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Nine file in city races Council District 6 draws 3 hopefuls

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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By the end of Tuesday, Sept. 24, the deadline for filing in November's city elections, nine candidates filed papers at the Las Cruces City Clerk's Office to declare their candidacy.

Should all the signatures be valid and other paperwork in order, the candidates are:

City Council District 3
Olga Pedroza (incumbent)
Bev Courtney

City Council District 5
Gill Sorg (incumbent)
David Roewe

City Council District 6
Cecelia Levatino
J. Mark Cobb

Municipal Judge II
Curtis J. Rosemond
Kieran F. Ryan (incumbent)
Ben Longwill

Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas, who is the District 6 incumbent, kept true to her declarations that she would not seek re-election because of health concerns.

One of the earliest to announce her bid for the vacancy was Levatino, who was also one of the day's first filing candidates. She is a licensed Realtor with Steinborn and Associates and a former nurse. She has been active in the community and currently serves on the Board of Directors for The March of Dimes of Southern New Mexico and Turning Point of Las Cruces. Levatino is a member of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, where she serves on the Military Affairs Committee, and the Las Cruces Association of Realtors, where she chairs the Legislative Committee.

Levatino said she will be a voice for veterans, a strong health care system, which includes mental health access, and fiscal policies that ensure a stable

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History revealed

Fifth-graders learn about state's past

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Seventy-two fifth-graders from Desert Hills Elementary School were able to peer into the history of prehistoric New Mexico Thursday, Sept. 19, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

On exhibit is "The Cañada Alamosa: 4,000 Years of Agricultural History." It will remain on display at the museum until March 16, 2014, and represents the work of Human Systems Research (HSR), a local nonprofit cultural resource contracting office.

The extensive display of pottery, artifacts, photographs and oral histories interprets the long history of human occupation along the beautiful but rugged Rio Alamosa in Sierra and

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rafael Torres

Santiago Herrera-Guerrero, Trase Weir and Jacob Angel, members of Donna Beal's fifth-grade class at Desert Hills Elementary School, learn the importance of preserving New Mexico's cultural heritage while viewing a display of pottery from the Cañada Alamosa Project at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Thursday, Sept. 19. The exhibit contains an extensive collection of artifacts from a complex series of occupations of Montecello Canyon, northwest of Truth or Consequences.

NM rolls out health insurance exchange Media blitz for sign-ups to start soon

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

The New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange Program will soon begin a multi-media campaign to get currently uninsured people to enroll in one of its plans, exchange board members revealed in Las Cruces Friday, Sept. 20.

The exchange will include ads, billboards, radio and television spots, brochures, flyers, posters and even a YouTube video featuring a performance of the theme song built around its slogan: "Be well." The slogan is also the basis of its website, www.bewellnm.com and the exchange program goes by the catchy abbreviation of NMHIX.

Just as important as the media effort, said Mike Nuñez, NMHIX CEO, will be community outreach through trained representatives.

"In New Mexico, we have to make sure we have plenty of 'boots on the ground,'" Nuñez said.

For the exchange to work, they need to get people who don't have health insurance and small businesses that don't currently offer health insurance to its employees to sign up, starting Tuesday, Oct. 1. Many of those – more than 70 percent of the state's uninsured are under the age of 50 – are young people, or "the invincibles," Nuñez said. That's why the ad campaign will emphasize that life may throw in unexpected illnesses or injuries and warn of the possible burdens on their families and

loved ones.

"We're going to strike the heart first and then talk about the need for security and family," Nuñez said. "We're telling them that this is the right thing to do."

To reach these young people, NMHIX will be working with colleges and universities, he said, as well as through chambers of commerce, health clinics and other community organizations.

Another issue is affordability. According to NMHIX's research, 38 percent of uninsured people have never had health insurance and 67 percent once had health insurance but lost it in the recession.

NMHIX also got some good news this week about the affordability of its health insurance plans. According to the Associated Press, a federal report finds New Mexico's new health

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Health food market able to serve poor

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Down payment got you down? Things to know before buying a home

For many Americans, coming up with a down payment for their first home can be a major road block, and quite often the reason for renting, rather than owning, a home.

A down payment is the difference between the home's purchase price and its mortgage amount. This percentage of the sale price must be paid up front and can vary by lender, location and loan program. A higher down payment generally translates into lower loan interest rate requirements. Typically, a down payment comes from personal cash savings, but it can also be a gift that is not to be repaid, or a borrowed amount secured by assets. While conventional loan down payments may be close to 20% of the sale price, government loans typically have lower down payment requirements. This allows potential homebuyers who normally cannot meet down payment requirements an opportunity to qualify for a mortgage. Keep in mind that down payments that are less than 20% of the sale price typically require mortgage insurance payments.

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- 2 If you have marginal or bad credit, consult your lender. You may be able to qualify for a loan depending on how long ago and what reason(s) caused the bad credit.
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It's TWEF time again

Enchiladas on center stage for 33rd annual The Whole Enchilada Fiesta

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

The Whole Enchilada Fiesta (TWEF) returns Friday through Sunday, Sept. 27-29, with a double shot of enchilada-fueled celebration as Roberto Estrada will not only again make the world's record largest flat enchilada, but a bunch of regular enchiladas for the Fire in the Whole enchilada-eating contest.

Both will be on the fiesta's final day Sunday, but Estrada said he'll be assisted by many helpers, lead by sons Ronnie and Chris Estrada and grandson Michael Estrada. With the kitchen of his Roberto's Mexican Food cranking out enchiladas, the restaurant will be closed to the public that day, he said.

Estrada said he is ready to fire up his improved burners to cook the 10-foot-wide tortillas. The new 16-burner grill made with black iron pipes and numerous shut-off valves for increased safety reflects the community's support, as well as generous assistance from an old friend. Made by Steve Peña of Valley Plumbing, Heating and Cooling, the work was donated, leaving \$15,000 in local donations available for future repairs and maintenance of the equipment.

Last year, Estrada wasn't able to make the world-record enchilada after state inspectors raised safety concerns about the equipment he had been using for 31 years.

After the making of the world's largest

enchilada Sunday, the enchilada-eating contest starts for the chance to win a \$1,000 prize.

For TWEF, it is the 33rd year that the "block party for the city" is being held through a large organization of community volunteers, with only minimal support from the city government. It has since grown to become one of the top 100 public events in the U.S., and the third largest in New Mexico. Each year, TWEF attracts about 40,000 people from all over the United States and Mexico.

The gates at the Hadley Sports Complex, 500 N. Hadley Ave., open at 5:30 p.m. Friday, with the opening ceremonies and crowning of the TWEF Queen. Festivities will continue from 9 a.m. to 11:20 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

The following parking areas in the Hadley Complex area between Solano Drive and Walnut Street will be closed for Whole Enchilada Fiesta Friday through Sunday: Meerscheidt Recreation Center parking lot, Maag Ball Park and Galla T-ball parking lots.

Parking will be available at the Castaneda Service Center, the Dog Park lot west of Meerscheidt Recreation Center, Harty and Paz Ball Park parking lots and the street by the City's Streets and Traffic Operations buildings.

Other highlights of TWEF include the 1-Mile Fun Run, 33rd annual parade, live entertainment, car show, carnival and games.

For more information on all the TWEF events, visit www.enchiladafiesta.com.

Community Partnership Luncheon offers insight

Investor-traveler to speak before tour

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

Michael Blum, president and founder of Hedgeye Risk Management, isn't hedging his bets for going to space – he's bought tickets not only for Virgin Galactic, but also for XCOR's spaceplane Lynx, which is still in the design phase.

Virgin Galactic's spaceliner is currently being tested in California (see related story on page A7) and the company aims to begin flying customers out of New Mexico's Spaceport America next year.

While making sure he is a passenger, Blum is also looking around the spaceport 45 miles north of Las Cruces for possible investment opportunities.

That's why Blum will be the guest speaker for the annual Community Partnership Luncheon Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

"What types of investment opportunities we may think there are may not be the same when someone looks at us from the outside," said Pat Hynes, New Mexico Space Grant Consortium director who organizes the annual International Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight (ISPCS) that the luncheon kicks off.

ISPCS brings the leading officials, entrepreneurs and experts in space travel to look at the emerging private space industry.

ISPCS is also held at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Wednesday, Oct. 16, and Thursday, Oct. 17, with the option of taking a tour of Spaceport America Friday, Oct. 18.

Blum is no stranger to one of the main players of the new private space industry – Elon Musk, whose SpaceX orbital rocket is the first non-government space craft to supply in the International Space Station. Musk, who will be at ISPCS, made his fortune through the creation of PayPal. Blum helped Musk set up PayPal in Germany, Hynes said.

SpaceX is also developing a single-stage rocket called the Grasshopper that launches and lands vertically, which will be tested at Spaceport America. Along with Musk will be a number of SpaceX personnel at ISPCS.

"It's no accident that there is a strong SpaceX presence at ISPCS," Hynes said.

Hynes said each year's Community Partnership Luncheon looks at different topics. With activity at the spaceport poised to begin drawing visitors, it was time to talk about investment opportunities, she said.

The Community Partnership Luncheon also includes a tour of Spaceport America, as well as access to the Commercial Space Exhibit Hall at the museum.

Tickets cost \$50 and cover the lunch, speech, exhibit hall access and spaceport tour. To register for the luncheon, visit www.ispcs.com or call 646-6414.



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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Fun and culture mingle

Enchilada Fiesta, fair offer activities, entertainment

Central to the soul of southern New Mexico are its Hispanic and agricultural heritage. The next two weekends in Las Cruces, we will celebrate those important reasons we are who we are.

First up is The Whole Enchilada Fiesta this weekend, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 27-29. That's followed up next week with the Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo, Wednesday through Sunday, Oct. 2-6.

Food, music, games, rides, contests, booths and information: Both events feature all of these great things.

The Whole Enchilada Fiesta is an event unique in the world, as unique as its key figure, Roberto Estrada.

After a year's absence, Estrada's giant enchilada is back, thanks to some amazingly generous contributions from local citizens and businesses. Let's get a big crowd out to celebrate the enchilada's return on Sunday. Make sure you get a bite, too.

Back for the third year is the Fire in the Whole enchilada-eating contest. Now, I'm a big eater, and a big fan of red chile enchiladas, but I'm certainly not up for this challenge. Here's a big indicator: Contestants are asked to wear surgical gloves on their hands while they're diving into the red, flaming goodness. If the stuff is hot enough to burn your hands, what's it doing to your insides when you cram a few pounds down your gullet?

The musical entertainment will be great as well.

Saturday night's headliners are the Texas Tornados, one of my favorite bands for more than 20 years. Two of the founders (the great Freddy Fender and Doug Sahm) have passed on, but Augie Meyers is still going strong and Sahm's son, Shawn Sahm, replaced his dad. My personal favorite is Flaco Jimenez, the ageless accordionist, who's also still going strong.

Rick Treviño, who came with the Tornados for a Doña Ana Community College event a couple of years ago in Las Cruces, is back and will open for them at The Whole Enchilada. Treviño's another great performer.

Friday night features the always entertaining Al Hurricane and Al Hurricane Jr.

Other local and regional acts fill out the music schedule.

The Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo offers so many things, it becomes a great mirror of life in our region. I love going into the exhibit halls and looking over all of the different artwork created by our local elementary school students.

The creativity is inspiring and should be an antidote for those who fear computers, cell phones and iPads are ruining the brains of our younger generations.

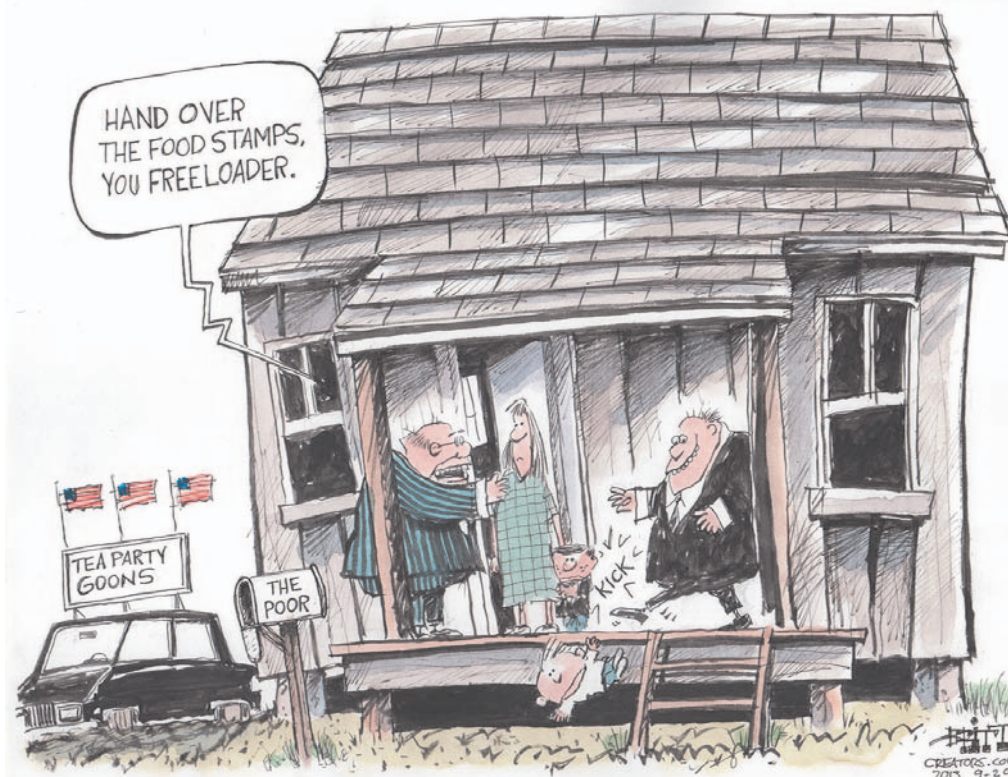
The Bulletin annually sponsors the bake sale awards, and I'm always amazed at both the flavor and appearance of the magical culinary creations of our local cooks.

Don't forget, however, the primary reason the fair exists. And that's to encourage young people to learn and live agricultural skills. People who, from an early age, develop the ability to raise animals have learned things and gained an appreciation for agriculture that someone like me – raised on cable television, Pop Tarts and chips and salsa – completely missed.

Also check out the rodeo. I love most all sports, but I'm not sure there's a sport that requires more skill, more practice and more heart than rodeo. It's also a great deal of fun to watch.

A lot of things link these two events, including the incredible asadero cheese and green chile quesadillas created by the folks at Acosta Farms, which is likely to bring its trailer to both TWEF and SNMSF&R

So this year, when you go to these events, look at them with a fresh eye, enjoy the culture, eat some great food and, most of all, have fun.



Letter to the Editor

Free speech curtailed

"A university is supposed to be a marketplace of ideas," said Robert Richards, a professor and administrator of Penn State University. "When you limit the free interchange of ideas, that is problematic."

A policy that prohibits student demonstrations in the places most likely to have the greatest impact, or the places that would be most appropriate, is a policy that undermines the intent of the First Amendment of our Constitution: the right to free speech.

NMSU's policy to only allow free speech to occur "outdoors" would most likely be considered unconstitutional if challenged in a court of law, as it severely limits the opportunity for students to participate in places where public forums and discussions occur.

Tuesday, Sept. 17, a young man named Alan Dicker was arrested and charged at NMSU with three misdemeanors for calmly holding a sign near an NSA job fair booth while he thought he was merely exercising his free speech rights.

I request that the Board of Regents of NMSU takes a good look at the policy that

limits and criminalizes free speech anywhere on campus and it abandon this policy so as to be in compliance with First Amendment to the Constitution of the United State of America.

Quite possibly, some of you may want to re-read this part of the Bill of Rights as a refresher.

I find it quite interesting and encouraging, especially now, when countries are trying to stifle dissent.

Aletta T. Wilson

Vote disappointing

I'm extremely disappointed that Rep. Steve Pearce has chosen not to represent many of his constituents who participate in the food stamps program. His vote to withhold money from SNAP and thus to deny food stamps to many persons in need – especially children – is a particularly cruel gesture when there are so many of us in the U.S. who have more than we need.

In the future, I hope to see votes from Pearce which reflect the more compassionate nature of his constituents.

Kathy von Ende

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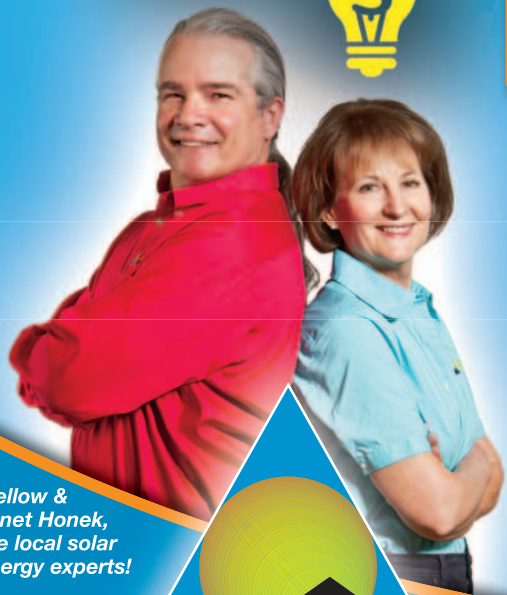
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- MAIN STAGE - 6:45pm
Micky Cruz



8:30pm
Gonzalo



9:45pm Al Hurricane and Al Hurricane Jr.

SATURDAY A Taste of Texas

- MAIN STAGE - 6:30pm
Los Mekanicos de la Musica Norteña



8:00pm Rick Trevino
- Featured Artist -

9:30pm
The Texas Tornados
- Headliner -



SUNDAY A Tribute to Hispanic Heritage Month

- T-BALL FIELD -
10:30am
Making of the Whole Enchilada



- MAIN STAGE -
2:15pm Los Arrieros/
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Putting the ouch in texting

Texting and walking is a poor combination

Michael Swickard

In My Opinion



If you want a good laugh, go to any college campus to watch some of the best and brightest students in the world trying to text and walk. The resultant signpost smack-downs are amazing.

What is the communication value of their texting, since these students make the same mistake day after day, texting themselves into sign poles and off curbs?

It makes me wonder when texting students wander out into traffic. Must be a Darwin moment when traffic has to frantically avoid them. Disaster strikes when a driver is texting and not watching the texting students. Both are knuckleheads. They cannot stop texting for even a few minutes.

Some think we need more laws to keep people from being knuckleheads. Not me, since a person intent upon being a knucklehead will be a knucklehead regardless of laws. We have plenty of data over the years about people who insisted on being foolish despite good advice.

For the record, I try to help text victims who accidentally embrace sign poles. My sympathy is given when all of a sudden they realize their device is broken so they will have to look life in the eyes all day long.

Now, I like communication as well as the next person. I chat up lines and enjoy whoever happens to be next to me. And I do text. But there is something I do that labels me a text dweeb: I spell out the words and I spell them correctly.

I occasionally get a text: "u r da bom lol." While I recognize the compliment, I am distracted by the lack of real words. Young people today communicate, somewhat, but lack the real communication skills required by most professional organizations. They harm themselves when they get comfortable with text jargon.

Most professional organizations react poorly to "Wazzup?" The separator for great jobs is the ability to use language well. While there are exceptions, the ability to communicate professionally is essential for most jobs.

A generation or two ago, it was not texting that caused these accidents, it was loud music. By loud I mean volume that parts your hair when you get into the

car. My generation sang along at the top of our lungs without anyone ever hearing us.

Many in my generation drove right through red lights and into the path of emergency vehicles via the mind-numbing effects of loud music. Years ago, one friend said he did not hear the collision but realized that there had to have been one since when the music stopped he realized he was upside-down on the highway.

We of the 1960s were also a drug generation and I am sure a number of accidents were due to drivers being high on drugs. Not all of us, though. A few years ago, a friend and I were in a meeting where the speaker said, "You from the 1960s and 1970s were big-time drinkers, smokers and drug users."

"My friend and I rose at exactly the same moment and protested, "Did not!"

I was a member of the Methodist Student Union and spent my time there, where all of those activities were not. Nor were the members of that organization typical of the stereotype college students drinking, etc. But we did graduate and go on to be productive members of the society.

While I have not gone by the Wesley Methodist Student Center to see if texting has taken today's students over, it is possible. Perhaps, in the middle of prayer-time, there are a few eyes watching screens and texting back. I suspect not.

The knuckleheads of my generation either survived their knuckleheadedness or they did

not. More important, some of us were able to learn from watching others of our generation make mistakes.

The same is true today, with distracted and impaired driving taking the place of my generation's types of impairment, including two-headed drivers and other dating phenomenon.

Some of us then knew not to do those really dumb things. I hope the same awareness of dumb things happens to develop today.

When I say to college students, "Be careful," I mean it. Sign poles leave a red mark, but they already know this.

Michael Swickard hosts the radio talk 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.

“ The knuckleheads of my generation either survived their knuckleheadedness or they did not. ”

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

A diesel wreck

It's been said: "Free advice is always worth more than advice you have to pay for."

Barb said she remembered a time when farmers used what we call today "alternative medicine" on themselves and their animals.

They had lots of uncles, medicine men and quacks to seek advice from. One gave himself a cow dose of penicillin and another one poured Coppertox on a sore. They both survived.

Then there was the story from the old days, about the two brothers whose dad bought a 700-pound Brahma bull at the sale in Eau Claire.

On arrival at the farm, Dad diagnosed that the critter had lice. Lots of us save our used motor oil for a variety of uses; on the gravel drive, painting corrals, warts or cat repulser.

He told the boys to "oil him down."

Junior, the older brother, couldn't find any motor oil; they'd used it up on an ol' pony treating him for thrush. Looking around for a medical substitute he laid eyes on the big diesel tank.

He reasoned that diesel is an oil, or a product of oil, and, thus would be as good as used motor oil for louse treatment.

He instructed his younger brother to pour a pint into their hand sprayer and spray the bull thoroughly.

An hour later Dad came up from the corral and asked, "What's wrong with the new bull?"

Junior allowed he had put oil on him, just like they'd been ordered, then added that it was diesel.

They all went down to examine the bull and he looked like he had been rained on with black molasses. The poor bull was breathing in gasps and was weaving.

"We got to get that off him!" said Dad, alarmed. The boys led the bull over to the spigot, got buckets and a hose and, as Dad watched, they began the bull

wash. Mom had a bottle of Dawn dish soap.

They hosed and scrubbed and rubbed and sprayed for an hour until the bull began to recover, then did another 30 minutes to

“ They hosed and scrubbed and rubbed and sprayed for an hour. ”

be sure.

When they finished, according to Dad, the bull looked cleaner and calmer. He still smelled like diesel so they powdered him with Johnson's Baby Powder. He smelled like a newborn when they finally were done.

The bull survived his bout with "alternative medicine." Six months went by. He now weighed more than 1,000 pounds and was sleek and fat. They sold him to a local rodeo producer and told him the infamous "lice treatment" story.

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In the news

Sheriff seeks person of interest in assault case investigation

Doña Ana County Sheriff's investigators are hoping the public can help lead them to a man who could have information on an assault that happened in the early morning hours of Friday, Sept. 23.

Investigators would like to speak with Devin Bustamante, 24. He is described as 5-feet, 10-inches tall, weighs approximately 160 pounds and has black hair and brown eyes.

Bustamante is known to frequent a residence in the 19000 block of New Mexico Highway 28 in San Miguel and his mother's house in Mesilla.

Anyone with information on Bustamante's whereabouts is asked to call the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office, 525-8810.

Martinez lauds 3 Blue Ribbon Award winning schools

Gov. Susana Martinez announced three New Mexico schools are among 286 across the nation to receive the 2013 National Blue Ribbon award from the U.S. Department of Education.

In order to qualify for the award, each school must have demonstrated overall academic excellence or progress in the growth of student achievement. In order to receive a nomination, each New Mexico school must have earned an "A" grade in the New Mexico A-F grading system over a three-year average. After nomination, each school must submit an application to the U.S. Department of Education for possible recognition.

"The teachers, principals and students at each of these great schools deserve all the credit for this fantastic achievement," Martinez said. "Every one of these schools demonstrates what is possible when we accept no excuses and put students first."

"We know there are great examples of success around our state and we are proud to champion those who are delivering results for our students," said New Mexico Public Education Department Secretary Hanna Skandera.

The 2013 New Mexico Blue Ribbon Schools are:

Anthony Elementary School: Located in Anthony in the Gadsden Independent Schools District, Anthony Elementary serves more than 430 students. Anthony Elementary most recently earned a "B" grade in the A-F grading system while still maintaining an "A" grade over the last three years earning an average of 78.3 points. The most recent student achievement results show nearly 74 percent of Anthony Elementary students are on grade level in math while 55 percent are on grade level in reading at a school where nearly 98 percent of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Holloman Middle School: Located on Holloman Air Force Base in the Alamogordo Public Schools District, Holloman Middle School serves nearly 200 students. The school earned an "A" for the second consecutive year with a three year average score of 76.5 points. The most recent New Mexico Standards Based Assessment results show more than 80 percent of the students at Holloman Middle School are proficient in reading and nearly 72 percent are proficient in math, up from 70 and 63 percent, respectively.

Albuquerque Institute for Math and Science (AIMS): A state charter school located on the campus of the University of New Mexico, AIMS serves more than 350 students in grades six through 12. AIMS also earned an "A" grade for the second consecutive year and has earned an "A" average with 85.5 points over the last three years. Results from the most recent statewide assessment show 94 percent of the students at AIMS are either on grade level or advanced in reading and math.

The schools will be recognized at a national ceremony in Washington, D.C., in November.

Virgin Galactic 'astronauts' meet

Virgin Galactic, the world's first commercial spaceline owned by Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Group and Abu Dhabi's Aabar Investments PJS, hosted its annual private customer event Wednesday, Sept 25, at Mojave Air and Space Port in California.

Called "Your Flight DNA," the occasion brought together the largest number of future astronauts to date, with nearly 400 customers and a total of 640 in attendance.

"As Virgin Galactic progresses towards commercial flight, we periodically gather together with our wonderful family of Virgin Galactic future astronauts, not only to thank them for their commitment to the program, but to also celebrate our most recent milestones and successes," Branson said.

"With supersonic-powered test flights of SpaceShipTwo well under way, a full commercial service is fast approaching. In fact, today's event could well be the last major gathering of future astronauts before we finally start to make their dreams of space travel a reality."

Just outside Virgin Galactic's Final Assembly Integration and Test Hangar (FAITH) facility in Mojave, WhiteKnightTwo and SpaceShipTwo (SS2) were on display. Virgin Galactic's Chief Pilot David Mackay and Pilots Frederick "C.J." Sturckow and Michael Masucci also met with the customers.

The customers heard from top Virgin Galactic executives, including Branson, CEO George Whitesides, Commercial Director Stephen Attenborough, President Steve Isakowitz and Vice President of Operations Mike Moses. They received up-to-date information on vehicle and rocket motor development, including a showcase of SS2 cabin seat prototypes. They also had the chance to meet and mingle with the Virgin Galactic team.

"We want to give our customers the opportunity to meet the team behind the dream - our amazing group of engineers, rocket motor scientists, operations experts, pilots and more," Whitesides said. "These are the individuals who work to ensure that our customers will have the safest and most memorable flight experience possible."

The future astronauts gathered for additional presentations on medical evaluations, overall operations and the progress being made at Spaceport America in New Mexico. Customers also got to attend a private Virgin Galactic party at the California Science Center in Los Angeles.

New Mexico ranked 10th highest state for men killing women

New Mexico ranked 10th in the nation in the rate of women murdered by men, with a rate of 1.62 per 100,000, according to the new Violence Policy Center (VPC) report "When Men Murder Women: An Analysis of 2011 Homicide Data."

The annual report is released to coincide with Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. The study covers homicides involving one female murder victim and one male offender, and uses data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's unpublished Supplementary Homicide Report. This year's report applies to 2011, the most recent year for which data is available.

"The sad reality is that women are nearly always murdered by someone they know," said VPC Legislative Director Kristen Rand. "Already, many elected officials and community leaders are working tirelessly to reduce the toll of domestic violence. Yet despite these efforts, the numbers remain unacceptably high. We need new policies in place, from local communities to the federal government, to protect women from harm."

The No. 1 state was South Carolina, with a female murdered by male homicide rate of 2.54 per 100,000. Alaska was second, followed by Oklahoma, Delaware, Arizona, Tennessee, Idaho, West Virginia and Louisiana.

"Nine women each week are shot to death by their husband or intimate partner," said Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. "That's nearly 500 domestic gun violence deaths each year - more than twice the number of servicewomen killed in military conflicts since the Korean War. We urgently need better policies that protect women and their families from this senseless violence. No American, adult or child, should live in a perpetual state of fear."



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TO QUALIFY FOR APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE RAC, A RESIDENT MUST BE:

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APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT TECHNICAL EXPERTISE IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FIELDS: Banking and finance, business, economics, engineering, related utility management, or any other skills or experience that may be of value to the rate making process.

People interested in applying for the RAC should call the city clerk's office at (575) 541-2115. People who are hearing impaired can call (575) 541-2182.

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Coming Up

Water talk scheduled

Vince Gutschick will present "Water – Where it Comes From, Where it Goes" from 7:15 to 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the Oasis Room. The event is sponsored by the Sun Country de Las Cruces Kiwanis Club and is free. Breakfast can be ordered for \$7.25.

For more information, call Gutschick at 571-2269.

Animal adoptions set

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will facilitate dog, cat, puppy and kitten adoptions from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market.

Dogs available for adoption will be located at the north end Main Street Downtown. Cats can be adopted from the offices of the Center for Spiritual Living, across from the site where the dog adoptions take place.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., adoptions also will be facilitated at PetCo, 3050 E. Lohman Ave. Adoption fees are \$75 for dogs/ puppies and \$50 for cats/kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchip.

At the PetCo event, microchipping for pets that already have homes will be available to the public for \$20, and city pet licenses will be available to neutered pets for \$5 each. Licenses for unneutered pets are \$25 each. Proof of spay/neuter is required before a \$5 license will be issued. Pet owners also must bring current proof of rabies vaccination for each animal to be licensed.

Daily cat adoptions are available at both PetCo, 3050 E. Lohman, and Pets Barn, 1600 S. Valley Drive.

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley also offers low-cost spay/neuter operations at the rate of \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the shelter offices.

For more information, call the Animal

Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 382-0018, or visit www.ascmv.org. People who are hearing-impaired may call 541-2182. Shelter hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Bicycle class Sept. 28

A two-hour class, "Bicycle Basics for Adults New or Returning to Bicycling," will be from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., sponsored by Southern New Mexico Bicycle Educators, Border Servant Corps, Peace Lutheran Church and Las Cruces Optimist Club.

Attendees can learn how to lube a chain, change a flat, dodge a rock and ride in a straight line looking over their shoulder and more. The class will be offered again Saturdays, Oct. 26 and Nov. 23.

The class is taught by League of American Bicyclist certified league cycling instructors. Cost is \$10, payable to instructors at the beginning of class. Cash is preferred, checks are accepted. Credit and debit cards are not accepted.

Participants are asked to bring a bike in good working order, a water bottle and a helmet and to wear closed-toed shoes.

For more information, visit www.bikehubnm.com or email jean@nmbikeed.org.

Repel bosque invaders

The Friends of Mesilla Valley Bosque will host the "Repel the Invaders" event as part of National Public Lands Day from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. Volunteers are asked to help address the invasion of salt cedar (tamarisk) and kochia scoparia grass in the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5000 Calle de Norte. Volunteers are asked to bring one or more pruning shears, loppers, small hand saws and shovels. Work gloves, sunscreen and insect repellent are also recommended.

Volunteers will work with park rangers and others to cut back and uproot as many of these plants as possible. The goal will be to give native

plants an advantage over these invasive species in key areas of the park. Water and light refreshments will be provided.

For background information, visit www.mv-bosquefriends.org and www.publiclandsday.org.

For more information, contact Vic Crane at viccrane@gmail.com or 635-3735.

Cleanup in Doña Anas

Volunteers are invited to celebrate National Public Lands Day by assisting in the cleanup of Goat Mountain in the Doña Ana Mountains at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28.

Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks and Cruceño Cleanup will host the event as part of a national program.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Red Hawk Golf Club, 7502 Red Hawk Golf Club Road. Take the Sonoma Ranch exit from U.S. Highway 70, turn left on Thurmond Road and right on Red Hawk Golf Club Road. There will be signs posted for the parking area.

Volunteers are advised to bring water and wear sturdy shoes and work gloves.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Lucas Herndon at 323-1423 or email lucas@organmtfriends.org.

Museum open Saturdays

The Historical Museum of Lawmen inside the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office, 840 N. Motel Blvd., will open to the public two Saturdays each month beginning Saturday, Sept. 28, according to museum coordinator Jim Beasley.

The museum is normally open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and starting Saturday, Sept. 28, the museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Entrance to the museum is free.

An open house is also planned Sept. 28 to kick off the new hours. The Special Deputy Sheriff's Commission, an all-volunteer arm of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office, will oversee the Saturday openings and will host the

open house with light refreshments.

There are several permanent displays inside the museum, including the hearse that carried Doña Ana County Sheriff Pat Garrett to his final resting place in 1908. The museum also boasts a large collection of historic memorabilia from the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office, which was formed in 1852.

Concert at Jornada

Jornada Elementary School, 3400 Elks Drive, will host "Music on the Playground" from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, with support from Hubbard's Music of Las Cruces.

The cost is \$2 per person or \$4 for a family of four. All proceeds will help pay for field trips for third-grade students.

Live musical performers will include The Liars, C.W. Ayon, Travis Manning and Ronald Bailey and Steve Montañez. There also will be a concession stand and face painting.

Attendees are advised to bring their own chairs and sunscreen.

For more information, contact Maggie Baber at 527-9536 or mbaber@lcpns.k12.nm.us.

