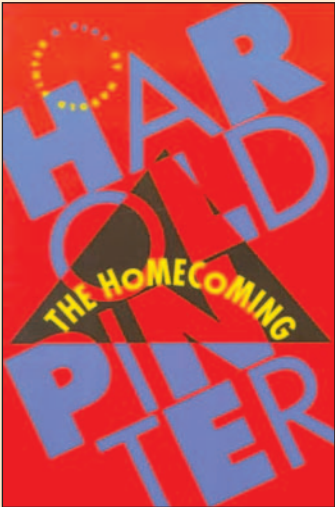
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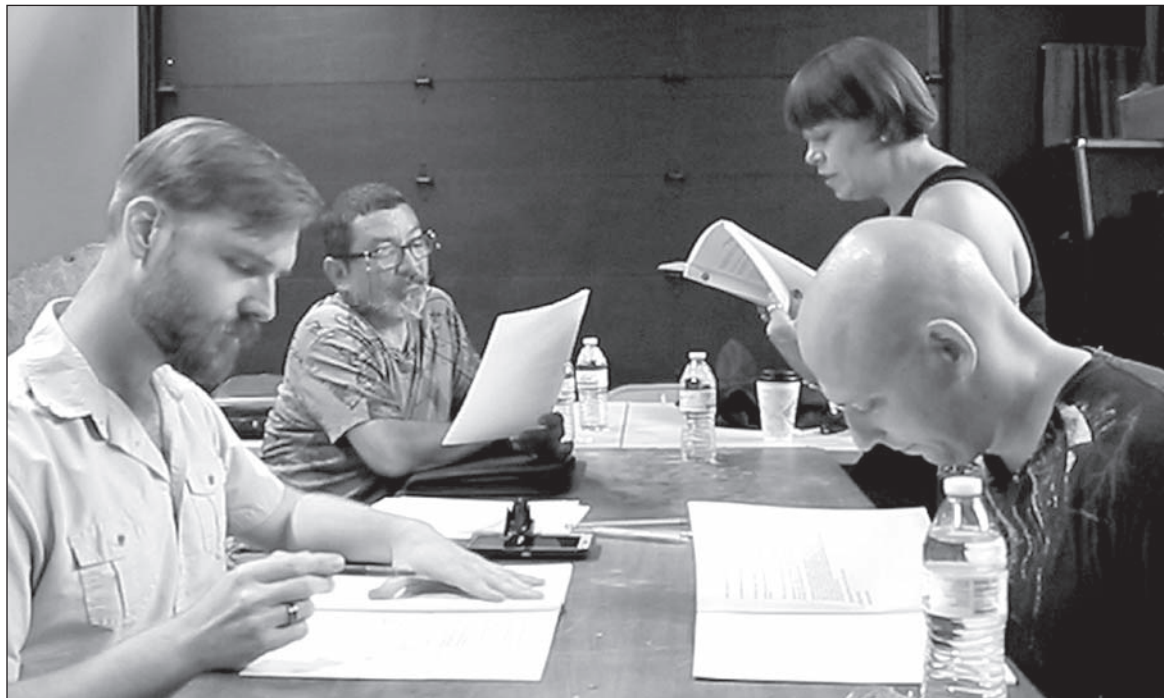
By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

"This is a big one for me," said Lady Belladonna's "Night Shades" (LBNS) writer and director David Salcido. "I've done three short films, but this is the first full-length feature I've ever orchestrated," he said.

The film, which is currently in pre-production in Las Cruces, is "a feature-length anthology showcasing short films by some of the best and brightest local filmmakers," Salcido said. It is a "joint collaboration between PRC Productions and Borderlands Media," he said.

'I knew it was mine'

Las Cruces actress Tawnya Bass plays the "pivotal role of Lady Belladonna, the Mistress of Perdition and top Soul Broker of the Abyss," Salcido said. In supportive roles are local actors Donny Prosis, who has also appeared in the films "Perfect" and "The Baking Dead," and Jack Lutz, who has appeared in



David Salcido, second from left, is in pre-production for his film "Lady Belladonna's Night Shades."

"Truth" and "Good Night Sleep Tight.

"We had over 50 actresses audition for the part of Lady Belladonna, from all across the state

and a few from other states as well, which is pretty amazing considering we were casting for a micro-budget independent feature shooting in southern New Mexico," Salcido said. "We have found, in Ms. Bass, the perfect mix of smart, sultry, world-weary, feminine power that is needed to really sell the character," he said.

"From the moment I heard about this role I knew it was mine," Bass said. "I felt it. Each step along the process to be cast only confirmed that feeling. Landing this part is the culmination of many, many years as a performer and the hard work I put in! I love that I am able to help co-create this character, as I do feel her. I so appreciate her sense of humor, along with the razor-sharp wit, I am a more-than-willing voice for Lady Belladonna," Bass said.

Anthology

Salcido said he came up with the idea for the film last year while attending the New Mexico Film and Media Conference in Albuquerque.

"We had already been discussing how best to go about distributing short films through our new company, Borderlands Media. During a chat with one of

the members of the New Mexico Post Alliance, it was mentioned that anthology films were becoming hot again," he said.

"Later that evening, at dinner, we talked about that and how it could answer our question about distributing short films. Within an hour the concept for LBNS was born," he said.

"The elements of the concept were already spinning around in the mix-master that is my brain," Salcido said. "I grew up loving anthology series like 'The Twilight Zone' and 'Night Gallery.' In fact, Rod Serling is one of my personal heroes. I was also a huge fan of Elvira, Mistress of the Dark and 'Mystery Science Theatre 3000,' both of which used camp to spice up old films. From those elements Lady Belladonna herself was born, and within a week of returning to Las Cruces, I had turned in a full treatment. That eventually became the script, once we had acquired the shorts (short films)," he said.

"Unlike many anthologies, LBNS will actually have a storyline all its own to pull all the shorts together within one thematic arc," Salcido said.

'An on-going platform'

Salcido said Lady Belladonna

will host the film "from her torture dungeon somewhere in the twisting depths of Hades. We're also hoping to build a brand around our dark lady by making her a fully formed character, rather than just an icon," he said.

The four films that will be part of LBNS are "Last Night On Mars," "The Wake Up Call" and "Perfect," which were shot in Las Cruces; and the award-winning "Wolff's Law," which was shot in Albuquerque, Salcido said.

"All we had to do was create the bridge scenes, which means we can actually shoot a feature film on a short film budget," he said.

PRC Productions has had success with commercials and short films, as well as the recent feature length release "Truth," so tackling something like this wasn't too big a stretch.

"Currently that company is footing the majority of the bill, but we have also forged partnerships with other companies, such as Back In Black Creative Services, Local Eyes With Green and Hell Paso Altwear, all based in El Paso, to help us bring our vision to life and help foot the bills for certain aspects of the production," Salcido said.

"We would love to see LBNS become an anthology series on a VOD platform like Netflix or Vudu," he said. "The reasons are many, but the best reason I can think of is that it will allow us to create an on-going platform for the release of short films, which don't usually get the opportunities feature films do.

"There are so many wonderful short films being created every year by talented filmmakers, many of them new up-and-comers, but also by veterans, as well," Salcido said. "Once created, the options tend to be release them on YouTube or send them out to film festivals and hope they open a few doors for the filmmakers. This will provide yet another option. It would also

Producer: Working in Cruces is challenging, rewarding

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

"Independent film production is a challenge anywhere, but especially in Las Cruces," said Troy Scoughton, Sr. who is the producer of "Lady Belladonna's Night Shades."

"We have been hit hard by the great recession, but as other parts of the country claim recovery we are slow to see that recovery here. The result is that money is tight everywhere but more so here. Given that investment in film tends to be long term and risky, finding investment is a challenge and again, more so here," Scoughton said.

"We like to think of filmmaking as an art form and, in fact, it may be the ultimate art form. One that combines artistic vision (like that of David Salcido) with the technical ability to capture that vision (Troy Scoughton Jr. and Kent Harkey), and superior edit (Jorge Villarreal), crisp audio (me) and original scores (performed by Tom Foster Morris and Colby Crain) to present that vision to our audiences," he said.

"But filmmaking is really a business that requires investment and return, like any other business. My job as producer is to keep the investments reasonable but sufficient to complete the task and the returns good enough to keep investors coming back. The process is difficult and with no local, state or federal assistance can seem insurmountable, but we persist because it is what we do," Scoughton said.



The opening theme of Salcido's movie has already been written and recorded.

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be really nice to have a series based right here in Las Cruces," he said.

September rollout

Salcido said the film will be shot in two days in mid-August at Niquim Studios in El Paso.

"What's nice about this shoot is it combines creative talents from both Las Cruces and El Paso," he said. "We're very proud of that fact."

The opening theme of LBNS, written by the film's producer, Troy Scoughton Sr., and sung by singer/songwriters Tom Foster Morris and Colby Crain, has already been recorded, Salcido said. Local actress and costumer Autumn Gieb is the film's costume designer and Sabine Green is the stylist, he said.

"Our goal is to have the film completely edited and ready to roll out by the end of September," Salcido said. We are currently in negotiations with the Doña Ana Arts Council for a premiere at the Rio Grande Theatre in October. We also have forged a deal with Allen Theatres to give it a limited theatrical run in select theaters here in New Mexico and Colorado. We'll be doing the same in El Paso. We actually have a full marketing strategy for getting the film out in stages, building up our fan base,

soliciting reviews and write-ups and, eventually, making the pitch to various VOD platforms as a series," he said.

For more information, contact Salcido at 571-7694 or David.S@Borderlands-Media.com. Visit www.prc-productions.com and www.borderlandsmedia.com.

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Aug. 1-4

LA singer brings tour to High Desert

Los Angeles-based singer/guitarist Vanessa Silberman will perform a free show Thursday, Aug. 4 at High Desert Brewery at 1201 W. Hadley Ave. The concert is one of more than 47 dates Silberman is performing for her national 'Shine Tour'. Her debut self-titled 'Vanessa Silberman' EP is scheduled to be released Oct. 5. Silberman was a member of the alt rock band Diamonds Under Fire for more than a decade. "My live show is very much like a female Nirvana meets The Ramones / Liz Phair / Cat Power vibe," Silberman said in an email.

Jazz Jam scheduled

Jazz Jam live at Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 2 at Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. No cover. Call 680-6394 for information.

NMSU Dance Program to host summer dance workshop

The New Mexico State University Dance Program's summer dance workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Saturday, Aug. 1 to Aug. 6 at the Delamater Activity Center. Dancers 11 and older will have classes in ballet, modern, jazz and hip-hop as well as daily rehearsals of original choreography. The week will culminate on Saturday with two performances of "Dr. Seuss on the Move" at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts. Cost of the workshop is \$175 and includes classes, use of costume and two complimentary show tickets. For information, call 646-4067 or email nmsu_dance@nmsu.edu or visit <https://kind.nmsu.edu/dance-main/summerprog/>.

