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Judge issues red light on traffic cams

Due process being violated, court says

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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After nearly four years of fighting a speeding citation by one of Las Cruces' "red light cameras," one resident's objection has been upheld by a state District Court judge who agrees the appeal system for the controversial program violates due process protections guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution.

In late 2009, a vehicle owned by Cristobal Rodriguez was issued a speeding ticket through the city's Safe Traffic Operations Program (STOP) in which automated cameras were set up at four intersections in the city. Rodriguez first tried to get the ticket thrown out by the STOP's internal appeal process, saying that he was not driving the vehicle and questioning the method used to calculate the car's speed through the intersection.

When the appeal was denied, Rodriguez took it to the next step, which is a civil matter in state District Court because STOP citations are not criminal citations. In his District Court suit, Rodriguez said he was appealing on the Fifth Amendment protecting people against self incrimination and the 14th Amendment guaranteeing due process.

In a 30-page ruling issued Thursday, May 2, Judge Manuel Arrieta agreed with Rodriguez there was a due process problem in the appeal process. According to the ruling, Rodriguez was assured the cameras were regularly checked and that there was a calculation method for determining a vehicle's speed. The problem is that the STOP appeal process doesn't have the same rules for proof of evidence – an expert attesting to the methodology used – that would be required in a court case, according to Arrieta.

In the past, city officials have defended the STOP appeal process, saying that as a civil citation the more burdensome rules of evidence used in court aren't needed because it is more of an administrative procedure.

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Walkin' and rollin' to school

Central Elementary School second graders Mariah Herrera and Abigail Ortega lead a group of fellow students on Walk and Roll to School Day Wednesday, May 8, in honor of International Bike to School Day. Nine schools under the Las Cruces Public Schools umbrella participated in the annual event.

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Heroes heralded at Red Cross breakfast

Event highlights local heroics

By **Todd G. Dickson**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Not all the heroes being recognized as heroes by the American Red Cross this year stand on two feet, but all were sure-footed in answering the call in a time of crisis.

Stealing the show – and hopefully bites of bacon – at this year's Red Cross Real Heroes breakfast Wednesday, May 8, was Splash, a 10-year-old border collie-Portuguese water dog mix and a four-legged member of the Mesilla Valley Search and Rescue team for the past eight years.

In February 2012, it was Splash who was able to bring closure to a family by finding the remains of a lost hiker in the

Gila Wilderness.

The other stories shared at the breakfast, held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, told of lives saved by quick-thinking people, both in the roles of first responders and as neighbors.

The animal kingdom conflicting with civilization created a situation last year, when a swarm of bees at the Alameda House attacked a tree trimmer. Firefighters James Casteel, Jason Smith, Jose Granados and Kyle Kozlowski arrived at the scene where they found a man unconscious and completely covered in bees.

They sprayed the bees with a CO2 extinguisher, allowing the man to be moved to where he could be sprayed with foam to

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LCPS may change graduation schedule

Weekday ceremonies weighed

By **Todd G. Dickson**
Las Cruces Bulletin

High school graduations for the Las Cruces Public Schools district will be held next weekend, but convenience for families to participate may change because of the scheduling of state championship sport games.

The New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) scheduling of championship games the same weekend has presented conflicts for senior athletes in the past and will again next year. Jo Galvan, LCPS spokeswoman, said the Las Cruces school board has approved next year's academic calendar – with the exception of setting high school graduation dates.

High school athletic officials estimate that 135 seniors participating in baseball, softball and track could be facing that same tough choice next school year.

LCPS staff and parents have recently been asked to give their thoughts about moving the graduations to a weekday. Galvan said there are two options being considered: to hold graduations on different weekday evenings May 19-22, 2014, or to let out all high school classes for one day Tuesday, May 20, 2014, for a day of graduation ceremonies at the four main high schools.

Galvan said she had already received nearly 600 emails and the district is open to more input before the school board makes a

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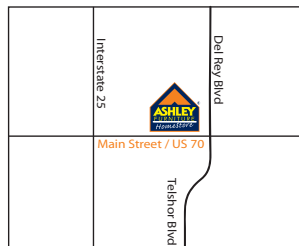
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Carruthers to lead NMSU

Public reception slated for new president

By **Todd G. Dickson**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With no contract negotiation snags expected in making Garrey Carruthers the next president of New Mexico State University, regents have scheduled a reception for the former New Mexico governor and NMSU College of Business dean from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, May 10, in the lobby of Hadley Hall.

The community and the campus are invited to attend and meet Carruthers. Refreshments will be served.

Regents met Monday, May 6, to select Carruthers, following three days of debate and deliberations behind closed doors. The vote was not unanimous. Regents Chair Mike Cheney and regents Kari Mitchell and Jordan Banegas voted for Carruthers, while regents Isaac Pino and Javier Gonzales voted for finalist Daniel Howard, a dean at the University of Colorado-Denver and former 20-year professor at NMSU.

Those voting for Carruthers cited his wide range of experience – as an NMSU professor and dean, former governor and former business entrepreneur – while also noting his familiarity and loyalty to NMSU.

Gonzales and Pino said they favored Howard because of his extensive accomplishments as academic and college administrator. That they made their statements of support by phone and Gonzales being the former chair of the state Democratic Party had some saying the split vote smacked of politics.

Ron Camuñez, a local resident active in Republican politics, said the three regents who voted in favor of Carruthers are Republican and Carruthers is a Republican.

Progressive Democratic Party voices raised concerns late last week that Carruthers was the national chair of The Advancement of Sound Science Coalition, formed by tobacco company Philip Morris, from 1993 to 1998, which fought tobacco industry regulations and discounted the harm of second-hand smoke.

Some local Democratic lawmakers were also concerned that Carruthers didn't state his position on climate change at a forum during the interview phase. State Rep. Bill McCamley, who

was joined by state Reps. Nate Cote, Jeff Steinborn and Phillip Archuleta in a public letter detailing their "serious reservations" about Carruthers, said Wednesday, May 8, he stood by the sentiments in the letter because of the science-based research conducted at NMSU.

"They are still serious concerns," McCamley said.

Before her vote, Mitchell said the 11th-hour controversies were discussed at the regents deliberation, but Carruthers still best met the original goals of finding a president who had a history of accomplishment, an understanding of New Mexico and the mission of a land-grant university and who could provide leadership and accountability in the running of NMSU.



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"Garrey uniquely represents many NMSU stakeholders," Cheney said. "He was a student at NMSU, member of the faculty and he is a generous donor to the university and has valuable experience with the

state legislative process. I am proud to have an alumnus lead the university and I am confident in Garrey's commitment to the great land-grant tradition."

Mitchell said Carruthers was not a "perfect candidate."

"There are weaknesses," she said, "but there is no single candidate that is perfect."

When asked to explain her statements after the vote, Mitchell said Carruthers did need to make himself more familiar with NMSU's scientific research community.

Carruthers has been dean of NMSU's College of Business since 2003. He was governor from 1987 to 1990.

Carruthers holds a doctorate degree in economics from Iowa State University. He received master's and bachelor's degrees from NMSU, and served as an assistant secretary in the U.S. Interior Department from 1981 to 1984.

Other finalists were former Texas Tech University President Guy Bailey; former University of Nevada, Las Vegas, President David Ashley; and former Texas A&M University President Elsa Murano.

Barbara Couture resigned as NMSU president last fall and Manuel Pacheco has been serving as interim president since October 2012.

Spaceport to host tests

SpaceX's Grasshopper jumps to NM

Gov. Susana Martinez announced Tuesday, May 7, that Spaceport America offers us the physical and regulatory landscape needed to complete the next phase of Grasshopper testing," SpaceX President Gwynne Shotwell said. "We are pleased to expand our reusable rocket development infrastructure to New Mexico."

“Spaceport America offers us the physical and regulatory landscape needed to complete the next phase of Grasshopper testing.”

GWYNNE SHOTWELL,
SpaceX president

"I am thrilled that SpaceX has chosen to make New Mexico its home, bringing their revolutionary Grasshopper rocket and new jobs with them," Martinez said. "We've done a lot of work to level the playing field so we can compete in the space industry. This is just the first step in broadening the base out at the spaceport and securing even more tenants. I'm proud to welcome SpaceX to New Mexico."

SpaceX has completed its first series of successful, low-altitude tests of the Grasshopper vehicle in McGregor, Texas, and is proceeding to the next phase of development that includes testing in New Mexico. With Grasshopper, SpaceX engineers are creating technology that will enable a rocket to return to the launch pad intact for a vertical landing, rather than burning up upon re-entry in the Earth's atmosphere.

and Dragon spacecraft. SpaceX is a private company owned by management and employees, with minority investments from Founders Fund, Draper Fisher Jurvetson and Valor Equity Partners. The company has more than 3,000 employees.

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

A look at Sen. Heinrich Junior senator visits Doña Ana County

Three of our columnists this week are weighing in on the latest New Mexico State University president, Garrey Carruthers. Carruthers brings plenty of great assets to the table, and I could join the discussion but, in the interest of reducing redundancy, I'll talk about another tall, lanky New Mexican, our state's junior senator, Martin Heinrich.

For years, New Mexico's junior senator was Jeff Bingaman. Because even longer-serving Sen. Pete Domenici was elected a decade before, Bingaman retained the title of junior senator, almost comically, even when he had more than 25 years of service.

Soon after arriving in Alamogordo as a journalist in 1995, I met Domenici and Bingaman, as well as Tom Udall - now our senior senator - who was then the state's attorney general.

So while I've known about those guys for some time, I'd never encountered Heinrich. His arrival in Las Cruces last week, at two separate events, gave me a chance to meet Heinrich and gain a little insight into, if not the man, at least the senator.

I saw him first at the Community Prayer for Citizenship event presented by Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFÉ) and the next day at a meeting of the Border Industrial Association in Santa Teresa.

I did not realize Heinrich was educated as an engineer, but it made sense when I saw him at the meeting of the BIA, a group of businesses and organizations working to develop the Santa Teresa Port of Entry area.

Like a good engineer, Heinrich had a solid grasp of the big picture and had insightful questions and observations about some of the small-picture details.

Things are booming in Santa Teresa and down at the port, with companies expanding and growing, houses popping up almost overnight and construction going on at Union Pacific's massive intermodal facility night and day. BIA representatives, however, are aware competition is constant, not only from neighboring states such as Texas and Arizona, but also from China, which can make itself a player in almost any field at any time.

"We need to lead by example and change will follow," Heinrich said, visibly encouraged by the energy and ideas generated by this group of enthusiastic, entrepreneurial spirits.

He also expressed concern about the sequester and future possible federal budget cuts that could affect economic efforts at the border.

"If we stay on the road of only cuts, we're going to have real problems," Heinrich said. "Those are not things we really need in terms of competitiveness."

Southern New Mexicans likely view Heinrich with a dose of skepticism, considering his ties to Albuquerque, where he served on the city council for four years. He also served the Albuquerque-centric First Congressional District during his two terms as a U.S. representative.

Based on conversations I had with several people at both events, however, Heinrich has worked hard to better understand Las Cruces and southern New Mexico.

For what it's worth, the newspaper The Hill in 2009 listed Heinrich the "most attractive" person on Capitol Hill. In 2010, he was "best looking male." By 2011, he was out of the top 50. I guess Congress can wear on a guy.

While most of his politics fall along Democratic lines, he has not pigeon-holed himself.

Past Heinrich campaigns have been endorsed by both the National Rifle Association and the Sierra Club, which probably not many politicians can say.

Will that diversity help him build a coalition of support for immigration reform?

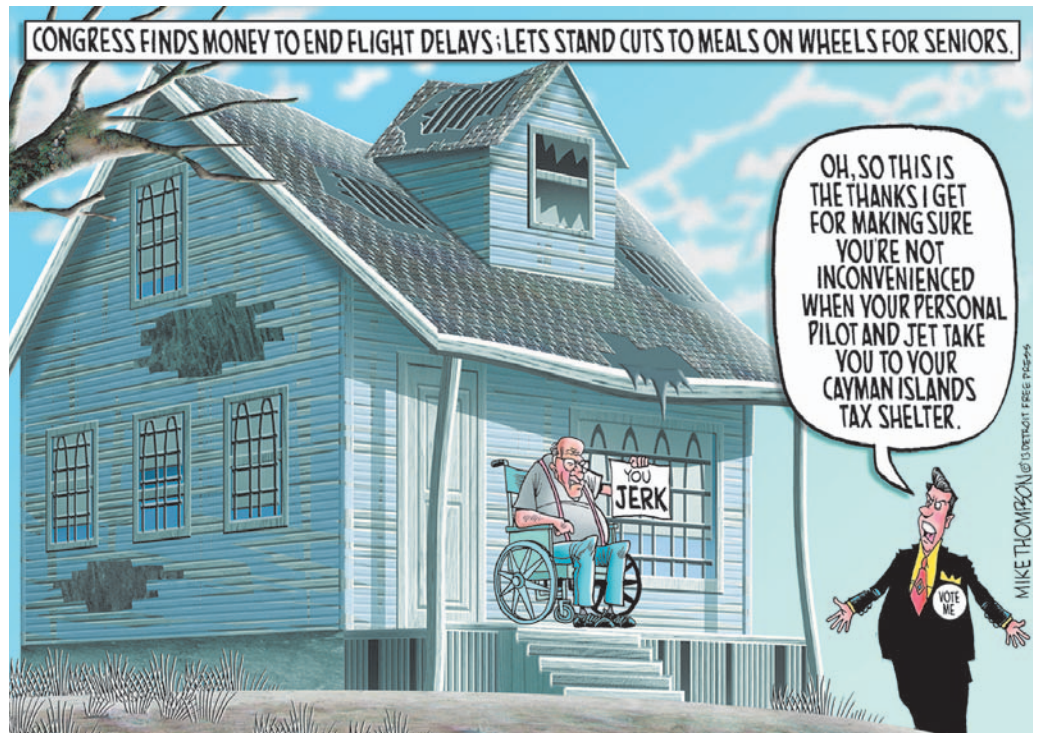
It's an uphill climb, but with some bipartisan support for immigration reform in a current bill in Washington, there is potential for compromise and movement on an issue that has languished for almost 30 years.

"I will never use immigration as an issue to divide our country," Heinrich said. "I will work to make this as strong and as value-driven as it can be."

There is still plenty of partisan debate on this complex and emotionally charged issue. Heinrich recognized agreement and compromise will not come easily.

"If we can get this done, I believe we can have a stronger nation," he said, adding he was moved by some of the personal testimonials given at the Community Prayer event.

"It's important putting a face on this issue," he said of immigrants' efforts to achieve citizenship. "People need to realize how hard (immigrants) work in this country, how much they believe in this country and how much they're willing to give back to this country."



Letters to the Editor

Do you have to ask?

My wife - a veteran, as am I - recently received a three-page communication from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This letter describes a broad study "to review the past, current and potential veteran demand for health care services." The letter refers to previous similar surveys done frequently, perhaps annually.

I have to wonder what planet these people are from. Their previous surveys surely highlighted the woeful status of the VA backlog of veterans waiting for processing of applications for VA medical services. Why do they continue to do the same thing and expect a different result? How can the VA spend resources on activities akin to arranging place cards on the Titanic?

It seems obvious that previous surveys have done nothing to assuage the grievous harm bestowed on these deserving veterans. Surely they know enough about veteran demand for services from the backlog statistics. When these problems are solved, there will be ample time to study long term requirements and plan for overall health care needs.

Tom Jameson

Tea party demonized?

Is the tea party being demonized unjustly? Most progressive liberal Democrats think

otherwise, but I think we are wrong in attacking them at a personal level.

I concede that they are definitely a scary bunch who are a threat to the decades of economic good times and social progress we have come to take for granted.

I note that they are capable of creating public unrest to the point of inciting civil discord with their ideological fervor. The end product of their political agenda is totally unacceptable and is correctly considered evil and demonic by any standard.

Tea party zealots need to realize that what they advocate is wrong by closely examining the moral values they profess are Christian. Once they do this, they will clearly see that these teachings call for brotherhood and unconditional love for one another. The fear manifested as white supremacy and declarations of "every man for himself" is incompatible with their church tenets.

If their goals for mankind are peace, justice and harmony, while acting to do otherwise, they are wrong and hypocritical Christians. We must also speak up and peacefully act to guard and/or restore the social, civil and economic gains that benefit all.

The tea partiers' view of the world is different from mine and I respect their right to embrace their beliefs without anyone blemishing them as human beings, but the evil that they are capable of creating is real.

Maury Castro

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Carruthers will do just fine

Selection process performed in professional manner



David McCollum
*Life is Good
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In the 11th change of leadership in the past 20 years at New Mexico State University, former New Mexico governor and NMSU College of Business Dean Garrey Carruthers was named by the five-person board of regents as the NMSU's next president.

Carruthers was selected from an outstanding group of five finalists who had emerged from the original pool of more than 50 applicants.

The final vote was 3-2 in favor of Carruthers, with the three Las Cruces-based regents, Kari Mitchell, Jordan Banegas and Mike Cheney voting yes to approve Mitchell's nomination of Carruthers, which had been seconded by Banegas.

The two out-of-town regents, Javier Lopez and Isaac Pino, participated by phone in the brief meeting held in the Corbett Center auditorium Monday, May 6. Each cast a "no" vote and

offered statements of support for their preferred candidate, Daniel Howard, former NMSU professor and current dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Colorado-Denver.

Carruthers had been rumored to be an early favorite for the position. However, each of the other candidates was impressive in their own right, according to those who attended the public meetings and receptions held over the past two weeks.

A last minute political assault intended to undermine Carruthers was attempted by four legislative representatives, Jeff Steinborn (D-Doña Ana-35), Phil Archuleta (D-Doña Ana-36), Nate Cote (D-Doña Ana, Otero-53) and Bill McCamley (D-Doña Ana-36), when they sent a letter to the media wherein they expressed their concerns about Carruthers' perceived indifference to issues surrounding global warming and the effects of second-hand smoke.

Other questions were raised about Carruthers personal relationship with the regents and whether or not the regents were proper and legal in how they planned to vote and negotiate with their preferred candidate.

Regent chairman Cheney handled the distractions well and

ensured that the meetings and voting were managed appropriately. He also handled the media very well, communicating in a timely manner and providing an appropriate amount of information so the public could understand the process. Cheney's comment about Carruthers' relationship to the regents was classic when he explained that it should be expected for a university dean to have good relationships with the regents.

Overall, the selection process was performed in an excellent manner. The criteria for the position were established by an appointed search committee following extensive public feedback from NMSU students, faculty, alumni, donors and members of the community.

Key criteria for the search selection included accomplishments and experience in leadership, collaborative efforts and relationship-building, fundraising, understanding the mission of a land-grant university and having a deep appreciation for New Mexico's unique and diverse culture.

An outside consulting firm was hired to ensure that the notice of the opportunity was not missed by any aspiring candidate. A schedule of deadlines and meetings, including a planned date to make the decision was published. The deadlines were met.

The decision has been made. It is now time for us all to come together to support our new president. There are many tasks at hand. And who knows? Before President Carruthers is finished, he might even come up with a solution to solve global warming.

David McCollum is publisher emeritus of the Las Cruces Bulletin. For comments or ideas about this column, contact him at dmccollum@

Country boy moves to top at New Mexico State

Gov. Carruthers ran an open and accessible administration



Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol

New Mexico State University did this week what it probably should have done 20 years ago. It named former Gov. Garrey Carruthers its president.

Carruthers left the governor's office on Jan. 1, 1991, and entered the world of business, primarily as president of Cimarron Health Care. He then went back to NMSU, where he has served as dean of the business school along with various other university jobs.

I got to know him well as governor, partly because of his openness. Every Monday morning he held a cabinet meeting with his department heads. Every Monday afternoon at 1:30 sharp, he held a press conference to inform the capitol press corps what the government would be doing. He also answered every question asked.

I also had an added advantage. He was a committed churchgoer, as was our family. Every Sunday morning we had an opportunity to talk before services at St. John's Methodist Church. Occasionally, he would pass a note to me with additional information.

Carruthers always sat on the end of the back row, nearest the door. I'm sure it wasn't to avoid people because he was an active church member, serving the congregation in other ways that involved interacting with others.

The reason the governor sat where he could make a quick getaway was in case of an emergency. Two state policemen waited for him in their car during the service. Usually they didn't chauffeur the governor. He had a light blue Thunderbird convertible he loved to drive. And he enjoyed trying to ditch the officers following him.

Gov. Carruthers also had a very helpful press staff, which included Eddie Binder, Bruce Donisthorpe and Mike Cook. Toward the end of the administration all three went to Washington, D.C. where they worked for U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen.

If Carruthers has as open an administration as NMSU president as he did as governor, the university will thrive. He already has all the contacts he needs at the university, in the community and in the state and nation.

The new president has deep roots in Las Cruces and isn't likely to leave as quickly as past presidents have. Since Carruthers left the governor's office in the early 1990s, NMSU has had five presidents and four interim presidents. None stayed as many as four years.

Of course, since Carruthers did not get his presidential opportunity until age 73, his tenure won't be especially long. But Carruthers is very energetic and up for the job.

As might be expected, Carruthers brings some baggage with him, some good, some bad. He was a strong supporter of education and economic development during his term as governor and still has that reputation.

During his business career, he had affiliations with Phillip Morris tobacco and an organization casting doubt on global warming. That bothers several Democrats in the Las Cruces legislative delegation. Carruthers says he has

no position on global warming. The issue could raise its head at an agricultural university.

The five members of the NMSU Board of Regents split along political lines. The three members appointed by Gov. Susana Martinez voted for Carruthers. The two holdovers from the Bill Richardson administration supported another candidate with NMSU ties.

I have always felt that hiring people from out of state is risky. Despite the selection process, so often there are surprises. In this case, our three research universities (University of New Mexico, NMSU and New Mexico Tech) have New Mexicans at the helm.

In selecting Gary Carruthers, we not only got a New Mexican, we got a true country boy to run the agricultural school. He grew up in rural San Juan County and he loves country music.

Those who have been around him know how much he likes country songs and often will quote their lyrics in political situations. His favorite expression may be "You gotta know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em."

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



Me and Albert

Back in the days before satellite TV, cell phones, video players, Netflix and laptops, many ranchers in the West were isolated from civilization.

Most had land line telephone service if they were able to string the phone line along fences from the paved road to the headquarters, which was often miles away. And electricity often came from gas-driven generators. You got mail three days a week.

I remember when Mr. Simplot bought the Alder Creek Ranch 20 miles west of Denio, Nev., on the Oregon line, 162 miles from Winnemucca, the nearest town with a barber shop and a politician. I made the trip at least three times a year; at pregnancy checkin', bull testing and branding.

I'm guessing they had anywhere from 10 to 15 people living there permanently; the boss and his family, Hazel was the cook, Jim was the mechanic, maybe a married cowboy, a couple Basque fence builders, someone who could drive the haying machinery, a hired man and four single cowboys.

Visitors, BLM, and strangers were welcomed warily. It was not uncommon for one or two of the hired help to be runnin' from the law. Alder Creek was a good hideout.

The new young veterinarian drew lots of scrutiny. One trip I loaded in the pickup with a tough lookin' cowboy. They called him Tombstone.

He rattled off down the road to Knott Creek. He was not really friendly, mostly grunts. Finally he broke the ice.

"What the heck kind of name is Baxter?"

"Well, it sure beats Francis," I said.

After a day's work we would go to the bunkhouse, do the chores, then clean up and join everyone at the cookhouse for supper. Most times, with the exception of the boss's wife and Hazel, the company was all

men. Baskos, cowboys, prospectors, farm hands, fugitives, mechanics, loners and visiting veterinarians sat around the 12-foot table talking and joking up a storm.

In those days, I always stuck my guitar in the vet truck when I worked the ranches and sheep camps. I'd break it out after supper, maybe some of the others had instruments.

I remember a gold miner who helped during roundup and shipping. He played Irish tunes on his mandolin. I was never quite sure if it was in Gaelic or Portuguese, but he was a hit. Entertainment, much less live entertainment, was a scarcity out there. You didn't have to be good, just enthusiastic.

Albert was one of the cowboys who was a pretty good musician and knew lots of western songs. One night he offered to teach me some new songs.

"Great, take it away," I said.

He said we'd have to go back to the bunkhouse because he was too shy to sing in front of everybody. After the group broke up, he took me into a small store-room and gave me a private concert. I learned "Oh, My You're a Dandy for 19 Years Old," "The Little Brown Shack" and "The Castration of the Strawberry Roan." Classic country, I guess.

Albert and I stayed in touch. He moved around and so did I. He passed away not long ago. His nephew called with the news.

I don't mourn Albert so much as remember the two of us, a lifetime ago, when we made our day's work just a little easier for each other. And I still owe him one. It was he who warned me about Tombstone.

How else would I have known his name was Francis.

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President Carruthers

University gets back to its roots

Michael Swickard

In My Opinion



A few weeks ago, my column looked at what some said was already a decision by the New Mexico State University regents to hire Garrey Carruthers as the next president of New Mexico State University. The regents, by law, had to go through the open hiring process, and so they did with five finalists. But I suspected they were already leaning toward Carruthers. I wrote:

"The regents ... must select someone who reflects and will defend NMSU's tradition and missions. Unless the regents want to change that mission in the future, the next president needs to know his or her way around the ag barns."

It became official when the regents announced Monday, May 6, that Dean of the NMSU College of Business Garrey Carruthers will be the next NMSU president.

I applaud the decision for three reasons: First, he will hit the ground running and not take a year to get up to speed. Second, he understands NMSU's mission and traditions. Finally, he is well liked and respected on the campus and around the state.

Other than one president in the 1950s who was only in Las Cruces a couple of years, I have known all the NMSU presidents back to Hugh Milton, who was selected before World War II. Most have been extraordinary.

Several, however, were not good, and the chaos they caused was regrettable. Having the wrong person in charge, as was shown with the last president, caused lots of turmoil and intrigue. The last president did not like the smell of the ag barns. It is regrettable she was selected in the first place.

Carruthers does know his way around the ag barns and especially understands the land-grant mission. In the coming years, those parts of the university that make NMSU unique will receive the priority they deserve. Further, higher education is changing and it takes a visionary to navigate the changes, holding on to what is important and taking advantage of the new opportunities.

In many ways this transition feels like the Roger Corbett to Gerald Thomas change in

1970 when Corbett had stayed at the NMSU helm a couple of years too long, so the campus was in an uproar. I was a student senator at that time and worked in the campus media.

President Corbett was, in retrospect, an incredible leader who I have come to respect much more as I have seen his vision make NMSU better. Again, to me it seems he stayed a few years too long and so got caught up in a controversy of his management techniques, which felt at the time to be dictatorial.

The selection process in 1970 was full of plots and subplots, with different political factions favoring one presidential candidate over others. I was impressed by a little known dean of agriculture at Texas Tech. Thomas seemed exactly the kind of person I would like as president.

Many of us were surprised and pleased the NMSU regents selected Thomas. He had 14 good, solid years as the NMSU leader. The ag building on the NMSU campus is named in honor of Thomas. I have spent many hours talking to President Emeritus Thomas over the years

and have enjoyed his books.

What made Gerald Thomas good was he never lost sight of what the future of NMSU needed to be. He managed, at times, by walking around talking to people. He did not have a royal affliction and was thick-skinned about criticism. There were some turbulent times that he handled with clarity and reason.

Over the past 20 years, NMSU has had some good leadership, especially Mike Martin, but Martin's flaw was he was thin-skinned about criticism. This was true of others. The NMSU president is a lightning rod for criticism. If people are not squawking, the president probably is not functioning correctly.

Now the healing process begins. Old grudges need to end so that high functioning leaders can come together to make NMSU as good as it can be. This will not be easy, since some of the vitriol against Carruthers was sharp this last week, but Carruthers has a thick skin.

I applaud the decision made by the NMSU regents.

Michael Swickard is co-host of radio talks show News New Mexico from 6 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday on a number of New Mexico radio stations and through streaming. Swickard may be contacted at michael@swickard.com.

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remove the bees.

Similarly, a firefighting team from Deming rescued a teen hunter in the Florida Mountains, where he had fallen 50 feet to a game trail on the first day of the new year 2012. A Border Patrol helicopter helped ferry the team into within 300 yards of the victim for a successful rescue.

At a truck stop on the West Mesa Feb. 27, Las Cruces police officers Jonathan Boehne and Manual Soto responded to a call of a suicidal man and found him in his truck cab attempting to kill himself.

While others were driving away from last year's deadly Hurricane Sandy, Emergency Medical Technician Alex Lucas was driving to the devastated East Coast, where he drove an ambulance to evacuate nursing homes and hospitals in Brooklyn in the first days of recovery efforts.

When fire struck an apartment complex in Las Cruces in March 2012, Joshua Santana, Alexis Urrea, Isaiah Santana and Garrett Means didn't run away, but helped contain the fire and

Grad finishes early Balances work and school

By Rachel Christiansen

Las Cruces Bulletin

Once graduating high school, many 18-year-olds are wondering what to do next with their lives – should they continue an education, start working to support themselves, move to a new city or maybe, for some, do nothing at all.

Patrick Drake decided to tackle a little bit of everything except nothing, and he wasted no time in doing so.

Around the time he graduated high school in Socorro, a convention center was being built and nearing completion two hours south in Las Cruces.

So, Drake said, he went out on a limb to see if he could get a job. "I came down the summer before I started college to see if I could get a part-time serving job," Drake said.