Fiesta car show

The Rodrunners Car Club will host the Whole Enchilada Fiesta Car Show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, at the Hadley Sports Complex on Hadley Ave. Entry fee is \$25 beginning at 9 a.m. First- and second-places will be awarded in classic, low rider, Euro, muscle car and truck categories. The awards ceremony will be at 2 p.m.

For more information, call Bob Ogas at 649-9919.

Voz Vaqueros practice

Voz Vaqueros is rehearsing for several mid-December performances. Practice is from 7 to 9 p.m. each Monday at the Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

For more information, call 740-4653 or 525-9819.

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Tesoro Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main St., is sponsoring a Wellness Package Raffle that includes eight acupuncture sessions, eight Reiki sessions, six light therapy sessions and a two month unlimited class pass. The package is valued at \$884. Proceeds will benefit the Therapeutic Freedom Riders, a nonprofit therapeutic horsemanship program.

Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for 5 tickets. The winning ticket is transferable, so it can be shared with friends or family.

The drawing will be held at 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30. You need not be present to win.

Tickets may be purchased at Tesoro or by visiting tihealthcenter@gmail.com. Tickets purchased online will receive an email with the ticket numbers for your records. Winner will be notified by phone and/or email.

For more information regarding the Therapeutic Freedom Riders, contact Ike Trevino at 512-921-1941.

Safe Haven open house

The Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, 6890 Eagle Road, will have its annual open house and adoption event from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6. The public is invited to spend an afternoon, meet fellow animal lovers, tour the facilities and enjoy hot dogs and refreshments.

The sanctuary is the only "no kill" shelter in Doña Ana County and has saved the lives of countless cats and dogs since its inception in 1996.

To get to the sanctuary, take U.S. Highway 70 east to the Holman Road exit and turn north under the underpass and follow the signs.

Safe Haven is a nonprofit corporation and is seeking volunteers to help their organization. Volunteer applications are available online.

For more information, visit www.shaspets.com or call 527-4544.

Genealogy society

The Doña Ana County Genealogical Society will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Roadrunner Room.

Bob Northrup, genealogist, will present the program on "Sons of the American Revolution." All visitors are welcome.

For more information, contact dacgslc@gmail.com.

Fun run and walk

The Mission Lutheran School 5K Fun Run and Walk will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Mission Lutheran School, 2752 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

Registration and sign in is at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25.

For more information, call 532-5489.

IHM basketball tourney

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Youth Ministry 3-on-3 Fall Classic basketball tournament will be Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral courts, 1240 S. Espina St.

Entry fee is \$60 for four player teams, which may be coed. Trophies will be awarded in 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under, 18 and under and 19 and over categories. Teams may sign up at the cathedral office.

For more information, call Robert Hernandez at 524-8563.

SWEC fundraiser Oct. 5

The Southwest Environmental Center's annual annual gala fundraiser, "A Wild Night ... for Wildlife," will be from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, on Main Street Downtown, and will feature food prepared by some of the Mesilla Valley's favorite restaurants, including Savoy, Andele, Olive Garden and Habaneros, with plenty of vegetarian options. Beverages will be provided by High Desert Brewery, Luna Rossa Winery and Milagro Coffee. Attendees can eat, drink and dance while enjoying live music provided by the Muddy Hands Blues Band, Soulshine and Randy Granger.

The event includes a silent auction with items such as a stay at a five-star Mexican beach resort, white water rafting trips, gourmet meals, artwork, jewelry, golf and tennis lessons and more. Auction items may be viewed at www.wildmesquite.org.

Tickets are \$60, of which \$25 is tax-deductible. Tickets can be purchased at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St., from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday or online at www.wildmesquite.org. They will also be available at the door. All proceeds will benefit SWEC's efforts to protect unique wildlife and wild places.

For more information, call 522-5552.

Toss No Mas

Registration for the upcoming Toss No Mas citywide cleanup Saturday, Oct. 19, is under way, and residents are invited to pledge to "Keep New Mexico Clean and Beautiful" on the Windy Woman website.

The cleanup is sponsored by the Keep Las Cruces Beautiful and New Mexico Clean and Beautiful programs. Registration for Toss No Mas can be done on the "Keep Las Cruces Beautiful" link at www.clcpd.com or by calling

Robyn Tierney at 528-4723.

A pledge to "Keep New Mexico Clean and Beautiful," and an opportunity to win an iPad, can be found at www.windywoman.com.

Toss No Mas volunteers will collect litter at parks, schools, streets and business properties from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 19. Volunteers will then be treated to a free lunch at the Dream Center, 1400 N. Sixth St.

Last year, 940 volunteers from 69 local groups and organizations collected more than nine tons of litter during the Toss No Mas event.

Individual volunteers, groups and civic organizations are encouraged to register before Monday, Oct. 14.

The Toss No Mas campaign is organized locally by Keep Las Cruces Beautiful, a program of the Las Cruces Police Department's Codes Enforcement Division.

EPE jogathon Sept. 27

East Picacho Elementary School, 4450 N. Valley Drive, will host its annual student fundraiser jog-a-thon beginning at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, on the school playground.

The East Picacho Elementary Parent Teacher Organization sponsors the jog-a-thon. All students from preschool to fifth grade will participate to help raise money for field trips and the school's computer lab teacher.

Event sponsors include Chachi's Mexican Restaurant, RTD Hardware, Allen Theatres, GenCon Corp., Del Valle Physical Therapy and Arroyo Salon.

For more information, call East Picacho Elementary School at 527-9516 or email Shelley Harris at mharris@lcpd.k12.nm.us or Nancy Orta at norta@lcpd.k12.nm.us.

TWEF race and fun run

Las Cruces Running Club and The Whole Enchilada Fiesta's 5K Road Race will be at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. The Las Cruces Running Club and MountainView Regional Medical Center will produce and sponsor The Whole Enchilada Fiesta 5K Road Race and 1 Mile Fun

Run at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, on the parade route before the Whole Enchilada Parade. The Las Cruces Running Club will contribute \$10 per runner to The Whole Enchilada Fiesta.

The advance entry fee for the 5K road race is \$25, or \$30 the day of the race. Entry fee for the 1-mile Fun Run is \$15.

For more information or to register, visit www.lascrucesrunningclub.com or contact Joy at 521-9267 or atm@zianet.com.

Top Teens banquet set

The Mayor's Top Teen Banquet will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. The keynote speaker will be New Mexico State University men's basketball coach Marvin Menzies. Tickets are \$45.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call T. Michael Henderson at 202-0593.

Bead Society meets

The Las Cruces Bead Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at Western Traders, 1300 El Paseo Road.

For more information, call 649-3087 or 527-1470.

Plant society events

The Native Plant Society of New Mexico, Las Cruces Chapter has announced its October events.

The group will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the conference room. Lisa Mandelkern will present "Along the Old Apache Trail."

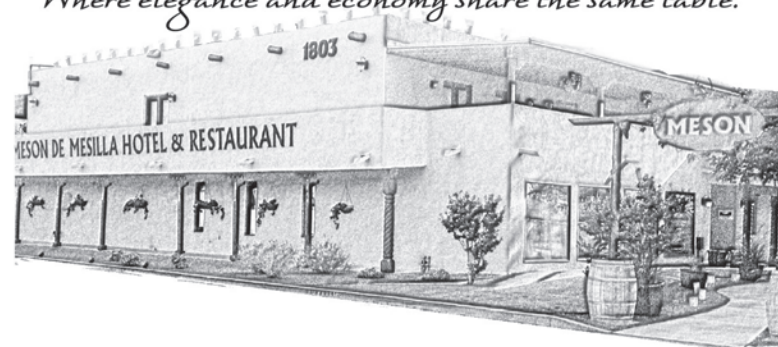
The society will travel to Tucson, Ariz., Saturday, Oct. 12, leaving at 8 a.m. The group will tour Tohono Chul, led by John White.

Anyone interested in joining a potluck at the Dripping Springs Natural Area can meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at the Rio Grande Bank parking lot on the corner of University Avenue and Telshor Boulevard. Entry fee is \$5 per vehicle, and carpooling may be available.

For more information, call 523-8413.

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Retired U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici listens as former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton takes a question from a New Mexico State University student Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. On stage with Bolton is NMSU President Garrey Carruthers, who hosted the two-day Domenici Public Policy Conference.



Domenici and Carruthers greet Gov. Susana Martinez as she arrives to the convention center.



Stephen Schoderbele, who traveled from Albuquerque to attend the conference, checks out the display Wednesday, Sept. 18, for the future Domenici Public Policy Institute at NMSU.

Bolton bashes timid Middle East actions

Iranian nuclear threat grows unchecked, ambassador says

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

While critical of what he sees as President Barack Obama's weak foreign policy in the Middle East, former United Nations Ambassador John Bolton said Republican leaders have done enough to push for a stronger presence in the tumultuous region.

As the U.S. is preoccupied with recovering from a recession, Bolton said he sees a growing threat from Iran in its support of terrorism and pursuit of nuclear weapons at the Pete Domenici Public Policy Conference Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

"We as a people can walk and chew gum at the same time, so we can handle foreign and domestic policies at the same time," Bolton said. "We are a world super power and we need to start acting like one."

But the Obama administration believes the United States has been too prominent in world politics in the past, Bolton said, and prefers to "lead from behind."

To simply let the "Arab spring" of democratic revolution play out is to take a too simplistic view of democracy as just the act of voting, he said. Newly democratic Arab countries lack the system of institutions that make democratic governments work for the people, he said. Bolton blamed the chaotic aftermath of the

"Arab spring" on American policy incoherency.

"If you asked me what our policy in Egypt is, I couldn't tell you and that incoherency hurts us," Bolton said.

It is not the coup in Egypt or the civil war in Syria that has Bolton most concerned. "The critical issue in the Middle East today is the regime in Tehran," he said.

By not going after the killers of the U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens in the Benghazi attack over a year ago in Lybia, and by having to trust the Russians in controlling chemical weapons in Syria, there is little to fear from the United States in the region, Bolton said.

America's inaction – although he is against attacking Syria over chemical weapons – will only encourage nuclear weapons development by Iran, which he described as the world's largest financier of terrorism. If Iran is able to make nuclear weapons, the resulting threats are too vast to measure, he said.

"These are serious issues in the world and growing threats," Bolton said. "We have only ourselves to blame if we don't push our leaders."

The two-day conference also included former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham and Gov. Susana Martinez.



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Candidates

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economic future.

Cobb has been a financial advisor in Las Cruces for the last several years and is a past president of the MirMar Neighborhood Association. He has worked on a task force in support of a wind erosion ordinance and promises to involve residents in the city's decision-making process.

Cobb is running on a platform of open, accountable government that provides good customer service tempered by sound fiscal management.

Rosemond hadn't previously announced his candidacy, but is he well known in the community. A former Walmart manager, he was been active in beauty pageants, chambers of commerce and local civic organizations.

Pedroza is being challenged by Courtney, a Las Cruces firearms instructor and the president and founder of the American Gun Culture Club. Courtney has been vocal supporter of the Defense of Marriage Act, is vice president of Las Cruces Tea Party and secretary of the Doña Ana County Right to Life Committee of New Mexico, in addition to "much volunteer work over the years."

Pedroza, a retired attorney, said she wants to continue to be a voice for thoughtful planning and compassionate policy.

District 5 promises to be a lively race with Roewe's challenge of Sorg. Now a Realtor, Roewe is the former executive director of the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico.

While in the past, candidates from the

real estate and development world have not fared well in District 5, that is changing, Roewe said. With development leading up to Red Hawk Golf Club promising to add significantly to the population, he said, residents in the district are concerned about traffic, drainage and a lack of amenities, such as parks and soccer fields. He noted the large district that runs along the north side of U.S. Highway 70 has only one voting convenience center – which is located on Elks Drive.

"They just feel like they're getting secondary service and treatment," Roewe said. "They feel like they have not been well represented and kind of ignored."

Sorg said many of the problems in his district were caused by the former council letting development build without the infrastructure needed by the people who live there. Sorg said efforts to get developers to pay for better roads, streets and parks were opposed by Roewe when he represented the developers' interests.

"Now the city has to pay for much of it and, due to the budget constraints, we can't finish the infrastructure like we want," Sorg said. "I have been working to get the development industry to change their ways and require, with design standards, codes and regulations, that they build out all the infrastructure in their developments, even before they have people live and work there."

With help from the developers of Parkhill Estates, Sorg said his district is getting a park soon.

The city clerk's office will conduct candidate certification Tuesday, Oct. 1, with ballot position decided at the end of the day.

The election will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Biggest Loser RunWalk race held in Las Cruces

Contestants to promote fitness

The Biggest Loser RunWalk is hosting a half marathon, 5K and 1 Mile Kids Fun Run Jan. 26, 2014, in Las Cruces.

The event is appropriate from the first-time walker to the avid runner, and participants are encouraged to hit the pavement regardless of their fitness level. The Biggest Loser RunWalk is licensed through the NBC Universal Television Consumer Products Group and Shine America.

The Biggest Loser RunWalk is working with the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau to attract participants to the race.

"The Las Cruces CVB is extremely excited to partner with The Biggest Loser RunWalk race series to bring the RunWalk to our community," said Edward Carnathan, Sports Sales manager for the Las Cruces CVB. "Partnering with a popular national brand with a large following will help us increase awareness of Las Cruces and help bring more visitors to experience everything we have to offer."

Dan and Jackie Evans, a mother-son team who competed in season five of The Biggest Loser, are organizers of the run walk and want it to be a non-intimidating environment for all participants.

Season 14 participants Jeff Nichols and Francelina Morillo will cheer on participants at 9 a.m. come rain or shine the day of the race. Morillo lost 160 pounds total, while Nichols lost 181 pounds. The couple has been



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Christiansen
Jeff Nichols and Francelina Morillo said they are excited to host the race in Las Cruces, and want to help people in their own weight loss goals. Nichols and Morillo lost 181 and 95 pounds, respectively.

passionate about spreading their newfound love for health and fitness.

The event will also include a kids one-mile fun run for ages 4-12 beginning at 1 p.m. After the race, participants, family and friends can celebrate and relax at the post-race concert featuring Dan Evans, who is now a Nashville recording artist.

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Alamosa

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Socorro counties. With its headwaters in the Plains of San Augustin, the perennial stream is fed by the Ojo Caliente warm springs, famous for the Apache Indian agency once located nearby, where Chiricahua Indians including Victorio and Geronimo were confined. The life-giving springs are sacred ground to the Apache and other Native American tribes.

Due to the uninterrupted flow of the springs, the Rio Alamosa, as it runs through Monticello Canyon and its two narrow box canyons, has been a vital source of water for at least 4,000 years, and has been home to the Mogollon, Anasazi and Apache cultures.

By familiarizing schoolchildren with the state's long and colorful history, exhibit organizers hope to instill a heightened interest in history, archaeology and the preservation of cultural sites.

Karl Laumbach, assistant director of HSR, says studying the Rio Alamosa is an important source of understanding about the long cultural history of the Southwest, not only during the past but also for today and the future.

Much like New Mexico in modern times, Laumbach said, the Rio Alamosa has been a cultural mixing ground, with influences ranging from the Mesa Verde culture in southeast Colorado, the Mogollon culture of southwest New Mexico and various cultures along the Rio Grande and Mesoamerica, up to and including historic Spanish, Mexican and Anglo peoples.

"As humans, we are constantly dealing with cultural boundaries on different levels," Laumbach said. "Las Cruces is on one now. We are watching Mexico and the United States as

the two cultures merge and try to make it all work.

"Looking and watching frontiers, people react differently to boundaries through time. Sometimes they are rigid and there isn't much crossing over, even though they are right next to each other. At other times, they merge and assimilate and sort of become one."

Through analysis of pottery types – beautifully displayed at the exhibit – building styles and artifacts of the Cañada Alamosa Project have contributed to the understanding of the movements and interactions of native cultures throughout the region, through periods of deluge and drought, peace and conflict.

In addition to the traditional archeological investigations, Laumbach said the project has received input from a variety of scientific disciplines.

"You don't have to be an archaeologist to contribute to archaeology and historical knowledge," he said. "Our exhibit showcases a variety of scientific techniques that involve biology and botany and chemistry, physics and so on. So all of those disciplines contribute to what we do."

"You can be a chemist or a botanist and still be very involved in archeology."

Among the core objectives of Human Systems Research, which has conducted the Cañada Alamosa Project, is to advance the public's appreciation of the long history of human occupation of the Southwest. HSR has been involved in many partnerships with educational institutions, from local school systems to major universities. HSR staff has presented classroom demonstrations and lectures on a wide variety of archaeological, historical and environmental topics.

The visit by fifth-graders to the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage exhibit is an example of that educational outreach.



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Montoya Peak looms over Monticello Canyon as viewed from the Pinnacle Site, a defensively positioned pueblo on the Rio Alamosa now on private land. The canyon has been the site of human occupation for at least 4,000 years.

"We believe public awareness and education are the best avenues for preservation," Deborah Dennis, executive director of HSR, said.

"If we don't learn from our past, it's going to be hard to look for a future."

"We want the students to have an awareness of how people lived in the past, and the fact that the things that are important to the students were also important to those people living years ago," she said.

"Having shelter, having food, having the resources to live productive good lives, was just as important then as it is now, and we still share many things in common, even though we have hundreds of years or even thousands of years separating us."

Laumbach said that in order to preserve the

archaeological sites, and the wealth of knowledge contained in them, an informed public is essential.

"The more people we have involved in understanding and enjoying our history, the more protection the archaeological sites, the historical sites and the historical records have," he said.

"Our history is for everyone. It helps us understand ourselves, it helps us feel at home in the region and the more people we have involved and understanding what we're interested in, the more protection the resources have."

Laumbach said that even though environmental preservation groups have been active at preserving riparian area, archaeological sites

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Karl Laumbach, assistant director of Human Systems Research, shows visitors a large archaeological site near the Rio Alamosa.

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"They'll buy a river riparian area and they will save the riparian area and sell the bluffs off for subdivisions," he said. "The bluffs are where the archaeological sites are."

Dennis and Laumbach both stressed that education outreach is key to helping preserve sites inhabited by early New Mexicans.

"We are trying to preserve resources for our young people," Dennis said.

Getting the students to the museum can be an expensive undertaking, however. Besides admission to the museum, the cost of transportation can be a problem.

In an effort to help fund more educational outreach programs events and to produce



The Ojo Caliente warm springs provide a dependable source of water to Monticello Canyon, even in times of drought.

publications on the Cañada Alamosa Project, HSR will have its annual Buffalo Roast Dinner Fundraiser at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Beverly Hills Hall, 150 N. Hermosa Ave. A donation of \$30 pays for admission to the USDA inspected buffalo roast dinner, a cash bar and live entertainment.

"There's going to be music and the principal entertainment is going to be Manuel Lujan, who is a noted historic interpreter, who will be talking about Los Ciboleros, the Mexican buffalo hunters of the 18th and 19th centuries," Dennis said.

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NMHIX

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insurance marketplace will offer plans costing less than the national average.

The report, by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said New Mexicans will pay an average of \$282 a month for a mid-range insurance plan, considered a benchmark by the federal government. That's lower than the national average of \$328. Those costs are before people apply any tax credits they may be eligible to receive.

New Mexico consumers can select from plans with a range of coverage called bronze, silver, gold and platinum. People will pay more out-of-pocket expenses with the least costly, or bronze, plans.

NMHIX concerns

The main place to sign up is through the NMHIX website, which prompted a question from state Rep. Bill McCamley about those without easy access to Internet.

Jason Sandel, NMHIX vice chairman, said these people can be signed up through a call center representative. The board is currently trying to determine if only one call center will be needed, or to contract with call centers around the state on a regional basis, he said.

As a legislator, McCamley said he is concerned that some of the board members – some were appointed by Gov. Susana Martinez – are really behind the effort. Specifically, McCamley cited Dr. Deane Waldman, who has written articles for publications such as the Huffington Post on health issues in which he described Obamacare as a “bureaucratic

parasite.”

Waldman responded that he wrote that about the bureaucracy he sees Obamacare causing and said he remains worried about people getting adequate and timely access to the doctors and medical specialists they need. If six months from now, people aren't having to endure long waits for health care access, Waldman said he will admit that he was wrong.

“The first thing we must deal with, however, is how to get people in the system, and I can tell you this board is very committed to getting our people signed up any way possible,” Waldman said.

Sandel said NMHIX's goal in the first year is to get more than 80,000 New Mexicans to sign up, which is why there is a strong focus to make sure the outreach effort is bilingual and involves people in the local communities.

“Where we want to be is to be the best damn insurance exchange in the United States,” he said.

Besides the webpage – which is already getting decent web traffic – Sandel said the board will be bringing on social media consultants to help them better reach those who are more plugged into their smart phone than traditional media.

In many cases, however, people may not sign up until they see how well it's working for their neighbors, he said.

“People are scared. People are nervous,” Sandel said. “They don't know what the end game is going to be.”

Of the insurance exchanges around the country, New Mexico will start off as a hybrid that will be run by both state and federal officials, with the state fully running the exchange by 2015.

New Mexicans who fall within certain household size and income requirements or don't have “affordable” insurance through their employers will be eligible for the exchange.

People qualify for subsidies if they earn up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level, about \$94,000 for a family of four. People on Medicaid are ineligible, as are immigrants in the country illegally, though some applying for residency will be eligible.

The more costly plans offer less out-of-pocket expenses. With New Mexico accepting the Medicaid expansion, more people will



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J.R. Damron, chairman of the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange, introduces members of the program's team Friday, Sept. 20, at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. The press conference was the second of two held to introduce the state's health care exchange.

qualify for the NMHIX exchange than those states that didn't accept the Medicaid expansion.

Blue Cross Blue Shield, Lovelace, Presbyterian and the nonprofit New Mexico Health Connections will offer employer and individual plans at each tier. Molina will only offer individual plans.

There is a tax incentive for signing up as well. In 2014, the tax penalty for not having insurance will be \$95. The penalty will rise to \$325 in 2015, then to \$695 in 2016. There are exemptions for hardship and religious groups.

Waldman will be returning to Las Cruces as the presenter for a program called “Does Obamacare Hasten End of Life?” His talk starts at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village auditorium at 3011 Buena Vista Circle.

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The 40th MAC deployed to Afghanistan in January. The remainder of

the company will return in coming weeks.

The early morning event at the installation's Bell Gymnasium is the second redeployment ceremony at WSMR in the past two weeks. The battalion's 595th Sapper Company returned from Afghanistan Tuesday, Sept. 10.

The return was made more poignant by the loss of two of the company's soldiers. Spc. Kenneth Clifford Alvarez, 23, of Santa Maria, Calif., and PV2. Jonathon Michael Dean Hostetter, 20, of Humphreys, Mo., died Aug. 23 from wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device during combat operations in Haft Asiab, Afghanistan.



Sgt. Kyle Mostiler and wife, Dawn, celebrate their reunion. As she waited for his return, she held a sign saying the kiss would be their first after 259 days apart.



1st Sgt. Gerald Lewis leads an advance party of 40 Soldiers of the 40th Mobility Augmentation Company, 2nd Engineer Battalion Saturday, Sept. 21, at White Sands Missile Range. The company deployed from WSMR in January.

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CrimeStoppers

Armed robberies at pizza parlors

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that helps identify the armed robbery suspect or suspects who held up two pizza restaurants over the weekend.

Las Cruces Police learned that the Pizza Hut restaurant at 2205 Missouri Avenue was robbed at around 9:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, and the Little Caesars at 1609 El Paso Road was held up at around 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22.

Investigators are unsure if both crimes were committed by the same person, but there are similarities in the descriptions given by witnesses.

The Pizza Hut armed robbery suspect was said to be a Hispanic man carrying a black handgun. He was described as being about 5-foot-9-inches tall and wearing a gray hoodie, black ski mask and baggy blue jeans. He was said to have a tattoo, possibly in cursive writing, on the left side of his neck.

The Little Caesars robbery suspect was also said to be Hispanic and carrying a black handgun. He was said to be in his 20s and approximately 5-foot-7-inches tall. He, too, was wearing a gray sweatshirt, black ski mask and baggy blue jeans.

On July 27, the Missouri Avenue Pizza Hut was robbed by an armed man who fit the same general description.



Anyone with information that can help identify the suspect or suspects in these armed robberies is asked to contact 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.,,



A surveillance camera shows the suspect who held up two pizza parlors Friday, Sept. 20, and Sunday, Sept. 22. The man, armed with a black handgun, was wearing a black ski mask, gray sweatshirt and baggy jeans.

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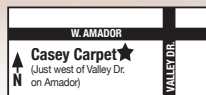
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Chavez a midfielder at Liberty University



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Keeping up

Freshman Arianna Paez realized early this season she needed to work hard to keep pace in college soccer.

That hard work is keeping her in the lineup.

The Mayfield High School graduate has started five of the nine games she played for Cochise College (Ariz.). She got her first assist in a game Saturday, Sept. 21.



PAEZ

Paez said she has been playing center midfield.

"Our job is to assist and score," she said. "Win 50-50 balls in the air. Get back and mark up on defense as well."

Because her role is offensive and defensive, she has to be aware of developing situations either way.

"It's really fast," she said. "You have to be able to read the ball and know where you're going to play the ball even before you get it."

She called the team's recent 2-1 win over Phoenix College one of her best games.

"I worked hard for every ball," she said. "The whole team did that. That's why we came out with the win."

Men's soccer

Las Cruces resident Luis Chavez is a freshman midfielder for Liberty University. He has played in three games.

Mayfield High School product Dominic Schneider is a sophomore goalkeeper for the Belmont Abbey College (N.C.) soccer team.

He allowed two goals and made two saves in his first appearance.

Also from Mayfield High School, freshman defender Brandon Marquez has played in two games for the Seattle University men's soccer team.

Pablo Rodriguez, a past Trojan, is a junior defender for the Southern Polytechnic State University (Ga.) soccer team.

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NMSU seeks first victory

Winless SDSU a difficult foe for the Aggies

By **Jim Hilley**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

At first glance, San Diego State might seem like just the chance the New Mexico State Aggies need to break their 17-game losing streak against Division 1 opponents in football. The Aztecs, like the Aggies, are still looking for their first win of the season, having lost their first three games.

Dig a little deeper, however, and it's easy to understand why the Aggies (0-4) are 17.5-point underdogs for the 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, matchup at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

The Aztecs (0-3) are coming off a narrow 34-30 loss to Oregon State out of the Pac-12. The Aztecs held a 27-14 lead over the Beavers at the end of the third quarter, but surrendered 20 fourth-quarter points to OSU, including a 16-yard interception return that put the Beavers ahead with 2:21 to play.

The Aztecs also led early in their season-opening game against Eastern Illinois and managed a 19-19 third quarter tie before falling 40-19. Their other loss was at No. 4 Ohio State, 42-7.

Aggie coach Doug Martin said the key to the game may be turnovers, a stat NMSU won 3-2 in their 59-13 loss at No. 13 UCLA Saturday, Sept. 21.

"They are struggling with the turnover margin," Martin said. "They have thrown eight interceptions in three games. We have to be able to keep that going, we have to be able to

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New Mexico State University junior tight end Andrew Dean catches a ball during practice Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Lobos rally past Aggies in volleyball

NMSU begins WAC play at Texas-Pan Am

The Aggies volleyball team heads to Edinburg, Texas, to face Texas-Pan American, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, for the first Western Athletic Conference match of the year. The Aggies are 7-1 in WAC season openers and are 101-27 all-time in WAC play. This is NMSU's ninth season in the WAC.

New Mexico State University fell 3-2 (17-25, 25-23, 25-19, 12-25, 10-15) to in-state rival New Mexico at the Pan American Center, Monday, Sept. 23. The Aggies are now 5-10 on the year while UNM moves to 10-1 overall. The Aggies are now 43-28 all-time against UNM winning 17 of the last 21 meetings.

NMSU finished the evening hitting .024 after posting a negative hitting percentage in sets four and five, which seemed to be the difference in the match.

"It seemed like we were in control of the match after set three, then things just seemed

to have a snowball effect for the worse in set four," coach Mike Jordan said.

"You have to credit UNM for the way they came out in the last two sets and now we just have to make some adjustments for conference play."

Senior Desiree Scott led NMSU, tying for a match-high 14 kills and adding nine total blocks (three solo and six block-assists) to score a match-high 20 points. Senior Lauren Loerch added 11 kills, a service ace and seven digs and sophomore Taylor Livoti posted a double-double with 20 assists and 14 digs.

The Lobos were much more efficient than NMSU in set one with a .345 hitting percentage to take set one 25-17 while the Aggies hit .162. Scott posted five kills on seven swings but that was not enough as her team tallied eight attack errors. There were ties at 1, 2 and 5 but the Aggies could not find momentum after

that, falling behind by seven at 18-11 before losing by eight.

NMSU scored the first two points of set two and jumped ahead 4-1 before UNM came back to tie it at 7-7. There were 10 more ties and six lead changes, but the Aggies continued to fight, pulling to within one, 23-22. NMSU took advantage of two attack errors and a service ace to win 25-23.

The Aggies looked totally different in set three posting 7.5 team blocks after there were no blocks in the first two sets. NMSU fell behind early at 4-1, but tied it at 4-4 and took their first lead on a UNM attack error to make it 5-4. The Lobos kept it close and tied the set three more times, but a kill by sophomore Bradley Nash gave the Aggies a 17-16 lead. The Aggies used an 8-3 scoring rally to finish off the set and win 25-19.

NMSU was out-blocked 5-2 in sets four and five combined, while posting 15 errors in set four and another four in set five, allowing the Lobos to win the match.

Aztecs

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keep the ball away from them.”

The Aztecs are coached by former University of New Mexico coach Rocky Long, who owns a 17-12 record at SDSU, and has taken the school to three-straight bowl appearances.

“Rocky Long is a great football coach. He’s won here in the state of New Mexico before. He knows what he’s doing,” Martin said.

“He is their defensive coordinator also, so they will be very physical on that side of the ball, too.”

Offensively, Martin said he expected the Aztecs to emphasize running the ball.

“They play a throwback offense,” he said. “They play from the I formation with a true fullback. Not many people do that anymore.”

Meanwhile, the Aggies came away from the UCLA game feeling like they have some momentum building in their own

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running game. NMSU had a season-high 187 yards on the ground, including 95 yards and a touchdown by tailback Brandon Betancourt in 18 carries.

Martin pointed to the junior from Mayfield High School as an example of how he wants players to approach the game.

“Brandon shows up in practice every day,” Martin said. “That is what I want our players to understand is you show up in practice every day and if you do that you play like that in the game.”

Betancourt credited the Aggies improved offensive line play a key to his success.

“Our offensive line did a really good job communicating with each other and figuring out who they had to block,” Betancourt said. “That opened a lot of holes for us running backs and made our job a lot easier.”

Martin also said running back Germi Morrison, who had 45 yards on nine carries, played well against UCLA

Martin’s habit of pulling underperforming players out of the starting lineup seems to be working, he said.

“All the players that we moved down last week, interestingly,

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all had their best games,” Martin said. “Because they are competing, they have great attitudes. They understand every day you have to compete in practice.”

Martin said quarterback King Davis III would be evaluated in practice but will probably play Saturday after being knocked out of the game against the Bruins.



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With King Davis recovering from an injury suffered in the game at UCLA Saturday, Sept. 21, Travaughn Colwell got some repetitions at the quarterback position Wednesday, Sept. 25, during the Aggies’ football practice.

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Bulldawgs trounce Rams at Rio Rancho vs. Las Cruces

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Las Cruces High School's Austin Salas breaks a tackle for an 11-yard gain against the Rio Rancho Rams Friday, Sept. 20, at the Field of Dreams.



Jordan Lara, of Rio Rancho, runs 12 yards for a first down early in the second quarter.

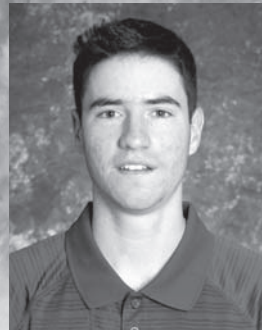


LCHS Bulldawg J.J. Granados charges for a 2-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. LCHS bested Rio Rancho 42-6, leaving LCHS 4-0 on the season.

Rio Rancho's Skylar Schademan pushes ahead on a 5-yard run for a first down.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK



Liam Goldberg

Sophomore, Men's Tennis

Sophomore Liam Goldberg earned his first fall tournament title as an Aggie after winning his flight of the 2013 Aggie Invitational, which took place Sept. 20-22. He finished his weekend with a 4-0 record in singles play and was 3-1 in doubles matches. Goldberg was taken to three sets in only one of his four matches over the weekend.



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The long and short of it Around the greens is where you score



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"The devoted golfer is an anguished soul who has learned a lot about putting just as an avalanche victim has learned a lot about snow."
— Golf writing legend Dan Jenkins

When we talk about the "short game," we're actually referring to play that is within 60 yards of the putting green, as well as play on the green itself. These are golf shots that include short pitches, chip shots, sand bunker shots and, of course, putting.

The variety of challenges you face from 60 yards in realistically accounts for more than half your shots in a full round of golf. Consistent with the old saying, "drive for show, putt for dough," on and around the green is where scoring takes place. Your wedges and your putter are your "scoring clubs."

Astonishingly, the vast majority of weekend golfers spend practically no time practicing their chipping and putting. Unsurprisingly, the pros and scratch golfers spend a lot of time practicing their short games.

If you are truly committed to jacking up your game with a real golf makeover, you've got to sharpen your short game. It takes a thorough grasp of technique, plenty of practice and some imagination.

Let's start with your greenside chipping. (Half-wedge and bunker shots will be covered

in later articles.)

Please understand that my disclaimer here is that a picture or a demonstration is worth a thousand words.