Drawing class scheduled

Art Paper Scissors offers a drawing class titled 'Portrait, Self-Portrait' for serious art students ages 11-17, from 1 to 5 p.m., Aug. 1-5 at the Unitarian Universalist Church classroom.

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Aug. 2-5

10 a.m.-noon

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1-3 p.m.

804: Ceramic Experience (ages 9-12)

805: Drawing (ages 9-1)

806: Kids Crafters (ages 6-8)

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:

Aug. 3 — Valley View Park, 713 S. Espina St.

Aug. 10 — Jason Giron Park, 355 Three Crosses Ave.

No registration is needed. For more information, call 541-2550 or email RecPrograms@las-cruces.org.

Aug. 5-12

Agamemnon auditions scheduled

Auditions for No Strings Theatre Company's performance of "Agamemnon" are scheduled for noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6 at the Black Box Theatre at 430 N. Main St.

No appointment is required; those who wish to audition are asked to report to the theater between 1 and 2:30 p.m.

to be seen.

Sides will be assigned at the audition and the actor will be given time to prepare.

Seeking a diverse ensemble in age, appearance and ethnic background.

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The play is a Greek tragedy and consists of a chorus of 4-5 actors plus several principal roles. Memorization of text is a must and will require work outside of rehearsals.

• CHORUS (4-5 male and female): Seeking actors of diverse ages, skin color, and ethnic back-



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• AEGISTHUS (30-50): Clytaemnestra's lover and rival to Agamemnon

• The role of CLYTEMNESTRA will be played by Michelle Tomlinson of Los Angeles, California. Rehearsals begin in August

For information, email the director at nogate@gmail.com.

Jazzman Ross to perform

Jazzman Ross will play live at 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 9 at Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. No Cover. Call 680-6394.

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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.

Aug. 16

Jazz Jam scheduled

Jazz Jam live at Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 7-9

p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16 at Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. No cover. Call 680-6394 for information.

Aug. 19-25

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.

For more information and bookings call 312-3070 or grapevineplaza@gmail.com.

Jazzman Ross to perform

Jazzman Ross will play live at 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23 at Picacho Peak Brewing Co., 3900 W. Picacho Ave. No Cover. Call 680-6394.

'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.

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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

Aug. 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 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.

September

Foghat coming to Las Cruces

Classic rock band Foghat will be in concert, Friday, Sept. 9 at Red Hawk Golf Club.

The concert will proceed the Mesilla Valley Transportation Charity Golf Tournament on Sept. 9. The golf tournament and a portion of all Foghat Concert ticket sales will benefit the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. The local charity helps address homelessness and poverty in Las Cruces and Doña Ana.

This concert will again be held at Red Hawk on the green grass and all ages are welcome. Attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the food, beverages and vendors while listening to the music.

For more information, call 571-3783.

October

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".

Ongoing

Art Classes with Wayne Carl Huber

The following art classes will take place at My Place Jewell Studio, 132 B Wyatt Drive:

- Beginning Drawing and Painting: Tuesdays 1 to 3:30PM
- Intermediate and Advanced Drawing and Painting: Thursdays 1 to 3:30PM

High School students are welcome in either class.

Payments of \$45 due every 4 weeks. Classes begin whenever students are ready.

Contact Wayne at 647-5684, or visit www.waynecarlhuber.com.

Open Mic at Howling Coyote Coffeehouse

The Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic continues on the first Friday of each month. The Coyote takes acoustic musicians/singers/songwriters/storytellers and poets and takes place at the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main, with a jam session at 6 p.m. and sign-up for performers takes place at 6:30. The Coyote has a full sound system and lighting and is free and open to the public. For more information call Bob Burns 525-9333.

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.

Studio arts classes for adults at the Museum of Art

491 N. Main St. 541-2137

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.

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.

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 GALERÍA, 326 S. Mesquite St., Las Cruces. The store is staffed by volunteers and will be open during 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.

Galleries & Openings

'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.

'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.

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.

'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 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.

We want your submissions

If you have an announcement you'd like to see in Events Calendar or Galleries & Openings, please send to brook@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Paisano Café is a leisurely experience of unique flavors

By Susie Ouderkirk
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's not fast food. When you want to treat yourself to a meal — a real, old-fashioned meal — then Paisano Cafe at 1740 Calle de Mercado is the place for you.

No fast food here. Just authentic Mexican with a touch of the unusual.

The restaurant in the Bulletin Plaza, 1740 Calle de Mercado, features a unique menu with specialties I've never seen in Las Cruces. Some of the names are downright provocative. For one thing, the enchiladas that

come with your choice of molé sauce are called enmoladas and your options include far more than red or green.

Molé (pronounced moh-lay) has a starring role in Paisano's kitchen. If you don't know, all molé preparations begin with one or more types of chili pepper. According to Wikipedia, the classic molés of Central Mexico and Oaxaca, such as molé poblano and molé negro, include two or more of the following types of chili pepper: ancho, pasilla, mulato and chipotle. Chocolate, if used, is

Paisano Café

WHERE: 1740 Calle de Mercado in the Bulletin Plaza

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added at the end of cooking. The ingredients of molé can be grouped into five distinct classes: chilies, sour (tomatillos), sweet (dried fruits and sugar), spices, and thickeners (nuts and tortillas).

The choices at Paisano Cafe include molé negro, molé poblano, molé verde o pepian and mancha manteles. Don't be timid. The sauces will taste new, but all of them are delicious.

Another interesting flavor choice for sauces is a zucchini blossom (also called a squash blossom), which is a mellow, earthy cream sauce that blends beautifully with pasta.

Also on the menu are

flavors such as verde tatemada (grilled green tomatoes with cilantro), caper tequila and Jamaica flower. The carrot soup is not to be missed; you'll never find it anywhere else.

Besides unique choices, the Paisano presentation also seems new. The guacamole appetizer is built like this: black beans are spread on the bottom of a plate. A fried tortilla cup is placed on top of the beans and filled with guacamole. Homemade tortilla chips, bright and crispy, top it off. Simple, unusual, perfect for either an appetizer of a whole meal.

My dining companion, Captain Watson, ordered tacos with carnita filling (seasoned, pulled pork). It arrived at the table looking like the cover of a cooking magazine. He said it was excellent. The portion easily filled three soft corn tortilla shells with meat left over. The full lunch time meal was \$8.50.



Paisano Café serves enchiladas with a delightful variety of garnishes.

Joining the captain and me was a newcomer whom I will call Matthew. He ordered the red cheese enchiladas, which came dotted with tiny puffs of sour cream and drizzled with an amber-colored sauce. He didn't know what it was, and didn't care. He only knew he liked it.


Having tried half a dozen items off the Paisano menu, I ordered a three-cheese and green chile fondue appetizer (called a fundido). It's a cheese-lover's dream come true. It was thicker and richer than a normal queso, and was satisfying and filling.

My favorite pick from the Paisano Cafe menu is the Torta Cubana, a large

sandwich of shredded pork, ham, asadero cheese, avocado and veggies in a soft, flavorful Mexican telera bread. The ingredients are all so fresh and flavorful, I order it plain—no mayo or mustard—and it's delightful.

Meal prices vary from \$8 to \$16 and an interesting collection of wine and beer are available. The restaurant is simple yet elegant, with a captivating play list of authentic Mexican music.

If you want a fast Mexican meal, then Paisanos might be too rich for your blood. But if you're up for a leisurely experience with friendly wait staff and a menu of pleasantly unique flavors, then you'll feel right at home.



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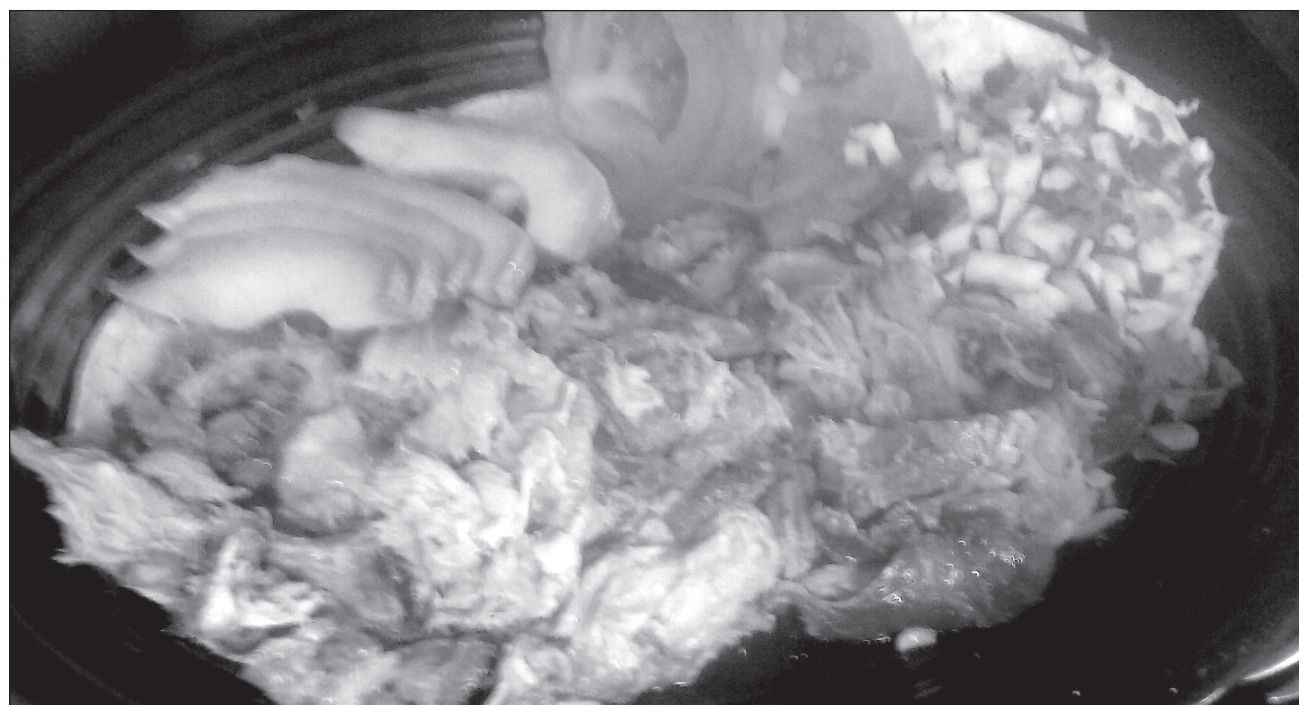
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'There's Room Enough for Two' benefit concert at Boba Café

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Two talented Las Cruces performers, Chris Sanders and James Gier, team up for "There's Room



T. GIER



J. GIER

Enough for Two" for a total of eight performances on Fridays, July 29 and Aug. 5 and Saturdays, July 30 and Aug. 6 at Boba Café and Cabaret.

