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Firm adds 300 jobs

Convergys hiring at Las Cruces center

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

When Cathy Holloway heard on the news that Convergys in Las Cruces was hiring 300 new workers, she grabbed her résumé and collected her letters of references to apply Tuesday, March 26.

She moved here from Seattle a couple of weeks ago, but unlike many of the other applicants, she brings 20 years of experience as a call center representative.

After completing computer testing that afternoon, Holloway said she was optimistic – and confident – that she would be offered a job.

“This is the kind of work I’ve been doing for a long time now,” she said during a break before her interview.

The expansion was welcome news for Holloway, who knows the job market is tight. Prior to the Convergys announcement, she was considering applying at call centers in El Paso.

Holloway was attending one of two open houses held at the Convergys call center on Del Rey Boulevard for job-seekers to apply and be tested for the openings. Training for new hires will begin in April until the 300 full-time positions for service and sales representatives are filled.

Brooke Beiting with Convergys media relations said the call center’s client – the name of which is confidential – was pleased with the Las Cruces center’s work and will give it more work, resulting in the need for hiring more representatives. The Las Cruces center opened in 2008, she said, and currently has 210 workers, but the building was designed for potential expansion.

New employees will be charged with providing superior service and sales support to customers of a leading telecommunications company, she said.

“We are looking for highly motivated individuals who can work from our contact center, providing great customer service and promoting our clients’ products and services,” said James Crossland, site leader for the Convergys

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Bravo Mic administrative assistant Desiree Ruiz, Rocket 99.5 DJ Rick Mardi Gras, Rocket 99.5 DJ Jack Lutz and Magic 105 DJ Ricky T. help fill Easter baskets for Springfest to be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at Young Park on the corner of Walnut Street and Nevada Avenue. The event is expected to have 10,000 in attendance for Easter egg hunting.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Steve MacIntyre

Afghanistan war claims another WSMR soldier

Second deployment sees a fatal attack for 2E decorated father

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

The war in Afghanistan has claimed another life from the 2nd Engineer Battalion (2E) stationed at White Sands Missile Range.

WSMR issued a release this week telling of the death of Sgt. Tristan Wade, who was killed when his unit in the 573rd Clear-ance Company was attacked by an improvised explosive device Friday, March 22, in the Qarah Bagh District, Ghazni Province, Afghanistan.

Wade of Indianapolis was a combat engineer soldier who came on active duty with the Army in June 2009. He served for the past four years at WSMR before being

deployed to Afghanistan in July 2012 for his second deployment.

Wade is survived by his wife, daughter and parents. A local memorial ceremony is being planned, but had not been set by the Bulletin’s press time.

Decorations earned by Wade from his previous deployment included the Army Commendation Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

“Sgt. Wade made a profound and positive difference,” said WSMR Commander Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham. “We thank him

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Council weighs concerns for historic preservation

Officials try to balance private property rights with city history

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

As the recent effort to save an old fire truck in a city park shows, Las Cruces residents aren’t going to idly let any more of the city’s history go to the dump or fall under the wrecking ball.

That’s why the City Council spent most of its work session Monday, March 25, discussing issues surrounding proposals from an historic preservation ad hoc committee formed after a decades-old home near New Mexico State University was demolished.

Councillor Miguel Silva said in that case, the house was brought down to build a proposed

boutique hotel within a year, but it remains an empty lot.

Silva said a survey needs to be done soon on old adobe structures, especially in the Mesquite Street district, and that city officials should seek sources of funding to help support renovation or remodeling efforts. Often old homes get demolished because the owners can’t afford to keep them up, Silva said.

“There is a lot of difference between remodeling and demolishing,” he said.

City planner Carol McCall responded that the only thing holding up the survey is funding, because such an accounting of the large number of adobe homes in

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Rah! Rah! Siss boom bah for Las Cruces cheer teams

All high school teams finish in top 3 for divisions

Bulletin Staff Report

Athletic programs from all four Las Cruces Public high schools can add another jewel to their crowns – cheerleading squads from Las Cruces, Mayfield, Oñate and Centennial high schools finished in the top three in their divisions at the 2013 State Spirit Championships, held Saturday and Sunday, March 23-24, at the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho.

Las Cruces High School's cheer program continued its winning streak, taking home its second state cheerleading title in a row, coming out on top of the Co-Ed 4A-5A division.

"It feels awesome," said Katy Strascina, who coached the Bulldogs to their second division title in two years. "It's a bit surreal, but very exciting."

Strascina said she credits the win to the student athletes' hard work.

"As a coach, I'm really proud of the kids," she said. Contending with a squad of mostly newcomers – only six of the 27 members of the LCHS cheer squad were holdovers from last year – gave Strascina some anxiety at the start of the season.

"We only had six returners (from last year's program), so we didn't expect to do great at the beginning of the season," she said. "The kids worked hard and focused, though, and they really earned this title."

The Bulldawg coach extended her thanks to community donors, as well.

"We're really thankful for all the support we've received from the community," she said.

"We couldn't fund the program without that support. The in-house support we've received, from the football and basketball program and their booster clubs, too. It's been tremendous."

Oñate High School's cheer squad took third place in the Co-Ed 4A-5A division, bringing home the first Knight trophy since 1999.

The Mayfield Trojan cheerleading squad took second place in the 5A division, nabbing its first top-three finish since a state title win in 2006.

The Centennial Hawks, newcomers to the State Spirit Championships, also came away with a second-place trophy, in the 4A division – the school's first top-three placement in a state championship.

Beginning in the 2010-11 school year, the New Mexico Activities Association officially recognized cheerleading and dance programs as sports, rather than activities.

Model UN team wins big in NYC

NMSU competes nationally

March Madness: For many, it's about basketball, but for New Mexico State University's Model United Nations team, it's all about the annual National Model United Nations Conference.

This year's team, in NMSU's 15th year of participation, followed in the tradition of past teams by winning big at the conference, held March 17-21 in New York City.

They broke new ground this year by partnering with a group of Japanese students affiliated with Tokyo University.

The joint delegation, representing the country of Argentina in the simulated General Assembly session, was awarded Distinguished Delegation, a designation that puts them in the top 16 percent of the 250 participating delegations.

The delegation was organized into nine two-person teams, most of which had both an NMSU student and a Japanese student, such as NMSU's Isaac Morales with Ena Igeta of Japan. The duo of Meagan Baker and Emma Hamilton won both position paper and outstanding delegate awards with their focus on the United Nations Population Fund.

Additional position paper awards went to:

- Mihyun Hong and Akari Hyodo, General Assembly First Committee
- Jacob Deaven and Keisuke Yamada, General Assembly Second Committee
- Thea Trejo and Haley Grant, General Assembly Fourth Committee

Additional outstanding delegate awards were earned by:

- Zack Quintero and Risa Suenaga, Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Julia Downs and Naoki Sato, Commission on the Status of Women
- Collin King and Uziel Marte, Security Council B as China

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Spring has sprung

Winds can't dampen the fun at the old ballpark

When September tails off every year in southern New Mexico, we can count on the hottest temperatures being behind us.

When April arrives, most of us have already put away our winter jackets – “winter jackets” being a relative term for Las Cruces.

However, when the Doña Ana winds start arriving, giving us that earthy taste of Deming, there's no predictable cut-off date. The winds arrive early and often and the bad windy days don't confine themselves to seasons or days on a calendar.

As annoying and relentless as the winds can be, however, spring brings more positives than negatives.

Easter is the season of renewal and, for thousands of Las Cruces Christians, the City of Crosses will fit its name this holiday weekend during the celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

It's also a spiritual season for those of the Jewish faith, who follow the traditions of Passover this week.

The great American pastime, in the form of baseball and softball, is in full swing. For me, nothing says spring like watching players throw and hit the leather ball and catch it with their leather gloves.

Some people find baseball boring. Not me. Give me a spot in the stands, a couple of hot dogs with mustard and I'm set for the day.

Recently, I got to do just that at two New Mexico State University events.

The first was Saturday, March 23, as the Aggie softball team took on Louisiana Tech in a Western Athletic Conference showdown at the Aggie Softball Complex.

You've probably blocked that Saturday out of your memory because it was one of those aforementioned bad, nasty windy days – probably the worst one so far this spring. Before the game, I saw the flags in the outfield wind blowing violently in from right.

I was standing by NMSU Assistant Athletic Director Maria Roth and said, “It will be tough to hit one out today.”

“You'd be surprised,” Roth retorted.

Sure enough, in the bottom of the first inning, with the Aggies trailing 2-0 but with the bases loaded, NMSU hitter Kelsey Dodd parked one over the left field fence for a grand slam. The Aggies went on to win 11-3.

After the homer, I reminded Roth of our conversation.

“Hey, that's right, I called it,” she said.

Even more impressive than the grand slam was the crowd gathered that day. With the wind, I expected no more than a half-dozen brave parents. On the contrary, it was a solid crowd, one that included new Aggie football coach Doug Martin.

“I want to be out here to support these girls,” Martin said.

I'm not sure how many stayed for the second game, but the Aggies swept the doubleheader and at this writing have a 20-13 record.

There's a definite California flavor to coach Kathy Rodolph's softball squad. Dodd is a senior first baseman from Clovis, Calif.

Another Californian is my favorite Aggie softball player, Amber Olive, who's from Simi Valley. Olive is a senior outfielder and the team's leadoff hitter. Her speed on the base paths provides headaches for opponents and excitement for Aggie fans.

Two days later, I went to the Aggie baseball team's game against Texas Tech.

The wind was much better that day, but there was definitely a chill in the stands at Presley Askew Field. Things warmed up at the end, though, when the Aggies pulled out a 7-6 victory in the bottom of the ninth.

The baseballers also have some California influence.

The Aggies' first and third hitters, outfielder Michael Medina and first baseman Tanner Rust are from Pico Rivera and Lakeside, Calif., respectively.

That's not why I like them.

Despite the aluminum bats in their hands, Medina and Rust still swing it old school. They wear no batting gloves. These guys are throwbacks in the best sense of the word.

Speaking of throwbacks, the Aggies also have a Randy Johnson look-alike, 6-5 senior Casey Collins, who wears his hair long like the former major league fireballer.

Watching Rocky Ward's squad reminded me of a favorite saying from legendary baseball announcer Harry Caray: “Ah, friends, you can't beat fun at the old ballpark.”



Letters to the Editor

Marriage equality

This has been an exciting week for marriage equality in New Mexico.

Allow me to put a face on this subject.

This is not a complicated issue, it is about respecting all families in New Mexico, including mine.

My partner, Richard, and I have been together 13 years and, given the opportunity, would love to share our commitment surrounded by our friends, family and neighbors, and to have the security and protections that only marriage will give us.

We share the worries of other couples, such as making ends meet, the possibility of losing our income and making sure we can offer the safety and security that our loved ones deserve.

Yet, we and all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) couples are disrespected, and that disrespect is sanctioned by some of our elected officials. What does this say to a LGBT youth?

This is not a religious issue. I and most in the LGBT community strongly support religious freedom. Marriage equality is a civil matter. Allowing Richard and I to marry won't change anything for churches or ministers.

No pastor or priest would be required to marry a same-sex couple. It would allow

those ministers and churches who support marriage to marry same-sex couples. This means freedom for all religions to follow the teachings of their faith.

There has been a major shift in support of marriage equality nationwide. I hope Attorney General Gary King's opinion comes soon and makes New Mexico the next marriage equality state.

David Stocum

New Mexico GLBTQ Centers Inc.

Mail delivery

I oppose the elimination of Saturday mail delivery. This means two days without mail for the average person or business and the inability for anyone to have outgoing mail processed on Saturday.

As a former postal employee, I know there will be a build up of mail on Mondays delaying delivery and requiring overtime. I am more concerned about Monday holidays, which will mean three days of no mail in or out. Carriers will definitely be overloaded on Tuesdays with very late delivery requiring overtime.

I fail to understand how there would be any savings. It would be more logical to eliminate Tuesday delivery when First Class volume is typically at its lowest.

Andy Whiteman

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Guest Column

New Mexico makes strong move to compete for jobs

Local communities allowed time to plan for tax changes

By **Gov. Susana Martinez**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

At the beginning of the session, I called on the Legislature to pass reforms making New Mexico more competitive with neighboring states. The mandatory cuts in Washington, D.C., will disproportionately hurt our state, and while we will always fight to protect our labs and bases, we must simultaneously work to diversify our economy by building a stronger private sector.

I'm pleased that by passing the New Mexico Jobs Package, we reached a bipartisan compromise that will help our economy grow by leveling the playing field with surrounding states.

The New Mexico Jobs Package cuts the busi-

ness tax rate from 7.6 percent to 5.9 percent. The 7.6 percent rate is the highest in the region and at 5.9 percent, New Mexico will be more in line with neighboring states. This will help attract new job-creating businesses to our state and help existing businesses grow.



MARTINEZ

The new reforms will also spur manufacturing by ending the practice of penalizing New Mexico manufacturers for exporting their goods to other states or countries. New Mexico leads the nation in export growth, and this tax reform will help build upon our success by encouraging existing manufacturers to expand while attracting new employers to our state.

We also enacted common sense reforms. For example, some corporations were exploiting current law to receive the "high-wage tax credit" for existing, or relatively low-

paying jobs. Now, this credit will only apply to newly created positions paying at least \$60,000 per year in urban areas and \$40,000 in rural communities. This will align the credit with its original intent, while saving taxpayer dollars.

The bill closes a corporate loophole to ensure that large, out-of-state retailers do not pay fewer taxes than New Mexico-based companies. It also encourages these national companies to relocate more of their non-retail operations to New Mexico. These retailers will now have an incentive to move their manufacturing, distribution, transportation, logistics and other operations to our state – creating jobs and bolstering the manufacturing and distribution sectors we have worked so hard to revitalize.

It preserves the cap that the state pays each year in film incentives, while increasing the rate for television productions shot in New Mexico.

The new law slowly phases out the "hold harmless" subsidy the state has paid to local governments since 2004 when the state eliminated certain taxes. This subsidy has ballooned from \$35 million when enacted to more than \$150 million this year.

I have opposed these reductions in the past due to concerns about the impact that the sudden elimination of state funds could have on local governments. But in any compromise,

particularly on the issue of tax reform, all sides have to give ground and make tough decisions on behalf of all New Mexicans. The final compromise package allows for a two-year planning period before phasing out the subsidy over 15 years.

I am committed to working with local leaders to make this a smooth transition, and that is why the 2-year planning period is so important. In 2011, it took us one year to eliminate a structural budget deficit that represented 8 percent of our state budget, and we did it without raising taxes.

I know local leaders have balanced similarly difficult budgets and I

am confident that phasing out a subsidy that represents, on average, a similar deficit to what we faced can be done responsibly over 17 years. Ultimately, the economic development sparked by this overall tax reform package will benefit cities and towns throughout the state by creating more jobs and increasing revenues.

We face challenging times as we recover from the national recession, with federal budget cuts making recovery even more difficult. I am proud that we took these critical steps to make New Mexico more competitive, spurring new job creation right here at home.

It was not a victory for one political party or another, but rather a victory for all New Mexicans as we proved that we are willing to work together to overcome our shared challenges.

Susana Martinez is the governor of New Mexico

“ I am proud that we took these critical steps to make New Mexico more competitive. ”

Letter to the Editor

Positive change

Thanks to a Stocker Foundation Grant, 70 families recently completed Ready for Kindergarten Programs at Conlee, Valley View and Jornada elementary schools. Each family participated in activities and received information and materials that support learning during the critical development period from birth to 5 years.

The Children's Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County would like to recognize the generosity and support of the people who made this program a success. Silvia Madrid and the staff at Pro's Ranch Market helped us provide meals. George Mulholland and Eldon Steelman of Lions Crane did vision screenings and provided support to families needing a follow-up appointment with an optometrist.

We are thankful to Las Cruces Public Schools principals Janet Candelaria,

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Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



An Old West saying goes: Whiskey is for drinking and water is for fighting.

Well, New Mexico is in a fight for its very life and it is about water. There is not enough water for New Mexico's agriculture industry. Without agriculture, jobs, then the human capital of farm and ranch production, leave the state, perhaps forever.

New Mexico is not New Mexico without agriculture. Without water there is no green chile, or at least no New Mexico green chile. Water talks and everything else walks.

While there may be enough water for coffee making and toilet flushing, it will not be enough to keep New Mexico agriculture viable since agriculture runs on lots of water. We are in the fourth year of a severe drought. Even in good years New Mexico gets 10 or less inches of moisture.

Native plants are fine, but it is not enough for farmers who measure their water needs in acre-feet. During droughts, runoff is negligible, so the majority of the water is pumped. As water is increasingly pumped, there is a net loss of water from aquifers. Pumping must slow down or stop because those aquifers are dwindling, not to mention the lawsuits from Texas trying to take the last of our water.

Texas could own all of our agriculture water because of their lawsuits. Then what? At risk are all non-native trees, including the pecan orchards, which must be watered or die.

When the farmland goes fallow, there is a risk the farmers will just quit the business. Alfalfa is grown, harvested and transported in New Mexico by an army of highly skilled workers. Stop planting that crop and those people and machines move somewhere else.

Connected to those problems are the livestock producers who depend on alfalfa to supplementally feed their grazing animals. With fewer acres planted over the last decade, the price of alfalfa has risen dramatically. Ranchers have had to go to slaughter with their animals because they could not afford to feed them.

With good feed prices, the legacy livestock can economi-

cally stay on the ranches to create the next generation of New Mexico livestock. These animals form the basis of our livestock future. However, when cattle operations have to sell off their herds, the years of research developing the right animals for our New Mexico climate is lost. Likewise, high feed costs endanger the milk and cheese producers who feel the increased cost of feeding milk cows.

Further, when New Mexico agriculture stops shipping food, there are two problems: first, the money from these agricultural operations is lost to New Mexico, and, second, we no longer control our food supply.

Yes, we can buy food from other American producers, but increasingly we see our food coming from areas of the world that do not say, "God Bless America." Bells should ring warning us of danger. In the just completed 60-day session of the Legislature there was no action on the fact that New Mexico is running out of water for agriculture. It was hardly mentioned nor was there any movement toward a solution.

New Mexico must find new sources of water including desalinization. The water has to be financially viable so crops and animals can compete in the marketplace with other states and countries.

One plan is to obtain new generation nuclear power plants to pump from other areas of our country and/or desalinate our brackish water. In the Middle East, the water is almost entirely desalinated.

The problem with nuclear energy for New Mexico is that, politically, the fear-mongers will not accept that France uses nuclear power almost exclusively and without harm.

It may be easier to build a national champion football program at New Mexico State University than a new generation of nuclear power plants to power the next generation of water. The leaders of New Mexico must jump on the water wagon quickly or be remembered as the leaders who allowed our agriculture industry to end.

It really will happen. Hope you like rice, because soon China will control what you eat. What about our green chile? It will come from a bunch of other places, but not New Mexico.

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

“ Hope you like rice because soon China will control what you eat. ”

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April 1, 2025 headline: "Wine and cheese banned from American diets."

The presidentially appointed Director of Taste has declared the selling and/or dispensing of all fermented beverages derived from the fruit of the vine is to be prohibited in the United States. In addition, certain varieties of cheese whose aroma has been defined as "too stinky" by the Sniff Committee, are also banned from manufacture or importation in the U.S.

These new regulations are part of a continuing effort by "those who know best" operating through the Department of Whimsy. They base their regulations on the premise that you can always find someone who is offended by someone else's behavior or taste.

It started innocently enough, with the separating of cigarette smokers to the back of airplanes. The requirement of content labels on baked and canned goods followed. Then no smoking in airports, no sugar in soda pop. Then no soda pop in schools, then no soda pop in cities.

Then the banning of baked goods, desserts and Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream in schools, then cities, then the nation. Twinkies, rich pastries and CinnaBuns were banned because they were declared to be harmful to some. Fish caught in the wild were banned because of possible mercury content and farm-raised fish were banned due to possible salmon abuse.

The battle goes on. The animal rights loonies have been trying for years to ban the eating of horse meat. They also are seeking the Department of Sensitivity to prevent the use of horses for fun or profit. The ownership of house pets is next on their agenda.

The 9th District Court of Appeals intends to make California "Wine free in '33." They also are considering banning the consumption or use of sugar, domestically raised livestock, tobacco and firearms. Their reasoning has something to do with climate change. There is a proposition on the next state ballot to ban climate change.

To no one's surprise the use of marijuana has been excluded from "Ban Fever." Their concern is the negative effect on Mexico's economy. Many border state citizens are now supported by their relatives in Mexico sending them money made in the drug trade.

As these strict, new regulations continue to get more and more bizarre, there is a blatant backlash sweeping the country. In California, the Union of Farm Workers is protesting the Sacramento abolitionists who have declared manual labor a crime.

All this bodes well for the state of Nebraska, which has fenced out animal rights extremists, anyone appointed by the federal government and welcomes anyone willing to work.

There appear to be people who appoint themselves kings, dictators, masters, all-knowing wise men who really believe they know what is best for you, for your own good.

They suffer from one of two delusional syndromes. For the appointed ones it is the Purchasing Agent Syndrome, who derives power from someone else's status. For the elected it is the Oprah Syndrome, sometimes called the Columnist Syndrome, that says because you are popular you really must know what you are talking about.

Pop the cork, Dork.

Baxter Black may be contacted through his website at www.baxterblack.com

Letter to the Editor

Hold detention center officials accountable

If Chris Barela is the Doña Ana County Detention Center director, what are his duties? Where are all the daily reports to Barela by detention supervisors, submitted by their subordinates?

How often does Barela leave his office and make routine checks of the premises? Never?