Consider the shot you have to play when your ball is a few yards off the green and sitting in medium rough with a decent lie, perhaps 40 feet from the pin. You have several options. It's important that you consider a few options quickly and automatically, since you don't want to be stuck as a one-trick pony.

One option is to take a sand wedge, play the ball back in your stance, hit down on the ball, landing it half way to the hole with a little "bite" and letting it roll the rest of the way — a classic wedge chip. Delicate variations may be needed if the ball is sitting on top or lodged way down deep in the rough.

You also have the choice of taking a six iron, for example, and making a very abbreviated swing that amounts to almost a long putt. This is the "bump-and-run" shot, where you are landing the ball just onto the green surface and watching it simply roll most of the way to the hole.

Another play is to take a hybrid or a fairway wood and essentially create a long putt. The difference is that the 18 degrees (or so) of

loft will lift the ball out of the long grass and get it running fast. It's also a great shot for very tight lies, with little or no grass under the ball, and for steep, uphill short shots.

Last, you can almost always putt the ball, which I do quite often. There's an old adage that your worst putt will be a lot better than your worst chip. Putting and bumping it with a hybrid will take the bladed or thin "skulled" miss hit out of the equation. It'll spare you the embarrassing chunk or duff as well.

Naturally, confidence around the greens comes from hundreds of instances where you have executed these shots properly and with good results. They lodge in the recesses of your long term memory and reside there as accumulated unconscious evidence that you know how to do it. Hours and hours of practice prepare you to transfer your learning and confidence to the golf course when it really counts.

Over the years, volumes have been written on how to putt. Thousands of videos have been made and millions have been sold. If I had a dollar for every different putter that has ever been manufactured in the last 100 years, I'd be rich.

Tom Watson once said putting is a game within a game, and I think he was right. Golf legend Doug Sanders mused "the trouble with golf is you're only as good as your last putt." A missed final putt can really stick in your mind.

I am not a putting guru, mind you. I fashion myself a very good putter, and have some valuable advice if you're struggling with your flat stick and would like to make a giant step forward on the greens. I'll offer the advice below in the form of insightful, short and sweet putting tips. Consider and apply them as you will.

If your putting method is a good one, go with it and trust it on every putt. If it isn't working so well, have a professional look at your putting method. You must be willing to completely change it.

The two most common causes of poor putting among high-handicappers are lack of distance control and off-center hits.

As for technique, the "reverse overlap" grip is now conventional and taught for putting. Playing the ball slightly forward in your stance is also recommended, so that you're contacting the ball slightly on the up-stroke and imparting overspin.

The putting stroke is thought of as mostly a pendulum action, with the length of the back-swing matching that of the follow through. Modern teachers promote a shoulder turn motion, in contrast to an overly wristy stroke. Smooth tempo and rhythm are critical, and can be practiced with a little "tick-tock" metronome to listen to as you putt.

Finally, keep your eyes down and steady until well after impact with the ball, disciplining yourself not to peek to see how you did, especially on short putts. Checking your eyesight every so often with an optometrist

is a good idea. Sometimes blurred vision and "floaters" interfere with putting, as does failing eyesight.

Next, get lost in your routine. Have a compact routine that doesn't vary. Don't think about anything; don't distract yourself by the chaos and jabbering going on around you, or the consequences (read: \$) of a make or a miss.

Don't allow any room for negative thoughts to sabotage any putts at any time. This is the one thing that makes the best players mentally tough. They don't sabotage themselves. Being overly concerned with the outcome of a putt is a negative thought.

Make the best stroke you can, and learn from how the ball responds. Detach yourself. Observe everything that happens on the green. Avoid getting angry.

We must realize that all good putters have peaks and valleys; they make a lot for a while and then miss some for a while. Tour pros go through these cycles; hacks go through ups and downs. Expect it and don't be shaken by the inconsistencies, trivialities and vagaries of putting.

If you have a good putting stroke and know you can make putts, just struggle through the slump, like a major league hitter goes through a mid-season batting slump.

Just a couple of additional things that should help you become a better putter.

There is no "best" putting method and no "best" putting instrument. Some folks like a "blade" type putter and some like a "mallet" putter.

I actually prefer a rather large and weighty mallet, so it's very easy to get the ball rolling. Some golfers like a long "broom" putter and others go with a short stick. It takes experimenting to find out what works for you.

Putting strokes are like fingerprints; no two are alike. The most skilled players in the world on all the pro tours have their own preferred style and technique. Sure, they all have short game teachers and they generally adhere to certain fundamentals, but every player has a slightly different, personal routine, procedure and approach to putting.

Good putting stroke or not, you still have to practice a lot to get the most out of your play. I suggest setting up your personal practice program, using drills and putting aids that address your particular needs.

For example, if you tend to pull or push putts inside of 10 feet, practice with a string or chalk line. If you struggle with lag putts, spend some time on drills that give you the feel from 20, 30, 40 and 50 feet, so it becomes automatic and you can trust it.

Half your total practice time should be devoted to chipping and putting, since that's where the scoring happens. As you continue to practice your confidence will grow.

Building confidence is one of the topics of articles to come, as we continue to tackle the mental game.

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“ The trouble with golf is you're only as good as your last putt. ”

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Thomas Salas is a 14-year-old sophomore at Oñate High School. He is on the cross country and track teams and is team captain. Salas competed in All District and was a state qualifier in cross country. He is respectful, hard-working, disciplined and committed to everything he does. Salas is an outstanding student athlete, with a 4.0 GPA. He has enjoyed success in both the classroom and on the athletic field. Outside of the classroom and off the field Salas enjoys long boarding, swimming and dancing.

OÑATE HIGH SCHOOL

Basketball practice begins

New NCAA rule allows sessions to start earlier

Due to a new NCAA rule, the New Mexico State University men's basketball team can begin practice earlier than ever in 2013-14.

The Aggies return to the hardwood as back-to-back WAC Tournament Champions with two consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances. The Aggies start practice for the 2013-14 season Sunday, Sept. 29.

The Aggies return three starters from last year and have to replace significant contributors in forwards Bandja Sy and Tyrone Watson. Junior guard Daniel Mullings leads the returning players after a team-high 13.8 points per game, 91 assists and 79 steals a year ago. Sophomore center Sim Bhullar, who was the WAC Freshman of the Year, is back after averaging 10.1 points and 6.7 rebounds per game and a school-record 85 blocked shots. Junior guard K.C. Ross-Miller returns after starting 26 games in his first season in Las Cruces.

"I'm really optimistic to get things started with the mix of new talent and returning talent," coach Marvin Menzies said. "I think it's going to be a very exciting season."

"I also feel that our non-conference schedule is one that puts a lot of competition and diverse talent in front of us, which will allow us to have a successful non-conference but yet be challenged to the fullest."

Additional letter winners returning for NMSU include senior guard Kevin Aronis, who hit a team-high 31 three-point field goals in 2012-13, and senior forward Renaldo Dixon.

Forwards junior Remi Barry and sophomore Matej Buovac return after seeing action in 27 and 12 games, respectively, last season.

"I think some of the experiences that guys have had over the summer will help to give us an advantage," Menzies said.

"There is going to be a learning curve early in the season. So if they figure it out quickly, then overall it's going to make us a better program."

Redshirt junior center Tshilidzi Nephawe is back after missing most of the 2012-13 season due to a hand injury.

"Obviously, we have a lot of size inside," he said. "At that position in general, we have some experience with Renaldo (Dixon), Tshilidzi (Nephawe) and Sim (Bhullar), specifically, which gives us a good comfort level going into the season. I think those guys will continue to get better, and I'm optimistic about their production this year."

Redshirt freshman forward Aaron Kubinski begins his on-court career this year. New



Renaldo Dixon will be part of a talented front court for the New Mexico State University basketball team this season.

Mexico State welcomes four newcomers in freshman guard Travon Landry, junior guard DK Eldridge, freshman center Tanveer Bhullar and freshman guard Ian Baker, who won't be available until the second semester.

"I feel like our guard position is pretty strong," Menzies said. "We have a couple unknowns there in the new guys. Quite often, young kids come in with a lot of accolades and might be heavily recruited or have high rankings and so forth, but a freshman is a still freshman."

"We have two good ones in Ian (Baker) and Travon (Landry), who I feel are going to have really good careers as Aggies, but they are untested now. I'm intrigued to see how well they are going to perform."

"It's good to have Daniel (Mullings), K.C. (Ross-Miller) and Kevin (Aronis) and some of the other returning guards back that give us that experience and that strength of talent at that position, so I'm pretty comfortable with that position overall."

In 2012-13, the Aggies posted a 24-11 overall record, won their third WAC Tournament crown and made their third NCAA Tournament appearance in four years.

Cross country run at CHS

Aggies come off strong showing at UNM

The New Mexico State cross country team takes on rival University of Texas-El Paso at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, when it hosts the Kachina Classic in Las Cruces, N.M., at Centennial High School.

The Aggies last competed Friday, Sept. 13, in the Lori Fitzgerald Invitational, where the women took first place and the men finished third.

"This race is important to us," assistant coach Christopher Huff said. "Anytime you get to run at home for your community, it's important."

The Kachina Classic is the only home meet of the season for the Aggies.

"The community doesn't get a chance to see us run often," Huff said. "So whenever you get this chance, it is very important."

Junior Diana Hawk enters the Kachina Classic after finishing first overall in three races this season. She has led the Aggies in their two team wins and was named WAC Female Athlete of the Week for her

performance in the Lobo Invitational on Sept. 7. Last year, Hawk finished ninth in the Kachina Classic with a time of 18:56.

Senior Sarabel Bojorquez and junior Megan McNally have performed well this season and helped NMSU claim the first overall team spot in the last two races. Bojorquez, McNally and Hawk have swept the top-three individual spots in the last two meets.

On the men's side, junior Nathan Starr looks to continue his success this season as he has paced the Aggies in all three races. He's been followed by juniors Hab Rubio and Evan Bekes during the season.

"We modified the Kachina Classic and moved it to a place that was closer to the community," Huff said. "We changed it up so people could come out and watch us run. We're excited to run in Las Cruces, for Las Cruces and for New Mexico State."

After the Kachina Classic, the Aggies travel to Lawrence, Kan., for the Rim Rock Collegiate Classic Saturday, Oct. 5.

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

Centennial High School

Saturday, Sept. 28...	Cross Country.....	Centennial Cross Country Meet.....	9 a.m.
	Volleyball	Valley High School (at Oñate HS)	12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1.....	Volleyball	at Oñate High School.....	7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Football.....	Hatch Valley High School	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4.....	Volleyball	at Loretto Academy.....	6:30 p.m.



Las Cruces High School

Friday, Sept. 27	Football.....	at La Cueva High School.....	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 28...	Cross Country.....	at Centennial Cross Country Meet	9 a.m.
	Boys Soccer.....	at Las Cruces High School.....	11 a.m.
	Girls Soccer	at Las Cruces High School.....	1 p.m.
	Volleyball	versus Las Cruces HS (at La Cueva HS).....	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1.....	Boys Soccer.....	at Rio Rancho High School.....	4 p.m.
	Girls Soccer	Rio Rancho High School.....	4 p.m.
	Volleyball	Mayfield High School.....	7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Girls Soccer	at Alamogordo High School	5 p.m.
	Boys Soccer.....	at Alamogordo High School	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4.....	Football.....	Artesia High School	7 p.m.



Mayfield High School

Saturday, Sept. 28...	Cross Country.....	at Centennial Cross Country Meet	9 a.m.
	Girls Soccer	Alamogordo High School	11 a.m.
	Volleyball	versus Albuquerque HS (at La Cueva HS).....	12:30 p.m.
	Football.....	Eldorado High School.....	1 p.m.
	Boys Soccer.....	Alamogordo High School	1 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1.....	Girls Soccer	at Gadsden High School	3 p.m.
	Boys Soccer.....	at Gadsden High School	5 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Boys Soccer.....	Santa Teresa High School.....	5 p.m.
	Girls Soccer	Santa Teresa High School.....	5 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4.....	Football.....	at Volcano Vista High School.....	7 p.m.



Oñate High School

Friday, Sept. 27	Football.....	Volcano Vista High School	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 28...	Cross Country.....	at Centennial Cross Country Meet	9 a.m.
	Boys Soccer.....	at Las Cruces High School.....	11 a.m.
	Girls Soccer	at Las Cruces High School.....	1 p.m.
	Volleyball	Manzano High School.....	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 1.....	Boys Soccer.....	Alamogordo High School	5 p.m.
	Girls Soccer	Alamogordo High School	7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Girls Soccer	Gadsden High School.....	5 p.m.
	Boys Soccer.....	Gadsden High School.....	7 p.m.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Tuesday, Oct. 1.....	Volleyball	Tularosa High School	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 3	Volleyball	Cloudcroft High School	6:30 p.m.



Golf tournaments

Wounded Warrior Golf Tournament

8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, shotgun start
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Aggie Insider

NMSU colleges show support for athletics

Men's tennis earns championship trophy



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

In addition to the standard hoopla at NM State home football games, there is new connection that links academics and athletics. A different college is a participating game sponsor for each home game. This weekend, the College of Health and Social Services will be in the spotlight.

The College of Ag led off the year sponsoring the Minnesota game; the College of Education was a part of the UTEP game. I had the opportunity to speak to each sponsoring college dean before each game to understand why they wanted to be involved.

Education Dean Michael Morehead said he saw this type of involvement as a win-win for his school.

"We see this as a means of unifying the campus," Morehead said. "There are many athletes and student athletic trainers in our college, and supporting them is important to us," he added.

The secretary of agriculture, Jeff Witte, held similar views to Morehead's.

"We love having Ag Day, partnering with athletics, it gives us a chance to show what we do to a great audience," Witte said.

"This is a natural partnership and we love athletics and the chance to work with

them," the cabinet member added.

The schools and the departments are enjoying this collaboration as it improves communication all the way around. Partners are valuable in all walks of life; this link can only lead to a better and more harmonious relationship for both parties.

Netting a trophy: The NM State men's tennis team concluded its Aggie Invitational with sophomore Liam Goldberg taking top honors in his flight, and a Crimson and White doubles team winning the crown in its flight. Goldberg posted to a two-set win over his opponent from New Mexico, 6-0, 6-4, earning his first tournament title as an Aggie. Of his four matches, he took just one match to three sets. Naveen Manivannan and Thomas Douglas fought another pair of Aggies, Marc Westgate and Goldberg, in the last match of the doubles flight. Manivannan and Douglas won the match, 8-6, and the pair won its first tournament victory as a duo.

At your marks: The Aggies home cross country meet, the Kachina Classic is Saturday, Sept. 28. The college event is paired with a high school event Friday, Sept. 27, to allow competitors to share fellowship and trade training tips. Coach Chris Huff said they all plan to end Saturday at Aggie Memorial Stadium, supporting the football team.



Keeping a 'quiet mind'

New Mexico State University team learns to focus on mental aspects of golf game



Mike Dirks
Men's Golf
Head Coach

Another semester has started and the Aggie men's golf team is looking for another WAC Championship. The goals for the team are to compete at the highest level, but we continue to strive to be the best in our conference as well.

Last season, we were victorious in the WAC Championship. We just missed a chance to go to the national championship with our sixth-place finish at the NCAA Regionals in Tempe, Ariz. That finish was the best finish by our golf team ever; our goal this year has us competing in Hutchinson, Kan., at the NCAA Tournament in May 2014.

I tell our players every day that, in golf, it's not how good your good shots are, but how good your bad shots are. This year, we will continue to work on the mental part of the game as well as the physical.

Golf needs to be played with a quiet mind, that is the hardest concept for players to get. You have to have a very short-term memory to be a really good competitive golfer.

Butch Harmon talked to us at the conference tournament last year and told the group that he gives his tour players the 10-second rule; they have 10 seconds to get the last shot out of their mind. We will strive to make that our routine this year.

In tournament golf, you can't judge your results after each shot. You need to let go and focus on the next as soon as you can. I believe our team is getting better with this. Championships come with hard work, dedication and true love for what you do - I believe our players truly love the game of golf.

As a team, we still need to become better drivers of the golf ball. Golf needs to be from the fairway - it allows you to play the shot you

are most comfortable with, which will ultimately let you have the most confidence and success.

Chipping and putting are other areas that we continue to work on improving; we have to have more imagination and creativity to have success around the greens. Results don't always come as fast as coaches want them to, but this team is getting better each and every day. We stick by the old saying: If you think you can or you think you can't, either way you're right.

This fall our team travels to Colorado Springs, Albuquerque and El Paso, as well as our home tournament, the 2013 Herb Wimberly, Oct. 21-22. We will play against many top-20 teams in the national preseason poll, and this will be a wonderful opportunity for our team to see how good we are, and how good we need to be to compete with the very best in college golf. We get to see how these players compete and work their way around the golf course - a great learning tool for our team.

We will continue to work extremely hard in the classroom. Last year, we had three young men earn Academic All-America honors: Derek Baade, Willy Hogan and Brett Walker. We are here to educate our student-athletes, and I'm very proud of the whole team for the effort they make in the classroom.

Men's golf continues to fundraise for team travel and recruiting, we have established the Chip-In Club, which allows supporters to contribute directly to our program. The money raised is used specifically for these two line items I feel will most benefit our program. If you would like to help, please send your 100 percent tax-free donation to Men's Golf Chip-In Club, NM State men's golf, MSC 3FAC, P.O. Box 30001, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

We are very thankful for each one of you that financial supports the Aggie athletic programs.

Upcoming

Friday, Sept. 27

Men's Golf
William H. Tucker
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All day

Women's Tennis
San Diego State Invitational
San Diego
All day

Women's Equestrian
Willis Invitational
Waco, Texas
All day

Soccer
Idaho
Moscow, Idaho
5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 28
Football
San Diego State
Las Cruces
6 p.m.

Men's Golf
William H. Tucker
Albuquerque
All day

Women's Tennis
San Diego State Invitational
San Diego
All day

Women's Equestrian
Willis Invitational
Waco, Texas
All day

Volleyball
Texas-Pan American
Edinburg, Texas
1 p.m.

Cross Country
Kachina Classic
Las Cruces (Centennial HS)
9 a.m.

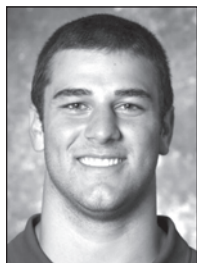
Sunday, Sept. 29
Women's Tennis
San Diego State Invitational
San Diego
All day

Soccer
Seattle U
Seattle, Wash.
1 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 30
Volleyball
Bakersfield
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 2
Swimming and Diving
Crimson and White
Las Cruces
4 p.m.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Davis Cazares
Senior
Football

Senior safety Davis Cazares led the NM State defense against UCLA, Saturday, Sept. 21, recording 14 tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery. His interception and fumble recovery in the first

quarter were both career firsts. It was also the second game this season that Cazares recorded double-digit tackles.



Desiree Scott
Senior
Volleyball

Senior middle hitter Desiree Scott helped the Aggies to a 2-1 record posting 2.83 kills per set on a .328 hitting percentage and 1.08 blocks per set. Scott marked eight solo blocks and five block

assists while also serving up three service aces.



Katie Smith
Junior
Soccer

Junior midfielder Katie Smith scored her first goal of the season to tie the WAC home opener against Kansas City, Sept. 22, en route to a 2-1 win. In 75 minutes of action, she recorded the score on her lone shot of the game. For the weekend, Smith tallied a team-high four shots on goal.

Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Jim Hilley
Reflections

100yearsago

1913

• Milkman Davis was held up at 4 a.m., but by sunrise the culprit was behind bars. The Las Cruces Citizen praised Sheriff Felipe Lopez for his “usual clever work ... from whom but a few miscreants get away.”

• Frank Amador purchased a new white hearse. It arrived early in the week and cost close to \$1,000.

• Miss Elizabeth Garrett announced her intention to stay in Las Cruces over the winter. She said she would be available for engagements and entertainments. She also offered lectures on “voice culture.”

75yearsago

1938

• An additional 1,200 bleachers were being added to the east side of the Aggie football stadium. The seats were expected to be

completed in time for the Aggies to host the Montana State Bobcats.

• The Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce held a welcome party and reception for the Canadian Goodwill Trippers, a motorcade of neighbors to the north touring the U.S. by automobile.

• Rev. and Mrs. W.F. Pearce secured the old Spanish mission on Alameda Boulevard, across from the Central School. The mission was going to re-open as a Four Square Gospel Evangelical Church.

50yearsago

1963

• Las Cruces High School football coach Ed Boykin said the week’s practices had focused on blocking as the Bulldogs prepared to play Irvin High School in El Paso. Boykin said the lineup for the game was questionable, with several players battling the flu.

25yearsago

1988

• Real estate broker Edgar Lopez made a \$900,000 offer to the Las Cruces Public



New Mexico State University Library Rio Grande Historical Collections photo

This photo of the seed lab and greenhouse at the New Mexico College of Agriculture & Mechanic Arts is dated 1896. Originally part of the Jacob Schaublin Ranch, it was the first building on campus students would see after disembarking the train in Mesilla Park, and thus was originally known as the Station Building.

Schools to purchase the Alameda Junior High School property on behalf of the First Baptist Church. Charles Price, pastor of the church, said the building would be used for Sunday School, Bible worship and Christian fellowship, with a new worship center to be constructed on the east side of the building.

• MobileComm was offering the new “Executive Digital Display Pager” for “as low as 85 cents a day.”

Information gathered from New Mexico State University Library’s Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections.

NATURAL GAS: A+

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Codes eye landscaping

Rains may have caused overgrowth

The City of Las Cruces reminds residents about the Landscape Maintenance Program.


Maintenance crews have been working on city rights-of-way medians and parks, as well as recently trimming trees, cutting weeds and cleaning litter at the vacant City Office Center at Lohman Avenue and Alameda Boulevard.

Meanwhile, Codes Enforcement Officers are inspecting sections of the city to make sure property owners are in compliance with the "Design Standards" ordinance. The code requires property owners to maintain landscaping in a healthy, clean trimmed, weed- and litter-free condition. The code also requires

property owners to replace dead plants with new ones, or prune and trim so they do not interfere with pedestrians or vehicular traffic.

All commercial properties within the City of Las Cruces are affected by this ordinance, including offices, retail space, industrial and multi-residential areas. Recent rains have made it more difficult to remove weeds in a timely manner, but continued effort will ensure the community and businesses will be more inviting to the public.

For more information about the Landscape Maintenance Program, call codes at 528-4100 or for plant and weed information, call 541-2550.




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Volunteers Michelle Wesol, Elizabeth Wertz and Ruth Wallis paint glaze decorations onto bowls made by their neighbor Barbara Williams, a member of the Las Cruces Potters' Guild making hundreds of bowls for the Empty Bowls fundraiser. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, 50 restaurants will be serving soup in the ceramic bowls at St. Paul's United Methodist Church to raise money for El Caldito Soup Kitchen. Advance tickets are now on sale for \$18 at many local businesses, or at the door for \$20. For more information, visit <http://elcaldito.wordpress.com/empty-bowls>.



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Programs at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., are for those age 50 and older. Membership is free and is required to participate in classes and activities.

The center offers a variety of classes at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Membership cards are available in the Resource Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 528-3000.

THE VOYAGERS TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club trips currently being booked:

- **Lake Valley Day Trip:** Monday, Oct. 14. Cost is \$35, lunch included.
- **Sedona/Verde Canyon Railroad:** Oct. 22-24. Cost is \$626 double, \$800 single.
- **El Paso Christmas Fair:** Day trip Nov. 1. Cost is \$30.
- **Ruidoso Christmas Jubilee:** Day trip Nov. 9. Cost is \$28.
- **"Meet the Irish"** March 16-25, 2014. Cost is \$3,408, double, \$3,987 single.
- **Washington, D.C./Colonial Williamsburg:** April 25-May 4, 2014. \$2,749 single, \$3,449 double.
- **Oregon Explorer:** Sept. 7-15, 2014. Cost is \$3,000 per person, double. Call for single rate.
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For more information, call Helen Glover at 805-4920.

AEROBICS

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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.

SOCIAL DANCERS

Mark Coker will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The dance is sponsored by the Las Cruces Social Dancers. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6.

For more information, call 523-4322.

YOGA CLASSES AT AQUATIC CENTER

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.

SENIOR CIRCLE YOGA CLASSES

MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., offers yoga classes targeted to the senior market. Senior Circle yoga classes are for ages 50 and older are \$15 per year or \$2 per class.

- **Gentle Yoga Sessions – with and without chairs:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays at Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.
- **Stretch Yoga – Gentle:** 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. in Marketing & Women's Resource Room 404.
- **Laughter & Gentle Yoga:** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursdays at Curves, 3291 Del Rey Blvd. Guided by a certified yoga teacher, Blissful Beth. For more information, call 522-0011 or 640-7614.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers will host a dance at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite Ave. Mark Coker will provide

the music. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dancing is from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$6.

For more information, call 649-5306.

ZUMBA GOLD AT MUNSON CENTER

Zumba Gold modifies Zumba moves and pacing to suit the needs of active older participants. Classes are from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Cost is \$2, or \$1 for registered Senior Programs members.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter, has the following support group meetings each month:

- 11:30 a.m. each Thursday at Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. For more information, call Jan at 522-7133.
- 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Arbors of Del Rey, 3731 Del Rey Blvd. Respite care available during meeting. For more information, call Michael at 382-5200.
- 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Village at Northrise, 2884 N.

Roadrunner Parkway, in the Desert Willow Building.

For more information, call Bonnie at 556-6117.

The Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter, has offices at 1121 Mall Drive, Suite C. For more information, call 800-272-3900 or 647-3868.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION AQUATIC PROGRAM

The Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program 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.

BINGO AT MUNSON

Bingo is offered from 12:45 to 2 p.m. each Wednesday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The game is open to all registered members of Senior Programs. Players have a chance to win a prize and have fun with friends and neighbors. There is no charge to participate.

For more information, call Munson Senior Center at 528-3000.

EASTSIDE CENTER CHAIR EXERCISES

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.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

AARP Driver Safety Program courses are open to drivers age 55 or older. A certificate issued upon completion of the course may qualify the participant for a discount on insurance, depending on the policy.

Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers, paid at the door.

Participants need to bring their driver's license, pen or pencil and correct change if paying with cash. Classes are held on a first-come, first-served basis. The next class is from 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Nov. 13, at Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.

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Lots for the ladies at the Mesilla Valley Women's Expo

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Marcella Bilvado of Vista College paints Kendra Hernandez's nails at the 2013 Mesilla Valley Women's Expo Sunday, Sept. 22.



Charlene "Puncher Villa" Bencomo and Joslene "Venomous De Milo" Schlaefli represent Crossroads City Roller Derby.



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News briefs

Miyagishima out of running for county manager

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima has been notified that he is not being considered for the job of Doña Ana County manager.

Miyagishima, who was a county commissioner and chairman of the board before running for City Council, received a letter Wednesday, Sept. 25, from the county that he is not being considered for the opening.

"I am disappointed, I think I would have done a very good job as county manager," Miyagishima said. "Everyday I was thinking about new ideas to implement if chosen, I definitely was up for the professional challenge. Unfortunately that was not the case and I respect the commission's decision. I wish the new manager well and will be available to provide any assistance if needed.

"Luckily I get to continue serving the residents of Las Cruces with a job I love to do as their mayor."

Miyagishima was among 70 who applied and about 20 were rejected based on a set of requirements set by the commission. The letter told Miyagishima that his qualifications were compared to the requirements and to other applicants before it was decided that he would not be moving on to the next phase of consideration.

In the coming month, a county committee will be paring down the remaining 50 applicants to a set of finalists to be brought to the commission.

Carruthers criticized by sports pundit for football promotion

The Albuquerque Journal is reporting that ESPN host Keith Olbermann called New Mexico State University President Garrey Carruthers the "worst person in the sports world" on his show for offering prizes to students for attending NMSU football games and staying until the game ended.

Students could win VIP parking passes for any lot on campus, \$250 in cash or even up to \$2,000 in cash for attending and staying through the whole game, according to reports.

"In NCAA college football you can pay the coaches, you can pay the ADs, you can pay the announcers, yet you can't pay the players, but now you can pay the fans too!" Olbermann told his ESPN audience.

In order to win prizes, students must be registered for at least one credit this semester. The winner has to be in the stadium when the prizes are announced just before the fourth quarter.

The NMSU athletics department told El Paso TV station KVIA that this year's first two home games averaged more than 17,000 people. NMSU football coach Doug Martin told the station that he thinks the prize offering is a great idea.

"I think the promotion is a great idea," Martin said in a statement. "Schools all around the country do their own types of contests in basketball, whether it's a half-court shot for money or tuition or even a car. These are the types of things that get students involved and we have just moved that thought process over to a football game. I think it is a great idea."

LCHS graduate wins NAACP scholarship

Las Cruces High School graduate Rebekah Mijares received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Doña Ana Branch of the NAACP during its September meeting. Mijares is a freshman at New Mexico State University, where she is studying secondary education with a focus in mathematics.

Mijares received the scholarship based on her academic performance and participation in school-based and community programs and activities while at Las Cruces High School. The scholarship was presented by NAACP-Doña Ana County Branch President Curtis Rosemond and Education Committee Chair David Lyons.

Mijares was joined at the meeting by her parents and siblings.

Neighbors We've Lost

DEATH NOTICES

DOMINGUEZ

Mary R. Dominguez, 88, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at her home. For service information go to www.GetzCares.com. 575-526-2419.

WALTERS

Anna Lee Walters, 89, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Friday, September 20, 2013 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

STACK

Thomas D. Stack, 85, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

DURAN

Dolores "Lolita" H. Duran, 64, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

SIERRA

Roberto "Bobby" R. Sierra, 76, of Berino, New Mexico, entered eternal life Friday, September 20, 2013 at his home. Visitation is Friday, September 27, 2013 at 6 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Berino, where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 7 p.m. Family and friends will join together to celebrate the Holy Mass of Resurrection at 10 a.m. Saturday, September 28, 2013 in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, with the Reverend Andres Alava officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in the Anthony Catholic Cemetery where he will be laid to rest in the family plot. Military Honors will be accorded by the United States Navy Honor Guard and the Gadsden Memorial VFW Post # 4384. The Sierra Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces. 527-2222. For online condolences log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

PITTMAN

Robert Allen Pittman, 40, of Hatch, New Mexico, entered eternal life Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center. Visitation for Robert has been held. Cremation will take place and Inurnment of Remains will held at a later date. The family has entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory. 575-527-2222. For online condolences log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

GONZALEZ-REYES

Diana Gonzalez-Reyes, 34, of Mesquite, New Mexico, died on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at Hospice of the Valley-Sherman House in Scottsdale, Arizona. Visitation for Diana will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2013 in Our Lady of Health Catholic Church, where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. The Holy Mass of Resurrection will follow immediately thereafter with the Augustinian Recollects Officiating. At her request, cremation will take place and inurnment of remains will be held at a later date. The Reyes and Gonzalez Families have entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road Las Cruces. 575-527-2222. For online condolences log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

BALLESTEROS

Manuel H. Ballesteros, 83, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away at Memorial Medical Center. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

LEZA

Aurora H. Leza, 89, of Hatch, New Mexico, left her dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life to be with her heavenly Father on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by her loving family. Services have been held. The family has entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory. 575-527-2222. For online condolences log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

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Newly inducted



Members of the Las Cruces Civitan Club held a joint installation meeting at the Downtown El Paso Civitan Club Monday, Sept. 23, at the Great American Land & Cattle Co. restaurant in Vinton, Texas. Pictured from the Las Cruces Civitan Club are Treasurer Hugo Costa, Secretary Todd Dickson, Chaplain Ralph Steinhoff, President-elect Linda Coshnet, District Officer Shirley Daniels, President Andrew Trotter and new member Mark LaFountain. Not pictured are board of director members Rose Tidwell, Paul Deason and William Stange, and new member Ken Miyagishima. The Las Cruces Civitan Club meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Los Compas restaurant, 1120 Commerce Drive.