The concert is a fundraiser for the family of Tanya Sanchez Gier, James Gier's sister-in-law, who passed away after battling renal cell carcinoma. Boba Café owners Chris and Liza Waggoner will donate a portion of concert sales to the Gier family to help pay medical bills. All the musicians in the show will donate 100 percent of their earnings. Other donations will be accepted.

There will be two perfor-



CHRIS SANDERS

mances each night. The dinner show seats at 6 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7 p.m., and is \$27.50. The cocktail show seats at 8:15 p.m., with the performance beginning at

8:30 p.m., and is \$12.50.

The show is a tribute to Carole King and James Taylor. The title is a take-off on the lyrics from Taylor's "Up on the Roof." Songs will include "Mexi-

co," "You've Got a Friend," "Up on the Roof," "Fire and Rain," "Sweet Baby James," "It's Too Late," "Home," "Natural Woman" and a Carole King medley of "Chains," "Locomotion," "Will You Still Love Me" and "One Fine Day."

Sanders is a member of the nationally recognized "Hard Road Trio" and is the co-writer of "We Are Enron" the musical.

Gier performed in the musical "Passion" last summer at Rio Grande Theatre. He owns a private music studio called London Cab Music Academy and has appeared in two earlier shows at Boba.

Sanders and Gier will be joined by three other musicians: Mike Moore on bass and guitars, Zachary Gier on drums and Victoria Gier on piano.

For reservations and more information, call 647-5900. A Giveforward webpage has been set up for the Gier family at <https://goo.gl/m3WrX7>.

Hand bell camp is July 29 and 30

If you've ever wanted to learn how to play hand bells (it's not quite as simple as you may think!), here's your chance.

St. Paul's and Morning Star United Methodist churches are co-sponsoring a hand bell camp, which will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 29 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 30 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

There will be an informal, closing concert at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30.

There is no charge to attend the camp, but donations to cover the price of pizza to be served on Saturday will be accepted.

"Youth and adult hand bell ringers of all levels are welcome, regardless of affiliation," St. Paul's Music Director Doug Weeks said.

"We will work on some great music," he said.

Weeks and Morning Star United Methodist Church bell director Brandon Brown will lead the rehearsals.

For more information, call 526-6689.

Double Clutchers has July 29 house concert



In the fourth of its 2016 summer house concert series, Kaleidoscope Creates of Las Cruces is sponsoring The Double Clutchers from 8 to 11 p.m. on Friday, July 29 at 5403 Angel Fire Court.

The suggested donation is \$15. Attendees are also asked to bring a dish for the event's potluck and social hour, and a chair.

"The Double Clutchers are a New Mexico-based rockabilly act that performs their original music and covers," said Naoma Staley of Kaleidoscope Creates.

The band includes Chris Smith on guitar, Felipe Calavera on upright bass and Sal Vargas on drums.

You can hear a sample of their music at tinyurl.com/DoubleClutchers-listen.

The summer concert series "brings together people from neighborhoods across Las Cruces and features all local artists," Staley said.

For more information, contact Staley at 386-0848 or info@kaleidoscopecreates.org. Follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SHCS16/>.

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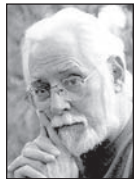
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Pinter renaissance continues with 'The Homecoming'

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

The works of British playwright Harold Pinter (1930-2008) are enjoying something of resurgence in Las Cruces.

Black Box Theatre produced both Pinter's "The Hot House" and "The Birthday Party" in 2015, and Pinter's "The Homecoming" opens



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Aug. 12 at Las Cruces Community Theatre. Several of Pinter's earlier plays, such as "Old Times" and "Betrayal," were staged at New Mexico State University during the 1970s and '80s.

"I have always been interested in Pinter as a playwright," said NMSU Theatre Arts Department Production Stage Manager and Associate Professor Mike Wise, who is directing "The Homecoming" for LCCT. He has directed productions of "The Birthday Party," "Old Times" and "The Lover" for other theatre companies.

Pinter "has a unique take on human dynamics and is fascinated by what theatre can achieve in front of an audience," Wise said. "He makes the mundane somehow threatening and mysterious and at the same time the outrageous is treated as somewhat matter of fact. Nothing is as it appears to be in a Pinter play. For actors it's a chance to tackle some of the most precise language and some of the most challenging dynamics," he said.

"My own experience on stage with three Pinter plays has stuck with me more indelibly than with many other playwrights' work," said long-time Las Cruces actor and director Richard Rundell, who is a retired language professor at NMSU.

Rundell has performed in Pinter's "The Dumb Waiter" as one of two characters, "Monologue" as the only character, and "Victoria Station" as the disembodied voice of a London taxi dispatcher.



ALGERNON D'AMASSA

"All of these were unusually engaging adventures," he said.

"The recent interest in Pinter is intriguing," said actor//director/playwright Algernon D'Amassa, who lives in Deming and is an adjunct professor with NMSU's Creative Media Institute in Las Cruces. "It makes sense to me in that his good plays are very, very good," he said. "'The Hothouse' was one of the first adult plays I saw in my life, and it made a lifelong impression on me." D'Amassa directed "The Hot House" at Black Box Theatre last year.

"I'm rather proud that the Las Cruces theatre community has been exploring (Pinter's) plays lately," D'Amassa said. "At the Black Box, we have found that our subscribers enjoy them — some are seeing Pinter for the first time, and seeing him done well; and some are seeing these plays again for the first time in a while," he said.

"'Comedy of menace' was the label attached to several of Pinter's early plays, and it nicely summarizes the two seemingly conflicting elements of a play like 'The Homecoming' as well," Rundell said. "The often nasty characters seem not to know quite what is going on in their lives, and they struggle to communicate with each other, usually failing, often humorously."

Pinter wrote "The Homecoming" in 1964. It was first produced in 1965 in London and won a Tony award for best play when it premiered on Broadway in 1967.



"The Homecoming" is set in an older house in north London, where Max, his brother, Sam, and two of Max's sons, Lenny and Joey, "welcome" his third son, Teddy home after a six-year absence. Teddy arrives with his wife, Ruth, who used to live in the same area of London. Max's late wife, Jessie, is not a character in the play, but seems to hover like a ghost in many of the scenes as Max, his brother and his sons feast on each other's failings and failures and set their eyes and hearts on Ruth.

"The characters in 'The Homecoming' are a vicious lot; they make the villains in Game of Thrones seem almost tame," Wise said.

The cast of the LCCT production of "The Homecoming" is Monte H. Wright ("Sam") Annie Pennies

("Ruth") Mathew Esqueda ("Lenny"), James Travis Kirk ("Teddy"), Spencer Taylor ("Joey") and Mike Cook ("Max").

"The Homecoming" opens Aug. 12 and continues through Aug. 28 at LCCT, 313 N. Downtown Mall. Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays, Aug. 12 and 13, 19 and 20 and 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and Sundays, Aug. 14, 21 and 28 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$11 for students, senior citizens and military; \$9 for children under age six; and \$10 each for groups of 10 or more. Student "rush" tickets will be sold to students with a valid student ID card for \$5 15 minutes before curtain time if seats are available.

For more information and reservations, call 523-1223. Visit www.lcctnm.org.

'Pinter Pauses' a striking feature

Bulletin report

"Pinter's famous pauses! Actors obsess over them until they find the play's rhythms," said Las Cruces actor Richard Rundell. "The pauses and the silences came to signify a striking feature of Pinter's plays; such pauses as stage directions started with Samuel Beckett. There are 224 such pauses marked in 'The Homecoming' (thanks, Wikipedia!)," Rundell said.

"These damn silences and pauses are all to do with what's going on ... and if they don't make any sense, then I always say cut them," Pinter himself said. "I think they've been taken much too far these silences and pauses in my plays. I've really been extremely depressed when I've seen productions in which a silence happens because it says silence or a pause happens because it says pause. And it's totally artificial and meaningless. When I myself act in my own plays, which I have occasionally, I've cut half of them, actually."

"A pause in Pinter is as important as a line," said Sir Peter Hall, who directed "The Homecoming" and other Pinter plays. "They are all there for a reason. Three dots is a hesitation, a pause is a fairly mundane crisis and a silence is some sort of crisis. (Playwright Samuel) Beckett started it and Harold took it over to express that which is inexpressible in a very original and particular way, and made them something which is his"

A journey to Japan

By **Elva K. Österreich**
Las Cruces Bulletin

I just went to Japan to see my son who is a Marine stationed on Okinawa with his wife and three children. It was a wonderful, fabulous trip and my daughter-in-law, Elise, did a lot of research and planning which kept us all going for the full two weeks and gave me the opportunity to see and experience much of Okinawa and enjoy the company of my quirky and sweet grandbabies aged 6, 3 1/2 and almost 2.

Traveling in the company of my youngest son, Lanze, who is 15 now, we started with a day in Tokyo before heading to Okinawa. The first thing I realized as we rode the train from the airport to the city was the lush, green nature of the land. As a tropical, wet place, there is jungle, impenetrable walls of trees and brush, at the edge of everything. The towns, the fields, the city, everything has this dense, lush, green about it.

I saw a bridge over the tracks that looked covered in jungle too. Maybe there was a road in there somewhere but it didn't look big enough. July in Japan is hot and humid, imagine days that are in the low 90s in Fahrenheit degrees and usually more than 80 percent in humidity.

Tokyo is vast – broken up into districts. The area of Tokyo is the world's most populous metropolitan area with about 37.8 million people living there. The district our hotel was in is called Shinjuku and a few of the adventures found there are the Samurai Museum, the Golden Gai, shrines, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building (where you can take an elevator to the top and look out over the city), numerous ramen places (actually they use

soba noodles) and other restaurants of all sorts and flavors, including Mexican.

Most of the people in Japan don't speak English, but all are willing to do whatever they can to help if you ask them. Most signs don't have English components. Politeness and kindness are the rule rather than the exception everywhere.

Once in Okinawa, the orchids greeting us in the airport planters delighted me. My son, Jäger, is there, his always cheerful self, to collect us. The ocean can be seen from almost every main road that carries traffic along the island. And when we get to the apartment, we spend our first hour cuddling the children and having light-saber wars in the hallway.

As a Marine family living in a foreign land, my family has adapted smoothly into the pace around them. There are plenty of services, places to shop and activities for children provided for by the military but they also get off base, shop in the Japanese markets, visit the beaches, play Magic in the Japanese card shops and enjoy eating at the local restaurants.

