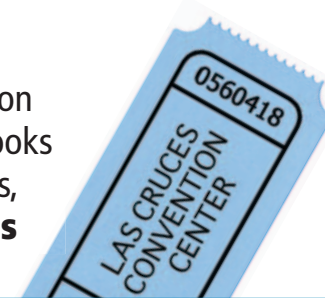




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## UTEP coming to AggieLand

The interstate rivalry, not innerstate rivalry

By **Jim Hilley**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

First year New Mexico State University football coach Doug Martin has made no secret of the importance he places on the Aggies' rivalry games against the University of New Mexico and the University of Texas-El Paso.

"If you look at the history of New Mexico State, every year that we have won the UTEP and the New Mexico game in the same year, those have been winning seasons, those have been productive years," Martin said. "Something special happened."

Martin is hoping his Aggies can do something special for NMSU fans at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, when the UTEP Miners and a large cadre of Miner fans make the trip up Interstate 10 to play in Aggie Memorial Stadium. New Mexico State has not beaten the Miners since Sept. 20, 2008, when the Hal Mumme-led Aggies edged UTEP 34-33 in El Paso.

UTEP is 0-1 on the young season under first-year coach Sean Kugler, losing their first game 42-35 in overtime to the UNM Lobos in the Sun Bowl. In that game, the two teams combined for 675 yards of rushing offense on 103 carries and only 207 yards through the air on 27 attempts.

The Aggies will face their first mid-major opponent of the season, having taken on BCS schools Texas and Minnesota in their first two games in 2013. While both of those games were losses, the Aggies have been able to stay in contention with their much-better-funded opponents, leading Texas 7-0 late in the second quarter and trailing Minnesota only 30-14 at the start of the fourth quarter.

Martin hopes his team's solid showing in the first two games will help motivate Aggie fans to come out to see NMSU play.

"Now we have a great game, a rivalry game our second home game," Martin said. "Our fans were great in the first one, and I know they will be great in this one."



## KEEPING THE FLAME

Las Cruces Fire Chief Travis Brown lights a candle during the city's annual 9/11 remembrance ceremony Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the main entrance to City Hall. Highlighting the sacrifice of first responders, the ceremony featured members of the Las Cruces fire and police departments. For more photos of 9/11 events, see pages A12 and A13.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

## State splits FYI Inc. in two after audit

CEO refutes land deal profiting

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

Jose Frieze, who started Families & Youth Inc. (FYI) as a pilot program with former state Rep. Antonio Lujan in 1977, knew he couldn't head FYI forever, and said he had been contemplating when he would retire.

On Monday, Sept. 9, while still getting his new offices at 1720 S. Telshor Blvd., in order, however,

Frieze said he has no intention of leaving until he has been cleared of accusations made by the state Human Services Department (HSD) via a controversial, non-disclosed audit, as well as getting back the behavioral health services that have been taken away from FYI under the accusation of misuse of Medicaid money.

FYI's past behavioral services,

See **FYI** on page A7

## 595th Sapper Co. returned on 9/11

More than 80 soldiers reunited

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

Just after the stroke of midnight Wednesday, Sept. 11, 83 soldiers of the 2nd Engineer Battalion's 595th Sapper Co. entered Bell Gymnasium on White Sands Missile Range, returning from a difficult nine-month deployment in Afghanistan.

Even before the soldiers entered the gym, a reminder of the

cost to this company was clear in a poster, where their names were put with stars on a flag, with a yellow star for Pfc. Errol Duran Aster Milliard, 18, who was killed July 4 by a rocket propelled grenade. It was his first deployment.

As a small crowd of family members waited in the gym for more than two hours for their arrival, stories were shared of injured comrades, improvised

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Challenges in health care reform and Middle East foreign policy to be addressed at annual NMSU gathering of national experts.



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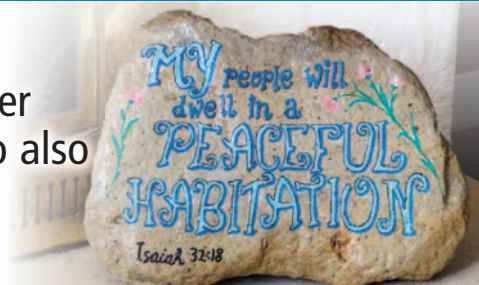


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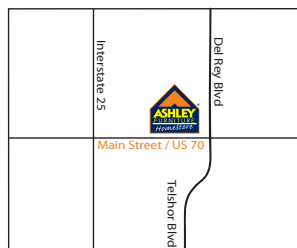
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SpaceShipTwo completed its second powered flight Thursday, Sept. 5, over the Mojave desert. This image was taken by MARS Scientific as part of the Mobile Aerospace Reconnaissance System optical tracking system.

Virgin Galactic photo



# Virgin takes second rocket-powered flight

## Company aims for 20-flight test schedule

*Bulletin Staff Report*

Virgin Galactic successfully completed the second rocket-powered, supersonic flight of its passenger carrying reusable space vehicle, SpaceShipTwo (SS2) Thursday, Sept. 5, in Mojave, Calif.

In addition to achieving the highest altitude and greatest speed to date, the test flight demonstrated the vehicle's full technical mission profile in a single flight for the first time, including a high-altitude deployment of the unique wing "feathering" re-entry mechanism. All of the test objectives were successfully completed.

At approximately 8 a.m. from the Mojave Air and Space Port, the company's WhiteKnightTwo

(WK2) carrier aircraft took off carrying SS2 to an altitude of 46,000 feet. Virgin Galactic Chief Pilot Dave Mackay was at the WK2 controls, assisted by Scaled Composites Co-pilot Mike Alsbury and The Spaceship Company Flight Test Engineer Scott Glaser.

Upon release from WK2, SS2 pilots Mark Stucky and Clint Nichols, both of Scaled, ignited the rocket motor for the planned 20-second burn propelling the spaceship to 69,000 feet. During this time, SS2 achieved a maximum speed of Mach 1.43. SS2 landed in Mojave at 9.25 a.m., completing the flight test with the pilots reporting a flawless flight.

"Today, we expanded the SpaceShipTwo rocket-powered flight test envelope with a longer burn duration and robust testing of the

# NMSU enrollment is down

## Drop of 5 percent felt across university

New Mexico State University had a total of 28,262 students across all campuses Friday, Sept. 6, the university's fall 2013 census date. That's a drop of 5.1 percent from the number recorded the previous year. NMSU's Las Cruces campus tallied 16,765 students, a decrease of 5 percent.

"We expected our enrollment to be down as a system, at both the undergraduate and graduate level, and that's what we're seeing," said Bernadette Montoya, NMSU's vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. "What we are learning from our colleagues at other universities around the state is that they are showing flat or decreased enrollment as well."

Each of NMSU's community colleges showed a decrease in enrollment for fall 2013. Enrollment at NMSU Alamogordo this semester was 2,458, down 22.5 percent from last fall. NMSU Carlsbad's enrollment was

1,861, down 9.7 percent from the previous year. NMSU's Doña Ana Community College had 8,837 students, down 4.7 percent. NMSU Grants had 970 students, down 15 percent.

"We have fewer first-time freshmen, which we believe is related to a decrease in high school graduates in New Mexico and the improving economy," Montoya said. "When we look at the demographics, we predict the number of high school graduates in the state to increase over the next five years."

Student credit hours for fall 2013 totaled nearly 318,000 across all NMSU campuses, down about 4.1 percent. NMSU's Las Cruces campus had more than 196,000 student credit hours, down 3.5 percent from the previous year.

Montoya said her office would continue to analyze the enrollment data and give an in-depth report to the NMSU regents during their meeting Oct. 18.

feather mechanism, supersonic aerodynamics and wing lift structure," said Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides. "Each powered flight of SpaceShipTwo yields cumulative progress that builds the foundation for safe and exciting commercial space flights."

Whitesides told reporters at the flight that the system could be ready for taking passengers into suborbital space from Spaceport America after 20 successful test flights.

"We couldn't be more delighted to have another major supersonic milestone under our

belts as we move toward a 2014 start of commercial service," said Virgin Galactic founder Sir Richard Branson. "It was particularly thrilling to see for the first time today the whole elegant system in action during a single flight, including the remarkable feathering re-entry system. It was this safety feature more than anything else that originally persuaded us that the overall design of the system was uniquely fit for (its) purpose. Everything we have seen today just confirms that view. Congratulations to all involved."



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## From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

# Film festival rolls

### Phillips gracious with fans, aspiring filmmakers

We love to go to the movies. We love to talk about movies. We love movie stars. We love watching movie previews before the actual movie. We even love TV commercials for movies.

Last week, the movies came to Las Cruces in a big way with the 2013 White Sands International Film Festival. In case you missed it, the festival featured a lot of great independent films, many with strong local connections. There were several film-related workshops and even some movie stars.

Lou Diamond Phillips came to town to receive the festival's annual Lifetime Achievement Award. Longtime character actor Chris McDonald came to present the actors' workshop. By all accounts, both actors were gracious, friendly and engaged with local fans, filmmakers and actors.

I did not get a chance to meet either actor, but did get to see Phillips when he arrived at the Allen Theatres Cineport 10 Friday, Sept. 6, to introduce his 1987 classic, "La Bamba."

Outside the theater, he happily accommodated every photo and autograph request, certainly making many new fans in the process.

Somehow, despite being a huge music fan, I had never seen "La Bamba." So how cool was it, to see it for the first time, not only on the big screen, but with an introduction from the movie's star?

Phillips called the movie his "Cinderella story."

Indeed, the movie credits say, "Introducing Lou Diamond Phillips," and the young actor carried the movie well. It was great film with which to launch a career.

In case you're not familiar, "La Bamba" is the story of a budding 1950s rock 'n' roll star, Ritchie Valens, who died in the 1959 plane crash that also claimed Buddy Holly.

I'm a lifelong Holly fan and always wondered how far Holly could have gone had he not died at 22. Valens, though, was only 17, making Holly seem like an old-timer. What a tragic loss of talent.

Phillips told the audience he remains in touch with several of his fellow actors in the movie, and said fans still come up to him and shout one of the film's last lines, uttered by his movie mom, "Not my Ritchie ..."

One of the best parts of the festival is providing an outlet for aspiring local filmmakers, writers and actors. During one event, Phillips talked about meeting Sigourney Weaver before he had hit it big. He told her how much he admired her work, and that he was an aspiring actor himself. As many young actors might do, he told Weaver how much he'd like to work with her someday.

Weaver could have easily shrugged off the young kid, but instead said, "I look forward to it."

Those words stuck with Phillips, and perhaps gave him the confidence to keep working. That's why now, and particularly at the White Sands festival, he's hyperconscious of providing similar positive feedback to youngsters.

When these local aspiring actors and filmmakers - and not all of them are young - get to rub shoulders with supportive professionals such as Phillips, McDonald and our own Tony Award-winning writer Mark Medoff, it might be just the nudge they need to take the next step in their careers.

This year's film workshops were well attended and included many students.

The Open Range 48-Hour Film Frenzy was added this year, in which 12 filmmaking teams had 48 hours to write, shoot and edit a short film.

With continued steps and growth, the White Sands International Film Festival keeps getting better. I look forward to the day 20 years from now when one of our local aspiring actors comes back to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award, and he or she can tell the story about meeting Phillips and wanting to work with him, with Phillips replying, "I look forward to it."



"THERE'S A NICE MAN WEARING A PEACE PRIZE AT THE DOOR SELLING WAR."

## Letter to the Editor

### Services unappreciated

Is my practice hurt by these New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD) audits? Not at all. If anything, my forensic practice will be enhanced because some mentally unstable individual will hurt someone as the result of not having access to their meds because their shrink moved to another state.

The main reason why I am troubled by how these HSD audits have been handled is because of what it seems to say about how the political leadership in our state views mental health services: Mental health services are not that important, except to the extent that the need for it in our exceedingly poor state brings in a lot of money that can be used to further political agendas.

In other words, the current political leadership does not seem to really care about helping the citizens of this state. That's not their end-game. Because if it were really important, they would see the value in quality mental health services, and implement policies that build up the mental health infrastructure, not gut it.

I still recall what it felt like racing bicycles

in 1987, to have inspirational teammates at my side and encouraging leadership making us all feel like we could accomplish anything. It was magical.

I also remember the opposite experience later that same year, on my high school soccer team in Taos, where our coach was insecure, irritable and not genuinely invested in helping his guys perform.

My bike team won the national championships that year, while our soccer team didn't even make it to the state championships.

When I think about how the leaders of our state are currently treating our mental health system, I know we are on a losing team that is on a collision course with nothing good.

Until our political leaders truly appreciate the value of high-quality mental health services, most of us practitioners are going to remain increasingly vulnerable professionally, and the people of our state will unnecessarily suffer.

That's why I care about all this HSD audit stuff. I guess I like to be on a winning team. It feels an awful lot better.

Noah K. Kaufman, Ph.D.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

## The battle of the abandoned horse

### Real cowboys and Indians versus Hollywood and urban America

The furor of lawsuit threats, animal rights terrorists, gesticulating celebrity actors and ex-politicians traveling the countryside like Barnum and Bailey is finally bringing out those who really have something at stake in the wild horse/domestic horse slaughter issue. It is easy for a movie star or politician or animal rights advocate to fall under the trance that horses live forever and eventually go to horse heaven, because that is about as deep as they think. Their weak solutions to the abandoned horse problem that they have helped create are like ducks peeing on a forest fire.

I don't wish to ridicule them. I appreciate their compassion, their concern for animals being mistreated, and their wish that horses wouldn't die. But they live in a dream world.

Buster, a life-long cowboy and horse trainer, takes it personally when he sees pictures of starving, skeletal, abandoned horses.

"There are a lot more humane ways for a horse to die than starvation," he said.

The wild horse wreck we have created by not allowing the BLM to cull the herds of wild horses and burros is as big a fiasco as the Forest Service's misguided policy of banning timber and grazing in national and state forests.

Oh, how we have to learn the hard way.

The American Indians have always held the horse in high esteem, ever since Coronado crossed the border in 1535 and introduced them to us. The horse is revered, valued and used by them as chattel, but the Indians also take the responsibility of caring for the herd and the land. They are now trying to talk to people who live behind a desk about "nature's balance."

The Navajo Nation in New Mexico, the biggest tribe in the United States, has now joined the National Congress of Indians and other tribes, in support of horse slaughter in the U.S.

"We ... can no longer support the estimated 75,000 feral horses that are drinking wells dry and causing ecological damage to the drought-stricken range," they said.

They aren't kiddin' and they know what they're talking about. Studies of the cost to feed and maintain one horse for a year in a rescue, feedlot, summer pasture, or refuge can be as low as \$2,400 to \$3,650. Using the lowest estimate, \$200 per month equals \$2,400 per year times 75,000 horses equals \$180 million.

Three of the entities actively involved in preventing the horse slaughter plant in New Mexico are ex-governor Bill Richardson, movie star Robert Redford and the

Humane Society of the U.S. I have listened to their speeches and read their quotes. I do not doubt they are sincere. I don't question their emotional motives. However, I have yet to hear a viable solution for, not just New Mexico's impending crisis, but for our whole country's equine catastrophe that was the result of cessation of horse slaughter plants.

I would suggest that they put their money where their mouths are. Gov. Richardson has had some legal problems due to shady politics, but I would guess he could come up with \$250,000. Redford has an estimated net worth of \$170 million, and the recent budgets of the HSUS spending runs about \$250 million a year. They ante

up together and make the first donation, \$420 million.

That will take care of the Navajos for two years.

Well, we all know they don't intend to spend their own money. They don't care that much. But the train is comin' down the track and they are standin' right between the rails. They better turn around and see it before it's too late.

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“ I have yet to hear a viable solution for, not just New Mexico's impending crisis, but for our whole country's equine catastrophe that was the result of cessation of horse slaughter plants. ”

## Letter to the Editor

### Stay in the closet

For the last few years, more and more selfish, law twisting, deviants have been having their way by employing immoral coercive and intimidating tactics against candidates and political wannabes, and it works, simply because they know that there is power in numbers.

Are their issues correct or at least morally correct?

A very resounding no.

People who know that they possess abnormal feelings and perceptions of themselves have for ages decided to stay in the closet,

but they are getting bolder. A few have boldly and daringly decided to ease out and take chances, knowing that respected society does not naturally condone deviant behavior.

That's all it is, deviant behavior, and they just simply want to have their own way and make every effort to impose their will on respected society. Now the norm is becoming to just let them have their way, simply because they are binding together and playing the numbers game.

As mentioned before, it works. People are just finding other ways to manipulate the systems, and getting away with it.

*J.D. Rodriguez*

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# Military draft could return

## College students oblivious to possibility of call-up

**Michael Swickard**  
In My Opinion



Last week, two young college men were in front of me in a grocery store line.

"What do you think about the conflict in Syria? Is America about to get embroiled?" I asked them.

One student shrugged, "I don't know or care since it doesn't concern me."

"Really," I exclaimed, "Did both of you register for the Selective Service when you turned 18?"

They both nodded, a bit puzzled.

I continued, "The whole reason for Selective Service registration is so they can draft you if our country needs you to serve in the military."

After a pause, one said, "You can't get college financial aid unless you register."

"So you had a good reason to register with Selective Service," I said. "That's the same Selective Service I registered with in 1968. They registered me, then President Richard Nixon sent me greetings."

I had their attention. "Didn't it occur to you that if our country gets into a big shooting war, young men like you are just what our Army needs?"

One student protested, "No that is not right. Our country has an all-volunteer military. Our country does not conscript people against their will into war."

I smiled.

"Then why did your country need you to sign up for Selective Service in the first place? They spent years pushing you to do so when you turned 18. They made sure you knew bad things would happen if you did not. The way I see it, our country has two more draft-eligible soldiers if needed."

Panic crept into their eyes and I went on. "I'm 63, so they do not want me. They need young men." I sang a verse from long ago, "You're in the Army now, you're in the Army now ... you'll never get out, you'll never get out, you're in the Army now."

Two geezers behind me laughed loudly. They sang that

same verse again.

Finally I asked, "Did you vote in the last election?" Both shook their heads no, "We're not registered."

I could not help observing, "Then there is no political reason for any politician to save your butts."

They paid at the register and hurried out. The geezers behind me laughed, saying, "Bet they now pay attention to the world news."

Do I think the draft is on its way back? It seems likely, since our society is becoming more repressive. There was no draft during most of the 1920s and 30s. Earlier there was a draft during the First World War, but that conflict was supposedly the War to End All Wars, as my grandfather's medal proclaims.

The difference between then and now is, we seem to be looking for trouble now, while back then, trouble came looking for us. In 1940 no one could imagine that in the next few years 16 million men and women out of a total American population numbering 132 million would serve in our armed forces. Nearly half a million Americans died in that conflict.

Our current president has been "adventuring" in a number of hot spots where America is directly opposed by the two other biggest militaries, Russia and China. It is almost like the start of the First World War all over again. One spark at the wrong time and the world goes up in flames.

In a limited conflict like Afghanistan, our all-volunteer military can work effectively for a while. But our military, along with National Guard units, are at a breaking point. Many service men and women have served multiple overseas deployments.

If our leadership gets us into an extended conflict, there is no other way for our country to continue than with a draft. Ultimately, despite drones, missiles and F-22s, some poor mother's son has to kick down a door and take buildings for us to truly prevail in a wartime conflict.

As long as we are registering young people for the draft, it is not if, but when someone will decide to harvest those who have registered. At the very least, today's young men should keep up with the world news so it does not come as a surprise when someone says, "You're in the Army now."

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## Guest column

# Climate action

## Group offers solution

By **Vincent Gutschick, John Nelson and Lou Ellen Kay**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The current six-year drought in our area is demonstrating the effects of climate change in New Mexico. Farmers have been hit especially hard, with severely reduced irrigation allotments, and the Rio Grande is conspicuously dry over extended times and reaches.

We need to learn what can be done about climate change, either to slow it down or to help us to deal with its effects. Much work has been done already, so an important national hearing on climate change on Sept. 18 should have experts as participants, including several conservative economists who have looked at climate change and several top climate scientists.

Whether we are skeptical, or are 98 percent certain that climate change is human-caused, the projected drastic consequences of rapid climate change require a real discussion about the origins and effects of climate change. The hearing by the Subcommittee on Energy and Power, of the Energy and Commerce Committee, is being convened by Rep. Ed Whitfield.

The hearing is most likely to focus on the EPA's regulations of carbon pollution, a major contributor to human-caused climate change. The hearing could instead be an earnest discussion of the human-caused part that dominates climate change, as established by hundreds of methods.

We should consider protective action to reduce the carbon pollution from cars, trucks, power plants, fires, fracking leaks and more. A grass roots group, the Citizens Climate Lobby, offers a focused and practical course of action to systematically decrease carbon in our energy supply at an economically sound pace. Congress could place an annually rising fee on fossil-fuel production at each source, be it well or mine, and redistribute all the monies collected to all households in the U.S.

Two-thirds of all households should have a net energy cost equal to or even lower than currently, and the incentive for energy producers to go low- or no-carbon helps us move to a sustainable energy economy.


Is this practical and hard-nosed? A number of economists and energy analysts think so. We believe that they deserve the chance to speak.

We in the Citizens Climate Lobby propose that the concerned citizens of the Las Cruces area ask Rep. Whitfield, through our Rep. Steve Pearce, to invite these economists: Greg Mankiw, Bush and Romney adviser; Andrew Moylan of the R Street Institute; Art Laffer, a Reagan adviser; and Gary Becker, a conservative Nobel Laureate in economics. At the same time, key science experts merit inclusion: Katharine Hayhoe from Texas Tech; Kevin Trenberth from the National Center for Atmospheric Research; and Veerabhadran Ramanathan from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

This request of our Congress is a simple start that we can all consider.

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# FYI

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including those for treatment foster care families and for youth group homes, are now being handled by the Tucson-based La Frontera, one of five Arizona companies hired by HSD to take over management operations of the behavioral health service providers the state withheld Medicaid money from.

FYI was one of 15 nonprofits accused of misspending or overbilling Medicaid for behavioral health services by a Boston-based company, Public Consulting Group (PCG). According to HSD, an audit by PCG confirmed questionable practices and “aberrant billings” alleged by OptumHealth, a company the state had been contracting to handle government payments to behavioral health providers. According to HSD, OptumHealth found the alleged widespread fraud through “whistle-blowers” and a new billing software – “Optum’s magical software,” Frietze called it.

About half the nonprofits reviewed in the audit have had their management taken over – a couple even went out of business before the Arizona companies could be brought in.

Frietze said FYI is still able to operate because its structure was more “horizontal” than “vertical” in that the agency provided a variety of services funded by different government agencies and grants. Besides HSD, one of the main state agencies FYI has contracts with is the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD), but the state is even trying to hold up some of that funding because of the alleged “Medicaid fraud,” Frietze said.

When La Frontera took over FYI’s main building at 1320 S. Solano Drive, Frietze said La Frontera tried to hold onto the equipment and staff of its Child Advocacy Center, a forensic interview room to determine if a child has been abused. Used by CYFD and law enforcement, the center has a room for a child to be interviewed in that can be watched by case workers and police investigators in a separate room, where the interviews are also videotaped. It is the only facility of its kind in the area, Frietze said, run by the only nationally certified forensic interviewer in the state.

“La Frontera tried to keep the center, but all the equipment – the video equipment and camera – is owned by FYI,” he said.

So, the Child Advocacy Center was moved to the new Telshor location, along with the computers and other equipment owned by FYI, Frietze said, and the organization has been able to hold onto 19 of its 29 contracts.

“It’s been tough, very difficult,” Frietze said.

During a recent legislative Behavioral Health Subcommittee meeting held in Las Cruces, Frietze wasn’t able to stay to the meeting’s very end late that day to defend himself against the most detailed accusations made to date against FYI. At that hearing, HSD officials accused Frietze of owning property leased to its youth group homes.

“That’s just not true,” Frietze said.

As part of the strategy to provide FYI as broad a base of resources as possible, FYI created a holding company of sorts, called Resources for Children & Youth Inc. Although Frietze works for both Resources and FYI, they are two separate nonprofits, each with their own board of directors.

“The only purpose of Resources is to support FYI and to



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

**Jose Frietze, CEO of Families & Youth Inc., shows the Child Advocacy Center in FYI’s new headquarters on Telshor Boulevard. The forensic interview room for uncovering – or debunking – child abuse was moved from the former FYI headquarters after an Arizona company took over management of behavioral services run by FYI.**

be there for FYI in the long run,” Frietze said. “It’s kind of like a foundation. ... I wanted Resources to have a strong balance sheet so it could help out FYI in times of crisis, like now.”

Resources would buy the properties for FYI programs and charge a lease to pay off the loans. Should the programs move on and other uses be found for the properties, future income from them would still go to FYI, Frietze said, with the intent of giving FYI more flexibility in dealing the ups and downs of government and grant funding. In recent years, funding for the shelter function of the group homes has been losing money, but the organization was still able to provide the services because of the strength of other revenues available, he said.

“When I came up with Resources, some people called me visionary,” Frietze said. “Now, a lot of nonprofits do the same thing. ... The point is, I don’t own the properties. Resources owns them.”

Nor is it unusual for a company like La Frontera, Frietze said, which is a nonprofit organization that has 18 other companies under it. The only bright part of La Frontera taking over the Solano building, he said, is La Frontera is paying rent to Resources, “so while this is going on, we’ll actually be making some money.”

Besides wanting to clear his reputation, Frietze said he wants to make FYI whole again.

FYI started as a pilot project in 1977 as Children in Need of Supervision, or CHINS. It became a proper nonprofit two years later, but found the name limited funding opportunities, so it became FYI in 1987.

In 1995, FYI leadership at a retreat identified a problem of being too spread out among a number of locations. Frietze said he set a five-year goal of getting FYI under one roof, and he

accomplished that in mid-2000 with the large building on Solano.

With the La Frontera takeover, Frietze said he was forced to “divorce” himself from that building.

“I felt like crying ... because of the way it was done,” he said.

Frietze said his prime motivation now is to someday go back to the building and re-hang the FYI sign.

“That’s my prime motivation, now,” he said. “The other day, we got our first visit from investigators from the state Attorney General’s Office. I was glad to see them. I welcome this investigation, its completion and my eventual exoneration.”

## Radio spots and planes

Meanwhile, radio spots defending Gov. Susana Martinez in the audit and following actions by a group calling itself New Mexico Competes is accusing “special interest groups” of trying to get her to “look the other way” on Medicaid fraud.

“Medicaid fraud hurts those who need help the most: The poor, the vulnerable,” the ad narrator says. “A recent audit exposed \$36 million in potential fraud.

“The Albuquerque Journal reported one CEO couple pocketed more than \$1.5 million a year in a sketchy leasing scheme. But it gets worse. KOB TV reported another CEO used Medicaid funds to fly his private plane to his vacation home in Mexico. Now, records reveal the CEO got the loan for his private plane from a company receiving Medicaid funds.”

The couple referred to in the ad is Shannon and Lorraine Freedle of Santa Fe, who run TeamBuilders Inc., one of the audited companies. According to the Albuquerque Journal, the couple made as much as \$1.5 million a year in salaries and other income, mostly from leases paid by TeamBuilders to holding companies owned in full or in part by the Freedles and other officers of the nonprofit.

The KOB report referred to in the ad is aimed at Roque Garcia, former acting CEO of Southwest Counseling Center, another audited provider in Las Cruces. The Albuquerque Journal also reported on the payments to Garcia for use of his plane coming through Providence Service Corp., another Tucson-based company that provided administrative services to Southwest Counseling, FYI and four other core service providers cited in the audit. The Journal reported Garcia also is an employee of Providence, which is a for-profit company.



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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.

[www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org)

## Coming Up

### Native plant hike

The Native Plant Society of New Mexico, Las Cruces Chapter will host a field trip Saturday, Sept. 14. Tom Packard will lead a hike in Barr Canyon in the Organ Mountains.

Anyone interested is asked to meet at 8 a.m. at the east end of the Rio Grande Bank parking lot, at the corner of University Avenue and Telshor Boulevard.

### Boy Scouts swap meet

Boy Scouts of America Troop 66 will have a swap meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, behind Sisbarro Luxury Motors, 125 W. Boutz Road, near the corner of Boutz and Main Street. Vendors are invited to swap, sell or trade camping, hiking and sports equipment. Vendor spaces are \$20.

For more information, call Jon Davidson at 649-0389.

### Astronomy open house

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy will hold an observatory open house at the NMSU campus observatory at 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13.

Astronomy personnel on hand will be Rene Walterbos and graduate assistants Candace Gray, Sam Schonfeld, and Kenza Arraki.

Attendees observe the moon, Venus and Saturn, the Andromeda galaxy, star clusters and more.

Everyone is welcome to come and spend an evening of stargazing. Admission is free and children are especially welcome to attend.

For more information, call the NMSU Astronomy Department at 646-4438.

### Checkpoints planned

Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office deputies have planned several sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols during the month of September. These activities are part of an ongoing effort to reduce DWI-related crashes, injuries and deaths.