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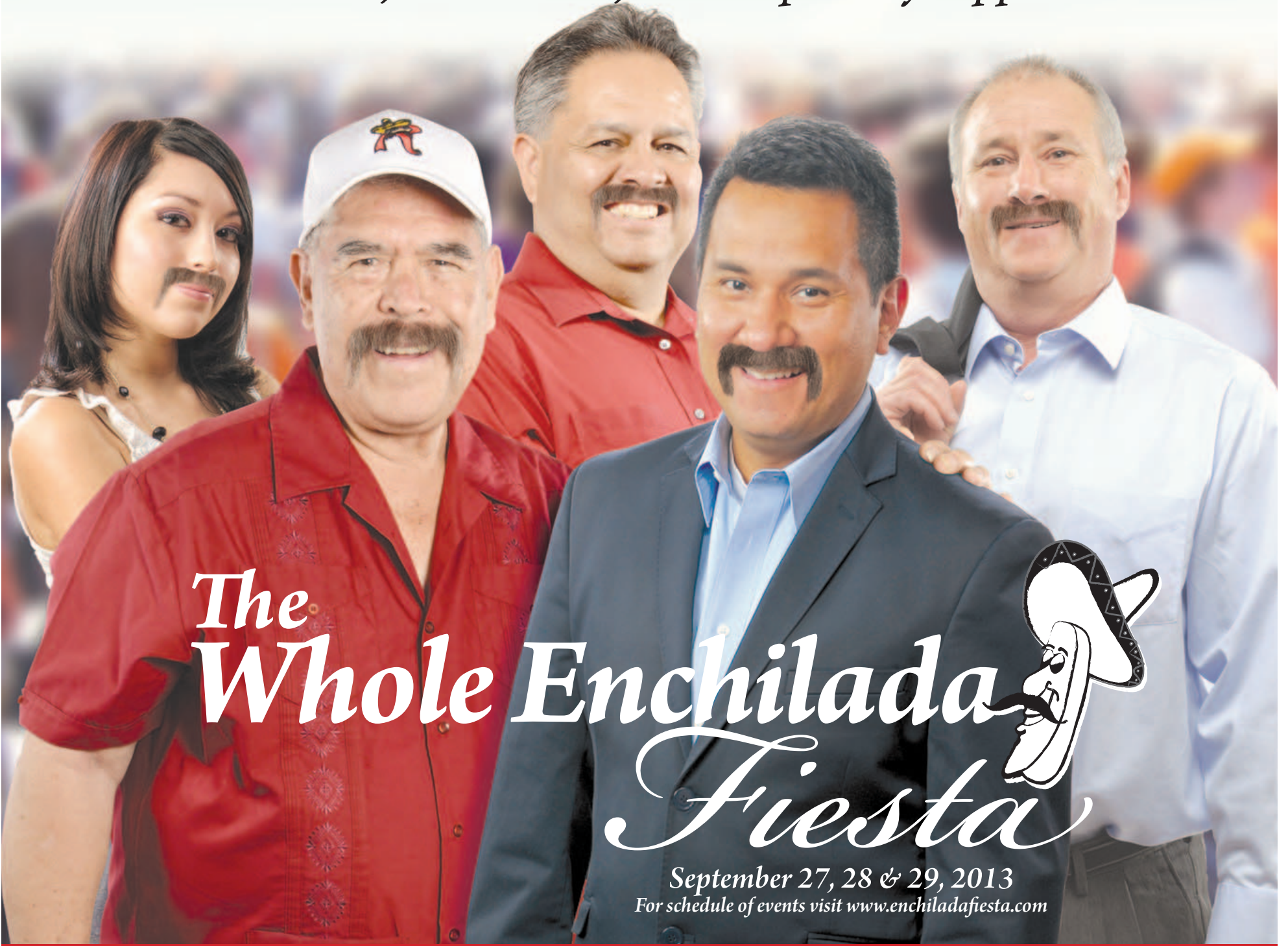
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Is Las Cruces ready for another farmers market?

Many believe it is. Those who do would like to see a true farmers market rise up in Las Cruces – one that focuses on fresh produce and livestock, rather than crafts and novelty food items; the kind of market that returns the city to its roots as an agricultural hub.

Central to that movement is a former board member of the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, and a true Las Cruces original in his own right, Monty Sarvo. Tireless in his advocating of the all-natural way of life, Sarvo recently heeded the call he claims he had been ignoring for years and took the plunge, creating a scaled down farmers market from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Sunday at the Tractor Supply Co. on the northwest corner of Picacho Avenue and Valley Drive.

Calling his new venture the Farmer's Market of New Mexico – because he wants it to be all-inclusive and end the dividing line between north and south – he launched quietly on Sunday, Sept. 16. Not surprisingly, the reception was overwhelmingly positive.

“We had a great reception and we did pretty good the second weekend, too,” he said. “We had around 13 vendors, but that’s really all I want. I don’t want any more than 15. We have produce and we have livestock and we are predominately farmers. What I’m really going for is a return to the country charm of a real farmers market – simple and uncomplicated.”

Now, just two weeks into his new role as coordinator and organizer of the new market, he’s ready to talk expansion. Partnering with the new Downtown coordinator for the City of Las Cruces, Andy Hume, Sarvo has been carving out a plan to create a Friday evening farmers market in the Downtown area, modeling it after markets in places like Santa Fe and Austin, where nutrition is valued and farmers are given their due.

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Charrettes to identify Downtown's next steps

Colorful dots signal start of public input

By **Alta LeCompte**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico state question, “Red or green?” is taking on an alternate meaning in Las Cruces.

The city’s senior planner, Andy Hume, posed the question at an open house Saturday, Sept. 21, one of several events previewing a Downtown design charrette set for Monday through Friday, Oct. 7-11, at the Community Enterprise Center, 125 N. Main St.

Drop-ins at the open house placed a green dot on photos of Downtown scenes they found pleasing and a red dot for on those they didn’t.

During the open house, and later at the charrette, Hume is hoping to get more than reactions from attendees. He is seeking their suggestions for how Downtown should look, feel and function.

“There are no restrictions on input,” he said.

Hume described the charrette as a focused, intensive design exercise that takes place over an entire week.

Both Hume and facilitator Susan Henderson, principal and director for coding at PlaceMakers LLC, stressed the value of cramming the entire process into one week. They said the concentrated schedule helps ensure that ideas are crystallized and action plans set in motion that actually lead to next steps and continuing Downtown improvements.

The charrette will begin with an open house kickoff from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday. Tuesday’s



Wayne Huber, a member of the Downtown design committee, discusses his concerns about the proposed plaza with Andy Hume, senior planner for the city, at an open house Saturday, Sept. 21, held to ramp up interest in the Oct. 7-11 design charrette.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

public events will include a community input session on challenges and opportunities for business from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and a session on development topics of interest to residents and civic groups from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Interspersed will be focus groups with smaller stakeholder groups and an open studio session from 3 to 5 p.m.

“Alameda and Mesquite district residents especially are invited to the neighborhood

meetings,” Henderson said. “We need to know what uses of Downtown will benefit them.”

During the sessions, a team from PlaceMakers will take notes and sketch the ideas participants propose.

Dialogue, sketching and notetaking will continue throughout Wednesday and Thursday. The consultants will compile notes on Friday, and a closing meeting and public

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First ACA deadline is Oct. 1

DOL does the heavy lifting for employers

By **Alta LeCompte**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) may be 900-plus pages long and potentially confusing, but employers and individuals each have just one deadline to deal with this year.

For employers, the first deadline is just days away.

Employees, however, can procrastinate until New Year’s Eve, when they must have some kind of health insurance.

By Tuesday, Oct. 1, employers are required to notify their employees of the advent of health insurance exchanges, called marketplaces, they may be eligible to use to purchase insurance.

Small companies have options

Small companies, too, must notify their employees about ACA changes, even if they are enrolled in a company health plan. Employees must be notified that if they buy insurance through the marketplace, they may lose any employer contribution they are now getting for their health benefits.

Like individuals, small companies have access to a health exchange program (Marketplace) that opens Oct. 1. That Marketplace is known as the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP).

Businesses that have fewer

than 25 full-time equivalent employees making about \$50,000 a year or less may qualify for health care tax credits if they get insurance through the Marketplace. To qualify, the company must pay at least 50 percent of full-time employees’ premium costs. The employer does not need to offer coverage to part-timers and dependents.

Starting in 2014, a tax credit is worth up to 50 percent of employer contributions toward employees’ premium costs and up to 35 percent for tax-exempt employers.

A licensed agent or broker can help with the process, according to www.healthcare.gov. There is no Marketplace charge for using a broker, and the broker typically

will charge the insurance company rather than the purchaser for services.

A licensed broker can:

- Apply for insurance for employees
- Review and compare price, coverage, quality, and other important features
- Choose a plan that works for the company’s budget, business and employees

One local agent, Gilda Dorbrandt of ‘N Compass Group, commented on her agency’s role in helping clients comply with ACA.

“Our agency, the ‘N Compass Group, specializes in health insurance and employee benefits,” Dorbrandt said. “We are working closely with our group clients, large and small to prepare,

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Charrettes

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comment will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Hume said the city expects to see final recommendations in about a month, including zoning recommendations and a prioritized list of next steps.

"We hope for recommendations on zoning," Hume said. "We need recommendations to guide us on zoning and smart codes issues. To expect anything less than solid recommendations would be a complete disappointment."

The current Las Cruces zoning code is based on land use, and prohibits mixing residential and

commercial development, Hume said. A form-based or smart code, on the other hand would focus on requirements for structures and their relationship to streets and other spaces. Such a code for the central business district would enable the development of mixed-use structures that could combine uses such as retail and residential.

The end product will not replace the plan of 2004 Las Cruces Downtown Revitalization Plan or the 2005 master plan that followed, Hume and Henderson said.

Henderson said PlaceMakers has reviewed all the planning activity in which the city has engaged since 1994. Their analysis of existing conditions will be available at the charrette.

Many of the previous recommendations, such as the frequently mentioned construction of a Downtown Plaza and the reconstruction of Church and Water streets to accommodate two-way traffic, are still on the table.

"We know we still want the plaza and we know we want to return Church and Water streets to two way traffic," Hume said.

On the other hand, some previous recommendations may no longer make sense.

For example, Hume said, reopening streets that cross Main Street in the central business district to vehicular traffic seems less appropriate now that Main Street has two-way traffic and the focus Downtown has shifted to promoting walking and

pedestrian access.

"From our standpoint, if something like that can be changed, anything can be put on the table," Hume said.

Henderson said another earlier recommendation that is no longer relevant due to changes in the economy and other developments is a proposal to build three garages Downtown. She said the current situation suggests the need for a parking management plan rather than garages.

Hume said that in 2001-02 and 2006-07 development was proceeding at such a rapid rate in Las Cruces that planning work had to put on hold.

"Now we have the opportunity to learn from that time," he said.

"From the public sector

perspective, one of the biggest concerns for us is aging infrastructure."

He said replacement of water lines and utilities along Main Street was essential to doing the job right, and the same process will apply to future work on Water and Church streets, currently dubbed "the racetrack."

Both Hume and Henderson said that an important goal of the charrette is to celebrate "how far we've come."

Following the reconstruction of Main Street, the opening of museums Downtown and efforts to renovate and re-occupy privately owned buildings, both the appearance and activity level of Main Street Downtown have changed dramatically.

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strategize and make vital decisions regarding the Affordable Care Act.

"Important decisions for employers will include the choice of small groups (defined as two to 50) dropping coverage to allow employees to enroll in the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange, or renewing early to lock in benefits through 2014.

"Large groups (over 50 full-time employees) will be forced to get into compliance with premium sharing and plan changes, as well as offer credible coverage to all full-time employees."

Notification deadline Oct. 1

Abe Howard-Gonzales, an attorney with Kemp Smith, said the good news for employers is the Department of Labor (DOL) is making it easy for them to meet the Oct. 1 notification deadline.

Gonzales, who is scheduled to speak on the ACA at the Southern New Mexico Society Human Resources 29th annual Employment

Law Update Friday, Sept. 27, said the DOL has posted online a model notice employers can distribute to employees.

The online form requires only that the employer fill in "a very few sections."

"It's good business practice to use that form because the DOL says its OK," he said. "We've been advising our clients to use the DOL website."

Gonzales said business owners and managers are hearing about the requirement by word of mouth, DOL list serves and emails and conferences.

Troy Tudor, vice president of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, said he sent an email to his business list earlier this month that outlined key provisions of the legislation.

He said he got one response from a business owner who told him the email alone was worth the price of chamber membership.

"They (business managers) should start educating themselves, start reading the DOL information, come to conferences like the one we're doing, talk with their tax attorney," Gonzales said. "This is something they do not want to mess up. It's very complicated, and there are a lot of moving parts."

Looking ahead

The section of the ACA that will have the most impact on business owners is one that specifies businesses with 50 or employees most cover all their employees who work 30 or more hours a week, Gonzales said.

Implementation of that portion of the law has been postponed until 2015, he said.

Keeping an eye on the implementation date is important because non-compliance can lead to penalties.

The law specifies penalties for companies that fail to provide coverage for staff who work 30 hours or more a week.

Although the coverage requirement and non-compliance penalties have been getting the most attention, a non-discrimination requirement should also be on employers' radar, Gonzales said.

"Prior to the ACA, employers could give better benefits to their highly paid executives than their other employees," he said.

"Now is the time to start thinking about how you want to structure your benefits."

Execs get equal treatment

The factors determining whether a business is affected by the non-discrimination requirement are different than those that determine whether a company is required to offer health care coverage.

The non-discrimination provision applies to employees who work at least 25 hours a week, Gonzales said.

"Nondiscrimination was supposed to start last year," Gonzales said, "but the IRS is still working on the regulations. The moment the regs come out, it probably will become effective within six months."

The law offers protection to whistle blowers who report alleged instances of discrimination.

"Employees can report any violation to employers, the state or the Attorney General," Gonzales said. "It's important for employers to be careful. There's a lot of room for error."

He said employers could be subject to penalties for discrimination if at least one employee buys insurance in a marketplace.

"Without the whistle blower-clause there would be an incentive to fire the employee who gets insurance on the exchange," he said. "My guess is they wrote the clause in because they want to make sure employers comply."

Another ACA provision for businesses to keep an eye on is one that requires them to auto-enroll employees in a health insurance plan. The requirement applies to businesses that employ more than 200, Gonzales said.

He said employees who are auto-enrolled would get a notice from their employer offering an opportunity to opt out.

Details

ACA Information Sources

For more information about Affordable Care Act provisions taking effect in 2013, visit:

- www.whitehouse.gov
- www.healthcare.gov
- 800-706-7893 or 800-706-7915
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for information about the SHOP Marketplace for businesses with 50 or fewer employees

What employees need to do

"Individuals will have to have at least a base level of insurance, either through their employer, an exchange or Medicaid, effective Jan. 1, 2014," Gonzales said.

Individuals who do not get coverage will be subject to penalties.

Gonzales said the penalties start at \$95 a year and go up incrementally, becoming "increasingly more burdensome."

Gonzales said the exchanges are the one-stop-shop where people can find a plan that's cost-competitive.

The main mechanism for getting information about exchanges is whitehouse.gov, Gonzales said.

[Healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) also has information on exchanges.

Individuals with certain income ranges will qualify for tax credits or cost-sharing premium reductions when they purchase insurance through an exchange.

Those whose employer offers insurance that meets federal standards will not be eligible for premium savings.

Gonzales said the New Mexico marketplace is set to open Oct. 1. Employees or other individuals will be able to learn more about the plans available and sign up for one online.

No worries

Gonzales said a new reporting provision has caused some concern, but is not at all sinister. There will be a new little box on people's W-2s where the employer will have to report on the employer contribution to the employee's health insurance coverage, he said.

"The big fear everyone has is that if the IRS sees that box it will start to tax employer contributions to health insurance premiums," Gonzales said.

"No. It's only to calculate the penalty if the employer doesn't comply."

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By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



New strip mall

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Salcido

Construction crews continue work on the new strip mall going in on Rinconada Boulevard, south of the Bank of the Rio Grande and across the street from the new Walmart. The new shopping center will house a Supercuts hair salon, a GNC health store and a dentist's office. Construction is scheduled to be completed by late fall.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Sept. 20	Five Guys Burgers and Fries	2750 Mall Drive	915-590-6700
Sept. 13	Corner Bakery Café	2305 E. Lohman Ave.	800-309-4642
Sept. 6	Student Ministries Building	5605 Bataan Memorial West	524-0654
Aug. 30	Subway	2780 W. Picacho Ave.	203-877-4281
Aug. 23	Schlotzsky's	1763-A E. University Ave.	512-236-3600

Our numbers

Impact of ACA

360,294

New Mexicans eligible for ACA Marketplace coverage

181,410

Hispanic/Latino New Mexicans eligible

\$35.3 million

Grants to N.M. to implement its Marketplace

\$94,200

Maximum income (family of four) eligible for Marketplace

13.1 million

Americans who have received ACA rebates from their insurance companies

1,100

Health centers receiving ACA funds

Source: www.healthcare.gov

Gas update

Monday, Sept. 23

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **fallen 10.2 cents** per gallon in the past week, **averaging \$3.27** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **fallen 4.5 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.49** per gallon.

New Mexico prices **Monday, Sept. 23**, were **37.0 cents** per gallon **lower** than the same day one year ago and are **12.7 cents** per gallon **lower** than a month ago. The national average has **decreased 7.3 cents** per gallon during the last month and stands **32.1 cents** per gallon **lower** than this day one year ago.

1. Sam's Club	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$3.06
2. Murphy Express	1290 S. Valley Drive	\$3.07
3. Alon	825 Avenida de Mesilla	\$3.07
4. Bradley's	1260 El Paseo Road & 920 El Paseo Road	\$3.07
5. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$3.09

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com, as of Monday, Sept. 23

Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE	CARRIER
Albuquerque	\$124.80	US Air
Atlanta	\$208.30	US Air
Austin	\$108.30	United
Chicago	\$170.80	US Air
Dallas-Love	\$139.90	American
Houston	\$156.30	US Air
Las Vegas	\$139.90	US Air
Los Angeles	\$154.90	American
Phoenix	\$88.90	United
San Antonio	\$122.90	American
New York City	\$198.30	US Air
Orlando	\$179.30	United
San Diego	\$129.80	United
Seattle	\$129.80	US Air
Washington, D.C.	\$176.30	Delta
London (roundtrip)	\$1,004.40	American
Paris (roundtrip)	\$1,000.60	Delta
Rome (roundtrip)	\$1,061.40	British Air

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective Oct. 8-15 *Restrictions apply*

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

Euro

\$1.34897 in U.S. dollars
0.74131 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso

\$0.07814 in U.S. dollars
12.79836 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen

\$0.01012 in U.S. dollars
98.82888 per U.S. dollar

Canadian Dollar

\$0.97149 in U.S. dollars
1.02935 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com, as of Monday, Sept. 23



Market snapshot

For the week of Sept. 9-13, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	15376.06	15451.09	75.03	0.5	17.9
Nasdaq	3722.18	3774.73	52.55	1.4	25.0

Strong: Industrials, technology, utilities

Weak: Consumer staples, consumer discretionary, health care, financials

Source: <http://briefing.com>

Affordable housing for community champions

MFA HERO program offers no-cost grant



Gary Sandler's
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In 2005, the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) rolled out an innovative mortgage program known as the Home Equity and Required Occupation (HERO) loan.

The program was designed to serve households in which at least one member is a police officer, health care worker, teacher, military member or firefighter. Following an extended absence, the program was reintroduced last year with an enthusiastic reception.

The purpose of the HERO loan is to expand the number of heroes able to purchase homes in the communities in which they work. Qualified applicants will be eligible to lock in a 30-year-fixed FHA mortgage at a competitive rate, and will receive a grant equal to 3 percent of the loan amount. The grant can be used toward the down payment and closing costs, and never has to be repaid.

Heroes who qualify will be able to purchase a single-family detached home, townhome, condominium or a home in a typical neighborhood or planned unit development (PUD). Additionally, manufactured homes that meet FHA guidelines also qualify for the program. Qualified buyers may purchase homes up to and including the maximum price of \$243,945, utilizing as little as \$1,000 of their own funds.

Maximum family gross income is limited to \$65,040. Heroes do not have to be first-time buyers to qualify, but cannot own any other real property

at the time of purchase. Buyers who currently own mobile homes located in parks or situated on rented land are eligible for the program. Heroes come in many forms, so a brief rundown of the classifications follows.

Teacher: A borrower must be an employee of an accredited or state chartered private or public school (lunch ladies, janitors and office workers are included), a certified teacher or administrator in an education agency, or an employee of a postsecondary level educational institution.

Safety Worker: A borrower can be an employee of a law enforcement agency or fire department (office workers included) administered by an agency or subdivision of a state or local government; or a sworn law enforcement officer responsible for crime prevention and detection, law enforcement, or criminal incarceration; or a sworn member of a fire department involved in fire suppression or prevention, emergency medical response, hazardous materials response or management, or terrorism response.

Health Care Worker: A borrower must be a certified, accredited, or licensed health care worker who is a medical resident or fellow; a nurse, nursing assistant, pharmacist, pharmacy technician, physician's assistant, medical technician, technologist or therapist.

Active Member of Armed Forces: One of the borrowers must be a current member of the Armed Forces.

Since its inception in 1975, the MFA has provided more than \$5.2 billion in affordable housing for more than 88,000 New Mexico families. The not-for-profit organization makes affordable housing possible in part by utilizing profits from

Details

New Mexico MFA Approved Lenders

- Bank'34: 521-8100
- Bank of Albuquerque: 522-3501
- Castle & Cook Mortgage: 521-4096
- Century Bank: 521-2414
- Citizens Bank: 647-6713
- Cornerstone Lending: 527-4400
- DHI Mortgage: 521-1294
- First American Bank: 647-7756
- First New Mexico Bank: 556-3070
- Frost Mortgage Group: 993-5760
- Pioneer Bank: 532-7530
- U.S. Bank: 522-9666
- USDA - RHS: 522-8775
- Weststar Mortgage: 382-2016

Source: Mortgage Finance Authority

the sale of tax-exempt mortgage revenue bonds to fund affordable interest rate loan programs, as well as down payment assistance for single-family homebuyers and developers of affordable multi-family housing. MFA generates its own operating funds rather than receiving taxpayer dollars.

The HERO program not only makes homeownership easier to achieve, it honors the men and women who are there for us when we need them the most.

See you at closing.

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Sizing up the water situation

EBID experts gather numbers in anticipation of 2014's needs

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Residents driving through the Elephant Butte Irrigation District may have noted several fallow, or uncultivated fields, but the total acreage has not been determined, said district hydrologist James Narvaez.

"We're still compiling figures, and we usually don't start doing that until the end of the growing season, which typically doesn't come until October," Narvaez said. "We have to wait until harvests are finished, and then we can start compiling our data to learn how many acres were left fallow."

Water from the recent rain storms is being allowed to flow down the Rio Grande or is diverted into the Elephant Butte Irrigation District systems.

"The irrigation season is over, but the diverted water will help recharge the water table," EBID hydrology consultant Phillip King said.

Even so, farmers should remember that not all rain runoff water will go into the irrigation system. Most of the runoff water belongs to the state under terms of the Rio Grande Compact, King said.

EBID farmers are being forced to balance their budgets in order to stay in operation.

The EBID contains 138,000 acres, but the important item is that the district administers 90,640 acre-feet of water rights. Although no water is flowing down their irrigation canals, the water customers are still being charged for water rights they own, \$75, ditch master Ricardo Bejarano said.

Under normal conditions, the district opens the season with 300,000 to 350,000 acre-feet in Elephant Butte Reservoir, to move the irrigation water into the farmers' fields.

Despite recent heavy rains, Elephant Butte held only 102,000 acre-feet, Bejarano said.

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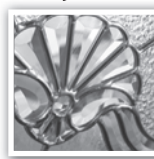
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Evening the score through performance

In education, international comparisons aren't closely rated to national productivity



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

One hobby of critics of U.S. education is to complain about the poor performance of U.S. students on international tests. Yet the value of such international comparisons is dubious at best, if not downright misleading.

Americans have never done well in these international comparisons. In the first such test, conducted in the 1960s and called the First International Mathematical Study, we ranked 11th out of 12. A few years later, on a test called the First International Science Study, we did equally dismally.

Meanwhile, we remain the most productive industrial country in the world. We were back then; we still are. It appears that our poor performance on international tests doesn't predict economic performance.

The most recent international test is the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study. Despite headlines to the contrary, U.S. students did well on this test. In math, our fourth-graders tested in the top tier; statistically tied with Finland, Denmark and England. Only test-obsessed South Korea, Singapore and Japan out did U.S. fourth-graders. Our eighth-graders also did very well, beaten by only six countries. Massachusetts, if treated as an independent country, would rank

first internationally.

Looking deeper into the numbers, it turns out that poverty is an important determinant of outcomes. On the 2010 PISA (Program for International Student Assessment), students from U.S. schools where less than 10 percent of the students received free lunches scored equal to Shanghai and beat Finland, South Korea

and Japan. Meanwhile, students at schools where more than 50 percent of the students receive free lunches, PISA scores were well below the international average.

Comparing a subsample of U.S. schools to

“ Looking deeper into the numbers, it turns out that poverty is an important determinant of outcomes. ”

Gains and losses

State unemployment rate down, but barely

Bulletin Staff Report

New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.8 percent in August, down from 6.9 percent in July and also down from 7 percent a year ago.

The rate of over-the-year job growth, comparing August 2013 with August 2012, was 0.9 percent, representing a gain of 6,900 jobs.

The jobs survey continues to indicate slow but steady job growth.

Seven industries added employment over the year, five industries lost jobs, and one industry, transportation, warehousing, and utilities, reported employment that was unchanged from August 2012.

The largest gains continued to be reported by the leisure and hospitality industry, which added 4,400 jobs since last year.

The large educational and health services industry added 3,600 jobs, which shows continued improvement from previously lower growth. The financial activities industry remained strong, adding 1,900 jobs. The construction industry continued a five-month growth trend to report the best over-the-year numbers since 2006; it gained 1,200 jobs, a notable improvement but still thousands of jobs below peak levels.

Manufacturing employment declined by 800 jobs. The information industry lost 500 jobs, likely associated with the state's film industry. The small wholesale trade industry also reported 500 fewer jobs. Government employment registered a net loss of 3,100 jobs since last year, with losses reported at the federal and local levels. The sharp drop in local government employment is likely a result of changing seasonal patterns that will settle by the time school employment fully returns in September.

Detailed analysis will be provided in the Labor Market Review scheduled for release Friday, Sept. 27.

the average score of foreign countries is not strictly kosher, but it illustrates a point. If you want to improve U.S. performance on international tests, then reducing poverty is the key, but we knew this already. Innumerable studies show that family income is an important determinant of school performance. Kids from poor families just don't do as well as kids from well-off homes.

But then we have to ask ourselves, do we really want to perform better on international tests? After all, if Shanghai students do well on an international test, does that mean we should adopt the Chinese educational system, a system designed to maintain the power of the

ruling communist elite? Shouldn't we be more interested in developing a system that promotes U.S. values of democracy, individualism and freedom?

The above is made clearer when we realize that the relationship between scores on international tests and economic outcomes is very weak. We can continue our national tradition of doing poorly in international comparisons, even as we continue our national tradition of high income and extraordinarily productive workers.

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20135438	RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS	JACOB B. QUINONES & WILLIAM QUINONES	2056 COTTON AVE.	QUINONES DESIGN BUILD INC.	\$33.73	\$850
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El Paso Electric employees honored for contributions to the community



El Paso Electric Co. CEO Tom Shockley, center, with EPE employees Kirk Clifton, John Hupfer, Patricia Carrillo and Joe Garibay, who received EPE's community service MegaWatt Award.

El Paso Electric Co. employees have contributed more than 14,000 hours to their communities in the past year. This accomplishment was cause for celebration at EPE's annual Volunteers in Action Breakfast Friday, Sept. 20. EPE employees were honored for their contributions to the community, and four awards were presented to recognize exceptional community leadership.

El Paso Electric's MegaWatt Award is presented to those employees who have demonstrated Excellence in Community Service. This year's recipients are: Kirk Clifton, senior project manager finance; Patricia Carrillo, customer service representative; John Hupfer, employee communications specialist and Joe Garibay, director of customer service.

Sunspot ranked among top solar contractors in nation

Locally owned and operated Sunspot Solar Energy has been recognized among the nation's top solar energy contractors by Solar Power World magazine in its September issue. Ranked by the total amount of megawatts (MW) it installed in 2012, Sunspot was No. 40 among residential contractors nationwide and No. 128 among all contractors.

Each year, Solar Power World ranks solar energy contractors across the nation based on the total megawatts of new installs in the previous year. Commercial systems installed by Sunspot in 2012 accounted for .517 MW and residential installations reached .893 MW,

for a combined total of 1.41 MW. That makes Sunspot the highest-ranked New Mexico-based residential solar contractor on this year's list.

Jack Key Kia to present check to charity

Jack Key Kia, the newest and youngest member of the Jack Key Auto Group, will present a check to the Muscular Dystrophy Association at 11:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 20. The dealership partnered last month with the local MDA offices, based out of El Paso and under the management of Kathleen Born for a weekend-long event during which \$10,351 was raised. The check presentation will be held at the Jack Key Kia dealership located at 955 S. Valley Drive. Complimentary drinks and snacks will be served.

Doña Ana Community College receives \$100,000

The Hunt Family Foundation, founded by Woody and Gayle Hunt from El Paso, has awarded a grant for \$100,000 for the Doña Ana Community College Scholarship Program, which is administered by the NMSU Foundation. The \$100,000 will be matched with earnings from the John Wynne scholarship endowment at the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico.

This scholarship is to benefit students from Doña Ana County, in particular high school graduates from the Gadsden Independent School District, with a declared major in business, information systems, health and public services or technical studies.

The check presentation and reception took place on Monday, Sept. 23, at the DACC Gadsden Center.

Bank of the Rio Grande welcomes Armitage

Bank of the Rio Grande has welcomed back Stephanie Armitage as branch manager of the Northrise banking office. Armitage previously served as a teller, and was then promoted to branch supervisor at Bank of the Rio Grande in 2010. During the interim period, she served as the grant coordinator for the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico in Las Cruces.

As branch manager, Armitage is primarily responsible for providing leadership to all banking office staff and maintaining exceptional customer service in the delivery of all retail banking and loan products and services.

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Wish List

The Las Cruces Bulletin is preparing for the 2013 Community Wish List. This annual publication gives local nonprofit organizations the opportunity to gather donations and support from the community. Nonprofits are encouraged to complete and fax this form to the Bulletin no later than Friday, October 18.



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New Mexico Main Street fall quarterly convention

The City of Las Cruces and the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership will host the fall quarterly for the New Mexico Main Street communities Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 2-4. Represented during the convention will be 27 Main Street communities. Join us at the Branigan Cultural Center during the DLCP breakfast on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 500 N. Water St. to meet other New Mexico Main Street board members and their staff from throughout the state.

Downtown Charrette in October

The City of Las Cruces will host the Downtown Charrette Monday through Friday, Oct. 7-11, at the Community Enterprise Center, 125 N. Main St. A charrette is a focused and intensive set of planning and design exercises. The result of a charrette is a well-vetted set of recommended goals, policies and implementation priorities.

Here are some of the items we intend to discuss during the charrette:

- Revisiting Downtown plans
- Economic development
- Urban design
- Plaza and callecitas

For more information contact Andy Hume, senior planner, at ahume@las-cruces.org or 528-3022

Loft style apartments coming to Downtown

The Lofts at Alameda Boulevard are on track to be completed within the year on Alameda Boulevard, next to the Las Cruces Sun-News building. Thirty-eight loft-style apartments, consisting of 24 one bedroom two bath units and 14 one bedroom one bath units will be adding to the residential component that is essential to Downtown revitalization. Work Downtown? Tired of

the commute? Move within walking distance of work, the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market and other fun stuff to do within a one-mile radius. Spaces are filling up, but there is still time to reserve your next home Downtown. Email alamedalofts@gmail.com to reserve your space.

DLCP Business Breakfast Buzz

The Thursday, Oct. 3, Business Breakfast will be at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Visit www.downtownlascruces.org and click on the event calendar link to find breakfast locations and other neat events happening Downtown.

If you would like to sponsor a DLCP Business Breakfast, call 525-1955 for available months.

Downtown Art Ramble

Enjoy a beautiful night on Main Street while visiting Downtown galleries from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4.

For further information on how you can become part of Main Street and Downtown Las Cruces, contact the DLCP at 525-1955.

Things you can do Downtown this month

- Visit our new frame and art supply shop, Mas Art, at 126 S. Main St.
- Come to the Rio Grande Theatre (www.riograndetheatre.com/calendar).
- Visit Happy Dog at the northwest corner of Griggs Avenue and Water Street for Happy Dog Tuesday (\$5 specials).
- Go to the Downtown Art Ramble and visit the galleries the first Friday of the month from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 4.
- Visit the Las Cruces Museum of Art, Branigan Cultural Center and Museum of Nature & Science. Admission is free.
- Buy freshly grown vegetables and crafts at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday.
- Buy a book at COAS Books and trade in some of your own.
- Buy art at MVS, Big Picture and M. Phillips Gallery – all on Main Street.
- Spend the day at the spa at the Downtown Spa or Carmonas on Main Street. ,•



A shaded callecita adorned with vines is a favorite walkway for visitors to Main Street. Plazas and callecitas will be a topic at the Downtown Charrette Monday through Friday, Oct. 7-11, at the Community Enterprise Center, 125 N. Main St.

- Visit Las Cruces Community Theatre (<http://lcctnm.org>).
- Visit Black Box Theatre and the No Strings Theater Company (www.no-strings.org).
- Visit Ladies and Gents, a great spa for both men and women, at 232 N. Campo St.
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Preparing to lead at Junior Amigos youth event

Hispanic Chamber taps teens

The Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Sept. 19, hosted an informational meeting for 13 teens interested in participating in the chamber's Junior Amigos program.

Attendees received applications and an invitation to help with The Whole Enchilada Fiesta and other events.

The chamber continues to accept applications for the 2013-14 school year.

Interested students are invited to attend the first meeting of the season at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, in the US Bank first floor conference room, 277 E. Amador Ave.

For more information, contact the chamber at 524-8900 or losamigos@lascruceshispanicchamber.com.



Eldelisa Nava describes the work of the Hispanic Chamber at a Sept. 19 event for prospective Junior Amigos.



Junior Amigos Chair Armine Mendivil shares information about the opportunity for Junior Amigos to experience the satisfaction of helping others while learning leadership, networking and other important skills.

Basics

Continued from page B1

"I wouldn't want more than 30 vendors Downtown," he said. "I'm not trying to compete with the Downtown farmers market. I'm not after the vendors and people who go there on Saturday or Wednesday.

"I'm after the people who aren't going there because it's just too busy. It's not really a farmer's market, anymore, it's basically a weekly fair where only 12 to 15 percent of the vendors are growers. It's a wonderful thing, but it's not for everyone."

Currently looking at different sites, Sarvo said his goals align perfectly with Hume's in that he wants to bring more life Downtown and, hopefully, stimulate interest by business owners to take a chance on Main Street.

Part of that extended plan is to work alongside Happy Dog's Russ Smith on the Food Truck Round-up, which would bring all of the various food truck vendors in town together once a month in the El Paso Electric parking lot. In doing so, he sees a collaboration that would be unique for Las Cruces: Food trucks, an evening farmers market and entertainment.