Most of the contracted help on base, including gate guards and shop clerks, are Japanese and I loved hearing my family addressing them in Japanese rather than expecting the locals to adapt to English, even though most who work on the bases clearly are good English speakers. It seems the polite nature of the people of the land is rubbing off on our Americans.

"Arigatou gozaimasu," are the words you will hear the most no matter where you are in Japan. This is the "thank you very much" meme come alive. Everybody says it on



PHOTO BY ELVA K. ÖSTERREICH

Kaliopee Hibler has the opportunity to experience creating her own Ryukyo glassware creation at a glass factory in Okinawa. The glass tradition began in the wake of WW II as Okinawan craftspeople collected bottles discarded by U.S. troops and melted them down to be recreated as functional vessels.

pretty much every occasion.

While there certainly is some resentment toward Americans, there is also a great deal of support. After all, Okinawa's two main industries are tourism and military services. While part of Japan, the people of Okinawa have their own, subtly different, culture and life.

There was a lot of publicity around recent protests in the wake of some incidents involving murder and drunken driving by Americans. Some Okinawans, including Okinawa Gov. Takeshi Onaga, are working to either stop the relocation of one American base or completely oust the U.S. military from the island. A June 19 event bringing together 65,000 protesters, the largest protest against the U.S. presence in 20 years, was reported by the New York Times and other media outlets.

When I was there and we were driving around, I did see protesters on street corners, but they were protesting in defense of the U.S. military presence. And my son told us of the Japanese mother-in-law of one of his coworkers who was paid the equivalent of \$100 just to sit in front of her house with an anti-American protest sign. That makes me wonder how many of those

65,000 people were just making a few bucks by holding a sign.

So we had a whirlwind of activity during my two week visit: We went to beaches, including one with creatures in tide pools; castles both ruined and rebuilt; a modern five-story mall; hiked up the middle of a river to a waterfall; got to create our

own glasses by blowing glass; went camping at a resort (staying in air-conditioned cabins and walking across the road to the bathrooms); visiting an aquarium with whale sharks and sea turtles; walking through a carefully-designed botanical garden; and eating a nice variety of local foods.

All of the above was ac-

complished with three small children in tow – seven people in total every time. We had such wonderful adventures together.

But, in the mornings at the apartment I would wake up before anyone else and sit on the balcony with a cup of coffee for a while before the day got too hot. Gradually a little person would wander out with sleepy eyes, looking for Gramma. Someone would climb on my lap, put their little arms around my neck and lay their head on me quietly as they cleared the sleep out of their brains. Then another little face would appear and all of a sudden I would be filling requests – making Playdoh cats, drawing flowers with sidewalk chalk, getting out juice boxes and reading books, all before anyone else was even up. Those were the best moments of all.

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'The Lobster' is an odd, satirical, clever movie

By Jeff Berg
For the Bulletin

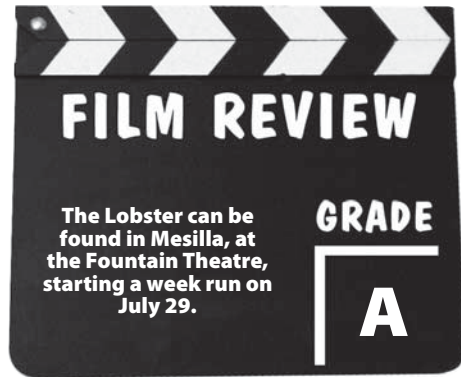
Wow, what an inimitable and clever film this is, in spite of numerous and sometimes annoying loose ends.

Greek director Yorgos Lanthimos offers up a deeply satirical film, with his first English-language feature, "The Lobster." Though at times the picture is nearly too odd for its own good, "The Lobster" brings a discrete blend of gloomy, straight-faced humor and surrealism to the screen.

In the movie, we are taken to a place where being single is a crime and those who do not become paired in a set amount of time while at a lush but icy "resort," are transformed into an animal that they have prechosen to become during their initial interview upon arrival.

David, convincingly played by Colin Farrell, is one of the hapless singles who ends up at the "resort," although we are never really certain as to how he and the other "guests" got there.

He is required to stay at the hotel for 45 days, in which he must find a



lover or become the creature he has chosen to be, a lobster, so he said because they live long. His interviewer agrees, and soon after being shackled briefly he sets off to find a love.

He becomes friends with two other single simpletons, played by Ben Whishaw and John C. Reilly, all of who are so lacking in social skills that it seems that they will all be animals by the end of the 45 days. David's 'former' brother is also on hand, said brother now being a dog since he did not make the cut.

One of the activities at the hotel

takes place often, where the "guests" head out to the nearby forest in search of former "guests" who now hide within, remaining single and desiring to stay that way. One of the most unusual scenes has the guests hunting down said singles in slow motion, while a show tune accompanies the scenario.

It is not long before David escapes to the woods, where he follows after the leader of the renegade singles while learning to survive in an entirely different world. Into this plot turn comes a worthy companion, played by Rachel Weisz and not long after, they become secret lovers in a place where lovers are not allowed. They develop a dopey and fun way to communicate, right under the noses of the group leaders, who sometimes haul them to the nearby city to visit the parents of one, both of whom are entirely clueless.

However, the intrinsic silliness of the picture upholds its appeal thanks to the unlikely combination of decadence and deadpan comedy. The film

is superbly guided by its cast, in particular Farrell and Whishaw, who forces himself to get nosebleeds in order to have something in common with a woman with the same problem. Another great turn is offered by Arienne Labeled as a housekeeper at the inn, who plays for both sides.

"The Lobster" balances a fine mix of comedy, rage and funny romance, offering a look at one of the most ridiculous emotions in the human lexicon, love.

The film moves briskly, and it is good to pay very close attention to the dialogue or miss a slight bit of humor that carries a particular scene.

Lanthimos has done a great and unique job here, which won't keep everyone's attention, especially those who notice the odd and incomplete loose ends that propagate the picture.

Nonetheless, "The Lobster" might pinch you where you sit and will certainly be a cause for discussion for those who can appreciate the different and unique.

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: B equals O

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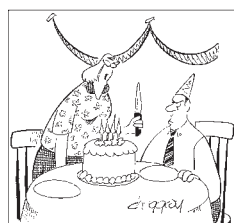
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"ECO MQ XBW OBQW."

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!



Port **BORRAH**

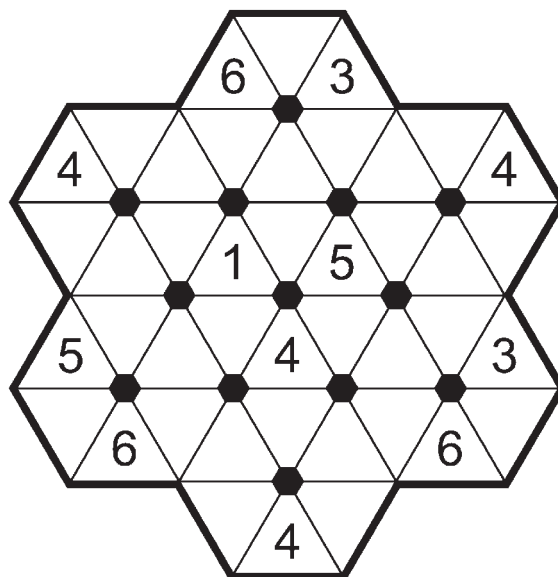
Arise **METS**

Covert **TALENT**

Convey **KAPES**

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.

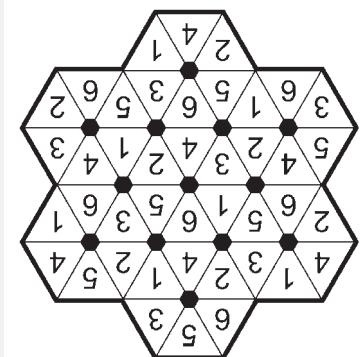
PUZZLE ANSWERS

When I finally found my long-misplaced hole-punching tool, I announced "Aw! is not lost."

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Today's Word
1. Harbor; 2. Stem; 3. Latent; 4. Speak

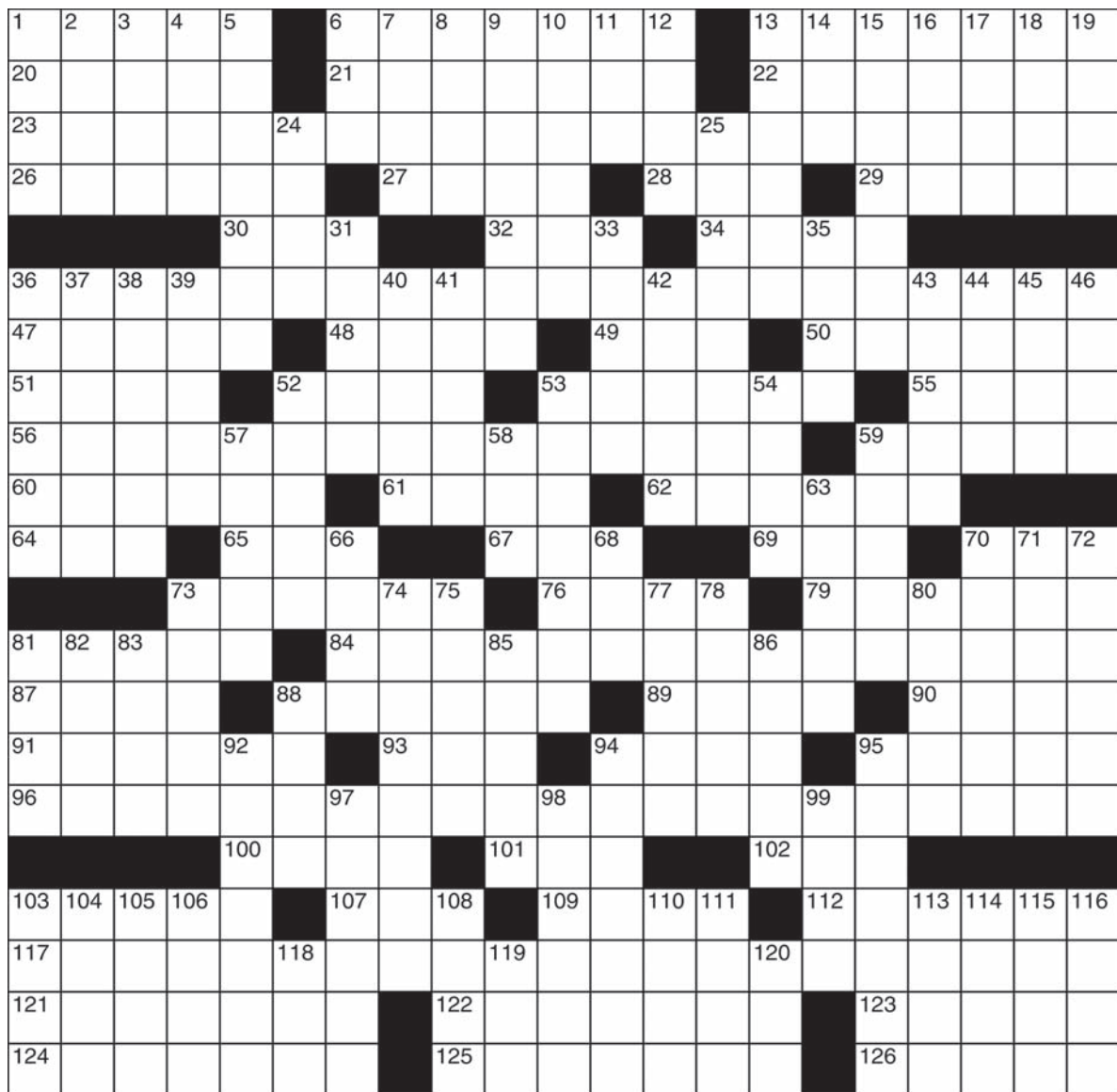
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ACROSS