Drake was also in the middle of receiving a Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship, something he competed for against about 21,000 other applicants.

The former high school student body president was one of only 1,000 candidates chosen for the scholarship nationwide.

It has been three years since the acceptance of a part-time server position with the Las Cruces Convention Center and his entrance into New Mexico State University. At 20 years old, Drake will receive a bachelor's degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management during the upcoming commencement ceremony Saturday, May 11.

And he's no longer a part-time employee.

"From a part-time server they opened up a position for a part-time administrative assistant, and then I moved to full time about 10 months after that," Drake said.

In October, Drake accepted the position of sales manager at the convention center.

His boss, General Manager David Hicks, refers to him as a "rising star."

"One of the things we've seen with him is just a ton of growth," Hicks said. "He took the initiative to, No. 1 come and find a job and then to grow within that job."

According to Hicks, the management team at Global Spectrum – the company that runs the convention center – has also taken notice in Drake.

"Myself and my boss who is located in Tampa, Fla., have sort of taken (Drake) under our wing," Hicks said. "He's also helped us with projects in other cities."

It hasn't been a cake walk for Drake to balance taking at least 18 credit hours during the semester, attend summer school and work

alert neighbors to evacuate.

A firefighting unit with Michael Danner, Leamie Barela, Shane Mochette and Darren Haines were returning from a drill at the Las Cruces International Airport when the crew came upon a vehicle accident on Motel Boulevard in which 26-year-old Sammy Terrazas was trapped inside his crushed vehicle. Using the jaws of life, the men freed Terrazas, who had a crushed pelvis. Terrazas is the kitchen manager at La Posta de Mesilla.

A dire emergency can present itself at any moment, as one family found out in September 2012. – Monica, Billy and Gidget Miller were about to enjoy a day on Elephant Butte Lake when a woman backing her boat onto the water lost control of her vehicle, causing it to begin sinking into the lake. The Millers sprang into the action by tying a rope to the brush guard of the woman's truck and pulling it back onto dry ground.

Steve Alexander and Don Ellis were recognized for creating and leading Dynamic Youth in Motion, a charity that provides bicycles, gifts and food to underprivileged children in Las Cruces and surrounding communities.

Also recognized was Sgt. Maj. William Apodaca-Fisk of Fort Bliss, who has raised more than \$100,000 for programs to help returning veterans.



New Mexico State University senior Patrick Drake will graduate Saturday, May 11, with his bachelor's degree completed in just three years. As the sales manager of the Las Cruces Convention Center, he helps market in-house events, such as the Mesilla Valley Women's Expo to be held Sept 20-21. Pictured is Drake planning the event Tuesday, May 7, with General Manager David Hicks.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Christiansen

a full-time job.

"The stress was definitely overbearing at times," he said. "You have to sit down, take a deep breath and look at it from a bigger point of view."

"You have to invest in yourself"

Drake said some of his days would consist of waking up, going to a class, then clocking in at work for about five hours, leaving to go attend another class and then going back to work to finish out the day.

"It was a lot of late nights studying, sometimes turning in assignments right before they were due at 10 or 11 at night," Drake said.

He added that it took hard work, dedication and a lot of coffee. Drake now manages the marketing for weddings, quinceañeras, NMSU events and in-house consumer shows at the convention center.

His hard work won't stop with graduation, as Drake said his goal is to become the youngest general manager Global Spectrum has ever had – which would be a mere five years away.

Traffic light cams

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State law disagrees, Arrieta said in his decision, as well as the basic constitutional protections. Arrieta approved Rodriguez's appeal because of "multiple errors and lack of authority" by the city's STOP program.

Anthony Avallone, who has been working on a class-action lawsuit against the automatic traffic cameras based on constitutional questions, said the city's ordinance creating the STOP program always had this potential problem because it didn't parallel state law that allows "red light cameras," but also requires the appeal process to follow the same rules of evidence that would be found in a court of law.

Arrieta's decision cited a number of civil cases requiring due process, as well as noting that in drunken driving cases those cited are given the opportunity to require police to provide proof that a breath alcohol measuring machine had been properly calibrated.

In the first three years of the program, more than 60,000 citations have been issued with the city collecting nearly \$4 million, but with about \$2 million in fines still uncollected by those refusing to pay the fines, according to a review of the STOP last year.

The city started with four intersections in 2009, but a state policy forced "red light camera" enforcement to be discontinued at two intersections in 2010. The STOP cameras are operated by the company RedFlex that first determines violations. A Las Cruces police officer has to agree with the call before a citation is issued. The fine is \$100 each citation for speeding or running a red light.

Graduation

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final decision next month. People can give their opinions by emailing opinions@lcp.k12.nm.us.

Most of the feedback is for holding graduations over several evenings. While understanding the emotions behind wanting NMAA to schedule the championship games earlier or later, Galvan said it's not a realistic expectation.

"NMAA's not going to change their dates for us," Galvan said. "Albuquerque schools have been holding their graduations on weekday nights for years."

This year, the graduations begin with the alternative San Andres High School at 6 p.m. Friday, May 17, at Mesa Middle School, 7225 Jornada Road North. Graduations for the first three main high schools will be held Saturday, May 18, at the Pan American Center on the New Mexico State University main campus. First will be Las Cruces High School at 9 a.m., followed by Oñate High School at 1 p.m. and Mayfield High School at 5 p.m.

Centennial High School will not hold its first graduation until 2014.



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Through lectures and hands-on exercises, students will learn about architecture past and present, and gain skills in architectural drawing, computer and manual drafting, model crafting, 3-D modeling, design principles, structural principles, sustainable design and presentation techniques. Highlights of the program include field trips to local sites of architectural interest, the school of architecture at the University of New Mexico and the studios of architect Antoine Predock, as well as a design competition with formal presentations, judging and prizes.

Cost of the event is \$75.

For more information, contact Luis Rios at luirios@nmsu.edu or 527-7747 or 528-7310.

Ed retirees meet

The Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees will meet from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at the New Mexico State University Golf Course restaurant ballroom, at 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. This will be the last meeting until September.

The speaker will be Jeff Anderson, extension agent from NMSU who will present a program on container gardening. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.50 per person.

For more information or to make reservations, call Gale Wiley at 522-2893.

Doña Ana Camera Club

The Doña Ana Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St.

Don Saathoff will give a presentation on "photomicrography." A micrograph, or photomicrograph, is a photograph or digital image taken through a microscope or similar device to show a magnified image of an item.

For more information, visit www.dacameraclub.org or call 524-1288.

Classic Golf tournament

The 2013 Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic will be Friday, May 10, at the New Mexico State University Golf Course, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. Entry fee is \$450 for a four-person team for chamber members. The team entry fee for non-members is \$600. Registration for the 8 a.m. flight is at 7 a.m., and

registration for the 1 p.m. flight is at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 524-1968.

Vado trail opens

Vado Park and Trail officially opens to the public with a grand opening ceremony at 1 p.m. Friday, May 10, at the trail on Holguin Road, near Vado Elementary School.

The Vado Park and Trail was the first project of Groundwork Doña Ana, which tasked a group of community volunteers with the first phase of the project in 2010. They built four shade canopies and five benches around an abandoned irrigation canal. The following year, the team finished Phase II with the addition of a 2,100-linear-foot gravel walking trail.

Phase III, sponsored by an in-kind donation from CEMEX, upgraded the gravel walking trail with an asphalt walking path/trail.

Car wash fundraiser

A fundraising car wash will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Border International, 1670 S. Valley Drive, to benefit Jaymee Fiskum, a 22-year-old leukemia patient. A bake sale and silent auction will also be held. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/jaymee.fiskum.

Embroiderers gather

Las Cruces Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, a national organization of stitchers, will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building. Meetings are held at 1 p.m. the second Saturday and the fourth Wednesday of each month. Visitors are welcome.

For more information, call 522-4684.

Model railroaders meet

The Roadrunner Division of the National Model Railroaders Association will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. All model railroaders are invited.

For more information, contact Mike Weiss at 532-1051 or mikeweiss65@gmail.com.

Roller derby party

The Las Cruces Roller Derby Association recruiting party for Junior League children ages 10 to 17 will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at West End Art Depot, 401 N. Mesilla St.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/143181189194294.

Rotary yard sale

The Rio Grande Rotary Club annual yard sale will be from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Citizens Bank parking lot in Loretto Town Center. The event will benefit Mesilla Valley Hospice and the club's Charity Care Fund.

AAUW holds meeting

The Las Cruces branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Julia Brown, director on the AAUW National Board and local AAUW board member, will be the featured speaker. She will give an overview of the new AAUW Funds structure, including information on the various grants, fellowships and advocacy activities supported by the organization on the national level. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, contact Bonnie Eisenberg at mizbons@comcast.net.

Mother's Day tea party

The City of Las Cruces Senior Programs will host a Mother's Day High Tea Party from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Friday, May 10, at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

Attendees will be presented with a history of fashion and guest speakers will share their observations of motherhood spanning the past 90 years. Participants are encouraged but not required to wear their favorite hats and bring a tea cup. Cost is \$2 per person.

For reservations or more information, contact Munson Center at 528-3000.

Archaeological Society

The Doña Ana Archaeological Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium. David Soules will give a virtual tour of the proposed Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument using Google Earth imagery and up close photographs. He will show features such as stagecoach trails, World War II bombing targets, rock art sites, Billy the Kid's hideout and historic ranches. The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 524-9497.

Fishing trip May 14

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will host a fishing trip for individuals age 50 and older to Grindstone Canyon Reservoir in Ruidoso Tuesday, May 14. Register at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is \$10 per person and is required at time of registration. A minimum of six participants is required for the trip to take place.

Departure time is 7 a.m. from Meerscheidt Recreation Center, return time is 5 p.m. on the same day.

Participants must have a New Mexico fishing license and provide their own fishing supplies, sack lunch, drinking water and light jacket.

For more information, call 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2772.

JROTC meeting

Mayfield High School will host an informational meeting for students and parents about its Air Force JROTC program at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 14, in the Mayfield JROTC classroom, room 501.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform parents and prospective JROTC cadets about the opportunities and benefits of Mayfield's Air Force JROTC program. ROTC instructors and cadet staff will provide information and answer questions about the program.

For more information, contact Maj. Kenneth Thalmann at 527-9415, ext. 7416, or kthalmann@lcp.k12.nm.us.

Living with snakes

Herpetologist Frank Bryce will give a presentation at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 S. Main St., about the reptiles we share the desert with, how to identify the most common species of

rattlesnakes and what to do if you find one on your porch. This free program is part of the Tuesday Talks at SWEC monthly series focused on wildlife conservation.

For more information, call 522-5552.

Minnesota Club meets

The Minnesota Club of Las Cruces will meet at noon Wednesday, May 15, at the Golden Corral, 601 S. Telshor Blvd. All former and traveling Minnesotans are invited.

Book club meets

The Rail Readers Book Club will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. The group will discuss Tony Hillerman's "Talking God."

For more information, contact Joanne Beer at 647-4480 or jobeer@las-cruces.org.

Historical Society talk

The Doña Ana County Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium.

David Soules will show cultural sites to be included in the proposed Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument. He will focus on pictographs, petroglyphs, ranches, springs and caves. He will also provide a short introduction on how to use Google Earth to search the landscape.

For more information, call Jim at 521-8771.

Lunch & Learn May 16

Lunch & Learn will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Roadrunner Room. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch, no food is provided.

Sabine Green, New Mexico State University floriculture coach, will give a presentation titled "Fun With Succulents."

For more information, contact 647-4394 or slh303@yahoo.com.

GOP women meet

The Doña Ana County Federated Republican Women will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 24, at the Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The speaker will be Janice Brooks, former state and local FRW president. Lunch is \$10 and reservations are required by noon Monday, May 20.

For more information, call Caren Lulich at 373-0828.

Consortium meets

The High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Hotel Encanto, 755 S. Telshor Blvd.

The speaker will be Renee Palacios from Phoenix Analysis & Design Technologies. Renee will discuss a brief history of 3-D solid printing, the top technologies in the market and the industries best served by this technology. Renee will have some sample items, provide a live demonstration and will discuss purchase and operational support costs.

HTC membership meetings are open to the public and free. Anyone interested in growing high technology in southern New Mexico is encouraged to attend.

For more information call Terry Jack at 522-3868.

Fun in the desert

The Asombro Institute will host a free Hike & Outdoor Movie Night at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, 56501 N. Jornada Road. Guided hiking will start at 7 p.m. and a screening of "Planet Earth: Deserts" will be at 8 p.m. Bring a flashlight.

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Hispano chamber is now 'Hispanic'

Name change to 'rebrand'

The Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces announced it has completely "rebranded" itself.

The former Hispano Chamber has changed its name to the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce while unveiling a new logo representing its commitment to Las Cruces.

The board of directors said it was pleased to make the announcement and the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's renewed commitment to local and regional business, economic development, education and community support.

"The change is indicative of our new and positive direction of the organization and in support of businesses and education throughout the Las Cruces region and supporting legislation that will only have a positive impact on business interests," said chamber President Kirk Clifton. "The new logo is a modern and professional approach to the way we will conduct business

within our organization while providing optimal service to our members."

The new name also aligns with the national organization – the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. This rebranding comes before the chamber's signature event June 28 – the 21st Annual Banquet, "Celebrating Business," featuring Gov. Susana Martinez and Rolando Pablos, CEO of the Borderplex Alliance, a bi-national economic alliance for Juárez, El Paso and Las Cruces. Former Las Cruces mayor and the executive director of the New Mexico Border Authority Bill Mattiace will emcee the banquet.

For more information, contact the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at 524-8900.



Drug bust nets 22

Police confiscate coke, pot

Twenty-nine residents of Doña Ana County and El Paso County, including 22 who were arrested Wednesday, May 8, are facing federal drug trafficking charges as the result of a multi-agency investigation.

The charges and arrests were announced by U.S. Attorney Kenneth Gonzales; Carol K.O. Lee, special agent in charge of the Albuquerque Division of the FBI; Scott A. Luck, chief patrol agent of the El Paso Sector of the U.S. Border Patrol; Chief Robert Shilling of the New Mexico State Police; Doña Ana County Sheriff Todd Garrison; and Las Cruces Police Chief Richard Williams.

The defendants are charged in 13 criminal complaints with distributing cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana in and around southern Doña Ana County. One of the defendants also is charged with illegally entering the United States after having been deported and another is charged with being a felon in possession of firearms.

Five of the defendants have yet to be arrested and are considered fugitives. Two others are in state custody on other charges and will be transferred to federal custody to face the charges in the complaints. The defendants arrested Wednesday, May 8, will make their initial appearances in federal court in Las Cruces later this week.

Of the 29 defendants charged, 17 are residents of Anthony, N.M., and four are residents of Anthony, Texas. The eight remaining defendants reside in the following communities: two in Berino, two in Las Cruces, two in Canutillo, Texas, one in Los Lunas and one in Vado.

"Today we embarked on a coordinated effort to crack-down on drug trafficking in Doña Ana County and improve the quality of life for people who live there," Gonzales said. "These arrests are part of our statewide fight against drugs and the cycle of violence that goes hand in hand with drug trafficking. The federal law enforcement community remains committed to working with its state and local partners to safeguard families throughout New Mexico."

"The safety and security of our communities is the FBI's highest priority," Lee said. "The scope of today's successful law enforcement operation demonstrates the commitment of a dedicated team of federal, state and local agencies to ridding our streets of violent drug traffickers. I want to thank the FBI special agents, U.S. Attorney's Office, U.S. Border Patrol, FBI Southern New Mexico Gang Task Force, Las Cruces-Doña Ana Metro Narcotics Agency, Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office and our other partners who worked effectively together to make this day possible."

Authorities said they confiscated large quantities of cocaine, marijuana, many weapons and cash with a total value of \$115,000.

"The use and distribution of illicit drugs in our community is a public safety issue and the Las Cruces Police Department is pleased to work alongside federal and regional law enforcement agencies in trying to eliminate this illegal activity," Williams said.

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Aggies in Paradise at the Farm & Ranch Museum

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Pistol Pete puts a lei on New Mexico State University women's basketball coach Mark Trakh at Aggies in Paradise, a Hawaiian-themed NMSU fundraiser hosted by the Aggie Athletic Club Friday, May 3, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.



Leon Oloya, Jason Scott, Martha Hurtado, Susan and Preston Williams



Brenda Porter and Shari Jones are Aggies in Paradise.



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Scrambling for egg launch



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Members of the Fellowship of Las Cruces Area Rocketry Enthusiasts (FLARE) let Harland Silva, 8, arm his EggLoft rocket for launch Saturday, May 3, at the Waterfalls drainage park off Holman Road on the West Mesa. FLARE members helped kids build and launch model rockets carrying raw eggs to see how many would make it back to the ground intact.

Tent city effort honored



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Nicole Martinez, executive director of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, and Randy Harris of the Great Conversation stands at the center of Camp Hope, a self-governing tent city for the homeless. Martinez and Harris were recently recognized by the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness for their work. Harris was named Volunteer of the Year and Martinez received honorable mention for the award given to the nonprofit leader of the year. Last year, the coalition recognized Sue Campbell of the Community of Hope as the Direct Service Provider of the Year.

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Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that helps identify the suspect or suspects responsible for setting fire to a recreational vehicle in Tortugas, just south of Las Cruces.

On Monday, April 22, Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office deputies learned that the 1992 travel trailer, parked at 3800 Emilia St. in Tortugas, had been damaged by what appeared to be an intentionally set fire.

A witness told investigators that a loud boom was heard the night before and a flash of light could be seen coming from where the trailer was parked.

Anyone with information that can help identify who may have set fire to the travel trailer is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

The Crime Stoppers number and text messaging services are operational 24 hours a day and you do not have to give your name to collect a reward.

Summer camp offered to girls

Registration now open

Girls interested in attending a science-oriented summer camp on the New Mexico State University campus are asked to register soon.

NMSU Young Women in Computing is offering the free computer science summer camps for middle- and high-school girls, which will be held in the NMSU Science Hall.

The camps will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The middle-school camp will be June 3-14 for girls in sixth through eighth grades.

There will be two sessions of camp for young women in high school - June 17-21 and June 24-28.

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Tip-a-Cop hits home



Andrew Kegel helps Doña Ana County Sheriff Officer Michelle Ugalde take an order from Kurt, Mary, Joellene and Jeffrey Lansford Thursday, May 2, at Texas Roadhouse during Tip-A-Cop to raise money for Special Olympics.

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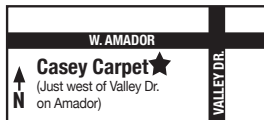
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Seeing agriculture's value at Kids, Kows and More

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Elias Brito, a fourth-grade student at MacArthur Elementary School, holds up clothes during a demonstration by Tye Lightfoot of the USDA Southwest Cotton Ginning Laboratory on the many uses of cotton during Kids, Kows and More at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Wednesday, May 1. Lightfoot also demonstrated the harvesting and ginning process.



Christian Covarrubia, a fourth-grader at Valley View Elementary School, shows off a handful of glitter "germs" during a presentation on food safety given by the Doña Ana Cooperative Extension Services Agriculture, Home Economics, 4-H Youth Development and Community Development Department.



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Trio makes impact for Eastern NM



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Keeping up

Eastern New Mexico University sophomore Elizabeth Velasquez has been recognized for her softball skills.



VELASQUEZ

The Las Cruces High School graduate was named to the all-Lone Star Conference third team. The third baseman was the only ENMU player honored.

She batted .364, tied for first on the team, in 56 games, all starts. Velasquez had two home runs and 27 runs batted in.

More softball

ENMU teammate Kuuleiokealoaha VonSchriltz, another from Las Cruces, hit .306 with 12 RBIs in 53 games.

Former Bulldawg Alberta Medina of ENMU batted .284 with two home runs and 20 RBIs in 46 games. The pitcher was 3-8 with a team-best 6.43 earned run average in 36 appearances. She tied for the team lead with three saves.



VONSCHRILTZ

Mayfield High School graduate Breanna Diaz hit .259 with seven RBIs through 44 games for Western New Mexico University.



MEDINA

Oñate High School product Kristi Covarrubia hit .286 with eight RBIs in 41 games for New Mexico State University.

University of the Southwest senior Amanda Morris, also from Oñate, hit .259 with two home runs and six RBIs in the 38 games she played.

Baseball

Howard College (Texas) pitcher Nikki Diaz, previously at Mayfield, had a 14-2 record and 2.56 ERA in 19 games.

Senior outfielder Luis Quiñones of ENMU hit .374 in 38 games. The Mayfield graduate had two home runs and 23 RBIs.

NMSU pitcher Michael Ormseth, who played for the Trojans, was 3-3 with a 6.85 ERA in 15 appearances.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at bkle3@aol.com.

Skill positions up for grabs

Quarterback Andrew Manley granted release from NMSU

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Redshirt junior quarterback Andrew Manley has been granted his release to transfer by coach Doug Martin.

"We wish Andrew all the best," Martin said. "Obviously with all the changes in the offensive system, he didn't fit in as he may have in the past. The competition at quarterback was going to be tougher for him this season, as well as some of the family matters he has, he wanted to get closer to home. We support Andrew and his decision."

With Manley out of the picture, the Aggies will be looking closely to see who can take over the quarterback duties next season.

Martin said he sees advantages in all of the quarterback candidates.

"I was really pleased with the way Travaughn Colwell came up in the spring," he said. "I thought he really stepped up, particularly in the last two scrimmages. He can really make plays with his feet. Same with Andrew McDonald. I think he has played his best football here in the spring. He's a real heady guy."

"I think there are guys there who can compete. King Davis III, a true freshman, that kid is going to be fun to watch over the next couple of years."

"We are going to let those guys compete, and probably early in two-a-days we'll name a starter."

Martin said he was pleased with the progress his team made during spring practice.

"They picked up the new offense and defense and the new terminology really well, but the main thing I am pleased with is a new attitude. They got out there and picked up the pace and really enjoyed going after each other."

With spring practice over, Martin said the coaches will turn to recruiting and community outreach.

"The assistant coaches are all out recruiting during the month of May. We are doing evaluations on kids who are juniors right now, going to be seniors. That will take them all through May," he said.

"I am going to be doing as much community outreach things here that I possibly can and have to go to the Sun Belt meetings and conferences and things like that, so that will take up our month of May."

Martin said starters for next year will be named in two-a-day practices in late summer and fall.

He said the Aggies have as many as four players who will compete for the running back position.

"Germi Morrison is really a downhill



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jim Hilley

Andrew Manley, who started at quarterback for the Aggies in 2011-12, has been granted his release from New Mexico State University, opening a competition for the starting job between Travaughn Colwell, Andrew McDonald and King Davis III.

runner, and Brandon Betancourt is the surprise of the spring, he is quick and can really make people miss," Martin said.

Martin said players coming in the fall will help improve the football team, especially the defensive line.

"We have a couple of players coming here

who will have an impact," he said.

The first-year Aggie coach said joining the Sun Belt has had a big impact on recruiting.

"It's big, it obviously gives us a bowl tie in, it helps our scheduling. We can tell kids, 'Here's who we are going to be playing over the next couple of years,'" he said.

Aggie basketball signs 6-0 point guard

San Antonio native played for Huntington Prep

New Mexico State University men's basketball coach Marvin Menzies has added Travon Landry to the Class of 2013. The 6-0 point guard joins the Aggies for the 2013-14 season.

A San Antonio, Texas, native, Landry played the 2012-13 season at Huntington Prep in Huntington, W. Va., under coach Rob Fulford. Huntington Prep is the same school Aggie freshman center Sim Bhullar attended.

"We are pleased to welcome Travon Landry

to the Aggie nation," Menzies said. "Travon is a tenacious defender and competitor. Playing on one of the top high school teams in the United States last year, Travon brings a winning résumé and attitude to the program."

"Increasing competition in practice is a must when developing a top-tier Division I men's basketball program, and we're optimistic that with this year's additions, the atmosphere of practice will be at a very high level."

Landry helped Huntington to a 30-3 record and No. 7 ranking in the USA Today Super 25.

In 2011-12, Landry played his junior season at Bob Jones High School in Madison, Ala., before transferring to Huntington Prep. He guided the Patriots to an overall record of 29-2 and a semifinals appearance in the Alabama Class 6A Area 15 Tournament.

In late April, the Aggies announced the signing of DK Eldridge, a 6-2 guard from Dallas and New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, in the class of 2013.

Senior honored

Lecount is Hitter of the Week

Senior Bobby Lecount of the New Mexico State University baseball team has been named Western Athletic Conference Hitter of the Week by the league office for his play during April 29-May 5. This is the second career WAC Hitter of the Week honor for Lecount.

The senior from Shoreline, Wash., led the Aggies to a 3-0 series sweep over San Jose State. Lecount hit .556 (5-for-9) on the week while striking out once and walking four times. He also hit three home runs, including two in the opening game of the series when he went 3-for-4 with six RBI and three runs scored. He finished the week with 10 RBI, a 1.556 slugging percentage and a .692 on-base percentage, while marking a 1.000 fielding percentage at third base. Lecount hit his third home run of the week in a 9-0 win Saturday, May 4. In the Sunday, May 5, series finale against SJSU, Lecount picked up a two-RBI single in the seventh when the Aggies came from behind to win 8-5, securing the series sweep.



LECOUNT

Lecount currently leads the team with 12 home runs on the year and is second on the team with a .365 batting average. His batting average improves to .406 in WAC play, ranking him second in the league (behind Tanner Rust). In conference games only, Lecount leads the league in slugging percentage (.841), on-base percentage (.543), walks (20) and RBI (30). This marks the second consecutive week when Lecount marked a 1.000 slugging percentage or better and a .550 on-base percentage or better.

Aggie baseball sweeps San Jose St.

NMSU travels to San Antonio

The New Mexico State University baseball team came back from a 4-1 deficit to defeat San Jose State 8-5 at Presley Askew Field Sunday, May 5. The Aggies are now 27-21 this year and 12-9 in Western Athletic Conference play.

Both teams scored a run in the first inning but SJSU scored another in the second and two more in the third to take a 4-1 lead. An RBI single by junior Tanner Rust cut the Spartan lead in half at 4-2 after three innings of play. SJSU tallied another run in the top of the fifth to take a 5-1 lead.

Senior right-hand pitcher Casey Collins entered the game in the fifth inning to slow down the Spartans. He worked 3.0 innings and did not allow a run to cross the plate while striking out two batters. He earned the win and is now 5-4 on the year.

Senior Evan Mott worked the final two innings of the game to tally save No. 3 of the season as he faced nine batters without giving up a run.

The big offensive inning of the game came in the bottom of the sixth when the Aggies scored six runs on six hits. The inning started with a lead-off walk by junior Michael Paulson, who came into the game for Taylor Noyer at first base. After a Kent Blackstone sacrifice bunt moved Paulson to second, NMSU hit five consecutive singles with RBI from Rust, senior Parker Hipp and senior Bobby Lecount.

Rust finished the afternoon going 3-of-5 at the dish with four RBI with right fielder Michael Medina and left fielder Quinnton Mack also posting a multiple-hit day. Mack also marked his 17th stolen base of the season.

This marks the first time this season that the Aggies are three games above .500 in WAC play and the sweep over SJSU is the second sweep of a WAC team this season.

The Aggies head to San Antonio, Texas, to face UT-San Antonio in a three-game series starting at 5 p.m. Friday, May 10.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

New Mexico State University's Quinnton Mack heads for first base after making contact with the ball in a game against San Jose State University Friday, May 3, at Presley Askew Field. The Aggies went on to win the game 17-1 and swept the series from the Spartans.

Sports Briefs

NMSU signs swimmers

New Mexico State University swimming and diving head coach Rick Pratt has added four swimmers to the class of 2013; Brittney Awalt, Natalie French, Erin Giles and Cassandra Klose. They join fall signees Abbie Broome and Logan Morris who arrive in Las Cruces in the fall.

"I am really excited for next year's team," Pratt said. "All of our large freshman class have already come a long way this spring and will be much improved for the fall. We've got some sprinters coming in, along with a couple breaststrokers to add depth to that event."

"We still have a couple more in the works and next year's

team should be the best to step on deck at NMSU."

A Ketchikan, Alaska, native, Klose specializes in the breaststroke and individual medley events. She swims for the Ketchikan Killer Whales under coach Chad Winkle.

Giles joins the Aggies from Magnolia, Texas, and swims sprint freestyle events under coaches Scott McFarland and Terry Jones with the Magnolia Aquatic Club.

French is a butterfly and distance freestyle specialist from Columbia, Mo., where she swims for the Columbia Swim Club under coach Phil Gaverick.

From Salem, Ore., Awalt will wear the Crimson and White after spending a year at Chemeketa Community College.

A sprint freestyle, butterfly and backstroke specialist, Broome, a Phoenix resident, swims for the Scottsdale Aquatic Club with coach Kevin Zacher, and attends Chaparral High School in Scottsdale, Ariz. Broome led the Five Birds to a 7-0 record in 2012 and a sixth-place showing at state. She is both a team and conference record holder.

Morris is a breaststroke specialist from Montrose, Colo. She swims for the Delta Barracudas with coach Amanda Hatch and Montrose High School with coach Ellen Erickson. Morris was a two-time state champion in the 100 breaststroke in 2011 and 2012. She set the state record in the 100 breast (1:04.03) in 2011. Morris led the Indians to league crowns in 2010 and 2011.