I feel the County Commission should make an investigation of procedure and the persons responsible for such.

What we, the taxpayers, need is a whistleblower to come forth and describe the situation. Let's start with the circulating detention officers on duty.

Whoever is found guilty should be immediately fired and prosecuted. This is a blatant negligence of duties.

Maybe the commission is still going with the good old boy days of Bill Richardson.

Don't throw the towel to Gov. Susana Martinez, she was not responsible for this mess. It is Barela and the County Commission.

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Coming Up

Fit for Fun classes

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department is offering a Fit for Fun program for youth through May 2, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. The Thursday classes will focus on body motion, interaction with other children and various other activities.

- Classes are as follows:
- 12:30 to 1 p.m. pre-kindergarten through first grade
 - 1:15 to 1:50 p.m. second and third grade
 - 2 to 2:30 p.m. fourth-and fifth grade
- Cost is \$10 per child for eight classes. A drop-in fee of \$2 per class per child is also available.

For more information, call Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2771.

Bowl for Kids' Sake

The Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Southwestern New Mexico's annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at Ten Pin Alley, 1201 E. Lohman Ave.

Bowl For Kids' Sake supports BBBS mentoring programs. Teams, sponsors and volunteers are needed.

For more information, contact Misty Snipes at 523-9530 or misty.snipes@bbbsofswnm.org.

MV Market events set

Mountain View Market Natural Foods Cooperative, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M, has announced its events for the upcoming week.

- 8 to 11 a.m. each Wednesday and Saturday: Farm Volunteer Days at the MVM Farm in Mesilla. Call 523-0436 or email mvmoutreach@gmail.com for more information and directions.
- 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. each Wednesday: The Your Day Conversation meets in the Community Room. Lifestyle coaches Siddeeq Shabazz and Azadeh Boroumand lead on-going discussions. April's featured book is "The New Psycho-Cybernetics." Free. For more information, call 510-459-2671.
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 2: "Feral Cat Care." Joe Miele will speak on feral cat care. Free.

For more information on Mountain View Market events, call 523-0436 or email mvmoutreach@gmail.com.

Pet food drive

Volunteers will be doing Tarot readings, runes readings, dowsing (pendulum work) and more from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at 1980 E. Lohman Ave., Suite E.

Visitors are asked to bring 35 pounds of dry dog food or a large bag of dry cat food to receive a reading. Pet food collected will be donated to the ACTION Programs for Animals (APA) pet food bank and their Doña Ana Pets Alive! rescue dogs and cats. There will also be a donation jar for collections in honor of Little Bear, a puppy saved in December 2012 along with 20 others in the Sunland Park landfill. Little Bear needs a hernia operation, so any monetary donations will go toward his surgery.

Meerscheidt parking lot closed

The parking lot at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., will undergo renovation beginning Monday, April 1, and will be unavailable for all general public parking.

During the closure, patrons may use the adjacent parking lots located to the west and south of the center. Permanent and temporary crosswalks will be added at the intersection of Hadley Avenue and Hermosa Street to ensure pedestrian safety. The project is due for completion in late spring.

For more information, contact 541-2563, 541-2550 or athletics@las-cruces.org. The TTY number is 541-2771.

White Sands lists events

- White Sands National Monument has announced a schedule of upcoming events.
- 2 p.m. each Sunday: Crafty Kids. Rangers share surprising facts about the creepy crawlers, amazing adaptors and out-of-this-world geology of the park. The program is targeted to kids ages 6-10. Parents are welcome to participate.
 - 3 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday: Skins and Skulls. A park ranger presents a 20-minute talk about the animals of White Sands. Skulls, pelts and other items will be on display.
 - 6:30 p.m. daily March 30-April 19; and

6:45 p.m. daily April 20-May 17. Sunset strolls. Visitors can enjoy leisurely 1-hour, ranger-guided walks through the sand dunes and learn about the geology, botany and zoology of the park. The strolls start at the sign in the park about five miles from the visitor center.

- 1:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday: Map Talks: A park ranger will be available on the visitor center patio to answer questions and offer tips for enjoying the monument. All programs are free with the paid monument entrance fee, which is \$3 per person 16 years and older, unless otherwise noted. Schedule is subject to change without notice. The White Sands National Monument is open 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. through April 25 and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 26-May 25.

For more information, call 479-6124 or visit www.nps.gov/whsa.

Camera club meets

The Doña Ana Camera Club will hold a print photo competition at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. No electronic submissions will be accepted. Club member Fred Moore will also present "Getting Great Prints."

A second club meeting will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, also at the Southwest Environmental Center. The meeting will feature a presentation by Nicolas Bañales on photojournalism and Pat Hulser will present "10 minutes with Annie Leibowitz." The "10 minutes with" presentations highlight individuals who have had great influence on photography.

Meetings offer technical presentations, friendly suggestions for improving member photos, travelogues, networking and other activities for a spectrum of photographers and abilities. Attendees are asked to enter the SWEC building from the west side entrance.

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

Highway 70 meeting set

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) with Smith and Aguirre Construction will hold a public meeting to provide information on the current roadway construction project for the U.S. Highway 70 Cable Barrier Project from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, at the NMDOT Solano Complex, 750 N. Solano Drive.

The NMDOT and representatives from Smith and Aguirre Construction will be present to discuss the progress status of the project. Residents, businesses and all school administrators are welcome to attend the meeting and view the project outline. The NMDOT will be available to answer any questions the public may have regarding this project.

For more information, call Jesus Sandoval, project manager of NMDOT District One at 525-7336 or Bridget Spedaleri, NMDOT District One public information officer at 525-7340.

Wisconsin Club meets

The Wisconsin Club will hold its monthly meet and greet from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday April 1, at the Ramada Palms Hotel & Conference Center, 201 E. University Ave. All former Wisconsinites are welcome.

For more information, call 312-2088.

Science for preschoolers

Children ages 3 to 5 can learn about the solar system, galaxies and the universe at the Planeteers series at 9 a.m. each Thursday at the Museum of Nature and Science, 411 N. Main St. The program is free and no registration is required.

On Thursday, April 4, the subject will be the comets that are made from dust and ice like dirty snowballs. Comets dance in every direction through the outer regions of the solar system. When comets get too close to the sun, however, their dazzling tails melt and are left behind for us to see in the night's sky.

Participants will learn about the comets and make their own comet. Kids will be fascinated by these glorious and rare objects that soar for our enjoyment.

For more information, call 522-3120 or visit <http://museums.las-cruces.org>.

Show supports animals

Local artists Captain Jookie, CS Truckin' and Matt Morgan are coming together at 9 p.m. Friday, April 5, at Hurricane Alley, 1490 E. Missouri Ave., to help raise funds to save companion animals' lives via the ACTION Programs for Animals (APA)/Doña Ana Pets Alive! (DAPA!) campaign. The cover at the door will be donated to the organization.

For more information, contact 644-0505 or actionprogramsforanimals@yahoo.com.

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Previous experience in retail, hospitality and sales will help an applicant stand out.

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After being hired, the workers will go through intensive training before they begin taking calls, Beiting said. The workers are paid for the training. They will also have good support from

team management, she said. Convergys offers competitive wages and performance incentives and benefits including tuition reimbursement, medical, dental and 401(k).

With 70 call centers around the globe, Convergys is enjoying company growth despite the lethargic economy, Beiting said.

"That's what makes my job so great," Beiting said. "Every week we're putting an announcement somewhere that we're hiring more people."

In Las Cruces, Crossland said Convergys encourages community involvement with its employees, including participation in the Springfest, United Way and the Colonias Development Center, as well as membership in the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

According to the Convergys announcement, the complete company has nearly 75,000 employees who "help our clients balance the demands of increasing revenue, improving customer satisfaction and reducing overall cost using an optimal mix of agent, technology and analytics solutions."

Beiting said the company's employees range from college students to experienced workers like Holloway. Included in the company's benefits is tuition reimbursement, employee discounts and career advancement opportunities.

Besides going to the Convergys call center at 4201 Del Rey Blvd., candidates may also apply online at www.convergys.com/southwest. To make an appointment, call 382-4717.

Preservation

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the older neighborhoods could add up. She said officials estimate a thorough survey could cost \$15,000 to \$25,000.

David Chavez, president of Mesquite Historic Preservation Society, said preservation efforts assisted by volunteers on Phillips Chapel took four years, but have not been too costly.

"Adobe is very easy to be restored," he said, "much easier than a wood-frame house."

Chavez urged councillors to look at Albuquerque's approach and said that city has a lot of experience with the legalities and process. Those are two concerns that took up much of the discussion by councillors.

Councillor Olga Pedroza said historic preservation is laudable, but she urged caution in crafting an ordinance. She said the city needed to have a good legal determination about what constitutes an "emergency demolition," for example.

"All I'm saying is let's go carefully," she said.

McCall agreed that the most important concern with the public is the process for demolition.

Chavez suggested moving to a 90-day waiting period for issuing demolition permits to give owners more time to seek finances, such as home rehabilitation loans.

Councillor Nathan Small said officials would be wise to look at other municipalities that already have these protections in place.

Irene Oliver-Lewis, who grew up in the Mesquite Street neighborhood and works in the Alameda Depot District invited officials to look at how the Court Youth Center was saved by the community and preserved through a public-private partnership.

What the community doesn't want to see, Oliver-Lewis said, is the loss felt during Urban Renewal efforts in the 1970s that resulted in the heartbreaking loss of so many places that were a part of the history of the city and residents' lives.



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Trinity Parson and Marcella Malm of Magic 105 set up equipment for a live remote at the Convergys Call Center Tuesday, March 26, during its open house for job seekers as the company is hiring 300 new representatives.

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White Sands Missile Range photo

Sgt. Tristan Wade, who had been stationed at White Sands Missile Range for four years with the 2nd Engineer Battalion, was killed when his unit in the 573rd Clearance Company was attacked by an improvised explosive device Friday, March 22, in the Qarah Bagh District, Ghazni Province, Afghanistan.

WSMR

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for his outstanding service and sacrifice. We will never forget him.

"Our brave men and women perform a multitude of missions in a magnanimous way in Afghanistan and places all around the globe. They do so selflessly without any expectation of anything in return. All gave some; sadly, some gave all."

This is the third soldier who has been killed in action since the 2E was stationed at WSMR in October 2008. The two other fallen soldiers were Sgt. Brian Pedro and Spc. Nathan Carse.

In other news from WSMR, Bingham has learned she will be promoted to the rank of major general. Monte Marlin, chief of Public Affairs, said there doesn't appear to be a reassignment involved with the promotion and that Bingham was being considered for the higher rank when she took command of WSMR in September 2012.

"It is our understanding that there are no plans to move her at this time," Marlin said.

While in recent years there has been quick turnover times for commanders, the more typical command assignment at the range has been two years, Marlin said. Commanders at WSMR have commonly been brigadier generals, but Marlin said the last major general to command the range was Thomas J.P. Jones from 1987-90.

Symposium returns to NMSU campus

Social justice is the focus of annual issues conference

The 2013 J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium will be from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 5, and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Corbett Center Student Union Auditorium on the New Mexico State University campus. The symposium will follow up on last year's event addressing quality of life as a social justice issue.

Each spring the College of Arts and Sciences at NMSU sponsors the symposium, which focuses on issues of social justice and challenges for the region. This year, the symposium is being co-hosted by the Quality of Life Initiative, a project of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. The objectives of the 2013 Symposium are: To establish a broadly shared understanding of what "engagement" means and why it is important to quality of life improvement; to showcase how NMSU and others are doing it successfully, and to lay a foundation for future engagement; to build on the concepts introduced at the 2012 Symposium and the work that has been done since, which includes developing

a local "Empowerment Congress," a powerful model that utilizes public engagement to achieve community goals; and to demonstrate the potential of engagement by using it to advance work on public transportation, a critical need in Doña Ana County.

The conference will include residents from throughout Doña Ana County; members of the university community; representatives of service, business, professional and faith-based organizations; and members of our local government, public health and educational systems.

The conference has been supported by the Taylor Endowment, the Kellogg Foundation, the College of Arts and Sciences, Doña Ana County and the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM).

Participation is free, with breakfast and lunch provided. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Mariaelena Johnson at 915-0583 or j.paultaylorsymposium2013@gmail.com.

Maybe the Aggies should stay in a better motel

Return trip to NCAA looks likely in 2014



David McCollum
Life is Good in Las Cruces

Have just returned from San Jose where Jaki and I attended the second and third rounds of the men's NCAA basketball tournament. With apologies to my non-basketball friends, this column once again focuses on NCAA basketball.

The New Mexico State Aggies were confident that they would advance to the third round of this year's NCAA tournament. This was the third trip to the Big Dance for seniors Bandja Sy and Tyrone Watson. However, the Aggies ran into a stampeding herd of overachieving Saint Louis University Billikens in the second round game. Despite the Aggies' aggressive defense, Saint Louis shot an incredible 73 percent from 3-point range and 46 percent from the field.

NMSU's shots just were not falling as they shot only 13 percent from the 3-point line and 29 percent overall.

The statistics were reversed for Saint Louis in their second game in their 17-point loss to Oregon as the Billikens hit on only 14 percent of their 3-pointers and just 29 percent from the field. Saint Louis obviously spent all their bullets against the Aggies.

Perhaps a factor in the formula to win at the NCAA tournament is the team hotel. NMSU stayed in a very nice Hyatt Place hotel, but it was not quite as nice as the Hilton across the street where Saint Louis was headquartered. In the next round, Saint Louis played and lost to Oregon, whose team hotel

was the super-posh Fairmont. From this small sampling, it appears that the more upscale the hotel, the better the chance of winning.

As I watched the tournament, I reflected on how much the game of basketball has changed from my college days at Oklahoma State University in the late '60s.

Let's see, back then there was no such thing as a 3-point shot, nor was there a shot clock. (The four-corner offense was not designed to score, but was intended to simply keep the ball away from the other team.) Players were not allowed to bump or put their hands on their opponents, and dunking was against the rules. In fact, if you dunked the ball, you were charged with a technical foul. Also, notable is

the fact that today's players' shorts are now much longer and the cheerleader's skirts are much shorter.

All these changes have made the game of basketball more exciting and obviously worthy of the cost of tickets with a minimum cost of \$100. In three sessions of games in San Jose, I calculate that the NCAA pulled in around \$7 million in total revenues for the single, two-round venue – and that does not include the television rights.

One point of trivia about the 2013 NAAs, and good news for Texans, is that Texas teams will not lose a game in the 2013 NCAA tournament. Bad news for Texans is that not a single team from Texas qualified for the tournament.

Aggies have high hopes for next season as only two players are graduating (Sy and Watson). However the Western Athletic Conference will be quite different in 2013-14. Gone will be Utah State and San Jose State (to the Mountain West Conference), Texas State and Texas-Arlington (to the Sun Belt Conference), Texas-San Antonio and Louisiana Tech (to Conference USA), and Denver (to the Summit Conference). In 2014, Idaho will leave the

WAC for the Big Sky Conference.

Newcomers to the WAC in July 2013 will be Chicago State, Missouri-Kansas City, Texas-Pan American, Utah Valley, Grand Canyon and California-Bakersfield.

The WAC, fortunately, will still have an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. This is important because the newcomers to the WAC are not considered to be basketball powerhouses. In fact, out of 347 Division-I universities, five of the newcomers have an average rating (Sagarin) of 298. The sixth, Grand Canyon, is currently a Division-II school and has no rating. By comparison, NMSU's national rating was 79.

The Aggies should be a heavy favorite to earn the NCAA bid in 2014. However, they are likely to be burdened with another low seed because of the low overall rating of the WAC conference.

The key to a higher seed will be NMSU's ability to schedule and defeat a handful of top 30 teams.

On the other hand, who knows? The Aggies could be the Florida Gulf Coast Cinderella team of the 2014 tournament.

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

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In the news

Doña Ana County pact on state land planning signed

A Joint Planning Agreement (JPA) was signed by State Land Commissioner Ray Powell Wednesday, March 27, in a ceremony in Las Cruces with Doña Ana County Commission Chairman Karen Perez and County Manager Sue Padilla attending, as well as other County Commissioners.

The JPA will establish a cooperative working relationship between the State Land Office and Doña Ana County for marketing state trust lands for economic development purposes. It also pledges collaboration before any long-term lease, sale or exchange of state trust land occurs.

"This is an historic agreement that creates a partnership between Doña Ana County and the New Mexico State Land Office," Powell said. "It will help create good jobs while protecting the quality of life and health of our State Trust Lands in this very important community."

"By working with the outstanding leaders of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, we will also create additional revenues for our public schools, universities and hospitals and thus keep our taxpayer's bills lower."

"This Joint Planning Agreement helps Doña Ana County become an active participant in planning for the future of state land within the county," Padilla said. "This helps assure responsible community development within the county. Doña Ana County looks forward to working with the State Land Office on future projects."

Utility assistance for deployed soldiers signed

Gov. Susana Martinez signed into law Tuesday, March 26, legislation that will allow members of the military who have just been deployed or given a temporary assignment to discontinue and re-establish utility services without paying a penalty or reconnection fee.

House Bill 175, sponsored by Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D-Las Cruces, would include utilities such as water, gas, electricity, trash service and non-cellular telephone service. It would also allow service members to selectively shut off services when a municipality or county bundles them together.

The inspiration for this legislation came from Tech Sgt. Fabian Silva who is currently stationed at Holloman Air Force Base and is currently deployed in Afghanistan. Silva's parents live in Las Cruces in Steinborn's legislative district. Silva owns a home in nearby Alamogordo. He has been unable to shut off selective utilities during his deployment. There are many soldiers in Silva's situation across New Mexico, Steinborn said.

"Our men and women in the military do a heroic job for us, and it's key that we do all we can to help remove unneeded

Northern national monument OK'd



In the Oval Office, President Barack Obama signs the order Monday, March 25, designating 240,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management lands in Taos County as the Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument. At the signing were retired U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman and current U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, Vice President Joe Biden, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, Taos Pueblo War Chief Samuel Gomez and Questa Mayor Esther Garcia.

obstacles affecting them, including eliminating excessive fees related to utility services during their deployment," Steinborn said.

Rep. Nate Cote, a veteran who was deployed three times during his military service and a co-sponsor of HB175, said, "This is a good day for our deployed men and women in the military. I thank all of them for the tremendous job they do for our country. I am proud to do anything I can to help them."

Martinez has signed into law a number of other bills since the Legislature ended Saturday, March 16. Signed bills include:

- House Bill 371, which increases disclosure requirements and implements greater protections for potential property owners in New Mexico's public improvement districts (PIDs). Martinez worked with Rep. Jason Harper, R-Rio Rancho, to craft the legislation after meeting with residents of Rio Rancho's Mariposa East PID, who found themselves on the hook for a 1,000 percent tax increase after a developer defaulted on its financial obligations and left property owners in the district to shoulder the massive remaining tax burden.
- Senate Bill 274, sponsored by Sen. George Muñoz, D-Gallup, creating a Horse Shelter Rescue Fund administered by the

New Mexico livestock board. The fund will aid horse rescues and help shelter homeless horses throughout the state.

- Senate Bill 448, which was the result of a recommendation made by the Governor's Task Force on Procurement Reform, which Martinez established in 2011, expands reasons that allow the state to suspend or debar a corrupt state contractor and allows for a longer suspension period if the contractor is involved in a criminal offense. It also closes a loophole that allows contractors who have violated the state procurement code to bid on state contracts as a new company or entity.
- Senate Bill 182, tightening procedures for sole source and emergency procurements, two types of state contracts that are vulnerable to abuse. SB182 also requires the state to post a 30-day notice of intent to award a sole source contract online and creates a 15-day period during which a contractor not selected for a sole source contract can file a protest.

The governor also plans to sign Senate Bill 443, which makes numerous amendments to the procurement code aimed at simplifying procedures and increasing transparency.

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American Indians get their week at NMSU

Granger to perform at finale expo

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The general public is invited to a free day-long celebration of Native American culture that is the finale to New Mexico State University's American Indian Week.

The finale will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 13, outside the Kent Hall University Museum on the main campus, near the intersection of University Avenue and Solano Drive.



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Throughout the day there will be displays and sales of jewelry, pottery and other items by Native Americans, as well as an Indian Taco sale. Providing atmospheric music during the Native American Arts and Crafts Expo will be Randy Granger.

Leading up to the finale will be a week of events for the NMSU community. It begins Monday, April 8, with a blessing and Parade of Nations, as well as a reception for Miss Native NMSU LaToya Johnson, a Navajo from Crownpoint, N.M., who is majoring in both kinesiology and athletic training.

There will be an evening of dance performance Tuesday, April 9, featuring dance groups from the Laguna and Zuni pueblos.

There will be Indian taco demonstrations on Wednesday, April 10, showing how the different tribes and pueblos make the dish, with the best known being the Navajo taco.

The students will get to do western dancing Thursday, April 11, with DJ music by Kyle Tom and Cat Clifford.

The new Miss Native NMSU will be selected at a pageant Friday, April 12.

Native American hip-hop artist Tobias Brown will round off the events for the univer-



Randy Granger will perform his music at the public finale of American Indian Week at New Mexico State University April 8-13.

sity community Saturday, April 13.

Most of the events for the university community will be held at or near Corbett Center Student Union.



Michelle Williams goes for a life-changing motorcycle ride with Chloë Sevigny in the 2000 HBO film "If These Walls Could Talk II," which will be shown Monday, April 15, at New Mexico State University, as part of Celebrate GLBTQ Awareness Week.