Checkpoints and patrols will be conducted Friday Sept. 13, Thursday through Saturday Sept. 19-21, Monday, Sept. 23, and Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 26-30, in various locations throughout Doña Ana County. Checkpoints are usually set up between 4 p.m. and 4 a.m. Deputies will be looking for all types of violations, with an emphasis on intoxicated drivers.

New Mexico law allows for the seizure or forfeiture of vehicles driven by people who have been convicted of multiple DWI offenses or who are driving on suspended or revoked licenses at the time of a DWI arrest.

### Republicans meet

The Republican Party Platform Series continues at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Lorenzo's Saratoga Room, 1763 E. University Ave. New Mexico Rep. Dr. Terry McMillan will speak on "Fixing Healthcare." Local business owners and job creators will speak on preparing for Obamacare. Dinner is available for \$12, reservations are due by Monday, Sept. 16.

There is no charge for the presentation and a question-and-answer period will follow at 7 p.m.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Jayme Wallis at 640-7223.

### Geocache at nature park

The Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park and the Asombro Institute will host a geocaching event at the park from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 14.

Attendees will learn how to geocache and use a GPS. Mystery caches for the little ones and micro- and multi-caches for the intermediate geocachers will be located in the park. Veteran geocachers are welcome for a more difficult "Cache In Trash Out." GPS units will be available.

The Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park is located northeast of Las Cruces. From Interstate-25 in Las Cruces, head east on U.S. Highway 70. Take the Mesa Grande Road exit

(at Oñate High School). Make a U-turn under the highway to head west and stay in the right lane. Turn right (north) on Jornada Road. Follow Jornada Road for 6.4 miles and turn left at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park sign. Follow the entrance road to the parking area and trailhead.

The Asombro Institute for Science Education is a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing scientific literacy by fostering an understanding of the Chihuahuan Desert. The Asombro Institute provides hands-on science education programs for more than 17,000 students throughout southern New Mexico and west Texas each year.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Asombro Institute for Science Education, membership and volunteer opportunities may call 524-3334 or visit [www.asombro.org](http://www.asombro.org).

### Doll show and sale

The Doña Ana Doll Club is holding its 18th annual show and sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Columbus Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

Dolls, accessories, Teddy bears, fabric and trim will be for sale. Minor doll repairs and re-stringing will be available on site.

Admission is \$2. Children 10 and under are admitted free.

For more information, contact Gloria Sanders at 523-1413 or [sanders14094@comcast.net](mailto:sanders14094@comcast.net).

### Stitchers gather

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

For more information call 522-4684.

### Bicycle riding group

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will begin a group riding program in October for residents who want to start bicycling for exercise or recreation.

The program will be for the 50-plus community, but anyone 18 and older is welcome to participate. Registration begins Monday, Sept. 16, at Frank O'Brien Papen Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.

Rides will take place at 8:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. As temperatures cool, the start time will be later. Each riding day will have a set distance and designation.

Eight-to-10-mile rides will be labeled "Leisure," 10- to 20-mile rides "Push" and 20- to 30-mile rides "Work."

All routes will be local, utilizing city bike paths and roads. Participants will be required to provide their own bikes, helmets, patch kits, water, snacks and other items needed for each excursion. Bikes with multiple gears are strongly recommended for all routes and rides.

Cost per outing is \$3 per participant and \$1.50 for seniors 60 years of age and older.

Ride routes and designations are being finalized and will be available online at [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org).

For more information, call 541-2550.

### Free film at Fountain

The Mesilla Valley Film Society will present a special free movie at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe.

"More Than Honey" is an investigative documentary on why bees are facing extinction and why one third of the world's food supply is in danger. The film raises questions of species survival in cosmic terms.

For more information and to view the film's trailer, visit [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

### Safe Haven adoptions and open house

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, a "no kill" shelter for cats and dogs, will hold an off-site adoption event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at PetSmart, 2200 E. Lohman Ave.

Highly adoptable pets from the sanctuary will be available and volunteers will be on hand to assist anyone interested in adopting a pet. All animals have up-to-date vaccinations and have been spayed or neutered. Any history on the animal will be shared with prospective adopters.

Adoption fees are \$85 for dogs and \$50 for cats and include micro-chipping.

Potential adopters may schedule a visit to the sanctuary, 6890 Eagle Road, where there are many more pets awaiting adoption, Tuesdays through Sundays, by calling 805-5338.

The sanctuary 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.

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](http://www.shaspets.com) or call 527-4544.

## Romans - the Gospel According to Paul 2013

<b>Course:</b>	Romans - The Gospel According to Paul
<b>Instructor:</b>	Canon Scott A. Ruthven, D. Min.
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## Coming Up

### LC Academy open house

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LCA is a nonprofit private school serving academically advanced students. Classes are small, and teachers are well-qualified and provide a stimulating, supportive environment.

LCA offers classes for early kindergarten through sixth grade, and is adding one grade each year. There are still some openings for students from first through sixth grade this academic year. Applications for the 2014-15 academic year are being accepted.

### German club meets

The Friends of the German Language Club "Freunde der Deutschen Sprache" will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at Breland Hall, Room 170A, on the New Mexico State University campus. Attendees can view the recent German language comedy movie "Maria, ihm schmeckt's nicht" with German subtitles.

For more information, call Heike at 522-5393.

### Lunch & Learn

Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will present the free Lunch & Learn program from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, in the Roadrunner Room.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their

lunch. No food is provided.

El Paso Master Gardener Dave Turner will present "Potatoes, Onions and Garlic."

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

### Pool league begins fall and spring season

The Main Street Pool League (MSPL) is beginning their fall and spring season soon. MSPL is a BCA 8-ball, five-person team league that plays at 7 p.m. Tuesday nights at My Brother's Place, 334 S. Main St. New members are always welcome. Anyone interested in sponsoring a team or being a player in the league may call Cathy Cowger at 202-4506.

For more information, visit [www.mainstreetpoolleague.com](http://www.mainstreetpoolleague.com).

### SAR meets Sept. 21

The Gadsden Chapter of the Sons of The American Revolution will meet at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at Sunset Grill at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, 1274 Golf Club Road. RSVPs are requested to [swdirectads@hotmail.com](mailto:swdirectads@hotmail.com).

For more information, call Sam Bradley at 522-3479.

### Sheriff's academy set

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office is taking applications for its fall Citizen's Police Academy, which will take place from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday, Sept. 21, through Oct. 26, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

To be considered, each applicant must be

18 or older, a resident of Doña Ana County and have a valid driver's license or photo ID. A background check will be performed on all applicants. Applicants must not have any prior felony convictions and no misdemeanor arrests within the last three years.

The academy will take class members through various divisions of the department in an effort to strengthen community partnerships through awareness, according to Sheriff Todd Garrison.

Citizen's Academy classes are interactive, giving participants hands-on knowledge of how sheriff's deputies are trained to handle real-life situations. Class members will examine traffic enforcement, understand the use of force (including the use of deadly force)

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

The fall Citizen's Academy is free of charge. Applications can be downloaded at [www.donaanacounty.org/sheriff](http://www.donaanacounty.org/sheriff), and are also available at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd. The deadline to apply is Monday, Sept. 16. Class size is limited to 25 people.

For more information, call 386-4302 or contact Deputy Michelle Ugalde at [michelleu@donaanacounty.org](mailto:michelleu@donaanacounty.org).

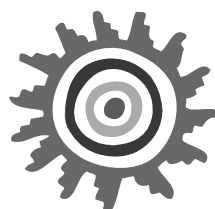
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### Community Workshops:

<b>Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013</b> Butterfield 5:30-7:30pm Butterfield Community Center 9350 Berry Patch Lane (Smith Lane)	<b>Wednesday, Sept. 18</b> Hatch, North Doña Ana 5:30-7:30pm Hatch Community Center 837 Highway 187	<b>Thursday, Sept. 19</b> La Union, Berino, Anthony 5:30-7:30pm Our Lady of Refuge Parish Hall 320 Mercantil Avenue	<b>Friday, Sept. 20</b> San Miguel, La Mesa, Vado-Del Cerro 5:30-7:30pm San Miguel Parish Hall 19127 S. Highway 28
<b>Chaparral</b> 5:30-7:30pm Betty McKnight Community Center 190 County Line Road	<b>Sunland Park, Santa Teresa</b> 5:30-7:30pm San Martin de Porres Parish Hall 1885 McNutt Road	<b>Radium Springs/ Fort Selden</b> 5:30-7:30pm Radium Springs Community Center 12060 LB Lindbeck Road	<b>Las Cruces + Surrounding</b> 5:30-7:30pm Government Center Multi-Purpose Rooms 113 & 117 845 N. Motel Blvd.

NOTE: 1-4 pm open house at all workshops. Come visit with the planners and designers.



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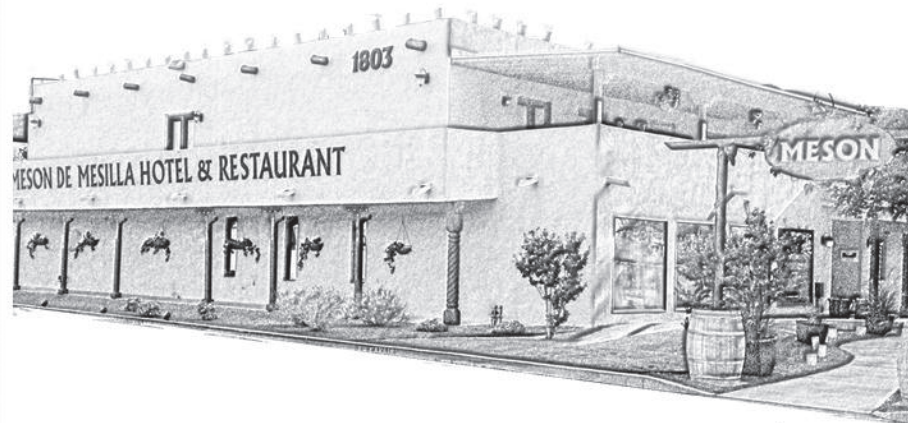
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# Mesilla to mark Mexico's independence Saturday

## Plaza site of local annual celebration

By **Marvin Tessneer**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

El Grito will be repeated Saturday, Sept. 14, on Mesilla Plaza celebrating Mexico's break from the Spanish crown.

The Mexican War of Independence was an armed conflict between the people of Mexico and the Spanish colonial authorities, which started on Sept. 16, 1810.

"Viva Mexico, viva la Independencia" was shouted by El Cura Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla in Dolores, Guanajuato, marking the start of Mexico's fight for independence, which makes Sept. 16 much like the Fourth of July in the United States.

Spain had divided Nueva España into three classes. Peninsulares had been born in Spain and were granted privileges in government and business. Criollos had been born in Nueva España and were treated like second-class citizens. Indios and Mestizos, people of mixed races, complained that they were being denied human rights.

Although of different classes, the drive for independence brought them together, and at first the rebels won victories in many key cities, according to historians.

Earlier meetings brought together leaders such as Hidalgo, Ignacio Allende and Ignacio Aldama. They named Hidalgo as their insurrection leader and Allende as his lieutenant.

But heroes also came from the Mexican

people. When the rebels entered Guanajuato, the fort commander refused to surrender. A young miner, Pipila breached the fort gates by strapping a rock slab to his back to protect him from Spanish bullets and set fire to the gates – the kind of spirit that kept the insurrection alive.

But the rebels made their mistakes. One was when Hidalgo feared an attack by strong royalist forces on Mexico City, and he retreated.

The royalists followed through with a series of victories that slowed the rebels' momentum.

The leaders eventually headed for the United States to seek support for their insurrection, but the royalists captured Hidalgo, Allende and Aldama and brought them to Chihuahua where they executed them by firing squad.

The royalists displayed their heads in cages on the Alhondiga de Granaditas walls as a warning to people who supported the insurrection, according to historians.

But the Mexican desire for freedom prevailed.

Jose Maria Morales organized the Congreso de Chilpancingo, and the rebels regrouped and started to win victories in the southern part of the country.

In 1821, Spain named Juan O'Donohu as ruler of Nueva España. After his arrival, he met with Don Agustin Iturbite, who persuaded him to sign the Tratados de Cordoba on Aug. 24, 1821, recognizing Mexico's independence, according to historians.

## Cookin' for kids



The best chefs in Las Cruces will be putting on a seven-course meal at the Las Cruces Convention Center Saturday, Oct. 6, to raise funds for Dress the Child to buy underprivileged clothes for the holidays. The chefs are Vince Campbell of the Flying P Cattle Co., Alfredo Vargas of De La Vegas Pecan Grill & Brewery, Tatsu Miyazaki of Savoy de Mesilla and Aqua Reef, Felipe Chavez of the Ramada Palms Hotel & Conference Center, Darrell Smith of Picacho Hills Country Club, Tom Agius of the convention center, Clint Kifolo of Sodexo and (not pictured) Gabriel Hernandez of the Good Samaritan Society of Las Cruces. The dinner starts with champagne at 6 p.m. Dress the Child also is holding a croquet tournament at the Mesilla Valley Corn Maze Wednesday, Sept. 28, at \$30 per person. For more information about both events, call Doug Boberg at 644-9469.

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explosive device attacks and separation from their young children.

"This group has been serving in some of the most treacherous terrain of that country," said WSMR Commander Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham, who spent much of the waiting time meeting and chatting with the spouses and family of the returning soldiers.

Once they arrived, Bingham kept her speech short, knowing the soldiers simply wanted to be back in the arms of their spouses, children and relatives.

Also waiting in an adjoining room were care bags, assembled through an online Facebook effort calling itself Operation Appreciation, started by a mom, Nancy Dorame-Farnum, who was inspired by a much different return home in 2011, in which

very few came.

In less than its first month in operation, she said, the Facebook site generated some 1,600 thank-you cards.

While she was there to see her son, 1st Lt. Aaron Valencia, "they're all my sons," she said.

Of the five companies that make up the 2nd Engineer Battalion, the 40th Engineer Mobility Augmentation Company (40th MAC), remains in Afghanistan on deployment, but should be returning in the next few weeks, Bingham said. The 100-soldier company also recently experienced casualties. On Friday, Aug. 23, Spc. Kenneth Alvarez, 23, of Santa Maria, Calif., and Pvt. Jonathon Hostetter, 20, of Humphreys, Mo., died in Haft Asiab, Afghanistan. They were wounded in a bomb attack.

It was Hostetter's first deployment, and he is survived by a wife. Alvarez had been deployed before, but with the 42nd Route Clearance Co. in Bamberg, Germany. Alvarez leaves behind a wife and a child.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson  
Sgt. Juan Lopez gives his 4-year-old son Julian a big hug Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the base's Bell Gymnasium.



Leah Duckett and her son, Ethan, 6, visit with White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham, as they await the return of father and husband Sgt. Jeremy Duckett after a nine-month deployment in Afghanistan.



Nancy Dorame-Farnum of Operation Appreciation made sure there was a rousing welcome ready for the troops.



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# Coming together at the 9/11 community events

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New Mexico State University's Army ROTC cadets salute the American flag Wednesday, Sept. 11, in remembrance of nearly 3,000 victims of 9/11.



Cadets Polly Raley and Chelsea Joralmun fire a cannon on the NMSU Horseshoe in remembrance of American Airlines Flight 11 at 8:46 a.m. United Airlines Flight 175 at 9:02 a.m., American Airlines Flight 77 at 9:37 a.m. and for United Airlines Flight 93 at 10:03 a.m.



For the 9/11 National Day of Service at the Munson Center's community garden, Las Cruces Police Lt. Justin Dunivan, and Ted Sweester, and Russell Smith of the Las Cruces Fire Department offered their assistance.



Mark Naley thanks Ruth Jaure for her participation in the day of service and her involvement as a Senior Corps RSVP volunteer.



Sherman Levenson, an New Mexico State University master gardener, educates senior volunteers about planting a garden during the Day of Service event.

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Ted and Judy Hamler embrace after being moved by the City of Las Cruces 9/11 ceremony outside City Hall. Their son, Aaron Hamler, who had spent 20 years in the Marine Corps, died unexpectedly Sept. 14, 2012. "This ceremony just brought it all back," Judy Hamler said. "It gave us a special closure."

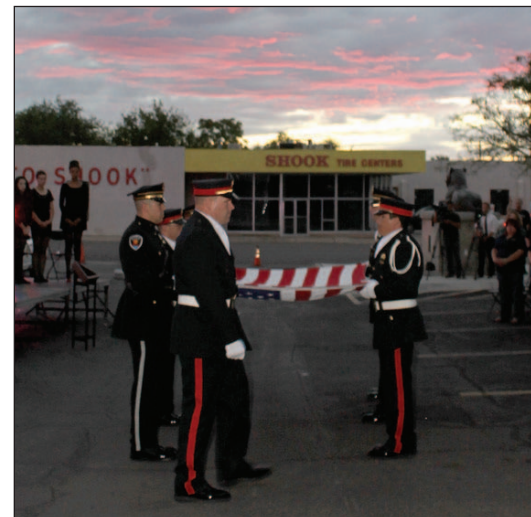


The Las Cruces High School Choir sings by candlelight at the end of the solemn ceremony.



Carl Marten plays the bagpipes as he leads the Las Cruces Fire Department Color Guard to begin the city's annual remembrance of 9/11.

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima recalls what he was doing 12 years ago when terrorists attacked.



As the sun sets, the Fire Department Color Guard retires a flag in memory of the first-responders who lost their lives at Ground Zero.

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# U.S. assistant secretary of special education visits

## Grants related to teaching autistic students total more than \$4 million

As part of the U.S. Department of Education's back-to-school bus tour, "Strong Start, Bright Future," Michael Yudin, acting assistant secretary with the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, spent time meeting with faculty and students at New Mexico State University's Department of Special Education and Communication Disorders Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Yudin joined in three panel discussions with faculty and students who are participating in programs funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs. NMSU's Department of Special

Education and Communications Disorders has received more than \$4 million in grants for programs to prepare professionals skilled at working with multicultural and linguistically diverse clients.

"We are proud to partner with the U.S. Department of Education's special education office to deliver these important initiatives," said NMSU President Garrey Carruthers. "Through this collection of programs, we are able to generate vital research, provide enhanced training for our public school professionals and better serve the diverse needs of students across the state."

The three grant programs include:

**Special Education Leaders for a Diverse Society (SELDS), more than \$1.2 million.** A five-year project to produce leadership personnel with a dual focus on research and teaching aimed at the needs of multicultural students with disabilities in public schools.

**New Mexico: Preparing Autism Spectrum Specialists (NM-PASS), \$950,000.** A four-year program to prepare educators to use evidence-based practice to improve outcomes for culturally and linguistically diverse children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Speech-Language Services for All Language Learners & Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Speech-Language Services for All Language Learners in New Mexico (CLASS for ALL/CLASS for ALL-NM), two grants totaling more than \$2 million.** Combined, the two grants represent a 10-year project to train bilingual speech-language pathologists.

"These grants have had an enormous impact on our community and throughout the state," said Kathleen Cronin, NMSU assistant professor of special education and communication disorders and principal investigator on

the SELDS and NM-PASS grants. "We are honored that the assistant secretary wanted to hear more about the programs. It demonstrates the support we have, not only financially, but the value the federal government places on our projects."

Deborah Rhein, NMSU associate professor of special education and communication disorders and principal investigator for the CLASS for ALL grants, agreed.

"The impact of these grants goes beyond the students trained. For example, the 73 bilingual speech-pathologists trained under the CLASS for ALL grants will serve about 4,400 children in one year, 44,000 children in 10 years," Rhein said. "These children will be seen by a practitioner with the highest qualifications for serving multi-lingual clients."

As the acting assistant secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the U.S. Department of Education, Yudin serves as the principal adviser to the secretary on matters related to the education of children and youth with disabilities, as well as employment and community living for youth and adults with disabilities.

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U.S. Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services Michael Yudin made several stops in Las Cruces Thursday, Sept. 9, including Jardin de los Niños, where he visited with children and staff.

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# Las Cruces build new ramp for Alamogordo resident

## In the process, a small civic club finds more purpose

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

At the end of a long, hot day for me and six other Las Cruces Civitan Club members Saturday, Sept. 7, Mark Langley gazed out from the porch of his Alamogordo trailer home.

“Man, you have no idea how I wasn’t able to even do this,” he said. “I think I’ll do this every evening – just look out from here.”

His words were so true. His previous ramp had been very narrow and makeshift – part of it made of a metal ramp from the bread truck of a friend, who now needed his ramp back.

Langley, 54, lost both his legs and suffers from diabetes and renal failure. His previous porch was so small, he almost fell off it several times.

I had at first been worried about agreeing to take on the wheelchair project when it was brought to our small service club. As president, I had found more frustration than rewards from fundraising and membership drives.

Still, we took it on. Thanks to club Secretary Linda Coshnet, we had the

expertise of her carpenter husband, Dave Coshnet. The cost estimate for the materials he needed had me worried, as our club coffers were slim.

Shirley Daniels, a Civitan member and district area director, went with me to the Las Cruces Home Depot, which came through for the club, agreeing to donate about \$750 worth of materials to be delivered by the Alamogordo Home Depot.

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima, one of our newer club members, contacted Alamogordo Mayor Susie Galea, who made sure our plans were up to code.

With the supplies and approvals in place, Saturday was picked and the word sent out to Civitan members from El Paso to Albuquerque.

Driving to Alamogordo that morning, I truly expected a small army of volunteers. Instead, we ended with a small platoon – Rose Tidwell, Mark La Fountain, Elia Quinones, the Coshnets, Daniels and me. For a while during the morning, we also had some help from Alamogordo Mayor Pro Tem Al Hernandez, but he had to leave for a Habitat for Humanity project.

There was little shade by the trailer where we worked and the midday sun was brutal. For much of the afternoon, La Fountain was out of commission, because he very nearly suffered sun stroke, but Dave Coshnet was a man in constant motion, seemingly oblivious to the heat.

“I’m long past tired,” he told me at one point late in the afternoon.

Except for some more securing of the structure and completing a handrail, the ramp was complete enough just before sundown to unveil it to Langley. There were no tears or melodrama, but Langley repeatedly said how grateful he was for our help and that he admired the quality of the new ramp.

As he talked, I realized that I was filled with gratitude, as well. It was a feeling that stayed with me as I drove back to Las Cruces at dusk. My term as club president will be ending soon. They say you shouldn’t worry about changing the world, but just try to make people’s lives better one life at a time. Langley’s life will definitely be greatly improved. That is something our group can take pride in. We did make a difference, and I am grateful for that.



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Todd Dickson  
**Mark Langley, above, enjoys the view from his newly completed, 17-foot-long wooden wheelchair ramp. Below is his previous inadequate ramp.**



**Mark La Fountain tightens lag bolts on the larger porch.**



**Dave Coshnet smooths out the cement foot of the ramp.**

**Las Cruces Civitan members pose with Langley on the nearly finished ramp.**



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# CrimeStoppers

## Vehicle in fatal hit-and-run

Crime Stoppers and the Las Cruces Police Department are asking for the public's help in identifying the driver of what might be a red GMC pickup involved in the Aug. 14 hit-and-run crash on Valley Drive that killed 57-year-old Terence Patrick Havey.

Information gathered by traffic investigators leads them to believe the pickup might be a 2003 to 2006 red GMC Sierra extended cab. There still remains a possibility that the pickup is a Chevrolet, but information gathered from witnesses leads investigators to believe it was a GMC.

Crime Stoppers is offering a \$2,000 reward for information

that helps identify the driver who fled from the crash in the pickup.

Havey was riding a bicycle near the 1800 block of South Valley Drive when he was struck by the pickup shortly before 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14. Havey died the following day at University Medical Center of El Paso.

The driver of the pickup continued driving south on Valley Drive and then underneath the Interstate 10 overpass on South Main Street. The bicycle was lodged underneath the pickup for about a quarter mile, and may have caused damage to the front-riper or undercarriage of the truck.



Police believe the driver's behavior or routine may have changed following the crash. The driver may have avoided driving the pickup, garaged the pickup, sought to make sudden repairs, missed work or otherwise changed routines in the days or week following the crash.

The driver may reside in the southern part of Las Cruces, or south of Las Cruces, and may have been driving home at the time of the crash.

Anyone with information that can help identify the driver of the pickup, or location of a pickup matching the description, is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

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## X-country wins Lobo Invitational

### Aggie women's team brings home trophy

The New Mexico State cross country team continued its early season success at the Lobo Invitational in Albuquerque Saturday, Sept. 7. The Aggie women's team finished first above New Mexico and UTEP, while the men's team placed third.

In the 5K run, the women's team swept the top-three spots. The team was paced by junior Diana Hawk, who finished first overall with a time of 19:14. This is the first time Hawk has finished in the lead in the Lobo Invitational, but she has finished first overall in NMSU's first two competitions this season.

For her victory, Hawk, a junior from Albuquerque, was named the female cross country Western Athletic Conference Female Athlete of the Week for the Sept. 2-8.

This is the first time Hawk has been named the WAC Athlete of the Week in cross country.

Hawk and the Aggies will be in action Friday, Sept. 13, in the Lori Fitzgerald Invitational in Chamizal National Memorial Park in El Paso.

Hawk was followed by junior Megan McNally, who finished second overall with a time of 19:28. This is McNally's second competition as an Aggie, and she has finished second for the Aggies both times this season. Senior Sarabel Bojorquez, finished in third place with a time of 19:36.

"The women's team is starting to come together," assistant coach Christopher Huff said. "The front three are really strong right now. The women are really running well."

This was the first time since 2008 that the Lobo Invitational tallied team scores and the Aggie women took first place, defeating the UNM and UTEP. The Aggies finished with 19 points, the Lobos finished second with a score of 36 and UTEP finished with 46 points.

In the men's 5K run, the Aggies were led by junior Nathan Starr, who finished 11th overall with a time of 15:59. The Lobo Invitational is the second time he's finished first for the Aggies this season.

Starr was followed by Daniel Rubio, who finished 12th overall with a time of 16:03.

The men's team finished with 35 points, which was third to UNM's 20 points and UTEP's 19.

The Aggies next competition is the Lori Fitzgerald Invitational in Horizon City, Texas, Friday, Sept. 13.

# Aggies host UTEP Miners

## I-10 rivals seek first win of 2013 season

By **Jim Hilley**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

During four years as head coach of the New Mexico State University football team, DeWayne Walker was never able to chalk up a win against the University of Texas-El Paso.

The closest he came was a 10-16 loss at Aggie Memorial Stadium in 2011. A deciding moment in that game was a 60-yard fake punt by the Miners that led to UTEP's only touchdown and eventually the win.

Perhaps that's why new Aggie coach Doug Martin, who was the NMSU offensive coordinator in 2011, is concerned about special teams play when the Aggies host the Miners at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

"If you look at most rivalry games, whether it's Florida-Florida State, Alabama-Auburn, whoever it is, UTEP-New Mexico State, special teams always plays a big role," Martin said Tuesday, Sept. 10. "For whatever reason, that always happens in rival games.

"(The Miners) have some talented guys, they have a lot of speed. I know their return game was really good against New Mexico. We have to do a great job covering kicks, we have to do a great job of returning kicks and put our offense in a position to score. Kickers will be really vital in this game."

Martin, who is still looking for his first win as the Aggie coach after losses to BCS schools Texas and Minnesota, said he likes the way his team has kept fighting, despite being matched up against schools from the Big Ten and Big 12.

"The positive that came is that our players continue to battle," he said. "Being down at halftime and battling back to where, with 13 minutes to play in the game, it's 30-14 and we have the ball on the nine-yard line getting ready to score."

The Miners, of course, are no BCS team, and fell in overtime in their first game of the season to the University of New Mexico at the

See **Rivals** on page A19



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Christopher Belarde

**New Mexico State University defensive lineman Kevin Laudermill turns up the field with his first career interception against the University of Minnesota Saturday, Sept. 7, at Aggie Memorial Stadium. The Golden Gophers prevailed 44-21 in the game.**

## NMSU volleyball opens home stand

### Pan American Center is host to four-team tourney Sept. 13-14

The New Mexico State University volleyball team opens its 2013 home schedule with a tournament at the Pan American Center Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13-14.

The Aggies host Southern Utah at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, to open the tournament. Also on Friday, Northern Illinois plays Southern Utah at 12:30 p.m. and Arkansas-Little Rock at 5 p.m., before the Aggies take on Arkansas-Little Rock at 7:30 p.m.

Games on Saturday, Sept. 14, are Southern Utah versus Arkansas-Little Rock at 10 a.m., and NMSU wraps up the tournament at 1 p.m. against Northern Illinois.

The Aggies are 1-5 for the young season, defeating Nevada in the season opener. NMSU then dropped a five-set match to UC Santa Barbara Aug. 31, in the Cal-Molten Classic hosted by California.

The Aggies fell to No. 9 Hawai'i, No. 10 UCLA and Santa Clara in the Hawaiian Airlines Invitational Sept. 5-7 in Honolulu.