Olive earns academic honors

New Mexico State softball player Amber Olive earned Capitol One CoSIDA Academic All-District honors. Olive is one of just three players from the Western Athletic Conference to receive the prestigious honor.

Joined by Louisiana Tech's Erin Kipp and Seattle's Allegra Wilde, Olive now advances to the national ballot for Academic All-America consideration.

The communications major from Simi Valley, Calif., earned

Regionals filled

Aggie golfers play in Tempe

The NCAA Division I Men's Golf Committee has announced the teams and individuals selected to participate in the 2013 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Regionals.

Six 54-hole regional tournaments will be conducted Thursday, through Saturday, May 16-18. The low five teams and the low individual not on those teams from each regional will advance to the finals.

The finals will be conducted Tuesday through Sunday May 28-June 2, at the Capital City Club, Crabapple Course in Atlanta.

WAC champion New Mexico State will compete as the 13th seed in the Southwest Regional in Tempe, Ariz. All three rounds will have live scoring at www.golfstat.com.

a spot on the All-District 6 team for her success during her senior year. Olive carries a 3.88 grade point average and has started each of the Aggies 50 games this season. She leads the WAC

in hits (71) and runs (39) and ranks second in batting average (.403). Olive's 71 hits this season puts her third on the all-time records list for hits in a single season.

To be eligible for the Academic All-District and Academic All-America honors, a player must hold a 3.30 cumulative grade point average and must have completed at least one academic year and must be a starter or significant reserve on the team. Members of CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America)

vote on the award each year.

Olive was also recognized by the psychology department with the Department Head's Award for Academic Excellence.

This is the first time this award is handed out and it recognizes the highest achieving psychology majors who enter their graduating semester with a cumulative GPA of 3.80 or above. Olive, who will graduate this weekend with a degree in psychology and communications, currently has a cumulative GPA of 3.88.

Olive obtained success both in the classroom and on the softball field this season.

Olive will miss the award ceremony on Thursday, May 9, while she is with the softball team in the WAC Tournament in Ruston, La.



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Flying with the Eagles



Christian Jimenez, a senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Northern New Mexico College. At the signing, Jimenez was joined by his family, Mike Draper, basketball coach Terry Adler and Superintendent Ivan Stubbs.

MVCS photo

WAC tourney at La Tech Aggie softball enters as the No. 2 seed

The New Mexico State University softball team fell 2-1 and 5-2 in the final doubleheader of the regular season to the San Jose State Spartans on Saturday, May 4.

The Aggies and the Spartans battled in two games for the Western Athletic Conference regular season title. NMSU dropped game one 2-1 in eight innings before SJSU claimed the 5-2 win in game two.

The Aggies (35-18, 16-4 WAC) head into the WAC Tournament as the No. 2 seed, while SJSU claims the regular season title and sits at the top of the bracket going into the Louisiana Tech hosted tournament in Ruston, La.

NMSU had 14 hits on the day with a home run in game two by freshman standout Emma Adams, but only three runs scores for the Aggies on the day.

"Tip my hat to San Jose State, it was a true battle in each of our games," coach Kathy Rodolph said. "We just have to come back on Monday and regroup and get ready for the

conference tournament."

Senior Alex Newman took the two losses in the circle for NMSU but managed to allow just eight hits and two walks in her eight innings pitched.



RODRIGUEZ

NMSU's Staci Rodriguez was named WAC Player of the year Wednesday, May 8, while SJSU's Amanda Pridmore was named WAC Pitcher of the Year. Louisiana Tech's shortstop and pitcher Anna Cross was named Freshman of the Year and SJSU's Pete Turner earned his first nod as Coach of the Year.

Joining Rodriguez on the all-WAC first team for the Aggies were Alex Newman and Amber Olive, while Emma Adams, Kristi Cavarrubia and Malena Padilla were named to the all-WAC second team.

In the tournament, NMSU faced the winner of game three, which is the No. 3 versus the No. 6 seeds in the bracket. That game was set for Wednesday, May 8, and the Aggies faced the winner at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 9.

H I G H S C H O O L Sports Schedule

Centennial High School

May 8-11..... Tennis (co-ed)..... at State Tennis Tournament.....TBA
 Friday, May 10 Track at District 3-4A Track Meet 3 p.m.
 Baseball No. 14 Centennial at No. 3 Farmington 4 p.m.
 May 10-11..... Softball No. 10 Centennial at No. 7 Bernalillo.....TBA
 May 17-18..... Track State Track Meet.....TBA



Las Cruces High School

May 8-11..... Tennis (co-ed)..... at State Tennis Tournament.....TBA
 Friday, May 10 Track at District 3-5A Track Meet 4 p.m.
 Baseball No. 11 Cibola at No. 6 Las Cruces 4 p.m.
 May 10-11..... Softball No. 16 Atrisco Heritage at No. 1 Las Cruces.....TBA
 May 17-18..... Track State Track Meet.....TBA



Mayfield High School

May 8-11..... Tennis (co-ed)..... at State Tennis Tournament.....TBA
 Friday, May 10 Track at District 3-5A Track Meet 4 p.m.
 Baseball No. 14 Mayfield at No. 3 Sandia 4 p.m.
 May 10-11..... Softball No. 15 Mayfield at No. 2 CarlsbadTBA
 May 15-18..... Baseball State Baseball Tournament.....TBA
 Softball State Softball Tournament.....TBA
 May 17-18..... Track State Track Meet.....TBA



Oñate High School

May 8-11..... Tennis (co-ed)..... at State Tennis Tournament.....TBA
 Friday, May 10 Track at District 3-5A Track Meet 4 p.m.
 Baseball No. 9 Rio Grande at No. 8 Oñate 4 p.m.
 May 10-11..... Softball No. 10 Oñate at No. 7 Albuquerque.....TBA
 May 15-18..... Baseball State Baseball Tournament.....TBA
 Softball State Softball Tournament.....TBA
 May 17-18..... Track State Track Meet.....TBA



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

May 8-11..... Tennis at State Tennis Tournament.....TBA
 Wednesday, May 15.. Baseball No. 11 Estancia vs No. 3 MVCS 4 p.m.
 Friday, May 10 Softball at Mesalero Apache High School 3 p.m., 5 p.m.
 May 15-17..... Softball at A-AA State Softball Tournament.....TBA



ATHLETE of the WEEK



Kenneth Fadke

Freshman, Men's Golf

Freshman Kenneth Fadke finished second overall at the 2013 Western Athletic Conference Championships with a three-round score of 4-over par, 220 (71-74-75). Fadke recorded four birdies in the final round, carding a 4-over par, 75. He was also named a second team All-WAC selection.



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For property owners who may not live full time in Doña Ana County, the office has implemented a procedure by which any property owner can put an alternate mailing address on file. Once the May 10th deadline has passed, the staff will review the files and send a copy of the tax bill to the alternate address of any person with a delinquent account who has registered.

Tournament time

Softball team hopes to rebound



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

It's make or break weekend for Aggie softball, and it's a time for celebration for several other Aggies. The celebrants will receive their degrees at the annual spring commencement and will move on to the next chapter in their lives.

Kathy Rodolph's squad is the second seed in the WAC Tournament that started this week in Ruston, La. Before we discuss that, let me tell you that a member of Rodolph's squad has received recognition for her academic skills. Amber Olive has earned first team Capitol One CoSIDA Academic all-District Seven honors. Olive was one of three players from the WAC to receive the honor.

The senior communications major from Simi Valley, Calif., earned a spot on the team for her hard work. Olive has a 3.88 GPA and has started all 53 games this season. She leads the Aggies in many categories and paces the WAC in

hits and runs, and she has the second-best batting average in the league.

The tournament this weekend is carried on KSNM-AM 570, and Jay Sanderson provides the play-by-play. The tourney is a double-elimination affair, and NM State's first game was at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 9, versus the winner of the UT-Arlington-Louisiana Tech matchup.

An at-large bid is a long shot for the WAC this year, so NM State has to recapture the "mojo" that evaporated last weekend in San Jose, Calif. The Spartans swept the series, but Rodolph's team has won big games in the past, and this is a veteran team that has overcome bigger obstacles en route to other NCAA postseason appearances. Alex Newman is enjoying another great year in the circle. She has won 22 games and is likely to be a member of the all-conference team.

Pomp ... circumstance and achievement: The number of Aggie athletes who have earned degrees has grown again. Some names you know are among those who have earned their degrees. Kemonte' Bateman is celebrating signing a free agent contract with the Broncos as well as receiving his sheepskin.

From the men's basketball team, Tyrone Watson and B.J. West will be crossing the stage as well as Chrissy Fletcher and Malia Maggazen from the women's squad.

Battling the elements

Ags still in championship hunt



Kathy Rodolph
Softball Head Coach

In January, I wrote an article that detailed all of the possibilities that lay before the Aggie softball team. Our seniors have dubbed this team "Dream Team 2013," and they have lived up to the title.

We played a very rigorous pre-conference schedule and went toe to toe with No. 2 Arizona State, No. 14 Nebraska and defeated No. 17 Arizona.

What the box scores won't show is the adversity we faced early on was actually weather. We had a five-hour rain and lighting delay in Tempe, Ariz., before it was then rained out. Then, the temperature in Lincoln, Neb., was 19 and the game was called due to the cold.

We got rained out at I-10 rival UTEP. We played every home game in 30 mph winds except for our last series. We battled I-25 rival New Mexico in a downpour, defeated Arizona in a 35-mph dust storm.

At some point, we came to expect foul weather and even

seemed to rise above it.

Our seniors can take credit for that resilience. No matter the challenge, they have been steady, if not stellar. In fact, Amber Olive was just named the top female scholar athlete for the spring commencement as well as being recognized as a top graduate in the psychology department. She has earned first team Academic All-District CoSIDA honors, which makes her eligible for the All-America nod, and with a 3.8 grade point average and a .400-plus batting average.

Teresa Conrad has been a defensive wizard at shortstop with only two errors in WAC games and numerous game saving plays to her credit. Her hitting has been clutch as well and in her final at bat at the NMSU Softball Complex, she hit a walk-off home run. Tehani Kaaihue continues to be our field general and keeps us in every game with her intensity and poise. Alex Newman has had a senior campaign to remember as she has set some university records and leads all WAC pitchers in ERA.

Our underclassmen have stepped up, and we are proud of their accomplishments as well. Staci Rodriguez, a sophomore from California, is hitting .370-plus and has an eye-popping 20 home runs. Good enough for second place in a record book of accomplished sluggers. Malena Padilla and Kelsey Dodd have been consistent and clutch for us all year. New Mexico natives Kristi Covarrubia and Emma Adams have been outstanding as well. Covarrubia, a redshirt junior, has battled back from injuries to help spark our offense down the stretch. Adams has been outstanding at third base and has been consistent offensively too with one of her biggest moments coming in our defeat of Arizona. Adams launched a two-run home run to bust open a sixth inning tie and ultimately take down the Wildcats.

While each of these Aggies are driven to win another WAC Championship, we finished second in the conference standings, and I know the team feels like we came up short of the regular season title. What I know is that we were 16-5 in conference play and six of those games went extra innings. This was a very evenly matched conference, and I am proud of our battles every time we take the field, rain or shine.



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Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

As your intrepid Golf Doctor, I feel it is my solemn duty to advise you properly as to various information that is mistaken at best and harmful at worst. Accordingly, I have taken upon myself the chore of debunking a whole host of myths about the game of golf that have been perpetrated for a long time, and have cost golfers dearly when they have been believed and followed.

Despite the fact that some folks hold fast to what they have believed about golf over the years, most of the myths I have uncovered are lies, plain and simple. Here are 17 of them.

Myth 1: You should always aim directly at the pin in order to make more birdies.

Truth: There are "red light" and "caution light" pins but few "green light" hole locations. For regular weekend amateurs, going for every pin can get you in serious trouble. Middle of the green is best to perform well.

Myth 2: The "yips" are all in your mind.

Truth: If any one of you readers have ever had the yips you know that it is an affliction with no known cause and no absolute known cure. You tend to jerk with seeming uncontrolled muscle spasm at the moment of impact between putter and ball, sending the ball anywhere but in the hole. Several years ago researchers thought the yips were a matter of vision coupled with muscle tenseness. They called it "focal dystonia." The long putter and leaving your eyes closed are two possible answers. But fooling your mind into not caring works best.

Myth 3: On a lay-up hole, you should lay up as close as you can to the green so that you have as short a shot as possible.

Truth: Again, this is faulty reasoning if you think about it. If you're a high-handicapper, a 50-yard flip lob wedge may be an impossible shot for you, even though you're close to the green. Lay up to the distance where you are likely to hit the next shot with the club you have the most confidence in.

Myth 4: Golf rules are simple; all you do is hit your ball, go find it, hit it again and add up the score. Who cares about all the mumbo-jumbo about hazards, obstructions and drops.

Truth: The actual rules of golf, and the official voluminous USGA decisions that

affect the rules, are nearly as complicated as IRS regulations. In golf, as in life, you have to play by the rules. Those of us who play by the rules enjoy golf just as much as you folks who bypass them. A bad lie is a bad lie, and we feel that it's wrong to kick the ball into a good lie, no matter how it may soothe your ego.

Myth 5: If ya' ain't cheatin', ya' ain't tryin'.

Truth: This myth came from an old baseball player turned golfer. Football, baseball, soccer, hockey and cycling all encourage players to cheat and not get caught. Roger Clemens and Lance Armstrong got caught. Golf is played as a gentleman's game where cheatin' ain't allowed nohow.

Myth 6: All this visualization and imagery business is just hocus-pocus foisted on us gullible hacks to sell books.

Truth: Believe that lie if you want to, but the power of the subconscious mind is not to be underestimated or underappreciated. Just try picturing the shot you don't want to hit and see what happens. The power of visual imagery, which few other competitors appreciated at the time, is what gave Jack Nicklaus the edge. He called it "going to the movies in my head."

Myth 7: You have to be long off the tee to score low.

Truth: Sure, it's nice to hit the ball long, but there is more to scoring than playing "bomb-and-gouge," as they call it today. What you need is adequate length off the tee so you're not constantly hitting fairway woods to get to the greens. Accuracy usually wins. The tour has plenty of players who were known as "shortish" but had a fine career. Fred Funk and Corey Pavin are examples.

Myth 8: It doesn't matter what type of golf ball you play, since all golf balls are pretty much alike.

Truth: That's absolutely not true. Modern golf balls are miles ahead of where they were in the '50s '60s and '70s. The covers are more durable and they go further. Some balls spin more, some spin less. Some fly with a lower trajectory and some go high. Distance is partly a matter of how much you compress the ball with your clubface when you make contact. It's called "swing speed." For example, a lot of folks may think the Titleist Pro v1 is the best ball around (it's good), since it's one of the most expensive and popular. But if you don't have a clubhead speed in excess of 100 mph, you'll never compress that ball to get the distance you want.

Myth 9: If you're capable of hitting a 7 iron 150 yards, that's what you should use for your

approach shot on a calm day.

Truth: What you're "capable" of hitting and what you actually hit are two different things. Pick the club for the distance that you would actually hit four out of five times; not one out of five. Factor in the slope, the lie, the wind the roll, the heaviness of the air and a few other things. For better golfers those mental and visual calculations are nearly automatic.

Myth 10: Formal golf lessons from a pro are a waste of time and money since you'll go back to your old ways anyhow.

Truth: That's a lame excuse born out of laziness or being cheap. You won't go back to your old ways if you engrain your lessons with practice and repeat lessons.

Myth 11: Anchoring your putter on your belly or chest is a sure way to make more putts.

Truth: There is no research or data to support any conclusion that players using belly or long-wand putters putt any better than those using conventional putters. There is evidence to support the idea that anchoring has cured the yips for some tour players, however. The proposed ban on anchoring probably will not happen because it's been too long and there would be a rebellion and probably lawsuits.

Myth 12: If you're older than 50 and a stick, regularly shooting sub-70 rounds, you should definitely give the Champions Tour a try.

Truth: Somebody who thinks this is clueless about how good golfers on any tour really are. I have heard that crazy "senior tour" business for more than 30 years. It's the equivalent of an aging hippie country singer in a honky-tonk bar out in the cornfields of Iowa thinking he's going to win on American Idol. Go ahead - make my day.

Myth 13: Drinking alcohol (in any amount) will definitely cause your performance to suffer.

Truth: Unfortunately, this myth is not true either. It's sad. I have played with golfers who were downing a beer a hole and didn't start making putts that counted for money until 16 or 17. That's about when they started feeling "normal." I do understand how that's

a problem in the making. But alcohol in low moderation generally won't affect your performance. Ogling the gorgeous cart girl will.

Myth 14: Deer antler spray, if you can afford it, will enhance your performance.

Truth: Sports Illustrated debunked that myth two months ago with a major investigative report that uncovered the deer antler scam and exposed many pro athletes, including golfer Vijay Singh and NFL legend Ray Lewis, for falling victim to quick fixes to their ailments. There is not one scintilla of scientific evidence that supports the deer antler spray craze. Hopefully very few deer have died in the process.

Myth 15: Once you learn a new swing method (or adjustment) you can use it immediately on the golf course.

Truth: It takes more than 500 practice balls to get slightly comfortable with a swing change.

Myth 16: When you're hitting into a strong headwind it's best to close the clubface and swing really, really hard.

Truth: That myth is akin to the old saying "swing hard in case you hit it." On a windy day, the opposite of "swing hard" is the way to go. The golf adage that goes "when it's breezy swing easy" pretty much holds true. Over-swinging in a gale will get you in more trouble than sitting down to a \$500 Texas Hold 'em table with \$5 in your pocket.

Myth 17: If you play with horribly bad players, you tend to sink to their level of performance.

Truth: Golfers who insist on playing their own game do best when paired with other players who are far better or far worse. If you are an individual who is not mentally tough, it's easy to slip into the routine of comparing yourself to the other folks in your group. Resist that mindset.

Alas, I fear I'm preaching to the choir.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. He partners with coach Herb Wimberly as the principal instructors at Performance Golf Schools. Contact Blanchard at sports@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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Cristian Cedano

Centennial High School



Cristian Cedano is a 16-year-old sophomore at Centennial High School. He is on the Hawk's football and track teams. In track, Cedano competes in high jump, triple jump, 110-meter hurdles and the 300-meter hurdles. He has qualified for state in the high jump and hopes to qualify in the other three events this weekend at the District Track Meet in Deming. Cedano is a very positive person. He is always smiling and brings happiness to others when he is around. He is a great role model for his fellow students as well as his fellow student athletes. Cedano is a dedicated student, with a 3.52 GPA.

He hopes to continue to play sports at the college level and hopes to go to a college in Arizona. Cedano hasn't chosen a career yet, but knows he needs to soon. His interests outside of sports include hanging out with his friends. He also enjoys going with his family to his grandmother's house for family cookouts.

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Jim Hilley
Reflections

100 years ago

1913

• The fire alarm sounded Wednesday, just as the train pulled in. Someone threw a match into a freight car loaded with alfalfa. Firemen were able to save most of the load by throwing out a few bundles. Meanwhile, the responsible miscreant made his way into Mr. Porter's office, emptying the cash register and stealing a watch. The culprit was still at large.

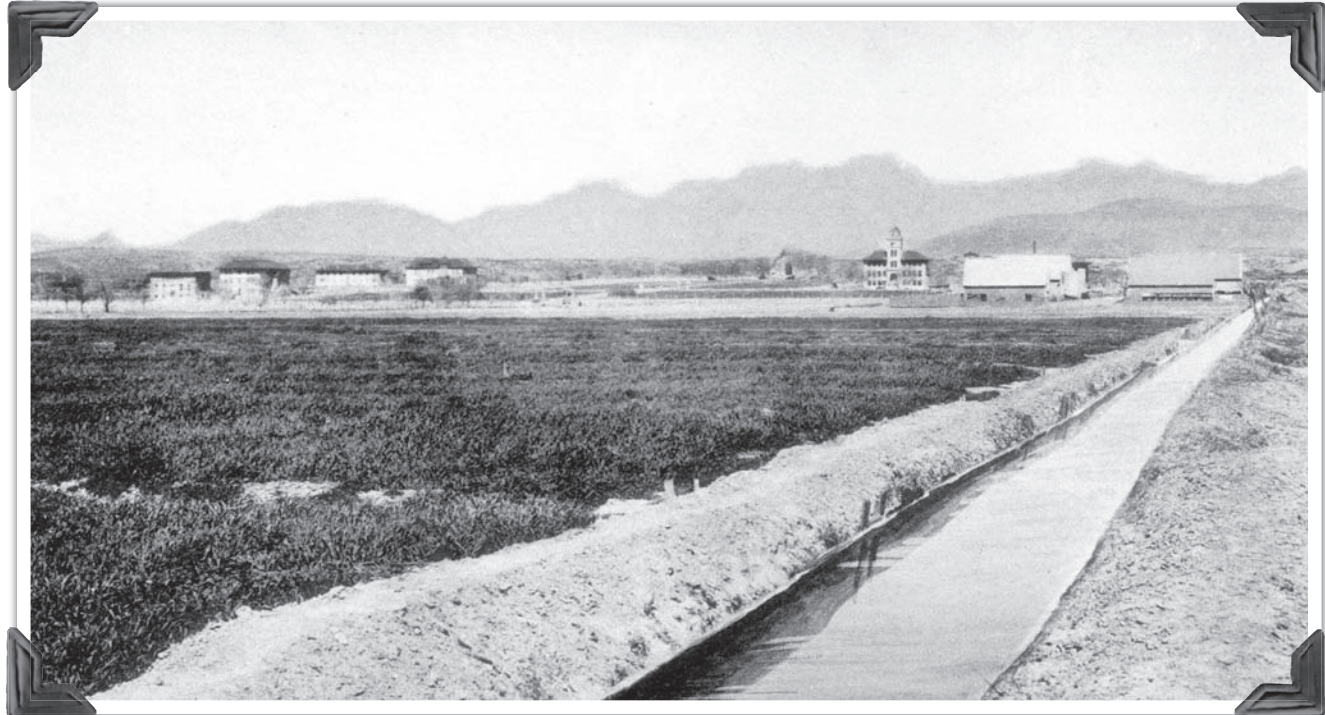
• Sixty-four mules, 18 horses, 40 freight wagons, harnesses, a complete blacksmith outfit, hot and cold tire shrinkers, and blowers – in short, a complete freighting outfit invoicing more than \$10,000 was advertised to be sold at a public auction in Silver City.

75 years ago

1938

• Professor Earl Beem, director of dramatics at New Mexico A&M, accepted an invitation to deliver the commencement address before the school district meeting in Anthony. Beem also spoke at the commencement in Anthony the year before. Dean Hugh Milton accepted his fourth engagement as a high school commencement speaker in Hillsboro. Milton was also scheduled to speak in Kirtland, Farmington and Hondo, N.M.

• The Rio Grande Theatre was showing "Girl of the Golden West" with Nelson Eddy and



The Organ Mountains provide a backdrop for this view of New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts circa 1908.

New Mexico State University Library Rio Grande Historical Collections photo

Jeanette MacDonald, along with a William Powell and Annabella double feature "The Baroness and the Butler" with "Rose of the Rio Grande."

• The State College Baptist Student Union was having an ice cream social to defray the cost of sending a representative to the Southern Baptist retreat in Ridgecrest, N.C.

50 years ago

1963

• A rabid dog was reported in the Country Club district of Las Cruces. The stray tan terrier wandered into the Border Patrol Office

where it died. It was the third rabid dog in the city since the beginning of the year.

• The City Commission passed a resolution providing that any petition for annexation by all or any part of Mesilla Park would be predicated on the starting and completion dates of water and sewer facilities throughout the areas to be annexed. Such a petition was circulating in Mesilla Park, although there was also opposition in the community.

25 years ago

1988

• Las Cruces Community Theatre's "Anastasia" was set to open with Melanie Griffith Schearer in the title role. Directed by Monte Wright, the Marcelle Maurette play tells the story of a woman who claimed to be the surviving member of the family of Czar Nicholas II and the people who sought to profit if the woman's claims proved true.

• Among movies showing at the local movie theaters were "The Milagro Beanfield War," "Colors" and "Beetlejuice."

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SENIOR PROGRAMS

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Participants need to bring their driver's license, a pen or pencil and correct change if paying with cash. AARP members must bring their membership cards to receive

the discount.

Classes are held on a first-come, first-served basis. The next available class is from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, July 1, at Golden Mesa Retirement Community, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

For more information, visit www.aarp.org or call 505-830-3096.

AEROBICS

Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activity. Hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and a ball are offered for resistance; a chair is used for seated and/or standing support.

Classes are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

Cost is \$2, or \$1 for registered Senior Programs members.

AQUATICS FITNESS

Aquatics fitness class combines cardio with strength building and is for all ages and fitness levels. Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

Cost is \$2, or \$1 for registered Senior Programs members.

YOGA CLASSES

Yoga encourages proper body alignment and brings balance, strength and calmness. Classes are from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

Cost is \$2, or \$1 for registered Senior Programs members.

ZUMBA GOLD

Zumba Gold modifies Zumba moves and pacing to suit the needs of active older participants. It's a dance-fitness class that feels friendly and, most of all, fun.

Classes are from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

Cost is \$2, or \$1 for registered Senior Programs members.

CARDIO, CORE AND MORE

The core muscle group is often referred to as your trunk and involves all of the muscles surrounding the trunk. A weak core can contribute to lower-back pain, poor posture and loss of balance. Basic classes are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

Cost is \$2, or \$1 for registered Senior Programs members.

TAI CHI FOR BETTER BALANCE

"Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance" classes are from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., and from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 S. McClure Road. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

Participants must be age 60 or older and Senior Programs members. \$1 suggested donation.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION AQUATIC PROGRAM

Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program, aka Super Seniors, is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

Participants must be age 60 or older and Senior Programs members. \$1 suggested donation.

HATHA YOGA

Hatha Yoga classes by Nora Bailey are 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 S. McClure Road.

Participants must be age 60 or older and Senior Programs members. \$1 suggested donation.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome, light refreshments will be provided.

Entertainment will be

provided by Mark Coker. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dancing is from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$6.

For more information, call 649-5306.

CHAIR EXERCISES AT EASTSIDE CENTER

Chair exercises led by Lisa Ortega are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

Participants must be age 60 or older and Senior Programs members. \$1 suggested donation.

CHRONIC DISEASE WORKSHOPS

The City of Las Cruces Senior Programs is partnering with New Mexico State University Southern Area Health Education Center to provide MyCD Chronic Disease Self-Management workshops for people age 55 and older with an ongoing health condition. The two-and-one-half hour workshops are held each week for six weeks.

Attendees get support, learn practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, understand new treatment choices and learn better ways to talk with their physician and family about their health from trained volunteer leaders.

Conditions such as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, chronic pain and anxiety benefit from the MyCD/Chronic Disease Self-Management workshops.

Attendees set their own

goals and make step-by-step plans to improve their health.

To sign up for the next workshop, call 528-3000. Space is limited.

Participants must be members of Senior Programs. Adult family members are encouraged to attend with participants.

THE VOYAGERS TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club trips currently being booked:

- **Oliver Lee State Park, Alamogordo IMAX:** Friday, May 24. Cost \$38.
- **Chaco Canyon/Ghost Ranch:** June 25-28, Cost: TBD.
- **High Rolls Cherry Festival:** June 15, cost is \$30 per person.
- **Niagara Falls/Toronto/New York:** Sept. 20-28: Trip revised to include three days in New York, \$1,820 double, \$2,240 single.
- **Annual Rose Parade:** "Dreams Come True" Dec. 29, 2013-Jan. 2, 2014. Cost: \$1,872 per person double.

For more information, call Helen Glover at 805-4920 or 312-6152.

GRINDSTONE FISHING TRIP

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will host a fishing trip for individuals age 50 and older to Grindstone Canyon Reservoir in Ruidoso Tuesday, May 14. Register at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is \$10 per person and is required at time of registration.

A minimum of six participants is required for the trip to take place.

Departure time is 7 a.m. from Meerscheidt Recreation Center, return time is 5 p.m. on the same day.

Participants must have a New Mexico fishing license and provide their own fishing supplies, sack lunch, drinking water and light jacket.

For more information, call 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2772.



Frequently called numbers

- Munson Senior Center**
975 S. Mesquite St. 528-3000
- Henry Benavidez Community Center**
1045 McClure Road..... 541-5185
- Eastside Community Center**
310 N. Tornillo St. 541-2304 or 541-2305
- Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center**
304 W. Bell Ave. 541-2455
- In-Home Services**
304 W. Bell Ave. 541-2451
- Resource Center**
975 S. Mesquite St. 528-3307
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MVCS to get new superintendent

Foreman returns to New Mexico to lead Christian school system again

John Foreman Ph.D. has been selected as the new superintendent for Mesilla Valley Christian Schools' 2013-14 academic year.

Foreman was selected after a national search to lead the school in strengthening the academic focus, instructional strategies and spiritual development that have propelled hundreds of students toward success in college and career over the past 37 years.

"John is a remarkably qualified Christian school administrator, and MVCS is blessed to have him return to lead our faculty and staff in preparing students to excel academically and spiritually in this changing world," said Dawn Marketto, MVCS board chairman.

Foreman is no stranger to Christian school leadership in New Mexico; from 1992-97 he served as the principal of Hilltop Christian School (Western Indian Ministries mission) near Gallup. He was superintendent of Mesilla Valley Christian Schools from 1997-2007.