GLBTQ Week events set

Son of anti-gay preacher to give speech

Bulletin Staff Report

Nate Phelps, the son of Pastor Fred Phelps of the Westboro Baptist Church that protests at soldiers' funerals, will be the keynote speaker for Celebrate GLBTQ Awareness Week at New Mexico State University April 15-19.

The week begins Monday, April 15, with the Festival of Colors for the NMSU community at the Corbett Center Student Union outdoor stage during which students can show their support for the GLBTQ community, along with information tables from GLBTQ groups and other NMSU organizations about issues that affect the GLBTQ community.

In the Milton Hall Digital Media Theater that evening will be the showing of the 2000 film "If These Walls Could Talk II," starring Chloë Sevigny, Michelle Williams, Ellen DeGeneres and Sharon Stone. The movie, which shows at 5:30 p.m., features three separate storylines about lesbian couples in different time periods and about issues related to struggles when a partner dies, the feminist movement and pregnancy.

On Tuesday, April 16, transgender comedian Ian Harvie will perform his comedy on sexuality and gender identification.

The following evening of Wednesday, April 17, Phelps will tell how he went from being the son of the reviled Westboro Baptist church

leader to become a GLBTQ rights activist and public speaker on the topics of religion and child abuse. Phelps will share his life experiences and how important acceptance is.

Safe Zone Training for students will be held Thursday, April 18, by the Sexual and Gender Diversity Resource Center.

Safe Zone Training provides more GLBTQ awareness within the NMSU community and helps to ensure all students are safe on campus.

"Teaching our campus community about the unique experiences of GLBTQ people allows more visibility and understanding of the diversity of our peers," said Sharna Horn, coordinator of the Sexual and Gender Diversity Resource Center.

It was a hit last year, so the drag show returns – this year to a larger venue at Corbett Center Thursday, April 18. Professional performers from New Mexico will rock the stage in full drag.

The week winds up Friday, April 19, with the Lavender Graduation and Recognition Dinner for graduating students at the NMSU Golf Course Banquet Room. Also, the students get to dance the night away at the '90s High School Dance in the Corbett Center Aggie Underground until midnight.

The events are made possible by support from ASNMSU, Stonewall QSA, and WAVE.

Vietnam veterans invited

Welcome home event returns to park

Veterans of the Vietnam War are encouraged to attend the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans day-long event at Veterans Memorial Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway, Saturday, March 30.

The welcome home will begin at 8 a.m. with ceremonies and speeches about the controversial war and treatment of veterans who

returned to a divided country.

Veterans will be able to talk to each other, as well as get access to community resources for counseling and other assistance until 3 p.m.

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Sapphire Energy finds first customer

Algae-based crude oil now being produced continuously

Sapphire Energy, a leader in algae-based "green crude oil" production, recently announced it has entered into a commercial agreement with Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company, LLC, a subsidiary of Tesoro Corp.

Under the agreement, Tesoro will purchase crude oil from Sapphire Energy's Green Crude Farm in Columbus, N.M., which recently reached a new milestone – continuous cultivation and crude oil production. This begins the first step of a commercial relationship to process "green crude oil" from Sapphire's future commercial facilities.

"In less than one year, Sapphire Energy has started up its commercial demonstration to grow algae, has produced crude oil from our farm and now, with Tesoro as our first commercial customer, we're providing barrels of our oil to be refined

for market use," said Cynthia Warner, CEO and chairman of Sapphire Energy. "This moment is enormously important for the industry, as it validates the benefits and advantages of green crude and confirms its place as a market-viable, refiner-ready, renewable crude oil solution."

Sapphire Energy is now producing crude oil daily from algae biomass cultivated and harvested at the company's "green crude" farm in Columbus.

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In initial testing by Sapphire Energy, "green crude oil" was refined into on-spec ASTM 975 diesel fuel, proving its compatibility with the existing network of pipelines, refineries and transport systems.

Moving forward, the company plans to grow production significantly to further expand its commercial demonstration and begin the transition towards commercial-scale production.

"Tesoro is continuously looking at new technologies for producing renewable fuels," said Joel Larkins, vice president of Renewable Development at Tesoro.

New Mexico State University College of Business Salutes the 2013 Hall of Fame and Traders' Award Recipients



Hall of Fame Recipient

Bradley B. Gordon
Class of 1978
Bachelor of Business Administration, Major in Marketing

Gordon has more than 25 years of experience starting and acquiring new companies, primarily in the biotech field, where he held executive positions in venture capital and corporate management. His primary focus has been applying major advances in medical science to the development of breakthrough biomedical products. These include startup ventures that helped pioneer the fields of human gene therapy, small molecule regulation of disease genes and novel stem cell therapies.



Traders' Award Recipient

Peyton Yates

Yates has worked as a key executive in his family's businesses for the past 40 years and currently serves as president of Santo Petroleum in Artesia, N.M. He is past director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas-El Paso Branch and former vice president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America. He served as an "executive in residence" in NMSU's College of Business where he mentored students and taught several classes.

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Las Cruces Police learned that a semitrailer struck a fire hydrant near the southeast corner of Valley Drive and Tashiro Drive. The incident is believed to have occurred at around 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18.

Evidence from the scene indicates that the semitrailer was leaving a dirt area and entering southbound Valley Drive when it struck the fire hydrant. The collision broke off the hydrant, which appeared to have been dragged by the semitrailer onto Valley Drive.

The driver of the tractor-trailer failed to stop or report the incident.

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers also is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for breaking into and stealing copper wiring from five homes that are under construction.



On the morning of Wednesday, March 20, Las Cruces Police learned that four homes under construction on the 3600 block of Santa Marcella, and one home being built on the 3600 block of San Clemente, were broken into and copper wiring was ripped from the walls.

The burglaries are believed to have been committed sometime the previous evening or during the early-morning hours.

Anyone with information that can help identify who is responsible for committing these burglaries or the hit-and-run accident is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword ICTIPS.

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Three-legged race participants Kara McLaughlin and Gabriela Ramirez



Las Cruces Bulletin team Ray and the RCs (Rachel Christiansen, Richard Coltharp, Rachel Courtney and Ray Gonzales) get decked out for the MOD Drag Race.

Team No Sleep members Kasha Blair, Jenny Tucker, Jared Selders and Rel Melon were the grand champions of the Drag Race at the Southern New Mexico Speedway Saturday, March 23. The event featured a wig toss, three-legged race, tug-o-war and relay race.



Crowned by emcee Ivonna Bump, Daniel Basaldua remains the reigning queen after winning the drag competition of the Hot Divas Drag Show Fundraiser for the March of Dimes Friday, March 22, at Azul Night Club.

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As our camp concluded in Las Cruces Sunday, March 24, I raced home to pack up for the next month in Ruidoso.

As I drove down the street toward my house, I kept thinking about the fight. I kept thinking about the game plan that I must execute April 20 at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

As my thoughts rushed past what another victory would mean to my family, my city and myself, I kept pulling myself back to reality. Every day in training becomes the same reality of not looking ahead but being focused on what is in front of you.

The hardest part of camp is being away from my fiancé and my children. I miss the way they make me laugh. I love making them laugh and miss playing with them. When I really begin to think about it, I miss the way they say, "Daddy."

As a boxer, you become known as a warrior. A warrior is defined as "a person engaged in, experienced in or devoted to war." My parents served in the military at Fort Bliss in El Paso. They served their country and they taught me what it means to be an American.

They taught me the discipline needed day in and day out to be successful. They ingrained in me the stories of the "Wounded Warriors" who have sacrificed so much for my family.

Boxing doesn't compare to what our military accomplishes every day for our country. It upsets me that our veterans do not receive the respect they deserve. Many men and women have given their lives so I can have the opportunity to raise my family in a free country. I pray that I will always represent them well.

When I step into the ring, I do not step into the ring lightly. I will never give up in the ring. I will always dig deep inside to push past any pain or thoughts of quitting.

At this point of training camp, I am on edge. I am literally a mad man whose only focus is Saul "Canelo" Alvarez. I am obsessed with not just winning, but out-boxing, out-smarting and destroying him. I have to train to calm down.

Coming to Ruidoso is a really smart move. Just when I felt I was in the best shape my body could possibly be, we switched gears and have come to train in higher elevation. The higher altitude shocks your body to push harder than before. You come to the point when your lungs are burning against the mountain wind and you know that you are not ready for the battle in front of you.

I will be a creature of habit over the next few weeks. I will take no days off, mentally or physically. I must prepare for battle like a soldier. That is why I have "Soldier of God" tattooed on my arm. So I never forget the preparation.

I know that I will be prepared because my family taught me how to be a warrior. Now this warrior must prepare for war.

NMSU football joins Sun Belt

Other sports remain in Western Athletic Conference

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University football program has finally found a conference to call home.

At a press conference Wednesday, March 27, NMSU officially accepted an invitation to join the Sun Belt Conference as a football-only member beginning July 1, 2014. The Aggies' other sports programs will remain members of the Western Athletic Conference.

Calling it a "very productive day," Sun Belt Commissioner Karl Benson announced the addition of former WAC members NMSU and Idaho as football members, and Appalachian State and Georgia Southern as full members to the conference, bringing the number of football-playing members of the conference to 12.

Benson said teams would play either eight or nine conference games each season, with a decision on the format to be made at a late May meeting of conference and school officials.

NMSU interim President Manuel Pacheco announced the university's acceptance of the Sun Belt's invitation at a press conference in the Barbara Hubbard Room of the Pan American Center.

"We are delighted to accept the official invitation," Pacheco said. "It is important to this university and will add to the student experience at NMSU."

"It supports our commitment to diversity and brings a level of prestige to NMSU nationally."

Athletic Directory McKinley Boston opened his remarks by declaring, "I slept well last night."

"We are coming in as a football-only member but it provides us with net financial growth. Our commitment to football remains strong."

Board of regents Chairman Michael Chaney called the affiliation with the Sun Belt "an outstanding decision."

The Aggies are without a conference affiliation for the 2013 season, a situation that was considered by most observers to be unsustainable.

NMSU was previously a full member of the Sun Belt for a five-year span beginning in 2000. The Aggie football team was 15-11 in Sun Belt Conference games under coach Tony Samuel.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jim Hilley
New Mexico State University supporters listen Wednesday, March 27, in the Barbara Hubbard Room at the Pan American Center as NMSU Athletic Director McKinley Boston, interim President Manuel Pacheco and board of regents Chairman Michael Chaney announce the Aggies' acceptance of an invitation to join the Sun Belt Conference as football-only members beginning July 1, 2014.

Billikens boot Aggies from tournament

Cold shooting NMSU finishes season with 24-11 record

The five-game winning streak and 2012-13 men's basketball season came to an end for New Mexico State University in an NCAA Tournament second-round game Thursday, March 21.

Atlantic-10 champion and No. 4 seeded St. Louis proved too much for the WAC Tournament champion and No. 13 seed Aggies, who were saddled with a 64-44 defeat in the Midwest Region contest held in San Jose, Calif.

"I told the guys, as the days go by, the pain subsides," NMSU coach Marvin Menzies said. "They'll be able to handle it and hold their heads up high. They're WAC champions."

"We just got beat. We got beat by a better team, a team with more experience. That's just the way it went."

Despite a sluggish offensive first half and

facing a 13-point halftime deficit, NMSU (24-11) showed some life early in the second half. St. Louis swingman Dwayne Evans dropped in a layup four minutes into the second half that gave SLU a 37-23 lead, but the Aggies had plenty of fight left.

An 8-0 Aggies' outburst was capped by a Remi Barry 3-pointer with 13:53 left in the game. That trimmed the Billikens' lead to 37-31. The tournament foes traded the next two buckets for a 39-33 score.

That's when the tide turned against NMSU. St. Louis (28-6) scored 12 of the next 15 points, forging ahead 49-34 with more than nine minutes remaining in the tournament tilt.

NMSU stopped the bleeding briefly and held the margin to 14, trailing 53-39 with seven minutes to go.

Unfortunately for the Aggies, they could get no closer the rest of the way. St. Louis scored the next seven points to push its lead to 60-39. That was the largest lead the Billikens held.

NMSU then outscored St. Louis 5-4 through the final four minutes of the game, for the final 20-point difference.

The 44 points was a season-low for NMSU, as was its 27.9 shooting percentage (17-of-61). Additionally, the Aggies made just two of 16 three-point tries.

"We missed a lot of shots," Menzies said. "And those were shots we usually make. It just wasn't meant to be."

Senior Bandja Sy was an offensive bright spot for the Aggies, finishing with a team-high 17 points. No other NMSU player scored more than six points.

NMSU earns fourth straight win Aggies sweep Siena College

Photos by Steve MacIntyre



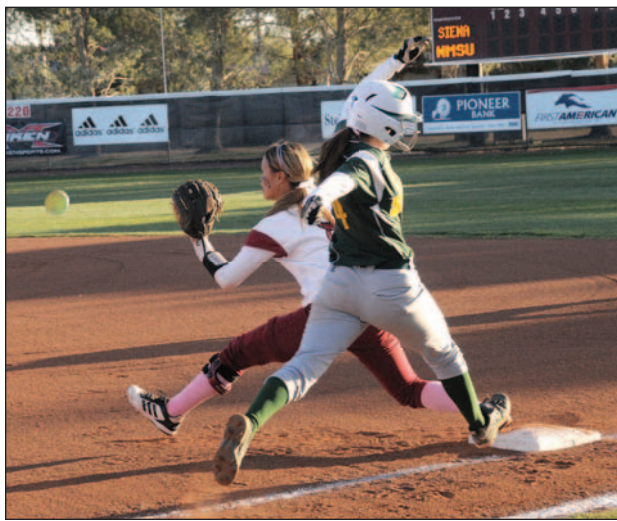
Aggie utility player Teresa Conrad takes a big swing against Siena College, Monday, March 25, at the New Mexico State University Softball Complex. The Aggies swept the two game doubleheader 8-5 and 10-5 for their fourth straight win.



NMSU infielder Kelsey Dodd throws the ball to first base.



Aggie pitcher Alex Newman fires a pitch against Siena College. Newman earned the decision in both games of the doubleheader, striking out eight batters.



Aggie infielder Kaahue Tehani lunges for the ball as Siena College player Stephanie Viggiano safely gets to first base. NMSU now travels to the first Western Athletic Conference road series of the season against Utah State on March 29-30, in Logan, Utah.



The Aggies warm up before the game.

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Governor Charlie wins Sunland Derby

Midnight Lucky takes Sunland Oaks for Baffert and Pegram



Photo by Coady Photography

Governor Charlie sets a new track record as he crosses the finish line in the Sunland Derby Sunday, March 24, at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino.

Bulletin Staff Report

Governor Charlie steam-rolled his rivals by five lengths in a dominating performance in the \$800,000 Grade III Sunland Derby Sunday, March 24, and earned 50 qualifying points to the Kentucky Derby.

His performance was an exclamation point for owner Mike Pegram and trainer Bob Baffert, who also dominated the \$200,000 Sunland Parks Oaks with the exquisite filly Midnight Lucky.

Governor Charlie, the second of two Midnight Lute offspring to showcase immense talent at Sunland Park on Sunday, was well bet down to 6-5 favoritism and delivered a commanding performance. Under jockey Martin Garcia, Governor Charlie was well placed down the backstretch of the one-and-one-eighth mile Kentucky Derby prep race. The colt gathered

up momentum and took the lead at the three-eighths pole.

When challenged at the top of the stretch by long shot Show Some Magic, Governor Charlie responded eagerly for Garcia and shot clear.

"Bob told me to ride with confidence," Garcia said. "We were on the front and I felt like I had a lot of horse. He can wait on company sometimes, but at the top of the stretch he just took off and exploded."

The promising three-year-old rumbled through the stretch and set a new course and stakes record for the distance in a fast 1:47.54, besting the former mark by Winsham Lad of 1:48.20 set in 1961.

"I feel he is a special horse," Garcia said. "In only his second race going a distance, he beat good ones. Just look at how he did it."

Pegram became the first owner to win two Sunland Derbies. He won the 2006 edition (formerly the Win-Star Derby) with Wanna

Runner. The victory was worth \$400,000 and a virtual ticket to the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. The winner's check was a cool \$400,000, not a bad payday for the sophomore's second career win.

The popular runner was coming off a Santa Anita maiden win on Feb. 17.

"It's a pretty good day," Pegram said. "He has been training real good. He broke out, battled and had something left at the end. We didn't figure the extra eighth of a mile would be an issue."

"He is getting better with each race. Martin told him to go, and he went."

Aggie rodeo leads region

NMSU finishes in fourth at Tucson event

By Jim Hilley
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University men's rodeo team maintained their positions in the regional and national standings after the University of Arizona National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Rodeo Saturday, March 23, in Tucson, Ariz.

Despite finishing fourth in Tucson, NMSU still leads Mesalands Community College 4,025 points to 2,388.5 points in the Grand Canyon Region.

NMSU coach Jim Dewey Brown took the Aggie's results in Tucson in stride.

"It wasn't that bad, but it wasn't that great," Brown said. "We did good in the tie-down roping and the team roping but that was about it."

The Aggies also remained in third place in the national standings behind the University of Tennessee-Martin, with 5,815 points and the College of Southern Idaho with 5,264 points. Close behind the Aggies is Tarleton State University with 4,015.83 points.

In Tucson, the Aggies men's team finished in fourth place (298.5 points) behind Mesalands

CC (429.0 points) and New Mexico Highlands University (371 points), while the NMSU women's team finished in third place (298.5 points) behind Mesalands (409 points) and Central Arizona College (366 points). The Aggie women's team is in fifth place in the Grand Canyon Region standings.

In the men's all around, NMSU's Bryce Runyon garnered 110.5 points in Tucson, while Mesalands' Daniel Robertson earned 82. Runyon leads the Grand Canyon Region men's all around standings with 744.5 points.

The Aggie men swept the bareback riding competition in Tucson with Paeden Underwood finishing first with 73 points and Tony Buckman finishing second with 72 points. Buckman is leading the Grand Canyon Region standing with 841 points, which puts him in 10th place nationally.

The Aggies get a few weeks off before traveling to Crownpoint, N.M., for the Navaho Technical College Rodeo April 19-20. The Aggies will host their own rodeo competition April 26-28.

"It will be on campus like it was last year," Brown said.

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

Centennial High School

Friday, April 5..... Baseball Faith Christian Academy 5 p.m., 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 2..... Tennis (co-ed)..... Mayfield High School 3 p.m.



Las Cruces High School

No events scheduled

Mayfield High School

Tuesday, April 2..... Tennis (co-ed)..... at Centennial High School 3 p.m.
Baseball at Gadsden High School 4 p.m.
Softball Gadsden High School 5 p.m.



Oñate High School

March 29-30..... Softball at Rio Rancho Softball Tournament TBA
Tuesday, April 2..... Tennis (co-ed)..... at Deming High School 3 p.m.
Baseball Alamogordo High School 5 p.m., 7 p.m.
Softball at Alamogordo High School 5 p.m., 7 p.m.
April 5-6..... Tennis (co-ed)..... at Artesia Tennis Tournament TBA



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Tuesday, April 2..... Baseball Hatch Valley High School 3 p.m.
Softball at Chaparral High School 4 p.m.
April 5-6..... Tennis (co-ed)..... at Artesia Tennis Tournament TBA



Oñate High School

High School Athlete of the Week

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Alonzo Parra



Alonzo Parra is an 18-year-old senior at Oñate High School. He is pitcher and third baseman on the Knight's baseball team. As pitcher, Parra has recorded a record of three wins and zero losses, with a 2.25 ERA and 22 strikeouts. He is the team's leading hitter with a .489 batting average, 12 RBI and two home runs.

Parra is a hard-working and respectful student athlete who is self-motivated and enjoys the challenge of competition. His teachers really enjoy having Alonzo in the classroom. He definitely strives to succeed academically before the sport he loves to play. Parra has a 3.45 GPA and is committed to play baseball at New Mexico State University. Outside of baseball and the classroom, Parra enjoys spending time with family, reading and hunting.

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Aggie Insider

Postseason awards

Gutsy performances highlight great year Aggie's on the basketball court



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

With the basketball season now in the books, it is time for my personal awards for the highest spots in a season that was like no other in my recollection of Aggie hoops. There is no science here, just my reflections on what I saw and how it played into the season as a whole.

Most versatile player: Who else but Tyrone Watson? At various times, he led the team in scoring, rebounding, assists and steals. He was the ultimate "glue guy" whose inspired effort was the main reason for New Mexico state's triple overtime win at Seattle.

Most exciting play: Daniel Mullings' 360-spinning dunk at Texas State. Mullings broke from the pack after a mid-court steal and spun his way on to YouTube. Choosing one single moment was a difficult decision.

Grace under pressure: Bandja Sy's ability to hit a three at the last possible second of regulation play was a happy ending that played out several times. At the end of regulation at Seattle, at home versus UTEP and the back breaker on senior night versus UT-Arlington saw Sy as the hero just prior to the buzzer.

Most improved aggie: Remi Barry is the clear choice here. As a freshman, Barry appeared to be a man trying to run in waist high water, as a sophomore he

became a reliable sixth man. When Watson was not available, there was no choice but to put Barry on the court. He responded at both ends and proved to be a major reason for the team's success at the end of the season.

Franchise player: Sim Bhullar became the WAC Tournament MVP as he stepped up with a pair of double-doubles and aggressive dominating play that had been building throughout the season. The three more years Bhullar has in Crimson & White is a real reason to smile.

Clutch player: Las Cruces' Terrel deRouen had the confidence to take the critical shot with just more than a minute to play in the WAC title game. It broke a 10-minute plus team field-goal drought and provided a point cushion at a critical time. He also made a steal with 10 seconds to go in the home game versus Idaho that led to Mullings' winning free throws.