1 Syria's president since 2000
 6 Devalue
 13 Most optimistic
 20 Fry lightly
 21 Pilot in "Star Wars"
 22 Everywhere
 23 Start of a riddle
 26 Bull-themed tequila brand
 27 Bewildered
 28 Fore and —
 29 Baseballer Stengel
 30 "— pro nobis" ("pray for us")
 32 Top-secret govt. group
 34 Be a stinker
 36 Riddle, part 2
 47 Thwart
 48 Big name in elevator safety
 49 — Lankan
 50 Farmer, e.g.
 51 Grain tower
 52 P.O. part
 53 Like forests
 55 Singer Falana
 56 Riddle, part 3
 59 Morale restorer
 60 General Electric co-founder

DOWN

61 Ending for switch
 62 Venom
 64 Curtain fixture
 65 Cheer at a
 59-Across
 67 "Miami Ink" channel
 69 Not talking
 70 Chinese philosophy
 73 Neighbor of Mozambique
 76 Fit of petty annoyance
 79 Defiant sorts
 81 "Fer — out loud!"
 84 Riddle, part 4
 87 Biker's bike, informally
 88 Voting sheet
 89 Seeing things
 90 Best Picture of 2012
 91 Illusion artist M.C. —
 93 Fritz's "the"
 94 Pop singer Lisa
 95 Swimming star Janet
 96 End of the riddle
 60 General Electric
 100 Put frosting on
 101 President

ACROSS

102 Greek letter after pi
 103 Turn to hit
 107 "Give — kiss!"
 109 Having skill
 112 Vigorless state
 117 Riddle's answer
 121 Dermal art
 122 3-D model of a scene
 123 Sasha's sis
 124 Patroness of Quebec: Abbr.
 125 Pen user's stain
 126 Lute of India

DOWN

1 Life — know it
 2 Comic Mort
 3 Raw beef fat
 4 — charge (costing zip)
 5 Tigers' home
 6 "Evita" narrator
 7 "If I — nickel for ..."
 8 Slaughter in baseball
 9 Climbs
 10 Fertilizer compound
 11 "Xanadu" band,

ACROSS

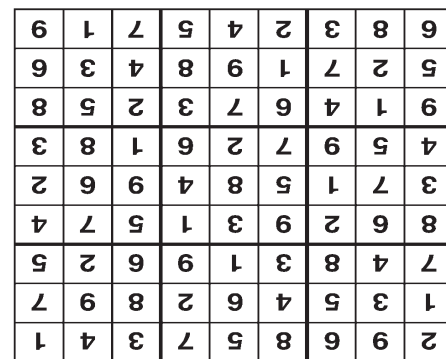
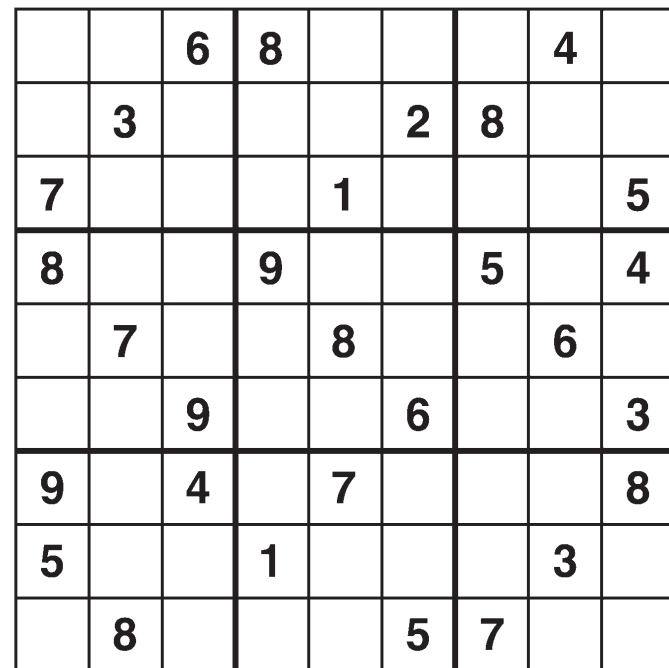
12 Director Ephron
 13 One giving a tirade
 14 On in years
 15 Smooth raincoat
 16 Fort Dodge's state
 17 Days before holidays
 18 Dried and withered
 19 Deuce topper
 24 Rhino part
 25 "Yes, alas"
 31 In on — thing
 33 Big name in old fables
 35 Jumpy
 36 Dryer go-with
 37 Spanish city or province
 38 Installed anew, as floor tiles
 39 Kris — ('90s rap duo)
 40 Common answer at the door
 41 Saltpeter
 42 Organization
 43 Film director Christopher
 44 Many a missing GI

DOWN

45 "Little" Dickens girl
 46 Strong cart without sides
 52 Prescribing punishment
 53 Tam-o'-shanter, e.g.
 54 Wedge filling a gap
 57 Mosque holy book
 58 Kiddie
 59 Foe of Paris
 63 Is an Internet explorer
 66 "Funny joke!"
 68 Mongrel mutt
 70 Largest city in Iran
 71 Makes flush
 72 Absorb gradually
 73 Power
 74 Crazy notion
 75 Archipelago makeup
 77 Fluid in refrigeration
 78 Lobby
 80 "Huzzah!"
 81 Gnaw on
 82 Itchy eruption
 83 Service org. for females

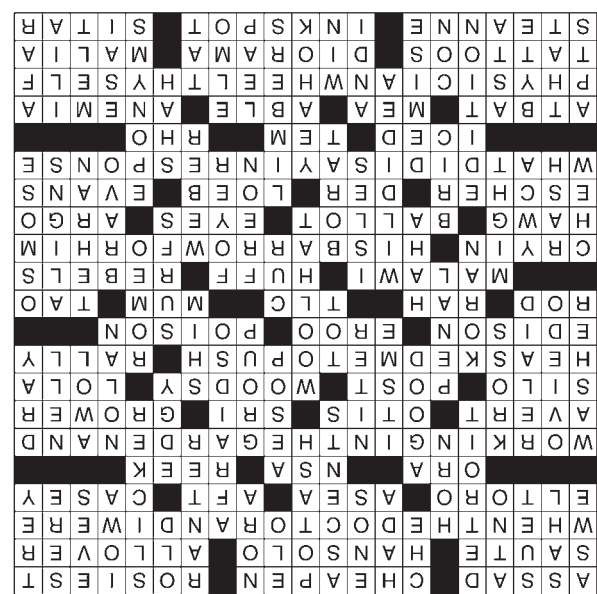
WEEKLY SUDOKU By Linda Thistle

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.



WEEKLY SUDOKU

PUZZLE ANSWERS



SUPER CROSSWORD

AtTheMovies

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Mother's Day

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Romantic comedy, drama
Director: Garry Marshall

Keanu

Rated: R
Genre: Comedy
Director: Peter Atencio

Meet the Blacks

Rated: R
Starring: Action, drama
Director: Deon Taylor

High-Rise

Rated: R
Genre: Action, drama, science fiction
Director: Ben Wheatley

Top-grossing July 15-17

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|---|--|
| 1 Star Trek Beyond (Week No. 1)
\$59,253,211 | 6 Finding Dory (Week No. 6)
\$7,234,806 |
| 2 The Secret Life of Pets (Week No. 3)
\$29,607,210 | 7 The Legend of Tarzan (Week No. 4)
\$6,576,417 |
| 3 Lights Out (Week No. 1)
\$21,688,103 | 8 Mike and David Need Wedding Dates (Week No. 3)
\$4,385,285 |
| 4 Ice Age: Collision Course (Week No. 1)
\$21,373,064 | 9 Hillary's America (Week No. 2)
\$3,964,646 |
| 5 Ghostbusters (Week No. 2)
\$21,009,831 | 10 The Infiltrator (Week No. 2)
\$3,328,382 |

Picking the Flicks



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

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



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



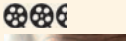
Ghostbusters

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



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



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



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



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 Thurmeie



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



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



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



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



Jason Bourne

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Jason Bourne, now remembering who he truly is, tries to uncover hidden truths about his past.
Starring: Matt Damon, Tommy Lee Jones, Alicia Vikander
Director: Paul Greengrass



Bad Moms

Rated: R
Plot Overview: When three overworked and under-appreciated moms are pushed beyond their limits, they ditch their conventional responsibilities for a jolt of long overdue freedom, fun and comedic self-indulgence.
Starring: Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell
Director: Jon Lucas, Scott Moore



Nerve

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A high school senior finds herself immersed in an online game of truth or dare, where her every move starts to become manipulated by an anonymous community of "watchers."
Starring: Emma Roberts, Dave Franco, Emily Meade
Director: Henry Joost, Ariel Schulman



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Animal Services Center competition nets nearly 1,000 items

By Mike Cook
Las Cruces Bulletin

Nearly 1,000 towels, blankets and other items were donated and delivered to the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) as a result of a friendly competition between the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County.

A total of 979 items were donated, with 495 credited to the county and 484 to the city.

“This month-long competition was a lot of fun for everyone who participated, and both the city and county collection sites had good traffic,” said Liz Reed, manager of the county Rural Outreach Assistance Pro-

gram office, and the coordinator for the county drive.

“When the final count was done on July 1, the donations to the county sites edged those to the city’s sites by less than a dozen,” she said. “We appreciate the friendly nature of the competition, and everyone who donated can rest assured that the real winners are the shelter animals.”

Reed said she “got the idea for the competition after hearing Maritza Ortiz from ASCMV speak during the pet showcase section of an April board of county commissioners meeting. Martiza stated how the center was in dire need for towels and



PHOTO BY TABITHA ROSSMAN

Toys and dog beds were among the items donated to the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley during the friendly competition between the city and the county.

blankets. I contacted Jamey (Rickman) with the idea and the rest is history.”
“Many thanks to everyone in the community

who contributed items to this donation drive,” said city Council and Constituent Services Coordinator Jamey L. Rickman, who coordinated the competition for the city. “These items are a comfort to the animals during their stay at the animal shelter, and help the ASCMV employees with their care of the animals.”