Currently Foreman is the superintendent of Worthington Christian Schools (Columbus, Ohio), a multi-campus school system of 950 students.

During his 15 years in New Mexico, he



FOREMAN

served on a wide variety of boards and committees for both ACSI and New Mexico, including chairing a sub-committee of the State Board of Education.

Foreman completed his undergraduate training in education at Cedarville University in Ohio and his master's (Christian School Administration) at Grace Theological Seminary in Indiana. In 2003, Foreman earned his doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from Trinity Theological Seminary, graduating with honors from both Grace and Trinity. Foreman also completed part of his doctoral course work at the University of New Mexico and New Mexico State University.

MVCS has established itself as one of the leading academic institutions in the southern portion of New Mexico. The school is intentional about inspiring character, faith in God and excellence in academics. MVCS students have test scores that outpace the state and nation, and graduates go on to earn significant scholarships from schools all over the country.

To learn more about Mesilla Valley Christian Schools or Foreman, visit the schools' website at www.mvconline.com.

Doolittle wins NMSU honor

Crouch Award recognizes university staff

Katrina Doolittle, executive director of the environmental health and safety department in Facilities and Services at New Mexico State University, has received the university's 2013 Ralph B. Crouch Memorial Award.

NMSU Interim President Manuel Pacheco presented the award to Doolittle Tuesday, April 30, in the Corbett Center Ballroom. Doolittle was nominated by Glen Haubold, assistant vice president for Facilities and Services at NMSU, who has worked with Doolittle since 2008.

"A lot of people have strings of accomplishments," Haubold said. "Katrina has a career full of accomplishments. She has made New Mexico State an environmentally safe place to be. She has built the department from the ground up."

Doolittle, born and raised in New Mexico, first attended NMSU as a student in 1976. She earned her doctorate in 1991, shortly after she began working at the university. In 1994, she became the director of the environmental health and safety department.

"To read the wonderful things that people wrote about me really meant a lot," she said. "Whether or not I received the award the comments would have been enough. I think the impression that you've made on people is the most rewarding part."

Doolittle also noted that it is partnerships



DOOLITTLE

in safety that make the real difference in the effectiveness of safety programs.

In the nomination packet, David Rockstraw, academic department head and professor of chemical engineering wrote, "Dr. Doolittle mobilizes a crack team of experts when a safety issue is identified and swiftly corrects the problem."

Ben Woods, NMSU chief of staff, wrote in his nomination letter,

"Prior to her arrival, the EHS department approached the campus with a stick in hand. Katrina single-handedly changed that culture, and, with it, enhanced and expanded the effectiveness of her organization and its benefits to the campus community."

NMSU Interim Provost Jay Jordan wrote, "More importantly, these accomplishments have been made while earning the respect of faculty and staff and gaining willing cooperation for her programs by establishing relationships that facilitate and foster a culture of safety and compliance."

Ralph B. Crouch was former head of NMSU's mathematics department and former associate dean of the graduate school. The award is given each year to a current or living former NMSU employee who has made an outstanding contribution to the university community.

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OBITUARIES

THOMAS TATE

Thomas Tate, 79, passed away Sunday, April 28, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico. A 1955 graduate of the US Naval Academy, as well as of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Stanford University, Tom's 20-year career as an officer in the Civil Engineer Corps took him around the world. One of his earliest duty stations was the ship yards in Bremerton, Washington, where he worked on the construction of the world's then-largest dry dock in the early 1960s. He spent 14 months at McMurdo Station in Antarctica (Deep Freeze '63), as well as a year commanding 13 teams of U.S. Navy Seabees in Vietnam and Thailand. Throughout the 1960s and '70s he continued to serve his country in Japan, Hawaii, and on bases across the United States.

After retiring from the Navy, Tom joined the engineering and construction firm of Fluor Corporation, training young engineers and traveling the world as an expert in government and international contracts. Following his retirement from Fluor, he and his wife Donna moved to Las Cruces in 1994, where they

have been actively involved with Memorial Medical Center, the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, the League of Women Voters, and many other cultural and political organizations.

Tom believed deeply that volunteerism and personal philanthropy have the greatest impacts at home, and contributions reflecting his philosophy of "Community First" may be made to the Tom and Donna Tate Endowment at the Community Foundation or other local agencies serving residents of southern New Mexico.

Tom is survived by his wife, Donna, his daughters Melody and Kamella, and his brother Ray. Cremation is by La Paz-Grahams' Funeral Home, with a celebration of Tom's life to be held in the fall.

La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home, 555 W. Amador Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, 575-526-6891

La Paz-Graham's

MARION LOUISE FULMER

July 13, 1923 to April 30, 2013

Marion Louise Fulmer of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on April 30, 2013 at the age of 89. She was born in Boston, Massachusetts on July 13, 1923. Marion is survived by her children Patricia Kunkel of Artesia, New Mexico, and her husband Tim, and Richard Fulmer of Houston and his wife Diann. She also has five grandchildren: Matthew Kunkel of Socorro, New Mexico; Elizabeth Fulmer of Clarksdale, MS; Katherine Fulmer of Houston, Texas; James Fulmer of Houston; and Marie Fulmer of Las Cruces. Marion was preceded in death by Jacob Walter Fulmer, her husband of 45 years.



Marion was a member of P.E.O., a philanthropic organization that promotes women's education. Also active in local politics, she suggested what was to become the Sun-News' popular Sound Off feature. A loyal friend and a loving mother and grandmother, Marion's legacy of landscape, seascape, and still-life paintings will bring beauty and joy to hundreds of people for generations.

Private burial will take place at Masonic Cemetery on Saturday, May 11, 2013. On July 13, 2013, which would have been Marion's 90th birthday, friends and family are invited to the Lundeen's Inn of the Arts in Las Cruces (618 South Alameda Blvd, phone: 575-526-3327) at 7 p.m. in celebration of her life.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be given in Marion's name to her favorite charities: Boys Town, Wounded Warriors, and the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz, Las Cruces 575-527-2222. For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com

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DEATH NOTICES

DIAZ

Manuel A. Diaz, 87, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Casa de Oro Care Center. Manuel served his country honorably in the United States Army during World War II and retired from White Sands Missile Range as a Military Police.

Services have been held. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in the Chamberino Cemetery with military honors accorded by a New Mexico National Guard Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League - El Perro Diablo Detachment.

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TUBBS

Donna Elizabeth Tubbs, 64, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Monday, May 6, 2013 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center.

Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

RUIZ

Margarita O. Ruiz, 76, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at her home.

Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

GORDON

Theodore Albert Gordon, 79, of Anthony, Texas, passed away May 7, 2013.

Arrangements are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

GARCIA

SSGT Ret'd., Pedro M. Garcia, 62, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Sunday, May 5, 2013 at his home. Pedro served his country honorably in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam Era and Persian Gulf War. He retired as a Staff Sergeant after 21 years of service.

Services have been held. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in Fort Bliss National Cemetery with military honors accorded by a Holloman Air Force Base Honor Guard.

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HOLLANDER

Alyce H. Hollander, 91, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Monday, May 6, 2013 at her home.

Services are pending at Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

GENIN

Joseph Genin, 82, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on May 6, 2013. Services will take place in Lafayette, Indiana.

Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

YBARRA

Erminda T. Ybarra, 57, of Berino, New Mexico, died Wednesday, May 1, 2013. She was born Oct. 3, 1955 in El Paso, TX. She is survived by her three daughters, Ida, Renee and Crystal.

Memorial Services to celebrate her life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home and Getz Family Crematory. 575-526-2419

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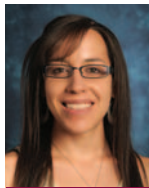


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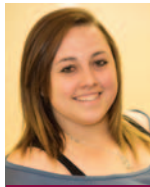
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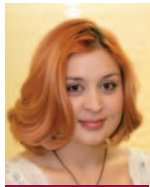
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Bordering on change



David Salcido

On second thought ...

Want to hear something that's going to change your world view? Point it south and prepare to be flummoxed.

Why? Because the borderlands of today bear no resemblance to the borderlands of yesteryear. In fact, during the last three or four years, they've been undergoing a transformation that is about to revolutionize the way southern New Mexico is viewed worldwide. And it's happening right in our own backyard.

Got your attention? You ain't heard nothin' yet.

A few days ago, I and a small contingent of Bulletineers drove south, to the tiny border town of Santa Teresa, N.M., for a tour of what has come in recent years to be known as the Borderplex. It was an eye-opening experience from start to finish.

Our tour guide on this excursion was Jerry Pacheco, vice president of the Business Industrial Association, an energetic visionary whose life work is being realized in the badlands along the U.S.-Mexican border.

"The most exciting economic development project in the state is going on right here," Pacheco said as a warm up, then began inundating us with numbers.

Did you know that Mexico is one of the largest export destinations, appearing at No. 2 in the top 10 list of New Mexico export destinations in 2012 – with an astounding \$600 million in revenue?

How about that New Mexico led the nation with 42 percent growth in exports in 2012?

Here's another one for you: According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, the makeup of exports from the United States to Mexico is more than 50 percent via the Santa Teresa Port of Entry. And, because Santa Teresa is considered to be part of the El Paso metropolitan area, it is considered number four in the nation's largest exporters by city, behind Detroit, Los Angeles and Houston.

Pacheco has one last piece of information to savor.

"Two years ago, we were crossing about a billion dollars worth of trade a year through Santa Teresa," he said. "Now it's around a billion and a half dollars a month."

How is all of this possible? Because while we here in Las Cruces have been

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Market ticks up for Class of '13

Internships key to landing first job

By **Alta LeCompte**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Alex Andrews is a lucky young man.

When he graduates with an undergraduate degree from New Mexico State University Saturday, May 11, he'll step directly into a full-time professional position.

Andrews attributes his success largely to luck. But, without realizing it, he made a series of choices that led him down the path to employment.

Working on his laptop in the atrium of the NMSU College of Business one afternoon last week, he looked up and volunteered to tell his story.

Born in Hawaii, he grew up in very small New Mexico town, where he made the first correct call – he enrolled at NMSU.

Career begins with college

Statistically speaking, college is the way to go. College graduates continue to fare better in the labor market than those without a sheepskin.

The unemployment rate for young, recent college graduates who weren't furthering their education stood at an average of 8.8 percent between March 2012 and February 2013, according to a recent study by the American Policy Institute. That's down from an average of 10.4 percent in 2010, but still much higher than 5.7 percent in 2007, according to the report on young workers.

While new college graduates will walk into an economy still troubled by weak growth and a tight job market, they are expected to fare better than high school graduates. An average of 29.9 percent of high school grads between ages 17 and 20 who weren't enrolled in additional schooling were unemployed and actively looking for work between March 2012 and February of 2013, according to the study.

A recently released Job Outlook Spring Update from the National Association of Colleges and Employers surveyed large national employers and found they expect to hire 2.1 percent more new college grads this year than last.

Internships pay forward

When Andrews arrived at NMSU, he continued to make choices that furthered his chances in the job market. He chose to major in finance, but broadened his prospects by taking a marketing internship.

"I lucked out," he said. "I was

just bored and wanted something else to do. I was taking one nap a day, not the best way to progress on a career."

He approached a number of companies for an internship. Molina responded.

Andrews interned more than a year and a half with Molina and will officially begin his career with the company as community outreach coordinator for southern New Mexico.

Statistically speaking, Andrews made the right call when he sought an internship.

Research repeatedly shows completing a paid internship is the best way to turn a newly minted degree into a career-path job.

According to an NMSU survey of 2012 graduates, 60 percent of students who had held paid internships received at least one job offer when they were graduating.

According to Andrews, internships also pay dividends in providing opportunities to hone soft skills such as networking.

Conventional wisdom applies

"Success depends on a lot of the standard things," said Kathleen Brook, associate dean of the business college. "Students who are motivated to begin their job search before graduating are more likely to receive job offers. Also, those who have applied themselves during college and filled leadership roles."

Andrews agreed.

He said he played rugby for four years at NMSU, serving as president his senior year. He also filled leadership roles in two business honoraries.

Brook said business students with specialized training, such as accounting and finance majors, are more likely to match their skills to an employer's needs than are those with a less specialized degree, such as management.

Golf management's winning ways

One need look no farther than the NMSU College of Business PGA Golf Management Program to see some of the factors that contribute to students' success in the marketplace.

Pat Gavin, program director, said 100 percent of graduates get jobs.

"We have 100 percent placement," he said. "Most of our graduates are looking at five to seven job offers. Most have locked down a job by fall for graduation the following May."

Golf management students work hard for that reward, however.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

Job-ready Alex Andrews, who is graduating from the New Mexico State University College of Business, will start his career where he interned – with Molina Healthcare.

They undertake a five-year undergraduate program that requires 16 months of internships, including one every summer.

"Without a doubt the internship component helps greatly, with valuable experience as well as getting to know a lot of PGA professionals," Gavin said.

He said 90 percent of the program's grads will be at golf courses or country clubs as assistant pros or teaching pros, while about 6 percent will work for manufacturers of golf equipment as sales reps and "3 to 4 percent will chase the dream of making it on the PGA tour."

Other factors that may contribute to the young golf specialists' success in the job market are the program's high standards and high demand for graduates.

NMSU's golf management program is selective, admitting students who excel both in the classroom and on the green, Gavin said.

There are only 19 such programs in the U.S.

Engineers land jobs

Sonya Cooper, associate dean of the NMSU College of Engineering, said students who take advantage of internship and co-op opportunities do best in the job market.

She called internships

"extremely valuable."

"If students are good about sending out résumés, they will get multiple job offers," she said. "Those who have a co-op or internship program will be chosen over those who do not."

She said companies are hiring this year.

"The market is opening up – we can see that now," Cooper said. "Last year a small number of companies lifted their moratorium on hiring. This year, more companies and older companies we have always relied on are looking."

Tony Marin, NMSU Career Services director, reports improvement in student prospects.

He said in 2011-12, 207 unduplicated employers attended career fairs on campus. In 2012-13 the number was 222, in spite of a slight decrease in the government employer pool.

"GM, Sandia National Labs, Las Cruces Public Schools, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Wells Fargo, Honeywell, BNSF Railway, Dow Chemical, Halliburton, Western Refining, Edward Jones, General Dynamics, Hewlett Packard are a sampling of local and regional ... employers that are hiring here," he said.

"All majors, including education, business, engineering, and arts and sciences are being sought."

Briefs

High Tech Consortium May membership meeting

This month's High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

This month's speaker will be Renee Palacios from Phoenix Analysis & Design Technologies. She will discuss the history of 3-D solid printing, the top technologies in the market and the industries best served by this technology.

HTC meetings are open to the public and free. Anyone interested in growing high technology in southern New Mexico is encouraged to attend. For more information, call Terry Jack at 522-3868.

Century Bank welcomes Anna Marie Martinez



MARTINEZ

Century Bank is proud to welcome Anna Marie Martinez to its Las Cruces Mortgage team. She is a native of Las Cruces and attended the Western States School of Banking at University of New Mexico.

Martinez has more than 20 years of experience in the financial industry, the past 10 as a mortgage lender. Martinez is at the branch at 141 S. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 101, 521-2407.

White Sands FCU employees raise \$12k for March of Dimes

Three months ago, the employees of White Sands Federal Credit Union set a goal – to raise \$7,500 for March of Dimes in recognition of the organization's 75th anniversary. They held bake sales and put out collection jars. They sold nachos and candy bars

and stuffed toys. Forty employees even committed to walk the 7.5 mile March for Babies route on April 27 and got sponsors. In the end, they exceeded their goal by 60 percent – raising \$12,049.

The credit union thanks its many members who supported this cause during the past three months and who took part in the walk. The credit union was also a route sponsor for the event and encouraged walkers along the route with cold water and ice pops. For more information on this and other White Sands FCU programs, visit www.wsfcu.org.

Branson renovation to showcase Pete Domenici Collection

A \$1.6 million renovation of the second floor east of New Mexico State University's Branson Library is underway. The renovation will result in an improved environment to showcase the Library's Special Collections and Political Papers Archives, which includes the Pete V. Domenici Archives that Sen. and Mrs. Domenici donated to the NMSU Library in 2008.

Construction on the 16,138-square-foot area of Branson Library began on April 16, and will continue through Aug. 13. For more information, call Associate Dean Norice Lee at 646-1508.

USDA announces final call for 2012 Census of Agriculture

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is urging farmers and ranchers not to miss their opportunity to be counted and help determine the future of farming in America.

The Census of Agriculture, conducted once every five years, is the only source of consistent and comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the nation.

The 2012 Census will provide a complete picture of agriculture that will be used to shape the future of agriculture, rural America, and the lives of those USDA serves for years to come. The deadline to respond to the Census of Agriculture is May 31. USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) may contact producers by phone or in person to collect Census information since time is running out.

For more information about the Census, including helpful tips on completing a census form, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov or call 888-4AG-STAT (888-424-7828).

New Mexico Press Women present scholarships to two NMSU students



Cheryl Fallstead congratulates New Mexico Press Women's scholarship winners Dana Beasley and Francisco (Frank) Ambiz.

New Mexico Press Women, a professional organization for women and men working in any field of communications, presented the Doris Gregory Memorial Scholarship to New Mexico State University journalism and mass communications students Dana Beasley and Francisco (Frank) Ambriz, both of whom plan to graduate in 2014. Their scholarship awards were presented at the April meeting of the Las Cruces Press Women by LCPW and NMPW President Cheryl Fallstead. For more information, visit www.newmexicopresswomen.org.

Bordering

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going about our daily lives, the industrialists have been building a base of operations that could, in very short time, rival anything being accomplished in China, Japan or Europe.

That base is made up of hundreds of acres of desert, dotted with warehouses and office complexes housing manufacturing companies on the cutting edge of technology; companies with names such as FXI, General Pacific Inc., Menlo Logistics, Erickson Metals, Interceramics Inc. and the granddaddy of them all, Foxconn, which sits like a huge hulking bastion of prosperity within a stone's throw of the border, in Mexico.

Foxconn, for those out of the loop, is a Taiwanese multinational electronics manufacturing company, the world's largest, responsible for such notable can't-live-without-it items as the iPad, iPhone, iPod, Kindle, PlayStation and Wii. Impressed? You should be.

Feeding Foxconn and other companies like it are the companies mentioned

earlier, in a symbiotic relationship combining the infrastructure and distribution of the American free trade system with the economical labor and easy restrictions of Mexico.

"Companies who decide to locate here are doing so because they have a buyer on the other side of the border connected with the maquiladora industry," Pacheco said.

A maquiladora, for the uninitiated, is an assembly plant located in Mexico, usually along the US-Mexico border, to which foreign materials and parts are shipped and from which the finished product is returned to the original market. It's a synergetic alliance that is at the heart of this latest industrial revolution.

The success story of the moment, however, is the introduction of Union Pacific, North America's premiere railroad franchise, to the mix. Currently terraforming several miles of desert into a massive intermodal rail yard to serve the needs of the growing industrial park, Union Pacific is working day and night to complete their complex, which will include 75 miles of track adjacent to the

main line within a 12-mile range, by the first quarter of 2014.

"We did a calculation and they're spending about \$400,000 a day on the project," Pacheco said. "The amount of dirt that they've moved is about the equivalent of 'A' Mountain. If you put all that dirt in rail cars, the train would stretch from the border all the way to Albuquerque."

It's not hard to imagine. As we jolted and jostled along the rutted county road – a road that will eventually be paved – we saw trucks by the dozens rolling in, being unloaded by swarms of uniformed workers, and rolling out again, like a well-oiled, if a bit dusty, machine.

"It's like somebody is building an enormous empire out here," Pacheco said. "I joke all the time that it's like something out of a James Bond movie."

He laughed before returning to the business at hand.

"This facility, when it's completed, will dwarf the rail yard in El Paso," he said. "It will be the size of the rail yard in Joliet, outside of Chicago."

Best of all, it's not costing New Mexico a

penny. It's all paid for by private sector money.

"It's the biggest project on the U.S.-Mexico border," Pacheco said. "Imagine the tax base that is going to be created here. For the first time, we, in one of the poorest parts of the state, instead of being a net taker on the tax side, will be a net contributor to the state's coffers."

He finished the tour with a summation that brought everything into focus for those of us on the tour.

"There aren't a lot of people in Las Cruces who really understand the scope of what we're talking about here. We are going to be the economic powerhouse of the country and we are going to see the manufacturing base of the state of New Mexico shift from Albuquerque to here," he said. "Understand, we're not trying to take jobs away from Albuquerque, nor will we. It's all going to be new industry. Our friends in Las Cruces, they go to bed every night and they never even realize what's going on in the Borderplex. They're going to wake up one day and there will be a city down here."

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By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



Genghis Grill

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Salcido

Construction continues on Genghis Grill, a Mongolian stir-fry restaurant, at 880 S. Telshor Blvd., south of Mesilla Valley Mall. The 4,500-square-foot facility will feature an outdoor patio and ample parking. The restaurant is scheduled to open in late fall.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

| Publish date | Building | Address | Contact |
|--------------|---|--|--------------|
| May 3 | Alameda Boulevard Reconstruction | Alameda Boulevard near intersection of El Molino Boulevard | 527-2500 |
| April 26 | Conn's Home Plus | Mesilla Valley Mall | 521-4409 |
| April 19 | Solar panels at City Hall | 700 N. Main St. | 541-2000 |
| April 12 | Genghis Grill | 700 N. Telshor Blvd. | 888-436-4447 |
| April 5 | Western Heritage Bank | 211 S. Alameda Blvd. | 541-0058 |

Our numbers

2013 job outlook

8.8 percent

Unemployment among college grads under age 25

\$16.60

Average hourly wage for recent grads, down from \$18.14 in 2000

\$1.4 million

Highest average salary for college grads (CEO)

\$212,000

Highest average salary for associate degree holders (entrepreneurs)

\$102,000

Second highest salary for associate degree holders (computer programmers)

Sources: www.cnnmoney.com, www.jobthatpay.com

Gas update

Monday, May 6

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **fallen 0.7 cents** per gallon in the past week, **averaging \$3.32** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **increased 1 cent** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.51** per gallon.

New Mexico prices **Monday, May 6**, were **37 cents** per gallon **lower** than the same day one year ago and are **11.9 cents** per gallon **lower** than a month ago. The national **average** has **decreased 7.8 cents** per gallon during the last month and stands **26.8 cents** per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

| | | |
|--------------------------|--|--------|
| 1. Shamrock | 1900 N. Main St. | \$3.09 |
| 2. Dylan's | 1900 N. Main St. | \$3.09 |
| 3. Murphy Express | 1290 S. Valley Drive | \$3.11 |
| 4. Alon | 825 Avenida de Mesilla | \$3.11 |
| 5. Bradley's | 1260 El Paseo Road & 920 El Paseo Road | \$3.11 |

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com, as of Monday, May 6

Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

| FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT | LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE | CARRIER |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Albuquerque | \$142.80 | Southwest |
| Atlanta | \$126.80 | AirTran |
| Austin | \$123.30 | American |
| Chicago | \$196.80 | US Air |
| Dallas-Love | \$127.80 | United |
| Houston | \$138.30 | US Air |
| Las Vegas | \$104.80 | US Air |
| Los Angeles | \$128.80 | American |
| Phoenix | \$83.90 | US Air |
| San Antonio | \$69.80 | American |
| New York City | \$193.30 | United |
| Orlando | \$243.80 | American |
| San Diego | \$124.80 | US Air |
| Seattle | \$134.80 | US Air |
| Washington, D.C. | \$174.80 | American |
| London (roundtrip) | \$929 | United |
| Paris (roundtrip) | \$1,211 | Delta |
| Rome (roundtrip) | \$1,334.80 | Delta |

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective May 14-21 *Restrictions apply* Holidays

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

Euro

\$1.30668 in U.S. dollars
0.76530 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso

\$0.08258 in U.S. dollars
12.10900 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen

\$0.01007 in U.S. dollars
99.30999 per U.S. dollar

Canadian Dollar

\$0.99139 in U.S. dollars
1.00868 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com, as Monday, May 6



Market snapshot

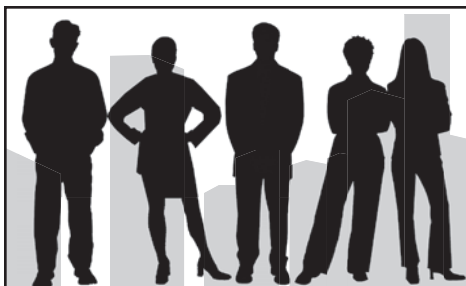
For the week of April 22-26, the market reports:

| Index | Started | Ended | Change | % Change | % YTD |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|-------|
| DJIA | 14547.51 | 14712.55 | 165.04 | 1.1 | 12.3 |
| Nasdaq | 3206.06 | 3279.26 | 73.20 | 2.3 | 8.6 |

Strong: Technology, financials

Weak: Consumer staples, utilities

Source: <http://briefing.com>



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Prices up

Area home values finally on the rise



Gary Sandler's
Real Estate Connection

Realtors have been seeing the signs for months, but it wasn't until April that indicators confirmed that local home values were definitely on the rise.

It became apparent last summer that the

rate-of-decline in home values had begun to slow. At the same time, however, highly discounted short sales and sales of bank-owned properties (REOs), which made up a full third of the existing-home sales, were keeping a lid on prices. Today, distress sales account for a little more than 22 percent of used-home sales.

By the time the beginning of the year rolled around, it became apparent that homes were taking less time to sell. Statistics at that time also indicated that sellers were beginning to receive a higher percentage of their asking prices. As multiple buyers vied with one another to take advantage of the discounted distress-sale prices, almost a quarter of them paid more than the asking price, from 5 percent to 7 percent above list in many cases.

Those sales pushed up the values of other

homes in the neighborhood, inspiring buyers to jump in and purchase before the inventory declined and prices rose further. One buyer I know personally purchased a very nice home in the Las Colinas area for \$116,400. It appraised for \$127,000. Talk about an overnight jump in value.

In a year-over-year comparison of statistics from the Las Cruces Association of Realtors, new-home prices rose more than \$28,000 during the first four months of this year compared to last year. During the same period, the average and median prices of existing-homes rose \$2,000 and \$6,000, respectively.

New-home sales production stands about where it did last year, but existing-home production is up just under 10 percent. The dollar volume of the new and existing homes sold through April of this year

is also up, increasing by just under \$10 million. Price per square foot has also increased, rising a little more than \$12 on new homes and almost \$3 on existing homes.

Will this welcomed turnaround be permanent or temporary? I'm hoping for the permanent option, of course. One fact that can't be disputed is that now, more than ever, is a great time to purchase a Las Cruces area home. See you at closing.

Gary Sandler is the president of Gary Sandler Inc. Realtors in Las Cruces and the host of Gary Sandler's Real Estate Connection, broadcast each Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. on KSNM-AM 570. Sandler is the 2007 and 2010 recipient

of the New Mexico Broadcaster's Associations Talk Show Host of the Year award. Questions or comments may be directed to Sandler at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@garysandler.com.

“ Price per square foot has also increased, rising a little more than \$12 on new homes. ”



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New Home Sales – January - April

| Year | # Sold | Average Price | Median Price | Volume | Avg Sq Footage | Avg \$ P/Sq Ft |
|----------------|--------|---------------|--------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| 2013 | 43 | \$196,399 | \$184,000 | 8.6 mil | 1,769 | \$110.23 |
| 2012 | 44 | \$168,192 | \$155,965 | 7.4 mil | 1,724 | \$98.22 |
| YOY Difference | 0 | \$28,207 | \$28,035 | 1.2 mil | 45 | \$12.01 |

Source: Las Cruces Association of Realtors as of 5/7/13

Existing Home Sales – January - April

| Year | # Sold | Average Price | Median Price | Volume | Avg Sq Footage | Avg \$ P/Sq Ft |
|----------------|--------|---------------|--------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2013 | 350 | \$173,430 | \$145,000 | \$63.8 mil | 1,899 | \$88.71 |
| 2012 | 321 | \$172,456 | \$139,000 | \$55.4 mil | 1,928 | \$85.88 |
| YOY Difference | 29 | \$1,974 | \$6,000 | 8.4 mil | -29 | \$2.83 |

Source: Las Cruces Association of Realtors as of 5/7/13



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

HOW TO NOMINATE A BUSINESS

Tell the chamber about a great local business. Go to www.lascruces.org/downloads.php, scroll down to Member Spotlight Nomination Form and download a nomination form. Candidates for Business of the Month will have more than 10 employees. Candidates for Small Business of the Month will have 10 or fewer employees. For more information, call the chamber at 524-1968.



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2013 BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH

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March Sagecrest Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
April AT&T
May FirstLight Federal Credit Union

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City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report April 28 - May 2

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

| PERMIT NO. | PERMIT TYPE | OWNER | ADDRESS | CONTRACTOR | TOTAL FEE | VALUATION |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 20132401 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | SAIGH & SON LLC | 719 SOMBRERO COURT | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$4,728.08 | \$182,204 |
| 20132415 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | BRAD & BERTHA YOUNG | 4095 CALLE BELLEZA | GL GREEN AND ASSOCIATES | \$4,795.70 | \$221,810 |
| 20132431 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | SONOMA RANCH EAST II LLC | 4392 CALLE AMARILLA ARC | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$4,736.20 | \$186,960 |
| 20132413 | RES NEW TOWNHOUSE | NORTHPOINTE LAND DEV. CORP. | 1921 STARBURST RIDGE | BURKE CONSTRUCTION, INC. | \$4,681.04 | \$140,000 |
| 20132368 | RESIDENTIAL ALTERATIONS | JOSE A. & ELIZABETH A. RIVERA | 1174 BIRCH DRIVE | JOSEPH RIVERA | \$46.04 | \$2,000 |
| 20132403 | SWIMMING POOL | BOB GILBERT | 5452 SANTA CRUZ AVE. | ERIVES CONSTRUCTION | \$298.20 | \$55,000 |

* Information provided by LCHBA from information provided by City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County permit offices

Quality hard to measure Comparison over long periods of time difficult



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

I just bought a new car – a 2013 Hyundai Elantra Limited. I love this car and the nice thing about it is its price; after adjusting for inflation, about \$6,000 less than the last car I bought, a 2003 Toyota Camry. My new and old cars

are comparable, small sedans aimed at the middle income commuter.