All the kings men: Paul Weir and Keith Brown's advisory and preparation skills added immeasurably to the program's success over the past two years. Brown's experience as a head coach provided a steady baseline for Marvin Menzies to lead his team. Weir's passion for teaching defense and his continued maturation in the major college arena continues to be a joy to watch. Marvin Menzies' program continues to make strides to being a regular visitor in the NCAA postseason tournament that means more awards down the road.

Book is a fresh look at big-time college sports

Aggies to join Sun Belt Conference in football



Dr. McKinley Boston
Athletics Director

I read a book last week during down time at the NCAA Tournament titled "Big Time Sports in American Universities."

One of the points of interest, and I quote: "For also a century, big time college sports has been a widely popular but consistently problematic part of American higher education. The challenges it poses to traditional values have been recognized from the start, but they have grown more ominous in recent decades, as cable television has become ubiquitous, commercial opportunities have proliferated and athletic budgets have ballooned."

"Drawing on new research funding, this book takes a fresh look at the role of commercial sports in American universities. It shows that rather than being the inconsequential student activity that universities often imply that it is, big time sport has become a core function of the universities that engage in it. For this reason, the book takes this function seriously and presents evidence necessary for a constructive perspective on its value."

"Although big time sports surely create worrying conflicts in values, it also brings with it some surprising positive consequences."

After more than 30 years in the industry and a quality of life that has been defined by experiences as a student athlete, professional athlete, college coach, faculty member, senior student affairs administration and athletic

director, I understand first hand the challenges and benefits of a first-class athletic program.

I do believe big time sports and academia can co-exist and the "tension" around the existence is necessary for appropriate checks and balances. I would encourage you to read the book and be enlightened regarding the challenges associated with the values of sports in higher education.

On another note, I'm pleased to announce that New Mexico State will join the Sun Belt Conference in football for the 2014 fall season. Sun Belt football was second last year in rankings among the five non-BCS conferences including the Mountain West, Ohio Valley, Conference USA and WAC.

Our independent football schedule for fall 2013 is arguably one of the strongest and exciting opportunities for the Aggies in some time. It is a schedule that has seven home games including teams from the Big Ten Conference, Big East and traditional rivalries to include UTEP at home and New Mexico on the road.

Certainly, some will argue about the strength of the schedule, but head coach Doug Martin and I agree that there are many opportunities for our student athletes to win against quality competition.

We both know fan support is the wild card with this type of schedule. Martin and I are asking you to support our athletes in this challenging endeavor. As fans, make a difference and help create a home field advantage. Be the 12th person on the field in spirit and help make a difference in Aggie football's new journey to excellence in 2013.

Upcoming

In Aggie Athletics

Friday, March 29
Men's Tennis

Idaho
Moscow, Idaho
6 p.m.

Softball

Utah State
Logan, Utah
2 p.m.

Baseball

CSU Bakersfield
Bakersfield, Calif.
7 p.m.

Saturday, March 30
Women's Tennis

New Mexico
Albuquerque
12 p.m.

Softball

Utah State
Logan, Utah
1 and 4 p.m.

Baseball

CSU Bakersfield
Bakersfield, Calif.
2 p.m.

Sunday, March 31
Men's Tennis

Eastern Washington
Spokane, Wash.
10 a.m.

Monday, April 1
Baseball

New Mexico
Las Cruces
6 p.m.



Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Adam Mott
Senior
Baseball

Senior right-handed pitcher Adam Mott went 1-0 as he led the Aggies to a 12-7 victory to open up WAC play against Texas State. He tallied seven strikeouts in 6.1 innings of

work while facing 33 batters. Mott is tied for the team-high in strikeouts with 37 on the year and innings pitched with 40.1.



Amber Olive
Senior
Softball

Senior outfielder Amber Olive finished the WAC-opening weekend with a .571 batting average. She helped the Aggies to a 2-0 win over New Mexico with one run and one RBI.

She went 7-for-10 against Louisiana Tech. She helped to a run-rule the Lady Techsters by going 2-for-3 with two stolen bases.



Kyle Phillips
Senior
Baseball

Senior center fielder Kyle Phillips hit .500 against Texas State going 6-of-12. He posted two doubles and a home run while finishing the week with five RBIs. He has now

boosted his batting average to .289 on the year with seven doubles, a triple and a home run. He has 12 RBIs and 26 runs scored this season.

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You all know 'em

These are deluded folks you don't want to be like



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

Jake is twenty something and started playing golf a couple of years ago. He's a 20-handicapper and works part-time selling used cars. An avowed know-it-all, his "spare" time is consumed by betting on fantasy football, fantasy golf, fantasy poker (as well as other fantasies), despite not having a pot to urinate in.

Girls are not particularly attracted to Jake, not because he is ugly, but because he is impossible to engage in a normal conversation, since he is, of course, a know-it-all.

On the golf course, he insists on "overs," kicks his ball out of stymie lies and secretly drops another ball (out of his pocket) when convenient. Last week Jake had a fit when a betting opponent took a legitimate relief from a concrete cart path. He thinks he knows the rules of the game, yet remains grossly uninformed.

Don't be like clueless Jake. Join the USGA for only \$25. Get an official golf rule book, read it and keep the book in your bag at all times.

It's not that Robert doesn't value his time on the golf course, as he likes to have long golf chats at cocktail parties. On the golf course, he seems to repeat the same mistakes and faulty swing moves over and over again, and those two problems overlap.

A typical score-ruining situation for Robert would be on a fairly long hole with out-of-bounds on the right. He then tries to swing extra-hard, forcing him to come "over-the-top," looks up before completing the downswing, and the ball slices severely OB with an awful banana shape.

Robert has never taken a golf lesson, priding himself on being "self-taught," whatever that means. He wrongly thinks it is a self-compliment. He says he can afford his country club membership and sports the latest cell phone and tablet gadgets.

Don't be like horribly stubborn Robert. Talk to your club pro and ask for golf lessons. They're affordable. You need a minimum of four sessions because your pro needs to get to know you and your swing. (Golf lessons are unlike (classic) psychoanalysis, which may take hundreds or even thousands of sessions to get you to comprehend your failures and the deep reasons they're there.)

Jerry has a license as a certified public accountant (CPA). He appreciates accuracy with numbers, while working diligently to satisfy his clients with the preciseness of his auditing and written reports. Jerry plays twice a week at a variety of courses available in a major metropolitan area and boasts a 12 handicap.

His scores would be lower except that he doesn't have a GPS device or a laser rangefinder. He doesn't even buy an inexpensive yardage book in the pro shop. It's not that he is reluctant to spend any money, but just fails to accept the idea of knowing distances.

Off the tee he hits it adequately, but he is often short or long on his approach shots, sometimes missing the distance by as much as two clubs. Unlike his meticulous manipulation of numbers in the office, he says he makes "just an estimate" of the distance to the center of the green

that he jokingly calls a "wag." That would be a wild-a-guess. He then turns a 77 into an 82 by his "wag" errors.

Don't be like nearsighted Jerry. Go buy a GPS Skycaddie or Golfbuddy; or a Leupold, Callaway or Bushnell laser rangefinder. Don't let technology leave you behind.

It didn't take long for Victor to discover golf once his dream of playing major league baseball ended with a dislocated shoulder in his throwing arm. He's still big and strong, but middle-aged and stubborn. He mistakenly thinks he can drive a golf ball with the same awesome power as he hit a baseball. Sometimes his golf swing resembles Charles Barkley's.

So Victor tees it up all the way back at the "tips." On golf courses in our region, it means playing from 7,000 to 7,700 yards for 18 holes.

Victor rarely breaks 90. "I want to see the whole golf course," he says, and he usually does – mostly looking for his ball. It's self-styled macho men like Victor that slow down play.

Don't be like our moron Victor. Tee it forward to the tees that are most suitable for your game. If you don't know, ask.

Rosilyn plays with the "girls" every Tuesday for nine holes. She is secretive about her age but admits it is somewhere "between 55 and 69."

Rosilyn, like many baby-boomers, never learned golf as a young lady but took it up after she became a widow several years ago. She is what I refer to as a pre-Title IX lady, having matriculated through college before women's sports were given a proper place in college and university sports.

Here are her words: "We played basketball and field hockey in bloomers, which were loose outfits not designed for movement sports. We were not encouraged to exert ourselves or focus intensely on winning."

Rosilyn plays golf these days with a set of Patty Berg clubs that were popular with women in the 1960s. I have seen a number of middle-aged women, or older, show up at our golf schools with similar clubs and I wonder how they missed the idea that everything is about advanced technology.

Roz, as she is called by her friends, shoots 60 to 70 for nine holes. She is reasonably fit, enjoys being on the golf course and has a functional golf swing, but she could do much better if she had the right equipment.

Don't be like slow-to-adopt Roz. Get in touch with modern equipment. Go to your local pro shop or go online and buy a set of clubs that are easy to hit. That means, in the case of Roz, an all-hybrid set, which means clubs with wide soles so you can scoop the ball off the turf without having to struggle with a "blade" from thin grass.

You can go on eBay and find many club sets that will fit that description at affordable prices, or have Phil Woods build an affordable set at Fairway Golf here in town (526-1799).

As for Roz, you go girl!

Jose plays golf on the weekends at a local muni course with his buddies. He wears a sweatshirt, jeans and sneakers. His buddies wear sweatshirts, jeans and sneakers. (Fear not, this isn't a rant about jeans – that's next.)

Jose and his buddies love their golf. They're not terribly skilled golfers, but they're not slow and follow normal golf procedures including raking bunkers and repairing divots. They drink some, but not

Golf tournaments

March of Dimes Golf Tournament

Thursday, April 4
Sonoma Ranch Golf Course
1274 Golf Club Road

- Four person scramble
- Individual entry: \$125
- Team of four: \$400

For more information, call Stephanie Hargrove at 373-1120

Alpha Tau Omega Golf Tournament

Friday, April 26
New Mexico State University Golf Course
3000 Herb Wimberly Drive

- Individual entry: \$100
- Team of four: \$400

For more information, call Rudy Chavez at 915-471-3413 or email rudyc@nmsu.edu.



to excess – maybe a few beers each for a round.

Recently, Jose complained to the golf pro that they had seen the cart girl once in 12 holes and not again.

It turns out that the cart girl was avoiding the whole group. Not because they were primitive, vulgar and fresh, but because they offered a measly dollar "tip" for \$15 worth of beer. I would call that ignorant and obnoxious.

Don't be like miserly Jose and his buddies. Tip your cart girl generously. Give your bartender a proper tip. Tip your waiter or waitress a suitable amount. Tip the boy who cleans your clubs, shines your shoes and handles your clubs at the airport a fitting amount. Don't be a Scrooge.

Here is a golfer that spends money on clubs but short-changes himself with his attire.

Art is a frequent golfer, who has the best equipment and has no complaints about the cost of golf rounds. It seems he has no idea how to dress to play golf, however. He wears denim jeans and a sport shirt with sneakers.

Most golf clubs around the country outlaw jeans and cargo shorts, along with no-collar shirts. Golf is a gentleman's game that was invented by the Scots (or the Dutch

on ice, whichever you prefer to believe) who promoted sportsmanship and good manners.

Recently, I heard one chap at my club spout off that he liked the "casual" attire at his old club that had a "come as you are" appeal. This longtime local fellow quickly rebuked other newer club members who favored appropriate golf attire, rather than work clothes, with the admonishment, "If you don't like jeans go back to Chicago or New York or wherever and leave us alone in the desert."

The shot was offensive, but it did remind me how much we are in the middle of a clash of cultures.

Don't be like wardrobe-challenged Art. Go out and buy some nice golf pants and shorts and golf shirts and honor the game. Get a pair of golf shoes online for \$30. And don't look like a Scandinavian exchange student wearing a ski cap on a sunny 80 degree day.

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



ATHLETE of the WEEK



Ros-Polly Nguyen

Junior, women's tennis

Junior Ros-Polly Nguyen recorded a 3-1 start in WAC play in both singles and doubles, with her only loss coming at San Jose State, March 20. She won two of her three singles matches in straight sets, and battled back against Texas State's Mariana Perez for the point at the No. 5 spot with a 6-2 victory in the second game and 6-3 in the deciding set after dropping the first game 2-6. In doubles play, Nguyen and senior Ginet Pinero worked for three consecutive wins at the top spot after falling 8-2 to the pair of Spartans to open the week.



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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Jim Hilley
Reflections

100 years ago

1913

• The Elephant Butte Dam was reported to be 34.5 percent complete and the Leasburg and Franklin canals were completed. During the month, 38,400 cubic yards of excavation was completed, making the total to date 170,700 cubic yards.

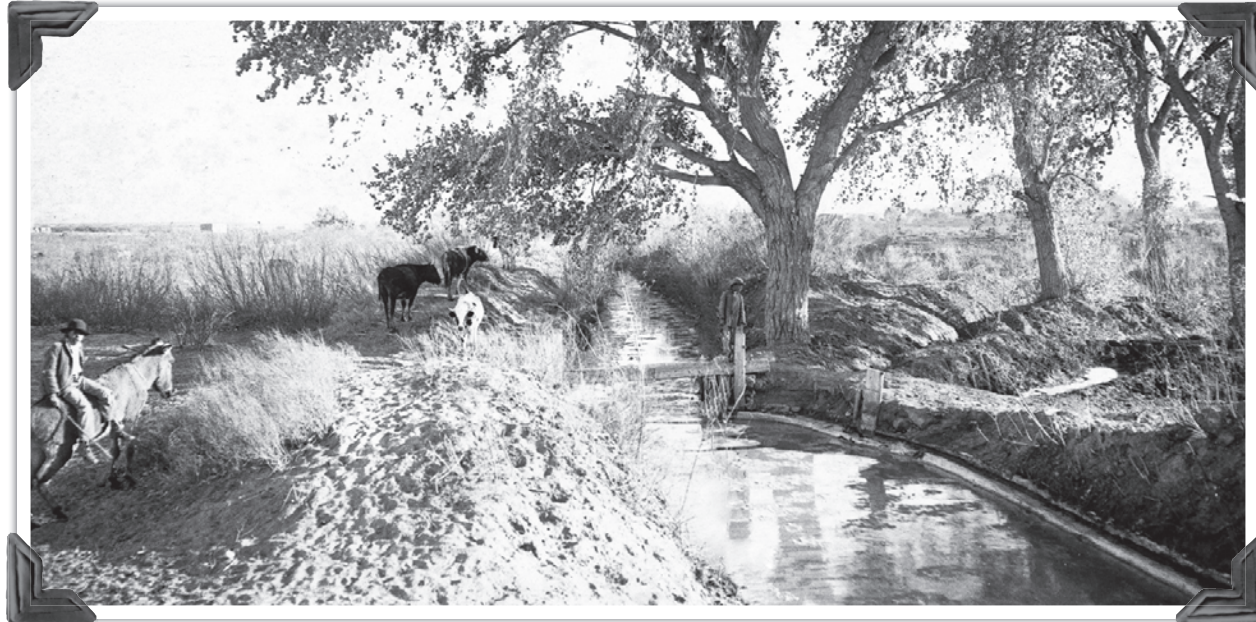
• Deputy Sheriff Eugene Moreno met with a painful accident while driving his buggy on the George Frenger ranch. His horse became frightened, ran away and did not stop until it collided with a post, throwing Moreno and his companion to the ground. "The wily deputy had a deep gash right between the windows to the soul," the Las Cruces Citizen reported. His companion landed on a sand dune and escaped injury.

• The Moreno Act, passed by the state Legislature, prohibited minors under the age of 18 from "frequenting or loitering about pool halls." Proprietors could be fined \$20 plus the cost of prosecution for the first conviction, and \$20, plus costs and up to 30 days in jail for a second conviction.

75 years ago

1938

• Eleven members of the New Mexico State College basketball team, winners of the Border Conference for the second straight year, were honored guests at a banquet and



The Armijo irrigation canal was west of Las Cruces and connected to the Acequia Madre at the northwest corner of Alameda Ranch. The shady banks of the canal were a cool place for farm boys and cows to spend time, as shown in this photo dated 1900.

New Mexico State University Library Rio Grande Historical Collections photo

dance given at the Gadsden Inn in Mesilla. The Aggies placed four men on the All-Border Conference team: Kiko Martinez, Pecos Finley, Morris Wood and Joe Jackson.

• Little damage was reported after freezing weather struck the area during the weekend.

• On the bill at the Rio Grande Theatre were Claudette Colbert and Gary Cooper in "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," Dick Powell in "Hollywood Hotel" and the Jones Family in "Love on a Budget."

50 years ago

1963

• The Las Cruces Bulldogs baseball team defeated Laguna 3-2 Friday and shut out Las Vegas Robertson 10-0 Saturday at Apodaca

Park. Art Garcia pitched against Laguna and held the visitors to four hits. Melvin Williams started his first game of the season against Las Vegas Robertson and pitched a no-hitter for Jim Bradley's squad. In a third game, the Bulldogs blanked Gadsden 10-0.

• The New Mexico State University golf team ran its record to 13-0 with wins over Texas Western and West Texas State.

• The Rio Grande Theatre was showing Gregory Peck in "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "King of Kings" with Jeffrey Hunter.

25 years ago

1988

• Alvin Keaton, chairman of the Doña Ana County Commission, announced he would

not seek re-election to his District 2 seat, citing "non-political factors" including the county's loss of \$200,000 in interest revenue due to a delay in property re-appraisals.

• Among local elected officials announcing their plans to campaign for re-election were District Attorney Douglas Driggers, state Rep. J. Paul Taylor and state Sens. Leonard Lee Rawson and Ellen Lively Steele.

• Directors from the Gospel Rescue Mission told the Task Force on the Homeless the mission needed three-to-five acres of land for expansion in order to meet the needs of the mission and its residents.

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Senior Activities



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.

Munson Center offers a variety of classes at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Some classes offered are: beginning jewelry, clay works, china painting, stained glass, creative writing, Spanish, woodcarving and quilting.

For registration information, call 528-3000.

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 Sue Lundgren at 382-0733, or email galileo915@centurylink.net.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

AARP Driver Safety Program courses are open to drivers age 55 or older. A certificate issued upon successful completion of the four-hour course may qualify the participant for a discount on insurance, depending on the driver's insurance policy. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers, paid at the door the day of class.

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

Classes are held on a first-come, first-served basis.

- The next available class is:
 - Noon to 4 p.m. Monday, April 1, at the Golden Mesa Retirement Community, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

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

THE VOYAGERS TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club

is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

Trips currently being booked include:

- **Lake Lucero day trip:** Saturday, March 30. Cost is \$32.
- **Santa Fe Turquoise Trail:** Wednesday and Thursday, April 10-12. Cost: \$280 double, \$310 single.
- **Albuquerque/Gathering of the Nations:** April 25-27, Cost \$324 single, \$280 double.
- **San Antonio:** May 5-11, seven days, six nights, a few seats available. Cost: \$620 double, \$800 single.
- **Eastern Mediterranean Cruise:** June 15-23, nine days, eight nights. Call for details.
- **Niagara Falls/Toronto/New York:** Sept. 23-28: Trip revised to include three days in New York, call for details. For more information, call Helen Glover at 805-4920 or 312-6152.

AEROBICS

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

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

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

ZUMBA GOLD

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

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

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

CARDIO, CORE & MORE

The core muscle group is often referred to as your "trunk" and involves all of the muscles surrounding the trunk. A weak core can contribute to lower-back pain, poor posture and loss of balance.

Basic classes are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

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

TAI CHI CLASS

Tai Chi class is from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Madrid St., in the auditorium.

SOCIAL DANCERS

The Sangria Band will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The dance is sponsored by the Las Cruces Social Dancers. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information, call 523-4322.

SUPER SENIORS WATER AEROBICS

Super Seniors Water Aerobics are 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.

The class is available only to seniors age 60 and older. A \$1 donation is suggested.

NOMINATE A SENIOR VOLUNTEER

The search is on for outstanding senior volunteers in New Mexico. The Salute to Senior Service program, sponsored by Home Instead Inc., the franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care network, honors the contributions of adults 65 and older who give at least 15 hours a month of volunteer service to their favorite causes.

Nominations for outstanding senior volunteers will be accepted through Sunday, March 31. State winners then will be selected by popular vote at salutetoseniorservice.com. Online voting will take place April 15-30. From those state winners, a panel of senior care experts will pick the national Salute to Senior Service honoree.

Home Instead Inc. will donate \$500 to each of the state winners' favorite nonprofit organizations, and their stories will be posted on the Salute to Senior Service Wall of Fame. In addition, \$5,000 will be donated to the national winner's nonprofit charity of choice.

Senior care professionals and those who work at hospitals, senior care facilities and other places where seniors volunteer are encouraged to nominate older adults. So, too, are family caregivers and the adult children of aging parents. Older adults also may self-nominate.

For more information, visit www.salutetoseniorservice.com. Completed nomination forms also can be mailed to Salute to Senior Service, P.O. Box 285, Bellevue, NE 68005.

TAI CHI FOR BETTER BALANCE

"Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance" classes are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.

The free program includes 24 Tai Chi forms that emphasize weight shifting, postural improvements and better balance, and is taught by accredited Tai Chi instructors from New Mexico State University's Department of Human Performance, Dance and Recreation. Wear

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A play of light before Easter



Las Cruces Bulletin reader Irma Lakey shared this photo she took at midday in which drainage spouts on the south wall of Northrise Business Center on Telshor Boulevard formed the shape of crosses. Lakey said this phenomena caught her attention about this time last year as she was driving to Sam's Club. "I noticed how the shadows created the crosses so appropriate for Las Cruces and also for Easter," she said.