Of the 484 total items collected by the city, 267 were towels and 45 were blankets, Rickman said. Other donations included cat and dog food and toys, sheets, pillow cases, lengths of material, cat and dog beds, house training pads, etc.

“In addition to the 265

towels and 67 blankets that were donated on the county side of the competition, people also donated pillow cases, pet brushes, pet apparel, cat litter, disinfectant wipes, cat and dog food, sheets, bed spreads, dog treats, rugs, pet carriers, a crate, a pooper scooper and pet toys,” said Reed.

All the donations have been delivered to ASCMV.

“There is no prize for the winner,” Rickman said. “The recognition is simply the community support of the donations.” City and county employees were recognized at the July 5 city council meeting.

To make additional donations and for more in-

PETS OF THE WEEK

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley Pet of the Week

Are you in need of a friend that is loyal, loving, caring and sweet? Well look no further than Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley: here’s Eugene. This handsome male black and white brindle Hound mix is an excellent dog who does well on the leash, loves to cuddle and is perfect for either a home or an apartment. Eugene has been at ASCMV for over ten months and is in need of his forever home. Come meet him at ASCMV and see how great he is. Hours of Operation are noon to 6 p.m., Monday thru Friday; noon to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Call: 382-0018.



EUGENE

Charlie is a sensational senior out for a stroll. Get more information on Charlie at shaspets.com or call 575-805-5338.



Mulligans Fore Mutts happens this weekend

Mulligans Fore Mutts fundraiser benefitting ACTION Programs for Animals is Saturday, July 30 at Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre.

Registration: 9 a.m.; shotgun start: 10 a.m. Sign up online.

Participants receive a pass to play Picacho Hills on a later date as well as a \$100 gift card from Travis Mathew for test driving a Bravo Chevrolet vehicle.

After party (5 to 8 p.m.) featuring singer Chris Baker includes a silent auction.

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Why did the elephant paint himself different colors?
ANSWER: So he could hide in the crayon box.



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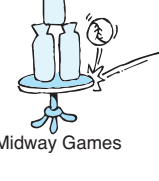
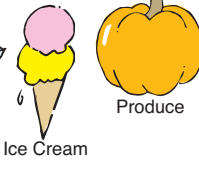
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SUMMERTIME FAIRS

Long ago ...

Farm families came to sell their goods and proudly display their best produce, stitchery, canned goods and animals.

Fairs were also a place to hear speakers and music and get up and dance. People took turns at the midway games to show off their strength.

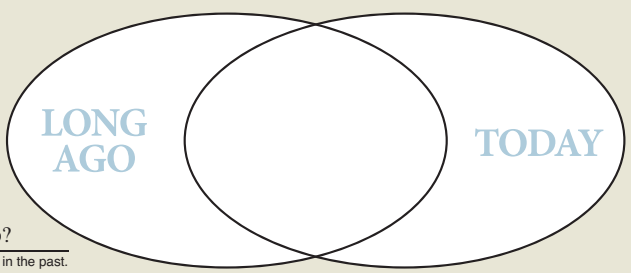


Today ...

Members of 4-H clubs show the animals they have raised and compete for recognition. Popular animal competitions include sheep, pigs, calves and chickens as well as llamas. People play modern midway games and line up to go on roller coasters, Ferris wheels and other rides.

Now & Then

Pictured above are items found at fairs over the years. In the circle on the left, write the names of items that could only be found at fairs 100 years ago. In the circle on the right, list things you could only find at a fair today.



Where the two ovals overlap, write the names of items you could find at fairs today AND in the past. Can you think of things to add to each group?

Standards Link: History: Understand families and communities now and in the past.



BALLOON POP!

WIN A PRIZE!

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Katie and Nathan played the Balloon Pop game on the fair's midway. Katie popped odd-numbered balloons and Nathan popped the ones with even numbers. Add up each. Who got the highest score?

Fair Favorites

Ask 10 or more people to pick their favorite part of the fair from among the following choices. Color in a box on the graph to show each person's preference.

CHALLENGE: Make up questions about your completed graph. Then show the graph to a family member and ask your questions.

Standards Link: Data: Organizes, displays, reads and interprets data.

Extra! Extra! News Graph

Use this graph to gather data about what's in your newspaper. Comb the newspaper for pictures or references to the items on the list. Color in a box for every picture or reference you find.

MEN	
WOMEN	
ANIMALS	
VEHICLES	
HOUSES	
BASEBALL	
MOVIES	
FOOD	
WEATHER	
FESTIVALS	

Standards Link: Data: Organizes, displays, reads and interprets data.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Livestock Scramble

Young people bring their finest livestock to fairs. Unscramble the word below each kid to find out which animal he or she brought.

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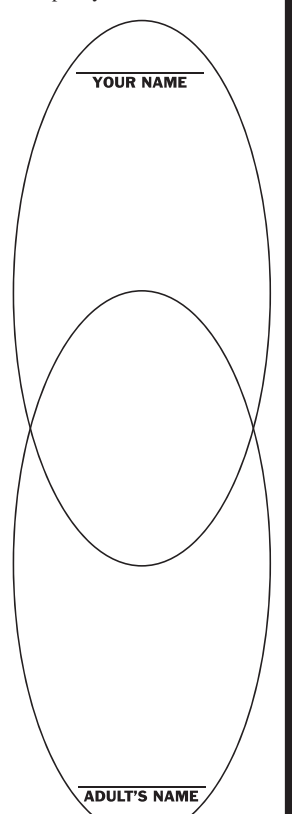
Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly

Kid Scoop Together: VENN DIAGRAM

With a parent or other adult at home, look through the newspaper for the following:

- Five things that have been invented since your adult partner turned 20
- Five things that are part of both your life today and your partner's childhood life
- Five things you think will look different or function differently in 20 years

With your partner, complete the VENN diagram below to compare your childhoods.



Double Double Word Search

FAIRS TRADITION PRODUCE ANIMALS EXHIBITS MODERN MIDWAY FERRIS DANCE CLOCK RIDES TRADE HALLS TODAY LINE

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

E	X	H	I	B	I	T	S	C	E
S	C	E	E	D	A	R	T	C	L
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A	C	E	W	D	O	I	R	I	R
H	K	D	A	R	R	T	D	N	R
T	I	O	P	S	E	I	S	E	I
M	T	M	Y	A	D	O	T	A	S
T	S	L	A	M	I	N	A	E	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Fun at the Fair

Look through the newspaper to find five events that might be held at a fair. Write a short story that includes all five events. Bring your story to a climatic ending on a triumphant note.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Use strategies to write for a variety of purposes.

Write On! Human Power

What can you do for entertainment that does not use electricity?

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word MIDWAY in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

D	W	M	I	Y	A
W		I			
	A	D		W	I
I	W	A			
Y	I	A	W		D
	M	Y		I	W

Las Cruces Catholic church to participate in 2016 Convocation

Bulletin report

The American National Catholic Church (ANCC) will hold its national convocation on August 11-13 at a retreat center in northern Maryland. This year's theme, taken from Psalm 100, is "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Laity and clergy from par-

ishes across the nation, including representatives from Holy Family Catholic Church of Las Cruces will convene for worship as well as a number of workshops that explore social justice, theological formation and liturgical planning.

The American National

Catholic Church is an inclusive Catholic community, independent of the Roman Catholic Church, dedicated to making the world a more caring place. Guided by a presiding bishop, the ANCC celebrates the same sacraments as the Roman Church and follows the spirit of reform initiated

by the Second Vatican Council. Although sharing core theological and liturgical practices with Roman Catholicism, the ANCC differs on several major points, such as married clergy, female priests, divorce and re-marriage, same-sex marriage and lay leadership.

Holy Family American National Catholic Church, 702 Parker Rd., has been in existence for over 20 years and claims participation of 100 families. It is served by Fr. Jim Lehman, FCM and Fr. Louie Amezaga. For more information, call 644-5025 or visit www.TheANCC.org.

RELIGION LISTINGS

Dinner and a Movie at Cross of Christ Lutheran

All are invited for Dinner and a Movie starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, July 30 at 2540 El Paseo Road with pizza followed by the movie "God's Not Dead," which tells the story of a student who defends his faith in the class of a confident, but troubled, atheist professor. Regular Sunday morning services are at 10 a.m. For more information, visit crossofchristlc.com, on Facebook or call 649-5458.

Roundtable discussion at Unitarian Universalist Church

Final Roundtable discussion takes place at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 31 in the sanctuary, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The topic is: "Reform or Eliminate Prisons? II" by Jan Thompson, who will share her years of experience as a counselor of ex-offenders and advocate for alternatives to prison. The first session is not a prerequisite for participating in the second session.

Vacation Bible School at Bethel Second Baptist

Bethel Second Baptist Church announces the 2016 Vacation Bible School will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 3 through Friday, Aug. 5, at 405 E. Hadley Ave. The theme this summer is "The Ultimate Climb - Hiking up to Meet God. Exodus 34:2b." The public is invited. For information, email bsb-church1001@qwestoffice.net.

Communion service every Sunday at First Christian

First Christian Church announces a communion service at 10:15 a.m. every

Sunday at St. John's Catholic Church of Antioch in the side chapel, 1809 El Paseo Road. Open to all. For information, visit www.stjohnscatholicchurchofantioch.org or call 621-0255.

Course in Miracles at Tesoro Integrative Health Center

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays at 1605 S. Main St. is a complete self-study spiritual thought system with Edward Alvarez. A \$5 donation is suggested. For information, call 541-5660.

Holy Family National Catholic Church daily mass and liturgy of the hours

At 10 a.m. Tuesday through Friday is Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer in the St. Francis Chapel. Evening prayer is at 5:15 p.m. with mass at 5:30. Open to all at 702 Parker Road. For information, call 644-5025.

Men's prayer meeting at Heart of the World

Prayer meeting takes place at 7 a.m. on Saturday mornings at the church every week. Manny Howie leads the prayer. Located at 1605 S. Valley Dr. For information, call 523-1113.

Seventh Day Adventist worship service

Worship service at 9:30 a.m.; Sabbath School at 11 a.m.; Bible study at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at 240 Three Crosses. For information, call 526-5623.

Men's prayer breakfast at First Baptist Church

Join First Baptist from 7 to 9 a.m. every Tuesday for a breakfast in the fellowship hall. For information, call 524-3691.