NMSU is hitting .188 as a team and posting 11.29 kills per set, while its opponents are hitting .288 on the year.

Seniors Lauren Loerch and Desiree Scott are averaging more than two kills per set, while Scott has a team-high .333

hitting percentage on the year.

Senior Stephanie Ziegler has a team-high 61 digs and is averaging 2.90 digs per set, as Scott leads the way defensively at the net with 22 total blocks (1.05/set).

The Aggies are out-blocking their opponents 84-66. Freshman Aleisha Coates leads the way at the service line with 10 service aces.

The tournament is the beginning of an extended home stand for NMSU. The Aggies host the University of Utah at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, in the Pan American Center, and South Dakota State at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

In-state rival the University of New Mexico pays a visit at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23.



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# 2013 NM STATE FOOTBALL

## VS. UTEP MINERS

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# Rivals

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Sun Bowl in El Paso, 42-35. In that game, both teams stuck primarily to their rushing attack, something Martin said he expects more of from the Miners.

Martin said he is impressed by UTEP's quarterback Jameill Showers, who rushed for 49 yards and completed 75 percent of his passes in the loss to the Lobos.

"The quarterback is an elite player," Martin said. "I think he is the best quarterback we have played against so far. I think he's better than the guy at Texas - I mean overall - I am talking about running and throwing. I think he's better

than the young man at Texas - I think he runs better - and I think he throws better than the young man we played at Minnesota.

"He's a talent and a weapon. "I think they got a couple of running backs that are very effective."

While the Miners were able to average 6.1 yard per carry on the ground, their defense gave up 6.9 yards per carry - a statistic that should be encouraging to the Aggies, who have yet to get their ground attack going.

"We want to have a little bit more balance than what we had Saturday (against Minnesota)," Martin said. "We only averaged something around 2.5 yards per rush.

"Two point five is not going to get it done. We have to run better, we have to block better, we need to do everything better."

# H I G H S C H O O L SportsSchedule

## Centennial High School

Friday, Sept. 13	Boys Soccer	at Goddard High School	3 p.m.
	Girls Soccer	at Goddard High School	5 p.m.
	Volleyball	Parkland High School	7 p.m.
	Football	Atrisco Heritage High School	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 14	Boys Soccer	at Roswell High School	11 a.m.
	Girls Soccer	at Roswell High School	1 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 17	Girls Soccer	Ruidoso High School	5 p.m.
	Volleyball	at Mountain View High School	6:30 p.m.
	Boys Soccer	Ruidoso High School	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Boys Soccer	at Monzano High School	3 p.m.
	Girls Soccer	at Monzano High School	4:45 p.m.
	Volleyball	at Albuquerque High School	6:30 p.m.
	Football	at Fabens High School	7 p.m.



## Las Cruces High School

Sept. 12-14	Boys Soccer	at Albuquerque Academy Tournament	9 a.m.
	Girls Soccer	at Albuquerque Academy Tournament	9 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 14	Football	Cibola High School	1 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Girls Soccer	Eldorado High School	5 p.m.
	Boys Soccer	Eldorado High School	5 p.m.
	Football	Rio Rancho High School	7 p.m.



## Mayfield High School

Friday, Sept. 13	Girls Soccer	at La Cueva High School	4:15 p.m.
	Boys Soccer	at La Cueva High School	4:15 p.m.
	Volleyball	Loretto Academy	7 p.m.
	Football	at Carlsbad High School	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 14	Boys Soccer	at Rio Grande High School	11 a.m.
	Girls Soccer	at Sandia High School	11:15 a.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Boys Soccer	Cibola High School	5 p.m.
	Girls Soccer	Cibola High School	5 p.m.



## Oñate High School

Sept. 12-14	Boys Soccer	at Albuquerque Academy Tournament	9 a.m.
	Girls Soccer	at Albuquerque Academy Tournament	9 a.m.
Friday, Sept. 13	Football	at Cleveland High School	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Girls Soccer	at Atrisco Heritage Academy	3:30 p.m.
	Boys Soccer	at Atrisco Heritage Academy	5:15 p.m.



## Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Sept. 13-14	Volleyball	at Zia Classic Tournament (Roswell)	TBA
Tuesday, Sept. 17	Volleyball	at Hot Springs High School	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 20	Football	at Mountain View High School	7 p.m.



## Tennis tourney Sept. 13-15

The New Mexico State women's tennis team opens the fall tournament season by hosting the 2013 edition of the Aggie Invitational, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 13-15, at the New Mexico State Tennis Center.

The three-day flighted tournament starts at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13, and includes nine teams and more than 60 athletes. NMSU hosts rivals UTEP and New Mexico, as well as Northern Arizona, Tarleton State, Abilene Christian, Western New Mexico,

University of Arizona and Western Athletic Conference opponent Grand Canyon.

Abilene Christian ended the 2013 spring season ranked No. 5 in the ITA Division II rankings, while Grand Canyon finished ninth and Tarleton State ended the 2013 season ranked No. 28. This is the first season the ACU and GCU will compete as DI programs.

Each day of the tournament is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

## Aggies drop soccer match Quinn: 'It only takes one little mistake'

In the second overtime match of the season, the New Mexico State University soccer team fell to UC Riverside, 2-1.

After trailing 1-0 at halftime, the Aggies (2-4-0) responded quickly in the second half. NMSU evened the score, 1-1, when junior forward Layla Todd found senior midfielder Mary Kate Koziol, who launched a shot from 40-yards away in the 53rd minute. The goal was her second of the season.

In the overtime period, the Highlanders

(2-3-1) ended the match with a goal in the 95th minute of action.

"In overtime, it only takes one little mistake, and unfortunately we made it," coach Blair Quinn said.

"We made a mistake in overtime, but that was easily the best soccer we have played all year."

The Aggies conclude non-conference action at Northern Colorado Friday, Sept. 13, and at Wyoming Sunday, Sept. 15.

**NM STATE UNIVERSITY**

# ATHLETE of the WEEK

**Diana Hawk**  
Junior, Cross Country

Junior Diana Hawk was the top finisher in the 5k at the Lobo Invite, Saturday, September 14, with a time of 19:28. Her first-place finish helped the Aggies win the meet and defeat New Mexico and UTEP. Hawk won the first two competitions this season.

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# Onthegreen

## Golfspeak got you bewildered?

This quick primer will un-confuse you



**Charlie Blanchard**  
Golf Doctor

A lot of folks feel befuddled by the peculiar language of golf. Still others get confused as to the real meaning of a variety of golf terms, with misinterpretation and misunderstanding sometimes becoming embarrassing. I thought some helpful clarification may be long overdue.

It has been my experience that most high-handicap and novice golfers don't grasp the reality of how the growth pattern of grass on the putting greens can affect the roll of the golf ball. Individual blades of grass grow in a prevailing direction on almost all greens. This pattern is called the "grain" of the grass.

Conventional wisdom says that turf grass, notably Bermuda varieties, grow in the direction of the setting sun, but this is not a hard rule. Drainage configurations, strains of grasses, prevailing winds, amounts of shade and other variables will determine grain.

As you can imagine, grain influences the roll of the ball, much like longer and shorter grass influences the speed of the ball. The grain of longer grass also affects how the clubhead reacts, most dramatically as you try to hit iron shots out of heavy rough into the grain.

While you survey your putt, make it a point to notice how the grass seems to be

growing, especially around the cup. Don't reach down and brush your hand along the grass to feel the grain, or scrape your putter along the grass; that's a rules violation (Rule 16-1d – testing the surface) accompanied by a two-stroke penalty.

Understand that on the green your ball will move in the direction of the grain. Balls rolling down-grain will roll faster; against the grain, slower. And, you guessed it, cross-grain putts will tend to be deflected sideways a bit. Often there may be as much as several inches of break due to grain, which must be factored in to the line.

During one of our Performance Golf Schools on a slightly breezy afternoon, Herb Wimberly suggested to one of our students that he try to hit a little "knockdown" 6 iron into the wind.

"Beg your pardon?" the gentleman replied, not having a clue as to what is meant by a knockdown shot.

When you find yourself hitting into a stiff wind, or any situation that calls for a lower shot, there are swing alterations that will help create a straight shot with a lower trajectory that bores through the wind.

Louisiana PGA teacher Chuck Winstead said the knockdown iron is "an incredibly important shot to have in your arsenal." He said to play the ball slightly back in your stance, make a slightly abbreviated backswing and follow through, while slightly shifting your hips laterally toward the target.

Note that these are swing modifications;

you don't need a whole different swing to hit the shot.

These adjustments encourage a downward angle of attack that will de-loft the club and send your ball on a low, piercing path. It's a control shot struck with a shorter but aggressive swing. Learn it; practice it; use it.

As I was working with a golf school student who was struggling trying to hit a decent shot out of a sand bunker, I mentioned to him that he should let the bounce of the club do the work, by opening the face of his sand wedge.

He looked at me like I was from Mars – he didn't know bounce.

Sand wedges are designed with a rounded bottom sole, or flange, that is lower to the ground than the front or leading edge of the clubhead. Bounce is the deflection effect that is produced by that flange, whereby drag from the ground or sand is reduced.

According to Titleist expert wedge designer Bob Vokey, "Bounce is your friend. It stops you from digging and helps you to glide and get through sand and turf." Vokey strongly advises us to know the right bounce for the particular conditions at your course.

Measured in degrees of angle from leading edge to sole bottom, bounce typically ranges from zero to 14 degrees.

Your personal swing dynamics also are a factor. If you have a steep angle of attack, you need more bounce; a shallow swing, where you sweep the ball, suggests less bounce.

Just prior to penning this column, a golfer with a UK accent named Alistair "rang me up," as he said, to ask me whether one of his buddies was allowed to break twigs and branches in order to hit his shot.

"The bloke yells over," explains Alistair, "that the offending sticks are 'loose impediments' and that he can do whatever he wants to them."

Collecting myself for a moment, I realized that I must explain the meaning of a loose impediment.

The USGA defines loose impediments as natural objects, including stones, twigs, branches, dung, worms, insects and a few other things, provided that they are not fixed or growing, solidly embedded or adhering to the ball (like mud). The USGA says snow and natural ice are either casual water or loose impediments, at the option of the player. Dew and frost are not loose impediments.

As I explained to Alistair, his friend's tidbit of rules knowledge was a dangerous thing. If he had gone ahead and broken the branches still on the tree, he was subject to a penalty.

One of the frequent conversations in any grillroom involves course difficulty ratings and slope numbers. Most folks can relate to the course ratings, but they're baffled by slope.

For years, golf courses had been rated as to difficulty on the basis of some number relative to par, like 72.3 for Sonoma Ranch Golf Course from the back tees; 67.5 from the white tees.

In the early 1980s, the USGA added slope to their mix of numbers not to confuse us, but

rather to address a rather obvious issue: The more difficult a golf course is, the greater the discrepancy is between the scores of stronger and weaker players. Perhaps you've noticed.

Rather than level the playing field, an exceedingly tough golf course exaggerates the spread between good golfers and poor golfers. The slope rating of a golf course is actually a ratio that represents the difficulty of the track for bogey golfers.

As the track becomes tougher, that ratio goes higher at a steeper angle (when plotted on a graph) than that of a scratch player. Hence, "slope."

The slope range is 55 to 155; average slope is 113. Sonoma Ranch is 132 from tips, and 126 from the whites. In contrast, Sierra del Rio, in Elephant Butte, has a course rating of 74.6 and a slope of 140 – brutal if the wind is blowing – but a beautiful place to play.

Did you know there is actually no such thing as the "fairway?" We casually use the term, but it isn't an integral part of the rules of golf, and not even in the index to the rules book.

What we customarily know as the "fairway" is really, and correctly, the "closely-mown area."

The putting green is a separate and distinct area, set apart from other locations on the golf course, even though it, too, is tightly mown. All other locations, commonly referred to as the "rough," are just grasslands other than the closely mown area and the putting green. The term is used, for example, in USGA Rule 25-2, which identifies the procedure for an embedded ball as follows: "A ball embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground in any closely mown area through the green may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. 'Closely mown area' means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less."

Just so you know, "through the green" is the whole area of the golf course except the teeing ground, putting green and hazards on the course.

Some golfers new to the game are sometimes confused about a fade and a draw. It all has to do with the flight of the golf ball as imparted by the spin.

A fade (for righthanders) is a left-to-right ball flight, while a draw is a right-to-left flight.

Accomplished players are skilled enough to control the spin of both type of shots, while inexperienced golfers leave it up to chance.

An extreme fade is usually a "slice," sometimes referred to euphemistically as a "power fade." An extreme draw is a "duck hook," also known as a "quacker" or a "dead yank," among other things.

There you have it. I'll have more terms, definitions and little-known tidbits in a few months.

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**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

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**Sydney Gardner** is a senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. She is a setter on the Lady Blazer's volleyball team. She is an outstanding young lady. She excels not only on the court, but also in the classroom, with a 3.60 GPA. Gardner steps up to challenges head on; no task is too big or too small. She has high expectations of not only herself, but of those teammates surrounding her.

**Tristan Franzoy** is a junior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He plays on the SonBlazer's football team and in the recent game against the Anthony Wildcats, Franzoy had 15 completions in 29 attempts for 271 yards and two touchdowns, with two interceptions – all this despite having a severely sprained ankle. He had two punts and 66 yards with a long of 41. Franzoy is as dedicated to his academics, with a 3.60 GPA.

**MESILLA VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

# Aggie Insider



## Aggie fans pumped for game with UTEP

NMSU hosts volleyball tournament



**Jack Nixon**  
Jack's Corner

This one is going to be juicy. The Aggies and the Miners, both looking for a win and respect and it all kicks off at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

The Aggie fans that called the postgame call in show following the Minnesota game Saturday, Sept. 7, were all pumped over what they saw that night.

I can see why.

The team kept the pressure on the Golden Gophers through the game, scoring late, battling Minnesota till the end. Head coach Doug Martin saw it, too.

"We had the heart that I like, we are getting better and going in the direction I want," he said after the game.

Callers also had a nickname for NM State's freshman quarterback. "K-D Three" for King Davis III was their call and I liked it, too. Made me jealous that it hadn't occurred to me.

One game does not a legend or a starter make, but Davis showed he has the electricity within him to make big plays and fans who saw him play felt the charge.

Three rushing touchdowns showed the Aggies can move the ball on the ground. Improved play on the offensive line can be traced back to conditioning and training from strength and conditioning coach Don Decker.

Another thing that impressed me was the adjustments made that

led to the team's first touchdown. The initial game plan stalled, but Greg Brandon, the team's offensive coordinator had more than one page in the playbook.

Three scores that came from sustained drives all longer than 70 yards against Big Ten starters should be proof enough that the team's offense is light year's improved from previous seasons. Brandon showed fans again the Aggies won't be predictable.

The one thing that is predictable is the passion that will be on display on the field and in the stands. It's time to Aggie Up and show your Crimson Pride Saturday night.

Doug Martin and his staff get it, he has said it repeatedly, "This is a game that matters the most to our fans," is Martin's quote.

Let's show him we have his back.

**Volleyball home opener:** Mike Jordan's home opener is Friday, Sept. 13. The Aggies face Southern Utah State in the morning and Arkansas-Little Rock in the afternoon. Northern Illinois is the opponent Saturday afternoon. There will be other games involving the visiting teams as well. Jordan's squad will host another tournament the following week as well.

**Hello old friends:** One former Aggie volleyball assistant and two members of Jim Hess' coaching staff will be back in Las Cruces this weekend. Debbie Baker, volleyball head coach at Southern Utah, and Todd Whitten and Spencer Leftwich, now members of the Miners' football coaching staff are back in town.

## Soccer team expects to vie for WAC crown

Ags want to begin building legacy at NMSU



**Blair Quinn**  
Soccer  
Head Coach

They say the third time is the charm. Well, it's about that time.

I'm now in my third year as the head coach for the Aggie soccer team, and we intend to make our program's third appearance in the WAC Tournament, which we just happen to be hosting this November. But we don't just want to make an appearance, we intend to win it.

The transformation in this program over the past three years has been remarkable. The level and quality of soccer being played since my first day has improved dramatically, but more importantly, the mentality of the student athletes we have has changed and grown stronger each year.

This is a team that is no longer happy to just have a seat at the table; they want to sit at the head of the table.

The players and the staff whole-heartedly believe that we can win the WAC Championship this year.

That may seem a bit ambitious coming from a program that struggled to score goals and get wins last year, but this isn't last year.

That's the great thing about sports; there is always another game, another season, another opportunity – until there's not.

Our team understands that, none more so than our seniors. They

want to leave a championship legacy behind, and they know they need to do it now.

NM State has won several conference championships, which helps us to believe that we can be the next NM State conference champions. Basketball has done it, golf has done it, softball has done it, baseball has done it and volleyball has done it.

We might be the new kid on campus, but it's our turn to create a championship legacy. We can do it, too. "To get something you've never had, you must do something you've never done." As a program that's only in its fifth year, we have a lot of "never does" still to accomplish. And each one will bring us a step closer to our first WAC Championship.

We have two non-conference games remaining to sharpen our skills and solidify our system, and we played our best soccer to date on Sept. 8.

We're going in the right direction. We have great leadership, very good players, a dedicated coaching staff, and the mentality to put all the pieces together.

Your support has been fantastic this season, please continue to support us win, lose or draw. We're going to need you every step of the way.

Come Friday, Sept. 20 in Kansas City, it's a 12-match, seven-week game of musical chairs. And when the music stops we want to be, we expect to be, sitting at the head of the table.

Aggie Up!



## Upcoming

**Friday, Sept. 13**

**Cross Country**

Lori Fitzgerald Invitational  
Horizon City, Texas  
TBA

**Women's Tennis**

Aggie Invitational  
Las Cruces  
All day

**Volleyball**

Southern Utah  
Las Cruces  
10 a.m.

**Volleyball**

Arkansas-Little Rock  
Las Cruces  
7:30 p.m.

**Soccer**

Northern Colorado  
Greeley, Colo.  
7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 14**

**Football**

UTEP  
Las Cruces  
6 p.m.

**Volleyball**

Northern Illinois  
Las Cruces  
1 p.m.

**Women's Tennis**

Aggie Invitational  
Las Cruces  
All day

**Sunday, Sept. 15**

**Soccer**

Wyoming  
Laramie, Wyo.  
1 p.m.

**Women's Tennis**

Aggie Invitational  
Las Cruces  
All day

**Thursday, Sept. 19**

**Volleyball**

Utah  
Las Cruces  
7 p.m.



## Aggie student-athlete spotlight



**Mary Kate Koziol**

Senior  
Soccer

Senior midfielder Mary Kate Koziol scored her second goal of the season, which is tied for the team high, versus UC Riverside

Sunday, Sept. 8. She launched a shot from 40-yards away that sailed above the goalkeeper. She tied the game at 1-1 and forced the Aggies second overtime game of the season.



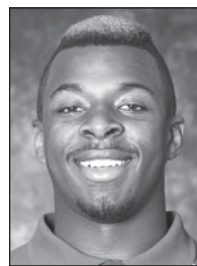
**Lauren Loerch**

Senior  
Volleyball

Senior outside hitter Lauren Loerch was named to the Hawaiian Airlines Invitational All-Tournament team after marking 23

kills, four service aces and three blocks in three matches.

She is averaging 2.52 kills per set with a .257 hitting percentage in six matches this year.



**Trashaun Nixon**

Senior  
Football

Senior linebacker Trashaun Nixon recorded 11 tackles, a tackle for a loss and a forced fumble in the home opener against

Minnesota Saturday, Sept. 7. This was the third game in his career he recorded double-digit tackles.

# Tri-Service Awards recognize WSMR's best

## Soldiers, sailors and airmen honored

### Missile Ranger Report

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

White Sands Missile Range honored the best of its military at the 2013 Tri-Service Awards Banquet, held Friday, Aug. 16, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

The following WSMR soldiers, airmen and sailors were recognized:

### Army Soldier of the Year Spc. Matthew McCorkle



**McCORKLE**

Spc. Matthew McCorkle was born May 21, 1989, in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. He graduated from New Smyrna Beach High School in 2007. He continued his education at Daytona State University, where he studied architectural engineering.

In November 2009, he enlisted in the Army and left for basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. He graduated basic training in February 2010 and started his Advanced Individual Training as a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) specialist at Fort Leonardwood, Mo.

In May 2010, he graduated from Advanced Individual Training and was sent to his first duty station at Fort Hood, Texas. He was assigned to 1st Cavalry, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Special Troops Battalion as a CBRN reconnaissance soldier. During his time at Fort Hood, he attended a four-month CBRN reconnaissance soldier training, where he achieved above course standards and was at the top of his class. He deployed from Fort Hood to Operation New Dawn from May 2011 until November 2011. Immediately following his return home, he was sent to Warrior Leaders Course for his outstanding leadership and initiative shown down range. He graduated from the Warrior Leaders Course in the top 10 percent of his class achieving the commandants list.

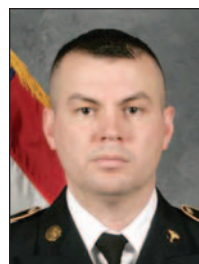
In January, he changed station to WSMR, where he currently serves as the Headquarters and Headquarters Company CBRN, Schools and Training Non-Commissioned Officer. On June 5, he won the White Sands Missile Range Soldier of the Year. On July 1, he was inducted into the Corps of Non-Commissioned Officers and promoted to sergeant.

McCorkle's awards and decorations

include the Combat Action Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal and the Iraqi Campaign Medal.

He married Ashley McCorkle on July 9.

### Army Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Sgt. Anthony Merino



**MERINO**

Sgt. Anthony Merino was born Nov. 6, 1980, in Bastrop, Texas. He has been married to Natasha Merino for eight years, and they have three children: Angelina, 11, Elijah, 6, and Mason, 2.

Merino entered the Army in April 2008 where he graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Okla., and then went on to Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to become a health care specialist (combat medic). Upon completion of his training, Merino was assigned to Grafenwoehr Germany, 172nd Infantry Brigade, Task Force 3-66 Armor and Headquarters Company, where he deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2008-09 as a line medic, and then to Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom 2011-12 as a Senior Line Medic and Battalion Aid Station NCOIC.

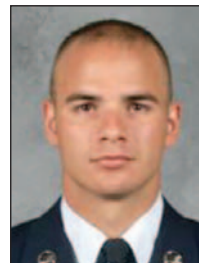
Merino returned from his overseas tour in September 2012 and is currently stationed at WSMR at McAfee United States Army Health Clinic serving as the NCOIC of Occupational Health.

Merino's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, The Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (2nd Award) Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO ISAF Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one Campaign Star, Army Meritorious Unit Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Certificate of Achievement (sixth award) and the German Schiitzenschnur in Gold and Silver.

Merino's military education includes the Warrior Leaders Course, Advanced Leaders Course, Field Sanitation Team, ER Medical

Technician Course, Occupational Hearing Conservation Manager Course and Basic Combat Trauma Training. Merino is currently enrolled at Central Texas College and is finishing his associate degree in nursing.

### U.S. Air Force Airman of the Year Senior Airman Stephen Davidson



**DAVIDSON**

Senior Airman Stephen Davidson is from Martinsville, Va., where he graduated from Martinsville High School in 2005 with an advanced studies diploma.

He entered the Air Force in May 2011. Upon his completion of basic military training, he attended Air Traffic Control School at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. where he graduated with the title of "Distinguished Grad."

In November 2011, Davidson was assigned to WSMR, where he currently serves as an Air Traffic Control Journeyman and treasurer of the White Sands Tri-Service Committee.

During his short career, he has consistently demonstrated incredible drive and dedication supporting the missions of the region's three major military installations, leading his recognition to be awarded Senior Airman Below the Zone, a promotion to the grade of E-4 six months in advance.

Davidson's family consists of his wife Hope, son Aiden, 6, and their daughter Meredith, who is expected in November.

### Air Force Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Technical Sgt. Francis Gilson



**GILSON**

Technical Sgt. Francis Gilson is from El Paso. He joined the Air Force in May 2001 and after completing basic training, he attended Air Traffic Control School at Keesler AFB, Mass.

Gilson's assignments include Mountain Home AFB, ID, Kunsun Air Base, South Korea, Hurlburt Field, Fla., WSMR and Osan Air Base, South Korea. He also had four deployments; three to Iraq and one to Al Udeid, Qatar.

Gilson's awards include AFSOC Watch Supervisor of the Year for 2011, three Joint Service Achievement medals, one Air Force Achievement medal, and three Air Force Commendation medals. He is a graduate of Airman Leadership School, the Noncommissioned Officer's Academy and has finished Senior Enlisted Joint PME along with Course 14. He holds an associate degree in airway science from the Community College of the Air Force.

He has two children, Jayden, 9, and Serenity, 3.

### Navy Sailor of the Year Petty Officer Luis Isassi IV

Petty Officer Luis Isassi was born June 1, 1986, and is a native of El Paso. He enlisted in the Navy in February 2005 as an undesignated Airman. After attending basic training in Great Lakes, Ill., he reported to the USS



**ISASSI**

George Washington CVN 73 home ported in Norfolk, Va. where he was assigned to the air department's fuels division and administration/tower control division.

Ten months after reporting aboard, Isassi earned his enlisted aviation and surface warfare specialist qualifications, and received two letters of commendation from the Commanding Officer. In November 2006, he transferred to Yeoman "A" school in Meridian, Miss. Upon graduation in January 2007, he reported to Commander, Destroyer Squadron 23 home ported in San Diego, and completed two FIFTH/SEVENTH Fleet deployments onboard the USS Nimitz CVN 68.

During his second deployment, he was hand-selected to serve in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), in Washington, D.C., the Pentagon, where he was an administrative aide to the defense secretary. After 18 months assigned to OSD, he was ordered to report to the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (IJC) in Kabul, Afghanistan. He served a one-year tour there as executive assistant and aide-de-camp to the Commander, IJC.

Isassi is currently assigned to Naval Surface Warfare Center, Detachment White Sands. He is authorized to wear the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Service Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), the Navy Good Conduct Medal (two awards) and various other campaign/service awards. In his off-time, he is pursuing his bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration.

He and his high school sweetheart, Estee Nicole, have one child together; Brandon Isaac.

### Junior Sailor of the Year Rennell Austria



**AUSTRIA**

Rennell Austria was born on Nov. 6, 1981, in Portsmouth, Va. He graduated from high school in May 2000 and joined the Navy in August 2000. After basic training, he graduated from Naval Electronics Technical Core School in October 2001 and then graduated FC "A" school. He furthered his

naval training graduating from MK 86 Gun Weapon System and Aegis Computer Network Technician "C" schools.

Austria's sea commands are USS Normandy CG60 and the USS Princeton CG59. At his sea commands, he earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Pin and two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals. In June 2010, he arrived at WSMR, where he is assigned to the Desert Ship. He's also the Junior Sailor of the Year of NSWC DET WS two years in a row. In February 2010, he attended PreAir Assault in Fort Bliss, and in March 2011, Austria became the only Navy and WSMR representative at the time to graduate Air Assault.

In April 2012, he graduated from Rappel Master School at Fort Bliss.

He is married to Christina, and they have three children.

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# Looking Back



## This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



**Jim Hilley**  
*Reflections*

### 100yearsago

#### 1913

• Judge Medler, Mrs. Medler and an interpreter were leaving for Estancia where the judge would hold court. The Medlers expected to be gone about three months, but said they might return for brief visits. Court duties in Estancia, Carrizozo and Alamogordo were expected to take some time and keep the judge traveling.

• The services at Saint James Church would be conducted by Harry Everett McCamie until the church called a pastor.

### 75yearsago

#### 1938

• Optimism was high for the Aggie football team, which would feature 14 returning lettermen. The line was to be built around two-time all-conference tackle "Jolting Joe" Yurcic, with George McCarty starting at guard.

• The Mission Theatre was showing Clark Gable, Myrna Loy and Spencer Tracy in "Test Pilot," while the Rio Grande Theatre was showing Don Ameche, Alice Faye and Tyrone Power in "Alexander's Ragtime Band."

### 50yearsago

#### 1963

• Las Cruces High School was preparing to meet Bowie High School in a football match. Projected to play for the Bulldogs were Larry Putnam at quarterback, Pat Garcia and Alfred Pettes at halfback and James Finger at fullback.

• The Rio Grande Theatre was showing a special Friday the 13th horror triple header: "Jack the Ripper," "A Bucket of Blood" and "The Giant Leeches."