"I think it would be a great idea to show short New Mexico-made films in a big tent," he said. "People can come down and sit for half an hour, 45 minutes, watch a movie, get a beer, maybe afterwards have a band or local musician play some music, let 'em dance a little. And then they leave with fresh food for their family. Who wouldn't love that?"

With civic interest rising and many concerned that, with potential growth, Las Cruces is in danger of losing its rustic, small town charm, Sarvo's goals come as a breath of fresh air to city organizers. Part of the reason could be that as bucolic as his views may be, he never seems to lose sight of the ultimate goal.

"We want to engage the local businesses, not exclude them or replace them," he said. "This gives people more reason to open up another restaurant, because there's already something happening Downtown, which is why Andy is very interested in it. What's the number one thing that draws people Downtown? The farmers market. If you do something every Friday evening, wouldn't that increase the chance of a restaurant or a night gallery making it?"

One thing that can be said for Monty Sarvo, he dreams big, even when he's talking about the simple things in life. It's also fundamental to note that when he talks about his dreams, people listen. He's currently working with a visionary group made up of local farmers, musicians and Downtown advocates to bring those dreams to life, with the city's help, of course.

He and his co-conspirators, including Hume, would like to see something taking place as early as mid-October. In the meantime, he's just happy that his new enterprise is doing so well.

"The Sunday market is exactly what I wanted it to be and will remain exactly what it is," he said. "A small farmer's market in the parking lot of TSC, with vendors selling things like vegetables, fruits, eggs, live chickens, things that enhance why people come to Tractor Supply Co. That's why they're letting us do it there. It enhances their business and gives us business. We're all working together and isn't that what it's all about?"

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Investing in success, from the ground up

Arrowhead Innovation Network continues to expand regional partnerships

By **Amanda Bradford**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

When it comes to building a business from the ground up, the right relationships and interpersonal connections can mean the difference between a successful launch and a misfire.

"You're going to do business with people you like and people you trust. That determines the speed with which you'll commit to things," said Beto Pallares, a venture capitalist, specialist in business incubation and the Investor-in-Residence in New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Innovation Network. "When people have a positive expectation that's backed up by positive past experiences, they're going to engage again, and that's how business is done."

Pallares is founder of Joseph Advisory Services, which advises and invests in early stage technology companies and venture capital funds. He's also a recipient of the prestigious Kauffman Fellowship.

Pallares brings his extensive network of business contacts – including other Kauffman Fellows – to the Arrowhead Innovation

Network, which is funded through the i6 Challenge, a national competition to spur innovation, accelerate commercialization of ideas to market and create companies and jobs through support of proof of concept centers.

In July, Pallares was part of the Paseo del Norte Venture Expo, a partnership between Arrowhead Center; Joseph Advisory Services; The Hub of Human Innovation, an El Paso-based business incubator; the University of Texas at El Paso's Center for Research Entrepreneurship & Innovative Enterprises; Texas Tech University's Office of Technology Commercialization; and Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey en Ciudad Juárez.

Pallares said the expo was one example of how getting involved with Arrowhead Innovation Network can help entrepreneurs begin to build the network of contacts they'll need in order to see their ventures come to fruition. Connecting the talent and resources in the region, he said, will help attract attention from beyond the Southwest – something he

said is a top goal for the incubator over the next few years.

"The next iteration of value-add to the region for Arrowhead includes the ability to draw in resources from outside the region, because it's built its trust base outside of the region as well," he said.

Rachael Ryan got a chance to talk about her company, Wildlife Diagnostics, at the expo, and said she found the experience informative and rewarding.

"The Expo enabled us to connect with many regional investors with an interest in both local environment conservation issues and helping innovative emerging businesses in a way that would not have been possible at a larger national event," she said.

Mike Lisk of Remote Well Solutions LLC said he's grateful for the support Arrowhead Innovation Network has provided in terms of both advice and networking opportunities like the expo.

"With the great pool of knowledge and wisdom they possess, they are able to give critical advice and guidance, as well as select

opportunities that fit perfectly to the efforts of the particular technology," he said. "These opportunities open doors to the entrepreneur that would otherwise be closed."

Kramer Winingham, whose company, 35 Solar, is seeking funding to create a prototype of a new solar cell production technique, said he made some important contacts.

"The Expo was a tremendous opportunity to build connections with investors. It gave us the opportunity to present our idea to a great audience," he said.

For Arrowhead Innovation Network, Pallares said the goal isn't "replicating Silicon Valley," it's being comfortable with your own abilities and being ready to stand with other companies on equal footing.

"You must know how everyone is measured and compared across the world," he said. "You need to understand the bar for best practices – the common standard of success – and then meet it."

The key to that, he said, is outreach like the Paseo del Norte Venture Expo – opportunities to let other regions know what we have to offer, so that when they go looking for innovation, they look for it here.



PALLARES

Preserving the heat

NMSU studying heritage landrace chile varieties to create consumer guide

By **Jane Moorman**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico is known for its chile. The spicy vegetable is part of the state's history, tradition and culture. There is even a state question – "Red or Green?"

As the chile industry strives to improve the chile pods for uniformity of size and shape, mechanical harvest and destemming and food processing, there is a danger of the unique landrace chile varieties being lost.

New Mexico State University is conducting trials of 15 landrace varieties to establish a consumer guide that will categorize and describe the various traits of these chiles.

"Landrace chile varieties, including

Chimayo, are a uniquely original New Mexico specialty crop," said Stephanie Walker, NMSU Cooperative Extension Service vegetable specialist, whose research studies many aspects of chile. "These varieties have been developed through many generations of selection by farming families in northern New Mexico and are recognized by consumers for their excellent quality."

Landrace is a term used to describe heritage vegetable or fruit varieties from a specific geographical area. In New Mexico, families or communities have selected a variety of the chile that has distinct characteristic for their area.

"While these varieties are genetically distinct from commercial chile cultivars, there is evidence that cross-pollination has occurred

between the landrace-types and commercial cultivars, potentially threatening the distinction of these varieties," Walker said.

Graduate student Chuck Havlik, under the direction of Walker, is gathering data that will aid in categorizing and describing the different chile landraces. The chile landraces in the trial included Chimayo, Alcalde, Casados Native, Cochiti Pueblo, Escondida, Isleta Pueblo, Jarames, Jemez Pueblo, Puerta de Luna, San Felipe Pueblo, Santo Domingo Pueblo, Velarde and Zia Pueblo.

"Individuals and farming families have

created excellent landrace chile varieties through many generations of selection and seed saving," Havlik said. "As a preliminary step to protecting the uniformity of the different landrace chile varieties, collecting information documenting the unique attributes of each is critical."

This information will be compiled in an Extension publication that will be available for use by growers in publicizing and selling their chile products. The replicated trials measured key quality components of the varieties that are providing a baseline description of each.

Chuck Havlik, NMSU graduate student, describes the unique traits of landrace chiles to Noble Brooks Reed, left. Havlik is working with Stephanie Walker, NMSU Extension vegetable specialist, to establish a consumer guide that will categorize and describe the various traits of the heritage landrace chiles.



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The Doña Ana County Labor Relations Board is a three-member board of volunteers whose members enforce provisions of the Doña Ana County Labor-Management Relations Ordinance and the Board's Labor-Management Relations Rules and Regulations through the imposition of appropriate administrative remedies.

Matters that historically have come before the labor management relations board include designation of appropriate bargaining units, the selection, certification and decertification of exclusive representatives and the filing, hearing, and determination of complaints of prohibited practices.

One member representing management and one member representing labor are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and the two appointees recommend the third neutral member appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for one-year appointments. During the term of appointment, no Board member shall hold or seek any other political office or public employment or be an employee of a union, an organization representing public employees or a public employer.

Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m., Friday, October 4, 2013. Applications should consist of a letter of interest, a current resume and three letters of reference. Application packets should be mailed or delivered to the Doña Ana County Human Resources Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007 Attention: HR Department. Application packets also can be faxed to

(575) 525-5888.

For more information, call (575) 647-7210. Residents calling from outside the Las Cruces area may call toll-free at 1-877-827-7200 and request extension 7210.

Dates: 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 2013

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the Third Judicial District Court, for the irrigation of 5.88 acres of land owned by the applicant located within Pt. NE¼ of said Section 22. Well LRG-1542 and proposed well LRG-15442-POD1 are located approximately 2,200 ft. south southwest and 1,200 ft. southwest, respectively, of the intersection of W. Joy Dr. and NM Hwy 478. Well LRG-15442-POD1 will be located at the physical address of 90 Dreams Dr., approximately one mile northwest of Anthony, NM. Well LRG-1542 will be retained for other water rights.

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 tiled, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 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 tiled, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 16, 2013, Joel A. and Yolanda Tellez, 2917 Hwy 28, La Union, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-15146-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-15146, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-15146-POD1 located on land owned by the applicant within the SE¼ SW¼ of projected Section 16, T27S, R03E, NMPM and using proposed well LRG-15146-POD2 to be drilled to an approximate depth of 160 ft. below ground surface with 12-inch

casing located within the SW¼ SW¼ of said Section 16 on land owned by the applicant at approximately X=1,517,414 Y=346,655 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the diversion of 33.75 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, or as determined by the Third Judicial District Court, for the irrigation of 7.5 acres of land owned by the applicant located within Pt. SW¼ of said Section 16 and Pt. NW¼ of projected Section 21, T27S, R03E. Wells LRG-15146-POD1 and proposed well LRG-15146-POD2 are located approximately 1,100 ft. of the intersection of Mercantile Ave. and NM Hwy 28, La Union, NM. Well LRG-15146-POD1 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 tiled, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 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.

Dates: 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 11, 2013 Rodrigo Rodriguez, PO Box 8203, Las Cruces, NM 88006 filed application numbered LRG-15603-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Existing Water Right by Changing the Point of Diversion within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-15603-POD1 located in the NW¼ NW¼, Section

01, T23S, R01E, NMPM, and drilling a new well LRG-15603-POD2 to be within 100 feet of the old well at approximately X=1,470,932 ft and Y=488,750 ft NMSP, NAD83 in the NW¼NW¼, Section01, T23S, R01E, NMPM, on land owned by Rodrigo & Martha Rodriguez for the diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum for groundwater for domestic purposes as Declared in water right file LRG-15603. The proposed well is generally described as being in Las Cruces at the physical location of 3012 Doña Ana Road.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objection, or protest, shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the State of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 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 sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-13-3 of NMSA, 1978.

Dates: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 15, 2013, Grindell Trust U & Grindell Trust W (Contact: Raymond R. Lopez), PO Box 1996, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-1361-POD2 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 well LRG-1361, located on property owned by the applicants within the NE¼ of projected Section 4, Township 24S, Range 02E (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 10.08" N & 106°44'7.885"W (WGS84) and drilling replacement well LRG-1361-POD2, on or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 10.08" N & 106°44'8.02"W (WGS84) within the SE¼ NE¼ of Section 4, on land owned by the applicants. Replacement well LRG-1361-POD2 will be drilled to a depth of 450 feet, shall have a 4-inch casing, and will be used for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic one-household use as described in Subfile Order LRS-28-002-0142. The site of proposed replacement well LRG-1361-POD2 will be south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found approximately 0.32 miles east-northeast of the intersection of Lassiter Rd. and Grindell Rd. Existing well LRG-1361 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.


Dates: 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 24, 2013, Dipp Farms, LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company, 100 N. Ochoa, El Paso, TX 79901, filed application numbered LRG-1678 POD2 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-1678 located within the NW¼ of Section 34, township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 0' 19.34"N, 106° 37' 31.85"W WGS84, on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 1,000 feet for 6-inch casing to be located within the NW¼ of section 34, township 26 South, Range 3 East. NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 0' 19.73"N, 106° 37' 30.77"W WGS84, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued

diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum for domestic one household purpose. The site for replacement well LRG-1678 POD2 is located west of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 0.4 mile north east of the intersection of Washington Street and Dairy Farm Road, and at address of 800 Washington Street. Existing well LRG-1678 will be 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.

Dates: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 2013



City of Las Cruces
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE


PUBLIC AUCTION

The City of Las Cruces (City) uses an online auction service to dispose of obsolete, unusable, or surplus equipment, furnishings, vehicles and supplies.

The public is invited to view and bid on items by accessing PublicSurplus.com through a link on the City's webpage las-cruces.org. All sales are final.

For more information, please contact the City of Las Cruces Property Transfer & Disposal Coordinator at 575-541-2683, 575-541-2590 or auction@las-cruces.org

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Dates 1/4 - 12/27, 2013



SOUTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The South Central Solid Waste Authority uses a web-based auction service to dispose of obsolete or surplus equipment. As items are available they will be posted to publicsurplus.com where the public is invited to view or submit bids using this online auction service.

For more information please contact the South Central Solid Waste Authority at 575-528-3709 or email scswa.prop@las-cruces.org.

Dates 8/9/13 - 12/27/13

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AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PHYLLIS K. GORDEN, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendant The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Phyllis K. Gorden, deceased.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 2510 Desert Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 2, Block M, COUNTRY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 9, 1961, in Book 1 at page(s) 59 of plat records.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
THE CASTLE LAW GROUP, LLC

By: /s/ Steven J. Lucero
Electronically Filed
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20 First Plaza NW,
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Attorney for Plaintiff

NM13-01109_FC01

Dates: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-0201202704

REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF BETTY J. ROBERTSON, DECEASED, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, HACIENDA ACRES NEIGHBOR-

HOOD ASSOCIATION (HANA) AND THE UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSE OF BETTY J. ROBERTSON, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on October 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 256 of Hacienda Acres (Revised), Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Hacienda Acres (Revised), filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on August 22, 1961 in Plat Book 8, Folio 77, which Property is more commonly described as 5067 Hacienda Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88011, previously known as 5237 Hacienda Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88011

Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 8, 2013 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$86,758.74 plus interest from July 1, 2013, to the date of sale at a variable rate per year, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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NM12-02079_FC01

Dates: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-2012-02738

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

REBECCA R. BARRETT, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF REBECCA R. BARRETT, DECEASED, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned

Special Master will on October 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 4 in block numbered D of Arrowhead Estates 9, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Arrowhead Estates 9, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 17, 2005 in plat 21, folio 163-164.

The address of the real property is 3536 Hermosillo Place, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 7, 2013 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$151,551.44 plus interest from May 9, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Dates: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2012-02624

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2012-1T, Plaintiff,

v.

CORRIE STONE AND CITY OF LAS CRUCES, A NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on October 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real es-

tate located in said County and State:

Lot 1 of Manzanita Subdivision, located in the city of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the county clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 26, 2005 and recorded in book 21 at pages 214, plat records.

The address of the real property is 901 S Manzanita ST, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 7, 2013 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$94,291.93 plus interest from January 10, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, ease-

ments, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Dates: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2012-02848

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

CONSUELO LUJAN, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF CONSUELO LUJAN, DECEASED, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CONSUELO LUJAN, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on October 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 25 in Block numbered 14 of Dale Bella-

man Manor, Section No. 2, Plat Mo. 4, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Dale Bellamah Manor, Section No. 2, Plat Mo. 4, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on September 6, 1958 in Plat Book 8, Folio 31.

The address of the real property is 2321 E. Idaho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 8, 2013 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$87,748.95 plus interest from May 20, 2013 to the date of sale at a variable rate per year, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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ded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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Dates: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-02146

US BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2012-3T, Plaintiff,

v.

EMILIO ENRIQUEZ, GLORIA ENRIQUEZ AND WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on October 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 26, Block C, College Hill Subdivision, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and Designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on April 12, 1950, Book 7 Page(s) 7 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1126 Gardner Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 7, 2013 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$108,474.59 plus interest from October 29, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-2013-00273

MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,

v.

SCOTT TAMBURRINO, AGNES TAMBURRINO AND THE CASITAS AT MORNINGSTAR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on October 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Unit 2004, The Casitas at Morningstar Condominiums, a condominium, in the city of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being more fully described in Condominium Declaration recorded on January 7, 2005, in Book 578 Pages 695 through 763 and Amended Condominium Declaration recorded March 27, 2007, in Book 800 Pages 358 through 430 both of Official Records. Together with the undivided interest in the common area and facilities appurtenant to said unit.

The address of the real property is 3650 Morning Star Drive Unit 2004, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the

street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on July 16, 2013 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$135,249.38 plus interest from May 16, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Dates: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-2012-02877

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

v.

JACQUELINE F. UNGERLEIDER AKA JACQUELINE UNGERLEIDER, DEL PRADO CONDOMINIUM OWNERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JACQUELINE F. UNGERLEIDER AKA JACQUELINE UNGERLEIDER, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on October 22, 2013 at 11:45 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Unit 2426, Del Prado Condominiums, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, more fully described in the declaration of Condominium of Del Prado Condominiums, recorded in book 696, pages 1495-1520, records of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, together with an undivided percentage interest in the common areas and limited common areas as defined in said declaration of condominium.

The address of the real property is 2426 Elena Way #2426, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is

the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 19, 2013 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$165,676.92 plus interest from January 4, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to

the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-2012-02879

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

v.

H. JAY SMAL AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF H. JAY SMAL, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on October 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 45, Block K, Dos Suenos Estates, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on December 23, 2004, in Book 21 Pages 84-89 of plat records.

The address of the real property is 4504 Camino Dos Vidas, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 7, 2013 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the

above-described real estate in the sum of \$142,501.47 plus interest from May 8, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2012-01871

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION AKA PHH MORTGAGE SERVICES, Plaintiff,

v.

JESUS M. GARIBAY, MERCEDES S. GARI-BAY, BEAL BANK S.S.B AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot 7, ERMITA MESA #4, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on NOVEMBER 23, 1988, in Book 15, Page 371 of Plat Records.

And all improvements, including but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto.

The address of the real property is 4665 Northgate, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 7, 2013 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$59,199.97 plus interest from April 1, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expen-

ded for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.
D-307-CV-2013-00519

SUNTRUST

MORTGAGE, INC, Plaintiff,

v.

GERARD R. RUSH AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERARD R. RUSH, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on October 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 3 in Block numbered C of DESERT BREEZE SUBDIVISION, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Desert Breeze Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on July 26, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 714-717.

The address of the real property is 5518 Gobi LN, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on July 22, 2013 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$130,253.68 plus interest from May 23, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No.
D-307-CV-2013-00508

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

v.

MONICA M. ESCAMILLA AND MONIQUE HOMES INC., A NEW MEXICO CORPORATION, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on October 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot Numbered 48 in Block Numbered A of Los Enamorados Estates Final Plat - Replat No. 2, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Los Enamorados Estates Final Plat - Replat No. 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on July 27, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 722 - 727.

The address of the real property is 4841 Calle Bella, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 7, 2013 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$180,242.87 plus interest from April 24, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.577% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
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Case No.
D-307-CV-2013-00005

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-W9, Plaintiff,

v.

DONALD WHITTINGTON AKA DONALD L. WHITTINGTON AND CLAUDIA WHITTINGTON, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on October 8, 2013 at 11:00

AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 5A and the easterly 1 foot of Lot 6A, Block 3, Replat of Lots 5 and 6, Block 3 and Block 1 in entirety of Unit 6A, Santa Teresa Subdivision, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 22, 1977, in Book 12, Page 107 of Plat records.

The address of the real property is 109 Sundance Court, Santa Teresa, NM 88008. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 7, 2013 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$141,666.45 plus interest from February 4, 2013 to the date of sale at a variable rate per year, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
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Case No.
D-307-CV-2012-02895

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HARBORVIEW MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4, Plaintiff,

v.

ERIKA CHAMBERLIN AKA ERIKA J. CHAMBERLIN, WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ERIKA CHAMBERLIN AKA ERIKA J. CHAMBERLIN, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on October 8, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the

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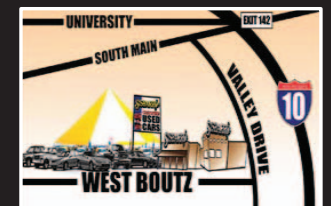
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STATE FAIR & RODEO

OPENS WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

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Let's go to the fair

State fair returns with livestock, music, carnival

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Nearly approaching its 50th anniversary, the 47th annual Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo will once again light up the Interstate 10 horizon Wednesday through Sunday, Oct. 2-6.

When the SNMSF&R began in the 1960s, it took place on the New Mexico State University campus. The event took off, and within a few years it out grew that location and was moved to the fairgrounds off Robert Larson Boulevard.

"That's where we are now," said SNMSF&R President Mark Halvorsen. "We've built many buildings out there."

The fair covers eight counties – Doña Ana, Otero, Luna, Hidalgo, Sierra, Catron, Grant and El Paso – and brings a bevy of entertainment options to the region, including a livestock show and sale, rodeo, fair royalty, arts and crafts displays, bake sale, antique tractor show, a full-scale carnival, live music and more.

This year, the fair will feature several new entertainment acts, including a shark tank, Chinese acrobats and a tractor pull.

"For the first time, we'll host tractor pulls in the open arena," Halvorsen said. "They're modified tractors with high-performance engines."

Because SNMSF&R is a member of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, organizers receive flyers and memos about a variety of entertainment acts and companies.

"We'll comb through them and show the board," Halvorsen said. "We like to change it around. We like to get new stuff you don't get to see much of normally."

This doesn't mean fairgoers can't expect to see the usual items that make SNMSF&R a fall staple.

"The rodeo is another area we've grown," Halvorsen said. "It began as an open amateur show. Now we're in our eighth year of hosting the Turquoise ProRodeo Circuit Finals."

"The Turquoise Circuit is the (Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association) division for

Arizona and New Mexico, so we bring in some big names. We've had several world champs come here."

Horse trainer Rudy Lara will once again make the drive from La Mesa. He will provide riders with insight on how to train their horses the natural way, helping to eliminate any fear in the human and animal.

Another popular attraction is the fair's musical entertainment, featuring some of the best country, rock and tejano acts around. Local favorite Crooked Beaver Creek will return to get the fair crowd up and two-steppin'. Also hitting the stage this year will be Brent Cobb, Cody Johnson, Cory Morrow and Las Cruces' own up-and-comer Natajja Gomez.

While there is plenty to keep visitors busy, Halvorsen said he is most looking forward to the livestock show, which the fair evolved around since its inception in 1967.

"My kids show and I know what these kids put into to prepare for these shows," he said. "This is their chance to shine. They've worked 12 months for that. And to see the smiles on their faces – it's the most enjoyable thing of the whole fair."

Following a year of hard work and devotion, area youth get their chance to shine when their prized pigs, goats, rabbits, chickens, heifers, steers, sheep and lambs take center stage, hoping to bring home a blue ribbon – and a hefty price tag in the livestock sale.

The sale, which follows the livestock show at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, typically nets more than \$200,000 on more than 100 animals. Proceeds from this sale go back to the exhibitors as well as support \$13,000 in scholarships granted to high school seniors in those programs. Since 2007, \$50,000 in scholarships have been awarded to 4-H and FFA students in the eight counties the fair encompasses using these funds.

Of course, the fair wouldn't be the same without the carnival, brought by Frazier Shows, this year featuring 26 rides. Several new gravity-defying rides have been added to this year's slate, including The Freak Out, which spins and swings carnival-goers back and forth high above the fair's brightly lit midway, as well as familiar favorites including the



Wyatt Bailey, 7, from Chaparral, tries out a toy gun at Jimmy's Toys stand at the 2012 Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo. This year's fair takes place Wednesday through Sunday, Oct. 2-6, at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

carousel and Giant Gondola Wheel. A number of kiddie rides are also available, making the carnival a true family affair.

Drawing approximately 35,000 visitors a year, SNMSF&R isn't just an entertainment extravaganza, but also a boon for the region's pocketbook.

"A lot of people come to town and stay in hotels because of the fair," Halvorsen said. "The economic impact is huge, not only as far as hotels, food and fuel, but also because youths spend all year making their projects."

One of the reasons the fair has been able

to maintain its success and continue to grow is because of the partnership the SNMSF&R Board of Directors has made with Doña Ana County officials, Halvorsen said.

"We're working together to make changes this year," he said. "We're continuing to make changes for the best of the fairgrounds."

"I'd like to thank county administration for working with the fair board to better improve the grounds. I'd also like to thank the Sheriff's Department, which helps with the traffic flow, and things like that. Without them, we don't have a fair, basically."

Details

Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo

When

8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2
10 a.m. to midnight Thursday, Oct. 3
10 a.m. to midnight Friday, Oct. 4
10 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 5
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6

Where

Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd.

Cost

- Children younger than age 6: Free
- Regular child (age 7 to 14): \$10
- Regular adult (age 15 and older): \$12
- Half off all day Wednesday
- Half off until 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday

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Three of the more than 300 anonymous submissions to "Project Postcard," which opens Friday, Oct. 4, at the New Mexico State University Art Gallery and culminates with a postcard sale and silent auction Friday, Oct. 11.

Featured exhibit: *Project Postcard*

Wish you were here

'Project Postcard' draws artwork submissions from around the world

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"Project Postcard," the New Mexico State University Art Department's bi-annual fundraiser and sale, opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4. The postcard sale and silent auction will take place one week later, from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11.

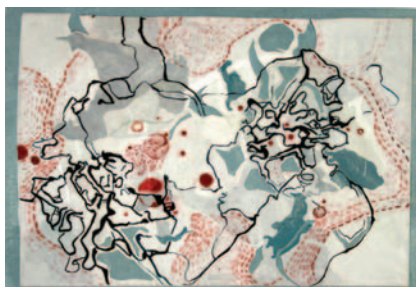
During the week of Oct. 4-11, the more than 300 5-by-7-inch pieces submitted by artists from all over will be displayed in the University Art Gallery, inside D.W. Williams Hall, 1390 E. University Ave., during which time interested patrons will have a chance to browse the selections and, if they choose, note which they'd like to own.

On Friday, Oct. 11, the sale begins. Art lovers will purchase tickets for \$40 apiece, and their numbers will be placed in a bowl. During the sale, numbers are drawn one by one; when your number is called, head up and take your pick of the remaining pieces.

The fundraiser, which had its first iteration in 2011, was inspired by a similar show held by the Royal College of Art in London, said NMSU Art Department Head Julia Barello.

Barello, impressed by the scope and draw of the London event, said she thought it would be a perfect fit for NMSU, not only as a way to raise funds for student programs and visiting speakers, but as a way to involve the community at large in the goings-on of the art department and University Art Gallery.

"Our goal with doing 'Project Postcard' is both to fundraise and to revolve ourselves with artists in the community, artists nationally and alumni of our program," she said. "We really wanted a way to raise money and make connections, bring artists together. It's very



much about community building in the arts."

The process is relatively simple: A call for artwork was issued locally, as well as nationally and, eventually, through the miracle of social networking, around the world. Not long after, the submissions began to pour in from NMSU art department faculty, staff, students and alumni, as well as artists from the local, national and even international community.

"A remarkable scope of work has come in," Barello said. "We've gotten a British artist who sent us two pieces, we received two pieces from Helsinki, some from Germany, from Africa. This is drawing work from people who have nothing to do with the (NMSU art) department or even Las Cruces."

To date, Barello and the department have received more than 300 pieces, and the work is still trickling in. During a short, hour long interview, four submissions came through the door, and Barello said she could easily see breaking the 400 mark by show date.

According to Barello, the fundraising component of "Project Postcard" is important to not only NMSU art students, but the community at large.

"It's increasingly important that what we do with the money we have for visiting artists benefits the whole town," she said. "The better we do, the more ability we'll have to bring in artists who are go-

Details

Project Postcard

When

Opening reception 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4
Fundraiser and postcard sale 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11

Where

New Mexico State University Art Gallery, D.W. Williams Hall
1390 E. University Ave.

Cost

\$40 per ticket

Website

www.facebook.com/pages/Project-Postcard-New-Mexico-State-University/214644788667691

Phone

646-1705

ing to be an interest to the community. There's a lot of people here in town who care very much about art but have never been to an event or a show at the gallery here. I've never understood why it was that way, and if we can break it down in any way, it's a positive."

Increasing the community's involvement with the university is extremely important, Barello said.

"In this department, we have an academic mission with the gallery to support a certain type of teaching for our students, and unfortunately, that doesn't always leave room for community involvement in the gallery," she said. "It doesn't always leave room for people in the community to have their work shown in the gallery, and this is an opportunity to do that. I think that's really important."

"I think the arts community here is big, and I think it's great to have people's work shown in this environment. I think it's really empowering for people to have their work recognized."



UPCOMING EVENTS

MON.-THU. IN OCTOBER	2-5 P.M.
Affordable Care Registration Assistance	Branigan Library
FRI. SEPT. 27	1030 A.M.
Rhythm Roundup - Music & Movement ages 2-5	Branigan Library
FRI. SEPT. 27	3 P.M.
Mah-Jongg Fun Friday: Learn New York Mah-Jongg	Branigan Library
FRI. SEPT. 27	3 P.M.
Fantastic Fridays: Craft & Story ages 7-11	Branigan Library
FRI. SEPT. 27	3 P.M.
Dinosaurs A to Z: Troodon	Museum of Nature & Science
FRI. SEPT. 28	10 A.M.
Family Science Saturday: Exoplanets	Museum of Nature & Science
FRI. SEPT. 28	10 A.M.
Fetch!: Seeing Through Alien Eyes	Museum of Nature & Science
SAT. SEPT. 28	10:30 A.M.
Storytellers of Las Cruces	COAS Bookstore
SAT. SEPT. 28	1 P.M.
Animal Encounters: Fish	Museum of Nature & Science
TUE. OCT. 1	10:30 A.M.
Read to Me - Storytime ages 3 & Up	Branigan Library
TUE. OCT. 1	6:30 P.M.
Every Other Tuesday - Blues Messiah	Rio Grande Theatre
WED.+THU. OCT. 2 +3	10 A.M.
Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3	Branigan Library
WED. OCT. 2	11 A.M.
Mother Goose Time	Branigan Library



ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Arts RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Camino del Arte - 2nd Saturday of the Month 11am-3pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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Galleries & Openings

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WEST END ART DEPOT presents "REshow: REpurposed + REcycled," an exhibit of the work of more than 30 artists from around New Mexico who have fashioned new art objects from old, used items, removing them from the waste stream and giving a fresh perspective on what and how we consume. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Sept. 28.

West End Art Depot is located at 401 N. Mesilla St. Gallery hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday. For more information, visit www.we-ad.org.

ADOBE PATIO GALLERY presents a new collection of work by 10 local artists in the main gallery, as well as "Inside-Outside," a series of figurative paintings by Joyce T. Macrorie, a continuation of the 2013 Pro-Artists Series. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Sept. 28.

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 532-9310.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY presents "Orange You Glad You Came," an exhibit of the whimsical and creative watercolors of Margaret Bernstein. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Sept. 28.

Mesquite Art Gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 640-3502.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents three exhibitions on the theme of "Black & White & Caliente," including "Tierra Caliente: A Photographic Essay of Cuba by Patrick Glaize," "Social Photography from the Permanent Collection" and "German Op-Art Ceramics, 1955-1975." The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Sept. 28.

The New Mexico State University Art Gallery is located inside D.W. Williams Hall, at the intersection of University Avenue and Solano Drive. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and evening hours from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 646-6110 or visit www.nmsu.edu/~artgal.

edu/~artgal.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY presents "The Journey," by artist Dennis Lujan. "The Journey" tells a story of self-awareness and personal triumphs and tragedy as told by the Native Americans around a nighttime fire in a universal experience. The exhibit will remain on display through Friday, Sept. 27.

Tombaugh Gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and by appointment. For more information, call 522-7281.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY features the pastels and watercolors of Nanci Bissell and the digital photography of Weeden "Rockwell" Nichols for the month of September. In addition, the 27 artists of the gallery offer art in many media. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of September.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933.

QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY features the paintings of Hal Fore during September. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of September.

Quillin Studio and Gallery is located at 317 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, call 312-1064.

MAIN STREET GALLERY presents "Fire and Ice: The Photography of Peter Goodman." View the primordial splendor of Iceland's volcanos, icebergs, geysers and glaciers through the lens of this world traveler. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of September.

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.

MOUNTAIN GALLERY presents Wendy Baldwin as September's Las Cruces Arts Association featured artist. She creates unique, hand-built clay art using slab, coil or sculpture techniques. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of September.

Mountain Gallery is located at 138 W. Mountain Ave. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 652-3485 or visit www.lascrucesarts.org.

M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY presents the balloon art of Vera Habrecht Simons during the month of September. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of September.

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.

EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY presents "Expressions," a collection of watercolors by Sam Gomez, inspired by the portraits and work of different photographers and artists, capturing their expressions and leaving to our imagination the story behind them. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Sept. 28.

El Paso Electric Gallery is located inside 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 or visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

CREATIVE HARMONY GALLERY AND GIFTS presents "New Beginnings," a series of artworks by Georjeanna Feltha in 2-D and 3-D. The exhibit will remain

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Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery
2470-A Calle de Guadalupe
Opens Tuesday, Oct. 1

Project Postcard/Conserving Tradition: The NMSU Retablo Collection

New Mexico State University Art Gallery
1390 E. University Ave.
Opens Friday, Oct. 4

Sandra Marshall

Mountain Gallery
138 Mountain Ave.
Opens Friday, Oct. 4

Shelley Black

Adobe Patio Gallery
1765 Avenida de Mercado
Opens Saturday, Oct. 5

Bones of New Mexico: Diana LeMarbe and Mel Stone

Tombaugh Gallery
2000 S. Solano Drive
Opens Sunday, Oct. 6

Dia de los Muertos by the Potters' Guild

Mesquite Art Gallery
340 N. Mesquite St.
Opens Friday, Oct. 12

on display through Monday, Sept. 30.

Creative Harmony Gallery and Gifts is located at 220 N. Campo St. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. For more information, call 312-3040.