I paid \$6,000 less and got a much nicer car; rear view camera, XM radio, Bluetooth, proximity key, the works – all things not found in my old Camry.

This illustrates a problem that plagues economic measures. We economists don't do well with changes in quality. We're good at counting things, but not good at evaluating how things have changed.

Think about the changes in the past 25 years: land lines vs. cell phones, desk top computers vs. iPads, boom boxes vs. iPods, paperback books vs. Kindles, Blockbuster vs. Netflix, cable vs. Roku. All these examples represent quantum improvements in quality, yet those changes don't show up in conventional economic measures.

Because quality changes accumulate, the longer the time period over which we compare, the less useful is the comparison. Comparing, say, GDP between 2012 and 2011 can be useful, but comparing GDP between 2012 and 1912 is less meaningful.

Failure to understand this fundamental problem with economic statistics can be exploited by politicians. Take the case of median family income. This is the income level at which half of families are above and half are below, so is an indicator of how well the middle class is doing.

A commonly asserted "fact" is that median family income today is lower than in 1988. This is just nonsense, as a little thought will reveal. The lifestyle of the median family of

2013 wasn't even possible in 1988 because the technology didn't exist. The World Wide Web, for example, was yet to be invented.

What we can say about median family income is that it has declined in the last few years, beginning in 2008 with the onset of the financial crisis, and has been slow to recover. But if one tries to compare median income today to that of 1988, they have left firm ground for the muck.

Economists aren't oblivious to these problems. A number of attempts have been made to try to adjust for quality. One approach, referred to as hedonic pricing, estimates the price as a function of various characteristics. A copier machine's price, for example, could be adjusted for color, copying speed and so on. This way a new copier with, say, a faster copying speed can be adjusted to be comparable with an older copier.

For hedonic pricing to work, we have to assume that economists can identify and measure the relevant features that affect price. Yet many design features can't be measured. How do you quantify the "bounce" at the end of a list on Apple computers?

Hedonic pricing can help make economic measures more accurate, but they can only go so far. Changes in quality remain a significant cause for understating economic activity.

“ If one tries to compare median income today to that of 1988, they have left firm ground for the muck. ”

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. He first taught students about measuring GDP more than 30 years ago. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.

Drought options

EBID hesitates on allocation, farmers in holding pattern

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Elephant Butte Irrigation District's hydrology consultant J. Phillip King did not have any good news for the board of directors at its meeting April 10, but it was vital information for the agriculture industry.

King also is a civil engineering professor at New Mexico State University.

The mountain snow pack that supplies the Rio Grande has peaked in its spring melt, it will take time for the runoff to reach the lower Rio Grande Valley and the reservoirs are depleted, King advised the district board.

The reservoirs' storage as of March was, Elephant Butte, 220,176 acre-feet, and Caballo, 10,572 acre-feet. The EBID has 50,000 acre-feet available for diversion. And water agencies are assuming that the EBID will receive an additional 22,000 acre-feet.

"I'd say we're looking at a diversion of 57,000 acre-feet this summer for the Elephant Butte District," King said.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service reported that the mountain snow pack, which has peaked in its spring melt, is about 12 percent of average.

"The snow runoff won't contribute much water to the district at all this spring," King said.

While discussing the water allocation to farmers this summer he mentioned about 3 inches.

"I just wanted to alert the board that it'll probably wind up with a farmer allocation of 3.2 or 3.6 inches," King said.

The normal allocation to farmers is 3 acre-feet.

The board didn't act on the farmer allocation. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in El Paso releases the water from the reservoir, but the irrigation district determines the allocation to the farmers.

As EBID manager Gary Esslinger noted earlier, the board doesn't think it is a good policy to set the allocation until it sees the water in the reservoir – and the water supply outlook is not promising.

"An El Niño is forming, but it's too late for this season," King said.

El Niño is the Equatorial Pacific system that brings storms into southern New Mexico.

"The surface water supply hasn't been this bad since the project was built in 1916," King said.

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The City of Las Cruces will have a public review and comment period beginning May 4, 2013, on proposed park impact fees, a park capital improvement plan, master plan and land use assumptions. The City is considering adjusting the Park Impact Fee assessed to new residential housing units and is looking at three separate plans regarding park improvements, park needs and City land. The review period will be for 30 days and residents can comment on the proposals during that time.

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In Good Company: Austin Custom Jewelry and Appraisals

Local business celebrates 25 years Gem of a store opens ring museum

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Keith Austin bought the freestanding, one-story building at 230 E. Idaho Ave. 19 years ago, he painted it a brilliant royal blue.

He had waited patiently for the right opportunity, and purchased the building after being in the jewelry business six years in Las Cruces.

"It had been built as Gene's Fine Jewelry, and fine people owned and worked here. That was one reason I wanted to buy it. But the building was grey," Austin said.

He wanted everyone who drove by to know a new jewelry store had moved in.

Last week, Austin again made a splash.

On Thursday, May 2, he hosted a ribbon cutting to tell the City of the Crosses that Austin's is celebrating its 25th anniversary, sports a redesigned interior and has opened a ring museum.

At his side cutting the ribbon while he held the celebratory proclamation was his wife and business partner, Kathy.

Color shocks the city

Austin said he took a lot of criticism from the community – and even from an employee – when he first coated the building in blue.

It wasn't long, however, before customers realized he knew the jewelry business. He had saved for years to be able to buy the just right building. He also trained as a gemologist so he could offer customers the perspective he believes they deserve.

Under his guidance, Austin's has built a reputation for selling high-quality new and antique jewelry with timeless beauty.

Nineteen years after the blue paint went on, no one tried to second guess him when he announced plans to re-do the interior of the store and repurpose a portion of the space to display some of his massive ring collection, none of which is for sale.

The remodeling took about nine months.

Among the most obvious changes are white walls accented with art, custom lighting and display cases, tile replacing blue carpet floor, five niches that display a mosaic mural by Alan Greene based on a painting by Van Gogh, and, of course, the museum.

Museum within a store

The museum is both a business-development tool for Austin's and a chance for Keith Austin to share his collection.

Secured by an antique vault door, the museum houses about 40 percent of his collection of some 10,000 rings and ring-related items. Those items include boxes, ads and molds – anything having to do with the production and promotion of the use of rings. Austin will guide tours, and information about the history of the rings will be available for visitors to view.

Much of the collection reflects the history of the area, including its military history.

Austin plans to change out one or two of the 10 display cases in the ring museum every month, so there's always something new to see.

"The entire collection will cycle through," he said. "I did not want to build a museum that would be totally stagnant. People would see it one time and have no need to come back."

He also intends for the museum to entertain and inform interstate travelers.

He's working with the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau to market the new feature and plans to spread the word in Tucson, Ariz., Albuquerque and El Paso.

"I'm a firm believer if you collect something you should share it with other people," he said.

Marketing on the road

The museum is not the only way Austin mixes hobbies with business.

Drivers who pass the Idaho Avenue store are likely to see a '53 Pontiac sedan delivery vehicle parked out front when it's not on the road making deliveries.

The Pontiac is one of three vintage autos in Austin's collection and the one that gets to go to work.

"It's off-handed advertising," Austin said. "It's wonderful because people talk about it."

Partial to Pontiacs, Austin also owns a '39 Pontiac full custom street rod that makes occasional appearances at special events and car shows.

Roots in retail

The '39 Pontiac symbolizes the patience he's learned in pursuing his career.

"From the day I got it to the first time I drove it was 30 years," he said. "The biggest thing I've learned is patience."

Raised in Tularosa, Austin began his career with Sears at age 19 and managed four stores for the chain over a 15-year span.

Leaving Sears in Hobbs, he bought a gift shop in that city.

"After a year and a half the oil business went to a standstill," Austin said. "Eighty percent of the businesses went under and I was one of them. That left me to decide what I wanted to do."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte
Keith Austin welcomes visitors to a new ring museum housing about 40 percent of his personal collection of 10,000 rings and ring-related artifacts.

What he and Kathy, who had attended Madonna High School in Mesilla Park, wanted to do was put down roots in Las Cruces.

Keith Austin took a job managing a jewelry store for Glenn Cutter for eight years.

"I wanted to open my own store, but I also wanted to be able to identify stones, take in trades and talk to customers with authority," Austin said.

With Kathy, a nurse, supporting the household that included two children, Austin studied with the Gemological Institute of America for three and a half years. In January 1992 he became a certified gemologist, qualified to appraise and explain fine jewelry. He opened his first Las Cruces jewelry store on Wyatt Drive 22 years ago.

Austin started the store with just 12 rings in his entire inventory, growing the business based on "customer service, repairs and appraisals and customer loyalty."

"Anybody can have their own store," he said. "But to do so with any authority one needs proper training."

Austin sold his collection of 9,000 nails, believed to be the world's largest, to buy his own store.

"I don't enjoy paying money year after year for rent. I enjoy putting money into something that will come back to me," he said. "I believe in investing in the community. It's a positive way of saying, 'I'm part of the community and I plan to be here a long time.'"

"Today we have one of the largest jewelry inventories in Las Cruces for a privately owned store."

Patience is a virtue

When he first conceived the idea of a ring museum, he envisioned it in a mall between an antique store (he has owned several) and a jewelry store.

He waited patiently for the right moment, but the recent recession made an untimely appearance. Austin decided to build a home for the museum inside his current building.

"As a business owner, it's important to know there are lots of things you would like to do, but not everything will work. And not everything needs to be done right away," he said.

"You have to have goals and constantly be looking for ways to improve, or you will remain stagnant."

The store employs three "very dependable" associates, including one who is training as a gemologist so that Austin will have more time to travel and have fun with his wife and family while continuing to grow the business.

Also on the team is a contract jeweler who specializes in repairs.

Austin Custom Jewelry and Appraisals is celebrating its new look with a sale of as much as 60 percent off on all merchandise through the end of May.

Details

Austin's
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Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) employees Stephanie Montoya and Rochelle Miller-Hernandez serve up snacks provided by La Posta at the CVB open house, Wednesday, May 8, in celebration of National Travel & Tourism Week.



City Councillor Greg Smith and CVB Executive Director Philip San Filippo



Branigan Cultural Center Manager Rebecca Slaughter, Las Cruces Art Museum Curator of Exhibits Carey Crane and CVB Tourism Sales Representative Andrea Lawrence

Celebrating 25 years at Austin's ribbon cutting

Photos by Alta LeCompte



Kathy Austin cuts the ribbon and Keith Austin holds the proclamation celebrating the 25th anniversary Thursday, May 3, of the founding of Austin Custom Jewelry and Appraisals and the opening of a ring museum in the remodeled facility.



Troy Tudor, vice president of marketing for the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, extends his wishes for Austin's continued success.

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Petitioner's Name:
Francisco J. Maldonado
Mailing Address:
5490 Peachtree Hill
City/State/Zip:
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Telephone#: 575-520-0101

WITNESS the Honorable Mary W. Rosner, District Judge of the

Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 5 day of May, 2013.

NORMAN E. OSBORNE
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: Sylvia A. Evaro
DEPUTY

Pub # 12969
Dates 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 12, 2013, Gary V. Arnold and Phillip B. & Wanda Arnold, P.O. Box 450, Fairacres, NM 88033 filed application numbered LRG-00078 POD3, OSE File No. LRG-00078, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water

Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-00078-S, located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°20'15.06"N, 106°50'58.13"W, WGS84, on land owned by applicants, located within the W1/2 of projected Section 04, Township 23 South, Range 01 East, NMPM, and drilling a new

well, LRG-00078 POD3, to a depth of 225 feet with 6 inch casing to be located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°20'14.961"N, 106°50'58.418"W, WGS84, on land owned by applicants, located within the NW1/4 of said Section 04, NMPM, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the

Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 27.60 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the NW1/4 and SW1/4 of said Section 04, NMPM, as described by Subfile No.: LRN-28-009-0011 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed well, LRG-00078 POD3, is located in northwest Las Cruces, approximately 0.15 miles southwest of the intersection of Shalem Colony Trail and Pantera Circle, and is further identified by the property address of 4121 Shalem Colony Trail. Existing well LRG-00078-S will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinance at a Regular City Council Meeting Held on May 6, 2013:

1. Council Bill No. 13-026; Ordinance No. 2681: An Ordinance to Amend the Municipal Code, Article V, Section 38-49.2 South Mesquite Neighborhood Overlay Zone District to Enact Text Changes Which Clarify Existing Provisions, Standards, Procedures, Purposes and Intent of the Overlay District and Which are Non-Substantive in Nature. Submitted by the Community Development Department, Case ZCA-12-01.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 7th day of May 2013.

Esther Martinez-Carrillo, CMC
City Clerk

Pub # 12971
Dates 5/10, 2013



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold bids at 4 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

Bid Invitation:
201301041-FG Near/Mid Infrared Spectrometer for NMDA

Bid Opening Date:
5/21/13 @ 4:00PM (local time)

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at <https://nmsu.ionwave.net/Login.aspx> to obtain a copy of this bid electronically and be registered for future bids for this commodity.

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Dates 5/10, 2013



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will open bids at 4:00 P.M.local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management for the following:

Bid Invitation #:
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New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will accept Proposals for the following project in the office of the Director of Purchasing.

Proposal Invitation:
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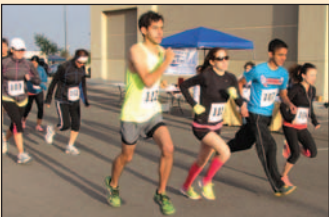
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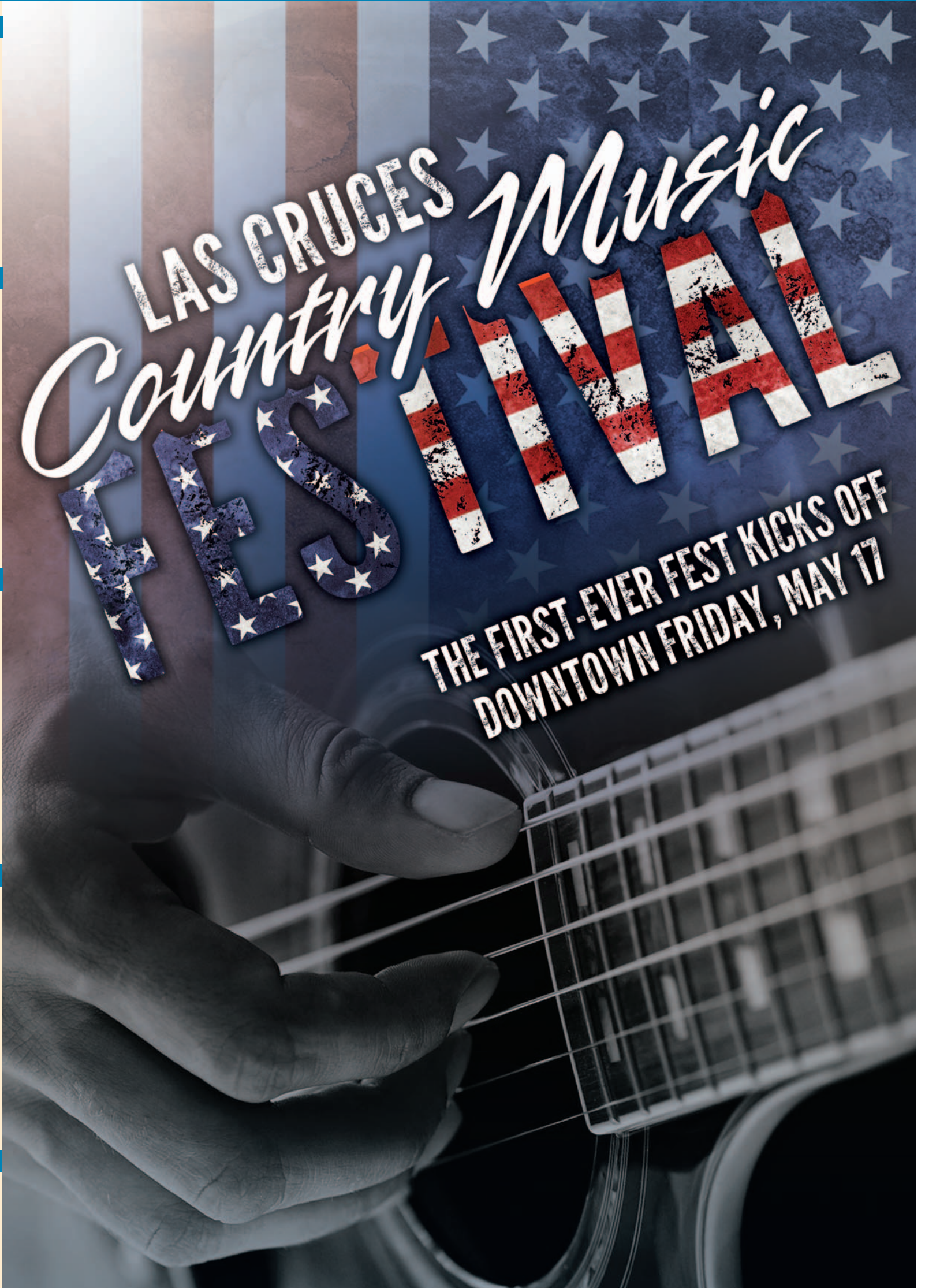
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NEXT WEEK

Music in the Park

Summer concert series begins Sunday, May 26, with the Mayor's Jazz Fest.

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Get out your dancing shoes

First-ever Country Music Festival comes to Las Cruces

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Mamas, go ahead and let your babies grow up to be cowboys, gather your friends up from their respective low places and get Downtown to dance under the light of, yes, a neon moon: The first-ever Las Cruces County Music Festival comes to Main Street Downtown Friday, May 17, continuing through the weekend Downtown at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market and Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., as well as the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Welcoming some of country music's brightest up-and-comers – as well as a few seasoned veterans – the festival will feature performances, dancing, meet-and-greets with the stars, a Sunday “cowboy brunch,” a fashion show and more.

“Everyone attending can expect lots of great music, access to the stars during meet-and-greets, food vendors, festival merchandise, great weather and an awesome venue for a festival on Main Street,” said Dawn Starostka of Helping Hands Event Planning, which, along with the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB), is responsible for bringing this top-tier

entertainment to the Mesilla Valley.

The idea to bring this kind of event to Las Cruces first came up about a year ago when Philip San Filippo was named executive director of the Las Cruces CVB, said Chris Faivre, director of marketing and communications for the bureau.

“The CVB has been doing research and finding that a lot of people like to come to Las Cruces from out of town for events – not just to tour – so they began thinking of events that people will come for,” Starostka said.

Filippo, who found great success with similar events during his time working in the Cayman Islands, felt that the City of the Crosses would be the perfect place for a Country music festival.

“Country is surprisingly big in the Caribbean Islands, but we thought this kind of event would go over here in Las Cruces better than anywhere,” Faivre said.

“Country music is hugely popular not only here in Las Cruces, but in the surrounding areas and markets that we’re reaching out to. This year, we just decided to go for it.”

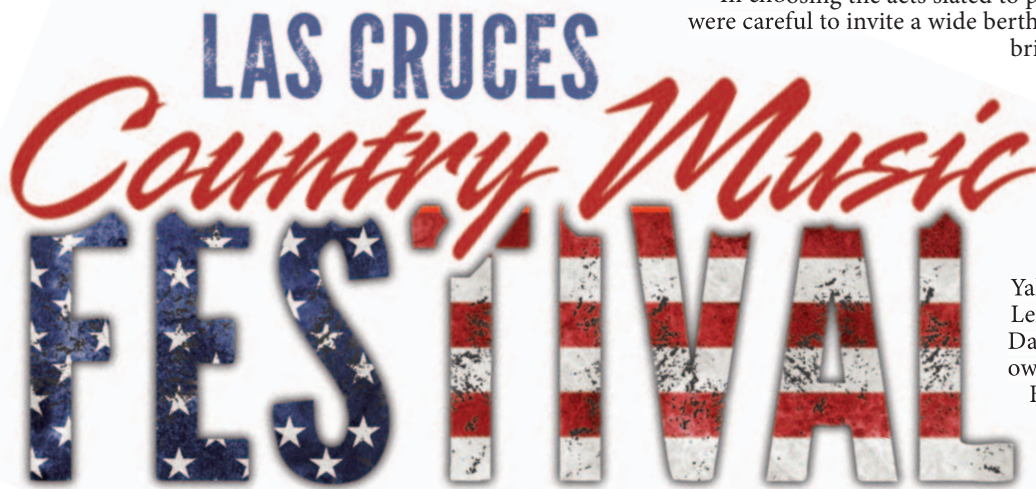
According to Starostka, “Country music is so popular, and May is the perfect time for an outside festival before it gets too hot. We have a great lineup of new stars and favorites.”

In choosing the acts slated to perform, event planners were careful to invite a wide berth of Country’s best and brightest, both young and old.

“It’s a really nice mix of new, up-and-coming artists, as well as the more established, heritage artists,” Faivre said.

Acts including Chase Yalkin, Little Texas, Tommy Lee James, Craig Campbell, Daryl Worley and Las Cruces’ own country queen Bri Bagwell are scheduled to perform throughout the weekend.

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Details

Las Cruces Country Music Festival

When

Friday, May 17, through Sunday, May 19

Where

- Main Street Downtown
- New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road
- Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

Cost

- VIP: \$150
- Weekend Pass: \$50-\$60
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Website

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Contact

- Helping Hands Event Planning: 522-1232
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Cruces Country Music Festival a great start to what will hopefully become another of Las Cruces’ numerous annual events, but the success of events like these only further expand our reach and draw, helping Las Cruces become a frequent tour stop for top-notch artists.

“When Las Cruces come out and support local events, it shows the artists what we have to offer in terms of a fan base,” Starostka said. “If the Country Music Festival is as successful as we anticipate, we can get new acts to come to our great city. It will be a fun, community event with quality Nashville music with lots of hits and songs rising in the charts.”

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Hull creates ink-splattered beauty from cherished photos

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you're looking for a perfectly personal gift – and who isn't around this time of year, with graduations, Mother's and Father's days approaching at a rapid clip – look no further than Jellywell Art.

Las Cruces watercolorist Jamila Hull transforms favorite family photographs into beautiful, hand-created and one-of-a-kind works of art – a gift that will last a lifetime.

Raised in Las Cruces, Hull attended Las Cruces High School, and studied at New Mexico State University.

Upon her 2011 graduation, she received a bachelor's degree in art with an emphasis in museum conservation, a minor in studio art, and a bachelor's degree in art in foreign languages, emphasizing the German language, a supplementary major in linguistics and a minor in anthropology.

While completing her numerous degrees, Hull also worked as a conservation intern at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian in 2011.

"I really enjoyed my time (at the Smithsonian Institute), but at the end of the day, when I came home, I wasn't creating anything," Hull said.

After graduating, Hull took a job at a (nameless) high-end clothing retailer.

"After six months," she said, "I realized I couldn't – and wouldn't – work someplace that did not value me nor my creativity."

"Creativity has always made me happy and gotten me places, so when I quit, my boyfriend Joel (Gilbert) told me to follow-through and start doing commissioned portrait work."

Her company would be called Jellywell – a portmanteau of "jellyfish" and "inkwell."

From then on, Hull said she has devoted "nearly all" of her time to getting the company off the ground.

Hull is almost entirely self-taught as an artist, receiving her only formal arts training in painting, drawing and photography while studying abroad at the Siena School for the Liberal Arts in Siena, Italy, in 2008.

"I thought, being self-employed, that my days would be a lot easier," she said, "but since I'm doing all the marketing, promotion and shipping – not to mention producing all the work – I basically work an 8-to-5 whenever I can."

"From August to December, it was really just about getting everything together. Now, though, I'm a one-woman operation."

Now that things are up and running and Hull is succeeding as a one-woman operation, she said she is more able to



focus on her passion – taking cherished photographic memories from patrons all across the country and turning them into wonderful and colorful works of "ink-splattered beauty."

Jellywell Art specializes in couples, family, classic and commemorative, pet and automotive portraiture. Patrons select what category of painting they are interested in, specify painting size and upload their photo – that's all. Two to four weeks later, they'll receive their very own, one-of-a-kind Jellywell Art original, shipped for free anywhere in the United States.

"I think it's the best gift you can get for someone," Hull said.

"It's hand-painted, one of a kind and made by a real person. I have a tremendous amount of faith in my product. They come from the heart, and I want to be able to give people something that will last forever and that will

mean something to them forever."

Hull, whose enthusiasm for her work is on near constant display, has a great deal of faith in her projects and the way they make people feel – herself included.

"Making these pieces makes me really happy, because it allows me to create on a daily basis, and that is my bliss," she said. "That joy is ineffable and it radiates through me, affecting everyone around me, later affecting everyone around them. I believe that somehow, some way, this positivity makes it back to you and then some."

It's been no surprise to Hull that her work is cherished by those who receive it, but one aspect of the business she never saw coming.

"When we started, Joel and I took bets as to what I would paint the most of, and I said couples. As it turned out, I paint so very many dogs," she said with a laugh.



Details

Jamila Hull
Artist

Website
www.jellywell.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| FRI. MAY 10 | 10:30 A.M. |
| Rhythm Roundup – Music & Movement ages 2–5 | Branigan Library |
| FRI. MAY 10 | 11:30 A.M. |
| People & Stories | Branigan Library |
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| The Shadow Box | Black Box Theatre |
| SAT. MAY 11 | 8:30 A.M. |
| LC Farmers & Crafts Market | Downtown Main St. |
| SAT. MAY 11 | 10:30 A.M. |
| Storytellers of Las Cruces | COAS Bookstore |
| SAT. MAY 11 | 2 P.M. |
| Reading & Book Signing | Branigan Library |
| TUE. MAY 14 | 9 A.M. |
| Proposal Writing Basics | Branigan Library |
| TUE. MAY 14 | 10:30 A.M. |
| Read to Me – Storytime ages 3 & Up | Branigan Library |
| TUE. MAY 14 | 3 P.M. |
| Computer Class: Know Your PC | Branigan Library |
| WED. MAY 15 | 8:30 A.M. |
| LC Farmers & Crafts Market | Downtown Main St. |
| WED.+THU. MAY 15+16 | 10 A.M. |
| Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1–3 | Branigan Library |
| WED. MAY 15 | 11 A.M. |
| Mother Goose Time | Branigan Library |
| THU. MAY 16 | Noon |
| Lunch & Learn | Branigan Library |
| THU. MAY 16 | 6:30 P.M. |
| Club del Libro Carlos Fuentes | Branigan Library |



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Salvador Hernandez III, Adrian Mendoza and Efrain Hernandez of Mariachi Alma de Jalisco



Hernandez III joins his father, Salvador Hernandez II, during a performance by Mariachi Alma de Jalisco Sunday, May 5, at the annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on the Mesilla Plaza.



Roberto Duran, 2, rides on the carousel.



Sergio Salinas takes the microphone during a performance by Mariachi Azteca, from La Academia Dolores Huerta Middle School.



Edgar Meza takes a guitarrón solo during Mariachi Azteca's performance.

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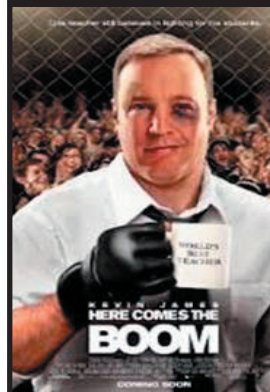
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Warmth and welcome

Josefina's Old Gate carries on family traditions

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Named for the outgoing, dynamic and welcoming woman who made the building her home for more than 35 years, Josefina's Old Gate has long stood as a testament to the warm, inviting spirit of the town of Mesilla.

Located at 2261 Calle de Guadalupe, just east of the Basilica of San Albino Roman Catholic Church, Josefina's Old Gate now houses an antique shop, winery, quaint inn and special events facility, in addition to one of the most inviting cafés Mesilla has to offer.

Josefina Gamboa Biel, who made her home in the same facility that stands today, was known as one of Mesilla's most outgoing and prominent citizens – no small feat in itself. Josefina was renowned for welcoming into her home and heart friends, family, tourists and travelers alike.

On Christmas Eve, Josefina was known to invite one and all into her home for hot cider and biscochitos, and it was she who began, in her quaint home, the now long-standing tradition of Christmas luminarias on the plaza.

Today, Josefina's inviting spirit and warmth lives on at Josefina's Old Gate, on its peaceful, sunny patio, in its exquisitely restored parlor and throughout the rest of the richly historic structure.

Aside from the history and welcoming soul of Josefina's Old Gate, the café stands as the perfect place to take in a breakfast, lunch or – the best meal – brunch. What other meal allows the consumption of delicious, meticulously prepared breakfast food late enough in the day to warrant a mimosa or three?