Photo by Irma Lakey

Good Friday closings vary

County to take day off, while city stays open

Bulletin Staff Report

Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed Friday, March 29, to allow employees to observe a spring holiday sanctioned by the County Commission.

Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not be affected, but the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed.

Saturation patrols and DWI checkpoints will be implemented during the weekend. County offices will re-open for business as usual on Monday, April 1.

The City of Las Cruces offices and services are not taking Good Friday off. Good Friday is not a Postal Service holiday, nor a federal government holiday. State government, however, does give its workers Good Friday off.

All New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions' offices, including the Unemployment Insurance Operations Center, will close at noon on Friday. The department urges claimants to plan accordingly.

The Unemployment Insurance Tax and Claims System (www.jobs.state.nm.us) is available online from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday through Friday, and the Unemployment Insurance weekly certification phone option, 877-664-6984, will be available 24-hours a day for normal self-service functions.

Customer Service Agents in the Unemployment Insurance Operations Center will be available until noon on Friday and then normal business hours resume at 8 a.m. Monday, April 1. The normal business hours of the Unemployment Insurance Operations Center are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Some banks will close on Good Friday, but banks regulated by the federal government will stay open. The financial market and stock market is closed on Good Friday. Most retail stores remain open, while some of them may close early.

Las Cruces Public Schools, Doña Ana Community College and New Mexico State University are not holding classes this week as they are taking spring break. Classes resume Monday, April 1.

Some businesses may also take Monday off for what's called the Easter Monday holiday. Some schools and higher education institutions in Texas do not conduct classes on Easter Monday, although it is not an official State of Texas holiday.

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OBITUARIES

OMA RAE WALLACE

June 16, 1914 to March 12, 2013

Our cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, Oma Rae Wallace passed away on March 12, 2013 at her Good Samaritan residence that had been home to her for many years. Oma Rae was born to Calvin Ellis and Nellie Skelton on June 16, 1914 in Joy, Texas. She was married to Earl Burton Wallace, her beloved husband of sixty-seven years. They met in their senior year of



high school in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. Oma Rae and Burton were just friends in high school and didn't begin a courtship for several years. They both recalled that they both "just knew" they were to be with each other almost from their first date, a marriage, so to speak, "made in heaven." Oma Rae and Burton married on April 13, 1936 at the First Baptist Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Oma Rae and Burton were also long time members of Mesilla Park Community Church and shared a deep faith in Jesus Christ, a faith that strengthened their commitment to each other and saw them through many challenges they would face in their years together.

Oma Rae attended New Mexico State University before working for the Department of Welfare as a social worker while Burton attended pharmacy school in Denver, Colorado. After Burton's graduation, they moved to Las Cruces, where Burton started his career as a pharmacist and Oma Rae started her new career as homemaker. Burton worked at Standard Drug Store before starting his own drugstore, which he ran in partnership with Otto Griggs. The store, located in the middle of the downtown area next to the Rio Grande Theater, was called Griggs and Wallace Pharmacy until Griggs' retirement, when the name was changed to Wallace Pharmacy. After their last child went to college, Oma Rae

assisted Burton in the drugstore. Oma Rae is preceded in death by her husband, Earl Burton Wallace, and her daughter, Carole Beth Castle. Oma Rae is survived by her daughter, Judy Hildebrand and Judy's husband, Barry Hildebrand, and Oma Rae's daughter, Jeanne Garland. She is blessed with many grandchildren, including Christy K. Nieto and her husband, Hector; Carrie Castle and her significant other Edward Berroteran; Kelly Klepper; Kyle Hildebrand and Kyle's wife Tiffany; Melyssa Garland Luther and her husband Jesse; Matthew Garland and his wife Challee; and Stephen and Jacob Garland. Great-grandchildren include Alexis, Emily, Joshua, and Ivanna Klepper; Hunter and Mason Hildebrand; Jeffrey, Steven, and Gabriel Nieto; Brianna Berroteran; Lucy Luther; and Ryan and Avery Garland. Great-great grandchildren include Leilany Sophia Nieto. Oma Rae is also survived by her niece Charlotte Boaz and Charlotte's husband John, who will attend Oma Rae's Memorial Service. She is also survived by Oma Rae's niece Nelda and Nelda's husband Jim Brockman.

A Celebration and Memorial Service will be held on Friday, March 29, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Getz Funeral Home Chapel. Contributions may be made to Good Samaritan Society, Las Cruces Village, 3025 Terrace Drive, Attn: Cherry Jamison, Director of Resource Development (575.556.2119).

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DEATH NOTICES

ATTS

Wilhelm "Bill" S. Atts, 76, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at La Posada-Mesilla Valley Hospice.

Services have been held. Inurnment of Cremains followed in the St. Francis Columbarium.

Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory. 575-527-2222

GANONG

Ramona Ganong, 75, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Saturday, March 23, 2013 at the University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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

ROMERO

Martha F. Romero, age 65 of Tortugas, New Mexico, passed away Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Services have been held. Concluding Service and Interment followed in the Tortugas Cemetery where she will lay to rest next to her husband.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222.

HINOJOS

Porfirio Molina Hinojos, age 89, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and formerly of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Thursday, March 21, 2013 at his home.

Services have been held. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho Avenue where he will lay to rest next to his wife.

The Hinojos Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

CORTEZ

Elena Saenz Cortez, age 103, of Anthony, New Mexico entered eternal life to be with her heavenly Father, Monday, March 25, 2013 at her home.

Services have been held. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in the Anthony Catholic Cemetery where she will lay to rest next to her husband.

The Cortez Family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

SMITH

Dorothy M. Smith, 74, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation for Mrs. Smith will begin at 10 a.m., Monday, April 1, 2013 in St. Genevieve's Catholic Church, 100 S. Espina where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 11 a.m. The Funeral Mass will follow immediately thereafter with Reverend Narciso Rivera officiating. Cremation will follow and Inurnment of Cremains will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in memory of Dorothy to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Telephone (800) 822-6344

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BEDY

Edward Paul Bedy, 82, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on Monday, March 25, 2013 at his home. Services are pending with Getz Funeral Home and Getz Family Crematory. 575-526-2419

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On location



David Salcido
On second thought ...

OK, I admit it. I've gone native. It happens when you immerse yourself in a culture you find both fascinating and accessible. I imagine it's a bit like what Dian Fossey went through up in the mountains of Rwanda. Or maybe that's a bad example. Filmmakers aren't usually gorillas (though sometimes they use guerilla tactics), and I don't think anybody is going to murder me because I'm fighting for filmmakers rights. Sorry, that was an early digression, even for me.

I guess my point is, I like filmmakers. More to the point, I like New Mexico filmmakers. They're a much different breed than the Hollywood variety I cavorted with in the '90s. They're friendlier, more cooperative and, as I said before, accessible. They don't hold their profession over their heads like a trophy to be admired by "outsiders," squirreled away like Masonic nuts and only grudgingly put to use when the money is right.

They like to work, and, in doing so, to share the experience with peers and the uninitiated alike. As a result, I find them to be more creative, more experimental and far more prolific. I like that.

Maybe that's why I found myself tagging along on a location scout with a large group of Las Cruces' best and brightest on Saturday, March 23 – one of the nastiest, most blustery days on recent record. Recent being about a week, hereabouts, but again, I digress.

The event was the first in a series of seminars given by film industry professionals right here in Las Cruces and sponsored by the Las Cruces Film Office (LCFO), a subsidiary of the Las Cruces Convention & Visitor's Bureau (LCCVB), in cooperation with the Doña Ana Community College's Creative Media Technology (DACC's CMT) department. Which is a whole bunch of acronyms working together to create one significant acronym called the Film Workforce Initiative (FWI).

The seminar convened first in a DACC East Mesa campus classroom, where a large group of amateur and professional filmmakers gathered to learn everything they could about location scouting from the local expert in the field, New Mexico location manager Rebecca "Puck" Stair, before taking it out into the field. The seminar itself was very informative, very educational and liberally peppered with personal anecdotes about real-life situations encountered on movie sets and/or locations.

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Bank card changes arriving

Merchants adopt mobile technology

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

We live in interesting times: Our world is getting flat and it's hip to be square – at least when it comes to bank card technology.

Two trends in bank card technology – un-embossed, flat, cards and a tiny square device merchants use to read cards – are making their way into Las Cruces.

Like many a phenomenon, the new cards and card readers caught on first in Europe, traveled across the Atlantic and then worked their way across the continental U.S.

Although some local retailers were dubious about flat cards from out of town banks and called their bank with questions, local adoption is likely to go forward without much commotion.

"We hadn't planned any hard rollout," said Sharron Sumner, vice president of marketing for White Sands Federal Credit Union, which will introduce the flat cards in several months. "It's just replacing an old process with a new one, and we do that frequently."

In fact, current members won't see the new cards until they need to replace one that's missing or has expired.

Phillip Fifield, White Sands senior vice president, said the new cards will be available by the end of the year. See **Bank cards** on page B2



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte
Square clients Sue and Wayne Steppings of Tee-Kay Creations find offering electronic credit card processing at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market enables them to accommodate customers carrying a small amount of cash who decide to purchase higher-end jewelry.

Pulling together for the region

Economic developers to hold update session

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With more economic development providers than Caliche's has sundae toppings, the Mesilla Valley is positioned to do great things.

Christine Logan, City of Las Cruces economic development and business assistance director, counts about 38 local agencies doing "good economic development work."

But these providers can do even more if they know each other's strengths, she said.

Logan, who considers herself a generalist, has called a "get-acquainted" meeting for all 38 agencies. As of Friday, March 22, 15 had accepted the invitation.

They will assemble from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Friday, April 5, at City Hall.

Right time, right place

"The chamber, MVEDA, ACI, we're all saying we need to get together, we need to collaborate," Logan said.

Why now?
"Because the economy has changed so much in the past few years, and we've found ourselves having to do more with less – we have all evolved. In the process, redundancies in what we do may have developed, and gaps in the services we provide also may have" she said.

It's time for the players to clarify for one another what they do now, so they can efficiently



Collage by Rafael Torres

More than 30 of the area's economic development organizations will share information Friday, April 5, at a meeting in Las Cruces City Hall.

direct potential clients to the people best suited to meeting their needs and complement each other's efforts, Logan said.

"We need to go around the circle and tell each other what we do, who we do it for and what geographical restrictions apply to where we offer services," she said. "We need to see where there are redundancies and where there are gaps."

What are we missing?

Logan said an entrepreneur seeking

assistance writing a business plan may be told five or six different places where they can be helped. In fact, only one of those five or six is going to be the best fit for their specific needs.

For example, while the Las Cruces Small Business Development Center offers the most comprehensive business planning assistance, WESST is geared to work with clients who are brand new to the business world and will want a small amount of start-up capital. And

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Bank cards

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president of operations, said the new cards will function just like the old ones. Both have a magnetic strip that is read to confirm the identity of a member making a purchase.

Unembossed cards, however, should have a longer lifespan, because embossed numbers wear down and in time become difficult to read.

Fifield said the embossed cards originally were designed to create a paper trail by generating a receipt when they were swiped. They no longer need to do so, since processing is completely electronic.

No-wait debit cards

For users, the new cards will be pretty and convenient.

“There will be quite a few nice pictures, scenes from the old Southwest,” he said.

New members will receive a card as soon as they join, rather than waiting a week for one to arrive in the mail, he said.

That’s because local branches will print the cards on site.

The printing technology will be located in a secure area and staff will be trained to use it, Fifield said.

“I’m sure we’ll get questions from members. We always do when there’s a change, he said. “But this is a really great product and I’m sure they’re going to enjoy it.”

He said he believes White Sands Federal Credit Union is the first or second financial

institution in the Las Cruces area to adopt un-embossed cards.

A bigger change in cards that’s on the horizon is an embedded micro chip, which is intended to make the cards more secure, Fifield said.

By 2015, ATM machines in the U.S. will have to read the chips. A requirement has not yet been mandated for financial institutions, but the time is coming, local bankers said.

Get hip – be square

Tiny card readers, on the other hand, are a tremendous leap forward for small businesses and businesses that are mobile, including vendors at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market.

By ditching clunky readers in favor of devices that transmit data by smartphone, Squares and their competitors are making point of sale processing simpler for merchants and consumers.

Squares also are lowering the cost of doing business.

Heidi Knepper, who sells Para-Band survival bracelets at the farmers market, said her sales increased 30 percent when she started using the Square. Profits are up as well.

She said she had been losing money by not collecting sales tax from customers. Since Square makes the calculation, she can now pass a portion of the tax on to consumers, which has made her business profitable.

“I haven’t had any problems,” she said. “You’ve got a record you can e-mail or text. Cash and checks are always a little iffy. This is more convenient.”

Squares are available for about \$10 in stores

or free online with an app download. There is a 2.75 percent service charge for each swipe or a flat rate charge of \$275 per month for processing services, according to squareup.com.

In addition, because the transaction is completely digital, retailers get their money the next day, deposited to their account with a confirmation sent via email.

Free apps and analytics add to the functionality of the system, giving merchants tools to manage inventory, create loyalty programs and more.

Wayne Steppings of Tee-Kay Creations, who sells jewelry with his wife, Sue Steppings, at the Farmers Market, said they’ve been using their Square at the market for about two and a half years.

Steppings is a fan.

“There are no fees, we get paid the next day and we pay just 2.75 percent per swipe,” he said. “A lot of the business we do is impulse, and most people are not going to be carrying around \$200 for a necklace.”

For a person launching a small business at the Farmers Market, pennies saved add up.

Options multiply

In addition, competitors are coming onto the scene offering even cheaper devices and lower service rates. PayPal, for example, is offering a free reader, a rate of 2.7 percent and same deposit access, while other companies are promoting rates lower than 2 percent.

Mike Groves of Mike Groves Photography swears by the Intuit reader he got in September 2012, and takes it to art shows as well as the

farmers market.

He connects it to an iPad rather than a smartphone to process customers’ purchases.

“The iPad, because it’s bigger than a smart phone, is easier for customers to sign,” he said.

“I find out right away whether the sale is authorized. At an art show, when you’re selling something large, it used to be a kind of a leap of faith,” he said.

Groves chose the Intuit device because it is compatible with QuickBooks, his business accounting software.

He found the provider to be both flexible and accessible, upping his credit limit in advance of the Renaissance ArtsFaire. He was able to talk with a helpful, live person to make that change happen for him.

The price, too, is right.

Groves said he pays \$12.95 a month for his service plus 1.7 percent of each transaction.

All the mobile merchants advise others to be square – or oblong like the Intuit device. Providers’ rates and terms vary, and a little online research should lead to the best option.

Now bricks-and-mortar businesses can ditch both their card reader and their cash register, replacing the equipment with “Business in Box” from Square.

The box includes a square reader with which to accept cards on a smartphone or iPad, an iPad stand for the checkout counter, a cash drawer that opens with the touch of a button on the Square and a printer for cash receipts and daily sales reports sent wirelessly from the iPad – all for a total price starting at \$249.

Film

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Throughout the majority of the four hours in the classroom, Stair reiterated certain points, including honesty, transparency and, above all else, professionalism. She believes, as so many in the New Mexico film industry do, that in order to lure more opportunities to our fair state, each and every filmmaker, no matter what his function, serves as an ambassador. As location scouts are very often the first contact a business or landowner makes with a film production, she takes this responsibility very seriously.

I may not grow up to be a location scout, but I certainly have a much better appreciation for what they do. In that respect, the seminar was clearly a success. By the time Puck was finished with a complete rundown of what her profession entails, every person in the room was ready to go out and show her what they could do.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature wasn’t nearly so accommodating. Our destination: Corralitos Ranch, Las Cruces’ answer to the Ponderosa and a popular spot for capturing southern New Mexico’s charms on film – when there’s not more dirt in the air than on the ground, that is. Here such productions as the award-winning “Red Mesa” and blockbuster “Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull” were filmed, though my guess is those productions didn’t have to deal with red dust working its way into every nook, cranny and pore because of “John Carter of Mars” meets “Lawrence of Arabia” staging.

On the way back from our grit and spit adventure, I chatted with Puck, and it was here that I learned my most valuable lesson about southern New Mexico filmmaking to date. For years I have been laboring, as so many filmmakers do, under the impression that northern New Mexico simply ignores their southern brethren, taking all the filmmaking opportunities for themselves and only occasionally scattering a few crumbs down in our direction. Though that may

be true in some instances, it isn’t the entire story.

In addition to giving me insight into what it takes to become a location scout and her personal journey to that place (what can I say, I’m nosy. I ask a lot of questions...), Puck also revealed what she referred to as her “secret motives for being here.” As it turns out, her motives work well with our own: building up the infrastructure so that southern New Mexico can become not just more competitive, but more viable in the filmmaking industry.

“I get called frequently to scout the southern part of the state,” she said. “We’ve got a stable of location scouts in the northern half of the state, but we are so thin down here. My choice, then, is to hire somebody I know from the north and send them down here to scout, or hire somebody who lives here and might know the terrain, but who is untested and untrained. One of the main reasons I’m here is to find people who can do the jobs when I need them done, and also to help the people down here to get the skills needed to get the job done.”

That, my friends, just about sums it all up for me. Here is a working professional – literally, since she took valuable time off of her current job scouting for the Hollywood blockbuster “The Homesman,” starring Tommy Lee Jones, Meryl Streep and Hilary Swank – who is willing to give of her time and energy for a cause she believes in. The lightbulb went off and it all became clear to me: One of the key reasons more film productions don’t come to southern New Mexico is because there isn’t anybody here to show them where to shoot!

“I want to do my part in contributing to the build up of talent to recruit from,” Puck said. “The raw talent is here, absolutely. The willingness is here. The desire is here. You just need the skills and contacts. If you build it, they will come. It’s got to start somewhere.”

And it has, through the Las Cruces CVB and DACC’s Film Workforce Initiative. Invasive red dust aside, Saturday’s foray into location scouting was an illuminating journey; one that gave me yet one more reason to love filmmaking in southern New Mexico.

Region

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SCORE has special strengths working with particular industries, including restaurants, Logan said.

“If we can all get together, we’ll be better at making the right referrals,” she said. “The client will get to the right person faster and it will be better for the agencies because they will be using their time more effectively.”

How should we connect?

Logan said she can see any number of ways collaboration among local economic developers could evolve.

A follow-up meeting is likely, she said.

There could be an annual summit, where service providers share updates on economic development trends changes in available tax credits and other topics. Or the agencies may opt to have brown bags occasionally like the area’s social workers do, Logan said.

Sub-groups with specialties in common, such as workforce development, might emerge.

“We may need to expand to include statewide agencies,” she added.

Logan said all the local economic development agencies and organizations are working toward to same underlying goal: improvement of the quality of life in the area.

“Some of us do it by addressing personal wealth creation through business recruitment and retention and job creation, while others focus on community wealth creation by growing the tax base and expanding educational opportunities,” she said.

Specializing and collaborating

Specialization is a good thing, Logan said.

Attendees have expertise in everything from tourism to commercial space, from micro lending to federal procurement and from veterans training to business networking. There are experts in the business of art, and those who know how to attract call centers, she said.

“Motivating junior high students to stay in school and go to college doesn’t require the same skill set as motivating a Mexican company to locate their business here,” she said.

Whatever their focus, however, each agency is evolving and always trying to do more with

Details

Economic development get-acquainted meeting

Among the agencies and organizations planning to reconnect Friday, April 5, at City Hall, to learn how each program has grown and changed are:

- New Mexico Workforce Connections
- Small Business Development Center
- The Borderplex Alliance
- Las Cruces Film Office
- High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico
- Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau
- South Central Council of Governments
- Las Cruces Airport
- Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance
- Hub of Human Innovation
- SCORE
- Enchantment Land CDC
- Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
- City Economic Development Office
- WESST Corp.
- Small Business Assistance Program at New Mexico State University

scarce resources. Some, such as the High Tech Consortium are pursuing their goals as an all-volunteer organization, Logan said.

She cited her own challenges as her role with the city has evolved. She said the city used to be very involved with the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, the airport and the film industry. While she still works closely with the city-owned airport, she has lost touch with some of the others.

“Before I know it, it’s been six months and I realize I don’t know what the film community is doing,” she said. “There quite likely are some good programs for agriculture, but I don’t know about that because my focus is on the city.”

“None of us have the time to get the quality of life to where we want it to be. I think there’s more of a desire now to see how other people are doing and feel like collectively we’re getting somewhere.”

By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



IHOP

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

Exterior finishing work is underway at the future location of the new IHOP at 351 E. University Ave. near the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces. It is the second IHOP location in Las Cruces. The existing restaurant is at 2900 N. Telshor Blvd.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
March 22	Picacho Avenue	Picacho Avenue west of Motel Boulevard	526-2512
March 15	Walmart Supercenter	3331 Rinconada Blvd.	521-7858
March 8	Dunkin' Donuts	2513 N. Main St.	800-374-5308
March 1	Valley Vista Plaza	1451 S. Valley Drive	532-9779
Feb. 22	Genghis Grill	880 S. Telshor Blvd.	888-436-4447

Our numbers

Credit card stats
80 percent
 Americans who have debit cards

29 percent
 Americans who don't have credit cards

\$15,956
 Average U.S. household credit card debt

2009
 Year credit card debt peaked

One half
 College freshmen with four or more credit cards

176.8 million
 Americans with credit cards
 Source: www.creditcard.com

Gas update

Monday, March 25

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **fallen 2.2 cents** per gallon in the past week, **averaging \$3.45** per gallon. This compares with the national **average** that has **fallen 2.5 cents** per gallon in the **last week** to **\$3.64** per gallon.