ONGOING

CUTTER GALLERY presents "Pieces of String Too Small to Use," an exhibit of the whimsical, personal paintings of Rosemary McLoughlin. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Oct. 12.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

ROKOKO ART GALLERY presents "Let's Face It," a group exhibit of artists' creations expressing the different faces of life. The exhibit will remain on display through Nov. 3.

Rokoko Art Gallery is located at 1785 Calle de Mercado. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. For more information, call 405-8877.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART presents "From the Ground Up XXVI," a regional, juried exhibition of contemporary ceramics by 36 artists representing New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. The biannual event is a

collaboration between the Potters' Guild of Las Cruces and the Las Cruces Museum of Art. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Nov. 9.

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 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "Blending the Old and the New: Quilts by Paul D. Pilgrim," a tribute to a master quilt maker and ardent quilt collector. The exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, Oct. 9.

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 information, call 541-2154.

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING presents the annual LCPS Staff and Faculty Art Show, now on display in the lobby gallery. Media include paintings, drawings, pottery, poetry, photography, calligraphy and metal work. The exhibit will remain on display through Nov. 9.

LCPS administration building is located at 505 S. Main St., Loretto Town Centre, Suite 249. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Cynthia Smith at cysmith@lcp.k12.nm.us.

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Towering above the rest

Abraham's has made its home high above Downtown Las Cruces

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

One of Las Cruces' best kept culinary secrets lies in the upper floors of the City of the Crosses' tallest building, the Wells Fargo Bank Tower.

Abraham's Bank Tower Restaurant, with its clean, comfortable diner setting, inexpensive meals, fast and friendly service and unrivaled views of the city, has been in operation since 1984, under the guidance of husband-and-wife owners Brian and Debbie Abraham.

After six years Brian Abraham spent as a steelworker in Pennsylvania, the Abrahams found their way to the City of the Crosses after Brian's father, a dentist, told the couple there was a restaurant for sale in the Downtown area. They opened a coffee house in the La Esquina building on Main Street, but left two years later. After another year back in Pennsylvania, the Abrahams returned to Las Cruces, where Brian went to work at Furr's Cafeteria.

With young children at home and a work week that sometimes topped out at more than 90 hours, Brian Abraham said he wanted a way to spend more quality time with his family, while still pursuing his culinary craft. A restaurant space opened up in the Wells Fargo Bank Tower, which then housed First National Bank, as well as recruitment offices for the Marine Corps and Air Force, the Department of Labor and a few law firms, and the Abrahams jumped at the chance. In 1984, Abraham's Bank Tower Restaurant was born.

Now, after nearly 30 years serving classic American eats from its home on the fourth floor, Abraham's remains a local favorite.

Brian Abraham, who readily admits he's "not a gourmet," is devoted to preparing what he knows and loves. "I stick to good, down-to-earth, home-cooked food," and in that respect, he's succeeding in spades.

Abraham's menu features all the Americana classics we know and love, from hamburgers and sandwiches – notably the renowned Reuben and one of Brian Abraham's favorites, the Philly cheesesteak – to fresh fish, homemade soups and salads, not to mention Debbie Abraham's renowned made-from-scratch pies.

Speaking of the pies, make sure you save room. If you're lucky enough to make it in time – those in the know often raid the supply before lunchtime even strikes – Debbie Abraham's pies are to die for.

With apple, blueberry, cherry and



Abraham's Garden Burger is just one of the restaurant's heart-healthy options – though tried-and-true cheeseburgers are also available.

strawberry rhubarb making regular appearances, along with seasonal and specialty pies such as coconut cream, pecan, pumpkin and even Oreo cookie cream pies, you may want to take your meal to go, or just have dessert first.

Each day at Abraham's offers a different daily special. Mondays are cheese and chicken enchiladas, made with nothing else but Hatch chile of course ("There's really no other chile," Abraham said); Tuesdays, homemade meat loaf, which Bulletin publisher Richard Coltharp extols as the best he's ever had; on Wednesdays, baja shrimp and flounder, which make another appearance Fridays, as part of the seafood combo; and Thursdays, Southwest chicken fried steak or chicken fried chicken, smothered in red or green chile sauce.

The flounder, which Brian Abraham prides as one of his specialties, comes as straight from the ocean as possible, with Abraham taking monthly trips to Puerto Peñasco, Mexico, to select the finest cuts.

"I buy fish every three weeks down in Rocky Point," he said. "I like to be hands-on, going to the market, watching them file it, and I know the quality I want." When Abraham can't make the trip, he sends someone else whom he trusts to bring back product up to his high standard.

Abraham's is a simple, classic diner – albeit one with a better view than anywhere else in town – and, stripped of pretense, offers exactly what Brian Abraham intends: good food in a pleasant atmosphere.

Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Zak Hansen

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Atlas Shrugged ... again

Film producers turn to non-ironic crowd-funding



Zak Hansen
The Cheap Seats

In what may stand as the saddest irony in the entertainment world this week, the producers of the third "Atlas Shrugged" film – based on Ayn Rand's novel championing "rational selfishness" and critiquing altruism – have turned to crowd-funding, launching a Kickstarter campaign pandering for \$250,000 in donations, despite the free market not just speaking, but screaming itself blue, that it would rather not see any more – twice.

In the 56 years since Rand published her 1,168-page magnum opus, her morality, philosophy and talent have been torn to bits by liberals and conservatives alike. Literary critics savaged her novels, and academia largely ignored or wholly rejected her philosophy of Objectivism. Nevertheless, the book saw a wild increase in popularity in the late 2000s, when conservative commentators suggested it contained viable arguments and acted as a warning against the creeping socialism that followed the financial crisis. It rose to No. 33 on Amazon's top-selling books in early 2009, despite being more than 50 years old.

Red-faced windbag pundits – Rush Limbaugh and Glenn Beck most notably – praised Rand's novel to the high heavens on their programs. Clarence Thomas cited it as his favorite book and Republican vice presidential wannabe Paul Ryan claimed Rand's writing was "the reason (he) got into public office," later stating he required staffers to slog through its entire 1,100-plus pages.

In 2010, John Aglialoro, along with co-producer Harmon Kaslow, brought Rand's novel to the big screen with "Atlas Shrugged: Part 1," after four decades of floundering treatments, stalled budgets, script rewrites and general lack of

interest. With a low marketing budget, the film was promoted not through conventional channels, but rather through the Tea Party movement and organizations including FreedomWorks, led by Republican House Majority Whip Dick Armey. The film's trailer was even unveiled at the February 2011 Conservative Political Action Conference.

Opening on April 15, 2011, "Atlas Shrugged: Part 1" was a commercial and critical failure on almost every level. The review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes holds the film at an 11 percent "rotten" rating, and it failed to recoup even one-fourth – just more than \$4 million – of its purported \$20 million budget. The free market, a religion for Rand's acolytes, had spoken.

But did the filmmakers listen?

The producers announced they would make a second film, in keeping with Rand's philosophy of pure self-interest, in that they seemed to be the only ones interested.

Aglialoro and Kaslow had planned to finance the second film, "Atlas Shrugged: Part 2," using profits from the first iteration. Problem was, there weren't any profits. Undeterred, they turned to their acolytes, and a private debt sale raised \$16 million of the \$25 million the producers were after in 2012. Questioning the integrity of critics, the filmmakers refused to hold pre-release

screenings for all but two groups: conservative think-tank The Heritage Foundation and the libertarian Cato Institute. Preaching to the choir, perhaps?

"Atlas Shrugged: Part 2" managed to do what many thought impossible – be worse, in every way, than its predecessor. The film took in a paltry \$3 million at the box office on a reported budget of \$10 million (though that figure is likely much higher) and currently holds a 6 percent on Rotten Tomatoes.

Special edition DVDs of "Part 2," given to those who contributed to its financing, included hours and hours of – and I'm not kidding – user-submitted videos of hundreds of white people on YouTube repeating "I am John Galt," over and over and over again.

Dedicated to the fiery ideology of the novel's hero, John Galt, who vows to "never live for the sake of another man, nor ask another man to live for mine," Aglialoro and Kaslow

launched a Kickstarter campaign to fund a third movie, turning once again to other men to hand them a quarter of a million dollars.

They've anticipated the backlash, going so far as to post an FAQ question that reads "Isn't asking for charity antithetical to Ayn Rand's philosophy?"

No, allegedly, because this is, of course, a "voluntary value-for-value trade," rather than forced giving.

See, when indigent children and single mothers ask for money, it's charity; when a millionaire home gym magnate (Aglialoro is CEO of Cybex International) asks for a ton of money he definitely doesn't need to make a movie no one wants to see, it's rugged individualism and rational self-interest – or, self-interest at least.

With your \$15 donation, you'll get a PDF of the script; for \$5,000, you can even be an extra in the movie – unpaid, mind you, and you have to furnish your own travel and expenses. For a measly \$7,500, they'll even carve your name into John Galt's house – all names, however, are subject to approval. Maximum backers, who pledge \$10,000 or more, will have a seat at the premiere.

What's more, the funding isn't even about making the movie. "The movie is actually already funded and is now headed into production this October," the FAQ reads.

Where will the money go?

"All additional funds collected through Kickstarter, however, will be put towards (sic) expanding the production, distribution, and marketing budgets," it continues.

Instead of putting those funds to use, you know, marketing through traditional channels or making a movie that's watchable, its backers are relying on the brilliant marketing strategy of pure, unadulterated spite.

"We're very aware that we have a built-in 'anti-Atlas' audience as well," the site reads. "We know from our experience with the first two films that there is an incredible amount of vitriol out there and, we have every intention of capitalizing on it this time around. As we launch the Kickstarter campaign, those haters are going to come alive. They're going to come after us in droves, attacking us everywhere online. To them, we say thank you. Thank you for helping us spread the word. We're looking forward to the onslaught of all those negative blogs, Facebook posts and tweets."

The movie may not be good, but it will tick off the liberals and that's good enough, in essence. You don't even have to like "Atlas Shrugged" to support it; all you have to do is disagree with those who dislike it more than you, and be willing to throw a couple thousand dollars in their faces to rub it in.

Rand would be proud – if she hadn't died critically maligned, alone and on the dime of Social Security and Medicare.

“ ... its backers are relying on the brilliant marketing strategy of pure, unadulterated spite. ”

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John Galt (Paul Johansson) and Dagny Taggart (Taylor Schilling) will return for the third iteration of Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged," after the producers of the film, which promotes the morality self interest and condemns altruism, non-ironically turned to crowd-funding to finance its marketing and distribution.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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EventsCalendar

FRI. 9/27

3 p.m. Dinos A to Z, Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Every Friday afternoon, families can learn about dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures that roamed the Earth long ago. Each dinosaur discussion is accompanied by a hands-on experience with fossils or replica casts. The dinosaur this week is Trodon, one of the smartest dinosaurs ever. Free. Call 522-3120.

5 to 8 p.m. Open mic, New Mexico State University Barnes & Noble, University Avenue and Jordan Road. Poetry readers and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

7 p.m. Live music with The Mixx, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7:30 p.m. "RED," NMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. American Southwest Theatre Company presents the 2010 Tony Award-winning play "RED" by John Logan. In the play, artist Mark Rothko works feverishly to complete the most lucrative commission in the history of modern art. When his assistant challenges him ambition, Rothko is faced with the agonizing possibility that his crowning achievement could also be his undoing. Cost \$10-\$17. Call 646-4515 or 646-1420.

SAT. 9/28

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.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Southwest Photographic Symposium, San Andres High School, 2355 Avenida de Mesilla. Photographers of all levels are invited to attend workshops on basic digital photography, color theory, Lightroom basics, high-dynamic range images, 3-D photography, intermediate Photoshop, sunset photography, wildflowers, portraits, action, children and pets and printing, as well as how to mount, matte and frame a photograph. The keynote speaker is Paul Schrantz, professor of art emeritus, Governors State University, Ill., and former director of the Mesilla Digital Imaging Workshops. The workshop is hosted by the Deming, El Paso and Doña Ana camera clubs. Registration fee is \$60, which includes lunch. Register online at www.swpsnm.org or call Ruth O'Donnell at 546-9233.

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art. Free. Email fcmarket@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.

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 Sarah "Juba" Addison and Sharlene Wittern will be the storytellers at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

1 p.m. Animal Encounters, Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St. Animal Encounters is a great place for answers about animals we encounter in our desert area. This week, desert fish are the topic of discussion. This hands-on program is for all ages and registration is not required. Free. Call 522-3120.

6 p.m. NMSU Aggie football vs. San Diego State Aztecs, Aggie Memorial Stadium. Cost \$10-\$25. Call 646-1420

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8 to 11 p.m. Live music with Slow Motion Cowboys from San Francisco, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave. No cover. Call 525-6752.

SUN. 9/29

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.

2 p.m. "RED," NMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. American Southwest Theatre Company presents the 2010 Tony Award-winning play "RED" by John Logan. In the play, artist Mark Rothko works feverishly to complete the most lucrative commission in the history of modern art. When his assistant challenges him ambition, Rothko is faced with the agonizing possibility that his crowning achievement could also be his undoing. Cost \$10-\$17. Call 646-4515 or 646-1420.

3 to 5 p.m. Mariachi Sunday on the Plaza, Mesilla Plaza. Featuring Mariachi Espuelas de Plata, Mariachi Tapatio and Diamantes del Valle. Free. For more information, visit www.lascrucesmariachi.com.

TUE. 10/1

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. Special rates for high school students. Call 647-5684.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango de Las Cruces, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla. Daniel Haverporth will teach a class from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., dances from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. Cost \$5, NMSU students free with ID. Call 620-0377.

6:30 P.M. Every Other Tuesday, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Every Other Tuesday concert series presents Blues Messiah. 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. 10/2

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art. Free. Email fcmarket@lascruces.org.

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mountain View Market Coop 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 5230436 for directions.

1 to 3:30 p.m. Life Drawing and Open Studio, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive.

Gesture drawing and detail portraiture taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Special rates for high school students. Call 647-5684.

8 to 10 p.m. Open mic, Q's Steak, Pasta and Brewhouse, 1300 Avenida de Mesilla. No cover. Call 571-4350.

THU. 10/3

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. Special rates for high school students. 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 Sangria. 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.

FRI. 10/4

5 to 8 p.m. Open mic, New Mexico State University Barnes & Noble, University Avenue and Jordan Road. Poetry readers and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 6464431.

7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Live music with Matt the Electrician, Rokoko Art Gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for social hour and potluck. Cost \$15 suggested donation. Call 496-4330.

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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CHALLENGER

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EXPERT

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We've come a long way, baby

15 years of theater in the Mesilla Valley

Review by **Gerald M. Kane**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

On Sunday, Sept. 15, after seeing an amazing, witty, well-acted Actors' Equity production of the 2013 Tony Award-winning Best Play "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" on the stage of the Rio Grande Theatre, all I could say was, "wow!"

Imagine, right here in our hometown of Las Cruces, we were able to attend the opening of an Actors' Equity production of a play that had just concluded its New York run, and had not even opened in Chicago, Los Angeles or other larger theatre venues.

Our theater-loving community has come a long way in a relatively short period of time to arrive at this auspicious point. The visionaries who helped us get here deserve our praise for their persistence, as well as our heartfelt gratitude.

To paraphrase the words of the famous 1968 Virginia Slims cigarette commercial, "We've come a long way, baby!"

When I first arrived in Las Cruces in late 1998, I was eager to soak up the Las Cruces theater scene. Truth be told, there were slim pickings.

The first show I saw was presented by the Las Cruces Little Theatre, now known as the Las Cruces Community Theatre. It was a quirky production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." I couldn't hear many of the lines, and there was little movement of a large, unwieldy cast.

At the time, I didn't know what to make of the Las Cruces theater scene, but the vibes were ominous. Was this going to be the best local theater available? Oy!

But I am an optimist, and slowly but surely, I watched the scope, depth and quality of Las Cruces theater life change and mature over the years. I have seen the pool of talented performers grow. I have watched the community grow and the support of theater and fine arts increase exponentially. In the words of Martha Stewart, "It's a good thing!"

Here are some of the highlights of my 15 years of reviewing theater in our community:

Thanks to the opening of the Black Box Theatre/No Strings Theatre Company 13 years ago under the passion, careful vision and direction of Ceil and Peter Herman, there is a venue for "edgy" contemporary theatrical works. Standout productions have been "A Delicate Balance," highlighted by a beautiful, nuanced performance by Wynne Broms, "Becky's New Car," with a fine cast and a standout performance by Kathleen Murphy and "Proof," a tour de force for the late Rachel Space and Joe Denk. "The 39 Steps" and the recently concluded "Greater Tuna" also attracted large audiences because of the clever humor and intricate staging.

I never got a chance to see any of Janet Mazdra's sold out performances at the Black Box as Patsy Cline in "Always Patsy Cline," in which she performed with Space. Folks in town are still talking about that production and those remarkable performances.

I did see and marvel at Mazdra's bravura performance as "Shirley Valentine" in August 2012, which still stands out as one of the best evenings of theater I have spent in Las Cruces, thanks to Mazdra's amazing portrayal and in great part to Ceil Herman's spot-on direction.



The FUSION Theatre Co., of Albuquerque, brought the 2013 Tony Award-winning Best Play "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" to the stage of the historic Rio Grande Theatre for two performances in September.

Now there is also the exciting presence of the "lo-fi Theatre Company," which produces occasional especially edgy works such as "Venus in Fur." Word has it that the folks at "lo-fi" are already in rehearsal for a production of "King Lear" to play this coming summer. How I wish I would have learned about them sooner to see their noteworthy production of "August Osage County"

The American Southwest Theatre Company, on the campus of New Mexico State University, belied its mission as a laboratory for NMSU theater majors. When I arrived, ASTC served primarily as a showcase for NMSU faculty to act; students, not so much. Yes, they

played bit parts and served on the stage crew, but my memories are that they were not a part of the acting ensemble. Gratefully, ASTC has re-focused its vision to include more students in its productions, and now presents its works in a beautiful new venue, the Mark and Stephanie Medoff Theatre.

ASTC productions I admired over the years were "Blithe Spirit" and "She Loves Me," with a terrific mix of faculty and students, in 2002. I still recall the great job done by Richard Rundell as the shop owner.

I loved the feel of "Brighton Beach Memoirs," and "Our Town," the opening production at the Medoff, touched my heart deeply,



David Reyes and Algernon D'Amassa took the stage of the Black Box Theatre in September during No Strings Theatre Company's production of "Greater Tuna."

due to some unconventional and exceptional casting. I can't wait to see "Red," which opens Friday, Sept. 27. It promises to be a dazzler.

The restoration of the Rio Grande Theatre, under the supervision of the Doña Ana Arts Council, brings a variety of fascinating and diverse musical programs to us. The recent production of "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" shows us the potential of this historic venue.

We can't ignore the 51-year-old Las Cruces Community Theatre, which has come a long way from my first encounter with it in 1998. Last year, I was blown away by a revival of Mark Medoff's "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" Patrick Payne's frightening portrayal of the returning Vietnam vet Teddy still gives me goosebumps. I also adored "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," starring the indomitable Mazdra, surrounded by an exceptional cast, many of whom appeared in this season's darling opener, "Dames at Sea." The rest of this year's LCCT season promises a nice mix of shows for us to savor.

Musically, we have seen the rise and fall of the Doña Ana Lyric Opera, but with hope and vision, the program seems to be resurrecting itself.

Our symphony, under the direction of Lonnie Klein, has matured, and we are home to the amazing La Catrina String Quartet, in residence at NMSU.

The innovation of a community musical under the wonderful collaboration of Maestro Klein of the Las Cruces Symphony and one of the "Jewels in our Crown," Tony Award-winning playwright Mark Medoff, a member of the NMSU faculty and its Creative Media Institute, demonstrate that musical theater opportunities in Las Cruces have expanded exponentially. Last year's "Carousel" was an eye-opener, and this year's "Annie Get Your Gun" should be equally amazing.

The Durang 2013 Tony Award-Winner, "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike" would have never taken place but for the yeoman's efforts of Kathleen Albers, executive director of the Doña Ana Arts Council, in partnership with Dennis Gromelski, producer and executive director of Albuquerque's Actors' Equity Fusion Theatre Company (www.fusionnm.org).

The fact that both Las Cruces performances of "Vanya" at the Rio Grande – including the balcony – were sold out speaks volumes, and according to the sources with whom I spoke, we may soon have another regular repertory season to schedule on our personal cultural calendars.

The quality and quantity of fine arts productions have improved dramatically in our community. My reviewing calendar for the Las Cruces Bulletin is booked for this year.

I would be remiss if I did not note the remarkable performances of the entire Fusion production we witnessed. Worthy of special mention are three performers. Bruce Holmes, as Vanya, delivers a six-minute soliloquy on the horrors of social media that took my breath away. Joanne Camp as the aloof, unhappy Masha is "spot on" in her nuanced characterization. Jacqueline Reid, as Sonia, weaves her subtle magic in a complex, multi-dimensional part that left quite an impression on me.

The use of hanging microphones enhanced the ability to hear every word, which the actors clearly spoke. None of my usual complaints about uneven acoustics. Other local theater companies might consider similar acoustical tweaking.

Bravo to all involved in bringing this production here. May our theater community continue to thrive for years to come.

Exploring the lives of New Mexico women

Russell Lee photographs, 'Ghosts of the Past' also in October

Authors Phil Archuletta and Rosanne Roberts-Archuletta will present their book, "Women Marked for History," as part of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's Culture Series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10.

The presentation will take place in the museum's theater, and admission is a suggested donation of \$2. The husband-and-wife team will sign copies of their book after their presentation.

"Women Marked for History" is a culmination of four years of exploration into the lives of women who contributed to the people and communities of New Mexico. The women in "Women Marked for History" are educators, writers, entertainers, activists,

heroes (military and otherwise), community and society leaders, political and government leaders, artists, scientists, historians and cultural preservationists, healers and other medical professionals and business leaders.

As you read through the book, you will learn the stories of those who wove the

fabric of what has become known as "The Land of Enchantment." These women intersect in so many interesting and unusual ways.

Although some dates are unknown, we do know that one of the earliest women was Doña Ana Robledo, born in 1604. Doña Ana County was named after her, a county in which New Mexico's first woman Hispanic governor, Susana Martinez, built her career. Elected in 2010, Martinez

is not only the first female governor in New Mexico, she is also the first woman Hispanic Governor in the United States.

Her path was cleared by the contributions of the women who came before including, Doña Dolores "Lola" Chavez de Armijo (1858-1929), Dulcelina Salce Curtis (1904-1995), María "Concha" Concepción Ortiz y Pino de Kleven (1910-2006), The Hon. Mary Coon Walters (1922-2001), Graciela Olivarrez (1928-1987) and Chief Justice Pamela B. Minzner (1943-2007), among others.

October also features the opening of a documentary photography exhibit, as well as the museum's biggest event of the fall.

New exhibit: The Color of Pie Town

Friday, Oct. 4, through Oct. 19, 2014

Thirty-seven of Russell Lee's iconic color photographs of Pie Town, N.M., will be on display for about a year in the museum's North Hallway beginning Friday, Oct. 4.

Lee captured life in this small Catron County town in 1940. At the time, Lee was a 36-year-old photographer for the Historical Section of the U.S. Farm Security Administration (FSA). Lee photographed every facet of life in Pie Town, which reminded him of an old frontier town - a place where homesteaders still proved up their land, where many lived in rough log homes, where a daily stage kept contact with the outside world, and where a tightknit community pulled together to socialize and survive. Lee's photographs

were published in October 1941 in a U.S. Camera article titled "Life on the American Frontier - 1941 Style." They attracted a lot of attention, and helped establish Lee's career as a documentary photographer. Neither Lee nor Pie Town would ever be the same.

Ghosts of the Past

6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 25-26

This unique living history experience transports visitors of all ages to a variety of eras in New Mexico history. More than a dozen historical characters interact with visitors on indoor and outdoor evening tours.

Outdoor tours: You'll be transported to such events as the 1878 shootout at Blazer's Mill, where you'll have to duck for cover with Buckshot Roberts. And you might have to scramble for cover during a 1934 Dust Bowl storm. Plus much more. Tour times are 6:25, 6:45, 7:05, 7:25, 7:45 and 8:05 p.m.

Indoor tours: On the indoor "Lost Ghosts from Lost Buildings of New Mexico" tour, you will encounter the spirit of a former member of the Altar Society at St. Genevieve's church which once towered above Downtown Las Cruces. Among many others, you'll meet ghosts who once inhabited the lost structures of Pie Town, and a lively apparition recently displaced from the J.O. Miller "Pink House," which formerly stood on the NMSU campus. Tour times are: 6, 6:15, 6:35, 6:55, 7:15 and 7:35 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$4 for adults and \$1 for children. Tickets on the day of the tours are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.



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AtTheMovies

Fighting a losing 'Battle' B-boy film fails on every level

Review by **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Giving a worse name to the already-bad dance movie genre, "Battle of the Year" manages to deftly limbo well beneath the bar set low by "Step Up 2: The Streets" and "Stomp the Yard."

Minutes into its nearly two-hour running time, I was wishing the Bomont City Council in "Footloose" had gotten its way.

"Battle of the Year" is basically "D2: The Mighty Ducks" with a few minor alterations and lacking any of the heart, humor or spirit of that movie, however hokey. Replace hockey with breakdancing and a ragtag group of kids with a group of foul-mouthed and aggression-prone young adults. Swap out Emilio Estevez and that chubby goalie kid with Sawyer from "Lost," clad in a wife-beater and hoodie, and Chris Brown, an actual wife-beater clad in a hoodie. Season liberally with terribly forced dialogue, painful exposition and laughably hackneyed speeches about the values of dedication and teamwork, simmer in unnecessary camera trickery, and there you have it.

As "Battle of the Year" opens, hip-hop mogul Dante (Laz Alonso) gives an impassioned speech to his board of directors about the dwindling popularity of B-boy culture in America, which the "punk-ass" Koreans and French have fully embraced. See, America hasn't won Battle of the Year, an international B-boy competition, in 15 years, as if this matters.



"This company was founded on B-boying," he says, somehow with a straight face.

What, exactly, does this multi-million dollar company do, and what value does urban dancing have on the international markets? Who knows, who cares?

Determined to assemble a crack team of America's best dancers, which will head to France for the Battle of the Year and reclaim the rightful title as best B-boy crew, Dante recruits down-on-his-luck former basketball coach Blake (Josh Holloway) to lead the "Dream Team" to victory.

From there on, through the "Rocky" loss-but-lesson-learned finale, "Battle of the Year" is bursting at the seams with leaden, phony melodrama, clichéd plotting, uninspiring and repellent characters, in-your-face product placement, painful dialogue and – somehow – a minimum of actual dancing.

"Battle of the Year" director Benson Lee first received international attention with his 2007 documentary "Planet B-boy," which focused on the 2005 Battle of the Year – a real, annual event – and, ostensibly, B-boy culture, history and influence. Centered largely on five different crews (from France, Japan, South Korea and the U.S.) training for the "World Cup" of B-boy culture, it was an oddly compelling movie, even for those with little interest in the global phenomenon, an honest look at a world unseen by many.

With "Battle of the Year," then, Lee has taken his affecting, honest documentary, fictionalized it, filled



BATTLE OF THE YEAR

Rated: PG-13

Running time:
110 minutes

Starring: Josh
Holloway,
Chris Brown

Director:
Benson Lee

it with every tired cliché available, replaced several of his real subjects with "actors" and utterly bastardized his previous efforts in a wanton studio cash-grab. So egregious is this act, "Battle of the Year" is loaded with clips of Lee's other film. At one point, one of the characters even responds with overacted disbelief when Blake admits he's never seen "Planet B-boy."

For a movie about dancing, there's very little in "Battle of the Year." When there is, however, the true, honest-to-goodness athleticism of the dancers is utterly sapped by Michael Bay-esque quick cutting and cheap visual trickery, speeding up and slowing down the action for effect, and, in the process, eliminating any of its legitimate flair.

All that aside, the greatest offense committed by "Battle of the Year" is undoubtedly the continued employment of Chris Brown. The perennial poster boy for being a bad person, Brown is somehow frustratingly unable to inhabit the role of the smug, homophobic and violence-prone Rooster, even though he spends all of his time off set being exactly

that. As tempting as it is to spend too much time ragging on his performance – he's as bad an actor as he is a person – I can say with some certainty Brown's appearance in "Battle of the Year" is the least despicable thing the man's ever done. The movie's sole redeeming moments may be when Brown takes a punch to his smirking, bleach-blond head, or when he breaks his leg – neither of which, sadly, happened in real life.

Given his very public history of spousal abuse, assault and bigotry, it's hard to laugh at a tossed-off-for-chuckles line about how he got into B-boy culture "just for the B-girls" when we all know what happens to the women unlucky enough to find themselves in Brown's real life.

If you weren't already convinced not to waste \$8 and two hours on this drivel, consider this: If you pay to see "Battle of the Year," you're enabling a violent, abusive homophobe like Chris Brown to maintain relevance, and that, my friends, is unforgivable.

Mirth and the mile-high club 'I'm So Excited!' is a light, airy sex romp

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Just when you thought flying couldn't get any worse, Spanish director Pedro Almodóvar is here to tell you differently.

In the playful, pointless romp "I'm So Excited!" – kind of like an R-rated version of the classic comedy "Airplane" mixed with a light version of "Airport," blended with a healthy dose of sex and sexual references – Almodóvar takes off with little hope of landing.

The entire film takes place on Peninsula Airlines, and opens with a brief cameo of Penelope Cruz and Antonio Banderas as misguided baggage handlers. From there, it is all aboard.

The crew that is servicing – in more ways than one – the first-class passengers, along with the pilot and co-pilot, are all gay or bisexual, and hence have a lot of interchangeable sex lives, since most of them know one another in, shall we say, an intimate way.

The passengers in first-class are a young married couple, an embezzler, a former madam, an actor, a hitman and a middle aged virgin who claims to be a psychic and knows that once she is off this plane, she will no longer be one.

Most of the first part of "I'm So Excited!" is spent introducing the characters and their peccadilloes, most of which revolve around their sexuality – or lack thereof. Only the actor and embezzler have different things going on – the actor is dealing with an emotionally disturbed ex-girlfriend and the embezzler senses he is about to be caught and has misgivings about not being in touch with his daughter for some years.

But the flight stewards (oh, did I mention that all of us

in the economy seats, including the flight attendants, have been given muscle relaxants and have gone into a deep sleep?) make sure that things stay lively with their temporary charges, especially when it is announced that there is a landing gear problem, certainly caused by the ineptitude of Cruz and Banderas. Slight panic sets in, but the stewards will have none of it and first attend to the problem by fixing a huge cocktail called a Valencia – replete with a dose of mescaline – which they promptly share among themselves and then offer it to the passengers.

Just to further pass the time, they perform a silly cabaret number (a scene that could have easily been left out, and sadly is used in the film's trailer) in hopes of keeping the passengers calm.

Actually, they don't seem very alarmed, especially when most of them pair off with one person or another,

including the stewards and pilots.

Now, be assured that this is not graphic sex; in fact, very little is shown. It is more of an old-fashioned sex farce, covering much more ground than "boy seeks girl."

After all of the characters become members of the mile-high club, things calm down considerably, and briefly, Almodóvar turns to something serious as the plane prepares for a crash landing.

This helps build a nice feeling of tension, allowing the film to avoid becoming boring when most of the dialogue turned to who was having sex with who, or who wanted to, on the ground.

With that bit of serious tone, one will have to briefly wonder what will happen to the plane and passengers – and did Bruna lose her virginity?

All in all, "I'm So Excited!" is a good, fun movie, and again Almodóvar uses every color in the palette to create a beautiful backdrop for the fun to take place in.

Never mind the lack of reality and the title of the film, which doesn't fit at all; just go along for the ride.

I'm so excited that it is autumn! jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com





At The Movies

New on DVD Tuesday, Oct. 1

The Croods

Rated: PG
Genre: Family, comedy
Starring: Emma Stone, Nicolas Cage (voices)
Director: Chris Sanders

Morning

Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Jeanne Tripplehorn, Laura Linney
Director: Leland Orser

The Frozen Ground

Rated: R
Genre: Suspense
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Vanessa Hudgens
Director: Scott Walker

This is the End

Rated: R
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Seth Rogen, Jonah Hill
Director: Seth Rogen, Evan Goldberg

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\$4,558,271 |
| 2 Insidious: Chapter 2 (Week No. 2)
\$13,801,818 | 7 Lee Daniels' The Butler (Week No. 6)
\$4,193,123 |
| 3 The Family (Week No. 2)
\$7,000,722 | 8 Riddick (Week No. 3)
\$3,656,620 |
| 4 Instructions Not Included (Week No. 4)
\$5,396,688 | 9 The Wizard of Oz (Week No. 1)
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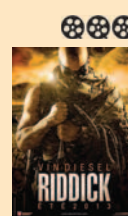
Picking the Flicks

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Riddick

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Fighting against both alien predators and a band of bounty hunters, Riddick vows revenge before returning to his home planet.
Starring: Vin Diesel, Karl Urban
Director: David Twohy



The Family

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A notorious mafia family is relocated to France under the witness protection program, but fitting in is tough and old habits die hard.
Starring: Robert De Niro, Michelle Pfeiffer
Director: Luc Besson



Lee Daniels' The Butler

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Cecil Gaines, a White House butler for eight decades, witnesses the events that changed the face of American society.
Starring: Forrest Whitaker, Oprah Winfrey
Director: Lee Daniels



Prisoners

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A desperate father takes extreme measures to find out what happened to his missing daughter and her friend.
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Hugh Jackman
Director: Denis Villeneuve



Planes

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A cropdusting plane named Dusty who dreams of competing in an aerial race must overcome his fear of heights.
Starring: Dane Cook, Stacy Keach (voices)
Director: Klay Hall



Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Poseidon's son goes on a quest to find the Golden Fleece.
Starring: Logan Lerman, Alexandra Daddario
Director: Thor Freudenthal



Instructions Not Included

Rated: PG-13
Plot overview: A man makes a new home and life for himself and the daughter left on his doorstep.
Starring: Guillermo Rios, Leticia Lopez Margalli
Director: Eugenio Derbez



Battle of the Year

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The American dance team hasn't won in years, but assembling a team of the best dancers for Battle of the Year may just bring them back the trophy.
Starring: Jason Blake, Chris Brown
Director: Benson Lee



Insidious: Chapter 2

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The Lambert family tries to discover the dark secret that has kept them closely tied to the spirit world.
Starring: Patrick Wilson, Rose Byrne
Director: James Wan



We're the Millers

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A pot dealer creates a fake family to move a huge shipment of weed from Mexico into the U.S.
Starring: Jason Sudekis, Jennifer Aniston
Director: Rawson Marshall Thurber



Don Jon

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A Jersey guy who's learned to objectify women learns important lessons about life and love.
Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Scarlett Johansson
Director: Joseph Gordon-Levitt



Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Flint Lockwood discovers his machine is still churning out sentient food-animal hybrids.
Starring: Bill Hader, Anna Faris (voices)
Directors: Cody Cameron, Kris Pearn



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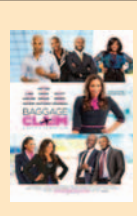
Rush

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A re-telling of the rivalry between 1970s Formula One racing stars James Hunt and Niki Lauda.
Starring: Daniel Brühl, Chris Hemsworth
Director: Ron Howard



Baggage Claim

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Fearful of remaining the only unmarried woman in her family, Montana heads out on a globe-trotting expedition to charm a potential suitor.
Starring: Paula Patton, Taye Diggs
Director: David E. Talbert



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The home at 3811 Valdes Road underwent a transformation that began 15 years ago.