### 25yearsago

#### 1988

• Las Cruces voters were being asked to vote for a gross receipts tax increase in a referendum. At the time, the tax was at 5.625 percent. If approved by voters, the tax would increase to 5.875 percent. A city-produced brochure said public safety would be the beneficiary of 75 percent of the increase, while the other 25 percent would fund



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**The New Mexico College of Agricultural & Mechanic Arts was once a pleasant drive up a tree-lined College Road from Mesilla Park.**

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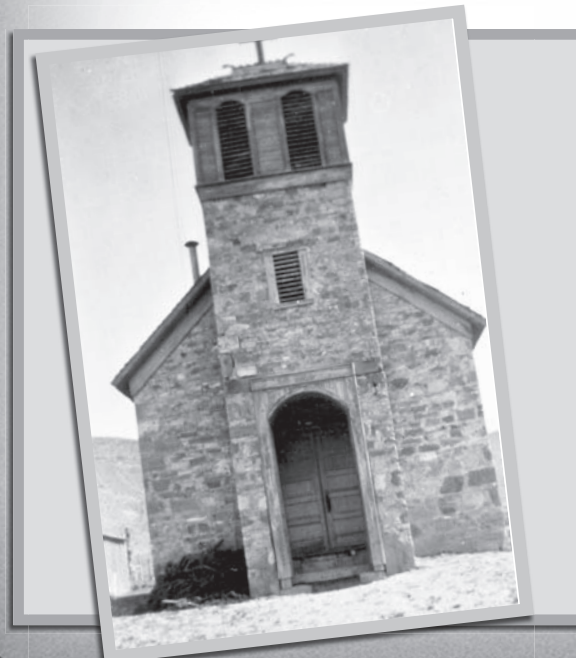


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# In the news

## New White Sands Missile Range executive director begins his duties

Monday, Sept. 9, Paul Mann began his new role as White Sands Missile Range's new executive director.

He fills the position previously held by Robert Carter, who left WSMR in March to become the Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) executive technical director and deputy to the commander in Aberdeen, Md. ATEC is the higher headquarters for test operation at WSMR.

"Mr. Mann joins TEAM WSMR with



MANN

superior experience spanning a 30-year career with the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Army and the Office of the Secretary of Defense," said WSMR Commander Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham.

Mann's most recent assignment was as director, Land Warfare and Munitions, Strategic and Tactical Systems, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense, Acquisition Technology and Logistics at the Pentagon. Prior to his OSD assignment, he served as the Joint Program Manager for the Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) Vehicles Program when the program was at its peak activity level in response to urgent requirements coming out of Iraq.

Mann was appointed to the senior executive service in 2010. During his career, he has also served in the Naval Sea Systems Command as Division Director (SEA 61), Warfare Systems Engineering and Architecture and Division Director (SEA 62) and Force Readiness, Test and Certification for the Directorate (SEA 06).

## Chile recipe book to benefit cancer research

Biad Chili Co. has announced the release of its second annual "Tough Book of Green Chile Recipes" benefitting the New Mexico State University Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign.

According to the Biad Chili website, contestants from all over the country entered their favorite green chile recipes into the 2013 competition. A professional chef reviewed all the entries and selected the top 75 recipes.

"Our 2012 cook book generated more than \$18,000 and has been purchased by people all over the country," Chris Biad said. "Just like last year, proceeds from the sale of the 2013 cookbook will be donated to NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink. It is our way of contributing to what the 'pink' volunteers do every year."

Biad Chili is one of many Las Cruces businesses that contribute to the annual TETWP fundraising effort by showcasing their products or services in a unique way.

"We are so grateful to Chris and Anna Biad and the Biad Chili Company for their support again this year," said TETWP co-chair Pat Sisbarro. "It's another wonderful example of how the Las Cruces business community rises up to support our cause, and the recipes are amazing, too."

Cookbooks are available online at [www.biadchili.com](http://www.biadchili.com) or at the Biad Chili Store, 6060 S. Main St.

## Rain, wet roads call for safer driving

Rain forecast for southern New Mexico means motorists should be prepared for slick driving conditions and the possibility of flooded roadways and arroyos.

Las Cruces Police recommend these safety tips:

- Slow down. Allow for more travel time when driving in wet weather.
- When coming to a stop, begin slowing down sooner and apply gentle brake pressure. Avoid slamming on brakes.
- Allow for greater distance between vehicles. Normal driving conditions recommend travelling at least two seconds behind vehicles. During wet weather, it is recommended to increase that distance.
- Give larger vehicles, including trucks and buses, more room for stops and turns.
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# SeniorActivities



## SENIOR PROGRAMS

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.

## HEALTH & BENEFITS INFORMATION

Resource Center staff provides a free information and referral service to those ages 50 and older on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, housing, food stamps and more at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. For more information, call 528-3301.

## THE VOYAGERS TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club trips currently being booked:

- **Albuquerque/Isleta Casino/Fourth of July Canyon:** Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Cost is \$360 single, \$300 double.
- **Lake Valley Day Trip:** Monday, Oct. 14. Cost is \$35, lunch included.
- **"Meet the Irish"** March 16-25, 2014. Cost is \$3,408, double, \$3,987 single.
- **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.
- **Oregon Explorer:** Sept. 7-15, 2014. Cost is \$3,000 per person, double occupancy. Call for single rate.

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

## AEROBICS

Move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activity. Classes are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

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

## AQUATICS FITNESS

Aquatics fitness class combines cardio with strength building and is for all ages and fitness levels. Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is \$2, or \$1 for registered Senior Programs members.

## YOGA CLASSES

Yoga encourages proper body alignment and brings balance, strength and calmness. Classes are from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is \$2, or \$1 for registered Senior Programs members.

## 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, Sept. 14, at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite Ave. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome. 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

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.

## AARP MEETS EACH MONTH

AARP meetings are held at 2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month, except July and August, at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Meetings offer people age 50 and older interesting guest speakers, light refreshments and a chance to socialize.

For more information, call Elsa Baker at 525-3990.

## 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.

## 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

## Frequently called numbers

### Munson Senior Center

975 S. Mesquite St. .... 528-3000

### Henry Benavidez Community Center

1045 McClure Road..... 541-5185

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310 N. Tornillo St.....541-2304 or 541-2305

### Frank O'Brien Papan Community Center

304 W. Bell Ave..... 541-2455

### In-Home Services

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### Resource Center

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The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at the Saratoga Room, 1763 E. University Ave.

For more information, call Judy at 373-9309, or Ann at 522-7240.

## BINGO AT MUNSON ON WEDNESDAYS

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.

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Registration is \$35.00 per person. To register, contact the Chamber office at 575.524.1968 or by email at [relo@lascruces.org](mailto:relo@lascruces.org)

## Election 2013

### Sorg to run for re-election

Gill Sorg has announced he will seek re-election to the Las Cruces City Council in District 5. He cited the city's commitment to thoughtful planning as a key achievement from his first term in office.



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"When I was elected in 2009, voters made clear that they wanted an end to the 'develop at all costs' philosophy, which had burdened our district with unfinished subdivisions, incomplete roads and severe flooding. I have spent much of the past four years trying to repair that damage, and making sure future development will be responsibly done."

Sorg also cited the city's commitment to fiscal responsibility and an ever-improving quality of life.

"The city has navigated one of the worst recessions in memory with remarkable skill, cutting millions of dollars in expenditures while maintaining a high level of service. Even with limited resources, we have continued to make this a better place to live. We're well on the way to making Las Cruces one of the best cities of its size in the region," Sorg said.

Sorg emphasized his commitment to openness and accountability on the part of city government.

"Where past decisions were often made with little public input, the current mayor

and council have opened the process with extended work sessions, public meetings and constant effort to seek the opinion of city residents. People in my district know that their input makes a difference," Sorg said.

Sorg is a former rancher and holds a master's degree in biology from the University of North Dakota. He and his wife, Christine, have two children and one grandchild, and have lived in Las Cruces since 1998.

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, the City of Las Cruces will hold elections for council districts 3, 5 and 6, as well as for a municipal judge position.

Candidates declare in person at the City Clerk's Office on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

### Special election may be held for mayor

If Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima gets hired as the new Doña Ana County manager, he will resign as mayor.

First, the county manager's job will not be decided until after the Nov. 5 municipal election.

About 70 applied for the opening, but 20 of those were not qualified, said County Commissioner Wayne Hancock. A committee of residents and county employees will pare the applicants down to finalist recommendations by November, he said, and then the interview process will begin.

By that time, there will be a new City Council with at least one member change. Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas has said she will not seek re-election, so another person will step up from pro tem if Miyagishima leaves the council and a special election is called to elect a new mayor to complete Miyagishima's term.

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## OBITUARIES

### AMANDA VARELA

*July 16, 1995 to August 30, 2013*

Amanda Varela, 18, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Friday, August 30, 2013 as a result of an auto accident. She was born July 16, 1995 to Jose and Enedina Varela in El Paso, Texas. A 2013 graduate of Mayfield High School, Amanda was a full-time dental assistant at Ben Archer Health Clinic. She began a course of study to pursue her long-time dream of becoming an orthodontist. Amanda loved to laugh, listen to music, dance, play soccer and horse-back riding. Amanda befriended everyone through her child-like love and cheerful spirit. She touched the lives of everyone she came in contact with. Her courage, happiness, love for life, but most importantly, her love for others was inspiring. She was a true example of love and charity. Nothing was impossible for Amanda. She was determined and always accomplished the things she set out to do. One of her many goals was to go on a mission with the church, this goal will also come to fruition. On the other side of the veil, Amanda will accomplish her goal of sharing her testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She has left this mortal life to continue on her journey to reunite with our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Her love for the Lord, the Gospel,



and her powerful testimony is her legacy. She will be greatly missed.

Those left to mourn her passing include her parents; a brother, Jose Varela; four sisters, Samantha, Anabel, Elizabeth and Isabel Varela. Other survivors include her maternal grandparents, Rogelio Madrid and Ramona Quintana de Madrid of Chihuahua, Mexico; her paternal grandparents, Lupe and Mely Varela of Las Cruces, as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Funeral Service was held Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at 10 a.m. in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 3210 Venus Street with Bishop Saul Hernandez officiating. Concluding Service and Interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho Avenue where she was laid to rest.

Serving as casket bearers were Samantha and Sebastian Varela, Danny, Selene and Laurie Peña, Kathryn Lilly, Mel Donnelly, Janet Espinoza, Karolina Angulo and Miriam Arroyos.

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### HAROLD L. MORRIS JR.

Brother Harold L. Morris Jr. departed this place August 23, 2013, to be with his Jehovah. Mr. Morris Jr. was preceded in death by the following: on the maternal side were grandmother Ms. Luvenia Reliford and brother Daniel Parham. On the paternal side Anne Mae Morris, grandmother; James Edward Morris, brother. Left to mourn are Harold L. Morris Sr. and Rafilue Parham, aunt JoAnn M. Jones, cousin Charlotte Baiky, Rhonda Cherry, Janice Jones, Shand Jones and children, Jovdn and Zia, respectively.

Brother Morris achieved the following: he was an outstanding student. He represented his magnet high school at the White House in Washington, D.C. He attended two colleges in New Orleans, La. He graduated from ITT Technical Institute. He was very active in his spiritual pursuits and touched many lives.

The memorial services will be at St. John Church God in Christ, located at 1615 Mesquite St., Las Cruces, New Mexico, on September 16, 2013, at 4 p.m.

Go to [www.lascrucesbulletin.com](http://www.lascrucesbulletin.com) and click on the Daily Bulletin and Obituaries for current information.

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## DEATH NOTICES

### NESSETH

Virginia M. Nesselth, 93, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away Sunday, August 11, 2013. A Graveside Service was held Wednesday, September 11, 2013 in St. Joseph's Cemetery, 100 N. Espina with Reverend Martin Cordero officiating. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222. To send condolences online log onto [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruc.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruc.com).

### RAYMOND

Consuelo "Chelo" Valdez Raymond, 53, of Anthony, New Mexico, on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. A Prayer Vigil and services have been held. The Raymond Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces 575-527-2222. For online condolences, logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruc.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruc.com).

### FRIAS

Amparo S. Frias, 80, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on Friday, August 30, 2013. A Prayer Vigil and services have been held. The Frias Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 300 E. Boutz Road. 575-527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences, logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruc.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruc.com).

### HARMON

Bertha C. Harmon, 73, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Monday, September 2, 2013. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222.

### CHAVEZ

Romana V. Chavez, 78, of San Miguel, New Mexico, died on Friday, September 6, 2013. Visitation and services have been held. Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces. 575-527-2222.

### GUTHRIE

Billy Carl Guthrie, 69, passed away Wednesday, September 4, 2013. Having served his country honorably in the United States Air Force for twenty years with three tours in Turkey, Billy retired as a Communication Technician from White Sands Missile Range after twenty years of service. At his request, cremation will take place and no services are scheduled at this time. The family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Mesilla Valley Hospice in Billy's name. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road. 575-527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care."

## Former sheriff dies Hernandez 'will be missed by many'

Former Doña Ana County Sheriff Juan Hernandez died early Monday, Sept. 9, after a long illness. He was 64.

Hernandez, who held the office of Sheriff from January 1999 to January 2005, retired after announcing he had been diagnosed with a rare form of dementia. At his retirement, then Undersheriff Frank Ruiz took over the office until the Doña Ana Board of County Commissioners appointed Sheriff Todd Garrison to replace Hernandez.

Having spent more than 30 years in local law enforcement with both the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office and the Las Cruces Police Department, Hernandez was known as a dedicated public servant. In a 2005 tribute written by former U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, Hernandez was also noted as a "grants-writing machine," having

successfully secured more than \$4.8 million in federal grant money for the department, which was used on missions ranging from combating drug and alcohol abuse to fighting crime and terrorism within Doña Ana County.

Prior to his last day in office, the Doña Ana County Commission declared Dec. 31, 2004, as Juan Hernandez Day in honor and appreciation for his many years of public service to the community.

"Juan was a lifelong friend of mine, and he will be missed by many," Garrison said. "He exemplified what those of us in law enforcement work for, which is the public good. Those of us who had the pleasure of working with him knew him simply as that - a good man."

At the request of his family, a private memorial service is planned.



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## If you build it ...



**Alta LeCompte**  
*Around the valley*

If you build it (Spaceport America) ... how will they get there?

Philip San Filippo raised the question at a recent tourism forum.

The usually poker-faced CEO of the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau became animated, gesturing in the air for emphasis as he urged attendees at the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce forum, "Land and Culture: Economic Opportunities from Conservation," to write to their legislators and demand the access road.

Sure, visitors will be able to get to the spaceport attraction, including a hands-on visitor experience under development by Ideas Inc., the people responsible for attractions at Disney World. But will they arrive by way of Las Cruces?

Las Cruces will benefit from spaceport tourism to the extent out-of-town visitors stay, eat, shop and explore the cultural and recreational offerings in and around town.

From the standpoint of those tourists, Las Cruces is the logical place to stay, because we have the hotels, restaurants, galleries, shops, history, museums, hiking and biking trails and more to keep them happily entertained when they're not at the spaceport.

"I feel this is the future place of tourism," San Filippo said. "That why I came here a year and a half ago.

"We need to know this is a great opportunity for us. We have to write the letters. We have to get that southern road built."

The current projected cost of about \$18 million is higher than originally anticipated, which means the New Mexico Spaceport Authority will likely have to ask the Legislature for money.

Hence the call for letters.

We came together as a community to push for limited liability legislation for spaceport suppliers. The "noise" generated by the City of the Crosses during legislative sessions in The City Different deserves some of the credit for eventual passage in the 2013 session of extended liability protection.

Bill Allen, CEO of the Greater Las Cruces  
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## Meet me in Las Cruces

### Convention bookings grow, talks continue

By **Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

In the midst of contract negotiations with the city, the management team at the Las Cruces Convention Center is gearing up for its busiest season of the year.

The Southern New Mexico Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will hold its convention at the center for the first time Friday through Saturday, Sept. 13-14. (See story page B6.)

No sooner will the 200 architects have packed up their laptops than the center will open its doors to some 1,500 guests attending the Domenici Public Policy Conference Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 18-19.

On Friday through Sunday, Sept. 20-22, the center will host a new event, the Mesilla Valley Women's Expo. (See story page C2.)

Southern New Mexico Society for Human Resources Management (SNM SHRM) will converge for a third consecutive year at the  
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Alice Rivlin, first director of the Congressional Budget Office, discusses federal finances with retired U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici during the September 2011 Domenici Public Policy Conference at the Las Cruces Convention Center. For information about this year's conference Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 18-19, visit <http://domenici.nmsu.edu>.

## Downtown's hidden treasure

### 20 new enterprises open in 20 months

By **Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

As invisible to most passersby as a Prohibition-era speakeasy, two office complexes on Main Street Downtown are flourishing behind unmarked doors.

Inside the sprawling entry space, surrounded by offices, 20 new enterprises have opened in the past 20 months.

During that time, Doug Campion's venture has grown from four employees to 15.

The lack of signage at 125 N. Main St. and 221 N. Main St. is not intentional, Campion, father of the two new office complexes, assures anyone who asks.

"It's pure accident," he said Friday, Sept. 6, when he opened the doors at the newly named Community Enterprise Center - 125 N. Main St. - formerly known as the GreenWorks Building.

"We've just been too busy."

### Focusing on energy

Campion acquired the building and established GreenWorks in 2011.

"We've been here technically since July 2011, housing nonprofits and other social enterprises," he said.

The building originally served as headquarters for his GreenWorks business, established to provide energy-saving services.

Campion said GreenWorks has served more than 4,000 families, providing services

such as light-bulb exchange, insulation and the installation of energy-efficient appliances.

"I always knew I wanted to do more," he said.

Campion spun off several related companies, including SmarterHomes, which helps prospective homebuyers qualify for financing.

Joining GreenWorks at 125 N. Main St. were other green enterprises, Energy Concepts Solar and the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce.

### Running out of room

By spring 2013, when WESST Enterprise Center lost its lease on its Idaho Avenue offices, the GreenWorks building was at 100 percent occupancy.

Wanting to accommodate WESST, a nonprofit that provides education, initial funding and other services for start-up businesses, Campion began looking for more space.

He found an underutilized structure at 221 N. Main St., also with high ceilings and offices located off a central corridor.

Clearly, it was time for Campion to re-think and reorganize his sprawl of spinoffs and other tenants that would spread out into two buildings.

He saw a pattern developing, and decided to run with it.

### Re-branding for clarity

The vision was to reserve 125 N. Main St.

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte  
SmarterWorks Community Development Group CEO Doug Campion stands in front of the building at 125 N. Main St. he is transforming into an incubator for enterprises committed to making the world a better place. He recently opened a second location at 221 N. Main St., housing services for small businesses.

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# Convention

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center, holding its 29th annual Employment Law Update Friday, Sept. 27. (See story page B6.)

In addition to upcoming conventions, a heavy local and regional event schedule continues until the holidays, which kick off with the La Casa Christmas Bazaar.

"It will be Christmas before you know it," said David Hicks, convention center general manager.

## 2012 progress reported

Although city councillors at an Aug. 26 work session expressed impatience with the convention center's progress in attracting out-of-town organizations, Hicks told the Bulletin Monday, Sept. 9, he's encouraged by FY 2013, which ended with gross revenue almost 50 percent higher than the budget projected.

"We have driven really hard to be at a \$40,000 increase in the bottom line, and the top line as well," he said.

A net loss of \$93,875 for the year is almost \$44,000 better than projected.

At the city council work session, Hicks said the center is building momentum for 2014 convention bookings.

A resident commented the center opened during a recession, when convention activity declined nationally.

The local venue continues to face competitive challenges, including proximity to El Paso, lack of an onsite hotel, lack of readily available local transportation for tourists and a relatively small size at 55,000 square feet.

City Manager Robert Garza at the work session commented

that the convention center was built with room to expand once its initial debt is retired.

"The size of the building is always a subject of conversation," Hicks said in a later interview.

## Tackling the challenges

Although the possibility the city will replace the convention center management company, Global Spectrum LLC, appears to have faded, contract negotiations continue.

The city and the convention center management team are working closely to determine details of the agreement, Hicks said.

"It's always a good thing when both sides say they've entered into negotiations," he said.

Hicks said talk of building a new hotel, which ebbs and flows, may be gaining momentum as the economy begins to recover.

He said the convention center team and Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) collaborate to build awareness of what's in the pipeline and work together to boost tourism.

"It's kind of like a marriage: You don't ask for their hand on the first date," he said. "I think it's happening."

"We're diving into marketing and sales plans with the CVB with the ultimate goal of increasing room nights," he said.

"It's all about heads in beds."

Local transportation for visitors without cars is an ongoing challenge, which Hicks said staff address with each individual event host to provide the best possible options.

"Our goals are all wrapped around customer service," he said. "We hosted 233 events last year and each customer received a survey. Our annual customer service score of 4.94 out of 5 was exceptional."

Goals for 2013-14 include increasing profitability through

growing revenue and controlling expenses, as well as growing gross revenue through sales efforts.

"We need to see growth, long-term growth in the conventions market," Hicks said.

## An event for every audience

Events to look forward to this fall include the annual Domenici Public Policy Conference hosted by the Pete V. Domenici Public Policy Institute at New Mexico State University.

Hicks said the conference "will deal with issues of relevance and feature a heavy hitting lineup," including former UN Ambassador John Bolton, former Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, retired U.S. Sen. Bill Frist, and China expert Joshua Cooper Ramo.

"I think we will see it grow into a regional and national event," he said.

"It will be two days of non-stop action for our staff."

When the Domenici Conference ends, staff will immediately break down the exhibit space and set up for the Women's Expo, which will feature health and wellness exhibits and programs, fashion and DIY exhibits and a Zumba Glow Party.

Hicks said convention center staff brainstormed about events that could generate revenue for the building, focusing on missed opportunities.

They decided to do an outdoor expo in January 2013, which Hicks described as "wildly successful."

Discussions also led to the idea of an event for women that would be "empowering, not just pampering."

Information about the women's expo is available at [womensexpo.com](http://womensexpo.com) or [www.facebook.com/mvwomensexpo](http://www.facebook.com/mvwomensexpo) or by calling 526-0112.

# Downtown

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for GreenWorks and other enterprises "whose mission is to make the world a better space." Collectively their space is called the Community Enterprise Center.

The new offices at 221 would be reserved for enterprises – both nonprofit and for-profit – that assist small businesses. WEST has moved in, and the Green Chamber relocated there. Their space has been designated the Main Street Business Center.

Also opening in the business center were RevSynCreative Group, a graphics and marketing firm, and SmarterFinancial, with accounting, planning and bookkeeping services for small businesses; and Rise Ohm, a music production company.

In addition to addressing the question of how to group the various entities he was working with, Campion said he needed

to create an identity for his enterprises.

"We had reached a tipping point," he said. "I couldn't carry around that many business cards. It just didn't make sense.

"We keep adding programs, so we have to have one title that makes sense to everybody."

Campion is re-branding, with the umbrella title SmarterWorks Community Development Corp., an alliance of social enterprises and nonprofit organizations.

## SmarterWorks debuts

Campion said each of the enterprises will keep its own name, which will distinguish it for clients.

"As a consumer, I want to work with a company that's focused," he said.

At the same time the umbrella brand SmarterWorks will be an identity Campion can present to outsiders.

Located at 125 N. Main St. are SmarterHomes, a privately owned LLC that assists first time and low-income home buyers; as well as Las Cruces Farmer's & Crafts Market; La Semilla; Fronteras Education; FoodWorks; the Southwest Migration and Asylum Institute; the University of New Mexico Emerging Infection Program; Region 2 Emergency Medical Services; CPR New Mexico; The Great Conversation; Crossroads Acupuncture; and Groundwork Doña Ana County job training and environmental services enterprise.

The model in which the various SmarterWorks enterprises share space and staff works well, especially for nonprofits that are faced with reduced funding, Campion said.

The 125 N. Main St. building houses a conference room, meeting room, lounge areas and desk space for enterprises with a social mission that are just starting out at "incredibly affordable" rates, Campion said.

"We have 10,000 square feet and no vacancies."

# Dreams

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Cruces Chamber of Commerce, said in May 2012 the chamber's commercial space committee formed a task force to mobilize for the informed consent vote. A delegation of several hundred Las Cruces descended on Santa Fe to promote a united city-county-chamber request list that included expanded informed consent.

The task force now has shifted focus to advocating for the southern access road, Allen said, as well as to look into the development opportunities that should emerge from the opening of spaceport – and how Las Cruces might take advantage of those opportunities.

The task force now includes San Filippo, as well as public officials, economic development professionals and a Virgin Galactic representative.

"I think we need to get out in front of this," Allen said. "I think once it starts it's going to be much bigger than anybody thinks – and it's going to be crazy."

He articulated the tourism argument for the southern road, noting that Las Cruces would prefer spaceport visitors fly into El Paso and stay here, rather than fly into Albuquerque and stay there.

He also cited additional reasons why the road is important.

From the standpoint of local suppliers, taking goods directly from Las Cruces to the Virgin Galactic site in Sierra County would be cheaper and more efficient than driving up to the northern access road and approaching the spaceport through Truth or Consequences.

At the Green Chamber forum, San Filippo articulated an additional proposal that may seem radical to some, but according to Allen is nothing new.

The tourism chief advocated re-instituting passenger rail north service from El Paso.

Big time tourist towns have long recognized an important fact: Not all tourists arrive in cars. And some who do motor in may not want to drive around an area like southern New Mexico where attractions are scattered far and wide.

Public transportation is an infrastructure investment that pays dividends in the quality of the tourist experience and the length of time they stay and spend their vacation dollars.

It's certainly not too early for Las Cruces to lobby for the underpinnings that can advance economic development, including tourism, in our part of the state: roads, trains – even education.

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# By the Numbers



## Building Las Cruces



### Corner Bakery Café

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Salcido

Construction nears completion on the Corner Bakery Café at 2305 E. Lohman Ave., between Loan Max and Dunn-Edwards Paints. The first location in New Mexico, the Chicago-based restaurant is part of Bakery Ventures Ltd. and is recognized in markets across the country as an industry leader in catering and menu innovation. No completion date has been given, but expectations are that the restaurant will be open for business this fall.

#### Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Sept. 6	<b>Student Ministries Building</b>	5605 Bataan Memorial West	524-0654
Aug. 30	<b>Subway</b>	2780 W. Picacho Ave.	203-877-4281
Aug. 23	<b>Schlotzky's</b>	1763-A E. University Ave.	512-236-3600
Aug. 16	<b>Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage</b>	3830 E. Lohman Ave.	800-817-9415
Aug. 9	<b>200-unit apartment complex</b>	Three Crosses Avenue	382-4390

### Our numbers

#### Las Cruces Convention Center FY 2013

**233**  
Number of events

**94,162**  
Total attendance

**4,500**  
Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo attendance

**\$217,172**  
Revenue from consumer shows

**\$205,584**  
Revenue from conventions

Source: Las Cruces Convention Center 2012-13 Annual Report

### Gas update

#### Monday, Sept. 9

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **fallen 1.5 cents** per gallon in the past week, **averaging \$3.40** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **fallen 2.3 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.59** per gallon.

New Mexico prices **Monday, Sept. 9**, were **21.1 cents** per gallon **lower** than the same day one year ago and are **3.1 cents** per gallon lower than a month ago. The national **average** has not moved during the last month and stands **22.3 cents** per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

<b>1. Sam's Club</b>	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$3.15
<b>2. Dylan's</b>	1900 N. Main St.	\$3.17
<b>3. Bradley's</b>	1260 El Paseo Road & 920 El Paseo Road	\$3.17
<b>4. Alon</b>	825 Avenida de Mesilla	\$3.18
<b>5. Circle K</b>	617 W. Picacho Ave.	\$3.23

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com, as of Monday, Sept. 9

### Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE	CARRIER
<b>Albuquerque</b>	\$124.80	US Air
<b>Atlanta</b>	\$170.80	US Air
<b>Austin</b>	\$108.30	UNITED
<b>Chicago</b>	\$170.80	US Air
<b>Dallas-Love</b>	\$126.80	American
<b>Houston</b>	\$156.30	US Air
<b>Las Vegas</b>	\$146.80	US Air
<b>Los Angeles</b>	\$120.80	American
<b>Phoenix</b>	\$91.30	United
<b>San Antonio</b>	\$109.30	American
<b>New York City</b>	\$198.30	US Air
<b>Orlando</b>	\$182.80	United
<b>San Diego</b>	\$129.80	United
<b>Seattle</b>	\$142.80	US Air
<b>Washington, D.C.</b>	\$175.30	Delta
<b>London</b> (roundtrip)	\$1,004.40	American
<b>Paris</b> (roundtrip)	\$1,000.60	Delta
<b>Rome</b> (roundtrip)	\$1,061.40	British Air

Source: Adventure Travel \*Prices effective Sept. 17-24 \*Restrictions apply\* Holidays

### Money

#### Comparing the U.S. dollar

**Euro**  
\$1.32690 in U.S. dollars  
0.75364 per U.S. dollar

**Mexican Peso**  
\$.07609 in U.S. dollars  
13.14233 per U.S. dollar

**Japanese Yen**  
\$.01004 in U.S. dollars  
99.56887 per U.S. dollar

**Canadian Dollar**  
\$.096473 in U.S. dollars  
1.03656 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com, as Monday, Sept. 9



#### Market snapshot

For the week of Aug. 26-30, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
<b>DJIA</b>	14810.31	14922.50	112.19	.8	13.9
<b>Nasdaq</b>	3589.87	3660.01	70.14	2.0	21.2

**Strong:** Energy, industrials, materials, technology

**Weak:** Consumer staples, financials, health care, telecom services, utilities

Source: http://briefing.com

# Housing market in decline

Pending home sales tank as mortgage rates rise



**Gary Sandler's**  
Real Estate Connection

It's not uncommon for home sales to begin to decline around August as housing markets around the country transition from the brisk spring and summer selling season to the more sluggish fall and winter sales period. This year, rising mortgage rates are accelerating the process.