New Mexico prices **Monday, March 25**, were **24.2 cents** per gallon **lower** than the same day one year ago and are **1.1 cents** per gallon **higher** than a month ago. The national **average** has **decreased 9.5 cents** per gallon during the last month and stands **21.9 cents** per gallon **lower** than this day one year ago.

1. Sam's Club	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$3.33
2. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$3.34
3. Pilot	2681 W. Amador Ave.	\$3.35
4. Bradley's	1260 El Paseo Road	\$3.35
5. Alon	825 Avenida de Mesilla	\$3.35

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com, as of Monday, March 25

Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE	CARRIER
Albuquerque	\$177.80	US Air
Atlanta	\$311.80	US Air
Austin	\$204.90	United
Chicago	\$290.80	US Air
Dallas-Love	\$150.80	United
Houston	\$167.30	US Air
Las Vegas	\$225.80	US Air
Los Angeles	\$194.90	American
Phoenix	\$174.90	US Air
San Antonio	\$99.30	United
New York City	\$315.60	American
Orlando	\$378.30	US Air
San Diego	\$205.80	US Air
Seattle	\$396.80	US Air
Washington, D.C.	\$211.80	American
London roundtrip	\$938.20	US Air
Paris roundtrip	\$1,592	Delta
Rome roundtrip	\$1,194.40	Delta

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective March 26 - April 2*Restrictions apply* Holidays

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

Euro
 \$1.29283 in U.S. dollars
 0.77350 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso
 \$0.08106 in U.S. dollars
 12.33600 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen
 \$0.01056 in U.S. dollars
 94.74003 per U.S. dollar

Canadian Dollar
 \$0.98118 in U.S. dollars
 1.01918 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com, as Monday, March 25



Market snapshot

For the week of March 18-22, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	14,514.11	14,512.03	-2.08	0	10.7
Nasdaq	3,249.07	3,245.00	-4.07	-1	7.5

Strong: Consumer discretionary, energy, financials, utilities
Weak: Materials, industrials, health care

Source: <http://briefing.com>

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Briefs

New Realtor joins Steinborn & Associates Real Estate

Steinborn & Associates Real Estate is pleased to announce that Reese Carson has joined the growing company of Steinborn Inc., Realtors.

Carson has been an active citizen and banker in the Las Cruces community since 1996.

"I chose Steinborn & Associates Real Estate because they have many resources including a dominant market share, broad network of referrals, and a significant Internet presence," Carson said. "The brokerage provides the finest national affiliations available to assist me in networking for my clients."

Carson will be responsible for the leasing, purchasing and selling real estate in both their residential and commercial divisions. He is based in the 141 Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 141, office and can be reached at 644-2467.

County seeks applicants to serve on airport advisory board

Applications are available for residents of Doña Ana County willing to serve on the Airport Advisory Board for the Doña Ana County Airport at Santa Teresa.

The Airport Advisory Board comprises seven members serving staggered three-year terms. The Airport Advisory Board meets monthly or as needed to identify issues of airport importance related to safety, growth, development and administration. Board members work closely with the airport manager, county engineer and planning director, as well as a representative of the Doña Ana County Attorney's Office.

The Airport Advisory Board is charged with periodically reporting to the Board of County Commissioners about issues of concern and then making recommendations for future operations.

All meetings of the Airport Advisory Board comply with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

The application form seeks information related to interest in serving, knowledge of aviation and/or airport issues and other general information about the applicant's qualifications to serve. Licensed pilots are encouraged to apply. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, April 12.

To request an application, call Doña Ana County Airport Manager Vernon Wilson at 644-2358 or email him at vernonw@donaanacounty.org.

US Department of Labor offers grants to improve workforce data quality

The U.S. Department of Labor announced on March 11 the availability of approximately \$6 million in grants for the third round of the Workforce Data Quality Initiative. These funds will enable up to six additional states to build or expand longitudinal

databases that link workforce and education data, enabling them to improve the performance of workforce programs.

Grantees will be expected to use these longitudinal databases to conduct research and analysis aimed at determining the effectiveness of workforce and education programs, and to develop tools to inform customers of the publicly funded workforce system. This grant opportunity stems from the Obama administration's focus on access to high-quality data and is related to the U.S. Department of Education's Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems grants to build longitudinal education databases.

To find out more about the Workforce Data Quality Initiative, visit www.doleta.gov/performance/workforcedatagrants09.cfm.

McKee Foundation gives \$11,500 to NMSU Library

The New Mexico State University Library has been awarded an \$11,500 gift from the Robert E. and Evelyn McKee Foundation of El Paso. The gift will be used for the purchase of current engineering reference materials, which will build the collection to better serve the needs of not only NMSU's engineering students, but also faculty and researchers within our region and the state.

Engineering librarian Paula Johnson said the gift will enable the library to offer electronic engineering resources that are critically needed in this field. With the rapid advancements in engineering, the acquisition of current resources is critical to students and researchers alike. The Morgan & Claypool Synthesis Collection 3 & 4 will add 125 titles and provide a valuable source of information and an ideal introduction to new fields. With these acquisitions being electronic in nature, more students, faculty and researchers will have increased access to these resources and be able to download PDF versions of the titles.

For more information, contact Johnson at paulacj@lib.nmsu.edu or 646-7251.

Study shows outdoor recreation drives New Mexico economy

The Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) has released figures quantifying the economic impact of outdoor recreation in all 50 states, with a separate report for each state that tallies direct spending, jobs, salaries and tax revenue. This data demonstrates that outdoor recreation is an important driver of state economies, supporting jobs, businesses and communities.

In New Mexico, according to the study, Americans spend \$6.1 billion on outdoor recreation, supporting 68,400 New Mexico jobs, generating \$1.7 billion in wages and producing \$458 million in state and local tax revenue. New Mexico offers spectacular outdoor recreation opportunities at treasured destinations, including Santa Fe National Forest, Elephant Butte Lake State Park and many others, providing the types of outdoor experiences that produce these economic benefits.

The state-by-state figures expand upon a national report OIA published in June 2012, which found that nationally

Americans spend \$646 billion each year on outdoor recreation, directly supporting 6.1 million jobs and generating nearly \$80 billion in tax revenue.

The study concludes that outdoor recreation creates diverse jobs in product development, manufacturing, marketing, logistics, sales, retail, public land management, guiding services and more – and also supports service sector and other jobs when people spend money on trips and travel-related expenses associated with outdoor pursuits.

FEMA awards more than \$1 million to New Mexico for flooding cleanup

More than \$1 million was recently awarded to the state of New Mexico by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for debris removal in Lincoln County in the aftermath of last summer's flooding.

The FEMA funding covers the hauling away of debris and the clearing of roads in order to allow for public access, the safety of the population and the protection of property, as well as direct administrative costs.

"The removal of debris is a critical step in the recovery process after a disaster," said FEMA Region 6 Administrator Tony Robinson. "We are proud to support our state and local partners in New Mexico, reimbursing them for the work they have done to rebuild and repair communities after last year's flooding."

FEMA's contribution, made possible by a Public Assistance grant, represents a 75 percent federal cost share. FEMA awards funding for projects directly to the state of New Mexico; the state then forwards the grant to the eligible applicant.

Las Cruces Convention Center books conference

The Las Cruces Convention Center has announced that the latest convention to book the center will be the New Mexico School Nutrition Association 2014 Conference, expected to bring more than 300 attendees to Las Cruces from around the state, June 3-6, 2014.

The New Mexico School Nutrition Association (NMSNA) is a professional organization for all levels of school food service employees. The NMSNA was established to provide resources that enhance and promote nonprofit child nutrition programs for the benefit of our New Mexico children. The NMSNA is committed to providing leadership assistance, nutritional information and program guidance to all school food authorities in developing effective and comprehensive nutrition services.

"It's always great to see groups from around New Mexico come to Las Cruces," said Global Spectrum's David Hicks, general manager of the Las Cruces Convention Center. "The 300-plus attendees will generate over 230 room nights with local hotels. Their impact on the community is estimated to be nearly \$40,000 of direct spending within the community over their three day stay."

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report March 16-21

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

PERMIT NO.	PERMIT TYPE	OWNER	ADDRESS	CONTRACTOR	TOTAL FEE	VALUATION
20131534	REROOF	AARON A. & GENEVA VILLEGAS	631 STONE CANYON DRIVE	TRIBUTE DEVELOPMENT LLC	\$95.50	\$11,500
20131536	REROOF	LORRAINE ARMENDARIZ	3851 VAN ESS COURT	A AND M ROOFING CO.	\$41.91	\$2,400
20131542	REROOF	JIMMY A. MARTIN	1301 SIXTH ST.	R-A AND J CONSTRUCTION	\$57.22	\$5,000
20131553	REROOF	ROBERT H. MCQUISTON	2604 SANDIGALE DRIVE	ALLSTATE ROOFING LLC	\$73.64	\$7,788
20131564	REROOF	GARY & MELISSA T. TANKESLY	2709 CRESTVIEW DRIVE	GARY & MELISSA T. TANKESLY	\$54.27	\$4,500
20131586	REROOF	JILL HALL	1865 MYRTLE AVE.	ALLSTATE ROOFING LLC	\$102.25	\$12,646
20131593	REROOF	KWONG T. & KONGHUI WANG NG	1620 CANDLELIGHT DRIVE	PROGREEN SUPERIOR COATING AND ROOFING INC.	\$81.96	\$9,200
20131596	REROOF	DOMONIC R. & KAMI M. SILVA	511 LA MELODIA	A & A ROOFING INC.	\$87.95	\$10,218
20131607	REROOF	T. S. CHASSE & M. G. ST. JOHN	1415 MYRTLE AVE.	ALLSTATE ROOFING LLC	\$67.07	\$6,672
20131554	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	THE KIRBY TRUST	2384 TUSCAN HILLS LANE	CLASSIC NEW MEXICO HOMES LIMITED	\$1,481.24	\$493,312
20131555	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	MISSION SANTA CLARA LLC	1934 VILLA NAPOLI LOOP WEST	SPIRIT VIEW HOMES	\$4,726.40	\$181,220
20131581	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	DOVE CROSSING LLC	3808 RINGNECK DRIVE	CURRY HURD CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$2,945	\$168,100
20131601	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	SONOMA RANCH CONSTRUCTION CO. LLC	4221 SOMMERSET ARC	VELOZ HOMES	\$4,801.72	\$225,336
20131592	RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS	KARIN & MARVIN L. WIBURG	3203 LINDEN AVE.	KARIN & MARVIN L. WIBURG	\$116.12	\$15,000
20131535	ROCKWALL	BENNY & ANTONIA SOLIS	4940 SOUTH FORK ROAD	BENNY & ANTONIA SOLIS	\$100	\$2,000
20131546	ROCKWALL	JAMES D. CAUFIELD & KATYA GONZALEZ	511 LINDA VISTA ROAD	ROKAS CONSTRUCTION	\$140	\$2,800
20131573	ROCKWALL	DOVE CROSSING LLC	3808 RINGNECK DRIVE	CHAIREZ ROCK WALLS	\$162.70	\$3,254

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

Profile

Hal Henthorne: Partnering for Downtown

Leader aims for measurable results, community visibility

Editor's note: Hal Henthorne is president of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership board of directors.

Tell us about your "day job."

I am employed as a commercial broker with NAI 1st Valley, Las Cruces, working with commercial property owners and buyers to lease, sell or buy commercial properties in the southern New Mexico region.

What qualities/skills have you cultivated to enhance your performance in the workplace?

I became a commercial broker in Nashville, Tenn., in 1983, formed a commercial brokerage firm with two others – Fulton, Henthorne & Angle, in Nashville in 1985. I was vice president for leasing/sales of commercial/industrial properties.

I helped form a development group – Jetplex Associates – to build business park properties in Huntsville, Ala., in 1987. Currently we have 335,000 square feet of office park space near Huntsville International Airport.

Most memorable mentors, and the role they played in your pursuit of education and career goals?

- Father – gave me the options of work, college or Army out of high school. I went to college, joined the Army, afterwards.
- Mike Frank – D. Michael Frank & Associates, Columbus, Ohio, taught me organization, persistence and highest-quality service levels.
- Mike Tomlin – The Tomlin Company, Nashville – taught me everything I know about commercial real estate and how to put transactions together.

When did you become affiliated with the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership? What made you decide to do so?

I became informally involved in 2010 by volunteering to work on the design committee. Steve Newby, a great friend and supporter, encouraged me to get involved in the community through this worthwhile work.

In what capacities have you been active in the Partnership?

I became board member in October 2010, president July 2011.

What is the mission of the Partnership?

The revitalization of Downtown as an historic, cultural and economic center for the community and region. As we are learning across the country – as Downtown goes – so goes the town.

What are your accomplishments as Partnership president?

1. Provided stability/sustainability and direction when most needed, in league with some other very talented people.
2. Worked to build a diverse board representing the face of Las Cruces.
3. Communicated the vision and work of the Partnership at public events and before City Council to engage the community.

Goals for remainder of your term and for the Partnership going forward?

1. Increase DLCP visibility and communicate measurable results to our partners – the City of Las Cruces, Downtown merchants, the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, area business, New Mexico State University, the Doña Ana Arts Council, the chambers and the public to build excitement and momentum.



HENTHORNE

2. Support the city's master plan and developer in shaping a Downtown that becomes a destination for the community and region.
3. Continue to be the public-private voice for the revitalization of Downtown.
4. Ensure that our succession plan creates and sustains momentum going forward.
5. Work with our development team to increase community support, both physical and financial, to guarantee the success of the Downtown revitalization effort.

Tell us what other organizations the Partnership works with and how that process works.

As noted, we have a large, encompassing constituency. Beginning Downtown, the arts council is a partner joined at the hip. The viability of the arts directly impacts our efforts. The health of our Downtown businesses, current and future, depends upon our promotion and other business services. The city is a major partner in sustaining the work we do. And just as important, our public influences and enhances what we can do Downtown. They are altogether important to the return of Main Street.

What needs to happen to take Downtown to the next level in its revitalization?

Public awareness and participation – encouraging the public to participate in the Downtown charrettes that will be conducted in September to gain public input for the elements people would like to see Downtown – pocket parks, art, water features, walkability, mix of uses, plaza.

What is the Partnership's relationship with the Las Cruces Community Partners, a team of developers and consultants looking to identify revitalization opportunities?

As with the City of Las Cruces, we are the public/private voice Downtown – we are the liaison between public and private enterprise. The charrettes, for example, will be driven by the Partners, in league with the City. We will be the organizers.

What do you enjoy doing locally when you have time off?

Hiking, doing other community work, supporting community activities, being quietly at home.

What book tops your must-read list?

I read a wide range, though not science fiction. Cormac McCarthy is a favorite author because he captures the human condition. Historical subjects and novels are also a favorite.

Where do you take out of town guests when they visit?

The museums, farmers market and surrounding natural areas.

Why is life good in Las Cruces?

Much cultural variety to enjoy on a limited budget.

What would you like Las Cruces to know about you?

That is a dangerous question. I prefer a well known quote which says – "Let it be said of the leader, that when the work was done, the people said: 'We did this ourselves.'"

Details

Hal Henthorne

NAI 1st Valley commercial broker

Previous positions

- American Salesmasters, Aurora, Colo., regional manager,
- Partners in Success, Marietta, Ga., president and partner
- The Tomlin Co., Nashville, Tenn., vice president of sales, leasing and staff development
- Fulton, Henthorne & Angle, Nashville, vice president and partner
- Huntsville Associates, Nashville, managing partner for Jetplex Associates
- HRNEWCORP, Houston, Texas, vice president and partner

Education

- Bachelor's degree in English, Austin Peay State University
- Graduate level work in English, Tennessee Tech

Family

- Wife Carol
- Children Paige and Robert

Organizations

- Marathon Texas Chamber of Commerce president
- Wesley Foundation, Alpine Texas, board member
- Houston Human Resource Management Association (HHRM) member
- Huntsville Alabama Chamber of Commerce member
- National Association of Industrial and Office Parks (NAIOP) Nashville – past member
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nashville volunteer Big Brother
- Young Sigma Chi's of Atlanta past president
- Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce transportation committee

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Ag Report



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Elephant Butte Irrigation District manager Gary Esslinger gave a presentation concerning ongoing water issues at a March 19 meeting of the Primetimers.

Irrigation worries mount

EBID manager gives dire water forecast at annual meeting

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Gary Esslinger, featured speaker at the Farm Bureau Primetimers meeting Tuesday, March 19, was not able to deliver an encouraging message for the assembled group of retired and active Mesilla Valley farmers.

Esslinger, manager of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, has been keeping on top of the surface water supply, a subject of concern that attracted several farmers, both retired and active, to the Primetimers meeting held at the New Mexico Farmers & Ranch Heritage Museum.

The outlook for an ample irrigation supply of surface water this summer is not promising, Esslinger told the Primetimers.

The current water storage is 216,445 acre-feet at Elephant Butte and 10,555 at Caballo, for a total of about 300,000 acre-feet, 10 percent of average for this time of the season.

The daily inflow at the San Marcial station that flows into Elephant Butte Reservoir is 300 acre-feet; only 39 percent of normal for this time of year, according to Bureau of Reclamation recordings.

Another bad indicator is that the mountain snow pack for the Rio Grande Basin is 69 percent of the long-time average. The spring snow melt runs off into the basin and river and supplies the irrigation surface water.

The board is anticipating an irrigation supply of 120,000 acre feet and an allotment of 4 to 6 inches by early June. The normal allotment with a good snow pack runoff is 3 feet.

“But if we get less than 120,000 acre-feet of water, the allotment will be less than 4 inches,” Esslinger said. “We can’t release water until it’s in storage.”

The EBID owns 90,640 acres of water rights. It delivers water via about 600 miles of ditches and maintains 300 miles of drainage ditches, where water is returned to the river.

The EBID board members, starting from the northern positions, are: Jerry Franzoy, Scott Adams, Robert Faubion, Tom Simpson, James Salopek, board chairman; Willy Koenig, Robert Sloan, Ramon Alvarez and Robert Kuykendall. Ricardo Bejarano is the water master. J. Phil King, a New Mexico State University professor, serves as the hydrology consultant.

The Lower Rio Grande system includes El Paso Water Conservation District No. 1, 69,010 water rights acres, and Mexico, 60,000 water-rights acres.

Esslinger also presented a historical background with slides. The district acquired water rights in 1906. Construction of Elephant Butte Dam was completed in 1917. The district paid off its loan to construct the dam in 1978.

“ We can’t release water until it’s in storage. ”

GARY ESSLINGER,
EBID manager

Discrimination addressed

Deadline extended for Hispanic and women farmers, ranchers claims

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced Monday, March 25, the extension of the voluntary claims process for Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege discrimination by the USDA in past decades. All claims must now be filed by May 1.

The process offers a voluntary alternative to litigation for each Hispanic or female farmer and rancher who can prove that USDA denied his or her application for loan or loan servicing assistance for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000.

As announced in February 2011, the voluntary claims process will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief payments, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the program.

Call center representatives can be reached at 888-508-4429. Claimants may register for a claims package (by calling the number or visiting the website) or may download the forms from the website. All those interested in learning more or receiving information about the claims process and claims packages are encouraged to visit the website at any time or to contact the call center telephone

number 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mountain Time, Monday through Friday.

Claim packages and other documentation may be mailed to Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers Claims Administrator, PO Box 4540, Portland, OR 97208-4540. Claim packages and other documentation may also be emailed to claims@hwfr.org. Claimants may also fax claims packages and other documentation to 855-626-8343. Completed forms and documentation must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PDT on May 1, 2013.

Once a claim is submitted to the claims administrator, the claims administrator will determine if it is timely and complete. If it is, the claim will move to the claims adjudicator for a determination on the merits of the claim. USDA may submit evidence to the claims adjudicator regarding the claim. If a claim is deemed incomplete, a claimant will be notified by the claims administrator and given the opportunity to provide additional information within a certain timeframe.

Independent companies will administer the claims process and adjudicate the claims. Although there are no filing fees to participate and a lawyer is not required to participate in the claims process, persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

Claimants may check the status of their claims on the claims website at www.farmerclaims.gov, or by calling 888-508-4429.

Certification underway

Livestock exhibitors encouraged to make arrangements for fairs

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

4-H Club and FFA livestock exhibitors who plan to enter their livestock in fair exhibitions are advised to start making arrangements to have them certified, the Extension Office advised.

Two upcoming fairs the youths may enter livestock into are the Southern New Mexico State Fair, Oct. 2-6 at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds west of Las Cruces and the New Mexico State Fair, Sept. 13-20 in Albuquerque.

The certification deadline is July 15, the Roving Clover, the official 4-H reporter, noted.

Certification to show and transport animals is required by the New Mexico Livestock Board, said Teresa Dean, Doña County 4-H livestock agent.

“If any animal is purchased from out-of-state, it must be accompanied by a health certificate,” she said.

An F1 inspection form is issued when the NMLB show tag is placed on the animal. The board also will issue its Form 1 that is filled out by a 4-H agent or FFA adviser.

FFA advisers are visiting FFA students’ homes to help certify the animals. But the extension office has scheduled a “tag day” for 4-H students on June 10 at the Landmark Mercantile in Mesquite, when the NMLB will inspect animals and issue ear tags.

State money to grow on

Grant funding available for agriculture projects

New Mexicans involved in agricultural development and promotional projects are invited to apply for grant funding through New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA). The deadline to apply for Agricultural Development and Promotion Funds (ADPF) is May 1.