New Agape Sunday night non-denomination service

The New Agape Christian Church offers a scriptural, theological, historical and scientific look at the Prophets at 5:45 p.m., Sundays at the Dream Center, 6th and Wilson Streets. Agape is an all-people's church; everyone welcome. Children's church provided; for information, call Pastor Herb at 650 -3915.

Mission Lutheran Sunday school, services and education

Mission Lutheran Church and School welcomes all at 9 a.m. on Sundays for fellowship, followed at 9:15 a.m. with Sunday school for adults and children. Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. at 5725 Roadrunner Parkway. Mission Lutheran has an accredited day school for preschool through fifth grade, where the children receive a solid Christian education in a loving, supportive environment. For information about church activities, call 522-0465; for information about the school, call 532-5489.

Discover the Faith classes at Mission Lutheran

Mission Lutheran Church will be of-

fering a class for people who are new to the faith or who would like a refresher course on what being a Lutheran is all about from 1 to 3 p.m., starting Tuesday, July 26 at the church. The class continues for several weeks. For information, call 522-0465.

Peace Lutheran Church prayer groups

Centering Prayer meets at 9 a.m. on Saturdays for 20 to 30 minutes. Women Gather for Prayer meets from 4 to 5 p.m. Peace Lutheran is located at 1701 E. Missouri. Call the church office for information at 522-7119.

Trinity Lutheran welcomes young worshippers

Children and families are invited to join Trinity Lutheran at 9 a.m. for the regular Sunday worship with Holy Communion at the church at 2900 Elks Dr. Sunday school for children and youth is also held at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. In a child-friendly environment, children meet and worship God through songs, prayer and Bible stories. All are welcome to join. Please call 523-4232 for information or visit the church's website: www.trinitylutheranlc.org.



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FROM THE GROUND UP

Building in the beauty begs a woman's touch

By **Susie Ouder Kirk**
Las Cruces Bulletin

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the seventh installment in a series that chronicles the building of a New Mexican home, from the ground up.

This phase of the building of the "From the Ground Up" house could be called rough for a number of reasons. Contractor Daniel Kolson is in the middle of the "above-ground rough in," which is how he would describe progress on the house to another contractor.

To the rest of us, this phase looks a lot like the last phase, which was a peek into what goes behind the walls. The walls are still wooden frames (insulation and Sheetrock are next on the agenda) but now the "undergarments" of the house are in place: comfortable underwear (plumbing), a well-fitting brassiere (HVAC) and silky stockings (electrical), which is the culmination of work by three separate trade companies.

The house now has metal ductwork for the heating and cooling (HVAC) systems, courtesy of Metalcraft, and electrical wiring and fittings by OC Browning. JV Plumbing installed the plumbing and Villages Construction completed the initial paper and wire phase of the stucco.

Whereas the plumbing and electricity were previously "stubbed up," they are now "roughed in." A walk-through still

shows exposed wires, PVC pipe and 2 x 4s, but everything is taped up, labelled and tucked away and seems to be waiting for something.

Indeed.

"Now we're waiting on inspections," Kolson said. "Lots of inspections."

Each trade— HVAC, electrical, and plumbing— requires an inspector's approval before the stucco-ed walls get their evaluation, which is called a "lath inspection."

"This can be a little tedious," he said. "Not my favorite part of building."

This phase makes Kolson feel "no progress is happening," even though he knows the build is on schedule.

The waiting game continues until all the inspections pass, so in the meantime, Kolson has turned his attention to some of the more subjective decisions. He admits he needs a woman's opinion about some of the "softer" elements of the build, such as light fixtures, cabinets and appliances, and has called on his wife, Sarah, to assist with some of the more subjective decisions.

Sarah Kolson started her career in real estate where she was able to see the many different styles of design in Las Cruces.

Real estate "truly helped me develop my own particular design aesthetic," she said. "Building our first personal house gave me the confidence to work on all our following homes.

Now, I think, in each home I have helped Daniel design it is evident how important a 'designer's eye' is from the need to tie one finish into another to how significant the perfect balance of the interior finishes must be. The finishes have to be just right - so they enhance and not compete with the exterior views that are specific to each home."

The Kolsons are working with Designer's Mart for lighting.

"We have tried other lighting companies over the years, but we really do keep going back to Designer's Mart," said Sarah Kolson. "They have worked with us so much over the years that now when we go in they know our particular style of design."

They always find a fixture that is "just the right combination of two different styles and then custom order to our tastes," she said. "It's nice being able to drop off a set of building plans and know they will figure exactly what we will need — from built-in ceiling



COURTESY PHOTO

The ductwork has been artfully installed for heating, cooling and ventilation by Metalcraft Co.

lighting to the number of fans in each room."

Her style for the budding house is understated but still Southwestern with a "slightly more modern direction. We have chosen a lot of iron finishes for the fixtures with slightly frosted glass. There is so much natural wood that is being incorporated into the design, that I thought it was important to bring another slightly contrasting element into the home. The iron will help

carry the natural grey from the kitchen cabinets and granite slabs

into the rest of the home."

As for color scheme, it will be from a "truly warm southwestern palette" inspired by the surrounding desert landscape, she said.

A husband and wife working together might encounter some challenges but, Sarah Kolson said, "I have to say for the most part our sense of style is very similar. When we do disagree, it is more over the "costly" styles I continually insist upon, from the newest lighting to the extra finishes that make each house special."

Husband Daniel gives in a lot more than most builders would, she said.

"I am sure many women have used this approach, and I know he is probably quite aware of my methods by now, but I always go into a discussion asking for far more than I know he will agree to and then narrow down my list to the pre-existing essentials I came into the negotiation with."



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Roewe, Carlona selected to real estate presidencies

Bulletin report

The Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR) and the Southern New Mexico Multiple Listing Service (SNMMLS) announce that, based on a recent selection process, David Roewe of Exit Realty will become the LCAR President for 2017 and Janina Carlona of Exit Realty will become the SNMMLS President for 2017.

“Growing up, my mother was a Realtor and the president of her local Real-

tor association,” Roewe said. “In her day she had to go to each listing office to get a key to show every house she was going to show. Their MLS was a book that was updated weekly with new listings and you had just one photo for each listing.”

Today, real estate agents have an elec-



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tronic key that gives immediate access, Roewe said.

“I am honored to step into the shoes of those that have gone ahead of me, like my mother, to protect the American dream of home ownership and give back to the community that makes my profession and livelihood possible,” he said.

Janina Carlona said, “I enjoy serving our association. I served as the LCAR Treasurer in 2012, and I am currently on the board of directors for the Las Cruces Association of Realtors and the Multiple Listing Service. When the opportunity for MLS President opened up I decided to throw my hat in the ring ... I encourage all Realtors to get involved in their Association and have a voice in their business.”

‘Wine Spectator’ announces winners of 2016 awards

Cruces’ Pecan Grill & Brewery makes the list again

Bulletin report

Great restaurants not only serve delicious food—they also are passionate about wine. “Wine Spectator,” the world’s leading authority on wine, has released the winners of the 2016 Restaurant Awards, which recognize outstanding wine programs.

Wine Spectator began its program to recognize the world’s best wine lists in 1981 with three award levels: Excellence, Best of Excellence and Grand.

Las Cruces’ Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor, received its fourth Excellence Award in four years. Santa Teresa’s Billy Crew’s Dining Room, 1200

Country Club Road received its 30th Grand Award since 1986.

The Award of Excellence recognizes restaurants whose wine lists feature a well-chosen assortment of quality producers along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style. Best of Award of Excellence recipients offer more extensive selections with significant vintage depth and excellent breadth across multiple regions.

The Grand Award is the program’s highest honor. This elite group comprises the world’s best wine programs, which deliver serious

breadth of top producers, outstanding depth in mature vintages, a selection of large-format bottles, excellent harmony with the menu and superior presentation. “Wine Spectator” carefully assesses each Grand Award candidate, including rigorous independent, on-site inspections of the wine program, cellar, service, ambiance and cuisine of the restaurant.

The complete list of award winners is available in print in Wine Spectator’s August issue, on newsstands currently; online at Restaurants.WineSpectator.com, where visitors can search and access exclusive content on the more than 3,500 restaurants; and on iOS via the Restaurant Awards app, which allows users to look for dining spots in any location, choosing by wine strengths, cuisine type, pricing and more.

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SBA and AARP hosting events for entrepreneurs age 50 and up

By **Susie Ouder Kirk**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The U.S. Small Business Administration and AARP are renewing the “Summer of Encore Mentoring,” targeting entrepreneurs over the age of 50 in the Las Cruces area who want to start or grow their small business. The 2015 program was deemed a success by both partners and will again match up encore entrepreneurs with successful business owners, community leaders and advisers for advice, counseling and training assistance.

“Summer of Encore Mentoring” events, two of which take place in El Paso in August, 2016 consist of events that pair encore entrepreneurs with mentors. The events help to connect entrepreneurs with mentors from SBA’s resource partner network of Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs), Women’s Business Centers (WBCs), and SCORE chapters that can help with every stage of a business’ life cycle.

“The Encore Mentoring Session is to promote the SBA programs and services to people over 50,” said SBA Deputy District Director Jose L. Campos. “Although we are targeting the people over 50, these sessions are open to everybody.”

Participants from Las Cruces will find the El Paso events closer and more convenient than similar sessions in Albuquerque, but the content will be the same.

“Our programs are the same in all 50 states,” Campos said.

“Summer of Encore Mentoring” is a collaboration by the SBA and AARP to promote entrepreneurship among individuals ages 50 and older. The joint partnership, which began in 2012, has educated and trained over 475,000 existing and promising encore entrepreneurs.

Surveys have shown that 63 percent of Americans are planning to work during retirement, and small business ownership is a good option. Small business owners who receive long-term counseling see bigger sales, hire more workers and have more longevity.

The SBA and AARP will provide the training and mentoring services that older entrepreneurs need to successfully start and grow businesses, hire employees and create jobs within their communities.

For more information on encore entrepreneurship or to find a local event, visit www.sba.gov/encore or www.aarp.org/StartaBusiness.

Want to go?

“Summer of Encore Mentoring” events, aimed at entrepreneurs age 50 and over, are planned in Albuquerque and El Paso next month:

- 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5 at SBA NM District Office, 500 Gold Ave. SW, Suite 11301, Albuquerque
 - 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 at El Paso Public Library, Memorial Park Branch, 3200 Copper Ave., El Paso, TX
 - 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 at El Paso Public Library, Esperanza Acosta Moreno Branch, 12480 Pebble Hills, El Paso, TX
- For information, contact Jordan Ripley at 505-248-8250.

SENIOR SCENE

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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.

‘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.

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 for seniors 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@comcast.net.

Designing Healthy Communities: Series to air on CLC-TV Channel 20

As part of the City of Las Cruces’ Plan4LasCruces community engagement, the City will air the four-part PBS TV series, “Designing Healthy Communities.” The series will be available for viewing on CLC-TV, Comcast cable channel 20 and streamed on CLCTV.COM.