Open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., it's always bustling inside Josefina's, with delighted tourists and seasoned Las Cruces citizens seated side by side, each and all finding something else to love about this gem in the heart of the historic Mesilla Plaza.

Josefina's offers both breakfast and lunch items, available all day, each prepared lovingly in house and from scratch. The sumptuous breakfast menu



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Zak Hansen

Josefina's Old Gate, 2261 Calle de Guadalupe, offers diners a great meal and a warm New Mexico welcome on the historic Mesilla Plaza.

contains all the classics alongside a few clever twists on familiar dishes.

Braving the blustering spring winds, my wonderful companion and I take our seats at a quiet side table on Josefina's ever-busy patio and settle in, just as the bells of San Albino ring out, releasing the faithful from their Sunday services. Our waitress, busy as she is, is always attentive and kind – the kind of service you hope for but, sadly, rarely expect anymore.

After a brief wait – especially short considering the steady stream of diners filing into the patio from the basilica – our food arrives. My brunch buddy, a vegetarian, orders Kathleen's Quiche, made with spinach and tomatoes and served with freshly cut fruit and a pile of papas. I, an ever-conflicted carnivore, opt not for my traditional meal of dead, fried things, but instead Josefina's bowl of papas: homestyle potatoes topped with two fluffy, scrambled eggs, red chile or – my choice – green chile con queso and finished with melted cheddar cheese. Even without the ham and bacon, which come standard, it's a delicious and filling way to start the morning – or afternoon.

The breakfast menu is packed with dishes you're unlikely to find anywhere else in town. Frittatas, breakfast tacos

(which I've never seen outside of Texas gas station grills), chilaquiles and even green chile posole – yes, green chile posole – round out the breakfast offerings, alongside American classics such as simple bacon and eggs.

Josefina's lunch menu is just as lush, featuring sandwiches, wraps, quesadillas and salads, as well as tried-and-true New Mexican staples including nachos, burritos and chips and homemade salsa.

Noon on Sundays – that magical tick of the clock that signals the open sale of beer and wine – opens Josefina's menu even more. Featuring a wide selection of New Mexican and international wines, as well as a recently added beer menu, Josefina's is the perfect place to have breakfast, stay for drinks and end up still seated for lunch. Mimosas, wine coolers, spritzers and cranberry chillers – champagne with a splash of cranberry juice – are the perfect close to an early meal, as well as a great way to start lunch.

After working through our plates at an almost unprecedented rate – the food is just that good – we make our way to the bustling Mesilla Plaza, already filling up for Cinco de Mayo festivities,

fat, happy (and quite possibly falling in love), taking with us not only a bellyful of the finest foods, but a piece of Josefina's warm, abiding spirit, the defining characteristic of one of southern New Mexico's richest historical areas.

“Josefina's Old Gate has long stood as a testament to the warm, inviting spirit of the town of Mesilla.”

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Josefina's Old Gate

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Phone
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Las Cruces High School student Jordan Cosse and theater instructor Charles LeCocq performing "The Shadow Box" during the One-Act Theatre Seminar held Downtown Thursday and Friday, May 2-3.



Photos by Philip Hernandez



Vocal instructor Carrie Klofach teaches vocal energy at the "Taking The Fear Out of 16 Bars" workshop.

Students act out

The One-Act Theatre Seminar brings students, professionals together for intensive learning

By **David Salcido**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It was a beautiful, sunny morning on Thursday, May 2, and the excitement in the air was palpable on the northern end of Downtown Main Street.

It was the opening volley of the Las Cruces One-Act Theatre Seminar, which brought together six high schools – Las Cruces, Mayfield, Gadsden, Centennial, Alma d'Arte and Los Montañ'as charter schools – and more than 160 students for two full days highlighted by student performances. It also featured workshops presented by industry professionals at surrounding businesses, museums and meeting facilities.

The brainchild of Las Cruces Community Theatre President Philip Hernandez, and a collaboration with that organization and the American Southwest Theatre Company, Eastern New Mexico University, The Doña Ana Theatre Association and some of the brightest lights in the Las Cruces theater community, this historic event changed the way students view theater in their hometown.

To kick off the event, ASTC Artistic

Director Tom Smith took the LCCT stage to give the keynote address. His rousing speech, addressing community and the importance of teaching an age-old craft, echoed throughout the two-day event.

"When I look out in this theater, I see a room full of teachers," he said. "We can all teach each other something. It carries great responsibility to be a teacher. That responsibility is now yours. In a room full of teachers, you've got a lot to learn from one another, so with an open mind, open heart and open ears, let's do just that."

Over the course of the next two days, nine different one-act plays were performed on the LCCT stage. Sixteen industry professionals from across the state led a total of 34 workshops, on topics such as vocal technique, improvisational movement, handling auditions and more. Some also acted as judges of the student productions. It was an event that will be fondly remembered by all involved.

"I feel like this is really special," said Steven Trujillo, a student from Mayfield High School. "Having a bunch of schools here and everybody supporting each other, it gives us all the confidence to go out onto the stage, in front of

judges, and do our best. And the big applause at the end, from other theater students, is an amazing feeling."

Would he do it again? "Absolutely," he said. "I wouldn't miss it for the world."

Hernandez, who, in addition to organizing the event and teaching a workshop on creative producing, was a constant presence throughout the two-day run, answering questions and solving logistical problems. The result was a smoothly operating event that drew praise from everybody involved.

He is very quick to point out, however, that none of it would have been possible without community involvement.

"It absolutely would not have been possible if everybody hadn't been willing to work so hard," he said. "From the students and their teachers, to the volunteers who helped organize the workshops, to the adjudicators, many of whom drove miles to be here for no pay – these are all people who are here because they truly believe in it – if none of them had done what they needed to in order to make it happen, we wouldn't be here today."

What impressed him most about the event, he said, was the kids themselves.

"What really astounds me is that, during lunch, I'm walking around and hearing the kids talking to each other and saying, 'I really like what you did in your one-act.' They're complimenting each other, they're pointing out technical aspects of each other's performances," he said. Tom hit it exactly on the head during his keynote speech; everyone here



NMSU theatre arts college assistant professor Algernon D'Amassa demonstrates during his "Acting in Verse" workshop.

is learning from everybody else. Everyone here is a teacher and it is incredible."

In the end, it's a learning experience for everybody involved. There are no winners. There are no losers. The judges present their tallies, which are then shared with the students when they are back in the classroom the following Monday. Hernandez is pleased.

"I consider it an overwhelming success," he said. "It accomplished everything we set out to accomplish and more."

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EventsCalendar

FRI. 5/10

5 to 8 p.m. Open mic, NMSU Barnes & Noble, University Avenue and Jordan Street. Poetry readers and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

7 p.m. Live music with Soulshine, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7 p.m. Mesilla Valley Teen Singers presents "A Celtic Circle," University Presbyterian Church, 2010 Wisconsin Ave. The Mesilla Valley Teen Singers' spring concert features a wide variety of music with Irish and Scottish origins, from jigs to ballads to folklore. Free. Visit <http://mvteensingers.blogspot.com>.

7:30 p.m. The Southwest Trio, Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. The Southwest Trio – L. William Kuyper, Pamela Shaffer Reinhard and Robert Miller – is a group of musicians who have made the Southwest their home. Featuring the music of Telemann, Brahms, Mozart, Granados, Francaix and more. Free. Call 524-0722.

9 p.m. "Pasty Prom: A That's What She Said Countdown to Summer Vacation," West End Art Depot, 401 N. Mesilla St. The Countdown to Summer Vacation burlesque show celebrates the end of the school year, graduation and the arrival of summer with special burlesque performers, musicians, audience participation, games and prizes. A portion of the proceeds will benefit La Casa. 18 years and older. Cost \$5. Call 312-9892.

SAT. 5/11

6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor

and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

9 a.m. to noon, Mountain View Market Co-op Farm volunteer days, Mountain View Market Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the Mountain View Market farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 523-0436 for directions.

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art. Free. Email fmarket@las-cruces.org.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Douglas Jackson will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Judith Ames will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

3 p.m. New Horizons Band and Mesilla Valley Swing Band joint concert, Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive, on the NMSU campus. The New Horizons Band and NMSU and the Mesilla Valley Swing Band present their third joint concert of the season. Music will include a wide variety of concert band pieces old and new, fast and slow, followed by favorites from the big band era. Free. Call 523-1652.

4 p.m. "DIRT! The Movie," Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe. "DIRT! The Movie" takes audiences inside the wonders of soil, telling the story of the Earth's most

valuable and underappreciated source of fertility, from its miraculous beginning to its crippling degradation. Cost \$10, \$5 students. Visit www.lasemillafoodcenter.org.

SUN. 5/12

6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 12th annual Mother's Day Tea, Fort Selden State Monument, Radium Springs. Come join in the fun and experience a formal tea typical of the 1880s. This unique celebration of Mother's Day includes a variety of teas and tasty canapés, cookies and pastries served by ladies in period dress. All mothers receive complimentary corsages. Free. Call 526-8911.

TUE. 5/14

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Pastor Flora Rush book signing, Revival Fire Christian Bookstore, 2645 E. Missouri Ave. Suite 6. Pastor Flora E. Rush will sign copies of her personalized scripture and devotional books, "You Can Be Healed" and "Wealth and Riches Shall Be In His House." Free. Call 360-840.3755.

1 to 3:30 p.m. Beginning to Advanced Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Open to students of all skill levels. Taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Call 647-5684.

6:30 P.M. Every Other Tuesday, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Every Other Tuesday concert series presents Tom Foster Morris and Friends. The EOT series offers a free venue for local performers to showcase their talents and promote upcoming performances at other venues. Free. Call 523-6403.

WED. 5/15

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts

Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art. Free. Email fmarket@las-cruces.org.

9 a.m. to noon, Mountain View Market Co-op Farm volunteer days, Mountain View Market Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the Mountain View Market farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 523-0436 for directions.

11 a.m. Rail Readers Book Club, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. This month's selection is Tony Hillerman's "Talking God." New members always welcome. Free. Call 647-4480.

6 to 8 p.m. Yappy Hour, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla. Enjoy the outdoor patio and grass lawn with your well-behaved, leashed pooch. Goodies galore, including a pearl necklace and bracelet set, gift baskets, tickets to the Southern New Mexico Wine Festival and more. Food and drink, beer and wine are available from the menu. Dress your dog up to win prizes in the costume contest. Free treats for poodles. Cost \$5, to benefit the Doña Ana County Humane Society and the Spay/Neuter Action Program. Call 642-2648.

THU. 5/16

1 to 3:30 p.m. Intermediate to Advanced Painting. My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Watercolor, acrylic and water-soluble oil painting classes taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$50 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

7 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The Big Band Dance Club invites you to join us to dance ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. This week, music will be provided by the Jim Helder Septet. Beginner's group dance lesson begins at 7 p.m., dances from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost \$7 members, \$9 nonmembers. Call 526-6504.

Aldean packs Pan Am



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Steven Parra

Jason Aldean performs Friday, May 3 to a sold out crowd at New Mexico State University's Pan American Center. All 9,078 seats were sold out in four minutes. Country singers Jake Owen and Thomas Rhett opened for Aldean.

Playbill

NOW PLAYING

LCHS Theatre: The Shadow Box

Black Box Theatre
430 N. Main St.
7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 10-11
Call 527-9400
Tickets \$5-\$10

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Peace Lutheran Church
1701 E. Missouri Ave.
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3 p.m. Sunday, May 12
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Tickets \$10

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AtTheMovies

Has he lost his mind? 'Iron Man 3' bolstered by Downey Jr.'s performance – and plenty of action

Review by **Zak Hansen**

Las Cruces Bulletin

"Iron Man 3," the third installment in the film series adapted from Marvel's long-running comic book, opened this weekend, raking in nearly \$175 million in the U.S. – and a staggering \$504 million overseas – in just three days, making it the second highest-grossing domestic release of all time, just behind 2012's "The Avengers."

As "Iron Man 3" opens, billionaire philanthropist, playboy and inventor Tony Stark recalls a simpler time, when the biggest threat to the world was not terrorism, but the changing of a century and a computer glitch that never came (aside from a few monumental video rental late fees).

At a raucous New Year's Eve party in Bern, Switzerland, on the cusp of the new century, Stark – ever the playboy – is seen during a short-lived shack-up with scientist Maya Hansen, developer of an extremely experimental regenerative treatment called Extremis.

In an elevator destined for a penthouse suite and a one-night stand, Stark and Hansen are approached by Aldrich Killian (a nigh-unrecognizable Guy Pearce), the disabled and

disheveled president of Advanced Idea Mechanics, who offers the soon-to-be-lovers a place in his company.

Stark promises Killian a rooftop meeting which he – as you can imagine – completely shirks, giving Killian "the greatest gift of all: desperation."

Fast-forward 13 years. Stark, still understandably reeling from the events that took place in "The Avengers" – aliens, black holes, alternate dimensions and the arrival of old Norse gods on Earth – has withdrawn into his machine shop, battling increasingly intense anxiety attacks by building a small army of Iron Man suits.

All that time in his high-tech man-cave,

however, is a source of friction between him and his long-suffering girlfriend and Stark Enterprises CEO Pepper Potts (Gwyneth Paltrow).

Soon enough, though, Stark has more to worry about than panic attacks and domestic strife. A series of terrorist bombings perpetrated by a figure known as the Mandarin (Ben Kingsley) take place, each accompanied by a video denouncing American policies and claiming the acts of violence are aimed to teach our government a "history lesson."

When Stark/Iron Man's bodyguard – arguably the most purposeless job in history – Happy Hogan (Jon Favreau, taking a break from his direction of the first two installments) is injured in one such attack carried out at Hollywood's iconic Chinese Theatre, Stark vows revenge in a televised interview. In response, the Mandarin blows up Stark's house.

To say much more would be to ruin the fun – and there's quite a bit to be had. The action is well-orchestrated if not always thrilling, the special effects are top-notch, the supporting cast members are all competent to stand out but, in the end, this is Downey's show.

Deflated by his Earth-shattering experiences, Stark/Iron Man is a self-doubting superhero, a one-man army too anxious to cross the street, and no other working actor, in my mind, could toe this

line so well. Downey, long the subject of public spectacle while battling his own demons, is perfectly cast as Stark – charismatic, attractive, undeniably talented and under the constant threat of coming undone at the hands of his own tortured soul all at once.

"Iron Man 3" also manages to succeed in several areas I find nearly unilaterally damning, especially the timely entrance into the narrative by a precocious, wisecracking youngster. Stark's caustic, exhausted responses to the youth are some of the film's funniest moments – sweet but not saccharine, crass but not cruel.

Packed full of action and explosions, humor, crackling dialogue (mostly from Downey Jr.), a few unexpected – and hilarious – twists and a surprising amount of heart, "Iron Man 3" is far from perfect and chock full of issues, but just like its protagonist, one can't help but have a great time watching.

IRON MAN 3

Rated: PG-13

Running Time: 130 minutes

Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow

Director: Shane Black



Film Review

Better than the second but worse than the first, "Iron Man 3" is a funny, fast and fitting end (we hope) to the superhero's silver-screen solo saga.

Grade **B**



Politics and love in American-occupied Japan

'Emperor' is a taut and tense war drama

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Although the distinctive and tension-fraught "Emperor" lists Tommy Lee Jones as the star, the title actually belongs to co-star Matthew Fox, as General Bonner Fellers, who helped negotiate the all important meeting between General Douglas MacArthur (Jones) and Emperor Hirohito, the figurehead leader of Japan.

The war has just ended and American occupation has begun. Everything is under pressure – the people of Japan are suffering in every possible way, there is a lack of supplies of all kinds and some of the Japanese military is still armed, which I found to be odd.

Nonetheless, MacArthur has been given a strict (fictional) deadline and it is now up to Fellers to figure out the wartime culpability of

many of Japan's senior officials, especially the emperor.

Fellers is a man driven to duty (in reality a psychological warfare expert and later an alcoholic) and with a distracting unnecessary side story, which is told in flashback. It is here we learn of his time spent in Japan prior to the war, trying to persuade Aya, a bright and beautiful Japanese woman he met and fell in love with while both were attending college in the states. She is now a local school teacher.

That wrinkle continues through the present-day part of the movie, where Fellers orders his Japanese aid, Takahashi (the real hero of the movie, but portrayed poorly as a kind of Tonto figure to Fellers) to find her or what has become of her.

With time pressures mounting, Fellers attempts to meet with various Japanese officials in an endeavor to make sure the transition to peace goes smoothly. Traditionalists, the Japanese are of course not exactly glad to be under the thumb

of the American military, and just prior to the surrender, a military group staged an unsuccessful coup after the plans for surrender were announced.

A small flaw in this otherwise fascinating drama evolves from a recording that the emperor had made explaining Japan's need to capitulate, just prior to the surrender that was broadcast to the entire country. As seen here, it is part of the reason for the coup, as the fanatic wing military does not want the record (it had been pressed into same) to be broadcast.

Fellers and his aides spend a fair amount of time looking for the record before learning that it has been destroyed. Somehow they think there is not any proof this took place, but they fail to ask anyone from diplomat to commoner if they had heard the broadcast. Millions had.

The ending of the film is well carried and rich with apprehension as to whether the needed things will happen, not including a sidebar that describes this entire incident as a

huge stepping stone for MacArthur's political ambitions.

"Emperor" is a taut and realistic drama based on a true story – and one that plays free and easy with the facts – but close your eyes during the early romance scenes. We don't need no smoochin' ...

Written by the Emperor of Santa Fe, jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com

FILM REVIEW

"Emperor" has a one-week run at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla starting Friday, May 10. It is in English and subtitled Japanese and is just right at 100 minutes.

GRADE **A-**



AtTheMovies

Picking the Flicks

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


Oz the Great and Powerful
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A magician leaves Kansas and finds himself in an enchanted land, where he will decide whether or not he will become great.
Starring: James Franco, Mila Kunis
Director: Sam Raimi




The Big Wedding
Rated: R
Plot Overview: A long-divorced couple pretends to be married to keep up appearances at a family wedding.
Starring: Robert DeNiro, Diane Keaton
Director: Justin Zackham




Identity Thief
Rated: R
Plot Overview: An accounts rep travels across the country to confront the woman who's stolen his identity and run amok on his tab.
Starring: Jason Bateman, Melissa McCarthy
Director: Seth Gordon




Evil Dead
Rated: R
Plot Overview: Five friends in a remote cabin unleash a demonic force, possessing them in succession until only one remains to fight for survival.
Starring: Jane Levy, Shiloh Fernandez
Director: Fede Alvarez



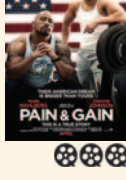
The Croods
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A prehistoric family sets out in search of a new home in a fantastical and volatile world.
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Ryan Reynolds (voices)
Directors: Kirk DeMicco, Chris Sanders



Snitch
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: After his son is wrongly convicted of a drug offense and sent to prison, a father makes a deal to become an informant and infiltrate a vicious drug cartel.
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Barry Pepper
Director: Ric Roman Waugh




Pain & Gain
Rated: R
Plot Overview: Three Florida bodybuilders find themselves part of a kidnapping caper gone horribly wrong.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson
Director: Michael Bay



42
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The life story of Jackie Robinson who, signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers, broke the color line and became the first African-American man to play Major League Baseball.
Starring: Chadwick Boseman, Harrison Ford
Director: Brian Helgeland




Oblivion
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A repairman assigned to a ruined Earth uncovers a secret that throws into question all he believed, placing the fate of humankind in his hands.
Starring: Tom Cruise, Morgan Freeman
Director: Joseph Kosinski



Jack the Giant Slayer
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Jack, a young farmhand, accidentally opens a gateway between the human and giant worlds, reigniting an ancient war.
Starring: Nicholas Hoult, Stanley Tucci
Director: Bryan Singer



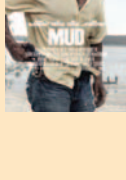
Iron Man 3
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: When Tony Stark/Iron Man's life is torn apart by an enemy known only as the Mandarin, he sets out on a campaign of retribution while trying to rebuild his world.
Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow
Director: Shane Black




The Place Beyond the Pines
Rated: R
Plot Overview: A motorcycle stunt rider begins robbing banks to support his family.
Starring: Ryan Gosling, Bradley Cooper
Director: Derek Cianfrance



Mud
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A fugitive named Mud befriends two Arkansas teenagers, who help him reunite with his lost love and evade the authorities.
Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon
Director: Jeff Nichols



The Great Gatsby
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Would-be writer Nick Carraway is drawn into the captivating world of the mysterious millionaire Jay Gatsby.
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire
Director: Baz Luhrmann



OPENS FRIDAY, MAY 10

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New this week on DVD

Tuesday, May 14

Cloud Atlas
Rated: R
Genre: Fantasy, drama
Starring: Tom Hanks, Halle Berry
Directors: Tom Tykwer, Andy and Lana Wachowski

A Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charles Swan III
Rated: R
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Charlie Sheen, Bill Murray
Director: Roman Coppola

Frankie Go Boom
Rated: R
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Charlie Hunnam, Chris O'Dowd
Director: Jordan Moore

Texas Chainsaw
Rated: R
Genre: Horror
Starring: Alexandria Daddario, Bill Moseley
Director: John Luessenhop

Top Grossing May 3-5

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| 1 | Iron Man 3 (Week No. 1) | \$174,144,585 | 6 | The Big Wedding (Week No. 2) | \$3,881,857 |
| 2 | Pain & Gain (Week No. 2) | \$7,511,315 | 7 | Mud (Week No. 2) | \$2,160,319 |
| 3 | 42 (Week No. 4) | \$6,055,327 | 8 | Oz the Great and Powerful (Week No. 9) | \$2,113,009 |
| 4 | Oblivion (Week No. 3) | \$5,642,335 | 9 | Scary Movie 5 (Week No. 4) | \$1,441,360 |
| 5 | The Croods (Week No. 7) | \$4,202,639 | 10 | The Place Beyond the Pines (Week No. 6) | \$1,280,152 |

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Galleries & Openings

OPENING

ADOBE PATIO GALLERY presents "Out of the Box!," an exhibit of the mixed-media sculpture of Sam Peters, as part of the 2013 Pro-Artists Series, through the month of May. The exhibit opens with an artist's reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 10.

Adobe Patio Gallery is located at 1765 Avenida de Mercado. Gallery hours are

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 640-8328.

AA STUDIOS presents "Beautiful Art," an exhibit of the illustration and painting of Jesse Reinhard. The exhibit opens with an artist's reception from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 10.

Aa Studios is located at 2645 Doña Ana Road. Gallery hours are every second

weekend of the month, 1 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 541-9770.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART presents "Something From Nothing," an exhibit of the work of 22 bachelor's degree candidates from the New Mexico State University art department. The exhibit opens with an artists' reception from 5 to 7 p.m.

Friday, May 10.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137.

WEST END ART DEPOT presents "Made In...," an exhibit of the jewelry and sculpture of Nadia Payne. The exhibit opens with an artist's reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 10.

West End Art Depot is located at 401 N. Mesilla St. Gallery hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday or by appointment. For more information, call 312-9892.

ONGOING

EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY presents "Local Seeds," an exhibit of the work of members of the DANG Art Gang – Emma Henderson, Coy Lowther and Meg Freyermuth. The exhibit continues through Friday, May 31.

El Paso Electric Gallery is located in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 523-6403.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "The Art of Community: Visual Sonnets," an exhibit of the digital drawings of Bruce Barton. The exhibit continues through Saturday, June 1.

The cultural center also presents "A Round Dozen: 12 Years of Service to Artists in Southern New Mexico," a watercolor exhibit presented by the New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter. The exhibit continues through Saturday, May 25.

The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more

Coming soon

Kate and Russell Mott

Tombaugh Gallery
2000 S. Solano Drive
Opens Friday, May 24

information, call 541-2154.

THE POTTERIES OF MESILLA presents its Spring Exhibit and Sale, featuring works from Andy Iventosh, Jeanne Rundell and Bill and Janice Cook.

The Potteries of Mesilla is located at 2260 Calle de Santiago. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 524-0538.

MAIN STREET GALLERY presents "Slices of Life on Main Street," an exhibition of small works by members of the Artists Guild of Southern New Mexico. The exhibit continues through the end of May.

Main Street Gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA presents "Mi Cultura" ("My Culture"), an exhibition showcasing the culture and lifestyle of the El Paso custom car scene, featuring works by Adam Tellez, Larry Primera, Didi Vasquez, Jesus De La Cruz and Yvette Moran. The exhibit continues through Friday, May 31.

Nopalito's Galería is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit www.nopalitosgaleria.com.

M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY presents the paintings of Julie Ford Oliver for the month of

May. The exhibit continues through the end of the month.

M. Phillip's Gallery is located at 221 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367.

QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY presents the acrylic paintings of Patricia Burnett for the month of May. The exhibit continues through the end of the month.

Quillin Studio and Gallery is located at 317 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday or by appointment. For more information, call 312-1064.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM presents "Virginia Marie Romero: Past, Present & Future," an exhibit of the work of artist and poet Virginia Romero showing the stylistic evolution of an artist. The exhibit continues through Aug. 4.

The museum also presents "New Mexico's African-American Legacy: Visible, Vital, Valuable," an exhibit focusing on African-Americans and their contributions to New Mexico history. The exhibit continues through Sept. 15.

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The assemblage work of Sam Peters will be on display at Adobe Patio Gallery for the month of May, as part of the 2013 Pro-Artists Series. The exhibit opens with an artist's reception Friday, May 10. Pictured is Peters' "Black Beauties."

DEADLINE FOR GALLERY LISTINGS

Items for the gallery listings are due the Friday before they will be published. Entries must include: name of event, time, date, location with address, a short description, cost and contact information. Entries and questions may be emailed to arts@lascrucesbulletin.com.



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Jim Hilley

Matt Acosta of Artesan Construction completed the home at 4346 Tewa Court in time for the 2013 Spring Showcase of Homes.

The feeling of home

Custom adobe features modern characteristics

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Tom and Jean Frizzell decided to move to the Mesilla Valley, they already had in mind the basic features they wanted in their home.

While they wanted the typical amenities, such as three bedrooms, one element that was especially important to them was that the house be adobe.

"We wanted adobe because it's energy efficient and because it's so massive," Tom Frizzell said.

They visited model homes around town, including several built by Artesan Construction, which is where they met builder Matt Acosta.

"We got to meet Matt and really liked the kid," Frizzell said. "He was fun and knowledgeable, and he built adobe."

"They liked adobe, but it seemed like one of those things that was out of their reach," Acosta said. "We happened to be able to give them what they wanted in a price range they liked."

Choosing the lot at 4346 Tewa Court, acquired from Michael Floyd, Acosta set out to build a contemporary Southwest home. The 2,700-square-foot abode was finished in April, just in time for the 2013 Spring Showcase of Homes.

The manicured, landscaped yard and front courtyard lead to the large knotty alder door. Inside, a long hall makes up the foyer. Visitors' eyes are drawn to the tiled barrel arched ceiling. Acosta said the unique detail was the idea of his tile guy.

"We didn't grout it because we wanted to give it a seamless look and keep it looking light," Acosta said.

The foyer leads into the living room. As large, two-tone vigas and tongue-and-groove planks cover the 14-foot-tall ceiling, a custom 6-foot medallion occupies the center of the tiled floor. A kiva-style fireplace is located near the wet bar, an element added by Frizzell.

Buttress walls surround the living room near the entrance

and kitchen. Not originally in the plan, the walls were an "ad-lib," Frizzell said, and provide privacy to living room occupants.

"We wanted to have (Matt) and his dad (Mel Acosta) design and build as they go along," Frizzell said. "We let them do what they wanted and it just grew as we went along."

"They basically said for us to do what we normally do, with their input mixed in, too," Acosta said.

Attached to the living room is the dining room-kitchen combo, the couple's favorite area.

"We really wanted something special," said Frizzell, adding that they included several amenities, such as pot filler, prep-sink and desk area.

"(Jean) is big into cooking, so she has all of the bells and whistles," said Acosta, adding that they included a built-in butler's pantry in the kitchen.

A tray ceiling surrounds the dining room area, as the kitchen is filled with light cabinetry and lapidus gold granite countertops.

"Everything is on dimmers," Acosta said. "You can really set the mood as far as lighting."

A bedroom and attached bathroom are located near the kitchen. The bathroom can also be accessed from the hall, which features a tiled inverted bishop's cap along the ceiling with another custom medallion underneath.

The other side of the home features the master bedroom. The bedroom showcases another ceiling covered in vigas and wood planks sent in a tongue-and-groove pattern; however, this one is lower for a cozier feel, Acosta said.

The bathroom features more extensive tile work along the floor, shower and jetted bathtub, which rests under a window framing the Organ Mountains.

"(Jean) came in and said it's such a nice view, it would be a shame to block it with glass blocks," Acosta said.

Down the hall is a two-room suite created for the couple's daughter. A large door offers the area privacy as a hall leads to the two bedrooms – connected by a Jack and Jill bathroom – and



A kiva-style fireplace is located in the master bedroom.



Tile covers a barrel arched hallway ceiling.



Buttress walls surround the living room.

a door to the front courtyard.

In the backyard, large wood beams – measuring 20 inches in diameter – hold up the various covered patios. Beside the covered area is an exposed patio with potted plants hooked up to a drip system.