A pool was added to the backyard oasis.



An enclosed patio can be enjoyed year-round.

A home all their own

Eclectic home features elegant amenities

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Lauranne and Bill Webber came across the home at 3811 Valdes Road 15 years ago, the residence had pink walls and oak built-ins throughout, but more important, it had potential.

The couple purchased the home, built in the 1980s, and went to work painting, gutting, sanding and remodeling until the abode reflected their unique personal style.

"We're very eclectic," Lauranne Webber said. "We like everything from Western to shabby chic. There's a little bit of everything in here."

Located about a mile from Mesilla, the home offered the couple and their children quiet surroundings, green landscaping and recreation opportunities.

"We love the Mesilla area," Webber said. "It's exactly two miles to the plaza. You can walk there or bike there."

The scenic surroundings can be enjoyed from the front patio, a partially walled area with grass, a fountain and tile. Inside the large front door of the two-story home, the family's vision was brought to life.

Originally covered in tile, the



The home features many elegant elements, such as built-in shelves.

floor features polished concrete that weaves throughout the 3,400-square-foot main house.

To the left of the entrance, French doors enclose the study, while down the hall is one of the three bedrooms. Designed for their daughter, the bedroom has a giant chalkboard wall as well as a walk-in closet.

At the end of the hall is a full bathroom, which was gutted and revamped.

"We reused the cabinets and stained them. It's the only thing in here that was in the original bathroom," Webber said.

The couple's love of the color blue is seen along the walls, covered in Venetian plaster. The rich hue is contrasted by cream-colored granite countertops surrounding the sink and tile in shades of brown encasing the bathtub.

To the right of the entrance is the

dining room. Arches surrounding the room feature an accent paint to make the architectural element pop. Leopard carpet lines the floor of the elegant space.

"I love our dining room," Webber said. "I like to sit and read in there. And it's great for when we host dinner parties."

Down the hall is the living room, located across from the kitchen. An antique slate mantel, a piece the couple found in Albuquerque, highlights the room's fireplace.

One of the first rooms to be remodeled by the couple was the kitchen. Featuring a low-hanging fluorescent light, the room was overhauled to reflect the couple's love of entertaining and being together as a family.

"We can cook together, there's lots of room for everyone," Webber said.

The couple removed the obtrusive lighting and installed track lighting along the recessed element. Canned lighting was also added to illuminate the workspace. The original oak cabinets were left but stained a dark, rich brown to complement the blue, jagged-edged Avonite countertops.

In addition to a sunroom, off the kitchen is a powder room transformed into a full bathroom, laundry room, bedroom with a walk-in closet and three-car garage with a very convenient "Christmas" closet.

The second story of the home is devoted solely to the master suite.

Details

Feature home

3811 Valdes Road

Square footage

4,225

Acres

1.25

Bedrooms

Four

Bathrooms

Five

Fireplaces

Two

Price

\$679,000

Special features

Two-story home, remodeled, Venetian plaster throughout, polished concrete floors, sunroom, dumbwaiter, garden with raised flowerbeds, 20-by-40-foot swimming pool with water feature, enclosed patio, outdoor kitchen and a casita with a loft

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Outside of the bedroom is a TV area that can be used as an office. It includes a dumbwaiter to the kitchen for convenience. Inside the bedroom, a door leads to a balcony.

The balcony features a view of the pool oasis and wraps around the side of the home to overlook the family's garden of raised beds containing wild flowers and vegetables.

"I love to garden and I love to be outside," Webber said.

The master bathroom features a claw-foot bathtub from 1912 found in El Paso. Separate sinks surround the bathtub as do two windows, bringing natural light into the luxurious space. Two walk-in closets complete the suite.

The residence's amenities continue in the surrounding 1.25-acre property, which features six pecan trees.

"There is tons of outdoor space," Webber said.

A patio off the sunroom is surrounded by lush green grass. A path leads to the walled-in pool area. The couple installed the swimming pool – which measures 20 by 40 feet – and its accompanying water feature.

A two-car garage is found in the area. In addition to a

bathroom perfect for swimmers, the garage also has a full kitchen, enclosed by garage doors if the weather takes a turn. Beside the kitchen is an enclosed patio featuring a fireplace, seating, overhead fans and numerous potted plants.

"It's completely enclosed on three sides," Webber said.

Stairs lead to the second story of the garage, which features a casita. A large area with plenty of room for a bed, TV, kitchen and space for games – as well as a loft – it was designed to be kid friendly and sleeps eight.

"The plan was for this to be used by our kids," Webber said. "It's a place they can bring friends and hang out."

Whether its serving guests in the formal dining room, enjoying the view from the claw-foot bathtub or lounging around the pool, the home features something for everyone.



One of the first rooms remodeled was the kitchen.



Stairs go to the second floor, dedicated to the master suite.



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MVHFH celebrates World Habitat Day

Events bring attention to local housing need in Las Cruces

In recognition of World Habitat Day on Monday, Oct. 7, Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity will hold several events, including a Pledge and Prayer event to address the need for decent housing around the world, including Doña Ana County.

The Pledge and Prayer event will take place at the site of MVHFH family partner Martha Madrid's future home, 7568 Sierra Alta Place, at noon Oct. 7. The community is invited to unite with Habitat for Humanity supporters all over the world to help raise awareness of the global movement and importance of housing issues.

"In observance of this great day, we invite the community to come together to build homes, community and hope," said Pete Pemberton, MVHFH construction superintendent. "By adding your pledge and support, the impact we continue to have will grow and strengthen our community."

- Did you know:
- Worldwide, 1.6 billion people live in substandard housing conditions. About one in four of all people live in conditions that harm their health, safety, prosperity and opportunities.
 - If the trend is not curtailed, the number will grow to 3 billion living in substandard housing by 2030, or 40 percent of the world's population.
 - In the Las Cruces area, there exists a sector of the population who, because of their low income, tend to live in substandard housing and spend between 45 to 70 percent of their income on rent.
 - Estimates of homelessness in the United States vary from 1.6 million

to 3 million people. Most studies conclude that about one-third of the homeless are children.

- Habitat has helped more than 3 million people since its founding in 1976.
- Since its founding in 1987, the local Habitat affiliate has built 92 homes, helping more than 400 people, including more than 300 children, acquire decent shelter.
- Habitat works in more than 1,500 communities in the United States, and in more than 70 countries worldwide, from Argentina to Zambia.

Every five and a half minutes, Habitat serves a family in need of better housing.

World Habitat Day is a special opportunity for Habitat for Humanity to call on individuals and organizations to help address poverty housing. On World Habitat Day, MVHFH also invites the community to visit the local ReStore, 2301 S. Main St., and support its pinup fundraising campaign.

Also during World Habitat Day, as part of its Giving Back program, Ruby Tuesday, 2611 N. Telshor Blvd., will give 20 percent of meal purchases to MVHFH. For more information, call 525-0475.

MVHFH is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. MVHFH became a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International in October 1987. Citizens of the Las Cruces area govern the local affiliate. In May, MVHFH completed its 90th home in Las Cruces through partnership with the City of Las Cruces, local builders and local organizations.

For more information, visit www.lascruceshabitat.org.



Volunteers work on a home during the 2012 World Habitat Day.

Fall is for planting

Now is the time to get trees in the ground

Gary Guzman
Gardening Guru



Fall is in the air and its color will soon be on your trees.

"Fall is for planting" – we hear that phrase time and time again. Here are some of the reasons for digging in this time of year.

First of all, the ambient temperatures are beginning to decline. This slows down the top growth of most trees and shrubs. When this happens, the need for water is drastically reduced. This prevents heat stress on almost all plantings at this time of year.

While the above ground temperatures are dropping, the soil temperatures are still relatively warm. This, combined with the much needed recent rains, will allow new tender roots to continue to expanding into surrounding soil throughout the fall season. An added bonus to all the rain is the ground is much easier to dig into.

We also have fewer windy days during the fall months. You've seen what our high spring winds can do to newly planted trees, but this typically does not occur during the fall season. In some cases, you may not have to stake a newly planted tree, particularly if it is one that loses its leaves during the winter and is not top heavy.

If you are looking for that certain fall color in trees, the next several weeks should provide you with some hints of what is hidden

underneath the top coat of green chlorophyll. Take pictures or bring in leaf samples to have your local nursery help you locate or identify what you are looking for.

The proper placement of a tree or shrub is key. Planting a deciduous tree on the west or south side of a wall or window, for instance, will help with the heat during the summer. When the tree loses its leaves in the winter it can help heat up areas during the sunny days, not to mention providing some added light during the winter season. Planting larger trees, evergreens or wind breaks on the northern side of a home can also reduce heating costs during the cooler months, by reducing cold drafts.

Take advantage of this beautiful time of year, and get outside. It's just like spring. Dare I say better than spring, without the dust and wind?

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Red, green, flat or rolled, enchiladas a hearty meal

Local favorite can be part of a healthy meal

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With the city of Las Cruces getting ready to celebrate The Whole Enchilada Fiesta through Sunday, Sept. 29, it is only appropriate to delve into the history of our favorite chile, cheese and tortilla concoction.

Gayla Weaver of the Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Office is always helpful when it comes to questions of food or diet, and said enchiladas originated in Mexico, but they were different from what we know today.

"They were without fillings and just dipped in chile sauce, and then they developed into having different forms of fillings," she said.

Surprisingly, the pancake-style enchiladas we are familiar with in New Mexico are not common anywhere else.

"That is just typical of New Mexico, where the corn tortillas are just stacked with red or green chile, chopped onion and shredded cheese," she said "Often times on top of the stack is a fried egg, or you can have ground beef or chicken, but it is not traditional to add the meat.

"I have lived in Phoenix and visited Texas a lot, and nobody is even familiar with that form."

There are myriad ways to prepare enchiladas, she said.

"There are many different kinds of enchiladas. There's the pancake style, there's the rolled, there's vegetarian ones, which don't have meat, or you can add meat such as chicken," she said.

"In the northern part of the state, they use the blue corn tortillas for their enchiladas.

"I've seen them with spinach - lots of variations."

Weaver said enchiladas can be a very healthy food, depending on how they are prepared.

"If the tortillas are steamed, instead of fried, they are quite healthy because the green chile or the red chile has a lot of nutrients. The chile sauce is very high in vitamin A and vitamin C also. More so if the chile is fresh than if canned or frozen, where you lose some of the vitamin C."

Enchiladas may have other health advantages, Weaver said.

"I would imagine they could be gluten free if you don't use flour or something to thicken the chile sauce."

Weaver said to keep calories down, use a low-fat cheese such as mozzarella, but cheddar is more traditional.

Of course, there is one question that must always be answered in relation to enchiladas.

"Red or green?"

"Both," Weaver said.

Featured kitchen gadget: Onion Goggles



No more tears

Say goodbye to ocular onion trauma with RSVP Onion Goggles

By **David Salcido**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Most cooks have a love-hate relationship with onions.

Remarkably versatile, the pungent vegetable can be eaten raw, sweated, sautéed, caramelized, baked, boiled, grilled, baked in a pie or even deep fried. The problem is getting to that point.

Ask any cook what he or she hates most about onions and the answer is almost universally going to be taking a knife to them. Whether you're chopping, slicing, mincing or dicing an onion, there is nothing that will bring tears to a cook's eyes quicker.

There's actually a scientific reason for that. Those irritating vapors are caused when enzymes called sulfoxide lyase are released from broken cells and mix with sulfenic acids to produce propanethiol S-oxide, a volatile sulfur compound. The vapor that is caused by this reaction then reacts to the water in our tears to form sulfuric acid. Our eyes don't like sulfuric acid. It makes them sad.

There are many kitchen folklore remedies for this noxious effluvium, though you'll find that each has its detractors, because, like dieting, voodoo or politics, what may work for the minority is generally considered to be a load of prairie muffins for the majority. Not long ago, Martha Stewart, the patron saint of kitchen crafters and fashionable malefactors, suggested wearing swimming goggles to cure the "onion effect." Snorkels, one assumes, were optional.

Luckily for those of us who like to keep our aqueous eyewear activities confined to the bathtub, RSVP International Inc. has gone one step further by creating blinkers specifically geared toward preventing ocular onion trauma. Called, ingeniously enough, Onion Goggles, they may not be swank or trendy, but when it comes to those insidious fetid fumes, they are the savior of amateur cooks and professional chefs everywhere.

What is it?

RSVP's Onion Goggle design is simple in that they wear like glasses. Unlike most goggles, they don't have a strap, which means they can be slipped on and off easily without mussing your hair. They feature a soft foam seal inside the frame to keep out eye-stinging vapors, which is the whole point, right? In a

nutshell, they're heavy duty glasses with an attitude. One size fits most and they come in a variety of colors: black, red, pink, green and tortoise shell.

How does it work?

Before taking a sharp knife to nature's tear gas grenade, don the glasses. The comfortable foam seal effectively blocks onion vapors, while the fog-free lenses give maximum clarity. Also, because accidents happen, the makers of the Onion Goggles suggest wearing them when grilling to protect eyes from smoke, spatter and intense heat. When not in use, the goggles come with a handy storage case to keep them clean and unscratched.

Where is it found?

RSVP International Inc. has a website at www.rsvp-intl.com, but if you're like most people, you'll just go to the one-stop shop we all know as www.amazon.com to do your shopping.

How much does it cost?

Almost universally the price listed, whether at the RSVP International site, Amazon or any of the other kitchen accessory home pages, is \$19.95.

Details

Folkloric ways to prevent tears while cutting an onion:

- Freeze it first.
- Soak in cold water for 20 minutes before chopping.
- Chop under running water.
- Light a candle nearby.
- Breathe only through your mouth.
- Run cold water over your wrists before chopping.
- Chew gum.
- Chew on raw onion.
- Hold a slice of bread between your teeth.
- Hold a wooden matchstick between your teeth.
- Put the first piece of chopped onion on your head before continuing.
- Get someone else to do it.

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Time for football treats

Spice up game day with these delights

Sunny Conley
Chile Knights



Football players would shed mouth guards if they caught a whiff of the bites I share in this week's column: cheesy, spicy, peppery hot and gooey good – touchdown material.

Skip the sports bar scene and the uncomfortable bar stools. Instead, invite fellow football fanatics to your place. Ice cold beer pairs well with smoky chipotle popcorn chicken soaked in buttermilk. The bacon and ham cream cheese and sour cream dip is certain to score big time. Oh yes, real men do eat quiche, even popper sized. And the pepperoni pizza bread bites – well, they just may delay the game, but you'll score the extra points.

Linebackers' Chipotle Buttermilk Popcorn Chicken

This recipe can be doubled, tripled, etc. for larger crowds.

2 large chicken breast fillets
1 cup buttermilk
1/2 cup canned chipotles in adobo sauce, puréed
2 cups flour
Salt and pepper
1 bunch cilantro, chopped

Cut chicken breasts into 1 1/2-inch pieces. Purée chipotle in adobo sauce in a blender. Place chicken in mixing bowl and cover with buttermilk and puréed chipotle chiles.

Cover and refrigerate overnight. Once the chicken has had time to sit in buttermilk, dredge the chicken in seasoned flour and fry in a 350-degree fryer. The chicken can also be fried in an iron skillet with about one cup of vegetable oil. Once out of fryer, season with salt, pepper and chopped cilantro. Makes 4 servings.

Six Point Bacon and Ham Dip

8 ounces sour cream
8 ounces cream cheese
16 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
4 to 6 favorite roasted green chiles, stemmed, seeded and minced
3 green onions with bulbs, chopped finely
1 cup smoked cooked ham, chopped
1/2 pound bacon, chopped
1 round bread loaf, hollowed out

Mix first seven ingredients together and put into the hollowed out bread loaf. Bake at 350 degrees uncovered for one hour. Serve with tortilla chips, pita chips or crackers. Makes about 3 cups.

Field Goal Kickers

2 pie crusts (store-bought frozen shells work fine; thaw first)
2 large eggs
1 tablespoon sour cream
4 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons jalapeño or serrano peppers, stemmed, seeded and minced
2 tablespoon green onion, tops only
1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease two mini muffin tins each with 12 cups.

Roll out dough to a 1/8-inch thickness and cut into an 8-by-6-inch rectangle. Cut into 24, 2-inch squares. Fit squares of dough into muffin tins. Set aside.

Combine egg, sour cream, Parmesan cheese, peppers, onion and salt. Blend well.

Spoon a teaspoon of mixture into each dough-lined muffin cup. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until egg mixture puffs and dough is lightly browned at the edges. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from tins and serving. Makes 24 mini quiches.

Quarterback Red Hot Black Bean Dip

4 cups cooked black beans, drained, reserving 2 tablespoons liquid
3 ounces cream cheese
1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons New Mexico red chile powder
1 1/2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
4 green onions, chopped

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a blender or food processor, purée the beans, cream cheese, Worcestershire and chile powder with cooking water as needed to form a smooth mixture. Grease a one-quart baking dish and spoon mixture into it. Toss the cheese and green onions together and sprinkle on top. At this point it may be covered and refrigerated for up to 8 hours. To serve, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Bake until heated through and the top turns golden, about 20 to 30 minutes. Serve with tortilla chips or veggies. Makes 6 servings. (Recipe adapted from "Real New Mexico Chile," by Sandy Szwarc, Golden West Publishers Inc., 1994.)

A Running Back's Catch (Pull Apart Pizza Bread)

1/3 cup favorite red chile pepper oil
2 teaspoons garlic powder
2 (16-ounce) packages pre-made pizza dough
1 (7-ounce) package sliced pepperoni
4 to 5 jalapeño peppers, stemmed, seeded and sliced
1 (8-ounce) package mozzarella cheese, shredded

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Separate pizza dough into bite-sized pieces. In a bowl, add your favorite flavored dipping oil. Toss dough pieces in dipping oil to lightly coat. Begin layering. Layer dough pieces in bottom of a Bundt or fluted tube pan, next layer sliced pepperoni, sliced jalapeños, shredded cheese

and sprinkle with garlic powder.

Repeat layers, and end with final layer of dough pieces.

Bake in the preheated oven until the bread is browned and cooked through in the center, 30 to 40 minutes.

Remove from oven, and invert the pan on a cutting board; the bread will fall out of the pan in one piece. Serve by pulling the bread apart into individual servings with optional spicy-hot marinara dipping sauce or salsa on the side.

Macho Nacho Correction

In last week's column I shared a recipe for Macho Nacho Casserole. Readers pointed out that I failed to include directions for the bag of tortilla chips listed in the ingredients. Inadvertently, I left out two steps, shown below in parentheses. If you'd like the entire recipe, email sunny.conley@gmail.com. Thanks for the catch guys!

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. In a large fry pan, brown ground beef. Stir in water, taco seasoning, chiles, serrano pepper, salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil and allow to simmer for 3 minutes.

Spread refried beans in bottom of baking dish and top with beef mixture. Cover with foil and bake 30 minutes or until bubbly.

Remove from oven sprinkle with cheese tomato, onions and olives. (Arrange 18 to 20



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Sunny Conley
Score big time on game day with smoky chipotle chicken popcorn bites.

tortilla chips around edges of baking dish. Bake uncovered for another 10 minutes until cheese is melted. Remove and let cool for 5 minutes.)

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Avoiding nuisances during tailgating season

Tips to help fans prevent insects from scoring touchdowns



Scott Svenheim
ACE Pest Detective

With college and professional football season under way, millions of football fans around the country are once again taking part in the art and spirit of tailgating.

As elaborate picnics and barbecues are set up outside sports venues, such as Aggie Memorial Stadium, tailgates are the perfect vehicle for unwanted pests to join in on the party.

It is important to know what pests are looking to crash your tailgating party in order to be on offense before getting on defense. There are three insects to be aware of when prepping for your tailgating extravaganza.

Crazy ants are notorious pests for being pesky and ruining the best of meals. One method of keeping crazy ants at bay is to make use of properly sealed food containers. You're not the only one who loves the savory smell of a freshly grilled burger and its complements.

Typically no longer than one-eighth of an inch, crazy ants are often found nesting outdoors in the smallest of cracks and crevices.

During the warm-weather football time of year, mosquitoes

are abundant and lively. It is important to drain any sources of standing water near your favorite tailgating spot, and never forget insect repellent.

Mosquitoes can often times transmit serious diseases such as the West Nile virus, so repeated application of repellent to exposed skin is key to keeping them at bay.

One of the sneakier tailgating pests is the brown recluse spider. Usually 1/4 to 1/2 an inch in size, these brown spiders have a habit of crawling into tailgaters' shoes as they relax to enjoy the upcoming game. Because the brown recluse spider is poisonous, it is important to shake out your shoes before putting them back on.

If you think you've been bitten, the affected area will be inflamed and itch and you may experience symptoms such as fever, shivering and nausea. Seek medical attention as soon as possible.

By taking these simple precautions, Aggie fans and fans across the country can enjoy the game and keep insects from making touchdowns on their bodies.

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Grichel Chavez, LCHBA President Jennifer Sandoval and LCHBA Past President Jim Reedy



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Glow-in-the-dark sticks, necklaces and glasses were distributed to party guests.



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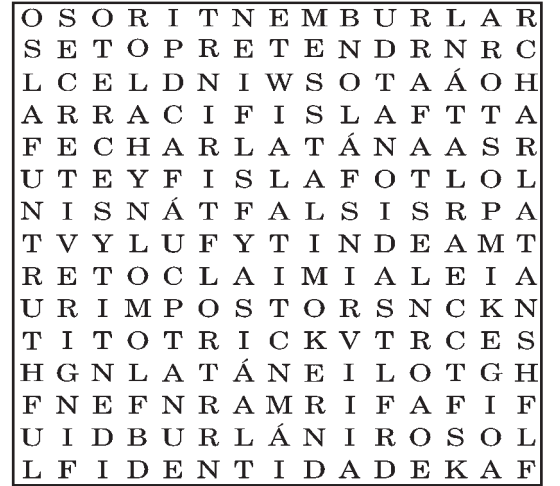
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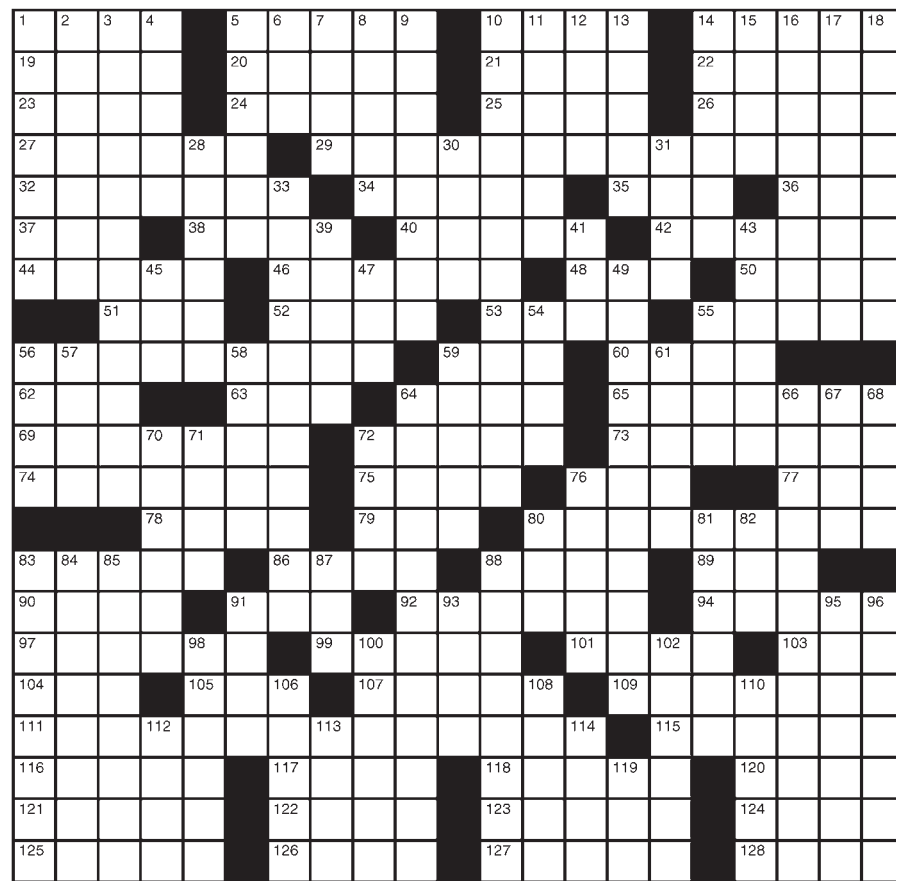
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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**
- 1 Insidious betrayer
 - 6 Not illuminated
 - 10 Picture takers
 - 12 Embankment
 - 13 Courting and wooing
 - 15 Paid a visit
 - 16 Trick of the tongue
 - 17 Candlemaker's substance
 - 19 Garden trumpet
 - 20 Social insect
 - 21 Madison Ave. output
 - 22 Bookstore browsers
 - 24 Give an account of
 - 27 Subduers
 - 28 Sentence component
 - 29 Rejuvenation retreat
 - 32 Okinawa port
 - 33 Handgrips
 - 34 Seals off
 - 36 Worm secretion
 - 38 Not tricked by
 - 39 Bulk of the body
 - 40 Junk mail, online
 - 42 Tiger's talent
 - 44 Vaulted recesses
 - 45 Remained
 - 47 Kind of soup
 - 49 Narrowly spaced, like eyes
 - 51 More sacred
 - 52 Flies high
 - 53 Tel. __-Jaffa
 - 55 Move laboriously
 - 56 Jazz clarinetist Shaw
 - 57 Joel-Obadiah separator
 - 59 Easy task
 - 61 S-shaped moldings
 - 62 Unable to act
 - 63 Shawl or cloak
 - 65 Orbiting loc.
 - 66 Voila!
 - 67 Shining Path comrade
 - 69 Increase in strength, as wind
 - 70 Omens
 - 72 "___ You Lonesome Tonight?"
 - 73 Woodsman's tool
 - 74 Cook's wardrobe
 - 75 Persian victor at Thermopylae
 - 77 Primary color
 - 78 At one's disposal
 - 79 Licorice liqueurs
 - 82 Stirs up
 - 83 Chung and Mack
- DOWN**
- 1 Traffic tie-up
 - 2 Actress Thurman
 - 3 Having teeth
 - 4 Game emporium
 - 5 Goes yachting
 - 6 Takes exception to
 - 7 Declares
 - 8 Ms. McEntire
 - 9 Cipher code
 - 10 Lowest female voices
 - 11 NBC classic
 - 12 Football plays
 - 13 Be off with you!
 - 14 Republicans
 - 15 Detailed accounts
 - 16 Revolutionary Villa
 - 18 Moist
 - 19 Three Musketeers' creator
 - 23 Took off
 - 25 Valentino of Hollywood
 - 26 Nanny
 - 29 Sought bargains
 - 30 Ship's accounting officer
 - 31 Bewildered
 - 34 SUV's ancestors
 - 35 Mayday letters
 - 37 Actor Danny
 - 41 Western tableland
 - 43 Lead balloon
 - 45 Lists of candidates
 - 46 Actor William's family
 - 48 Troubles
 - 49 Welsh dog breed
 - 50 Vacation condos, perhaps
 - 52 ___ Paulo
 - 54 Whirlpools
 - 58 Pelted with rocks
 - 60 Couples
 - 62 Anger
 - 64 Greek letter
 - 66 Here!
 - 67 Wall paintings
 - 68 John Ritter's dad
 - 69 Central California city
 - 70 Plant louse
 - 71 Caspian or Adriatic
 - 72 Self-evident truth
 - 74 In a short time
 - 76 GOP gathering
 - 78 Mineral matter
 - 80 Even score
 - 81 Rolodex info

MAKING MOVIES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Toy person
 - 5 Insect stage
 - 10 Queen's address
 - 14 Erect
 - 19 Bad to the bone
 - 20 Art stand
 - 21 Canadian prov.
 - 22 Make amends
 - 23 "99 Luftballons" singer
 - 24 Judge's knocker
 - 25 Actor Dullea
 - 26 Writer of "Still Me"
 - 27 Nervous vibration
 - 29 Ace realtor?
 - 32 Clothing
 - 34 Swagger
 - 35 Vicious or Caesar
 - 36 Olive product
 - 37 Black goo
 - 38 Golfer's supply
 - 40 Slightly drunk
 - 42 Strength of character
 - 44 Wear way
 - 46 Greek goddess
 - 48 Language suffix
 - 50 Weeding tools
 - 51 U. acquisition
 - 52 Pair
 - 53 Collection bus.
 - 55 Acts
 - 56 Striving to excel
 - 59 Jim Bakker's org.
 - 60 Employs
 - 62 Varnish ingredient
 - 63 Tolkien creature
 - 64 Security for freedom
 - 65 Unconquerable opponents
 - 69 Impending
 - 72 Ajaccio's island, to inhabitants
 - 73 Last course
 - 74 Spray dispenser
 - 75 Spoils taken
 - 76 Roman gods
 - 77 General who liked chicken
 - 78 1492 ship
 - 79 Hesitant syllables
 - 80 Could-a fooled me!
 - 83 Taters
 - 86 Karate school
 - 88 Indian garment
 - 89 Alphabet trio
 - 90 Tipple
- DOWN**
- 91 Place to work out
 - 92 Inventor's document
 - 94 Silent, in music
 - 97 Guru's community
 - 99 Simpson or Astaire
 - 101 Pop
 - 103 Boat mover
 - 104 Hwy. sign abbr.
 - 105 Existed
 - 107 Quarters
 - 109 Turn back
 - 111 Eccentric one who gets things done?
 - 115 Large eels
 - 116 Float like a hummingbird
 - 117 Mine access
 - 118 Twin Falls state
 - 120 Chem. chart figure
 - 121 African antelope
 - 122 Comic Jay
 - 123 Small memento
 - 124 Begrimed
 - 125 Monica with a racket
 - 126 Art print: abbr.
 - 127 Revise
 - 128 Sea eagle



- 31 Silent performer
- 33 Usherette?
- 39 Attention-getting feat
- 41 Informal affirmative
- 43 Doctoral challenges
- 45 2nd-smallest state
- 47 Old crone
- 49 Hale and hardy newspaper VIP?
- 54 Vogue rival
- 55 JFK, LBJ, etc.
- 56 Napoleon's isle of exile
- 57 Colt's mom
- 58 Mortise's partner
- 59 Island in the Cyclades
- 61 Lead from the door
- 64 Explosives expert?
- 66 TV adorer?
- 67 Gaelic tongue
- 68 Ancient portico
- 70 Remarkable thing
- 71 Wife/sister of Osiris
- 72 City in Transylvania
- 76 Mends by reweaving
- 80 Possess like a Scotsman
- 81 Page size of a book
- 82 Rhoda's TV mother
- 83 Complex carbohydrates
- 84 Groundwork for a fence
- 85 Turbulence
- 87 Tumor: suff.
- 88 Soapstone
- 91 Auto loan grp.
- 93 Guinness of "Star Wars"
- 95 Romp
- 96 Bridge support
- 98 Oscars and Emmys
- 100 Bold
- 102 Wilson of "Sanford & Son"
- 106 No longer novel
- 108 Ancient sin city
- 110 Wipe away
- 112 Russo of "Rocky and Bullwinkle"
- 113 Fall garden?
- 114 Tool with teeth
- 119 Barnyard layer

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

Diagramless

Slammers

CRYPTOGRAM

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Learning from the Chronicles of Cadfael

BBC, novel series offers insight into world, religious history



Gabriel Rochelle
Tales from the Cassock

I love the "Cadfael" series of BBC television movies based on the novels of Ellis Peters, whose real name was Edith Pargeter.

I love the novels as well. Pargeter is famous for these 21 medieval mysteries about the monk Cadfael of the Benedictine Abbey of saints Peter and Paul, Shrewsbury, England. The series is set during the civil war between Empress Maud and King Stephen, after the First Crusade, in which Cadfael served, and near the Welsh-English border. Some of the monastic buildings remain as historic sites.