“Designing Healthy Communities” narrator Richard Jackson, MD, MPH, looks at the impact our built environment has on key public health indices –

obesity, diabetes, heart disease, asthma, cancer and depression.

Dr. Jackson connects bad community design with burgeoning health costs, then analyzes and illustrates what citizens are doing about this urgent crisis by looking upstream for innovative solutions.

Each hour-long segment will air at 8 p.m. MDT on consecutive Thursdays.

The schedule is as follows:

Episode 1 - Thursday, July 28:

Retrofitting Suburbs

Episode 2 – Thursday, Aug. 4: Rebuilding Places of the Heart

Episode 3 – Thursday, Aug. 11: Social Policies in Concrete

Episode 4 – Thursday, Aug. 18: Searching for Shangri-La

In addition, each segment will air and stream various times throughout the week.

For more information, contact Brian Byrd with the City of Las Cruces at 528-3209 or bbyrd@las-cruces.org

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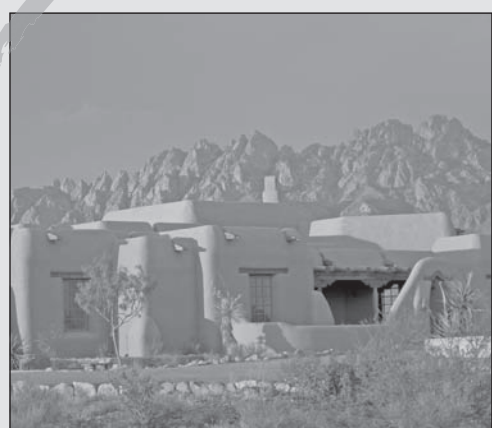
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Team shines in emergency responders' competition

By Dana Beasley
For the Bulletin

In an effort to improve the safety and efficiency of the country's more than 23 million emergency responders, a team from New Mexico State University recently tied for first place for its development of tactical communication software as part of an international competition sponsored by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Lincoln Laboratory.

Dubbed the "Icehouse Challenge," the goal of the competition was to enhance a responder's situation awareness during emergencies by using wearable communication devices, such as smart phones, smart bands and smart eyeglasses. After two rounds of elimination based on proposals and prototypes, the final round of the competition was held in June during the 2016 IEEE Body Sensor Networks Conference in San



PHOTO BY DARREN PHILLIPS

NMSU graduate students Sultan Alharthi, left, and Hitesh Nidhi Sharma, right, along with Assistant Professor of Computer Science Zach Toups, demonstrate a wearable disaster response simulation game they developed. The game tied for first in the Icehouse Challenge, as part of the 2016 Body Sensor Networks Conference in San Francisco.

Francisco.

"We have millions of first responders who risk their lives every day, so any kind of technological support that we can provide is potentially beneficial," said Zach Toups, project adviser and assistant professor of computer science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"I've always seen it as a space where people are kind of underserved as far as technology goes, so it's a good opportunity to design things that are helpful."

Icehouse is a six-room, virtual training environment where real first responders and special operators "play" the roles

of workers entering a dangerous situation. The NMSU team and other developers were tasked with creating technologies to help the workers perform their duties while also minimizing exposure to various threats.

"The main idea of the challenge was to look at technology and see if it's ready for disaster responders or not," said Hitesh Nidhi Sharma, a computer science masters student who helped design the software. "They were trying to see if these kinds of new, wearable technology are actually useable in real contexts or not – that's why they set up this virtual game to simulate a real environment, and then see if the technology can be used in this semi-simulated environment, and maybe in real life as well."

Using mixed reality, threats are electronically simulated and range from chemical hazards

and explosions, to fires or injuries to team members.

At the conference, members of the U.S. Coast Guard – equipped with an Android cell-phone, a Sony Smart Band and Sony Smart Eyeglasses – tested out the final software designs by going to separate "rooms" in the Icehouse and checking in at computer stations to see what threat was in that location. To alleviate the problem, first responders had to conduct different activities that simulated the physical exertion needed in real-life rescue scenarios.

For example, "the way you would put a fire out is by getting your heart rate up, so they're jogging in place with fitness bands on," Toups said. "It's supposed to require this physical exertion, but also simulate the need to make choices about which room to tackle first – what order do you deal with things in."

The equipment and software helped the emergency responders better communicate by providing decision support among team members, while also monitoring team members' physiology and relaying data through displays in the smart glasses.

"The most important part of all of this is to find some way to help the disaster responders maintain situation awareness between the workers," said Sultan Alharthi, a team member and interdisciplinary doctoral student. "So four workers have to keep track of all of their teammates through their heart rates, through the vital data that we collect."

Programs were judged based on quality, user experience and quantitative metrics, including mission completion time, level of effort, length of exposure to hazards and threats neutralized.

Local law enforcement agencies to try 'crash map' app

By Joanne Ferrary
For the Bulletin

On Friday, July 22, the Mesilla Valley DWI Resource Center (MVDWIRC) unveiled a new crash mapping application specifically designed for the county's law enforcement agencies to use in preventing DWI crashes.

In 2015, MVDWIRC, comprised of victims of DWI, became increasingly concerned over the shortage of manpower in some of the law enforcement agencies. The group was seeing fewer DWI arrests and many were being made only as a result of a crash. MVDWIRC

set out to find a way to help reduce impaired driving in the county.

It didn't have to look far; its parent group, the DWI Resource Center based in Albuquerque, had developed a crash map application several years ago with a Department of Justice Community Policing (COPS) grant.

The MVDWIRC and the DWI Resource Center (DWIRC) met with local law enforcement and discussed the possibility of both agencies using an interactive tool that could map high risk areas around the county and assist in the

DWI and traffic efforts, essentially replicating the earlier application. The agencies were enthused to see the tool possibly coming back into use, but hesitant due to the initial cost of \$35,500. In the end, MVDWIRC decided they would underwrite the funds necessary to get the original application updated and enhanced.

The application uses data from previous crashes over a period of years, applies a formula and produces results to visually show intersections or stretches of highway that are at high risk (or hot spots) for

crashes occurring on a particular day of the week and time of day. It uses a predictive model based on past crash activity.

With law enforcement resources limited and the large geographic area of the county, placing these resources strategically can result in fewer crashes.

The DWI Resource Center had reviewed what occurs when a proactive (before a crash) arrest occurs versus a reactive arrest (after a crash) and found that for every 100 proactive arrests there were 12 fewer crashes over a 12-

month period.

The MVDWIRC and the Center are providing this application to the Doña Ana county law enforcement agencies to test its efficacy and utility in reducing DWI in the county. The MVDWIRC and the Center will pursue funding to enable the continued use of this tool beyond the initial four-month period. The state's Traffic Safety Division has expressed interest in providing continued funding for Doña Ana County law enforcement's use of this application.

The application can be found at www.nmcrashmaps.com.



NMSU PHOTO BY ADRIANA M. CHAVEZ

A group of faculty members recently participated in an inter-professional immersion training at the College of Education at NMSU. The college's Counseling and Educational Psychology department has received a \$900,000 grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to increase and improve behavioral health services in medically underserved communities.

Prof earns \$900,000 grant to assist communities

By **Adriana M. Chavez**
For the Bulletin

Eve Adams, a professor in New Mexico State University's College of Education, has received a \$900,000 grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration that will help increase and improve behavioral health services in medically underserved communities.

Adams is a professor in the Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology. She said the overall goal of the project is to increase the number of trainees in counseling psychology who have been taught how to engage in inter-professional collaboration with mental health counseling, nursing, social work, pharmacy and family medicine trainees in order to provide culturally sensitive, integrative primary care services in a medically underserved community.

The project is titled "Graduate Psychology Education Program: Integrated Primary Care Behavioral Health Training on the U.S.-

Mexico Border."

The expansion will include a pre-doctoral intern from the NMSU Counseling Center in addition to six counseling psychology doctoral students in the Counseling Psychology academic program per year, for a total of 21 counseling psychology trainees through a three-year period. The total number of trainees involved across all of the health-care professions will be 147.

"We have received funding from the GPE program for 11 years and we are delighted to receive three more years of funding," Adams said. "With this funding we are able to hire more supervisors for our doctoral students who are providing much-needed behavioral health services at La Clinica de Familia and the Family Medicine Center at Memorial Medical."

Adams said counseling psychology doctoral students will learn how to work in inter-professional teams with family medicine and pharmacy

residents, nursing doctoral students and masters students in public health, social work and counseling in order to provide integrated healthcare.

"In addition, we can continue our Spanish counseling supervision and training for our bilingual students," Adams said.

The Interprofessional Immersion component of the grant took place July 5-8. The grant's co-principal investigator, Daubney Harper, a college assistant professor in the Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology, has implemented most of the grant-related curriculum and provided much of the on-site supervision.

"I'm elated that the funding from HRSA will continue to support our program," Harper said. "Psychologists can be an instrumental part in healthcare and it's imperative that they are trained alongside other healthcare professionals in order to provide the best possible patient care."

Tesoro launches capital campaign

Bulletin report

Tesoro Integrative Health Center announces its "I Choose Health! Capital Campaign" to purchase the business property it has rented for four years. The nonprofit reports this is not a traditional capital campaign that raises money through donations and fundraising. Instead, Tesoro invites the Las Cruces community to invest in the property.

Tesoro Integrative Health Center is a nonprofit that provides Las Cruces and southern New Mexico with comprehensive holistic healthcare.

The focus of the campaign is to build an investment cooperative. "I Choose Health! Capital Campaign" is structured as a cooperative, owned

and operated for the benefit of its owner/members. The concept is modeled after other successful similar cooperatives across the country.

"This co-op is generating excitement. People want to support local business," said Patricia McClure, Tesoro's executive director. "This project gives people the opportunity to do just that."

The public is invited to a question-and-answer session from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main St.

For information, visit the Tesoro website at www.tesorohealthcenter.com, call 541-5660 or email tihealthcenter@gmail.com.

HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

Stress reduction classes at Mesilla Valley Hospice

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) classes are being offered at the Mesilla Valley Hospice 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.

Jazzercise Fitness Center, 3217 El Camino Real. The camp offers a high-energy experience with an emphasis on physical fitness. Camp features theme days, arts and crafts, snacks and an end-of-camp performance. Participants receive a camp shirt. Cost is \$90. Sibling discounts and early bird registration discounts are available. For information, call 941-705-0800, email lascrucjesjuniorjazzercise@yahoo.com or visit the Jazzercise Las Cruces Facebook page.

Junior Jazzercise Summer camp

Children ages 4-12 are invited to Junior Jazzercise Jazzerkamp from noon to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1 through Aug. 5 at Las Cruces

La Clinica de Familia Health Fair Aug. 10

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