According to recent reports from the National Association of Realtors and the Commerce Department, pending sales of new and existing homes, townhomes and condominiums have been on the decline since May. Pending home sales measure housing contract activity and are considered the best indicator of future home-sale closings.

Data from the Las Cruces Association of Realtors show that the 164 new and existing residential properties awaiting closing on Sept. 6 represented a 20 percent decline from the 205 sales pending in August, and a 32 percent decline from the 240 sales pending when the number of under-contract properties peaked in May.

The average rate for a 30-year mortgage rose to 4.58 percent last week, up from 3.35 percent in early May and the highest in two years, according to Freddie Mac. As a result of the spike, mortgage applications have fallen 16 percent since the end of April.

A 1 percent rise in mortgage rates, from 4 to 5 percent, may not sound like much, but it adds \$101 to the monthly payment for the average \$170,000 Las Cruces area home. A 2 percent rise adds almost \$208 per month.

On the bright side, the negative impact of higher mortgage rates on the housing

## Average Pending sales

	2013	2012	2011
Jan.	158	234	148
Feb.	194	194	174
March	209	197	184
April	223	198	179
May	240	213	191
June	231	223	194
July	229	228	171
Aug.	205	225	161
Sept.	164	213	155
Oct.	-	199	154
Nov.	-	184	157
Dec.	-	162	160

Source: Las Cruces Association of Realtors

recovery may cause the Federal Reserve to rethink curtailing its purchases of \$40 billion in mortgage-backed securities, along with \$45 billion in U.S. treasuries each month. The purchases have been the mainstay of its third bout of quantitative easing, or QE3, in a bid to stimulate the economy and lower unemployment. Recent Fed meeting minutes indicate "the data needs to be watched carefully for signs of a greater-than-anticipated effect."

Let's hope the Fed maintains the status quo until our economy shows signs of significant improvement. It may be the only way to keep the housing market afloat in the short term.

See you at closing.

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# Still too big to fail?

Lehman Brothers failure continues to reverberate



**Chris Erickson**  
State of the Economy

It has been five years since the collapse of Lehman Brothers, the event that triggered the greatest financial crisis since the Great Depression.

The anniversary is a chance to look back and take stock of events. There is no doubt that the situation could have been worse. We did not suffer a second Great Depression. Yet there remains a pervasive feeling that Wall Street was bailed out while Main Street was left hanging in the breeze. Could officials have done a better job?

Think back to five years ago. The real estate market was in the tank and rising default rates increased pressure on banks and other financial institutions. Yet, investors remained calm as too-big-to-fail was the watch word. The feeling was that the U.S. government would not let a large financial institution fail. That feeling was enforced by the controversial \$29 billion bailout of Bear Stearns in March 2008.

Fed and Treasury officials justified the bailout on the grounds of counter party risk. Bear Stearns was so interlinked with other financial market players that its failure would have had a domino effect threatening the entire system. Critics of the bailout argued that it encouraged investors to make high risk deals with unsound financial institutions, making the eventual implosion just that much worse.

And indeed, Lehman Brothers took advantage of the fact that investors thought they would be bailed out. So when Lehman found itself in trouble, the Fed was loath to

bail them out, thereby rewarding Lehman's bad behavior.

And so Lehman filed bankruptcy on March 15, 2008. Two days later, Reserve Primary Fund broke the buck after writing off Lehman bonds. The failure of Reserve Primary precipitated a run on money market funds. By March 17, redemptions were 5 percent of assets. Redemptions by mutual funds eliminated demand for commercial paper. Businesses dependent on those markets couldn't raise funds. The economy went into free fall.

The Treasury took measures to stabilize mutual funds, but the damage was done. In retrospect, it is hard to justify the failure of regulators to bail out Lehman. Regardless of how we got there, withdrawing support when markets expected that support resulted in financial crisis. Yes, too-big-to-fail should never have been U.S. policy, but it was, and deciding to change policy in the middle of a crisis was not appropriate.

As it turns out, regulators' attempt at weaning the economy off of too-big-to-fail didn't last very long. Goldman Sachs, AIG, Morgan Stanley, among others, required bailouts. So all the chaos associated with Lehman was for naught. Too-big-to-fail continues as U.S. policy.

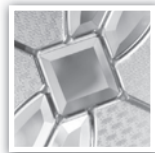
The effect of the financial crisis has been devastating to the middle class. The median American family, adjusting for inflation, has an income 5 percent lower today than in 2008. U.S. GDP is 10 percent less than it would have been.

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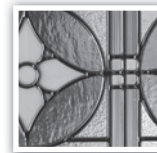


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# DCP deadlines rapidly approaching

## USDA's Farm Service Agency reminds producers of September dates

New Mexico USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director SED Lawrence Rael reminds producers of two important Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) deadlines this month.

Producers who have either not yet enrolled in DCP or have not yet signed their DCP contracts must do so by close of business Monday, Sept. 16. Contracts filed after this date will be elevated from the county office to the state office and will require state committee action.

"It's easy to get distracted during the harried harvest season, but producers should be careful not to let their DCP contracts and other important FSA business slip through the cracks," Rael said.

Additionally, Rael reminds producers that any succession-in-interest changes made to an operation that affect interest in base acres since the current DCP contract on file was signed, must be reported to the local FSA office by close of business Monday, Sept. 30.

Changes that qualify as a succession-in-interest include:

- Sale of land
- Change of operator or producer, including an increase or decrease in the number of partners
- Foreclosure, bankruptcy or involuntary loss of the farm
- Change in producer shares to reflect changes in the producer's share of the crop(s) that were originally approved on the contract.

"In the event of a succession-in-interest, the 'predecessor' is required to refund any advance DCP payments received for the affected base acres before a payment can be made to the 'successor,'" Rael said. "Failure to report a succession-in-interest can result in contract termination and a loss of program benefits for all producers involved."

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, enacted on Jan. 2, amends the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and provides for a one-year extension of the Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) program.

There are two types of DCP payments: direct payments and counter-cyclical payments. Both are calculated using the base acres and payment yields established for the farm. DCP is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA). Regulations covering the provisions for DCP appear at 7 CFR Part 1412.

Further information on DCP is available at local FSA offices or on FSA's DCP website at: [www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dcp).

# Latest drought update not good

## Disappointing monsoon may mean bad news for farmers

By **Marvin Tessneer**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Southwestern New Mexico is going through a disappointing monsoon, according to Phil King, Elephant Butte Irrigation District hydrology consultant.

Monsoon is the term that farmers and agencies apply to the summer rainy season.

"The monsoon is slowing down," he reported. "Usually August is our wettest month of the year, but during July, August and September, most

rain gauges have recorded below average for the monsoon season."

The forecast is not promising. The precipitation status remains in a neutral status; El Niño for precipitation or La Niña for dryness.

"Even if we get a good snow pack in the mountains this winter, the runoff will be below average. A lot of the water will be lost in the ground, because the watershed is so dry, or to evaporation," King said.

The combined storage for Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs is only 102,000 acre-feet.

That is bad news for Mesilla Valley farmers who need a good head of water to push the water down the canals for spring planting.

Normally, EBID farmers plant cotton, chile and corn for silage in the spring, water master Ricardo Bejarano said.

Farmers planted their alfalfa fields in August.

"What we like to see to start the irrigation season is a reservoir storage of 300,000 to 350,000 acre-feet," Bejarano said.

That would amount to about 2 acre-feet.



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# Architects to explore the city

AIA convention features the best of old and new

By **Alta LeCompte**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Architects will get a century-spanning view of the City of the Crosses when they attend the New Mexico Institute of Architects Convention Center Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13-14.

While work sessions will be held for the first time at the new LEED-certified Las Cruces Convention Center that some of the attendees helped design, the theme and their travels in town will take them back a century or more.

In keeping with the theme, "Communities Revitalized," urban designer Stefanos Polyzoides will give a keynote address 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The event is free and open to the public. The cost of attending a reception following the lecture is \$15.

"Stefanos Polyzoides is very well known for designing plazas and for reurbanizing," said local architect and event chairman Robert Williams.

Polyzoides is the co-author of "The Plazas of New Mexico," which traces the design

tradition of Native American center places, the Hispanic plaza and the Anglo town square. Detailing the success of restoration projects, the book encourages heritage tourism in the service of the community, local quality of life and sustainability.

The AIA convention will feature a trade show, meetings, continuing education presentations and a reception and dinners at the convention center.

Williams said a packed schedule of seminars will include presentations by planners working on Downtown revitalization projects in El Paso, Santa Fe and Las Cruces, who will share their stories.

Andy Hume, senior city planner, will present a case study of Las Cruces' Downtown Revitalization. In another session, panelists will discuss the power of architecture in revitalizing city centers.

Convention attendees will receive continuing education credits for workshops that will cover topics such as the latest technologies and

materials for high-performance buildings.

The visiting architects will get out of the lecture hall to see what's new – and old – in the Mesilla Valley.

On their itinerary are a sketching trip to Mesilla Plaza, a visit to Mesilla Bosque State Park and an opportunity to savor the sights, sounds and smells of the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on Saturday morning.

Jon Barela, New Mexico economic development secretary, will give a keynote address on the economic power of revitalizing cities at an awards banquet Saturday evening.

Those who stay until Sunday may participate in the AIA New Mexico Golf Tournament at New Mexico State University Golf Course or a hike in the Organ Mountains.

Williams said the convention will attract many El Paso attendees, since they prefer driving to Las Cruces rather than attending a Texas AIA meeting, typically held in the populous eastern part of the state.

"We're working closely with El Paso to get their AIA involved," he said.

For more information about the Friday night event at the Rio Grande Theatre, call Williams at 526-3111 or 505-270-5857.

## Pete V. Domenici Hall receives donation

### Stan Fulton donates \$1 million toward construction of NMSU building

By **Justin Bannister**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A \$1 million donation from businessman Stan Fulton will help New Mexico State University fund construction of Pete V. Domenici Hall. The building will be home to NMSU's Domenici Institute for Public Policy, portions of the Arrowhead Center, which specializes in economic development and will be the third building for the NMSU College of Business.

"Stan Fulton has been a good friend to NMSU for many years and his name is now linked to many of the university's premiere academic support programs and facilities," said NMSU President Garrey Carruthers, who also serves as director of NMSU's Domenici Institute. "This particular gift will allow us to complete this exceptional building and be ready in time for the fall 2014 semester."

To recognize Fulton's contribution, the university will name the building's atrium in his honor. The Stan Fulton Atrium will serve as a student lounge and as a pre-function space for events taking place in the Pete V. Domenici Hall auditorium. Fulton owns Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino and has made several large donations to NMSU in the past decade.

In April, NMSU officially broke ground on the construction project to transform the university's Hershel Zohn Theater into Pete V. Domenici Hall. The building will have state-of-the-art audio-visual technology that will enhance NMSU's distance education capabilities. The building will have one of the few large auditoriums on campus, which increases classroom space capacity and directly benefits students. In addition to holding classes in Pete V. Domenici Hall, forums, seminars and other large meetings, often open to the campus and community, will be held. Graduate student and faculty space also is an integral part of the building.

NMSU's Domenici Institute for Public Policy is named for retired U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici and was founded in 2008. It hosts a yearly public policy conference, various public policy forums and sponsors public policy research projects. Its goal is to engage the general public and encourage them to discuss and take part in issues of public interest, specifically when it comes to important policy matters. Funding for Pete V. Domenici Hall comes from a combination of federal, state and private funds. The building's auditorium will be funded through a significant contribution from the PY Foundation, led by Peyton Yates of Artesia, N.M., in honor of his parents.



An artist's rendering of Pete V. Domenici Hall at New Mexico State University, set to be completed in fall 2014.

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# SNM SHRM to meet in Las Cruces

## Conference to focus on workplace issues

If you work with people, you may want to check out the Southern New Mexico Society for Human Resources 29th annual Employment Law Update, held from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

With offerings such as a keynote address by Linda Strauss on the Totally Responsible Leader and sessions covering current headline topics such as health care reform, the bully and the bottom line and legal issues surrounding social media use, the conference is designed to attract not only human resources professionals

but also business leaders from other fields.

Leone Dunn, SNM SHRM vice president and conference organizer, said the committee is broadening the scope of topics to appeal to a broad spectrum of professionals from business and the not-for-profit community.

Attendees will include military officers and municipal employees as well, she said.

Dunn said committee members who heard Linda Strauss speak at the Albuquerque chapter of SHRM suggested inviting her to the Southern New Mexico convention.

Strauss, who is affiliated with the

University of New Mexico Anderson School of Management, has 18 years of corporate human resources experience. She is a certified mediator as well as a TRP (Totally Responsible Person) trainer.

TRP is an approach that developed out of an all-volunteer program, led by physicians, that worked with the terminally ill.

Instead of experiencing burnout, the volunteers and other TRP students learned to stay positive in all circumstances by dealing with the victim mentality in themselves and others.

Topics covered in The Totally Responsible Leader include leading with integrity, empowering others and promoting accountability.

Attorneys from Kemp Smith will speak at the SNM SHRM workshops.

Discussing the requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, they will cover six items that will impact employers in 2013 and 2014 and provide an actionable plan for reviewing health and prescription drug plans.

Also on the agenda is a session to help employers prepare for changes in federal pay equity enforcement activities, an update on the evolving regulations and legal liabilities of social media by employers and employees and a presentation on how to minimize litigation risk in the current business environment.

Vendors will set up their booths in a ballroom, where they will be accessible during breaks, Dunn said.

For more information, email Dunn at [vicepresident@snmshrm](mailto:vicepresident@snmshrm) or call 528-2227.

## Briefs

### Las Cruces SBDC workshop schedule

The Las Cruces Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has announced its workshop schedule for September.

- Advertising & Marketing Your Business: 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13
- How to Start Your Own Business: 9 a.m. to noon. Wednesday, Sept. 18
- Starting a Home Based Business: 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19
- Writing a Business Plan: 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 26
- Exit Planning for Success: 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26
- Starting a Business: 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27

### Farm Bureau Primetimers to meet

The Farm Bureau Primetimers, a group seeking to promote the importance and awareness of production agriculture in the Mesilla Valley, will hold its monthly meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Guest speaker Jackye Meinecke, owner/operator of Enchanted Gardens, will give a presentation on "How to Plant, Grow & Enjoy Your Plants."

Lunch is \$10, including dessert and tip and will be catered by Dickerson's Catering. For more information, call 233-4820.

### High Tech Consortium membership meeting is Sept. 20

This month's High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

This month's speaker will be Bob Hull, technical director for New Mexico Boosting Engineering Science and Technology (BEST). Since 2001, the College of Engineering at New Mexico State University has hosted the BEST robotics competition for middle and high school students across New Mexico and west Texas.

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

### Bank of the Rio Grande announces sponsorship

Bank of the Rio Grande has announced its sponsorship of New Mexico State University's 2013 Domenici Public Policy Conference, held Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 18-19. As a community bank that is deeply committed to the economic growth and prosperity of Las Cruces and southern New Mexico, Bank of the Rio Grande is lending support to the annual program that will feature several prominent and influential leaders discussing energy, health care, foreign policy and more.

For more information about NMSU's 2013 Domenici Public Policy Conference, visit <http://domenici.nmsu.edu/2013-domenici-conference.html>.

### Financial advisory group hosts women's luncheon

The Bridgers Group, founded by Merrill Lynch financial adviser Paul Bridgers, will present an informative luncheon aimed specifically at women from 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Guest speakers will be Marci Dickerson, who will speak about tourism in New Mexico, and Michelle Amaya-Schmidt, who will speak about having positive interactions with others. Bridgers and fellow financial adviser Matthew Mossburg will also speak on the topic of behavioral finance.

For more information, call 521-5126.

### CAASN receives grant from U.S. Bank

Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico (CAASN), an organization actively working to improve the quality of life for the underserved in the counties of Doña Ana, Hidalgo, Sierra, Lea, Chavez, Luna, Cantron, Otero, Socorro and Grant, has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the U.S. Bancorp Foundation Grants Program. Funds will be used to support the Family Empowerment service group.

Family Empowerment, formerly known as Asset Development, provides low-income clients with a wide variety of services including computer literacy classes, soft skills training and a business development program.

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JAMES & JUDITH RICHARDS C/O IGNACIO & MARIA NAVA	606986	2013-S-049	22-31 TR 2 LT 3	31	25S	3E	1.69
JOEL & OLGA HERRERA	616920	2013-S-050	20-28A TR B	24	25S	2E	0.73
ANDREW DE LA ROSA & MELANIE MARTINEZ	721400	2013-S-052	24-22B2	18	26S	3E	0.92
EDWARD E WALTERS	886215	2013-S-055	14-22B1, 29A1A5 BLK 4 LT 24	20	24S	2E	0.48
EDWARD MARTINEZ	1466997	2013-S-056	11B-33, 34A BLK D LT 7	25	23S	1E	0.22
CHAD & JAIME SELLS	886825	2013-S-057	11-185A3 LT 2	36	23S	1E	1.01
HAROLD G WILLIAMS	951500	2013-S-058	8-27A2	16	23S	1E	0.64
ALEX CAROTHERS	1053705	2013-S-059	31-38A3A1 TR B1 E PT OF	34	27S	3E	1.46
RAUL R GOMEZ	1056915	2013-S-060	29-29A LT	9	27S	3E	0.81
ALEX CAROTHERS & RICHARD & LOTHAR MOLARSKI	1053700	2013-S-061	31-38A3A1 TR B1 E PT OF	34	27S	3E	1.45
ANTONIO & MARIA G RESENDIZ	1132825	2013-S-062	33-11A2, 34-1A, 1B BLK 2 LT 4	1	29S	3E	0.96

JOHNNY D & DEBRA S ALDRICH	1165625	2013-S-063	25-92A4 TR 11	22	26S	3E	1.17
JAVIER & VICKY ONTIVEROS	1170156	2013-S-064	25-34A1 TR2 LT 6	16	26S	3E	1.59
ENRIQUE L & VIRGINIA HINOJOS	1166800	2013-S-066	25-62B2B	16	26	3E	1.44
SAMUEL & VERONICA AVALOS	1165105	2013-S-067	25-35C	15	26S	3E	1.00
HECTOR D & ELEANOR SANCHEZ	1171830	2013-S-068	27-40A	28	26S	3E	0.90
ROBERT M JR & JESSICA L SANCHEZ	1171820	2013-S-069	27-39, 40 TR 3	28	26S	3E	1.50
RAMON L RIVAS	1150995	2013-S-070	25-48A TR 1B, 1D W PT OF	17	26	3E	1.35
YOLANDA TALAMANTES	1217620	2013-S-071	17-66D, 67C TR 3 N PT OF	6	25S	3E	1.12
FELIPE & ARACELY PARRA	1217625	2013-S-072	17-66D, 67C TR 3 S PT OF	6	25S	3E	1.12
JUANA CARRANZA	1192100	2013-S-073	19-10B1A1, TR 10	17	25S	3E	1.32
LETICIA S CHAVIRA	1234750	2013-S-074	17-67A, 68A, 86B1, 87A, 88A BLK A LT6B	1	25S	2E	0.57
ROBERT S FERNANDEZ	1200550	2013-S-075	21-16A1A2C TR 2	19	25S	3E	1.20
ISRAEL & VERONICA S MUNIZ C/O RUBEN & EMMA MUNIZ	1206594	2013-S-076	17-103A TR B4	2	25S	2E	0.79
DANNY E GONZALES	1217250	2013-S-077	25-18A1D	9	26S	3E	0.97
ALMA L RAMIREZ	1217515	2013-S-078	17-66A TR 1	6	25S	3E	1.13
RODRIGO RAMIREZ	1217535	2013-S-079	17-66A TR 2	6	25S	3E	1.12
LYLA FAY WILSON	1223000	2013-S-080	17-84C	1	25S	2E	0.45
NORMA I NEVAREZ	1205100	2013-S-081	17-83B LT 1	1	25S	2E	0.47
JOHNNY P & SANDRA HINOJOS	1282400	2013-S-082	D-7	5	18S	4W	0.82
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION	1316000	2013-S-083	5-47A LT 9	26	22S	1E	1.09
JIMMY & ELIZABETH BANEGAS	1364300	2013-S-084	5-100B2	35	22S	1E	0.25
JAMES T & JACQUELINE RHOADES	1307515	2013-S-085	5-75A TR 2 LT 1	36	22S	1E	0.88
BARBI & GEORGE LOPEZ & BEULAH RICE	1297570	2013-S-086	5-59A9 LT 4	34	22S	1E	0.77
DORINE D PEREZ	1317700	2013-S-087	6-3B8B	3	23S	1E	0.91
SAMUEL T & MAUREEN SMALLIDGE	1321960	2013-S-088	5-106B TR 1 LT 3	3	22S	1E	1.00
BENJAMIN & KATHY ESPINOZA	1365550	2013-S-089	5-18G3 TR 2	23	22S	1E	1.50
DANIEL H & SUSAN S TRUJILLO	1305425	2013-S-090	5-72 LT 25	25	22S	1E	0.71
RUSSELL & MARGARET TANZY	1318396	2013-S-091	5-57B2A, 56A, 57A1, 58A BLK 2 LT 7	34	22S	1E	0.85
TROY W & KARA BOWER	1385300	2013-S-092	5-32A7 BLK 1 LT 2	27	22S	1E	0.51
CARL W & EILEEN M GUIITERREZ	1410950	2013-S-093	13-19A14 LT 5	5	24S	2E	0.65
MARGARET HEGBOUM	1413200	2013-S-094	11D-117 BLK PT 39-40 LT 8	32	23S	2E	0.21
BETTTY E BUCHANAN	878600	2013-S-095	13-38A2	8	24S	2E	1.00
MARY KAY PAPAN & MARGARET A KUPER	1466100	2013-S-096	11D-21C BLK 1 LT 6	30	23S	2E	0.23
JOHN & CHRISTIE EDWARDS 1468100 &	1468200	2013-S-097	13-12F6C1 & 13-12F6C2	5	24S	2E	1.50
DUSTIN & MICHELLE MUNDA & THOMAS & DEBORAH LEVY	1443950	2013-S-098	15-41A2 TR 1	23	24S	2E	1.18
EDMUNOD & ARLENE MARTINEZ 21870 &	1476100	2013-S-099	13-12F1C3B1 & 3-32A1B TR 1 LT 4	8	22S	1E	1.25
PAUL MINTER	1478800	2013-S-100	11D-26A	30	23S	2E	1.65
JESUS M & CARRIE M RIVERA	1495700	2013-S-101	15-77A1 LT 1	26	24S	2E	1.00
PATRICK S & SARAH J GIBBS	1496300	2013-S-102	15-76B TR 1	26	24S	2E	1.93
MARTIN Y & GRACIELA P SERECEREZ	1500700	2013-S-103	11D-43B LT 11	30	23S	2E	0.22
DIANA RAQUEL ACUNA VIDAL	1132841	2013-S-104	33-11A2, 34-1A, 1B BLK 1 LT 14	1	29S	3E	2.63
ESTELLA HERRERA	1654600	2013-S-105	17-47A TR 4	35	24S	2E	5.87
TOTAL ACRES TO BE SUSPENDED:							103.40

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MOVE TO LAND:**

NAME	PARCEL	RECLASS #	MAP SERIAL	SEC	TWN	RANGE	ACRES
R SHAYNE & AMANDA FRANZOY	1284600	2005-R-010	D-114B, 134B, 135A 136A	16	18S	4W	16.31
PETER F & PAULA J GIBSON	1446505	2005-R-004	17-45A1 LT 2	35	24S	2E	0.58
STATE OF NM C/O FRED & SONS JERRY & BARABARA FRANZOY	590000	2005-R-011	F-7A	36	18S	4W	15.13
BRIAN CHARLES, MICHAEL CHARLES & JEFFERY CHARLES	1155100	2006-R-001	25-51B, 50B	17	25S	3E	4.40
JOHN PINKERTON	1157000	2006-R-002	25-59C1, 49D1, 2	8	26S	3E	15.07
SALOPEK 6U FARMS INC	938000	2006-R-003	14-17F1, 22A1B, 23B, 25A	18	24S	2E	2.76
SALOPEK 6U FARMS INC	1497700	2006-R-003	15-1A1, 1D1, 1F	9	24S	2E	6.07
JOHN HARLACKER TRUST & JUDITH ANN LODIN TRUST	611600	2006-R-013	20-38A TR 1	24	25S	2E	3.65
ZOHRAB & ZAHRA H SAMANI	596800	2006-R-014	22-12B, 13A1B1 TR 4	26	25S	2E	3.57
H CARTER & PAGE M HATFIELD TRUSTEES LILLA S MASON	8260150	2007-R-006	32-7C TR 2	16	28S	3E	5.00
H CARTER & PAGE M HATFIELD HATFIELD LIVING TRUST	8260000	2007-R-007	32-7C TR 3	16	28S	3E	8.90
SAMMIE SINGH	633600	2007-R-009	18-68B	9	25S	2E	4.00
SAMMIE SINGH	633700	2007-R-009	18-90A, 20-11B	16	25S	2E	10.00
SAMMIE SINGH	644100	2007-R-009	18-86B	16	25S	2E	1.40
ELEPHANT BUTTE IRRIGATION DISTRICT	1044700		33-6A1A2 TR 1	26	28S	3E	6.56
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# Smilin' in the rain at the Las Cruces Young Professionals mixer

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Special guest Kiel Hoffman and Stacie Allen find the canopy at M FIVE no match for a sudden downpour that christened the inaugural outing of Las Cruces Young Professionals Friday, Sept. 6.



Eric Palma, outreach education coordinator for Air Methods, with Alex Andrews, community outreach coordinator for Molina Healthcare of New Mexico

Wendy Zuñiga of Beasley, Mitchell & Co., Mandy Leatherwood of Memorial Medical Center and Stephanie Armitage of Bank of the Rio Grande take refuge inside the lounge.



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# Showing what they're made of at REshow exhibit opener

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Artist Fabiola Rodriguez describes "The Peacock," a piece she created with repurposed cans, at the "REshow: REpurposed + REdefined Art" opening Friday, Sept. 6, at the West End Art Depot.



Jessika Edgar and Rachel Stevens with Cody Smith's "So Many Cans"

Art admirer Nicole Fuchs, taking in the event with artisan Meiko Merrill, photographs some of the works. Fuchs saw a Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce Facebook photo of a colorfully painted school desk posted to promote the exhibit and decided to attend.



## Las Cruces Arts Association



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Salcido

On Friday, Sept. 6, members of the Las Cruces Arts Association gathered at the Mountain Gallery for a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. Cutting the ribbon were Wendy Baldwin and Executive Director Cecy Wren. In existence since 1962, the Las Cruces Arts Association promotes and encourages art through exhibitions, lectures and demonstrations to enhance cultural appreciation within the community. For more information, visit [www.lascrucesarts.org](http://www.lascrucesarts.org).



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- March ..... Kraenzel's Landscaping
- April ..... Amaro Winery
- May ..... The LNG Company
- June ..... Advanced Hearing Care
- July ..... Haciendas at Grace Village
- August ..... 'N Compass Group
- September ... Helping Hands Event Planning

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## NEXT WEEK

### The Whole Enchilada Fiesta

The enchilada returns Friday  
through Sunday, Sept. 27-29.



**CONVENTION CENTER DEBUTS  
EVENT FRIDAY, SEPT. 20**

See feature on page C2

## An event just for the ladies

### Mesilla Valley Women's Expo focuses on every aspect of life

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Convention Center will be transformed into an educational and entertainment hub Friday through Sunday, Sept. 20-22, during the inaugural Mesilla Valley Women's Expo.

With the tagline "From boxer to ballerina, and everyone in between," the Mesilla Valley Women's Expo is truly designed to entertain and engage all area women, no matter their interests, said Patrick Drake, Las Cruces Convention Center sales manager.

"This expo is geared toward empowering and inspiring women," he said.

Drake said the idea for the expo came about after the convention center's successful Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo, which covered everything from hunting and fishing to skiing and sky diving, held in January.

"We looked around to see what else we could do for the community," Drake said.

The convention center conducted an analysis and discovered that while smaller women's events take place in the Mesilla Valley, there isn't one large gathering that encompasses every facet of being a woman.

"We found that there were mostly fashion and self-pampering events," Drake said. "We're taking that and adding on to it."

Covering everything from fashion to health, the expo is geared to the more than 840,000 women ages 19 to 64 and older who reside within a three-hour radius of Las Cruces.

"This expo really is for every woman," Drake said.

Vendors will range from spas and salons to cooking products and health care providers. Major sponsors include Comprehensive Varicose Veins Laser Clinic, Sunspot Solar, The Home Depot, Memorial Medical Center, Bravo Mic Communications and The Las Cruces Bulletin.