The couple hired Everardo Carbajal of Majestic Views Construction & Landscaping to create their backyard oasis, which included a heated swimming pool with light display, spa and a chipped rock fireplace with bancos.

"He spent time with us to make sure it was what we wanted," Frizzell said.

While the home showcases an array of architectural details and modern-day amenities, what makes it unique, Frizzell said, is its feeling.

"Matt and Mel are very spiritual guys," Frizzell said. "It feels very safe and spiritual in the home. It feels warm and comforting, like the home wants us."

The modern-day adobe home features 2,700 square feet.



Details

Featured home
4346 Tewa Court

Square footage
2,700

Acres
.23

Bedrooms
Four

Bathrooms
Three

Fireplaces
Four

Special features
Adobe exterior walls, various contemporary-Southwest architectural elements, ornate tile work, several patio areas in the front and back and a heated swimming pool with spa

The kitchen provides several amenities.



Pot filler and prep-sink are some of the luxuries found in the contemporary kitchen.



The covered patio features several seating areas overlooking the swimming pool.



The pool and spa were built by Majestic Views Construction and Landscaping.

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Miles Dyson
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In my work life before home energy rating and home inspection, I was responsible for quality assurance (QA) in a food process facility. A key lesson we learn in QA is that we can only control what we can measure. If safe, enjoyable products with a long shelf life are to be produced, the manufacturer must have a detailed list of key process items (KPIs) that are closely monitored for deviation from acceptable quality limits.

Homebuilding is remarkably similar to food production in this respect. The best builders use detailed procedures and best practices along with checklists to measure actual installation versus rigid quality standards. You can see the results in the improved finish detail and increasing number of amenities and features at affordable price points in new homes all over town. Visible and measurable home components improve at a rapid pace.

There are components of new homes that are important, but not visible, and are more difficult to measure for builders and homebuyers. Builders and code officials do a good job of measuring and ensuring structural soundness, electrical safety and waste water handling – true life and safety issues. Other KPIs sometimes go unmeasured and therefore do not improve at the same rate as more visible features. Insulation, ductwork and window or door membrane flashing are all hidden by the time most homebuyers (and many general contractors) do the final pre-purchase walk through. Although not considered components that cause safety problems, defects in installation of insulation, ductwork and flashing will cost homeowners utility dollars and comfort over all the years they own a home.

While conducting a walk-through insulation inspection for our local high-performance home program recently, we ran into the insulation crew as they finished installation of Fiberglas batts in a high-end custom home. The crew had not been informed that the home would be inspected by a home energy rater. Good insulation installation is fairly simple: Whatever the insulation material, it should fill each framed wall cavity.

I pointed out defects to the crew in the framed walls where the insulation did not fill

the frame cavity and did not even contact the exterior wall surface. The ceiling insulation was not complete in some areas either.

The crew grumbled as they turned away to make the corrections, "I don't know why they are bugging us on this – it ain't an Energy Star house or nothin'!"

I thought that comment was very interesting. This was a knowledgeable crew that knows how to do good quality insulation installation. Since they did not anticipate a measure or inspection of their work, they completed a less than first quality job of installation. I bet this homebuyer believed she would get only the best installation work in her \$300,000 home.

I have had the same experience with duct installation and duct leakage testing. When technicians know they will be tested, work quality improves. Most completed homes I test that didn't have a third-party check for duct leakage during construction have air losses to the outside from the ductwork of the home, adding up to one-third to one-half of the heating and air conditioning system's total capacity.

That adds up in utility costs when you run an air conditioner for 12 or 15 years.

Most builders begin to install drywall before the insulation is even complete. Drywall hides many sins in the ceilings and walls of our homes. It kind of makes sense to have a procedure in place to make sure those typical problems are inspected, measured and resolved in a new home.

Fortunately, homebuyers and builders have tools and best practices available to know these inspections did take place. Efficiency and green building programs such as El Paso Electric's High Performance Homes, EPA-Energy Star, Build Green New Mexico and the U.S. Green Build Council's LEED for Homes each mandates that an independent third-party inspect and measure specific KPIs when they are visible during construction and again when the home is complete to make sure no important comfort and efficiency components are damaged or missed during the many stages of construction.

The bottom line is, if your home builder does not participate in one of the third-party certification programs described above, KPIs may be lacking in your home. Your comfort and energy costs will tell the tale soon enough.

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Gettin' ready for summer at the Spa & Outdoor Living Expo

Photos by Richard Coltharp



Cindy Lopez and Stacy Sanchez of Oasis Landscapes & Pools show one of their pools at the Las Cruces Pool, Spa & Outdoor Living Expo Friday, May 3, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



Kate Theisen and Janet Honek of Sunspot Solar Energy exhibit their wares.



Patricia Gillin with Master Spas in Nashville, Tenn., visits with Ann Wright of Virginia and Rose Ann Wireman of Las Cruces about one of the spa products.



Sharon Westmann of Covana and Bryan Taylor of Pool Tech Plus stand next to one of Pool Tech Plus's spas covered with a Covana cabana.

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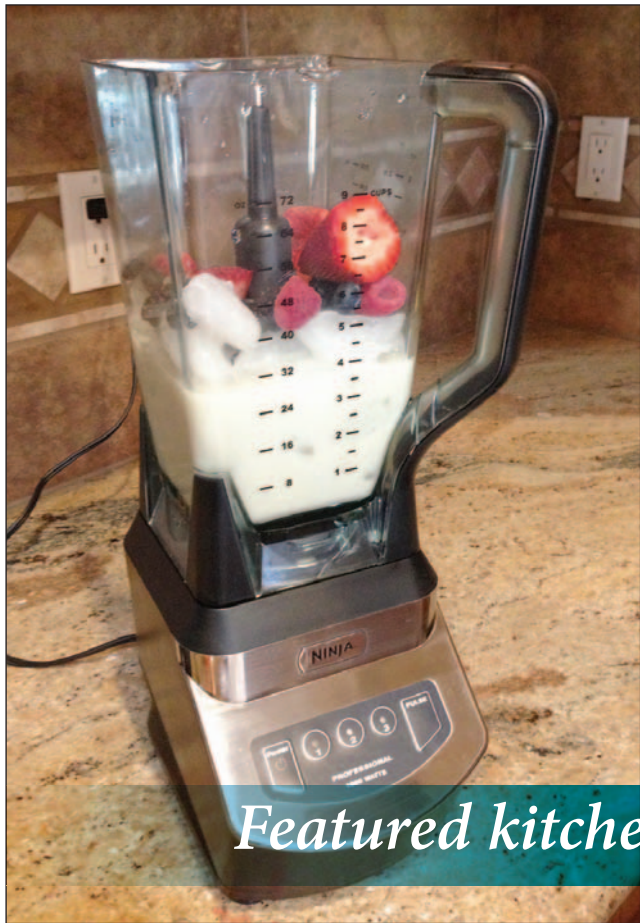
Watch out Mr. Miyagi

This is a job for Ninja Kitchen

By Rachel Christiansen
Las Cruces Bulletin

Warning: This product does not give you the ability to physically slice through boards or cement blocks with ease, nor does it give you extreme balance, agility or any other accomplishments of a real ninja.

That being said, the use of this product may make you want to run through the house yelling "Hiyah," with an official definition found in Urban Dictionary meaning, "Often used in martial combat, it is a sudden exhale of breath used to give you extra power and make you look and sound cool." Done and done.



Featured kitchen gadget: Ninja Kitchen

Ninja Kitchen is a brand developed by Euro-Pro Operating LLC, which has several products, including cooking and frying systems, but has recently gained popularity for its line of blenders.

In the name of all that is greasy and fatty, this article is only going to focus on the blender, but, if doughnuts continue to takeover the kitchen at the Bulletin, this reporter may have a change of heart. More on that to come.

But how can one ignore the glorious colors and smells of the fruits and vegetables now arriving in the grocery stores and farmers markets with the coming of the summer season?

That fried turkey you froze and have been eating off of since Christmas is bound to be gone – hopefully – broadening your horizons to a, ahem, fresher approach.

What is it?

Why does all of this matter? Because, my friend, let your light shine to see the wonderful world of blending. To blend, to mix ingredients smoothly and inseparably together.

Enough with the exaggerations, blending is seriously one of the greatest concepts since sliced bread.

Fruit smoothies, salsas, dips, frozen drinks – all can be accomplished with one glorious device.

I am, of course, referring to a blender, but not just any boring ol' blender.

A Ninja Kitchen blender is like the grand poo-bah of blenders. Morning shakes and smoothies are the new breakfast of choice for healthy living, and by throwing any combination of yogurt, fruits, nuts or granola in the Ninja Kitchen, with a few flicks of a button, a blended health-conscious drink is ready to go.

If you're new to the world of healthy choices, the blender comes with several different recipes of what to throw together to make a tasty breakfast.

Or, there's this handy little tool called "Google," in which a few chicken-typed letters can yield enough recipes to fill a lifetime.

Go ahead, try it: s-m-o-o-t-h-i-e-s.

A more familiar food choice in this region that can also be simplified with the use of a Ninja Kitchen is salsa. Just saying the word is likely to produce salivation to those accustomed to the palate of Southwest living.

But why leave it up to the restaurants in town to have all the

Cherry-Vanilla Breakfast Smoothie

1 cup nonfat milk
2 cups unsweetened frozen cherries
2 cups frozen raspberries
2 cups frozen low fat vanilla yogurt
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups ice

Combine all ingredients in a blender and pulse until smooth. Serve immediately. (Recipe adapted from www.shape.com.)

Orange Creamsicle

This a great mid-afternoon pick-me-up.

1/2 cup orange juice concentrate
1 seedless orange, peeled
1/4 cup fat-free half-and-half
4 ice cubes
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 tablespoon wheat germ

Combine orange juice concentrate, orange, fat-free half-and-half, ice cubes and vanilla extract in a blender. Purée until smooth. Pour into a tall glass; top with wheat germ. (Recipe adapted from www.shape.com.)

fun? Salsa is a very simple thing to make, and with a few ingredients and a little bit of love, the Ninja Kitchen can blend at least a week's worth of your specialty salsa concoctions.

How does it work?

Imagine this scenario: Person X still uses a blender circa 1970. The lid has been missing for the better part of a decade, the blades are two boomerang-shaped cross bows that aren't sharp enough to cut cheese.

Poor X. It takes most of the precious minutes before work to blend morning smoothies, as each rotation needs a little encouragement in the form of a spoon.

Now replace said sad little blender with a Ninja Kitchen. Insert background soundtrack of "Chariots of Fire," turn everything on slow motion and watch as X does grand jetés around the house, master of all things smoothie.

Really, no more exaggerations.

The removable blades of the Ninja Kitchen are designed to fit the length of the canister, which easily demolishes anything in its way.

Read the safety warnings about the blades before use, because none of the recipes call for fingers. The Ninja Kitchen won't operate without the lid being properly in place, so it is not a wise idea to lose it.

Where can it be found?

Ninja Kitchen has its own website where all of its products can be found at www.ninjakitchen.com. It can also be found on www.amazon.com or in specialty kitchen stores such as Bed, Bath & Beyond.

How much does it cost?

Depending on the model and the bells and whistles you choose to fit your lifestyle, the Ninja Kitchen blender will run from \$99 to \$199.

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Bon Appétit calls it “the secret ingredient in many kitchens.”

A food columnist for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution wrote that it’s “getting seriously popular.”

Omaha.com headlines an article with “It’s the hottest new trend,” and Huffington Post refers to it as “a product that people are seriously obsessed with.”

I say it’s something definitely worth a “cock-a-doodle-doo.”

So what’s getting all this heat you ask? Sriracha Chili Sauce, a smooth paste-like sauce made with red jalapeño peppers, vinegar, garlic, sugar and salt. Sriracha, (pronounced SIR-rotch-ah), isn’t a new a product by any means. In fact, it’s been around since the 1980s thanks to David Tran, a Vietnamese immigrant, who developed the hot sauce in Los Angeles’ Chinatown. Soon after, he launched Huy Fong Foods.

Sriracha Chili Sauce is packaged in an oversized plastic bottle secured with a green squirt cap. Emblazoned with a rooster, Tran’s zodiac birth year, the hot sauce is also commonly referred to as rooster sauce. Initially, Tran peddled the product to Asian markets not knowing that Americans would develop a taste, a hankering and an obsession for it.

I went bonkers over it myself after a friend introduced it to me last year. It’s highly addictive and delivers a taste unlike other hot sauces. And it’s versatile. I squirt it on eggs, meats and seafood, baked potatoes, rice and even on peanut butter. Yes – I have peanut butter and Sriracha sandwiches weekly.

I mix it into mayonnaise, yogurt and soft cream cheese for sassy-hot dips. Chocolate ice cream drizzled with Sriracha: awesome! I use it regularly in other recipes that demand a sassy kick.

In 2011, Randy Clemens came out with the first Sriracha “bible”: “The Sriracha Cookbook,” Ten Speed Press. I highly recommend it. Available in hardcover (or download it now on your Kindle) for about \$10 from www.amazon.com.

Alas, not all restaurants offer Sriracha sauce. So this request is just for Tran: Miniature bottles suitable for hanging on key rings. I get plenty tired from hauling the biggies in my handbags.

Roasted Brussel Sprouts with Sriracha Aioli

1 pound brussels sprouts, ends trimmed only
Olive oil
Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a baking dish, add the brussels sprouts and toss with olive oil until well coated and season with salt and pepper. Cook for 20 to 25 minutes, brussels should be still firm. Serve with dipping sauce as a main dish or appetizer.

Sriracha Aioli:
4 tablespoons mayonnaise
1 to 2 tablespoons Sriracha or to taste



Mix the ingredients in a small bowl and let sit in refrigerator until ready to use.

My Favorite Grilled Sriracha Burger

1 1/2 pounds angus or sirloin ground beef
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 1/2 tablespoons Sriracha, divided
2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper

In a large mixing bowl, gently combine (don’t over mix) the ground beef, soy sauce, 2 1/2 tablespoons of Sriracha and pepper. Form the mixture into 4 patties, cover and refrigerate until ready to grill.

Preheat a charcoal or gas grill to medium-high heat. Grill the burgers, turning once, 4 to 4 1/2 minutes on each side or until a meat thermometer registers 130 to 135 degrees for medium-rare. Serve sandwiched in a bun or atop a bed of rice. Makes 4 burgers.

Rooster Wings

1/4 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons white vinegar, plus 1 teaspoon
1 tablespoon Sriracha sauce
1 tablespoon sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons fresh ginger, peeled and grated
1 1/2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil
1 1/2 pounds chicken wings, cut in half at joint (wing tips removed), or drumsticks

In a glass baking dish, whisk together soy sauce, vinegar, Sriracha sauce, sugar, ginger and sesame oil. Add chicken and toss to coat. Marinate 30 minutes, tossing halfway through.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Bake until chicken is cooked through and sauce thickens, 30 minutes, flipping chicken halfway through. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Hot Sauce and Curry White Bean Dip

Serve it with favorite chips and veggies, or use as a topper for main entrées.

1 (15-ounce) can of white beans, rinsed

2 teaspoons Sriracha
1 salmon filet, 1 1/2 to 2 pounds
1 small cauliflower, trimmed, broken into florets
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
Fresh parsley for garnish

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Whisk olive oil and Sriracha together in a small bowl. Arrange salmon in a baking pan. Brush with the Sriracha oil.

Slice cauliflower florets in 1/4-inch pieces and place in a bowl. Pour remaining oil over the cauliflower and toss to coat. Scatter the cauliflower around the salmon. Sprinkle salmon and cauliflower with salt and pepper.

Bake in oven until salmon is cooked through, about 30 minutes, depending on thickness of the fish. Garnish with parsley. Serve with Sriracha Roasted Pepper Sauce.

Sriracha Macaroni Salad

16 ounces macaroni, cooked al dente and drizzled with a teaspoon of oil to prevent sticking
1 medium red onion, minced
2 small cucumbers, peeled and minced
1 pepper, minced (sweet or spicy, your call, but ours had a bit of heat)
3 stalks celery, minced
2/3 to 1 cup mayonnaise, to taste
2 to 4 tablespoons Sriracha sauce or to taste
Salt and pepper

Combine your minced vegetables and macaroni in a large bowl, and stir them all together. Add the mayo and Sriracha to the bowl and stir very well to combine. Start out with a little mayo and a little Sriracha at a time. Add more mayo and sauce as you go. This recipe used about 3/4 cup of mayo and 3 teaspoons of Sriracha. Makes 6 to 8 servings. (Recipe adapted from <http://macheesmo.com>)

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Burgers kneaded and topped with rooster sauce are definitely something to “cock-a-doodle-doo” about.

1 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon sesame oil
2 teaspoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons Sriracha hot sauce
1 large clove of garlic
1/2 teaspoon curry powder
1/4 cup of water (additional water to make the dip smoother)
1 tablespoon lime juice

In blender, combine all ingredients. Blend until smooth. Makes 3 to 4 cups.

Sriracha Salmon and Cauliflower

2 tablespoons olive oil

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Get soothing relief

Aloe can cure what topically ails you

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the great things about gardening is the possibilities are endless.

Even in the desert Southwest, you can have a garden of lush plants and flowers or tasty fruits and vegetables. The possibilities don't end there. Gardens composed of succulents and cacti are also an option.

One of the most well-known succulents is aloe, which has about 240 species. A stemless or short-stemmed succulent with thick, spiny leaves, aloe is usually grouped with cactus while in fact it is part of the lily family. Its most popular variety is aloe vera, native to northern Africa.

Not just an ornamental plant, aloe has been used in herbal medicine since the first century. Aloe is probably best known as a soothing sunburn remedy, but its uses are nearly endless. Here are a few of its topical uses.

1. Grow your hair: Hair loss is a frustrating occurrence that affects both men and women. While there are several miracle creams, lotions and potions that promise to restore hair growth, they usually come with a hefty price tag. Before emptying your piggy bank on these products, give aloe a try. Research has shown that aloe extract promotes hair growth, which is why it's often included in those expensive concoctions. Simply rub aloe gel on your scalp a few times a week and you should notice the results.

2. Moisturize your skin: Aloe is often a component of lotions and moisturizers because its compounds promote skin hydration

and its sticky texture displaces dirt from your skin. You can make your own moisturizer by cutting off an aloe branch and mixing it with a bit of water. Apply the homemade mixture to your skin and reap its hydrating benefits.

3. Treat a wound: Thanks to its bacteria-killing properties, aloe can be used to disinfect wounds and protect open wounds from some microorganisms that can cause infections. If you try this trick, use the aloe sparingly because its moisturizing effects can hinder the wound's ability to dry, delaying the healing process.

4. Get a smooth shave: Store-bought shaving cream may get the job done, but it can leave your skin dry and irritated – razor burn, anyone? Don't waste your money on these products and instead snip a piece of aloe. Aloe has a high water content – great for moisturizing – and anti-inflammatory enzymes that will leave your skin feeling silky smooth. It can be used to get a close shave on your face or legs.

5. Soothe razor burn: If you do have a bout of razor burn, aloe can still help. Rub the stuff over your legs after you get out of the shower and once more before you go to bed. Your legs will feel hydrated and any shaving-induced irritation will be soothed.

6. Make a face mask: You can make a face mask to cure just about any skin ailment by simply looking through your refrigerator, pantry or garden. An easy mask to make at home that will leave your skin refreshed, hydrated and exfoliated is an aloe-oatmeal mask. Combine aloe with uncooked oats and your favorite face oil and slather it onto your face. Let it sit for about 15 minutes and then wash off. Your skin will feel tight and moisturized.

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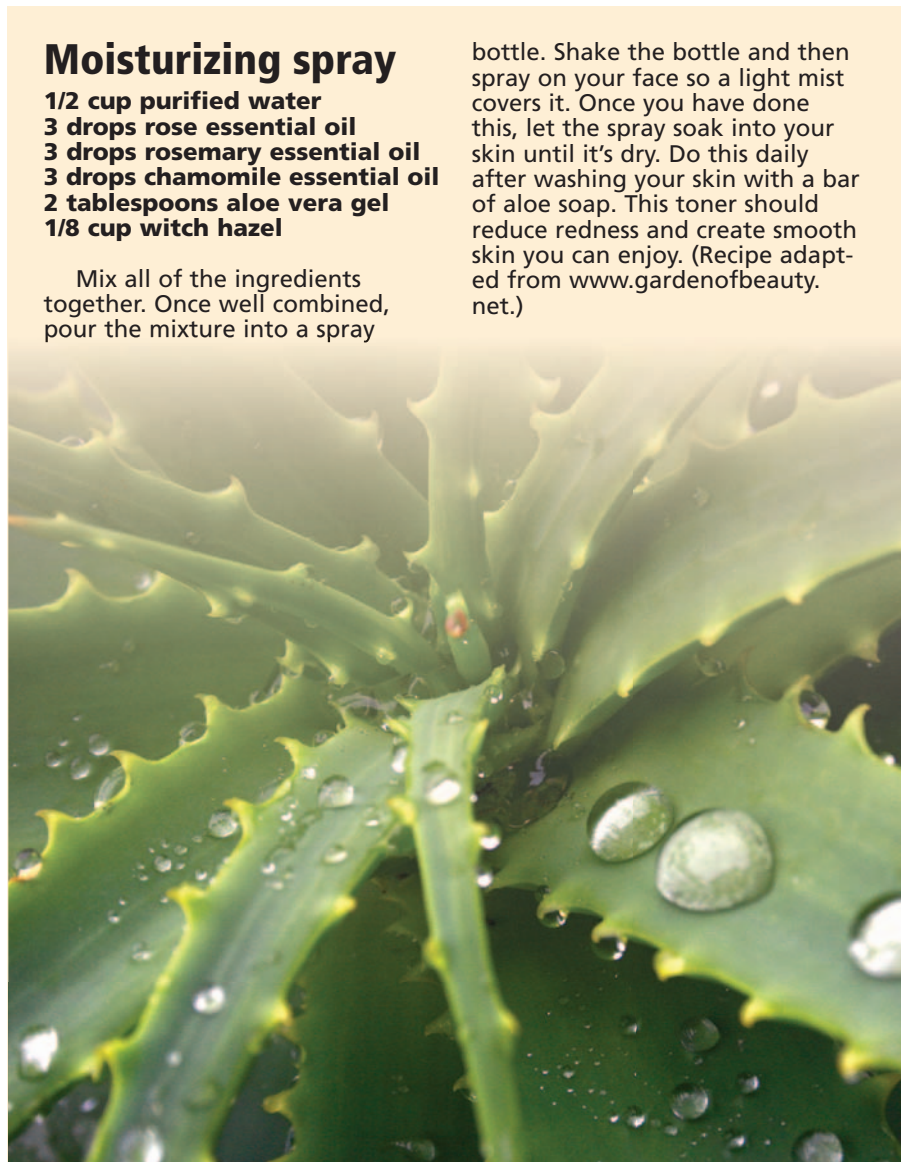
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Moisturizing spray

- 1/2 cup purified water
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- 3 drops rosemary essential oil
- 3 drops chamomile essential oil
- 2 tablespoons aloe vera gel
- 1/8 cup witch hazel

Mix all of the ingredients together. Once well combined, pour the mixture into a spray

bottle. Shake the bottle and then spray on your face so a light mist covers it. Once you have done this, let the spray soak into your skin until it's dry. Do this daily after washing your skin with a bar of aloe soap. This toner should reduce redness and create smooth skin you can enjoy. (Recipe adapted from www.gardenofbeauty.net.)



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Spring has sprung at the Las Cruces Tour of Gardens

Photos by Beth Sitzler and Alta LeCompte



Doug Parten and Laura Carreon enjoy the scenery of the Moser garden, south of Mesilla, during the 18th annual Las Cruces Tour of Gardens Saturday, May 4.



Helen Moser sits beside one of her 16 raised beds, which contains six to seven iris varieties and poppies, among other flower varieties.



Moser touches base as Master Gardener Marjie Snell finishes her shift at the hostess's home while visitors wander through the property.



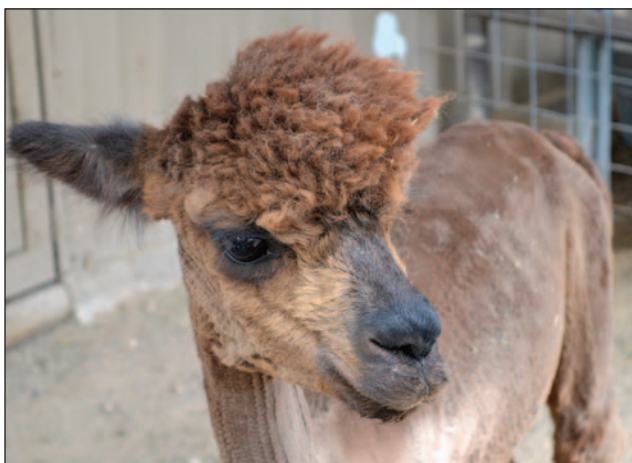
Many of the plants used in the Moser garden were selected to attract bees, butterflies and birds to the yard.



Hot cocoa roses in a courtyard on the Moser property.



The courtyard of the Grant property features brightly colored flowers, such as hibiscus.



Alpacas call the Briad property home.



Cornflower in various shades of blues and purples bloom in the Moser garden.

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Mesquite Historic Preservation Society Garden of the Month



David Chavez presents John Ballinger with a sign designating his home at May Avenue and Tornillo Street as the Mesquite Historic Preservation Society Garden of the Month for May. The garden is a dual effort of green and color, with structural components to contain the plantings.

EPE gives Habitat check Money goes to support housing mission

During a presentation Monday, April 29, from El Paso Electric Co. Partner's Program, Director of New Mexico External Affairs Rico Gonzales gave a check to Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Marie Schwartz.

Through its Community Partner Program, EPE provides assistance and support to organizations that impact the long-term economic vitality of our region; impact the quality and accessibility of education with a focus on furthering STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) related programs and scholarships; and meaningfully impact the quality of life of EPE customers.

EPE has provided support to MVHFH in the past. The funds have helped to create affordable, safe and secure homes for deserving families. The goal of MVHFH is to reduce poverty housing in the community and to make simple, decent housing affordable to individuals and families in need. As of March, MVHFH completed its 90th home in Las Cruces through partnerships with volunteers, local businesses and donors.