Funds may be applied toward projects involving livestock, vegetables, fruits, nuts and nursery crops, among others.

The pool of funds in the ADPF program is typically more than \$100,000. Generally, amounts awarded range from \$500 to \$10,000 for individual applicants and up to \$30,000 for groups working on a joint initiative.

Grant funds cannot be used to purchase land, buildings, equipment or any other type of capital improvement. Grantees are paid on a reimbursement basis; funds are released only after the grantee has submitted an invoice and corresponding receipts.

Proposals meeting the basic eligibility requirements will be reviewed and evaluated by the NMDA Marketing and Development Division. Letters announcing funding decisions will be mailed on or before August 1, 2013.

For more information please visit www.nmda.nmsu.edu.

Too-small-to-bail-out creates problems for Cyprus

Large banks need to be in big countries for too-big-to-fail



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

Like Greece before it, Cyprus finds itself in trouble as international investors lose confidence in its banking system. And like Greece, Cyprus lacks the resources to back the deposits held in its banks. Indeed, total deposits in Cypriot banks are seven times the GDP of Cyprus. So the Cypriot banks are on the brink of failure, pulling down the Cypriot economy with them.

The Cypriots are looking to their EU brothers for help, just as the Greeks did before them.

One thing the Cyprus financial crisis makes clear: For too-big-to-fail to work as a business model, you have to be backed by a government with enough borrowing capacity to be able to, well, bail you out. That means Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom or the United States, maybe France – not a little country such as Cyprus.

A new deal was announced Monday, March 25, that lines up \$13 billion in financing for the government and shuts Cyprus's

second-largest bank, Cyprus Popular Bank PCL, imposing steep losses on deposits with more than 100,000 euros. Cyprus's largest bank, Bank of Cypress, will be sharply downsized, again inflicting losses on large depositors. Small depositors were mainly held harmless.

The EU, or more specifically, the Germans, were not excited about financing a bailout. The Cypriot business model is to serve as a tax haven for foreign depositors, most of whom are rich Russian businesspersons. And here is the rub. The Greek bailout wasn't very popular, but at least there the depositors were mainly other residents of the EU. Bailing out a bunch of Russians oligarchs really isn't popular. Let the Russians bail out the Russians.

There is precedent for such an approach. The last island nation to find itself in crisis was Iceland, an island with a very similar banking model to Cyprus, except that the customers primarily came from the UK and the Netherlands rather than Russia. And who bailed out Icelandic depositors? It was the UK and the Netherlands, with a little help from Germany and the International Monetary Fund.

Russia is refusing to even consider financing a bailout. Cypress is an EU country, thus, an EU problem, the Russians argue.

The EU led by Germany is loath to provide a no-strings-attached bailout, as doing so could encourage excessive risk taking by future investors. No bailout without a substantial haircut for investors. In Greece, this meant clipping bondholders, but in Cyprus there are no bondholders, only depositors.

That's the problem. Proposing to "tax" deposits to partially fund a bailout has triggered a bank run which, in turn, prompted a suspension of deposit withdrawals. Cypriots have only limited access to their funds – Russian oligarchs have almost none.

All this illustrates the advantage of doing business in the United States, where there is a government standing behind deposits with nearly unlimited resources. Deposit insurance in the United States is backed by the U.S. Treasury, and, in a pinch, by the money creation power of the Federal Reserve. Hence the U.S. has begun recovery from the financial turmoil of the last decade while Europe continues to stagnate.

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Weaving a different future

Southern New Mexico Fiber Arts Festival brings unique wares to Mesilla April 6-7

Tres Manos Weaving of New Mexico Inc. is bringing something new to southern New Mexico: the first-ever Southern New Mexico Fiber Arts Festival showcasing a variety of talented fiber artists and vendors with hand-dyed threads that are not readily available in this area.

"Since we moved to the Old Tortilla Factory last summer, we have met many accomplished fiber artists all over New Mexico and welcome this opportunity to showcase their work," said Teresa Guerra, executive director of Tres Manos Weaving. "This festival is a great opportunity for fiber artisans."

The festival will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 6 -7, at the Old Tortilla Factory, 1910 Calle de Parian in Mesilla. Admission is free.

Tres Manos Weaving, a 501(c)3 organization, was created to train women in the small colonias, including in Vado, Mesquite, Chaparral and San Miguel, in a trade that would build esteem and help with finances at home. Because of the success of the organization, Tres Manos Weaving moved into the retail section.

In 2012, the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) became the fiscal sponsor for Tres Manos Weaving, an organization previously with the Community Action Agency (CAA) since its inception 10 years ago.

"The mission behind Tres Manos is the same, but now these ladies want to sell high quality products to better supplement their income at home," said Guerra of the weavers who have sold their merchandise throughout New Mexico. "Having this opportunity makes them more whole to express their work and add to their income."

While the weaving impacts the women and their families, it also keeps a piece of the past alive.

"Weaving is a dying art," Guerra said. In an effort to keep weaving alive and well, Tres Manos plans to begin classes at their new location.

"We want to get kids involved because they are the next generation to continue what we have forgotten," Guerra said.

Tres Manos Weaving will begin offering weaving classes in April, and will continue bringing in professional spinners and embroiderers to educate and expand on what the Tres Manos weavers are currently doing.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the Southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the Community Foundation offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. Through the establishment of permanent funds you can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to your heart. Through our planned giving programs, you can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of Southern New Mexico for generations to come. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico can advise you on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information see our website at www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn, Ph.D., at 521-4794. To donate, mail your check to CFSNM, 301 South Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.



Details

Southern New Mexico Fiber Arts Festival

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What's an EEM? In a nutshell, it is a

mortgage that benefits homebuyers, sellers and owners who'd like to upgrade the energy efficiency of their homes.

Mandated by Congress in 1992, EEM pilot programs were rolled out in five states throughout the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's FHA loan program. In 1995, it was expanded as a national program.

The underlying theory is that energy-efficient homes cost homeowners less to operate on a monthly basis than standard homes because they use less energy. Therefore, homebuyers who choose energy-efficient homes can afford to spend more on their housing expenses because they will likely spend less on energy costs.

Whether utilizing conventional, FHA or VA financing, EEMs provide mortgage insurance or a mortgage guarantee for a person to purchase or refinance a principal residence and incorporate the cost of energy-efficient improvements into the mortgage. The borrower does not have to qualify for the additional money and does not make a down payment on it.

In fact, all buyers who qualify for a home loan qualify for EEM. The EEM is intended to give the buyer additional benefits on top of their usual mortgage deal. The lender will use the energy efficiency of the house, as determined by a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) rating, to determine what these benefits will be.

The U.S. Dept. of Energy's HERS report is similar to a miles per gallon rating on a car. HERS reports are evaluations of individual homes' energy efficiency. The report is prepared by a trained energy rater who considers factors such as insulation, appliance efficiencies, window types, local climate and utility rates to calculate energy costs.

HERS contain a numerical score from 1 to 100, a one to five star-plus rating and the estimated energy costs. Higher scores indicate greater efficiency. Cost-effective upgrades are those that will save more money through energy savings than they cost to install. A HERS rating usually costs between \$100 and \$300.

EEMs come in three basic flavors, plus a few variations:

- The FHA EEM covers upgrades for new and existing homes and is available in all 50 states. The key feature of this program is that \$4,000, or 5 percent of the property's value (up to \$8,000), may be used to finance energy improvements. FHA also offers a 203k that enables a homebuyer or investor to obtain a single loan to finance both property acquisition and complete major improvements after the time of loan closing.

- Next on the flavor list is the VA EEM. This product is available to qualified military personnel, reservists and veterans in all 50 states for energy improvements when purchasing an existing home. Key features include \$3,000 of upgrades, which may be financed based solely on documented costs. Up to \$6,000 may be financed if upgrades are deemed cost effective.
- The third and equally delicious flavor is a marbled combination of benefits from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Fannie Mae's secondary market guidelines permit approved lenders to increase ratios 2 percent on the debt-to-income requirements for EEMs. This expanded qualifying ratio helps purchasers who are "maxed out" on their income ratios. Freddie Mac allows a lender to use the projected utility savings as a "compensating factor," allowing more of the borrower's income to be used toward qualifying.

EEMs can be done on most homes. Availability is not limited by location, home price or utility company. EEMs can be done on government (FHA and VA), conventional, portfolio and jumbo loans. All you have to do is find a lender in your area that can help you choose which loan type is best for you.

EEMs can also be used to purchase or build a new home. If a new home carries the Energy Star symbol, it already meets the requirements for an EEM. New homes without the symbol may qualify, but are subject to first obtaining a HERS report. Energy Star is a government-backed program helping businesses and individuals protect the environment through superior energy efficiency.

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If the above reasons aren't enough to excite you, there's one more benefit to consider. An EEM may also provide you with a larger tax deduction because the interest on mortgage payments is tax deductible. This can save you more money than paying for energy upgrades with a credit card, bank loan or cash – none of which are usually tax deductible.

For more information on EEMs, visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov, www.energystar.gov or www.hud.gov.

See you at closing!

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TUE. 4/2
11:30 a.m. MVEDA Business in the Borderplex luncheon, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Featured speaker will be New Mexico Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela. Cost is \$20. Reservations required. For more information, call 525-2852.

FRI. 4/5
10:30 a.m. Economic Development recap meeting, City Hall, 700 N. Main St. Open to all groups and organizations working toward economic development in the Las Cruces area. For more information, call Christine Logan at 541-2286.

Noon Steinborn & Associates Real Estate ribbon cutting, 1245 Country

Club Road, Santa Teresa. For more information, visit www.steinborn.com.

TUE. 4/9
2 p.m. Understanding Small Business Taxes & Regulations, Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., Room 127. Presented by WESST. Special guest Joe Lennihan, tax attorney and former chief counsel for the NM Taxation & Revenue department. Free, but seating is limited. For more information, call 541-1583.

WED. 4/24
8:30 a.m. Administrative Assistants Conference, DACC Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. Registration fee \$149. For more information, call 527-7776.

Out in the field for the FWI scouting seminar

Photos by David Salcido and Kent Harkey

New Mexico location manager Rebecca "Puck" Stair discusses the finer points of location scouting at the Alameda House, 526 S. Alameda Blvd., Saturday, March 23. The seminar was the first in the Las Cruces Film Office's Film Workforce Initiative series.



Las Cruces Film Liaison Mark Wark chats with Stair at Corralitos Ranch.



Stair gives a classroom demonstration at the Doña Ana Community College East Mesa campus.



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Stair discusses location scouting with local filmmakers Rich Gill and Pepper Gallegos.

WESST seeks new location



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Jo Ann Garay and Jennifer Craig of WESST Enterprise Center Small Business Assistance pack in preparation for moving out of their offices at 2907 E. Idaho Ave. Craig, regional manager for the Las Cruces location, said she is grateful to building owner Royal Jones, who has provided discounted space for eight years as a gift in kind to the nonprofit. WESST offers support for small businesses to grow. The agency needs two offices, a computer lab and a training room with space for at least 14 clients. Anyone with space available may call WESST at 541-1583.

Business shines at the HD3 Discovery event

Photos by Alta LeCompte



A few of the 17 business leaders who judged entrepreneurs giving presentations at the HD3 Discovery Event hosted by New Mexico State University Arrowhead Center March 19, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. From left, HD3 Board Director Colin Cumming, Cathy Swain of Hub of Innovation, HD3 Board Director Greg Edwards and Dennis Garcia of U.S. Bank.



Arrowhead Center client and biologist Rachel Ryan of Wildlife Diagnostics describes her unique wildlife genetics counseling business to the HD3 panel. She is commercializing after eight years of development in an NMSU lab.



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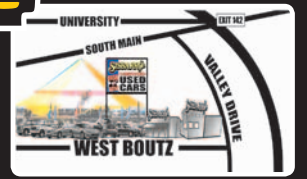


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NEXT WEEK

Border Book Festival
The 19th annual Border Book Festival returns Friday, April 19, through Sunday, April 21.



Spring has sprung!

The 'greatest Easter egg hunt in the great Southwest' returns to Young Park

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Just five days after the official first day of spring, Wednesday, March 20, reports of a mythical, man-sized rabbit hiding candy and eggs in the Central Las Cruces area have been confirmed, sources said Monday, March 25.

This large leporidae, believed to be Peter

Cottontail, is thought to have arrived in Las Cruces via hopping down the Bunny Trail. His hippity-hoppin', officials said, likely indicates Easter's on its way.

To residents, Cottontail's arrival in the Mesilla Valley heralds something else, as well: the return of Springfest.

"The Greatest Easter Egg Hunt in the Great Southwest" returns to the City of the Crosses from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at Young Park, 1305 E. Nevada Ave.

The annual spring celebration, hosted by the City of Las Cruces along with Jack Key Nissan and Bravo Mic Communications, brings crowds of more than 13,000 each year, eager to enjoy the warming weather, play games, participate in fun family activities, hear local music, find some eggs stashed around the park and – just maybe – catch a glimpse of Peter Cottontail himself.

This year's Springfest will feature a beading area, sack races, an obstacle course, water guns, kite flying, a chalk mural, building blocks, sand tables, Easter sculpting, a dress-up area, jumping balloons and a whole lot more – in addition to the egg hunt, the largest in southern New Mexico.

"We've finished about 8,000 eggs so far," said Lynz Green, music director at KXPZ Rocket 99.5. "With more every day."

The egg hunt – always the centerpiece of the celebration – is broken down into age groups to even the playing field and give each and every kid a chance to find some eggs of their own.

The festivities kick off at 10 a.m. with the first egg hunt of the day, for 0- to 2-year-olds. Parents are invited to accompany their children in this age group. Egg hunts for this group are held separately from the other age groups, and will continue throughout the day "until we've used up every last egg," Green said.

From there, each age group will hold their



Aliah Sandoval and Julianne Martinez show off baskets full of Easter eggs at last year's Springfest.



Erica and Timothy Padron pose for a picture with the Easter Bunny during Springfest 2012.

hunts on an hourly basis; 3- to 4-year-olds go at 11 a.m., followed by children with special needs; 5- to 8-year-olds at noon; 9- to 12-year-olds at 1 p.m.; and, at 2 p.m., an egg toss will be held for young-at-heart adults.

"The egg hunt is kind of a madhouse – in the absolute best kind of way," Green said. "There's thousands of people everywhere, and it can be kind of overwhelming, but it's great."

It's more than just eggs this year, though. PRC Productions, an independent film and television production company native to Las Cruces, is sponsoring a music stage that will provide entertainment throughout the day.

Local singer-songwriters Chris Baker and Matt Morgan will perform at 10 a.m., cello

quartet La Cella Bella will perform at noon and Las Cruces ska band The Casual Fridays will close the day with a performance at 2 p.m.

Between musical acts, Jamie O'Hara the Magic Guy – known throughout Las Cruces for his stage shows at the Southern New Mexico State Fair, among others – will bring his hilarious brand of magic and mystery with two performances, at 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

The egg hunts, music and magic acts and most other activities are free, but for those willing to spend a little to pack some more fling into their spring, amusement rides and food vendors will be set up in the parking lot of Young Park. Photos with the Easter Bunny will also be available for purchase.

Details

Springfest 2013

When

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 30

Where

Young Park, 1305 E. Nevada Ave.

Cost

Free

Egg Hunt Schedule

- 10 a.m. 0-2 years
- 11 a.m. 3-4 years and special needs
- Noon 5-8 years
- 1 p.m. 9-12 years
- 2 p.m. adult egg toss

Music Stage Schedule

- 10 to 11 a.m. Chris Baker and Matt Morgan
- 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Jamie O'Hara the Magic Guy
- Noon to 1 p.m. La Cella Bella
- 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. Jamie O'Hara the Magic Guy
- 2 to 3 p.m. The Casual Fridays

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Classics old and new at the *Wheels of Dreams car show*

Photos by Steve MacIntyre



Fred and Susan Muñoz from Deming, right, look at a 1947 Chevy Fleetwood Saturday, March 23, during the Wheels of Dreams Car show at the Field of Dreams. Proceeds from the event go to local youth organizations and charities.



Maria Rodriguez takes photos of a 1967 corvette.



Gilbert Garcia polishes his 2003 Chevy Cavalier during the show.



Garcia shows off his subwoofer and airbag suspension system.



Bruce Pearson stands behind his 1938 Packard, which has a license plate from the year it was made, along with a political advertisement for presidential candidate Wendell Willkie, who lost to Franklin Roosevelt in 1940.

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Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

WEST END ART DEPOT presents "EstrogenFest 2013: The Women of We.AD y Amigas" for the month of March.

"EstrogenFest 2013" is a show featuring works in many media by the lady members of the West End Art Depot arts co-op and assorted XX-chromosomed friends. The show runs through Saturday, March 30.

West End Art Depot is located at 401 N. Mesilla St. New gallery hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, or by appointment. For more information, call 312-9892.

LAS CRUCES RAILROAD MUSEUM presents the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter's 2013 For the Love of Art Month presentation, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," which includes 15 works that represent the theme. The show will remain on display through March.

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday

through Saturday. For more information, call 647-4480.

ADOBE PATIO GALLERY presents the work of nationally recognized printmaker Tony Lazorko for the month of March, as part of the 2013 Pro-Artists series.

An alumnus of the Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, Lazorko creates multi-color woodcuts, involving many separate blocks, from his studio in New Mexico. He returned to printmaking pursuits following retirement from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, where he was art director, and the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

The 2013 Pro-Artist Series includes works of six area professional artists. Following Lazorko, other artists in the series will be Paul Schranz, April; Sam Peters, May; Shelley Black, October; Louis Ocepek, November; and Georjeanna Feltha, December. The exhibitions are in addition to the Adobe Patio Gallery's regular exhibition season.

Adobe Patio Gallery is located at 1765 Avenida de Mercado. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 640-8328.

ARALIA FINE ART GALLERY features the water-

colors of John Schooley for the month of March.

Schooley, a 30-year advertising industry veteran, is a self-taught artist who uses watercolors to capture landscapes, florals, still lifes, animals, buildings and beaches, among others. Schooley is also a member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter.

Aralia Fine Art Gallery is located at 224 N. Campo St. Gallery hours are 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday or by appointment. For more information, visit www.araliagallery.com or call 650-7543.

MOUNTAIN GALLERY is hosting an exhibition of the Black Range Artists for the month of March. The following prizes were awarded: Best of Show for Brad Simms' "Yang and Yin," first place to Rayma Claessen's "Dream Mountain," second place to "Blue Pod" by Jan Severson; third place to "Lefty's Lineup" by Caroline Kennedy; honorable mention to "River of Rain" by Trish Spinazola; and an honorable mention to Angela Hernandez. Co-op members of the Las Cruces Arts Association are also exhibiting at the gallery during March.

Mountain Gallery is located at 138 W. Mountain St. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. For more information, call 652-3485.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY will feature two Las Cruces artists for the month of March, Merideth Loring and Richard Spellenberg. Loring combines her lifelong love of fabric and needle crafts with her artistic vision of developing objects and materials to be reborn into new forms.

Spellenberg, a woodworker who began his love of the craft in his teenage years, uses a process called wood turning, one of the oldest woodworking crafts, dating back 4,000 years.

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 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

MAIN STREET GALLERY presents the Big Picture customer exhibit for the month of March. The show features the photographic works created by customers of the Big Picture Digital Image Lab, and is an opportunity for professional and non-professional photographic artists to exhibit their works in a gallery setting, some for the first time. Artists include Micah Pearson, Ben Alexander, Storm Sermay, Ron Saltzman, Chuck West, Will Keener, Pam Needam and Robert Edmonds.

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 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

NOPALITO'S GALERIA presents the selected furniture of designer and artisan carpenter Francisco Goytia. Goytia was born in Zacatecas, Mexico, and has been evolving his craft as a professional carpenter for the past 50 years. His style is unique and hand carved, and represents the classical colonial hacienda style of Mexico. The galeria is displaying Goytia's custom furniture, consisting primarily of chairs, coffee tables, mirrors and tables. The show will run through Sunday, March 31.

Nopalito's Galería is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit www.nopalitogaleria.com.

QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY presents a "Festival of Notecards" during the month of March.

Artists always have fun creating note cards, and this selection ranges from fractals to pentagles to more traditional cards. They can be sent to someone special, or framed alone or in groups. Artists include Sally Quillin, Mike Stephens, Kim Gaskill, Jay

Coming Soon

Maryanna Howard and Patricia Burnett
Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery
2470-A Calle de Guadalupe
Opens Monday, April 1

Students of Wayne Carl Huber
Mesquite Gallery
340 N. Mesquite St.
Opens Tuesday, April 2

Kim Shifflett
Branigan Cultural Center
501 N. Main St.
Opens Friday, April 5

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Main Street Gallery
311 N. Main St.
Opens Friday, April 5

Las Cruces Arts Association
Mountain Gallery
138 W. Mountain St.
Opens Friday, April 5

Paul Schranz
Adobe Patio Gallery
1765 Avenida de Mesilla
Opens Friday, April 12

Virginia Romero
New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road
Opens Friday, April 12

Foster Savage, Steven Zinns, Roy Fister and Melanie Berry.

Quillin Studio and Gallery is located at 317 N. Main St. Gallery hours are Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, call 312-1064.

ONGOING

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents the photographic display "Pancho Villa and the Mexican Revolution," curated by anthropologist James J. Hester. Through this photographic biography, the enduring legacy of Pancho Villa in his many capacities can be seen as captured through the lenses of his contemporaries. The exhibit will remain on display until Saturday, April 27.

The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154 or visit www.lascruces.org/museums.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART presents "Elemental New Mexico," an exhibition of works in a variety of media.