During the event, participants can expect to learn more about local businesses, such as Designs in Bling, Las Cruces Self Defense, Passion Parties and United Health Community State, as well as take part in interactive, hands-on booths.

"Some of the salons might be doing nails and hair," said Drake, adding that salons and spas such as Simply Devine Salon and Sol Medspa will be present. "Pool Tech is going to set up their hot tubs and saunas ... and Prime Time is going to bring some of its equipment for people

to try out. The Massage Training Institute and Massage Envy Spa will also do massages in house.

"There is a little bit of everything. Comprehensive Varicose Veins will be there and the hospitals will be there handing out information about staying healthy and taking preventative measures."

Ladies will also get the chance to pick up samples from Crazy Maizy's, a local gourmet popcorn company, and Nerium, a skin cream line.

The Mesilla Valley Women's Expo is much more than picking up pamphlets and taking home samples, however.

"Our Zumba Glow Party (sponsored by Sunspot Solar Energy) is going to kick off the expo," Drake said.

Drake said five of the most active Zumba instructors from four different gyms in the area will get everyone up and moving from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, in the Las Cruces Convention Center Ballroom, which will be illuminated by black lights and laser lights.

"Attendees are encouraged to wear their best white or neon Zumba gear to glow at the party," said Drake, adding that this VIP preview will be a soft opening of the expo and cost \$10 in advance at <http://mvwomensexpo.bpt.me> and \$15 at the door.

Demonstrations by The Home Depot on various do-it-yourself projects will also be held throughout the weekend, in addition to the company's nine-booth display.

Other seminars include "How to stay young for the first 100 years" by Daugherty Chiropractic and presentations on Saturday and Sunday by celebrity psychic and medium Michelle Whitedove.

"She will talk about a subject and do random audience readings," said Drake, adding that Whitedove will also conduct a book signing. "Attendees can also purchase a one-on-one session with her."

Half hour sessions with Whitedove are \$300, and hour sessions are \$500. Reservations must be made in advance to 954-981-2828, and a 50 percent deposit is due with reservations.

While the expo will be entertaining, ultimately, convention center organizers hope eventgoers will feel empowered and take something away with them that will change their lives, Drake said.

"We want to inspire them to take something away with them, whether it's something small that helps make their daily lives easier or something grand that helps them accomplish bigger goals," he said.

Since announcing the Women's Expo earlier in the year, Drake said the convention center's phone has been ringing off the hook with interested vendors and community members looking for more information.

"We've had over 1,200 likes on our Facebook page," he said, adding that the show will feature more than 90 booths.

The Mesilla Valley Women's Expo will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22. Tickets to the event are

### Details

#### Mesilla Valley Women's Expo

##### When

- 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22

##### Where

Las Cruces Convention Center  
680 E. University Ave.

##### Cost

\$5

##### Contact

- 526-0112
- [www.facebook.com/mvwomensexpo](http://www.facebook.com/mvwomensexpo)



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# Featured exhibit: *Black & White & Caliente* Variations on a theme

## NMSU Art Gallery continues three-part exhibit

By **Zak Hansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

"Black & White & Caliente" is the theme for the three exhibitions currently on display inside the New Mexico State University Art Gallery, located inside D.W. Williams Hall, on the corner of University Avenue and Solano Drive.

"Tierra Caliente: A Photographic Essay of Cuba by Patrick Glaize" is the main exhibit, and features 38 brand-new prints of images captured by the Parisian photographer during a 1997 trip to the island nation.

"From what I've read and what I've heard from Patrick, his idea in the mid-1990s was that he wanted to look at history in a way that was much more personal," said Stephanie Taylor, director of the NMSU Art Gallery.

"Cuba was a small enough island he could really get a sense of it taking pictures with a camera. He traveled to Cuba and had a script set up with a colleague, David Sanchez, who is our co-curator. They would look for certain 'types of people,' they knew they wanted a few musicians and actors and athletes, but they also wanted some 'local flavor,' so they figured out what regions and towns they would go to and who they would find there."

The results are a stunning look into an isolated nation at once enriched and held back by its sequestered nature, featuring subjects as varied and unique as can be; a duo of boxing children, a rigid, formally posed fencer, a trio of street corner prostitutes, dancing children and a renowned musician all populate Glaize's vision of Cuba.

"There's so many layers to these images and I'm so pleased to have them here," Taylor said. "Something I've gotten used to is never having a chance to sit down and really take in what's on the wall, in the midst of planning the next exhibit, but a few times, I find myself stopping in there and picking out an image of the day and really taking in all the detail."

Also on display in the gallery, and a complement to Glaize's stunning images, is "Social Photography from the Permanent Collection," a variety of stirring photographs culled from the UAG's permanent collection. Featuring the work of artists including Manuel Carillo, Douglas Kent Hall, Alex Harris and Graciela Iturbide, "Social Photography" showcases images from not only around the region, but the world as well, helping to contextualize Glaize's work in the realm of social photography.

In selecting photos from the university's collection, Taylor said she "didn't want to have photographs that would challenge Patrick's work, but rather support it."

The final component of "Black & White & Caliente," titled "German



Patrick Glaize's "Border Guard" (1997) is one of 38 new prints of the Parisian photographer's work in "Tierra Caliente," at the New Mexico State University Art Gallery. The exhibit is one of three currently on display as part of "Black & White & Caliente."

Op-Art Ceramics, 1955-1975," is an exhibit composed of pieces from the private collection of Lawrence Gipe, painter and University of Arizona professor, featuring a number of mass-produced ceramic pieces in stark, black and white that follow the trend of Op-Art, or "optical art," a late 1950 movement that toyed with the viewer through optical illusion and repetition of abstract elements.

Moving forward with the semester's exhibition schedule, Taylor said she plans to continue to pull together shows united by a common theme, as "Black & White & Caliente" is by its focus on the limited palette of black and white.

For example, the next set of exhibitions, "Post-Racial US?," which open homecoming weekend (Oct. 21-26), will be linked to the issue of race in contemporary America, and question whether or not we are, as some have maintained, living in a "post-racial" society.

That exhibit will feature work from Los Angeles' Linda Vallejo, including pieces from her "Make 'em All Mexican" collection, which features well-known and recognizable pop culture icons "made Mexican."

Vallejo's work will be complemented by selections taken in from a juried invitational call, open to artists around the globe. The third component will feature several retablos and pieces of Mexican devotional art created by the UAG's own conservation specialist, Silvia Marinas, focused in particular on how she and her students of museum conservation continue the "conservation of tradition" so important to our region.

Also in October, for one week beginning Friday, Oct. 4, will be the return of "Project: Postcard," a biennial event that takes 4-by-6-inch art works donated by faculty, staff, alumni, students and community artists and raffles them

off for a small fee – only \$40 – to raise funds for the continuation of the UAG's visiting artists series. The series most recently brought photographer Glaize to speak about his own experiences while shooting in Cuba and the resulting body of work, "Tierra Caliente," at the exhibit's opening Friday, Aug. 30.

The visiting artist series will next welcome Lawrence Gipe, whose private collection of German ceramics makes up the third facet of "Black & White & Caliente," at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21.

For more information exhibits and special events at the NMSU Art Gallery, visit [www.nmsu.edu/~artgal](http://www.nmsu.edu/~artgal).

### Details

#### Black & White & Caliente

##### When

Noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, through Saturday, Sept. 28.

##### Where

New Mexico State University Art Gallery, D.W. Williams Hall, University Avenue and Solano Drive

##### Cost

Free

##### Phone

646-6110

##### Website

[www.nmsu.edu/~artgal](http://www.nmsu.edu/~artgal)



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FRI-SUN SEP 13-15	(SUN 230 P.M.) 8 P.M.
Greater Tuna	Black Box Theatre
SAT SEP 14	830 A.M.
LC Farmers & Crafts Market	Downtown Main St.
SAT SEP 14	1030 A.M.
Storytellers of Las Cruces	COAS Bookstore
SAT SEP 14	8 P.M.
Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike	Rio Grande Theatre
SUN SEP 15	2 P.M.
Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike	Rio Grande Theatre
MON SEP 16	11 A.M.
Proposal Writing Basics	Branigan Library
TUE SEP 17	1030 A.M.
Read to Me – Storytime ages 3 & Up	Branigan Library
TUE SEP 17	1030 A.M. + 630 P.M.
Branigan Book Club	Branigan Library
TUE SEP 17	630 P.M.
Every Other Tuesday with Al Chance	Rio Grande Theatre
WED+THU SEP 18 + 19	10 A.M.
Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3	Branigan Library
WED SEP 18	11 A.M.
Mother Goose Time	Branigan Library
THU SEP 19	NOON
Lunch & Learn	Branigan Library



### ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Art RAMBLE  
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# Galleries & Openings

## LAST CHANCE

### NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

presents "New Mexico's African-American Legacy: Visible, Vital, Valuable," an exhibit focusing on African-Americans and their contributions to New Mexico history. The exhibit closes Sunday, Sept. 15.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 522-4100.

## OPENING

### ROKOKO ART GALLERY

presents "Let's Face It," a group exhibit of artists' creations expressing the different faces of life. The exhibit opens with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, and 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.

### UNSETTLED GALLERY

presents "Interwoven," an exhibit of fiber art by Linda Giesen, Lin Bentley Keeling, Dee Knudson, Maria Navarra-Pino and Jan Harrison. The exhibit opens with an artists' reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14. The exhibit will remain on display through Oct. 5.

Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 635-2285.

## ONGOING

### 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 to the 27 artists of the gallery. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of the month.

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 the month.

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](http://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 the month.

M Phillip's Gallery is located at 221 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367.

### 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](http://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 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.

### 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](http://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 or visit [www.las-cruces.org/museums](http://www.las-cruces.org/museums).

### 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. Saturday, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday. For more information, visit [www.we-ad.org](http://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. Wednesdays. For more information, call 646-6110 or visit [www.nmsu.edu/~artgal](http://www.nmsu.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.

### CUTTER GALLERY

is exhibiting new works by Robert Highsmith, watercolorist with expressive scenes of New Mexico, and Stephen Hansen, with new sculpture in papier maché and metal.

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.

### 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, needlepoint, 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 LCPS art specialist Cynthia Smith at [cysmith@lcps.k12.nm.us](mailto:cysmith@lcps.k12.nm.us).

### NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

presents "The Chihuahuan Desert Garden," an exhibit of 35 watercolor work by members of the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter, depicting the challenges of gardening and growing plants on the Chihuahuan Desert. A reception will take place Thursday, Sept. 19.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 522-4100.

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# RestaurantGuide

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Zak Hansen



## Most valuable pizzas ... and subs MVP's committed to freshness and quality

By Zak Hansen  
Las Cruces Bulletin

In the two weeks Mesilla Valley Pizza & Subs has been open at 3961 E. Lohman Ave., owner Amanda Novotny and chef Tisha Toombs have already noticed a thing or two about us here in the Mesilla Valley.

Within days of opening, Novotny said, a clear favorite pie had emerged: The MVP. Loaded with pepperoni, cheddar and mozzarella cheese, chorizo and our perennial favorite, Hatch green chile, it may come as no surprise to Las Cruces the pizza was an immediate hit, but to Novotny, an Oklahoma native, it was unexpected.

She isn't just playing to what we know and love to draw Cruceños to the east end of town for pizza and subs, though. At MVP's, everything is made as fresh as fresh can be.

"A lot of places say they use fresh ingredients," Novotny said, "but we mean it."

She does. A peek into the bright, clean kitchen reveals cutting boards piled with fresh vegetables waiting to be julienned, chopped, minced, sliced, diced or otherwise cut into pieces, a stovetop sizzling with portions of quality meat for one of MVP's signature sandwiches and a roaring pizza oven.

Add to that list dough that's rolled and baked fresh each morning, sauces, including marinara, alfredo, chipotle mayonnaise and jalapeño pesto, made each day, and Boar's Head deli meats sliced daily, and it's clear why MVP's pizzas and sandwiches are a cut above.

Variety is another of MVP's strengths, with a toppings list that

includes all the standards and several less-common - hamburger meat, chorizo, cilantro, caramelized onions and artichokes among them.

"We've got everything but anchovies," Novotny said with a laugh, "though people have asked."

Pizzas are available build-your-own, or you can order one of MVP's signature pies straight off the menu.

For Novotny, the MVP is a top-seller, but her favorite is the Jalapeño Pesto, sauced with house-made jalapeño-basil spread and topped with melted parmesan cheese and grilled, seasoned chicken, cooked tender.

"It's something a little different, but I love it," Novotny said.

Their sandwiches share a similar gourmet flair, all made with fresh cut or cooked meat, chopped vegetables and sauces. Sandwiches are served with one of several house-made sides, including fresh-cut French fries, hand-battered onion rings, cole slaw, chips, side salad or soup of the day.

Novotny recommends the flank steak sandwich - piled with sautéed onions and bell peppers and topped with melted parmesan cheese and a helping of jalapeño pesto - but, in her words, "they're all good." Also featuring a pastrami sub, Philly cheesesteak, French dip, Southwest turkey avocado and Tuscan chicken sandwich, it's clear MVP's is about a lot more than just pizza.

MVP's also offers desserts (mini cheesecakes, pies and crème pies) and appetizers (garlic parsley and hot wings, cheese bites, bread sticks and the current best-seller, green chile eggrolls - we are creatures of habit) all made in house and

from scratch.

High-quality ingredients and fresh preparation may mean a lot in terms of cooking great food, but for Toombs, the secret to making top-shelf pizza and sandwiches is even simpler than that.

"It's about passion," she said.

"I love to make people happy, and I love to cook - I've been doing it for 15 years, and I've found that one of the best ways to make someone smile is to make them great food."

That passion and commitment to quality will serve Novotny and Toombs well as they learn to please the fickle palates of Las Cruces, but if I may offer a tip, here it is: Put green chile on everything.

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# Walking the red carpet at WSIFF 2013

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Phillips raises his glass to the crowd upon his arrival Friday to St. Clair Winery & Bistro.



2013 White Sands International Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award winner Lou Diamond Phillips accepts his award Friday, Sept. 6, at St. Clair Winery & Bistro.



Mirelly Taylor, Stephen Griffin, Audrey Griffin and Brian Tee of the film "Roswell FM" enjoy the opening night reception at La Posta de Mesilla Wednesday, Sept. 4.



Phillips, actress Nova Aragon, writer Crystal Bratton and director Bryan Ortiz answer questions about their film "Sanitarium" at Allen Theatres Cineport 10 Saturday, Sept. 7.



Bryant Marcontel of the film "Altered," Keagan Karnes and Angelique Felice enjoy Friday evening at the Lifetime Achievement Award party at St. Clair Winery & Bistro.

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# According to the effort, so is the reward

## ‘The Wager Redux’ is a challenging, compelling play

Review by **Gerald M. Kane**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

After spending considerable time reflecting on the performance of Mark Medoff’s “contemporized and revised” production of his 1974 comedy “The Wager” – now re-named “The Wager Redux” – I am still not quite certain of what I experienced on Saturday evening on the stage of the Las Cruces Community Theatre.

For me, it was like putting together one of those 1,000-piece puzzles: It’s easy enough to get the border in place, but once you get that assembled, you are stuck with hundreds of pieces that take a good deal of time and patience to put together.

Here are the basics of the play: Four “lost souls” – a couple in a loveless marriage (Jessica Medoff Bunchman and Brandon Brown), a wry-tongued jock and an esoteric lecturer (Patrick Payne and Eric Young) – all live in the same apartment building. The jock and the professor are cousins, and are as different as night and day.

A bizarre two-part wager is made between the lecturer and the jock, and then it’s “off to the races,” so to speak. If you have the patience to work through the angst with the characters who struggle endlessly with their personal challenges, the play’s resolution is fulfilling.

After two hours and 15 minutes, I found myself more than a bit exhausted by all of the



**Jessica Medoff Bunchman and Eric Young star in Mark Medoff’s “The Wager Redux,” a revised production of his 1974 comedy “The Wager,” playing at the Las Cruces Community Theatre through Sunday, Sept. 15.**

plot’s mental gymnastics in which I had to participate throughout the course of the play. In the end, to quote a rabbinic adage, “According to the effort, so is the reward.”

Characters jump from relationship to relationship, and as the action unfolds, you have no idea which direction the plot will turn.

Medoff’s machine-gun dialogue is a challenge to decipher due to the limited acoustics in the Las Cruces Community Theatre. As an important lecture is delivered at the play’s beginning, for instance, I was unable to hear most of the monologue because of the

rock music playing over the actor’s excellent delivery.

In a 1981 article about Medoff, the playwright said, “I think the symbol of our times is the gun, and the ambience of our lives in America is symbolized by violence.” In today’s world, his words take on a prophetic air in light of the current political climate in our country, and they are evident in this re-working of his earliest play. Violence and pain are subtexts that run through the course of the play.

In a 1974 Newsweek review of “The

Wager”, New York theatre columnist Jack Kroll called Medoff “a writer with a natural gift for comedy, an instinct for surprise, a gift for language and a love-hate for his society that makes him representative of a generation.”

How lucky we are to have Mark Medoff as an integral part of our cultural community. If you are up for a challenge, you owe it to yourself to see “The Wager Redux” and make up your own mind as to the play’s merits.

Ross Marks’ rapid direction keeps the pace of the play going smoothly. The set, by Tiffini Remann, is at once eclectic and bizarre, and helps explicate the unusual turns of the plot.

Plans are underway to film this production at the end of 2014. Cerebral films tend to draw sophisticated, limited audiences, yet the power of the Medoff moniker and a compelling, complex script may give “The Wager Redux” the legs it needs to reach a broader audience.

“The Wager Redux” runs through Sunday, Sept. 15. Ticket prices are \$10 for regular adult admission, \$9 for seniors/students/military, \$8 for groups of 10 or more, and \$7 for children under 6 years of age. Season tickets for the entire LCCT season will be on sale during the entire run of “The Wager Redux.” Reservations can be made online at [lcctnm.org](http://lcctnm.org) or by calling 523-1200.

*Gerald Kane has reviewed theater, music, opera, film and books for NPR stations and newspapers in New Orleans, Phoenix and Kansas City as well as for the Las Cruces Bulletin. A former member of the American Theatre Critics Association, he is the Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El.*

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# AtTheMovies

## The end of the world as we know it

Pegg, Frost and Wright take on the apocalypse – better drink up

Review by **Zak Hansen**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Following the successes of 2004's "Shaun of the Dead" and 2007's "Hot Fuzz," the team of writer/director Edgar Wright, writer/actor Simon Pegg and actor Nick Frost have rejoined for "The World's End," the trio's take on arrested development filtered through a sci-fi lens and loaded up on enough pints to make the "Hangover" boys stay home.

The plot is simple enough. After a failed attempt to conquer "The Golden Mile" – one night, 12 pints and 12 pubs – in their hometown of Newton Haven 20 years earlier, Gary King (Pegg) tracks down his now long-estranged friends for another attempt at the famed pub crawl, ending at The World's End, the final bar on the line. Along their way, however, they discover that their sleepy hometown hamlet has been taken over by alien robots, a la "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

Gary's friends, Andy Knightley (Frost), Steven Prince (Paddy Considine), Peter Page (Eddie Marsan) and Oliver "O-Man" Chamberlin (Martin Freeman) are coping with their approaching middle age as well as can be expected. All have careers, some have wives, some ex-wives, some children, but all have grown up – except for Gary.

Gary has all the trappings of a man stuck in his teenage years, right down to the black trench coat and badly dyed hair. He has no job, no girl and no prospects in any direction. He wears the same Sisters of Mercy T-shirt, drives the same beater car with the same mixtape in the deck from the "glory days" he hopes to recapture. The party has been over since that morning-after two decades ago, and the whole world seems to have realized that except Gary.

Tagging along with varying degrees of reluctance, Gary's old mates meet him in Newton Haven for one last go at the Golden Mile, but are immediately greeted with a disappointing sight: All their quaint, hometown pubs have been commercialized and homogenized, losing any local character they once had. "Starbucking," one character calls it, dead-on.

The replacement of their beloved pubs would be bad enough, but something much larger is at work in Newton



Haven. In a bathroom brawl with a snide teen – whom Gary first tries, awkwardly and somewhat heartbreakingly, to identify with – Gary, and then the rest of the "Five Musketeers," discover the people of their hometown have been either replaced with blue-blooded (literally) and easily-dismembered alien robots, or are complicit in the otherworldly scheme – a "civilization" process for humanity's own good by a force called "The Network," which has provided all major advancements in technology since the boys' pub crawl more than 20 years before.

Once the sci-fi mayhem gets going, it's hard not to have a blast watching "The World's End," with simultaneously well-choreographed and outright goofy fight scenes, but what stands out is something much deeper and subtler than slam-bang action and a glut of sight gags and one-liners – all of which, I must say, are hilarious.

In "Shaun of the Dead," "Hot Fuzz" and many other films, Pegg has played, for the most part, a likeable,

albeit misguided, guy; the loveable loser, the overachiever, etc. This time around, though, all that charm has been stripped away, leaving Pegg to a real challenge: play someone completely and utterly dislikeable.

Gary isn't just stuck in the past; he's been on a perpetual decline since the good ol' days, drinking and drugging himself in an out of the hospital and through at least one suicide attempt that we know of. His relationships with friends are strained, if not outright snapped, and with good reason. Money has been stolen, lies have been told, bridges have been burned and, at least in the case of Andy and Gary's relationship, something much more serious has occurred, leading to a lengthy hospitalization and eventual sobriety for Andy and a weak excuse from a damaged Gary.

It's odd to find yourself rooting for such a repellant, seemingly irredeemable character, but Pegg nails it, managing to balance the sick with the sweet. He's a broken man, for sure, but as far as redemption goes, he's a perfect candidate. Any more likeable, he'd be easily forgiven; and less, and he'd be unworkable as a protagonist. Many have a friend or two like that, whom you can't help but love and forgive, despite your better judgment, and Pegg hits it on the head.

With "The World's End," Wright said he said out to capture "the bittersweet feeling of returning to your home town and feeling like a stranger." Aided by an exceptional cast, he's done just that, without giving up any of the madcap action and crackly dialogue that made his previous outings so enjoyable.



### THE WORLD'S END

Rated: R

Running time: 109 minutes

Starring: Simon Pegg, Nick Frost

Director: Edgar Wright

## A little low-key for some tastes

'Key of Life' is quiet, respectful fun

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Amnesia is more common in the movies and on television than it is in real life. How many films or shows have you watched where a key plot point involves amnesia?

In real life, according to the Mayo Clinic, amnesia doesn't affect one as it is often

depicted. Most of it, they say, involves having trouble making new memories or learning new information.

Amnesia is a "co-star" in "Key of Life," a gentle Japanese film involving mistaken identities, a borrowed identity and a hitman with a kind heart.

Sakurai is in his 30s, with no discernible life. A want-to-be actor, he is broke, depressed, living in a rundown apartment and has just failed at an awkward and silly suicide attempt.

For some reason, he decides next to head to a bathhouse, where a bar of soap becomes the catalyst for a new start, although it could be a temporary one. As he tries to swipe a bar of soap from another bather, the soap squirts away and ricochets around the room, only to land under the foot of Kondo, a much wealthier and more secure man, who smacks his head rather sharply.

Mild chaos results as others rush to help him, but not Sakurai. He sees an opportunity

in the making, switches locker keys with Kondo and soon has a wallet full of cash, a flashy car and a nice new and well appointed apartment.

Kondo ends up in the hospital and upon awakening has ... amnesia. And when he awakes, who does he see first, but Sakurai, whose guilt has brought him to try and return Kondo's keys and life. But that doesn't last long.

To compound things, there is the willful and ultra organized magazine editor, Kanae, who is looking for someone to marry. She carries a datebook with deadlines that require her to meet someone by such and such a date and become engaged on another date, and her wedding is marked for a day in December, hopefully before her father dies.

Sakurai and Kanae meet outside the hospital, where she has come to visit her ailing father. They strike up a friendship, with Kanae of course keeping the secret that she is eyeballing him as husband material.

Things take a turn when a crime boss, who has never met the real Kondo, calls

"him" to plan a mob murder. Sakurai, unaware of that aspect of his new identity, goes along with it, keeping the crime boss and his dorky henchmen at bay with a series of tall tales.

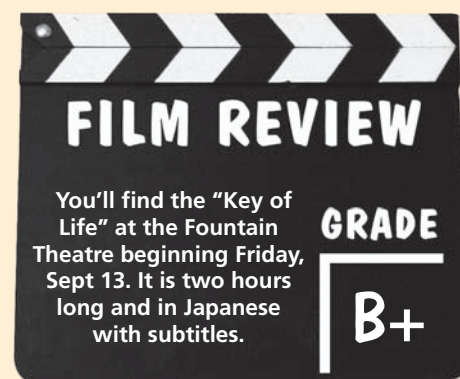
Kanae also meets Kondo, who is now released from the hospital and has assumed Sakurai's sorry life of poverty, although he does go to an audition for a new movie-and is cast as a hit man, which is one of the funnier scenes in the film.

Although "Key of Life" may sound like it is just a Japanese version of a romantic comedy, it really is not. The casting is great and the introduction of a third person, Kanae, into the mix, makes it much more satirical and interesting, since she likes both men, but has no idea that neither is who she thinks they are.

Kanae helps carry the transitions in the film, but it is also fun to try and imagine the sad sack Sakurai as a wealthy and successful hitman – a job that Kondo hates, by the way.

All in all, "Key of Life" is a pleasant smile-inducing romp, one that is a bit too long but quiet, respectful fun nonetheless.

Now starting my 12th year of movie reviews for the Bulletin...[jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com)








# AtTheMovies

## Picking the Flicks




Movie information from [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com). Movie reel based on a 5-point scale.


**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



**Elysium**  
**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** One man leaves a ruined Earth for Elysium, a space station for the super-rich, taking on a desperate mission that could save the lives of millions.  
**Starring:** Matt Damon, Jodie Foster  
**Director:** Neill Blomkamp




**The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones**  
**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A teenage girl discovers she is descended from a line of demon-hunters.  
**Starring:** Lily Collins, Jamie Bower  
**Director:** Harald Zwart




**You're Next**  
**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** A gang of masked killers attack a family on an anniversary getaway, but soon learn one of their victims has a talent for fighting back.  
**Starring:** Sharni Vinson, Nicholas Tucci  
**Director:** Adam Wingard




**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



**Closed Circuit**  
**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** Claudia and Martin – ex-lovers and lawyers – are thrust into harm's way as they join together on the defense team of an international terrorist.  
**Starring:** Eric Bana, Rebecca Hall  
**Director:** John Crowley



**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




**One Direction: This Is Us**  
**Rated:** PG  
**Plot Overview:** The rise to worldwide superstardom of the members of One Direction, from their humble beginnings to conquering the charts.  
**Starring:** One Direction  
**Director:** Morgan Spurlock




**The World's End**  
**Rated:** R  
**Plot Overview:** Five friends reunite for a pub crawl and unwittingly become humanity's only hope as the world is overrun by alien robots.  
**Starring:** Simon Pegg, Nick Frost  
**Director:** Edgar Wright




**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




**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




**Getaway**  
**Rated:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** To rescue his kidnapped wife, former racecar driver Brent Magna must get behind the wheel and follow the orders of a mysterious villain.  
**Starring:** Ethan Hawke, Selena Gomez  
**Director:** Courtney Solomon



**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



**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



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<p><b>Behind the Candelabra</b>  <b>Rated:</b> N/A  <b>Genre:</b> Drama  <b>Starring:</b> Michael Douglas, Matt Damon  <b>Director:</b> Steven Soderbergh</p>	<p><b>Disconnect</b>  <b>Rated:</b> R  <b>Genre:</b> Suspense  <b>Starring:</b> Jason Bateman, Hope Davis  <b>Director:</b> Henry Alex Rubin</p>
<p><b>The Bling Ring</b>  <b>Rated:</b> R  <b>Genre:</b> Drama  <b>Starring:</b> Emma Watson, Leslie Mann  <b>Director:</b> Sofia Coppola</p>	<p><b>World War Z</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG-13  <b>Genre:</b> Suspense, action  <b>Starring:</b> Brad Pitt, Mireille Enos  <b>Director:</b> Marc Forster</p>

## Top Grossing Sept. 6-8

1 <b>Riddick</b> (Week No. 1) \$19,030,375	6 <b>One Direction: This Is Us</b> (Week No. 2) \$4,046,455
2 <b>Lee Daniels' The Butler</b> (Week No. 4) \$8,401,729	7 <b>Elysium</b> (Week No. 5) \$3,141,332
3 <b>Instructions Not Included</b> (Week No. 2) \$8,149,289	8 <b>Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters</b> (Week No. 5) \$2,425,539
4 <b>We're the Millers</b> (Week No. 5) \$7,695,027	9 <b>Blue Jasmine</b> (Week No. 7) \$2,347,694
5 <b>Planes</b> (Week No. 5) \$4,120,811	10 <b>The World's End</b> (Week No. 3) \$2,314,494

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By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

A home is a sanctuary, a place to relax after a stressful day, make memories with loved ones and watch your family grow and blossom.