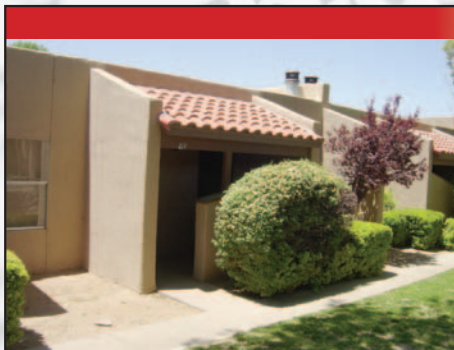
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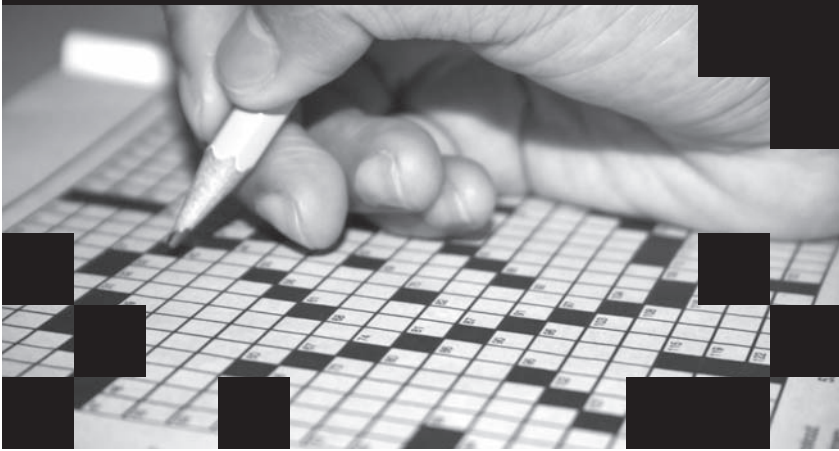


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Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

IT'S ABOUT SO BIG

| ENGLISH | SPANISH |
|------------|------------|
| AVERAGE | MEDIO |
| ENORMOUS | ENORME |
| HUGE | INMENSO |
| LARGE | GRANDE |
| LITTLE | CHICO |
| MEDIUM | MEDIANO |
| SLENDER | ESBELTO |
| SMALL | PEQUEÑO |
| TALL | ALTO |
| VAST | VASTO |
| VOLUMINOUS | VOLUMINOSO |
| WIDE | ANCHO |

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Crossword Puzzles

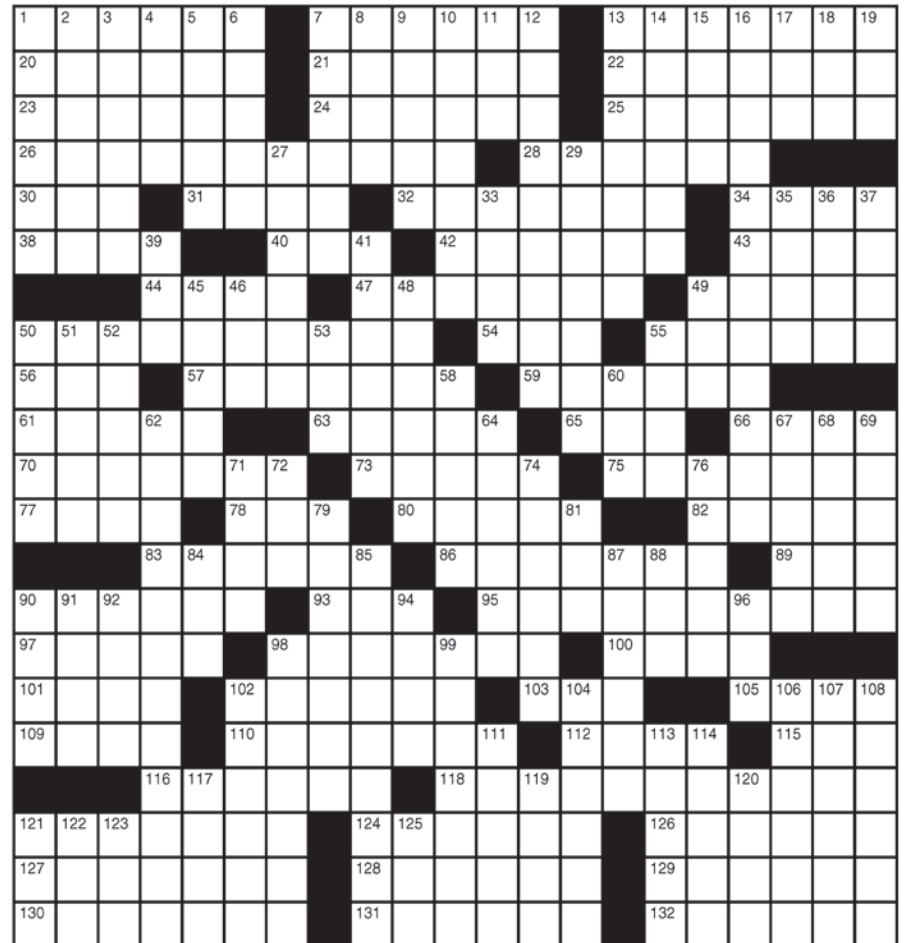
Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- | ACROSS | DOWN |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Letters for baseball's best | 1 Table constellation |
| 4 Alan and Nathan | 2 Toy-truck sound effect |
| 9 Period | 3 Big name in newsreels |
| 10 Ms. Peron | 4 Had the upper hand |
| 11 Bancroft or Meara | 5 Profess |
| 15 "The Consul" composer | 6 Parasitic insects |
| 19 Homegrown | 7 List-ending abbr. |
| 20 Bridge support | 8 Table seasoning |
| 21 Alternative fuel | 11 Spotted, saddle horse |
| 22 Resided | 12 Danish physicist |
| 23 Anjou or Bosc | 13 "Hud" co-star Pat |
| 24 He-man's title | 14 Makes mistakes |
| 26 Fancy dances | 15 Movie letters |
| 27 Spinnaker, e.g. | 16 Corn unit |
| 28 NYC arena | 17 Body trunks |
| 31 Sharpton and Gore | 18 Of a pelvic bone |
| 32 Unconvinced | 25 OSS successor |
| 37 Pub pint | 26 Author of "Le pere Goriot" |
| 38 Lofting shot | 28 Medieval weapon |
| 39 About to bawl | 29 Louver element |
| 40 Exemplary | 30 Salon goos |
| 44 Bronx attraction | 32 Fixing an outcome |
| 45 Writer Chekhov | 33 City near Anchorage |
| 46 Charlotte's cagers | 34 Order pizza delivered |
| 47 Combustion residue | 35 Fork part |
| 48 Queeg's ship | 36 Daly of "Cagney & Lacey" |
| 49 Sized up | 41 Toy on a string |
| 50 House-sitting | 42 Spadework |
| 54 Transcribing in error | 43 500-mile race |
| 60 Timbuktu's land | 51 Issue forth |
| 61 Nina's sister ship | 52 Towering |
| 62 Bovine sound | 53 ___ vera |
| 63 Delta follower | 54 Boggled down |
| 66 Passion | 55 Type of ink |
| 67 Mom-and-pop grp. | 56 Building level |
| 68 Quarterback running play | 57 Marked with pressure |
| 69 Bizarre | 58 Ill fame |
| 70 Hogwash! | 59 Chin whiskers |
| 71 Clear tables | 61 Fido's feet |
| 72 Thanksgiving dates | 63 Flows back |
| 76 Intense anger | 64 Dispense liquids |
| 77 Sellout sign | 65 Not so hot |
| 78 Actor Grant | 73 Follower of Attila |
| 79 Putter Palmer | 74 Citrus fruits |
| 81 Animated | 75 Horned beast |
| 87 Plucked instrument | 79 "M*A*S*H" star |
| 88 Anticipate with alarm | 80 Total destruction |
| 92 Wildly angry | 82 Heroism |
| 93 Set out to lose | 83 Wear away |
| 94 Plane passageway | 84 Designated |
| 95 "___ and Sheba" | 85 Big-headedness |
| 96 Artist Warhol | 86 Puma's lair |
| 97 Abraham's son | 88 Podium |
| 98 Lyrical poem | 89 Wager |
| 99 Polecat | 90 Genesis twin |
| 100 Carmine, e.g. | 91 Bates or King |

HANDS ON

- | ACROSS | DOWN |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Workshop bracing devices | 103 Government med. grp. |
| 7 Amphibious landing vessel | 105 Nailed at an oblique angle |
| 13 Currently popular nightclub | 109 In the best of health |
| 20 Goddess of the dawn | 110 Farm vehicle |
| 21 Tennis player Williams | 112 Angry states |
| 22 Religious recluse | 115 Fifth of MV |
| 23 Act testy | 116 Wind out |
| 24 Deli device | 118 Steady date |
| 25 Storyteller | 121 Incomplete |
| 26 Security device | 124 Reparations |
| 28 Some roof ends | 126 Father's brothers |
| 30 Eng. instruction letters | 127 Limp |
| 31 Ilium | 128 Aerial combat mission |
| 32 Reactive organic compounds | 129 Salary |
| 34 Make sound | 130 Marks of quality |
| 38 Adam's youngest son | 131 John Dos ___ |
| 40 Pub. submissions | 132 Post-crucifixion depictions |
| 42 Hang together | |
| 43 ___ mater | |
| 44 Assign a value to | |
| 47 Invites on a date | |
| 49 Patella sites | |
| 50 Bobby's billy | |
| 54 Letters on cameras | |
| 55 Four-door cars | |
| 56 "Roses ___ red..." | |
| 57 Globular | |
| 59 Cutting into small cubes | |
| 61 Electron tube | |
| 63 Highway speeder detector | |
| 65 # | |
| 66 Knocks lightly | |
| 70 Forays | |
| 73 Ear parts | |
| 75 Repudiate | |
| 77 Prego competitor | |
| 78 19th of 26 | |
| 80 Vitality | |
| 82 Steakhouse choice | |
| 83 Rifle part | |
| 86 Part of TNT | |
| 89 Israel or Jacob follower | |
| 90 Aspen zigzag | |
| 93 Bring up the rear | |
| 95 One way to hold a golf club | |
| 97 Former Yankee shortstop | |
| 98 Units of inductance | |
| 100 Latch on to | |
| 101 Business VIP | |
| 102 Capital of ancient Lydia | |



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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 49 Kesey or Follett | 76 Off. skill | 104 Removes lather |
| 50 Lowest point | 79 Of part of the eye | 106 Spotted wildcat |
| 51 Sister of Boris Godunov | 81 Ben's last name? | 107 Scaly inflammation |
| 52 Conductor Solti | 84 Asian nat. | 108 Double daggers |
| 53 Comparative suffix | 85 Deal sealer | 111 Speaks with too much vehemence |
| 55 California valley | 87 Guest and Degas | 113 Provide provisions for |
| 58 Henry ___ Lodge | 88 Lon ___ of Cambodia | 114 Branch of Islam |
| 60 Bovine chew | 90 Give a bias to | 91 De ___ (sumptuously) |
| 62 Gear-shifting maneuver | 92 Cain's victim | 117 Riviera resort |
| 64 Take away | 94 Sandy particles | 119 Personal prefix |
| 67 To have in Paris | 96 London hrs. | 120 ___ homo (Behold the man!) |
| 68 Sophia's Carlo | 98 Lloyd and Arlen | 121 Low mil. letters |
| 69 Series shutout | 99 Chemically similar substances | 122 Tenn. neighbor |
| 71 Judge | 102 Nautical passage | 123 AAA, in the UK |
| 72 Compass dir. | | 125 Large, extinct bird |

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

V O L U M E D I A V E R G E V
 O P W I V O L U E Ñ O O R N O
 L E I N A D N L S U Q T A O L
 U Q D M S U O N I M U L O V U
 M U T E T S Ñ O H C N A M O M
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 D Q D W O L Q E Ñ M W O I M E
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 R D A L I T P S U O M R O N E
 E D N W O S N E M N I N L O T
 E C O C S E G A R E V A V S U
 L E I T G S E D N A R G A O L
 S H Ñ U E N O R M G Ñ V N A O
 C V H U M U I D E M O U L O V

Diagramless

S H E R E B T W O
 H U D E N A A A R
 O D D M C L O U I
 R R S R A I T T P S T S O B
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 U R N F R O M M T I T U S F
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 G O T O N I U D E
 O M A R S O A E S
 D I S C E O N R D S

Wake-Up Call

C O I N S A B C S S E W S S C A M P
 A U D I T L O O T A D I T E R N I E
 S C E N E B O A R V I S A A E T N A
 T H E T R O U B L E W I T H L I F E
 E N E M Y U H O H W R A P P E D
 R A D N O R T I S A R L A I R A N I
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 L A S S O E R A S A F R O A E R I E
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Praise and worship during the National Day of Prayer celebrations

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Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima reads a proclamation declaring Thursday, May 2, as a day of prayer in the city.



Michael Johnson, 17, leads the Mayfield High School JROTC in presenting the colors during a National Day of Prayer celebration at City Hall.



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Sonoma Springs Covenant Church healing ministry team will hold a special service at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave. The service will include a short homily, music praising God and prayer for anyone who comes asking for it. For more information, call 526-4907.

STABAT MATER AT ST. PAUL

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., will perform Anton Dvorak's "Stabat Mater" at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 12. Douglas Weeks will be conducting the performance by choir, soloists and orchestra of this late 19th century choral work. The work, which moves from grief to assurance, was intended for concert presentation rather than liturgical use. For more information, call 644-6999.

ISRAEL FORUM

A forum on "Israel's Great Social (Religious/Secular) Divide" will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. After viewing a video of Yair Lapid, a progressive party leader and member of the new coalition government in Israel, speaking to an ultra-orthodox audience, there will be a moderated discussion of how secularism and freedom of religious beliefs are in the spotlight after the recent Israeli election and why. For more information, email wanderingjeb@gmail.com.

MAY ROUNDTABLE SCHEDULE

Universal Unitarian Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive, will hold the following roundtable discussions in May:

- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 12 – Reba Montera: Report on the 2013 Convocation of the U-U Buddhist Fellowship

- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 19 – Paul O'Connell, Ph.D.: Distorted Economics of Our Health Care System
- 9 to 10 a.m. Sunday, May 26 – Rev. Dale Robison, Ph.D.: The American Way of Death

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

If you've lost someone close to you or know someone who has, Grief Share is a special weekly support group held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, at the Morning Star United Methodist Church, 2941 Morning Star Drive, Room 105. At Grief Share you will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. Each session stands alone. For more information or to register, call the church office at 521-3770, Jackie Sledge at 915-525-2575 or Jim Maxon at 532-9699.

OPEN SPIRITUAL GROUP

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) Edgar Cayce Studies and General Spiritual Group hold group meetings from 10 a.m. to noon the first Sunday of each month. The meetings are hosted by local chapter leader Linda Aragon and are open to the public. Anyone seeking spiritual study, knowledge and awareness is encouraged to attend. For more information and location, call Aragon 382-6400.

YEAR OF FAITH SERIES

Holy Cross Catholic Church Community will hold its "Credo – I believe" Year of Faith series from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays in the gathering space, 1327 N. Miranda St. Msgr. John Anderson will lead discussion on praying the Apostles Creed. Bring your Bible, a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic church (available for a small donation)

and any "goodies" you'd like to share. There is no charge, but registration is required. For more information, call 523-0167.

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Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., offers two prayer groups. A centering prayer group meets weekly at 8 a.m. Saturdays for 20 to 30 minutes. Gathering for Prayer meets Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 522-7119.

GOOD NEWS THRIFT STORE

The Good News Thrift Store, 144 Wyatt St., is now accepting donations, which are tax deductible. Free pick up is available. The store, which helps women after they leave prison, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 649-2922.

MEN'S CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Catholic men are invited to attend a men's Catholic fellowship breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Delicia's del Mar, 1401 El Paseo Road. The monthly gathering is an opportunity for men to fellowship with other Catholic men and renew themselves spiritually. The time will

DEADLINE FOR CHURCH NEWS

Items for the Church News section are due the Friday before it will be published. Entries must include: name of event, time, date, location with address, a short description, cost and contact information. Entries and questions may be emailed to beth@lascrucesbulletin.com.

consist of praise and worship, teaching on male spirituality, fellowship and breakfast. The fellowship is sponsored by the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary in collaboration with other Mesilla Valley Catholic parishes. The cost of the breakfast is \$5. For more information, call 524-8563.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEERS

Catholic Charities Store, 2205 S. Main St., is looking for volunteers. Helping at the store is a way to contribute to reduce poverty in our community by making available clothing and household items that can be purchased at low prices or for free through a voucher program managed by our partners. For volunteer opportunities, call 527-0500 or 523-7577.

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Whoever said, “Talk is cheap” got it wrong. Talk, it turns out, is priceless.

In fact, as far as success in school is concerned, vocabulary is the prime indicator. All we need to do to provide our children with a large vocabulary is talk to them ... a lot.

By the first day of kindergarten, some children have heard 45 million words, some 26 million and others 13 million. “Meaningful Differences in the Everyday Lives of American Children” research by Betty Hart and Tom Risely, addresses the question of why children from low income homes remain well behind their more economically advantaged peers later in school. Researchers recorded verbal interaction of ordinary families as they talk to their very young children and followed the progress of the children for years afterwards.

The study began by recording each month for two and a half years, one full hour of every word spoken at home between parent and child in 42 families, categorized as professional, working class or welfare families. By age 3, the recorded spoken vocabularies of the children from the professional families were larger than those of the parents in the welfare families. Between professional and welfare parents, there was a difference of almost 300 words spoken per hour. Extrapolating this verbal interaction to a year, a child in a professional family would hear 11 million words while a child in a welfare family would hear just 3 million. Hart and Risley’s follow-up studies at age 9 show large differences in the amount of children’s language experience were tightly linked to large differences in educational outcomes.

Even children who attended preschool programs specifically designed to equalize opportunity remained at a disadvantage years later in school. According to the authors, “The most important aspect to evaluate in child care settings for very young children is the amount of talk actually going on, moment by moment, between children and their caregivers.”

Children who experience positive interactions with adults who take the time to read aloud and talk about things going on around them will have a better chance to succeed at school.

Classes designed to empower parents to give their children the best advantages are available this summer. READY! For kindergarten classes for parents of 3- and 4-year-old children will meet once a month for three months. Participating parents will learn about child development, hands-on activities, and receive take-home materials for “playing with a purpose” with their preschool age children.

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Getting off the ground

CARE looks to provide support to local cancer patients

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Although it’s only starting to take flight, Cancer Aid Resource & Education Inc. (CARE) is working hard to establish its role in the community as a place where local cancer patients can go for help.

“Leticia Soto (CARE vice president) and I were involved with a different cancer organization; however, we saw that patient services was an area it really lacked in,” said Yoli Diaz, CARE president. “There wasn’t a concentration – its mission involved different things.”

After working on a fashion show fundraiser to raise money for Relay for Life, Diaz recognized cancer patient services were not strong in Las Cruces.

The organization’s purpose is to establish assistance services to cancer patients in Doña Ana County, provide education and raise awareness and address any challenges faced by local cancer patients, regardless of age, as they receive treatment. Resources and services are meant to ease the burden on cancer patients and their loved ones.

CARE is currently in the process of raising funds to get the organization up and running.

“We’re in the developing stage,” Diaz said. “We are raising funds so we can open our doors at a mid-year date.”

Services CARE would like to provide with the community’s support, if funds are available, include: transportation assistance; provide personal items such as wigs, hats, scarves, bras, prosthesis and sleeves; small medical equipment; co-pay assistance; nutritional drinks; non-food health items such as gloves, chucks, wipes and diapers; food assistance; educational information; payment for tests; and more.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

Runners and walkers take off at the start of the 5K sponsored by Massage Envy Saturday, May 4, beginning at Kohl’s department store. The 5K benefits Cancer Aid Resource & Education Inc. CARE has organized 5Ks throughout the year to help raise money for the budding organization and to set an example of how businesses can get involved.

“It’s very important that we start helping the cancer patients,” Diaz said. “It’s a community effort and we need community support.”

To help supplement cost in the beginning, the organization will reach out to businesses and organizations in the community that provide one or more of these services.

“If there’s not already something in place, that’s where we will utilize our funds,” Diaz said.

To minimize expenses and maximize services, CARE will operate on an all volunteer

basis and organize fundraisers in-kind, so all proceeds go toward funding services.

There are many ways the community can get involved in the cause.

All donations are accepted, for those interested in helping with costs.

“That little bit of money adds up,” she said. “That little bit of money has the potential to make a big difference.”

Volunteers are a large part of the fundraising and future operation of CARE, so much so that

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RHSNM receives honor, certification

Rehab hospital nationally recognized, becomes stroke certified

Bulletin Staff Report

Ranking among the top rehab facilities in the nation and receiving stroke rehab certification are two accomplishments the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico (RHSNM), recently achieved.

For the seventh consecutive year, RHSNM, located at 4441 E. Lohman Ave., is ranked in the top 10 percent of inpatient rehabilitation facilities in the nation by the Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation (UDSMR).

UDSMR is a nonprofit corporation developed with support from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, a component of the U.S. Department of Education. UDSMR administers the world’s largest medical rehabilitation database, providing the field with common language and measurement tools to monitor patient outcomes.

RHSNM qualified for a place in the UDSMR database and was ranked from among 789 inpatient rehabilitation facilities in the United States.

“By participating in UDSMR’s database, we are able to share our patient outcomes and establish best practices,” said Sabrina

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The Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico has earned its stroke rehabilitation certification and ranks in the top 10 percent of rehab hospitals in the nation.

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they are referred to as a CARE family. Volunteers can consist of businesses, organizations, friends, family and others interested in offering their time, skills, resources, sponsorship or donations to the cause.

As a CARE family, volunteers can participate in the walks, get pledges, sponsor fundraisers, buy a ticket to an event and more.

“Donating your time is extremely valuable,” Diaz said.

There are several upcoming events planned, and many opportunities to get involved.

For more information, contact CARE at 680-5922, yoli@carelascruces.org or visit <http://carelascruces.org>.

Details

Upcoming events

- **Mother's Day Dance:** 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, at Beverly Hills Hall, 150 Hermosa St. (Must be 21 or older)
- **Jubilee of Life Walk:** 9 a.m. Saturday, June 1, at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave.
- **5K walk/run:** 7 a.m. Saturday, June 29, at 2500 N. Triviz Drive, multi-purpose walking path beginning at Kohl's.
- **Family Fun Day:** TBD
- **Fashion Show:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.
- **16 de Septiembre Dance:** 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at Beverly Hills Hall, 150 Hermosa St.
- **5K walk/run:** 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at 2500 N. Triviz Drive, multi-purpose walking path beginning at Kohl's.
- **Luminaria Ceremony:** TBD
- **Lavendar Ball:** 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.
- **5K walk/run:** 7 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at 2500 N. Triviz Drive, multi-purpose walking path beginning at Kohl's.

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Martin, COO. “This ranking is a rewarding way to validate that we are providing our patients from this community with the highest level of rehabilitative care available nationally.”

RHSNM had to rate well in four criteria of patient care – patient-centered, effective, efficient and timely – to make it in the top 10 percent.

“The (hospital) will continue to work to maintain the highest quality of care for our patients,” Martin said. “Our commitment to the community is to provide these much needed services and to strive to get every patient back home after their need for hospitalization.”

Not only did RHSNM receive national recognition, but it has recently earned the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for its stroke rehabilitation after a rigorous on-site review by an expert evaluator.

This certification reflects the hospital's commitment to stroke survivors and recognizes its continued compliance with the Joint Commission's standards.

The Joint Commission's purpose is to improve health care for the public. The Disease-Specific Care Certification Program launched in 2002 and is designed to evaluate clinical programs across the continuum of care.

“Our team has worked very hard on developing and improving

the delivery of our care for stroke survivors in our community since we first opened,” Martin said. “The opportunity to participate in the Joint Commission Disease-Specific Care Certification Program allowed us to formalize and validate practices that ensure optimal outcomes for this population.”

Certification requirements address three core areas: compliance with consensus-based national standards; effective use of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines to manage and optimize care; and organized approach to performance measurement and improvement activities.

“Stroke continues to be highly prevalent in our community and is often a life changing event for the stroke survivor and their family,” Martin said. “We feel it is our obligation and privilege to work with both Mountain View Regional Medical Center and Memorial Medical Center to continue to improve services to stroke survivors in southern New Mexico.”

RHSNM is a 40-bed facility, designed solely for the provision of specialized rehabilitation care, and is the only freestanding acute rehabilitation hospital serving Southern New Mexico.

The hospital has been a part of the Las Cruces community since 2005, treating patients recovering from strokes, head and spinal cord injuries and other impairments caused by injuries or illness.

For more information, call 521-6400 or visit www.rhsnm.com.

Reading

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Children's Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County (CRF-DAC) will host parent classes this summer funded by “Innovative Approaches to Learning,” a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Locations, so far, are Caesar Chavez Elementary School, Community Centers in Butterfield, Organ and Chaparral, Sunland Park Senior Center, Victoria en Jesus Christo Church in Anapra, WIC Nutrition Office in Sunland Park, Tierra Madre Community Center, the Franklin Apartments Conference

Room in Anthony and the Hatch Library. Classes and materials are free. To register, contact Trudy Gallegos at trudygg@gmail.com or 312-6262.

In Las Cruces, parents in search of a preschool for their children are invited to attend a Preschool Fair hosted by Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 18. The fair is free and registration is not required. For more information, call children's librarian Sandy Van Landingham at 528-4073.

This weekend, in honor of Mother's Day, we temporarily amend our slogan “Read with a Child Everyday” to “Read with Your Mother.” Local stores are stocked with

a great selection of books that feature themes of love between mother and child. For little more than the price of a card, a beautiful paperback book can bring back happy memories for both of you. Just add your own handwritten dedication in the front to create a lasting gift.

“The Kissing Hand” by Audrey Penn and “Love to Mama,” an anthology of poems collected by poet Pat Mora celebrate mothers and grandmothers.

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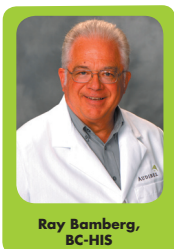
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Customer appreciation at Tom Young's Fitness Center

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Ana Nieto and her daughter Tanya



Mundo Casteñeda, membership coordinator, trainer and grillmaster keeps the hot food moving.



Tom Young's Fitness Center & Racquetball Club staff gather for a customer appreciation celebration Saturday, May 4. The event included food, drinks, fitness demonstrations and prizes.



An outdoor Zumba demonstration got people moving.



Ivana Melendrez, 10, joins in during the step aerobics demonstration. Melendrez and her family attended the event in support of her grandmother who's a member at Tom Young's.



Kayah, 5, and Zion Flores, 7, enjoy a bite to eat.



Ernie Garza and Alyssa Vian provide upbeat music for the workout demonstrations and event.

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Health Briefs

PTSD remains qualifying condition for medical cannabis program

Department of Health Secretary Retta Ward announced that Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) will remain a qualifying condition to become a patient in New Mexico's Medical Cannabis Program.

In November, the Medical Cannabis Advisory Board heard a petition to remove PTSD as a qualifying condition for New Mexico's Medical Cannabis Program. The petition was submitted by a psychiatrist. The Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Department of Health reject the petition to rescind PTSD as a condition.

"There is insufficient medical and scientific evidence in the petition to move forward with the removal of PTSD as a qualifying condition," Ward said.

Department of Health regulation 7.34.3.8(C) NMAC requires that before a department-approved condition may be removed, the department secretary must determine, on the basis of substantial credible medical and scientific evidence that the use of cannabis by patients who have the approved condition would more likely than not result in substantial harm to the patients' health.

Pursuant to medical cannabis regulations, and in accordance with the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act and the Department of Health Act, the secretary of health renders final decisions concerning whether to add or remove medical conditions to the list of conditions approved for participation in the medical cannabis program.

In 2009, PTSD was added as one of the qualifying conditions of the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act. As of March 30, there are 8,894 patients in the program; approximately 3,700 patients are qualified to participate in the medical cannabis program on the basis of PTSD.

Vado walking trail opens to the public

Three years in the making, a beautification project built by the hands of a dozen Doña Ana County youths will celebrate its third phase of completion Friday, May 10, when the Vado Park and Trail officially opens to the public.

A grand opening is scheduled for 1 p.m. May 10, at the Vado Park and Trail on Holguin Road, near Vado Elementary. The event is open to the public.

The project, a collaborative effort between Doña Ana County, Groundwork Doña Ana, Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID), the Vado community and local businesses, received \$237,500 in funding for the walking trail from Doña Ana County with a right-of-way granted by EBID. Groundwork Doña Ana and the National Park Service also donated \$25,000 in funding. Additional support came from Pic Quik convenience stores and Wells Fargo.

The Vado Park and Trail was the first project of Groundwork Doña Ana, which tasked a group of community volunteers with the first phase of the project in 2010. They built four shade canopies and five benches around an abandoned irrigation canal. The following year, the team finished Phase II with the addition of a 2,100 linear foot gravel walking trail.

The third phase, sponsored by an in-kind donation from CEMEX, upgraded the gravel walking trail with an asphalt walking path/trail.

A dozen local youths, between 15 and 19 years old, were hired to complete the project, receiving valuable work-related life skills and hands-on training in trail building and simple construction.

Area residents said they were excited about the new outdoor recreation opportunity.

"It's a good size," said Yessenia Juarez, who lives in Vado. "I usually go running or walking at least five times a week on the new trail. Once people find out the trail is open, more people will come out and use it."

Spike in 2012 syphilis cases

The New Mexico Department of Health announced a spike in syphilis cases in 2012. According to the department's provisional data, New Mexico doctors reported 101 cases of primary and secondary syphilis, or 4.9 per 100,000. This is the highest number and rate since 1988.

In 2000, syphilis, a once common sexually transmitted disease, dropped to its lowest point since reporting began in 1941, and health officials actually talked about its "elimination." It returned starting in 2001, especially among men who have sex with men, and sometimes co-occurring with HIV infection.

"Syphilis is only infectious in its early stages, so primary and secondary cases are especially significant because that is when it's easily spread," said Department of Health Secretary Retta Ward. "When diagnosed early, syphilis is easily treated, most effectively with shots of penicillin."

Syphilis has been called the "great imitator" because it is often confused with other diseases. Clinicians may rarely see an active case. The disease can cause open sores in the primary stage, and in secondary syphilis it can cause flu-like symptoms, swollen lymph nodes and a characteristic rash that may cover the palms of the hands and soles of the feet. Diagnosis is usually made by blood tests. If untreated, the disease can persist for years without noticeable signs or symptoms, but can lead to severe damage to the brain and blood vessels. Congenital syphilis – when a baby is born to an untreated mother – can result in serious and lifelong complications.

Men are far more likely to contract syphilis. In 2012, males accounted for 91 percent of the 101 primary and secondary infections.

To minimize the spread of this infection, it is extremely important that all sexual partners are examined and possibly treated.

Pet owners dine out



Safe Haven photo

Friends and supporters of Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary gathered Thursday, April 25, at Amaro Winery to celebrate Wineing for the Animals. The fundraiser benefits the care and feeding of cats and dogs at Safe Haven's Animal Sanctuary, the county's only no-kill shelter.

ACA breakdown



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State Rep. Mary Helen Garcia chats with State Senate President Pro Tem Mary Kay Papen while Sen. Joseph Cervantes looks on during New Mexico State University's College of Health and Social Services inaugural health symposium titled "Understanding the Affordable Care Act" Wednesday, May 1, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The event was free to the public and many students from the health college attended.

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Students share healthy ideas at the HEAL Film Festival

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Camino Real Middle School Principal Ralph Ramos speaks with school board member Maria Flores. Ramos came to show his support for the media students who participated in the film festival. Flores is active in promoting a healthy lifestyle to students.



Sierra Middle School students created three films featured in the festival. Some of the subjects addressed in their film were the presidential meal and healthy vending machines.



Las Cruces Public Schools Health and Nutrition Specialist Barbara Berger and Director Nancy Cathey organized the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Film Festival Monday, May 6, at the Oñate High School Performing Arts Center. Seven middle and high school media classes were asked to examine nutrition and physical activity in the schools and come up with solutions to get students healthy and more active. Each class made three films on this subject to screen during the festival.



Taylor Harty-Moffatt and media and technology teacher Arlene Martinez represented Picacho Middle School at the film festival. About 25 Picacho students took part in the project. Harty-Moffatt participated in one of the three films about introducing Zumba to schools. "Her group was able to create a real change at Picacho," Martinez said.

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