Pargeter was a meticulous researcher who wove her stories

around an armature of true events, beliefs and persons from that time period. Cadfael, besides skills gained as a Crusader, gathered an enormous body of knowledge about herbs and their medicinal use, so he serves as a pharmacist-physician for the community. His real genius, however, is as a detective investigating local murders and skullduggery.

The 16th Chronicle of Cadfael is "The Heretic's Apprentice," and it explores medieval Christian theology in the British Isles. The story takes place in June 1143.

The book shows the ongoing relationship between Celtic-British Christianity and the Orthodoxy of the Eastern Roman Empire. In the early Middle Ages, the British Isles were an arena where Rome and Constantinople vied for supremacy in commerce and also belief. One key figure in this was Pelagius, remembered chiefly because Augustine of Hippo savagely opposed him, but whose views appear in "The Heretic's Apprentice" to ultimate vindication by the historical Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, Roger de Clinton.

The heretic's apprentice is a young man who accompanied his master's body back to England for burial at Shrewsbury monastery, after a long pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Conversation reveals that the master may have held heretical views; these must be refuted before he can be buried in hallowed ground. He is vindicated and buried, but the apprentice falls under the same charge and must defend himself.

The argument: If you deny original sin, why baptize, especially infants who are innocent of committed sins? If you are not saved through this sacrament, what purpose does it have? What place has free will, what grace, in the grand scheme of

things? These views occasion the accusation against master and apprentice.

Christianity remains divided on these matters. The dominant Western faith focused on original sin as a hereditary flaw in human character connected with sex, a view which rests on the teachings of Augustine (mentioned often in the book), who taught that our will is bound and not free. Baptism overcomes original sin and restores a certain amount of free will.

Eastern Christianity sidestepped Augustine's idea of inheritance, choosing instead to emphasize that we are born into a world where it is impossible to escape sin. It's all around us and we become infected with it, so we make sinful choices. There is empirical evidence. But we have free will.

Baptism is, in this view, entry into the community of faith so that we may walk with others in spiritual strength to attempt to remain innocent of sin.

The ultimate point is free will. Today, scientifically oriented atheists such as Sam Harris want us to deny free will, but this means that we must choose, based on something like free will, to say free will does not exist.

Orthodox theologians always held that we are responsible for our actions. Grace is available to us naturally by virtue of our creation in the image of God. This grace cannot be taken away from us, neither is it some gift added beyond our essential humanity, as Augustine taught. We work together with God's grace to make right choices.

And this book was supposed to be a light diversion.

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Church of Christ, 1520 N. Mesquite St., will hold a Gospel meeting Sunday through Wednesday, Sept. 29-Oct. 2. Hours will be from 11 a.m. to noon and 6 to 7 p.m. Sept. 29, and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 30-Oct. 2. The meeting will feature Brother James Jones Jr. of Montwood Church of Christ in El Paso.

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ECKANKAR EVENT

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free event from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 28, at Ramada Hotel, 201 E. University Ave. The topic will be "Tensions of Living."

ANIMAL BLESSINGS

Holy Family, 702 Parker Road, will celebrate St. Francis of Assisi feast day with a Blessing of Animals at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4. For more information, call 644-5025.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE AT MISSION LUTHERAN

Mission Lutheran Church, 2752 Roadrunner Parkway, invites the community to its 6 p.m. worship service on Saturdays. The church also offers an English service at 9 a.m. and Spanish service at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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, starting Oct. 1, 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. For more information or to register, call the church office at 521-3770.

ST. JAMES YARD SALE

St. James' Episcopal Church, 102 St. James St., will hold its annual yard sale from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 5. The sale will

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TAIJI QIGONG DANCE

Mei Ling Po McKay is offering a slow and relaxed moving meditation exercise with gentle elements of dance from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 3 to 4 p.m. Saturdays at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donation is \$4. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience.

For more information, contact McKay at harmei@zianet.com or 382-8978.

YOGA CLASSES AT UU METHODIST

Olivia Solomon is offering yoga classes for all levels from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Thursdays at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St.

For more information, contact Solomon at 522-5350 or wildyoga@yahoo.com.

T'AI CHI CHIH AT MOUNTAINVIEW

T'ai Chi Chih sessions taught by Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado are from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays at MountainView Medical Plaza, 4351 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 404. Classes are free to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members, or \$2 for non-members.

Free classes are also available to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members

from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.

For more information, contact 312-8320 or rositaad4@gmail.com.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the main room.

For more information, call 523-6240.

ART OF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Art of Recovery, a support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at The Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

The group matches those in need of support with volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment.

For more information, contact Kathy or David at 522-6404 or bridge@nmsu.edu.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 219

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Chapter 219 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. This support group assists members in achieving and maintaining healthy weight loss goals.

For location information, call Doris Fields at 524-7461.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP MEETS EACH FRIDAY

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, 926 S. San Pedro St. Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation.

For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Co-Dependents Anonymous meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The one-hour meetings are intended to help those raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional family situations deal with their issues and move on to a healthier, happier life through a 12-step program.

For more information, call 647-5684.

FYI HOSTS NEEDLE EXCHANGE

The Families & Youth Inc. Needle Exchange Program, located at 1320 S. Solano Drive, seeks to reduce HIV and Hepatitis C by decreasing the circulation of unclean syringes

and helps drug users overcome addiction by providing free information on available drug-treatment services.

The office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The service is confidential and no appointments are needed.

For more information, call Stefano at 556-1549.

SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

Sexual Abuse Survivors Anonymous, a 12-step program, meets from 3 to 4:15 p.m. each Saturday at Morning Star United Methodist Church, 2941 Morningstar Drive. The group is open to women 18 and older who wish to recover from sexual abuse and/or assault from any time in life.

For more information, call Adrienne at 373-1163.

GUIDED, SIMPLE HATHA YOGA

Guided, simple Hatha Yoga classes are held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Classes are taught by Blissful Beth, a certified instructor. The class is gentle and non-competitive. Attendees are asked to bring a mat or blanket.

For more information, call 522-0011 or 640-7614.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Breast Cancer Support Group of the Community Foundation of Southern New

Mexico meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., in Annex A. For more information, call 524-4373.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association New Mexico Chapter has the following support group meetings each month:

- 11:30 a.m. each Thursday at Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. For more information, call Jan at 522-7133 or Michael at 382-5200.
 - 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Arbors of Del Rey, 3731 Del Rey Blvd. Respite care available during meeting. For more information, call Nicky or Michael at 382-5200.
 - 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Village at Northrise, 2884 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Desert Willow Building. For more information, call Bonnie at 556-6117.
- The Alzheimer's Association New Mexico Chapter has offices at 1121 Mall Drive, Suite C. For more information on Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association, call the organization's 24-hour hotline at 800-272-3900.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

The Southern New Mexico Bereaved Parents Support Group meets at 2:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Mesilla Valley Hospice, 410 Foster Road, in the Grief Center. Parents, grandparents and siblings are invited.

For more information, call Anna Cook at 527-1193.

YOGA CLASSES

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardin de los Niños. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience.

For more information, call Nichols at 882-4943 or email karen_fn@yahoo.com.

HATHA YOGA AT PEACE LUTHERAN

Hatha Yoga classes for beginners are held at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and noon Fridays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Classes are taught by Shoshana, a certified instructor. The class is gentle and non-competitive. Donations are accepted. Attendees are asked to bring

a mat or blanket.

For more information, call 522-7119.

STROKE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

A stroke survivors support group meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The facilitator is Dolores Hendricks.

For more information, call 528-3000.

TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support Group (TRIO) meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the conference room located on the right side at the entrance to the cafeteria.

For more information, call Susan at 496-2627.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

A Parkinson's Support Group is held from 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday of each month at MountainView Hospital, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Community Education room.

For more information, call John at 702-217-0450.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If you drink, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking and can't, that's ours.

For more information including a schedule of meetings, call 527-1803.

BELLY DANCE CLUB

Belly Dance Club for ages 11 and older is from 5 to 6 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost is \$2.

For more information, call 639-1616.

LEARN MIDDLE EASTERN RHYTHMS

Learn to Play Middle Eastern Rhythms from 5 to 6 p.m. Saturdays at My Place Jewell, 140 Wyatt Drive. Cost is \$2. No drum is required but call ahead for loaner drum.

For more information, call 639-1616.

MENTAL ILLNESS DISCUSSION TOPIC

"What is Mental Illness and What is Good Treatment for it?" will be a discussion led by psychologist Al Galves at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, in the Roadrunner Room at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

For more information, call Galves at 522-8371.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	1	2	7

Closed Sales Existing Homes	21	27	24
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Pending Home Sales (All)	162	156	213
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	117	151	89

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$181,298	\$191,398	\$147,000

Median Price Existing	\$145,000	\$142,500	\$128,950
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,096	1,102	1,126

Real Estate Agents	375	374	374
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Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 09/09/2013 to 09/15/2013
* MLS is wholly owned by the Las Cruces Association of Realtors
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Dental hygiene is essential



Laura Smart
Health Smart

When I was a child, I sucked my thumb and twirled a chenille blanket around my hand.

I don't remember when my addiction to thumb sucking stopped, but I do remember vividly the result of thumb sucking was buck teeth. In the seventh grade, between my buck teeth, silver-winged glasses and my skinny body, I was quite the sight.

I remember going to my first dance, and not one boy asked me to dance. I cried in a stall of the girl's bathroom. Oh, the drama of being a teenager.

Shortly after that tearful dance, my parents took me to Dr. Herberger, my orthodontist for the next two years. Those two years of braces were painful for me, and very costly for my parents.

Tightening the braces and wearing the night brace are memories I stuffed into my subconscious mind until now.

During this same time period, hard contact lenses were just being introduced. My parents took me to the ophthalmologist and within two weeks, I had rid my face of those lovely, silver-winged glasses.

By the time I was a freshman, my braces were off and I had a beautiful white smile to go along with my 20/20 vision, minus the glasses. I was voted on the homecoming court, and realized that the pain of the braces was worth it.

Since then, I have visited my dentist every six months to have my teeth cleaned, and have bi-annual x-rays in order to preserve my teeth.

What I didn't realize was that I had also been practicing preventive health care. Did you know that gum disease can cause not only tooth loss but heart disease as well?

Gum disease is a very common and dangerous form of hidden, chronic inflammation which can result in hardening of the arteries, causing most heart attacks.

The bacteria resulting from gum disease can enter the blood stream and stick to plaque in coronary arteries, causing inflammation and narrowing. Other diseases can also be introduced due to gum disease.

Dr. Chauncey Crandall, a cardiologist, has a list of "7 quick fixes to save your heart," and No. 2 on his list is "See your dentist."

I've always loved the way my teeth feel after a cleaning, but now I feel even better knowing I'm protecting my heart through appointments to my dentist!

When was your last visit to your dentist?

Laura Smart is an independent health and wellness consultant and may be reached at laurasmart@comcast.net.

Dress the Child sets goal of 500

Croquet tourney seeks to expand help

By **Rachel Christiansen**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Imagine going to work every day in the same clothes – not because it's a uniform or a choice, but because that one shirt, pair of pants and shoes are all you can afford.

Losing a shoe or ripping that one pair of pants could have detrimental effects on your daily life.

Hundreds of the most vulnerable residents of Doña Ana County face this situation every day – children from poor or underprivileged families.

Dress the Child, a Las Cruces Rio Grande Rotary Foundation program, has sought to address this need by providing adequate clothing for elementary- and middle-school children for the past 26 years.

This year, the program has set a goal to clothe 500 children – a large number by any standards, but one that represents a small percentage of those in the area who need it, said Dress the Child Co-chair Matt Holt.

"There's a lot of need in this community and we're one niche of that," Holt said. "There's only so much money to go around, and we recognize that."

A small niche, however, with a very big impact on children who sometimes receive new clothes for the first time in their lives.

"By and large, these kids are just delighted," Holt said. "There are some who have never been inside a mall store or have never been able to buy new clothes."

Through a partnership with Las Cruces Public Schools and Gadsden Independent



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Christiansen

Dress the Child Co-chairs Matt Holt and Doug Boberg brush up on their croquet skills for the upcoming tournament Saturday, Sept. 28, benefiting Dress the Child, through which underprivileged children are taken to retailers on designated shopping days to buy proper clothing, a new experience for many of the children.

School District, each of the elementary and middle schools nominates four or five children to receive the \$100 allotment for new clothes.

The help doesn't end there. Designated shopping days during the winter season are chosen, in which volunteers assist the children in making responsible buying choices.

"The shopping days are my favorite," Holt said. "We pack the stores with probably 500 people."

Retail partners Kohl's, Old Navy and Sears

usually offer in-store discounts, and since the nonprofit status of Dress the Child allows non-taxable purchases, each child receives anywhere from \$110 to \$120 worth of new clothes.

"You get to see their personalities come out, not to mention the gratitude on the parents' faces," said Dress the Child Co-chair Doug Boberg.

The primary fundraising event for Dress the Child has, for the past 19 years, been a

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Honoring distinctive women

Governor speaks at Girl Scout luncheon

By **Rachel Christiansen**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Ground-breaking, courageous and intellectual are adjectives that could be linked together when describing the 10 Las Cruces women honored at the inaugural Women of Distinction luncheon Thursday, Sept. 19.

Hosted by the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest, the awards were designed to not only showcase what these women have accomplished in the community, but to show aspiring Girl Scouts the sky's the limit.

"We have a very diverse group of women here, and they represent the breadth of things (Girl Scouts) can achieve," said event coordinator Jordyn Haught.

Honored were Kristen Anderson, Sonya Cooper, Phyllis Franzoy, Carrie Hamblen, Mary Lacy, Mandy Leatherwood, Judith

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Christiansen

Gov. Susana Martinez poses for a picture with the 2013 Women of Distinction Judith Leibrook, Suzanne Maddox, Mandy Leatherwood, Kristen Anderson, Lola Lestrack, Sabrina Pack, Mary Lacy, Sonya Cooper and Carrie Hamblen.

Showcasing role models at the Women of Distinction luncheon

Photos by Rachel Christiansen



Gov. Susana Martinez says hello to her former elementary school teacher Mary Lacy, who was an honored Woman of Distinction during the luncheon Thursday, Sept 19.



Hailey Vaughn, 8, LaKeysha Carter, 11, Alden Javery, 13, Catalina Sánchez-Maes, 13, Haleigh McBride, 11, and Grace Northrup, 9, await their cue to present the flags at the Girl Scouts Women of Distinction luncheon.

Kristen Anderson is the first female officer of the Las Cruces Fire Department, making her one of about 150 female battalion chiefs in the nation. The event was emceed by Stephanie Valle.



Carrie Hamblen had a 20-year career at KRWG Radio and was host of Morning Edition. She currently serves as the executive director of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, president of the local chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and chair of the Southern New Mexico Pride Committee.



Phyllis Franzoy spent the first 20 years of her career as co-owner of a vegetable growing and packing business and chile processing plant, and in 1993 founded the Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference.



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Women

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Leibrook, Lola Lestrick, Suzanne Maddox and Sabrina Pack.

Haught said the honor was modeled after a successful event that has been taking place for 22 years in Midland, Texas.

"It's an opportunity to honor women in the community for making incredible achievements and doing wonderful things, but they're not getting recognition," Haught said.

Gov. Susana Martinez, the first female Hispanic governor in the U.S., who happens to also be a Girl Scout alumna, was a fitting guest speaker during the luncheon.

"Having the governor was just perfect, because the governor represents they can reach the highest peaks and whatever they want to

achieve, they can do it," Haught said.

The governor spoke of the importance of having female role models in a young woman's life, naming her mother as her own role model.

"My mother had three children and a special-needs daughter," Martinez said. "The way my mother raised my sister was amazing, with the patience and ability to understand her and where she couldn't do certain things and could do others.

"In times long ago, people didn't usually go around so openly with someone with special needs. My mother did - proudly."

Martinez said she emulates qualities she learned from her mother to now care for her sister.

"A positive role model will give you the inspiration that you need to become either an astronaut, scientist, maybe even governor," she said.

Croquet

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sit-down, elegant dinner in which participants have a meal prepared by top-notch chefs in the area.

The event, which typically brings in a little more than \$12,000, is always a sell-out.

A waiting list for the dinner evolved, as did the thought to expand the effort and offer Las Cruces another opportunity to support the cause.

“We’re trying to make it fun for the people who participate, and make them feel like not only are they helping a good cause, but they’re actually getting something that will be fun for the entire family,” Boberg said.

Wanting to stay away from traditional fundraisers, they opted for a croquet tournament. Although somewhat a forgotten sport, Holt said, croquet was once played as an Olympic game.

“A lot of people haven’t played croquet since middle school with their parents, so we thought this could be a way to offer something unique people could do,” Holt said.

Coinciding with opening weekend at the corn maze seemed opportune to host such an event, as the venue has adequate grass space and surrounding activities to promote and educate about the area’s agriculture.

The inaugural croquet tournament will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Mesilla Valley Maze and Family Fun Farm, 3855 W. Picacho Ave. To register, visit www.dressthechild.weebly.com. Cost is \$30 per player.

For more information, call Holt at 993-2331.

Details

Dress the Child Croquet Tournament

When
1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28

Where
Mesilla Valley Maze & Family Fun Farm
3855 W. Picacho Ave.

Cost
\$30 per person

Contact
Matt Holt at 993-2331

Molina honors Las Cruces doctor

Williams advocates for children and families

Pediatrician and child advocate Dr. Jana Williams was recently honored by Molina Healthcare of New Mexico for her volunteerism and service at the fifth annual Community Champions Awards. The ceremony was held at the Albuquerque Museum.

“Dr. Williams’ drive and commitment to the well-being of children serves as inspiration for us all to selflessly make a difference in the life of a child,” said Patty Kehoe, president of Molina Healthcare of New Mexico. “She devotes countless time and energy to the community, the welfare of her patients and especially her children.”

Williams has been an advocate for children in the Las Cruces area for more than 10 years. She is an active volunteer for the Mariposa Autism Service Center, where she aids numerous families whose children are diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. She serves as medical lead of the Las Cruces community collaboration and Healthy Kids



Tony Martinez of Molina Healthcare of New Mexico, Dr. Jana Williams, Glen Bogner of Molina Healthcare Inc. and Patty Kehoe of Molina Healthcare of New Mexico honor Williams for her community service.

Las Cruces. Williams is also a member of the Junior League of Las Cruces, an organization that promotes the health and welfare of children in Doña Ana County.

High Heels for High Hopes fundraisers

Tickets for the sixth annual Style Show for the March of Dimes’ High Heels for High Hopes at 6 p.m. Nov. 22, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., may be purchased online at www.highheelsforhighhopes.com. If you would like your purchase to benefit a specific model, call the High Heels for High Hopes office at 523-2627. Tickets will also be available in October at participating salons.

FRI. 9/27

5 p.m. Circus on the Green, Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre. Event will feature a nine-hole scramble, beer and vodka tasting, dinner and a concert by The Liars. Cost \$125 per person. The event benefits models Kelly Lopez, Tara Rothwell-Clark and Margarita Salazar. For more information, call 644-0775.

TUE. 10/8

11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dinner at Chilis, Chilis, 426 N. Telshor Blvd. Event will give 10 percent of ticket sales to those with a flyer to benefit model Holli Jetsel. For more information, call 522-8081.

SAT. 10/12

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Long-drive Competition Fundraiser, New Mexico State University Golf Course, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. Each participant in their respective divisions will hit 10 drives in their qualifying round and the best drive will count. Individuals with the top-five drives win their divisions and will qualify for the championship round. The top three in each division will win prizes. Cost is \$30 or \$20 depending on age. For more information, contact Traci White at 405-3442 or tracimwhite@gmail.com.



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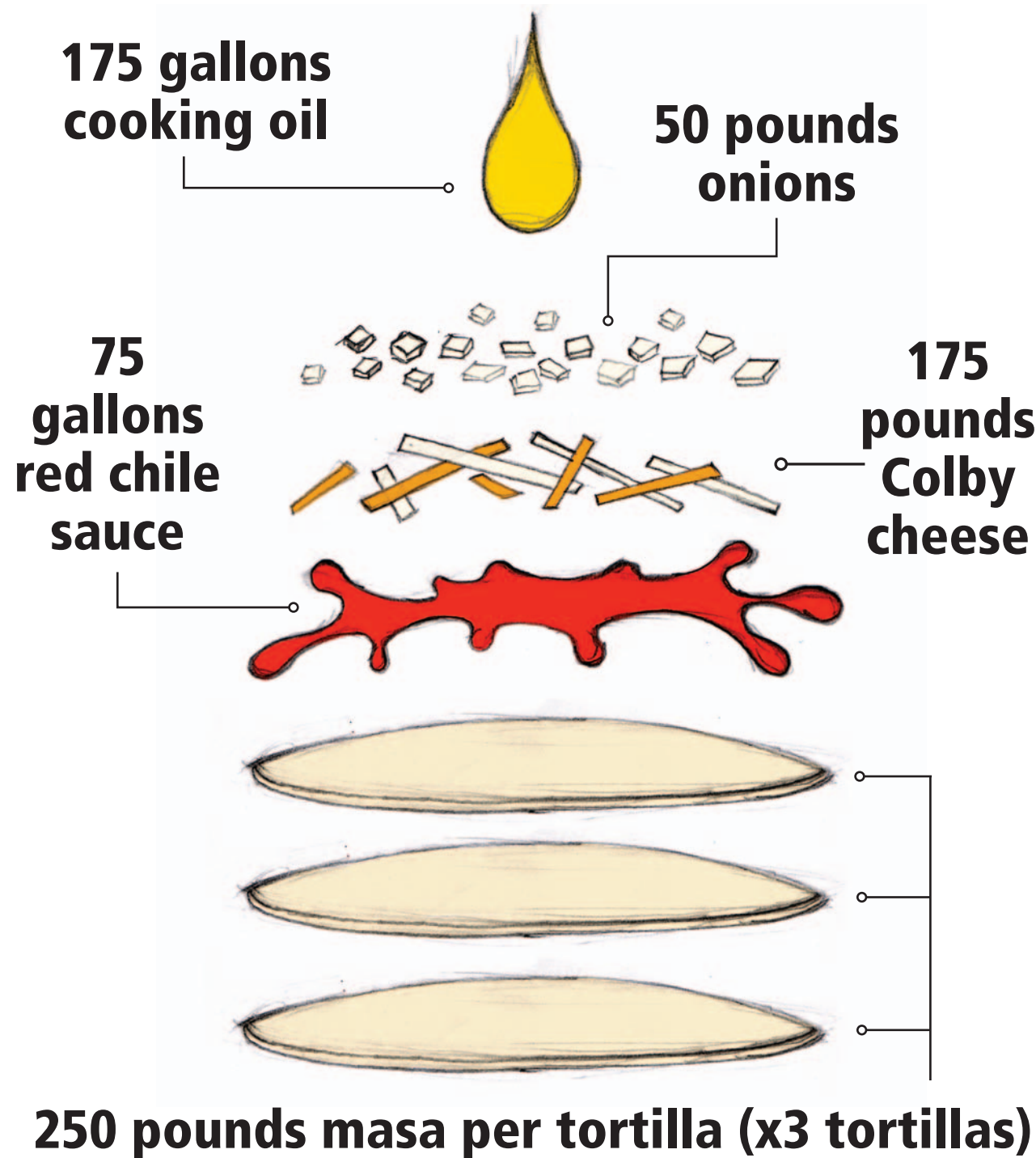
Calculating the Whole Enchilada

Las Cruces are fascinated by the big enchilada to make its debut once again this year at The Whole Enchilada Fiesta, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 27-29, at Meerscheidt Recreational Complex.

The sheer volume of ingredients that go into making the mammoth enchilada Roberto Estrada of Robertos Mexican Food masters is staggering; three tortillas made with 250 pounds of masa each, 75 gallons of red chile sauce, 175 pounds of cheese and 50 pounds of onions, cooked in 175 gallons of cooking oil.

We here at the Bulletin wanted to take those numbers and delve a little further into what lies within the enchilada. With help from the folks at the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, who used special nutritional programming to plug in the numbers, the nutritional output is hard to wrap your head around.

You can also find a recipe for stove top enchiladas to make at home, with a more realistic amount of ingredients and a lighter impact on the body.



Nutrition details

6,444,324
calories

137,437
grams of carbohydrate

644,110
grams of fat

38,141
grams of protein

Calculated by The Food Processor, a nutritional tool used by The Ideas for Cooking and Nutrition Program (ICAN), provided by New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service. ICAN is a series of mindful-eating lessons free of charge to limited-resource adults and youth. ICAN is funded by SNAP-Ed and EFNEP. For more information, call the local extension office at 646-2009 or 877-993-3637.

Stovetop Red Enchiladas

- 10 dried red New Mexico chile pods
- 4 cups water, divided
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 8 corn tortillas
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

Toast the chiles in an oven at 200 degrees for 5 to 10 minutes. Rotate frequently so they do not burn. Remove the seeds and stems.

Put the chiles and 3 cups of water into a medium saucepan. Simmer for 15 minutes.

Put half the chiles with some of the cooking water into a blender. Purée and then strain. Discard the peels and seeds. Repeat with the other half of the chiles.

Heat the oil in a medium saucepan. Add the flour and brown for 1 minute.

Add the strained chile, remaining cooking water and 1 cup of water.

Add the salt, oregano and garlic. Simmer for 15 minutes.

Break the tortillas into strips and divide into thirds. Add the tortillas to the pan. Cook until heated through, stirring from time to time.

Sprinkle the cheese over the enchiladas. Cover the pan and cook until the cheese has melted. Serve immediately. Makes 6 1-cup servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 200 calories, 8 grams fat, 9 grams protein

Submitted by: Kari Bachman

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Pet briefs

Pet of the week



Elvira is the pet of the week. She is a domestic short-hair, grey and orange tabby. Elvira is about 1 1/2 years old with bright green eyes. She knows how to capture anyone's attention with those eyes. She is a quiet cat with a mellow disposition. She will do great in a home where she can snuggle close and lounge all day.

For more information on Elvira or other animals for adoption, call the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 382-0018.

Low-cost dog/cat vaccination clinic Sept. 28

ACTion Programs for Animals (APA) will hold a low-cost dog and cat vaccination clinic from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Preciado Park on the New Mexico State University campus, 208 Gregg St.

Rabies vaccines will be \$8; dog DAPP vaccines will be \$12, cat FVRCP vaccines will be \$10; microchips will be free, made possible by

a donation from the Zero in 7 Coalition for Pets and People.

For more information, call APA at 644-0505, or visit www.actionprogramsforanimals.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/apalascruces and www.facebook.com/donaanapetsalive.

Cruisin' for Critters bike run scheduled

The fourth annual Cruisin' for Critters charity bike run is scheduled to begin at noon Saturday, Oct. 12. Sign-in is from 10 a.m. to noon at Las Cruces Motor Sports, 2125 S. Valley Drive. Cost is \$15 for riders, admission to after party for non-riders is \$12. The after party will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Blue Moon Bar, 13060 state Highway 185.

Stops along the way include La Viña Winery, 4201 state Highway 28, Miguel's restaurant, 1140 E. Amador Ave.; Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, 6890 Eagle Road; Las Cruces Dog Park, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.; The Bean Coffee Shop, 2011 Avenida de Mesilla; and Ump 88, 1338 Picacho Hills Drive.

All proceeds benefit the ACTion Programs for Animals (APA), an animal welfare non-profit organization.

For more information, call 621-4942.

Pits for Peace walk scheduled

The second annual Pits for Peace walk is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave.

The walk benefits the ACTion Programs for Animal (APA)'s direct rescue work specifically in honor of Pit Bull Awareness Month in October. Since the beginning of 2012, APA has rescued more than 525 animals, many of which were pit bulls. These dogs were successfully adopted into new homes because of being treated no differently than other dogs in the adoption system.

APA is still in need of support, including sponsorship, raffle item donations or vendor booth support for the second annual walk.

For more information, contact 644-0505 or www.actionprogramsforanimals.org, or mail@apalascruces.org.

Weekend pet adoption events

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will facilitate dog, cat, puppy and kitten adoptions Saturday, Sept. 28.

In addition to adoptions from the shelter site, adoptions will take place at two off-site pet adoption events.

Adoptions will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on Main Street Downtown. Dogs available for adoption will be located at the north end of Main Street. Cats can be adopted from the offices of the Center for Spiritual Living, across from the site where the dog adoptions take place.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., adoptions will be facilitated at PetCo, 3050 E. Lohman Ave.

Adoption fees are \$75 for dogs/puppies and \$50 for cats/kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchip.

At the PetCo event, microchipping for pets that already have homes will be available to the public for \$20, and city pet licenses will be available to neutered pets for \$5 each. Licenses for unneutered pets are \$25 each. Proof of spay/neuter is required before a \$5 license will be issued. Pet owners also must bring current proof of rabies vaccination for each animal to be licensed.

Daily cat adoptions are available at both PetCo, 3050 E. Lohman Ave., and Pet's Barn, 1600 S. Valley Drive.

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley also offers low-cost spay/neuter operations at the rate of \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the shelter offices at 382-0018.

Letter to the Editor

Against TNR programs

In his column Friday, Sept. 20, Jake Sims wrote about the controversy regarding feral cat colonies.

In what appeared to be a tongue-in-cheek remark, Sims said the method of trap-neuter-return for wild felines was protecting the health of humans and wildlife.

The scientific community greatly disagrees with this conclusion. In a July article published in the online scientific journal *Zoonoses and Public Health* "Rabies Prevention and the Management of Cats in the Context of Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Release Programmes," cats were shown to be the No. 1 carrier of rabies among domestic animals.

Over the past 10 years, the number of feral cat colonies has expanded, due mainly to community TNR programs, making cats responsible for 16 percent of all rabies cases in the U.S. Authors of the study, representatives of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the American Bird Conservancy and the Global Alliance for Rabies Control, called the growth of feral cat colonies and the incidents of rabies in humans as being on a collision course.

To quote the article summary, "TNR programmes are not effective methods for reducing public health concerns or for

controlling feral cat populations. Instead, responsible pet ownership, universal rabies vaccination of pets and removal of strays remain integral components to control rabies and other diseases."

As for the claim of protecting wildlife, feral and free-roaming outdoor cats are responsible for killing an estimated 1.4 to 3.7 billion birds and more than 7 billion mammals per year in the U.S., according to a study by scientists from the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The overwhelming percentage of these deaths are attributed to feral cats. Ground nesters, such as the local Gambels quail population and burrowing owls, are particularly vulnerable to cat predation.

Charles Rupprecht, head author of the TNR article said, "We didn't think it was OK to have (stray) dogs, but we think it's OK to create artificial cat colonies where they're exposed to wildlife that can transmit rabies."

Given the evidence that TNR programs and feral cat colonies are harmful to humans and wildlife, it's time to put an end to these well-intentioned but misguided endeavors.

Richard Hewett

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Health Briefs

Chile pepper bike challenge scheduled

The 32nd annual Chile Pepper Challenge, El Paso area's biggest cycling event, offers rides of 10, 22, 40, 62 and 100 miles Sunday, Sept. 29, beginning and ending at La Viña Winery, 4201 state Highway 28, La Union, N.M.

This is the second year the challenge has been based at the

winery, which also will be the site of a post ride Chile Pepper Fiesta. The event is sponsored by El Paso Bicycle Club.

All rides incorporate the region's favorite cycling route, state Highway 28, which runs through chile and cotton fields, pecan orchards and historic Mesilla Valley communities.

The rides begin with the 100-mile event at 7:30 a.m., which will go south to Santa Teresa, return north then climb over and back Anthony Gap before heading to Mesilla then ending

at La Viña. The 62-mile event begins at 9 a.m., going north to Mesilla and back. The 40-mile ride begins at 9:30 a.m. and goes to Mesquite and back. The 22-mile ride begins at 10:30 a.m. and goes through Anthony and Berino. The 10-mile fun ride begins at 10:45 a.m. and goes to Canutillo and back. All route maps and other details are posted at www.chilepepperchallenge.com.

The Chile Pepper Challenge is a fully supported ride, with support vehicles and rest stops (with snacks and relief stations) along the route. Entry fee includes a post-ride burrito and refreshments, plus a variety of door prizes.

Riders can pick up their rider package at from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at Academy Sports, 801 S. Mesa Hills; or before the ride at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, at La Viña Winery.

Registration is \$40 day of event. Children 17 and under ride free with a paying adult. Registration is available at www.active.com or download registration form at www.chilepepperchallenge.com.

The post-ride Chile Pepper Fiesta is from noon to 5 p.m. at La Viña, with live music. Wine will be sold by La Viña, with food and beverage concessions available. Admission is free.

A record 930 riders participated in last year's Chile Pepper Challenge. The annual event has raised thousands of dollars for local charities. This year's participating charities are the Lee & Beulah Moor Children's Home, Animal Rescue League of El Paso, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of El Paso and Roadrunner Food Bank of New Mexico.

Chile Pepper cycling jerseys, T-shirts and socks are also available for sale at www.chilepepper.com and at La Viña during the event.

El Paso Bicycle Club is a volunteer-run recreational club that offers weekly rides and an annual rider development program. For more information, visit www.elpasobicycleclub.com or call Jacquelyn Wehmeyer at 915-494-1682.

AAUW hosts author Hampton

The Las Cruces Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the Roadrunner Room of Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

The public is invited to attend to hear the speaker for the evening, author Elaine Hampton, who will discuss her book, "Anay's Will to Learn - A Woman's Education in the Shadow of the Maquiladoras."

In her book, Hampton tells the true story of a young Mexican woman, Anay Palomeque de Carrillo, who left her rural home for work in a factory in Ciudad Juárez during time of the city's notorious violence. Her achievement of education in that setting is shown through her personal perseverance and creativity.

Hampton is a retired associate professor of education at the University of Texas at El Paso. She was an award-winning teacher in communities near the Mexican border and is a researcher in the fields of Mexican and Mexican-American education.

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