For residents of A Peaceful Habitation, home is a place to get a second chance.

"The goal of A Peaceful Habitation is to be the bridge from incarceration to the community with God as our savior," said Leticia Chavez-Paulette, executive director and founder of the nonprofit, which began in Albuquerque in 2006 and recently brought the program to Las Cruces.

"It was my calling. I was incarcerated and when I got out, my life was transformed in a mighty way. I would see these women come in and out of jail or prison and I was scared I would be one of them."

Chavez-Paulette found solace in her faith and began working with pastors in Albuquerque to get A Peaceful Habitation, a re-entry program and aftercare ministry for women leaving incarceration, off the ground.

"We got our 501(c)3 in 2006, and that was when we rented our first house," she said. "In February 2007, we got our first woman."

Designed to bridge the gap from incarceration to release, A Peaceful Habitation provides structured support as well as educational opportunities that range from seeking and obtaining a job to nutrition and parenting.

"We work hard to provide everything they would need," said Chavez-Paulette, adding that this includes clothing, bus pass and hygiene items as well as mentors from area churches. "They can stay here for six months to a year. They're held accountable to their probation and parole. We provide them with counseling resources and classes. They do 12-step group Celebrate Recovery program and we do Bible study and go to church every Sunday."

Chavez-Paulette said the residents are also required to open a bank account and save money as well as take care of the housework, cooking and rent.

"It's the least expensive in the whole state," she said.

The reason for such responsibilities, many of the residents have never had before, is to help transform them and their lives, allowing them to get away from whatever situation got them in trouble in the first place, Chavez-Paulette said.

"These kinds of services are really needed for women because it's hard when they come out and go back to the same environment," she said. "They're going to go back to old behaviors. This helps them."

In Albuquerque, the program has had 40 graduates, of which, according to the organization's best calculations, 80 percent have remained successful.

"Some people just aren't ready for change," Chavez-Paulette said. "They may have the intention, but then the world comes in and they have some of the same mentality of before and they get lured back in."

"Change takes time. It's not an overnight thing. It's a journey."

Because of the impact the program has had in Albuquerque, Chavez-Paulette said it was important to her to expand it to Las Cruces.

"First, I was raised here," she said. "Second, there was nothing for women here in Las Cruces."

"Since I got out and would go to the prison as a volunteer, I would see the number of women going in growing, but the number of services not."

When she began looking into expanding into Las Cruces a year and a half ago, she reached out to the local church community, which welcomed her and the program.

"We're a 501(c)3, so we operate thanks to the churches that support us and private donors," Nyla Gruver, program manager, said. "We don't get any state or federal money."

There was some resistance, however, from the city.

"In Albuquerque, the response was very good, the neighbors were very welcoming. We just rented a home and started working," Chavez-Paulette said. "Here, we had to apply for a special-use permit and we had to let the neighbors know what we were doing. The first home we found, the neighbors said, 'No, absolutely not.'"

Rather than getting discouraged, Chavez-Paulette said the group continued to educate the community on A Peaceful Habitation to clear up any misunderstandings.

"We're women who have made some mistakes and are trying to get back on our feet," she said.

Luckily, Denise Campbell of Southwest Sport & Spine had heard about A Peaceful Habitation and wanted to help. Campbell offered the group a three-bedroom home, built in the 1950s, to use.

"She blessed us with a small rent and gave us free reign," said Gruver, adding that this included installing a fire sprinkler system indoors, a requirement since the home is considered a business.

As with the home in Albuquerque, each of the rooms in the 2,000-square-foot home were put up for adoption.

"A church would adopt a room and decorate it. They would bring in all the stuff for it," Chavez-Paulette said. "Everything in here is donated."

"Someone would visit and say, 'Oh, you need a lamp for that table,' and then bring one the next day," Gruver said. "It was the most amazing thing I've ever seen."

Chavez-Paulette said about 11 churches from various denominations helped bring the home to life.

University Presbyterian Church and a local women's group decorated two of the bedrooms that will house residents. Las Cruces First and Nopalito's Bible Study spruced up the room that will house the home coordinator, the person who will oversee the home and work as a mentor to the residents.

First Baptist transformed the bathrooms into peaceful retreats, complete with inspirational quotes and colorful artwork.

Everything in the large kitchen, "down to the new cooking utensils," Gruver said, was donated by Sierra Vista Community Church.

An addition at the back of the home, which features an office, will be used by residents as a place to relax, watch TV and search for jobs on the computer. University United Methodists donated the furniture.

Chavez-Paulette said the home welcomed its first resident three months ago, and she already has a job and is benefiting from the program.

## Details

### Featured home

A Peaceful Habitation

### Square footage

2,000

### Acres

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### Bedrooms

Three

### Bathrooms

Two

### Fireplaces

One

### Special features

A Christian aftercare ministry that aims to be a place for women to transition from incarceration and destructive behaviors to a successful life.

### Contact

[www.apeacefulhabitation.org](http://www.apeacefulhabitation.org)



# Do-it-herself program demos at Women's Expo

## Experts from Home Depot show the way

By **Rachel Christiansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Home maintenance chores can seem daunting – you have to possess the time, energy and, most importantly, the knowledge of where to begin and how to complete the task at hand.

In tough times, however, do-it-yourself projects can be more economical to your wallet, not to mention projects can have a more personal touch, done exactly the way you want it.

In an effort to get more women to tackle home-improvement projects, Home Depot launched a national Do-It-Herself campaign, hosting workshops in all of their stores across the U.S., each teaching a different topic such as gardening, tile laying, dry walling and more.

“The Las Cruces store really became active in these workshops about a year and a half ago,” said Emily Taylor, the community captain for the Do-It-Herself workshops at Home Depot.

The effort sparked a once-a-month workshop, which is usually attended by around 20 to 30 women in Las Cruces.

The workshops take place at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the store located at 225 N. Telshor Blvd. They are free of charge and provide refreshments. Those who wish to attend can guarantee their spot by pre-registering on the Home Depot website at [www.homedepot.com/workshops](http://www.homedepot.com/workshops).

Taylor said that with a different topic every month, women are given the chance to “get their hands dirty” with hands-on, step-by-step instruction with in-store experts.

Victor Doornik, a certified garden specialist at Home Depot, said he hopes that people come away from his workshops on planting and gardening with a better

knowledge of the things women are capable of doing, even if they think it is above their capabilities.

“They seem to really like the fact that their hands are in the dirt, and they can ask questions, more so than when you’re just reading material on a page,” Doornik said. “I’m a certified garden specialist, so this is kind of my baby ... I can talk forever about plants.”

Recognizing the success of the demonstration classes held at Home Depot, event planners at the Las Cruces Convention Center invited the demo instructors to hold several sessions at the upcoming Women’s Expo, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 20-22.

According to Patrick Drake, sales manager at the convention center and one of the masterminds of the inaugural Women’s Expo, said the event is designed to “inspire and empower women to do the things they are capable of doing.”

The demonstrations from Home Depot, he said, complemented that goal.

“What they are trying to accomplish at the store is very similar to what we are doing here at the expo,” Drake said. “I hope the attendees have a little more knowledge about doing home repair and will be motivated to take on some of their own home needs.”

The seminars at the women’s expo will take place at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22.

The next class at Home Depot will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, titled “Install Tile – Wall and Floor.”

Attendees of this demonstration will learn how to select the best tools and supplies for installing tile, learn how to prepare the surface for tiling with innovative, easy-to-use products and learn how to set, grout and seal tile.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Christiansen  
Victor Doornik, a certified garden specialist at Home Depot, looks over some of the potted flowers on display at the store Monday, Sept. 9. Doornik is one of the many experts called upon to teach hands-on monthly demonstrations about home improvement projects.

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# Gadget keeps pesky flies away

La Luz, N.M., man uses optical illusions to frighten these flying bugs

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

Whether they're inside the house or buzzing around your backyard barbecue, flies are not only an annoyance, they are a health risk.

House flies are suspected of transmitting at least 65 diseases to humans, including typhoid fever, dysentery, cholera, poliomyelitis, anthrax, tularemia, leprosy and tuberculosis. Flies regurgitate and excrete wherever they come to rest.

Considering you don't know where they've been – they love to yum it up on garbage, fecal matter and discharges from wounds and sores – whatever they leave behind, even from the briefest lighting, can be worrisome.

What if you could just get those flies to fly away? That was the thinking of Fli-Away inventor Jack Duke of La Luz, N.M. A commercial lighting engineer with an interest in physics and life on Earth in general, he took his observations of the natural world and his understanding of optics to create non-toxic fly repellent that he put on the market in 2008 and since has become highly successful business from primarily word-of-mouth recommendations. While many restaurant and grocery store chains use Fli-Away, Duke said he also has seen \$25,000 in orders for residential use.

### What is it?

There are two applications of Fli-Away, one for doorways and a glass-vase version for patios and other outdoor venues. The Fli-Away doorway units are mounted to Velcro strips at the four

corners of the door. The patio version has the repellent feature incorporated into glass vases that can hold either artificial or fresh flowers.

Both versions are effective up to a year.

### How does it work?

Let's start with the door version, which best illustrates how Fli-Away works. There are two prism features flanking a ball of cotton.

The ball of cotton attracts the flies. Duke said he once visited a cattle stockyard, where he experienced an onslaught of flies. He noticed the white vehicles attracted more flies than the dark vehicles.

A natural predator of the fly are spiders, most of which, Duke observed in his garden, are very colorful.

A single fly has two sets of eye sockets, each holding 4,000 eye lenses. In other words, they see the world around

them with 8,000 eyes. The prisms project full-spectrum, holographic images resembling predators, primarily spiders.

So, the white cotton balls momentarily attract the flies, whose eyes are then assaulted with holograms of their most dreaded enemies, instinctively sending them flying in the opposite direction as they flee for their lives, pardon the pun.

The glass vases, developed in 2011, uses much of the same technique, with the prism-based holographics in the base of vases, which come in a variety of color schemes and styles.

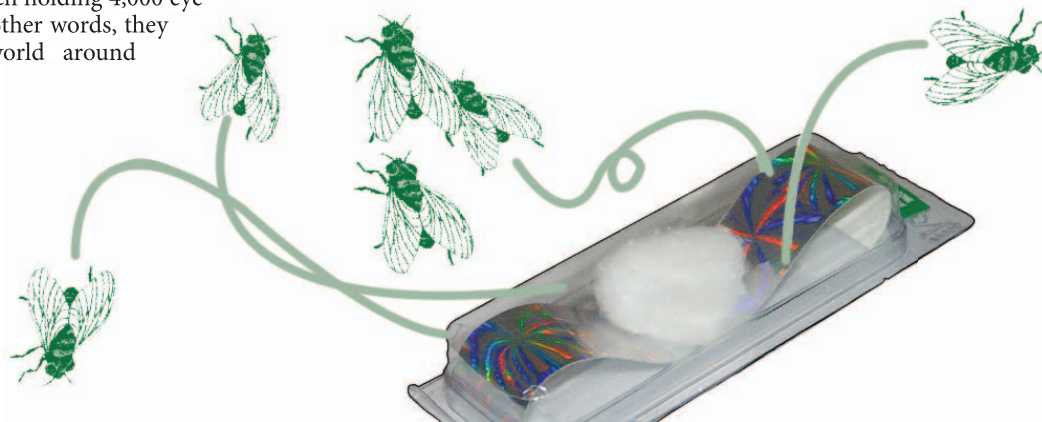
### Where is it found?

With almost no advertising, Duke has sold hundreds of thousands Fli-Away products primarily through a website (<https://fliaway.com>) and direct

mail orders (P.O. Box 1115, La Luz, NM 88337). Inquiries also can be made by calling 888-715-1655 or 434-8122.

### How much does it cost?

For a set of four door units, the price is \$35 and \$4.95 for shipping and handling. The patio vases are \$39 and \$7.95 for shipping and handling for up to two vases.



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# ChileKnights

## Sept. 16 is a spicy day Celebrate the occasion with guacamole

**Sunny Conley**  
Chile Knights



Monday, Sept. 16, marks two occasions: National Mexican Independence Day (Mexico's independence from Spain) and National Guacamole Day.

To commemorate each celebration, let's whip up some spicy-hot guacamole. Guacamole isn't just for dipping; it's also terrific as a healthy sandwich spread, as a topper for salads, meat, poultry and seafood.

I enjoy it on eggs over easy, baked potatoes, chili and green chile stew. Purée it with garbanzo beans when making hummus. Yum! Or stuff it into a sweet potato with cheese and chorizo. I bet you, too, can come up with innovative, luscious ways to use guacamole as a condiment. Get started with one of these recipes. Buen appetito!

### Hab-Hot Guacamole

4 tomatillos  
Extra-virgin olive oil, as needed  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
4 avocados, peeled and pitted  
3 key limes, juiced  
1/2 cup white onion, diced small  
2 habanero chiles, stemmed and minced  
1/4 cup cilantro, minced  
1 large tomato, seeded and diced small

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place tomatillos in a roasting pan, drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place in oven and cook until the skin is charred.

When done, remove from the oven and let cool. Place avocados in a large bowl and mash well. Stir in the lime juice. Chop tomatillos and add to bowl. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Wear rubber gloves when handling hot peppers and avoid touching eyes. Season to taste. Chill for 30 minutes before serving. Makes 12 servings.

### Light Cream Cheese Guacamole

1 (8-ounce) package light cream cheese, softened  
2 large avocados, peeled and mashed  
1/4 cup onion, finely chopped  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt  
1/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce  
1 cup tomato, diced  
2 serrano peppers, stemmed, seeded and minced

Combine softened cream cheese, avocado, onion and seasonings; mix well.

Stir in tomato and serrano peppers. Makes 4 servings.

### Roasted Green Chile and Bacon Guacamole

4 ripe avocados, peeled and seeded  
2 teaspoons lemon juice  
1/4 cup onions, finely chopped  
1 teaspoon salt, or to taste  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1/4 cup roasted green chile pepper, peeled, stemmed and chopped  
1/2 cup crisp bacon or more, broken into pieces

1 tablespoon bacon grease  
1/4 cup goat cheese

Mash the avocados with a fork. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Tastes great on fried eggs. Makes 8 servings.

### Maui Guacamole

4 large avocados  
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice  
1 cup fresh mango, finely diced  
1 cup canned pineapple, well drained and finely diced  
1/4 cup shredded unsweetened coconut  
2 chiles de arbol, crushed  
1 teaspoon salt

Coarsely mash avocados. Fold in remaining ingredients. Store in an airtight container in refrigerator until serving time. Makes 12 servings.

### Chipotle Guacamole

3 large avocados  
1 lime, juiced  
1/3 cup cilantro, finely chopped  
1 chipotle pepper from canned chipotle in adobo sauce, finely chopped  
1 tablespoon adobo sauce  
Sea salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl, and mash with a fork until half smooth and half chunky. Taste and add more chipotle if desired. Makes 4 servings.

### Spicy, Sassy Southwest Guacamole

6 ripe large avocados, peeled, seeded and cut in chunks  
2 fresh limes, juice only  
1/2 cup cilantro, chopped  
1 cup canned corn kernels, drained  
1 red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded and diced  
1 small red onion, diced  
1 cup grated jalapeño Jack cheese or 1/4 cup grated habanero cheese  
2 teaspoons hot sauce, or to taste  
1 teaspoon salt, or to taste

Mash avocado chunks with lime juice in large bowl.

Add cilantro, corn, bell pepper, onion, cheese, hot sauce and salt. Combine well.

Taste, and adjust seasonings with more salt and hot sauce, if desired. Makes 12 servings. (Recipe adapted from <http://avocadocentral.com>.)

### Low-Cal Crab-licious Guacamole

4 medium, ripe avocados  
4 ounces low fat cream cheese, at room temperature  
1/2 cup low-fat sour cream  
1/4 cup favorite hot salsa  
1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lime juice  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
1 to 1 1/2 cups crab meat

Slice open avocados and scoop out the flesh into a large bowl. Use a large fork to mash it, leaving chunks here and there. Add cream cheese and sour cream to the avocado and gently stir it together. Stir in salsa, lime juice, salt and pepper. Stir in the crab meat. Squeeze lime juice on the surface of the guacamole to help prevent browning. Makes 3 to 4 cups.

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# How to make your pool green – but not slimy

## Steps to take for a more energy-efficient luxury



**Miles Dyson**  
Living Green

While completing an energy audit for a large custom home in Las Cruces last month, I did some interesting online research on energy efficiency and swimming pools.

Typically, our analysis of a home's energy use focuses on the structure and mechanical systems inside the home. If you have a swimming pool at your house, I learned that it is critical to understand and evaluate the pool system as carefully as your home envelope and its heating and air conditioning systems.

Pools are great for family fun, keeping cool and staying fit, but their energy use can account for more than half of the energy consumption at a residential property and can be a large contributor to summer peak demand for electricity. Fortunately, there are many ways to keep pool energy costs down and still enjoy your backyard oasis.

### Variable-speed pumps

Pool pumps almost always represent the largest single electrical end-use for a residential premise, typically using over three times the energy of a new refrigerator. Conversion from standard, single-speed pumps to a right-sized and properly programmed variable-speed pump system can reduce electricity use by more than 80 percent. Depending on the

size and type of pool, that can mean \$300 to \$600 in savings the first year the new pump system is installed.

The energy savings that come from replacing a single-speed pump with either a multi-speed or variable-speed pump are based on an engineering concept known as the Pump Affinity Law. It basically states that with pool pump systems, reducing the motor's speed (rotations per minute or RPM) creates less resistance within the pool piping system. This makes the system more efficient and exponentially decreases the amount of power required.

If a pump operates at half of its original speed, resistance in the system will decrease to a quarter of the original head pressure. As a result, the amount of power required to move the water with only a quarter of the resistance decreases to an eighth of the original amount.

In order to maintain the same turnover rate provided by the pump at its original speed, the pump needs to operate twice as long.

### Correct pump sizing, programming and timer setup

Some contractors and pool owners specify pool pumps that are oversized for the application, and may also program these units with run times that are longer than necessary to assure water clarity and sanitation. This typically occurs because it requires less effort on the part of the pool contractor while building in a "performance buffer" designed to ensure that customer expectations, in terms of water quality are satisfied.

In assessing opportunities for "right sizing" pumps and duty cycles in residential applications, the key factor to consider is whether the pump size and run time are capable of providing one turnover per day, while also delivering the necessary flow rates required for the various pool loads for the number of hours needed.

According to industry standards, one turnover per day is considered sufficient for most residential pools. More turnovers may be required during periods of heavier use, such as during a pool party when you have more kiddos in the pool.

Most variable-speed motor replacements have on-board timers that allow for more control and customization to maximize energy savings. This allows the pump motor system to change speeds based on the time of day, seasonal and or weather changes or level of use, as well as to maximize total energy savings.

If an upgrade to a variable-speed pump system is not within your short-term budget, be sure to check and optimize the timer settings on your single speed pump. If your pump is running more than six hours per day, you may be wasting electricity and dollars.

### Robotic pool cleaners

A robotic pool cleaner works like the "Roomba" type autonomous house floor sweeper systems but under water. Studies by Pacific Gas & Electric Co. in 2009 and 2010 indicate robotic pool cleaners can cut electricity use for cleaning in half – more than \$300 in annual savings for a typical family pool – when compared to suction and pressure-side cleaners, which draw power either from the pool pump or from a separate booster pump.

While these savings are interactive with the pool filtration pump savings, keep in mind that they can only be achieved if the robotic cleaner is used in conjunction with the upgrade to a multi-speed or downsized single-speed filtration pump.

Simply replacing a suction or pressure-side cleaner with a robotic cleaner will not result in energy savings, since most single-speed pool pumps are sized to handle filtration and cleaning duties and will use nearly the same amount of energy regardless of what type of cleaner is deployed. A robotic cleaner can deliver significant savings, even with single-speed filtration systems, as long as the booster

pump is removed from the system.

### Pool heaters and covers

When pools are heated for some portion of the year, there are energy savings available from converting to more efficient heating equipment. There are several different technologies that offer heating efficiency improvements, including high-efficiency natural gas heaters, heat pumps and solar thermal systems.

In our sun-filled area, a simple solar thermal system can provide most of the heat energy needed. Comparatively low natural gas pricing also makes high-efficiency (90 percent EF or higher) gas furnace pool heaters a practical option.

Also, when water heating is not needed, be sure to take the opportunity to reduce the resistance to the flow of water through pool heaters by means of an automatic bypass, which will lead to cost savings.

Pool covers provide energy savings by preserving warm water temperatures, limiting evaporative losses and reducing the volume of debris that collects in the pool. According to the Department of Energy, each pound of 80 degree water that evaporates takes 1,048 British thermal unit of heat out of the pool. The evaporation rate varies depending on the pool's temperature, ambient air temperature and humidity and the wind speed at the pool surface. The higher the pool temperature and wind speed and the lower the humidity, the greater the evaporation rate. Such is the case here in high, dry Las Cruces.

Covering a pool when it is not in use is the single most effective means of reducing pool heating costs and can achieve 50 to 70 percent savings over uncovered installations.

Hopefully some or all of these energy-saving strategies can help. Getting control of your pool system utility costs this fall is sure to add sparkle to next summer's swimming fun.

For more information on pool efficiency, contact one of our many quality local pool supply and installation service providers.

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# Garden of the Month

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LAS CRUCES, NM

**SUNDAY**  
Bible Study 9 & 10:45 am  
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www.ecumenical-catholic-communion.org

## Catholic - Roman

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LAS CRUCES

VIEW ALL LISTINGS OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES ON OUR WEBSITE  
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Las Cruces  
522-8660

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**Times of Worship:**  
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10:45 a.m./4:00 p.m. Worship  
Wed. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

## Disciples of Christ

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Wednesday: 10 a.m.

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Rev. Travis Bennett

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Rev. Eduardo Rivera, Senior Pastor

Traditional Worship 8:15 a.m.  
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www.stpaulsmethodistchurchlasruces.com  
e-mail: spoffice@zianet.com

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Informal: 11:00 a.m.  
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# THE LAS CRUCES Bulletin

welcomes submissions of local church events and activities.

Interested in being on our worship services page?  
Call 524-8061 for details.



# Child Shield names local affiliate

## Agape Christian Church to offer program in Las Cruces

Agape Christian Church Child protection program has recently been named as a new independent affiliate for Child Shield U.S.A., a national organization dedicated to the safety of American children.

Herb Pinney and Henry Maestas share with Child Shield U.S.A. its goal of helping to prevent and recover lost, missing, abducted and runaway children throughout America. According to U.S. Department of Justice, these situations befall about 1 to 1.5 million children each year.

The primary goal of Child Shield is to reduce the number of

lost, missing, abducted and runaway children. To this end, their child safety kit provides an easy to follow educational program designed to empower parents and children with important knowledge that can help to prevent tragedy. These proactive materials provide ongoing reinforcement and help children to retain the important safety information they've learned. Child Shield is the only organization in the country with a prevention program offering more than 20 years of statistics proving it works.

The second goal of Child Shield is to furnish parents and law enforcement agencies with a "one-stop source" for assistance in disseminating information about a missing child and aid in the recovery effort.

Child Shield is prepared to act immediately upon a child's disappearance. Upon being notified of the disappearance of a

registered child, Child Shield will contact the investigating police department and offer assistance by providing video of the missing child. Child Shield also will make the video available to its database of organizations. This database contains hundreds of law enforcement agencies, missing children's organizations and national news media contacts.

Child Shield will make video available to any additional destinations investigating authorities may request at no additional cost to the family or the police. In addition, it will implemented an immediate \$50,000 reward for recovery of the child and arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible and put up \$2,500 to hire a private investigator to help in the recovery.

Child Shield's founders spent more than three years researching and developing their child safety program before they began marketing it nationally through independent Registered Representative in March 1993. With the growth of Child Shield, it's hoped there will be a reduction in the number of abducted and missing children in America.

For free information, call 650-3915 or 386-0053 or visit [www.childshieldusa.com/pinney](http://www.childshieldusa.com/pinney).



## Church News

### Non Denominational

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Sunday - 11:30 a.m. Service  
Thursday - 6 p.m. Bible Study  
Friday - 6-8 p.m. Prayer Service

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**Pentecostal**

**River of Life**

United Pentecostal Church

1755 Buildtek Ct  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
(575) 405-4269

Weds @ 7pm  
Sun @ 10:30am

[www.riveroflifeupc.org](http://www.riveroflifeupc.org)

### Presbyterian

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Spanish Services  
Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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(575) 526-5559

**First Presbyterian Church**  
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### SERVICES AT TEMPLE BETH EL

Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., will hold the following Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) services:

- Kol Nidre Services begin at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13.
- Yom Kippur Family service begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, and is followed by the morning service at 10 a.m., a time for sharing at 1 p.m. and a meditation service led by David Fishman at 4:30 p.m., Yizkor and Neilah at 5:45 p.m. and Break-the-fast at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Join us for worship and the warmth and the warmth of community as we welcome in year 5774.

### BOOK SIGNING

University United Methodist Church, 2000 Locust St., will host a book signing and sale by author Jo Anne Buckley from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15. The book is titled "Blessings from John Mark."

### HIGH HOLIDAYS AT JEWISH CENTER

The Alevy Chabad Jewish Center, 2907 E. Idaho Ave., will hold the following Yom Kippur:

- 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13: Evening services include Kol Nidrei and Holiday Opening.
- Saturday, Sept. 14: 10 a.m. morning services, including Yizkor; 11:45 a.m. Yizkor

memorial service; and 6:45 p.m. Ne'ila (closing service), final Shofar blast, Havdalla and buffet.

For more information, call 524-1330 or visit [www.jewishlrc.com](http://www.jewishlrc.com)

### HOLY CROSS FEAST

The Feast of the Holy Cross Fiesta will take place at Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda St., Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14-15. The fiesta will include games, remote-controlled car races, food, musical entertainment and an art show. A 5k run/walk will be held Sunday with registration at 7:30 a.m., running at 8 a.m. and walking at 8:05 a.m. The money raised during the fiesta will benefit the John Paul II Family Life Center. Artists who want to participate in the show, for a hanging fee, can bring up to five pieces of art at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13. For more information about the run/walk, contact Theresa Daviet at 323-1991 or [theresa@thedaviets.com](mailto:theresa@thedaviets.com). For more information about the art show, email Pat Lawrence at [plawrence13@yahoo.com](mailto:plawrence13@yahoo.com).

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

The second installment of the City of Crosses Theology on Tap Fall Series, "How Strong is Your Signal?" titled "Catholic Ninja: Learn how to Roundhouse Kick Your Faith" by Father Ray Flores, will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, at M FIVE, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. The event is for young adults ages 21 to 35, and is

sponsored by Holy Cross and St. Albert the Great Newman Center.

### FEAST OF BOOTHS

Temple Beth-El of Las Cruces, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., will begin the celebration of Sukkot, the Feast of Booths, with Sukkah decorating at 4:45 p.m., a service in the Sukkah/Booth at 5:45 p.m. and a pizza dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18. For more information, contact Rabbi Larry Karol at [rabbil@tblc.org](mailto:rabbil@tblc.org) or 524-3380.

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., will welcome the Las Cruces community to a Sabbath evening service at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, focusing on the theme "Spread Over Us a Shelter of Peace" to begin the local observance of the

International Day of Peace. This service will take place on the Sabbath during the Jewish holiday of Sukkot, the feast of Tabernacles. Guests will be welcome to visit the temple sukkah (booth) and to learn about the symbols of the holiday. This service will include readings and music reflecting many faiths and cultures. For more information, contact Rabbi Larry Karol at 524-3380 or [rabbil@tblc.org](mailto:rabbil@tblc.org).

### FESTIVAL OF TENTS

Tree of Life Messianic Congregation will hold the second annual Festival of Tents from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Young Park, 1905 Nevada Ave. A chance to experience and learn about biblical Exodus, the event will have live music, circle dancing lessons, children's games, displays and food. For more information, call 680-8183 or visit <http://festivaloftents.com>.

## Yom Kippur Schedule Temple Beth-El

**Erev Yom Kippur**  
**Friday, September 13**  
Kol Nidre/Evening Service, 8 p.m.

**Yom Kippur**  
**Saturday, September 14**

- Family Service, 9 a.m.
- Morning Service, 10 a.m.
- A Time for Sharing, 1 p.m.
- Meditation Service (led by David Fishman), 2:00 p.m.
- Study with Rabbi Karol & Rabbi Kane, 3:00 p.m.
- Afternoon Service, 4:30 p.m.
- Yizkor and Neilah, 5:45 p.m.
- Break-the-fast, 7:20 p.m.

Join us for worship and the warmth of community as we welcome 5774 together!

**Temple Beth-El**

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**Worship Times:**  
Wednesday @ 5:45pm Youth (Middle School)  
Thursdays @ 5:30pm Youth (High School)

**Sundays:**  
8:00am Traditional  
9:30am Contemporary

**Healing Service**  
Sun.  
October 13th  
11:15 am

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# BrainGames

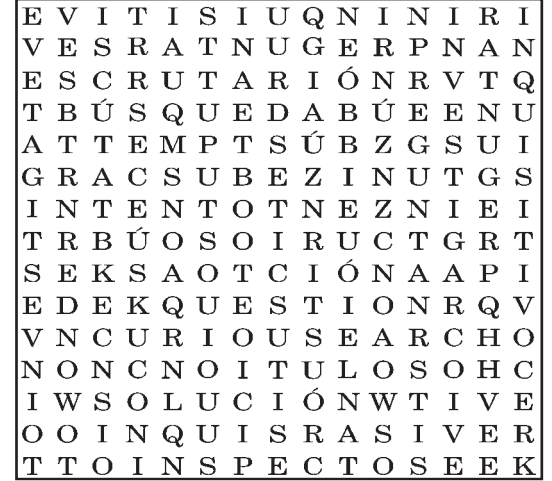


## Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

### FOLLOWING THE CLUES

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|----------------|----------------|
| <b>ENGLISH</b> | <b>SPANISH</b> |
| ATTEMPT        | INTENTO        |
| CURIOUS        | CURIOSO        |
| INQUISITIVE    | INQUISITIVO    |
| QUESTION       | PREGUNTA       |
| SEARCH         | BÚSQUEDA       |
| SOLUTION       | SOLUCIÓN       |
| TO ASK         | PREGUNTAR      |
| TO INSPECT     | REVISAR        |
| TO INVESTIGATE | INVESTIGAR     |
| TO SCRUTINIZE  | ESCRUTAR       |
| TO SEEK        | BUSCAR         |
| TO WONDER      | PREGUNTARSE    |



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## Crossword Puzzles

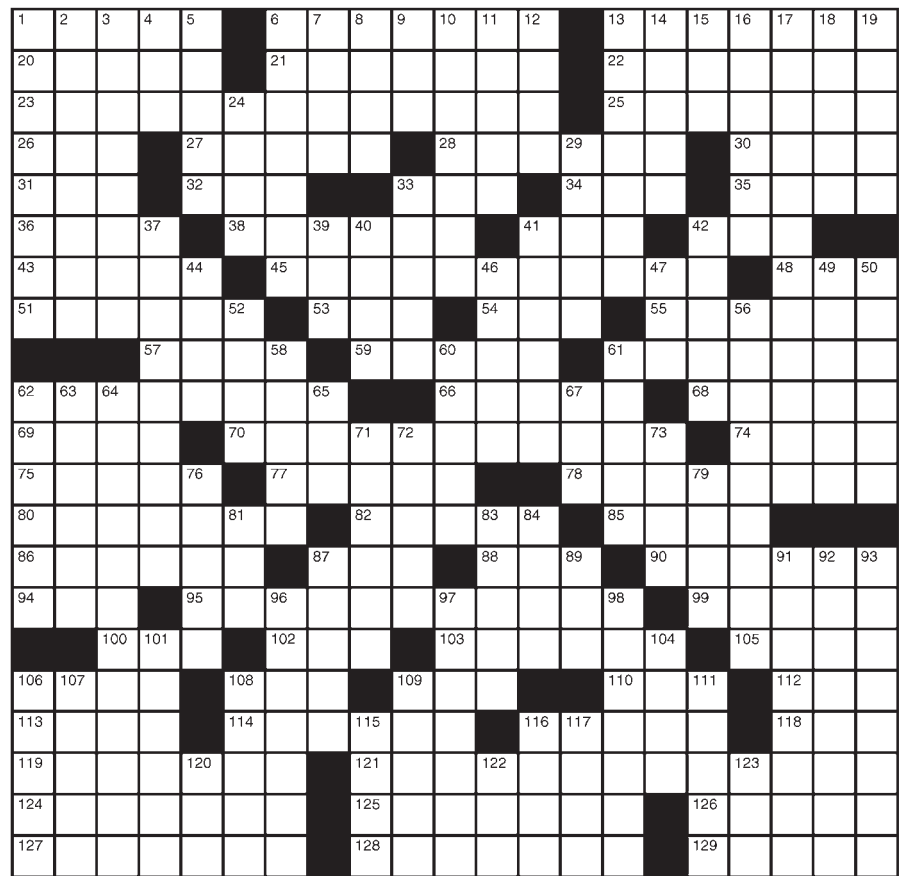
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Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

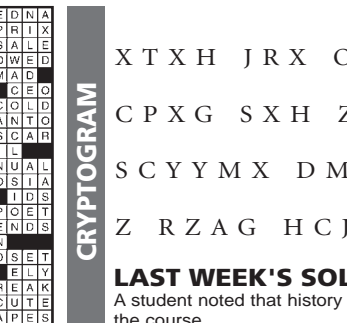
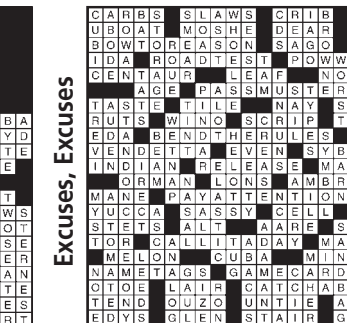
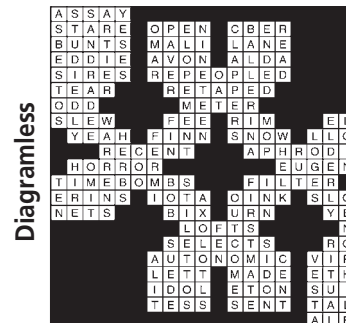
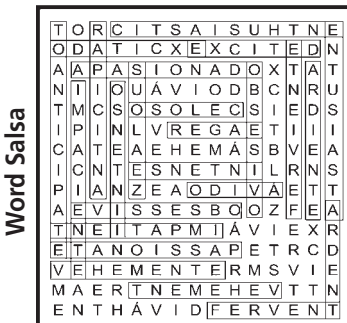
- ACROSS**
- Rain carriers
  - Long guns
  - Pasture grass
  - Interlock
  - Finger Lakes tribe
  - Credit certificates
  - Take it easy
  - Plant-eating
  - Theatres in old Rome
  - Sch. trainees
  - Foolishly
  - 10 decades (abbr.)
  - Schedule figs.
  - Fashion leader
  - Cotton unit
  - Galloping gal
  - Hesitant sounds
  - Successful transplantation
  - Assante or Hammer
  - Explosive combination
  - Silvery
  - Floral loop
  - Prompt
  - Henpeck
  - Put an end to
  - Swinish
  - Thin porridges
  - Wandered
  - Plant sprayers
  - Mount in the Sierra Nevada
  - Singer Janis
  - R.E. Lee's nat.
  - Dead heat
  - Nebraska river
  - 4 of dates
  - Cleared
  - Taylor and Adoree
  - Serbian city
  - Midnight rider
  - Links between phrases
  - Two-lipped flowers
  - Salinger heroine
  - Eng. instruction letters
  - Follower of Moses
  - Groovy
  - Male offspring
  - Pedants
  - Right-triangle ratio
  - Legal bar
  - Volga feeder
  - Lancelot's lady
  - Spanish lady
  - Lumet or Poitier
  - Whirlpools
- DOWN**
- Telephone pole adjunct
  - Post Mardi Gras time
  - Like a single sock
  - Beehive State
  - Turned-down corner
  - Thinly distributed
  - Insurrection
  - First Japanese-American congressman
  - Grippes
  - French lake
  - Sound rebound
  - Aril
  - Sandinista leader
  - More tidy
  - "\_ and Rockin'"
  - Most rational
  - Open container
  - Out of favor
  - Hindu deity
  - Ballroom dance
  - Part of AARP
  - Cavern floor deposits
  - Utter boredom
  - Givers of rebirth
  - Excused oneself
  - Make drunk
  - Resembling a certain bird
  - Tennis do-over
  - \_-de-France
  - Russ. or Lith., once
  - Kid of jazz
  - Howard or Ely
  - Philanderer
  - Cause of public outrage
  - Ankles
  - Meadowsweet
  - Ode sentiment
  - Slow musical passages
  - Slow musical passages
  - Talmud schools
  - Royalty fur
  - More profound
  - \_- Creed
  - Welsh designer Laura
  - Expert, briefly
  - Beat it!
  - Lazy
  - Spooned
  - Singular performances
  - Joyride
  - Hourglass particles
  - Knight's address
  - Block of paper
  - King of France

### TWO LETTERS

- ACROSS**
- Singer Bonnie
  - German POW camps
  - Bun seeds
  - Dogpatch resident
  - Alluring siren
  - Requiring immediate action
  - B B
  - Actor Montalban
  - Letters that blast
  - Wartime capital of occupied France
  - Franz or Hopper
  - Brown-and-white porgy
  - Infamous Amin
  - British record co.
  - Vegas intro
  - 10 of dates
  - "\_ Gotta Have It"
  - Palindromic address
  - Followed
  - Greek letter
  - Hamm or Farrow
  - Metaphysical beings
  - J J
  - Short sleep
  - "\_ Dallas"
  - Canad. province
  - Possesses
  - Cuddle
  - Arm
  - Pompous fools
  - Kid of jazz
  - Smoker's quantities
  - Family member
  - A point ahead
  - Pressing device
  - Z Z
  - Fabled loser
  - Without conclusion
  - Buzzing sound
  - Even gloomier
  - Wholes
  - Delta deposits
  - Cargo
  - Ancient city of Bithynia
  - Retirement agcy.
  - Duran Duran song
  - Stickler for correctness
  - Old French coin
  - A A
  - Lunch locale
  - Connolly and Udall
  - "\_ Robinson"
  - Satellite connection
- DOWN**
- Inter-campus sports grp.
  - Portray in words
  - Troy, NY sch.
  - Serpent tail?
  - War casualties grp.
  - AOL, for one
  - Pennsylvania port
  - "The Hitman" of boxing
  - Pitcher Navarro
  - Saturate
  - Deer meat
  - S S
  - Greene novel, " \_ Made Me"
  - Giveaway
  - English Channel port
  - Howard and Caron
  - Wright and Brewer
  - Burpee products
  - Syncopated jazz tunes
  - Plentiful
  - Set in motion
  - Vietnamese holiday
  - Crossbeam
  - Cutting off pieces
  - Balderdash!
  - Pretentiously creative
  - Albanian currency
  - Surveying instrument
  - Heredity units
  - Talk with one's hands
  - Silk-fiber binder
  - Have life
  - \_\_ transit gloria mundi
  - Steffi Graf's husband
  - L L
  - Provide with a quality
  - Discontinues
  - Coating of ice
  - Sensory organs
  - Some turns
  - Thousands of years
  - Great Lakes canals
  - Forearm bone
  - Synchronized
  - Synchal cord: pref.
  - Arabic letter
  - German river
  - Cell substance letters
  - Drawing power
  - Private eye
  - Siberian river
  - Ancient Jewish judicial council
  - Plays the trumpet
  - Entangle
  - South Korea's capital
  - Terpene solvent
  - Tongue-in-cheek
  - e e
  - Acad.
  - \$ percentages
  - Hershey's candies
  - Pipe root
  - Go kerplunk
  - Carey and Barrymore
  - Praise
  - Musician's asset
  - Poppycock
  - Window part
  - Parallel bands
  - Sailors' grp.
  - Trenchant
  - Flavored
  - Fur traders
  - Is about to take place
  - Irish province
  - Frisee and chicory
  - "Strange Interlude" playwright
  - "\_ Sutra"
  - Relative rank
  - Castle or Cara
  - Avignon's river
  - Habituate
  - Sells
  - Floating platform
  - Work assignments
  - Song for a diva
  - South American monkey
  - "\_ Haw"
  - Anonymous Jane



### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS



XTXH JRX OXE PQMTXAP ERQ  
 CPXG SXH ZHG UHL OQCHG JRX  
 SCYYMX DMCX ZNQCJ NAZYUM  
 Z RZAG HCJ JQ DAZDL.

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:**  
 A student noted that history repeats itself— especially if you continue to fail the course.

# Healthy Happenings



## 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. Donations are accepted. Attendees are asked to bring a mat or blanket.

For more information, call 522-0011 or 640-7614.

## 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 Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Community Education Room.

For more information, call John at 702-217-0450.

## 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.

## COMPASSION & CHOICES MEETS

Compassion & Choices Las Cruces will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 15, at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Roadrunner Room.

The discussion topic will be "Sharing our Stories: Unwanted medical treatment." Anyone interested is welcome.

For more information, contact Judith Scott at 527-8432 or jnaomiscott@comcast.net.

## EAT SMART LIVE WELL CLASSES SET IN SEPTEMBER

An Eat Smart Live Well wellness class will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M, in the Community Room. Rosario and Trish of the market's outreach department will lead the class featuring easy and delicious ways to boost brain power through natural supplements and a healthy diet.

An Eat Smart Live Well cooking class will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M, in the Community Room. Jennifer and Mo of the market's outreach department will lead the class featuring easy and delicious ways to boost brain power through natural supplements and a healthy diet.

Classes are free for members and \$3 for non-members. Sign up in-store at the courtesy desk, over the phone or online.

For more information or to register, call 523-0436 or visit www.mountainviewmarket.coop.

## DIABETES EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach presents a diabetes educational support group meeting for those informed they have diabetes, family and friends of those with diabetes, and all who are interested from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Munson Center, Meeting Room 2, 975 S. Mesquite St. Lourdes Olivas of the New Mexico State University Extension Program will discuss the Joslin Program.

Diabetes educational support group meeting provides an open discussion, short teaching regarding diabetes and a question and answer period. There is no fee and pre-registration isn't required.

For more information, call the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach at 522-0289.

## 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 Towers 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.

## KID'S HIP HOP DANCE CLASS

Kids in second through sixth grades can learn Hip Hop dancing styles and improve social skills, memorization and coordination from 4:15 to 5:15 Sundays at My Place Jewell Dance Studio, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost is \$2.

For more information, call Hector at 640-4863

# Home Sales Scoreboard

## LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
<b>Closed Sales New Homes</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Closed Sales Existing Homes</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Pending Home Sales (All)</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>Average Days on Market (All)</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>117</b>
	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
<b>Median Price New</b>	<b>\$191,398</b>	<b>\$168,546</b>	<b>\$211,999</b>
<b>Median Price Existing</b>	<b>\$142,500</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>	<b>\$142,950</b>
<b>Total Homes on Market (All)</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>1,109</b>
<b>Real Estate Agents</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>375</b>

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)\* for the period 09/02/2013 to 09/08/2013  
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\*\* Unknown per LCAR

## Getting back in the groove



**Rorie Measure**  
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What is the hardest part of the back-to-school routine at your house? For many, the biggest challenge is establishing and enforcing a reasonable bedtime.

Doing so is important, because adequate sleep enhances learning and provides less-hecky mornings.

How much sleep is enough? According to the National Sleep Foundation, on average, children between 5 and 10 years old need between 10 and 11 hours of sleep per night and 10- to 17- year olds require eight and a half to nine hours of sleep a night.

The National Commission on Sleep Disorders Research reports that 60 percent of grade school and high school students complain about being tired at school, and 15 percent of those actually fell asleep in class.

### **Develop a bedtime ritual.**

Experts recommend keeping your child's bedtime schedule and routine consistent and as stress free as possible. Requiring a regular time for bed can be less stressful when parents develop a plan to wind down the day. The routine could become a highlight of everyone's day. Here a few activities to consider for your family's evening routine.

- Pack up homework and books near the door.
- Dim the lights to prepare the brain and body for slowing down.
- Power off electronic devices, computers and phones. Use this time to relax and read.
- Play soothing music.
- Lay out clothes, shoes and supplies for tomorrow.
- Take a warm bath or shower.
- Put pajamas on and brush teeth.
- Enjoy a bedtime story together.

### **Read Up summer reading was a success.**

Children received 27,000 new books across Doña Ana County as part of the Read Up summer reading program. Many volunteers were needed and they came from all over the county.

Participants included helpers from AAUW, AARP, NMSU Theatre Arts Department, Wellspring Church, Temple Beth-El, Peace Lutheran Church, Unitarian Universalist Church, Newman Center, Progressive Voters Alliance, Doña Ana Arts Council, Dolores Wright Community Center and numerous book clubs.

Contact Measure at [roriecrf@gmail.com](mailto:roriecrf@gmail.com).

## Holiday eating habits begin

### Changing mind sets to help make better choices

By **Rachel Christiansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's almost immediate – school is back in session and grocery store aisles once filled with pencils, pens and notebooks are replaced with the incandescent colors of candy corn, chocolate bars and wrapped temptations inviting the fall season.

New Year's resolutions have worn off, and the resolve to feel good in summer swimwear has dissipated.

The predictable coming of cold weather, combined with enticing, in-your-face holiday food advertisements, make it very hard to remember healthy eating choices.

Ideas for Cooking and Nutrition (ICAN), a program coordinated by the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, aims to educate those on limited budgets about making practical and nutritional meal options.

"It's not about teaching people how to go out and buy 20 new spices and make some gourmet, fancy meal, it's what to do with what you have in your cupboard, what you can afford and what your kids will eat," said Kari Bachman, ICAN special projects coordinator.

Using a model that embraces mindfulness of hunger over willpower against unhealthy foods can be applied in everyday choices, including when holiday-eating attitudes begin to take hold.

"We always try to bring people back to, See **Habits** on page C25



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**Vegetables and simple foods can easily be forgotten in the fall and winter seasons when celebratory foods become the norm. Bringing healthier options that you enjoy to parties and social gatherings is a good way to overcome the tendency to overeat unhealthy foods.**

## Sleeping pill usage increases

### Insomnia is more common in older adults

By **Rachel Christiansen**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

As the glare of the clock burns away the night, ticking closer to that fateful sound of the alarm, those awake watching the minutes slowly roll by can only wish for a more restful night.

Sleep, one of the most basic human needs, seems to be one of the most difficult for many to obtain.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a government study Thursday, Aug. 29, stating that nearly 9 million adults take prescription sleep aids such as Ambien or Lunesta to help get the recommended amount of sleep. It also said that 50 to 70 million Americans suffer from sleep disorders or sleep deprivation.

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# Habits

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“What are you actually feeling?” Bachman said. “It starts with asking why you want to eat, rather than questioning what you are actually eating.”

“It comes back to a basic way of thinking, and by introducing people to healthy foods and helping them understand when they’re really hungry or whether they’re eating for other reasons.”

Factors such as stress, lack of sleep, boredom or social pressures are all reasons people overeat, but listening to one’s body and responding to the discomfort caused by overeating can help make better choices next time, Bachman said.

As colder weather descends and people are more likely to be indoors, cooking “comfort food” to pass the time may arise.

“It’s as if we want warm things that are more of the

meat-and-potato dishes,” said Sue Ann Bonar, owner of Kai Koa Nutrition. “These are foods that aren’t necessarily good for you, but those habits of surviving the winter are sort of built in us.”

Bonar said that making familiar dishes with moderate changes are a way she gets through the holidays.

“I love soup. For me it’s a huge comfort, so I try to make it with more veggies and less meat,” Bonar said.

The instant gratification of easy, high-fat meals is something Bonar said worries her about choices made by a younger generation.

“Treats like fried chicken used to be for Sunday dinner,” Bonar said. “Now, Sunday dinner is more like every day.”

Parties and social outings are frequent in the fall and winter seasons, as friends and family tend to host gatherings where food is readily available, such as football and game days and holiday potlucks.

“The problem is that these celebration foods tend to become

seen as the normal, everyday foods,” Bachman said. “You see foods like enchiladas, which traditionally, in Hispanic culture, were only a celebration food, but now people see it as typical New Mexican food, forgetting about caldos (soups) or vegetable-based meals as the norm.”

Bachman suggested that when invited to social gatherings where food is in abundance, bring a healthier option that you enjoy, and don’t go to the party hungry.

iCAN is provided by NMSU Cooperative Extension Service. The series of lessons is free of charge to limited-resource adults and youth. For more information, call your local extension office or 877-993-3637.

# Insomnia

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“Insomnia is an illness, and we have ways to treat it,” said Dr. Paul Feil, owner of the Sleep Lab of Las Cruces. “If you have diabetes, you treat it. If you have high blood pressure, you treat it.”

The study noted that those 80 and older and those in their 50s were more likely to have taken a sleeping pill or sedative in the last month, with women reporting higher usage than men.

“Unfortunately, a lot of older folks have this anticipation that since they’re retired, they should sleep like a 12-year-old,” Feil said.

Many older people, Feil said, fall asleep early in the evening and then expect to sleep until 7 a.m., and are frustrated waking up at 3 or 4 a.m. and can’t go back to sleep, so they then take a sleep aid to fall back asleep.

They may also find that settling down to sleep is more difficult, waking up during sleep happens more frequently and the length of time it takes to fall back asleep increases.

“Some will take a sleep aid once a week, some every other night or some simply need it all the time,” Feil said. “The trick is before you get to use those medications is to make sure there’s not something else that is treatable.”

The first step before Feil recommends the use of sleeping medications is to ensure environmental factors, such as before-bed activities, eating and exercise habits aren’t causing someone to sleep poorly.

The side effects of these prescription medications have caused concern, such as usage leading to other accidents such as falling or even driving while in a type of “hangover” state of mind.

According to Feil, however, over-the-counter medicines that are in “PM” form, such as Theraflu, Benadryl and Tylenol, can be just as dangerous, including so-called

“natural” remedies such as melatonin.

“Just because it’s natural, doesn’t mean it’s necessarily safe,” Feil said.

Taken on a regular basis, over-the-counter medicines tend to make people more susceptible to feeling “droopy” throughout the day, and are counter-productive to inducing normal sleep patterns.

Most people who come to the Sleep Lab of Las Cruces either have a form of insomnia or are dealing with environmental or stress issues that cause a lack of sleep.

“If someone is worried about seizures or sleep apnea, then we do a sleep test,” Feil said. “But if we discover they’re having four Cokes at supper and then wondering why they can’t sleep, that’s something that needs to be addressed.”

Sleep studies are conducted at the clinic, in which a patient allows their sleep through the night to be monitored, providing data on different body functions that take place during sleep – including brain waves, eye movement, breathing patterns, heart rate and rhythm, oxygen levels in the blood and leg movements.

“A third of people over time want to use sleeping pills, many times it’s stressors like studying for finals, job loss, death of a family members ... a bunch of stuff,” Feil said.

Feil recommends a number of things one can naturally control to help with insomnia, including not

drinking caffeine after lunch, not going to bed hungry and exercising.

“There’s taking sleeping pills (responsibly), and then there’s my definition of addiction – which is taking them in escalating doses,” Feil said. “If you have escalating doses, then you might have a problem.”

For more information about the Sleep Lab of Las Cruces or to set up an appointment, call 532-1731, or visit 2437 S. Telshor Blvd.

To read all of the CDC’s study regarding prescription sleep aid use, visit [www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db127.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db127.pdf).

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# Sporting purple for the cause at the Walk to End Alzheimer's

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Volunteers for the walk Ariel Kannady, Jennifer McElfresh, Amy Elmore and Lupe Rios were on hand to advocate for Alzheimer's awareness.



Helen Gambling, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease, read Edgar Allen Poe's, "Annabel Lee," to the audience before the start of the walk, accompanied by her son, Todd Gambling, Saturday, Sept. 7, at Young Park for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. The poem holds a special place in Helen Gambling's heart, because the first time she recited it by heart, in 1936, she won a poetry reading contest.



Jordyn Kiehne, 9, Yvonne Kiehne and Alyssa Avalos, 14, make their way around the track at Young Park.



Hundreds of participants attended the walk and enjoyed a morning filled with blue skies.



Rick Beck, Teryl Beck, Norma Taquard and Carol Perry await the start of the walk. Teryl Beck was the leading fundraiser, raising more than \$1,600.

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# Health Briefs

## Mesilla Valley Hospital celebrates National Recovery Month

Mesilla Valley Hospital will recognize National Recovery Month with its annual celebration reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19. The reception will recognize individuals who have reclaimed their lives and are living happy and healthy lives in long-term recovery.

"We want to honor those who are in recovery, as we know the success stories often go unnoticed," said Mesilla Valley Hospital CEO Bob Mansfield, "as do the stories and efforts of family, friends and providers who help make recovery possible."

National Recovery Month is now in its 24th year. The theme this year is, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Together on Pathways to Wellness."

The reception at Mesilla Valley Hospital is open to anyone, including individuals in recovery, along with their family and friends, behavioral health providers and community members. There will be a featured guest speaker and an opportunity for people to share their personal stories. Refreshments will be served.

"Recovery Month is so important for us to recognize because we care for so many people affected by chemical dependency, many of whom are dedicated to getting help and to improving their lives," Mansfield said.

National Recovery Month is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and is celebrated every September to recognize the societal benefits of substance abuse treatment, in addition to promoting the message that recovery is possible. National Recovery Month is a time to celebrate people in recovery and those who assist and care for them. More information may be found at [www.recoverymonth.gov](http://www.recoverymonth.gov).

## State Rep. Cote hosts Chaparral health fair

State Rep. Nate Cote has teamed with La Clinica de Familia, Presbyterian Medical Services and others to hold a health fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Chaparral Elementary School, 300 E. Lisa Drive.

Participants at the fair will be provided medical screenings, information on nutrition

and enrollment in the new Medicaid program, and activities for the children. Representatives from the Department of Health and Tierra del Sol will provide information regarding quality-of-life issues.

The public and health care or prevention-related organizations are welcome to participate. Anyone with questions may call Cote at 202-1872 or Luz Palamino at 915-730-0365.

## Centennial choir fundraiser Sept. 14

Centennial High School Choir will have a Zumba Master Class fundraiser from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 14, in the theater, 1950 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

Tickets are \$10, and are on sale now. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold.

The fundraiser is two hours of Zumba fun with some of the area's best instructors.

For more information, contact 527-9330 or [iholguin@lcp.s.k12.nm.us](mailto:iholguin@lcp.s.k12.nm.us).

## Biad Chili releases 2nd annual cookbook

Biad Chili Co. announced the release of its "2nd Annual Tough Book of Green Chile Recipes," benefitting New Mexico State University Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink.

According to the Biad Chili website, contestants from all over the country entered their favorite green chile recipes into the 2013 competition. A professional chef reviewed all the entries and selected the top 75.

"Our 2012 cook book generated more than \$18,000, and has been purchased by people all over the country," Chris Biad said. "Just like last year, proceeds from the sale of the 2013 cookbook will be donated to NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink."

Biad Chili is one of many Las Cruces businesses that contribute to the annual TETWP fundraising effort by showcasing their products or services in a unique way.

"We are so grateful to Chris and Anna Biad and the Biad Chili Company for their support again this year," said TETWP co-chair Pat Sisbarro. "It's another wonderful example of how the Las Cruces business community rises up to support our cause. And the recipes are amazing, too."

Cookbooks are available online at [www.biadchili.com](http://www.biadchili.com) or the Biad Chili Store, 6060 S. Main St.

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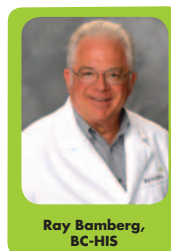
Cottonbloom Assisted Living kicked off National Assisted Living week Monday, Sept. 9, with a celebration that included Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima joining residents and guests for breakfast. The week is held as an opportunity to celebrate the bond created by staff, residents and families as they build relationships and create homes from this community of people. Attendees of the breakfast were given the opportunity to ask the mayor questions regarding the city and other issues they were concerned with.

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## Pet briefs



### Pet of the week

Milba is a 2-and-a-half-year-old, domestic shorthair cat. She is black and orange tortoiseshell colored, is an inquisitive beauty with an easy-going personality. She is a social butterfly, always interested in the people and things going on around her. She would make a great addition to any home.

For more information about Milba or any other animals for adoption, call the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 382-0018.

### Upcoming adoption events

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will facilitate dog, cat, puppy and kitten adoptions Saturday, Sept. 14. In addition to adoptions from the shelter site, adoptions also 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 Downtown. Dogs available for adoption will be located at the north end. Cats can be adopted from the offices of the Center for Spiritual Living, across from the dog adoptions. 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 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 \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the shelter offices.

For further information, call the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 382-0018, or visit the website at [www.ascmv.org](http://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.

You may also visit the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley's Facebook page for information about the Pet of the Week and other services and news items. The facility is in need of donations of dog crates, towels, blankets and long-strand shredded paper. Volunteers are needed to assist with animal care and socializing.

### Horse N Hound Feed N Supply hosts adoption event

Horse N Hound Feed N Supply will host the Cherished K9 All Breed Rescue Dog Adoption event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at 991 W. Amador Ave. For more information, call 495-6085.

## 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](http://www.highheelsforhighhopes.com). If you would like your purchase to benefit a specific model, please call the High Heels for High Hopes office at 523-2627. Tickets will also be available in October at all participating salons.

### 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](mailto:tracimwhite@gmail.com).

### 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.