The New Mexico landscape is the inspiration for "Elemental New Mexico," and includes Bill Gilbert, Diane McGregor, Brian Kluge, Nolan Winkler, Anthony Howell and Michael Berman. The show will be on display through Saturday, April 6.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St., next to the Branigan Cultural Center. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call

554-2137 or visit www.lascruces.org/museums.

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING will hold its annual LCPS high school art show through Wednesday, April 24.

The LCPS administration building is located at 505 S. Main St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 527-9486.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

is proud to present "New Mexico's African-American Legacy: Visible, Vital, Valuable," an exhibition focusing on African-Americans and their contributions to New Mexico history. The exhibit, presented by the African-American Museum and Cultural Center (AAMCC) of New Mexico in Albuquerque, focuses on some of the first African-American families that settled in different communities around the state. A large portion of the exhibit features the history of African-Americans in Las Cruces, including some of the original families, Lincoln High School, Booker T. Washington Elementary School, churches, homesteads and the Doña Ana branch of the NAACP, chartered in the 1930s. The exhibit will remain on display in the North Corridor through 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.



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EventsCalendar

FRI. 3/29

5 to 8 p.m. Open mic, NMSU Barnes & Noble, University and Jordan avenues. Poetry readers and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

7:30 p.m. Phillip Phillips, Pan American Center, 1810 University Ave. Singer-songwriter and "American Idol" season 11 winner Phillip Phillips will take the stage at the Pan American Center. Phillips, whose first album, "The World From the Other Side of the Moon" debuted at No. 4 on the Billboard Top 200 chart, is behind the smash single "Home." Alternative band Churchill will open. Tickets are \$18.50 and \$28.50. Call 646-1420.

SAT. 3/30

6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

9 a.m. to noon, Mountain View Market Co-op Farm Volunteer days, Mountain View Market Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the Mountain View Market farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 523-0436 for directions.

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10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Springfest, Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. Drawing approximately 13,000 visitors each year, the annual Springfest features an obstacle course, amusement rides, games, face painting, music, arts and crafts, a sand castle, food and, of course, the largest Easter egg hunt in southern New Mexico. This year, there will be at least three Easter egg hunts per age group, as well as an egg hunt for the visually impaired. Free. Call 527-1111.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 23rd Biennial Mesilla Valley Postage Stamp Show, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Featuring 10 stamp dealers from four states, souvenir cacheted covers, door prizes, free stamps for junior stamp collectors, competitive one-frame exhibitions and ribbons for winning exhibits. Free. Call 202-1937.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Sarah Addison and Sharlene Wittern will be the storytellers at the Downtown location and Jean Gilbert will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

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TUE. 4/2

1 to 3:30 p.m. Beginning to Advanced Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Open to students of all skill levels. Taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Call 647-5684.

WED. 4/3

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THU. 4/4

1 to 3:30 p.m. Intermediate to Advanced Painting, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Watercolor, acrylic and water-soluble oil painting classes taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$50 for four two and a half hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

7 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The Big Band Dance Club invites you



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to dance ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. This week, music will be provided by DJ Mike D'Arcy. Beginners' group dance lesson starts at 7 p.m., dancing from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost \$7. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 4/5

5 to 8 p.m. Open mic, NMSU Barnes & Noble, University and Jordan avenues. Poetry readers and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

8 p.m. "Twelve Angry Men," Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. LCCT is proud to present the classic drama "Twelve Angry Men," by Reginald Rose. A 19-year-old man stands trial for the fatal stabbing of his father. While the jury deliberates the verdict, their true personalities and characters are revealed. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 students, seniors and military, \$8 for groups of 10 or more and \$7 for children 6 and younger. Call 523-1000.

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7 p.m. Baby Boomer Comedy Show, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Baby Boomer Comedy Show, featuring Jan McInnis and Kent Rader, offers "clean comedy for people born before seatbelts, safety helmets and Facebook." Cost \$15 and \$18. Call 523-6403 or visit www.babyboomercomedyshow.com.

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11 a.m. "Broken Branches, Fallen Fruit: Immigration and the Family in Highland Chiapas," Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe. This work-in-progress documentary by Bill Jungles addresses our culture's interconnections with resistance efforts of indigenous communities in Chiapas, Mexico, and the threats to their cohesion by neo-liberal globalization. Weavings from Mayan Women's Collectives will be on display and for sale. Cost \$10, \$5 students. Visit www.weaving-for-justice.org.

2 p.m. "Twelve Angry Men," Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. LCCT is proud to present the classic drama "Twelve Angry Men," by Reginald Rose. A 19-year-old man stands trial for the fatal stabbing of his father. While the jury deliberates the verdict, their true personalities and characters are revealed. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 students, seniors and military, \$8 for groups of 10 or more and \$7 for children 6 and younger. Call 523-1000.

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Cañada Alamosa reveals 4,000 years of agricultural history

New exhibit opens with reception on April 4

A 13-year research project that unveils a fascinating look at ancient agriculture is the subject of a new exhibition at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces.

"The Cañada Alamosa Project: 4,000 Years of Agricultural History" opens in the Legacy Gallery with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 4. A lecture, featuring project archaeologist Karl Laumbach, is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, in the museum's theater.

In this extraordinary exhibition, visitors may explore artifacts, photographs, oral history and interpretation of life and survival in the Cañada Alamosa, an isolated and beautiful New Mexico canyon that features pithouse and pueblo ruins, Apache camps and Euro-American homesteads.

"What is not universally understood is that archaeological data is also environmental data and that archaeology provides us

with the longest available record of human interaction with a changing environment," Laumbach said. "This is because the archaeology provides a temporal context for environmental conditions reflected in the charred plants, animal bones, soils, carbon isotopes and pollen that can be bracketed in time by the presence of artifacts and living surfaces altered by human occupation."

The research project took place in the Cañada Alamosa, an isolated canyon where the high desert dominates the landscape and the canyon bottom has been blessed with the year-round waters of a deep, warm water spring. Known locally as the Ojo Caliente or Warm Spring, it is a sacred and special place for Native Americans and Europeans alike.

It was not until the early 1990s that comprehensive documentation of the area began when the National Park Service sponsored a study by Human Systems Research, Inc. (HSR). Most of the sites are on private land and have survived looting and destruction because of difficult access and protective owners.

In 1998, Dr. Dennis and Trudy O'Toole purchased a small ranch contain-

ing a cluster of major sites in the canyon. Founding the Cañada Alamosa Institute, the O'Tooles

joined forces with Human Systems Research, with Laumbach as principal investigator, to create the Cañada Alamosa Project and explore the past 2,000 years of human adaptation to the ever-changing environment of the region. The Cañada Alamosa Project conducted field research and analysis for more than 13 years, ultimately discover-



Becoming our best selves

'Before I Die' gives community a voice

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

What do you want to do before you die?

Paint a masterpiece? See Italy? Say goodbye? Learn to dance? Get her back?

Artist/designer Candy Chang first posed this question in February 2011, following the death of a loved one, on the side of a dilapidated and abandoned building in New Orleans. On a chalkboard-painted exterior wall, she stenciled a simple statement – "Before I die I want to ____" – repeated hundreds of times, and set up containers of chalk.

By the next day, said Chang, "the wall was bursting with handwritten responses and it kept growing.

"People's responses," Chang said in press materials, "made me laugh out loud and they made me tear up. They consoled me during my toughest times. I understood my neighbors in new and enlightening ways, and the wall reminded me that I'm not alone as I try to make sense of my life."

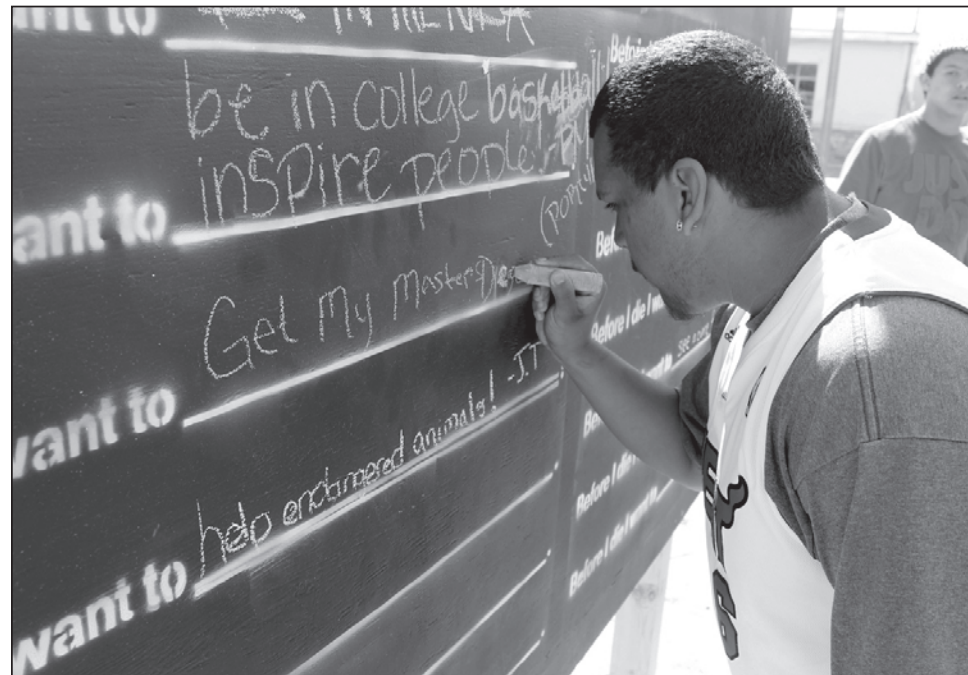
In the two years since, Chang's board has inspired tens of thousands of answers in more than 10 languages from people in more than 30 countries around the world, including Kazakhstan, Portugal, Japan, Denmark, Australia, Argentina and South Africa.

Now, Las Cruces have a chance to make their voices heard among them.

On the afternoon of Monday, March 25, through a partnership between the Mesquite Historic Preservation Society, Las Esperanzas and the Las Cruces Police Department's Weed & Seed Program, two "Before I Die" boards were erected on a vacant lot on the corner of Tornillo Street and Hadley Avenue.

By the end of the day, the boards were painted black and on the next morning, Tuesday, March 26, the signs bore the familiar white stenciled words "Before I die I want to ____."

Just a few hours after they were erected, the



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Zak Hansen

Getting his master's degree is a goal shared by Chris Portillo on the Hadley Avenue board. See additional photos on following page.

signs held the hopes, dreams and aspirations of youths, teens, twentysomethings and senior alike.

One wanted to help abandoned animals; another, to play college football; a third, to simply "not want."

Citizens are encouraged to take a look at the board, see the hopes and dreams of the community – and contribute their own aspirations.

"We're trying to capture the 'hearts and minds' of kids with this project," said Joshua Nichols, neighborhood revitalization specialist with Operation Weed & Seed. "Community revitalization isn't about just fixing a house or planting

a tree. The house next door isn't my neighbor – the person inside it is.

"The people are the true heart of community revitalization. If you can change the hearts, the minds of people, you can change a neighborhood. We can make this neighborhood what it could – and should – be."

The groups involved in the creation of the board are integral to the revitalization and preservation of the Mesquite District, Las Cruces' oldest neighborhood. The Mesquite Historic Preservation Society and Las Esperanzas have dedicated themselves to the preservation of the Mesquite Historical District

“ If you can change the hearts, the minds of people, you can change a neighborhood. ”

JOSHUA NICHOLS
Neighborhood
revitalization specialist

ing a 4,000-year record of agricultural activity. Partnerships include the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, University of Colorado at Boulder, Eastern New Mexico University, Earthwatch Institute and a cast of hundreds.

"Archaeological sites contribute to our understanding of the environment and its history," Laumbach said. "It's not just about pottery and arrowheads.

"The Cañada Alamosa Project is multidisciplinary and has incorporated individuals trained in botany, palynology, zoology, and soil science," he added. "Their studies have resulted in significant insights regarding the environmental history of the area."

The exhibit will feature archaeological objects such as ceramic vessels, stone tools, bones, shell and turquoise, along with photographs, videos, an oral history kiosk and interpretive text panels.

Admission to the reception on April 4 is free. The exhibit will be in the Legacy Gallery through March 16, 2014.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for children 5 to 17. Museum Friends members, military veterans and children 4 and under are admitted free.

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since. Operation Weed & Seed, more commonly known as the Weed & Seed Program, is a multi-agency program operated by the LCPD Special Services Unit that "weeds" out violent crime and drug activity in a neighborhood and "seeds" the neighborhood through social and economic revitalization.

Nichols, who works just down the street from the "Before I Die" board on Tornillo Street at the A. Fielder Memorial Safe Haven – which provides free after school tutoring, homework help, snacks and activities for community youth – said he hopes this project in particular will speak to the younger generation of at-risk Las Cruces.

"This really impacts the 25 and younger crowd," he said. "That group in particular face a lot of issues – with drugs, with gangs, with violence – and we hope this gives them a voice."

Nichols credits the tireless work of the Las Cruces Police Department in maintaining the current boundaries of the Weed & Seed zone – Colorado Avenue to the south, Madrid Street to the north, Main Street to the west and Solano Drive to the east.

"The (LCPD) is always working hard around this area," he said, "and they're doing a heck of a job."

Nichols also praised the efforts of the MHPS and Las Esperanzas for their commitment to the regeneration of the Mesquite District.

For Nichols, the boards are about more than just speaking out.

"If a kid has a goal they put up there – I want to be an architect, say – then we want to help them do that," he said. "If anyone wants to set a goal like this and do it, they can call us, and we'll help them accomplish it in any way we can.

"We don't want people just thinking. We want people acting. If we can do that, we can change the mindset of a whole community, and make this area better than ever – make Las Cruces all it could be."

According to Chang, community projects like this one help us see that we are not alone on our journey through life.

"With more ways to share in public space," she said, "the people around us can not only help us make better places, they can help us become our best selves."

For more information about the "Before I Die" project, visit <http://beforeidie.cc>.

Sharing our hopes at the 'Before I Die' installation

Photos by Zak Hansen



Freda Flores and Estela Sanchez of Las Esperanzas and Joshua Nichols, neighborhood revitalization specialist with Operation Weed & Seed, joined teens from the Weed & Seed house in putting up the "Before I Die" boards Tuesday, March 26, at the corner of Hadley Avenue and Tornillo Street, in the heart of the Mesquite District.



Estela Sanchez, elder with Las Esperanzas, writes her hope to "see more historic buildings preserved" on the board facing Tornillo Street.



Roman Garcia, a teen involved with the project, wrote that, before he dies, he wants to play in the NBA.



Steven Jasso shared his aspiration to play college football.



Before Priscilla Montelongo dies, she wants two things: to play college basketball and to inspire people.

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FRI. MAR 29	3 P.M.
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Sharks, Jets and the best BBQ in Las Cruces

Ranchway offers authentic mesquite barbecue, Mexican

By Zak Hansen
Las Cruces Bulletin

Anyone who's spent much time in the Mesilla Valley surely knows about the Las Cruces and Mayfield High School rivalry, but for the uninitiated, I'll run it down as best I can.

Cruces and Mayfield, as locals know them, have had it out for one another — especially on the football field — since as early as 1967. Since then, and especially within the last two decades, both teams have achieved a great deal of success with their sports programs — one reason the rivalry remains so heated.

The annual football face-off draws crowds of approximately 25,000, and in the weeks leading up to the game, Las Cruces pulls into what seems to be two distinct camps.

Before I lived here — and long before I championed LCHS as my alma mater — this idea seemed silly to me. As I grew up, though, I found it to be more and more true.

We're not talking a few pep rallies in the days leading up to the game, oh no. This is some real "West Side Story"-style rivalry — Sharks and Jets, Trojans and "Dawgs.

As the citizenry takes up sides, the physical landscape is divided in two — at least in the eyes of local teenagers — and shops, restaurants, even entire neighborhoods are lost

in the fray, falling on "our turf" or "their turf," regardless, in most cases, of any school affiliation.

A loyal Bulldawg, I stuck to the restaurants on my side of town, only venturing (en masse, mind you) to "their side of town" for good-natured (and occasionally not-so-good-natured) rivalry week showdowns — but never for food.

Corner Deli, Escondido Restaurant, Ranchway — these were ideas, rather than brick and mortar buildings. They were culinary phantoms. These were restaurants that existed, to me, much as urban legends did: My friend's cousin's sister-in-law said she went to Ranchway once and swears it was the best barbecue she'd ever had.

In the years since those salad days, my life has kept me on the southern end of town, so, naturally, my eating habits remained steady, unchanged since my formative years.

Many years have passed between now and my graduation. My 10-year reunion has come and gone with little fanfare, my diploma sits dusty on a shelf and I bleed more red than blue and red.

While my school spirit may have faded somewhat in the decade since, my love for barbecue has increased at an exponential rate.

So, then: Do I turn my back on my Bulldawg pride and eat at — gulp — a "Mayfield place"?

Indeed I do.
In line with the "West Side Story" metaphor, I'm Tony, breaking with my fellow Jets to head to the Sharks' side of town ... which, I suppose, makes Maria really delicious barbecue and Mexican food.

Details

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Well, it turns out my friend's cousin's sister-in-law was right — Ranchway, located at 604 N. Valley Drive, may very well serve up the best barbecue in town.

Ranchway has stood at the same location since 1960. Thirty-nine years ago, Elsa and Chuy Rodriguez purchased the restaurant and the rest, as they say, is history.

In those nearly four decades since the Rodriguez family purchased the restaurant, it's stayed in the family — Michael Rodriguez, grandson of Elsa and Chuy, is a familiar face at the counter to Ranchway's multitude of regulars.

"We have three generations of family working here together," Michael Rodriguez said. "Everything we serve is real, authentic mesquite barbecue and Mexican food. We make all our sauces and salsa fresh."

Ranchway has earned its reputation for having some of the finest barbecue in Las Cruces; ribs, burritos, sausage — no matter how you serve it up, if it's covered in Ranchway's sauce, it's damn good.

With such emphasis on the barbecue, it would be easy to overlook the array of Mexican food on the menu, and that would be a mistake. Ranchway offers plenty of authentic options — many unique to Ranchway — for diners looking for something spicy. Don't forget the salsa (as if you could) — Ranchway's homemade salsa is one of my favorites in Las Cruces.

"It's not your average place," Rodriguez said. "You get more bang for your buck here."

Don't wait as long as I did to give Ranchway BBQ & Mexican Food a shot. Bulldawg, Trojan, Knight or Hawk — heck, Shark or Jet — everyone deserves the best barbecue in town.

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Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Grids showing solutions for last week's Sudoku puzzles at BEGINNER, CHALLENGER, and EXPERT levels.

BEGINNER

3x9 grid for the Beginner Sudoku puzzle.

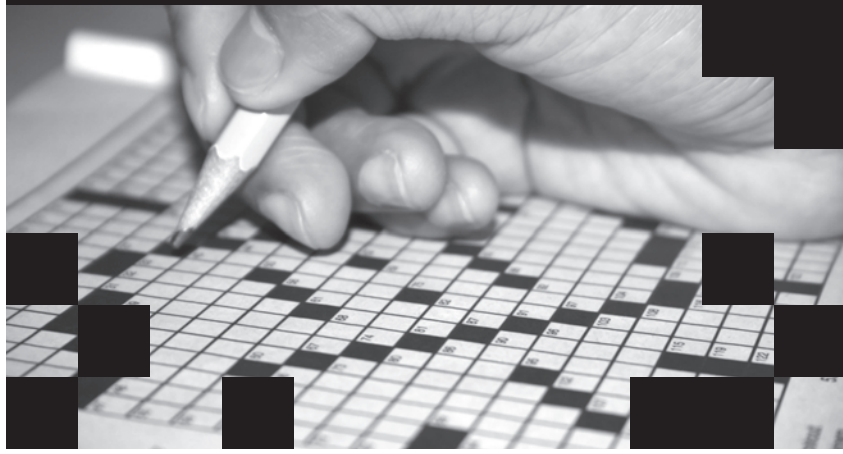
CHALLENGER

3x9 grid for the Challenger Sudoku puzzle.

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3x9 grid for the Expert Sudoku puzzle.

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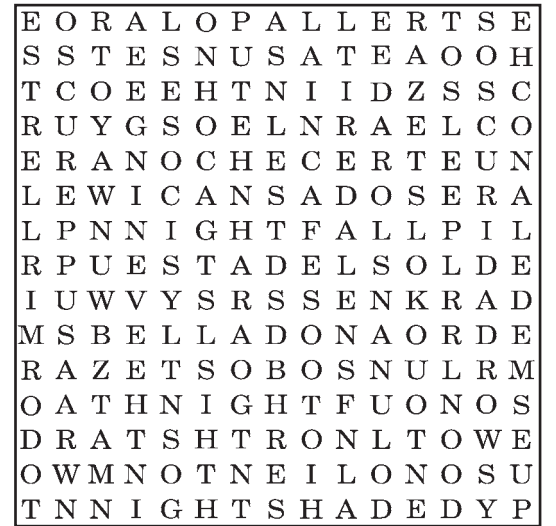


Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

GOOD EVENING

ENGLISH	SPANISH
DARKNESS	OSCURIDAD
DROWSY	SONOLIENTO
IN THE EVENING	DE LA NOCHE
MOON	LUNA
NIGHTFALL	ANOCHECER
NIGHTSHADE	BELLADONA
NORTH STAR	ESTRELLA POLAR
SUNSET	PUESTA DEL SOL
SUPPER	CENA
TIRED	CANSADO
TO SLEEP	DORMIR
TO YAWN	BOSTEZAR



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Crossword Puzzles

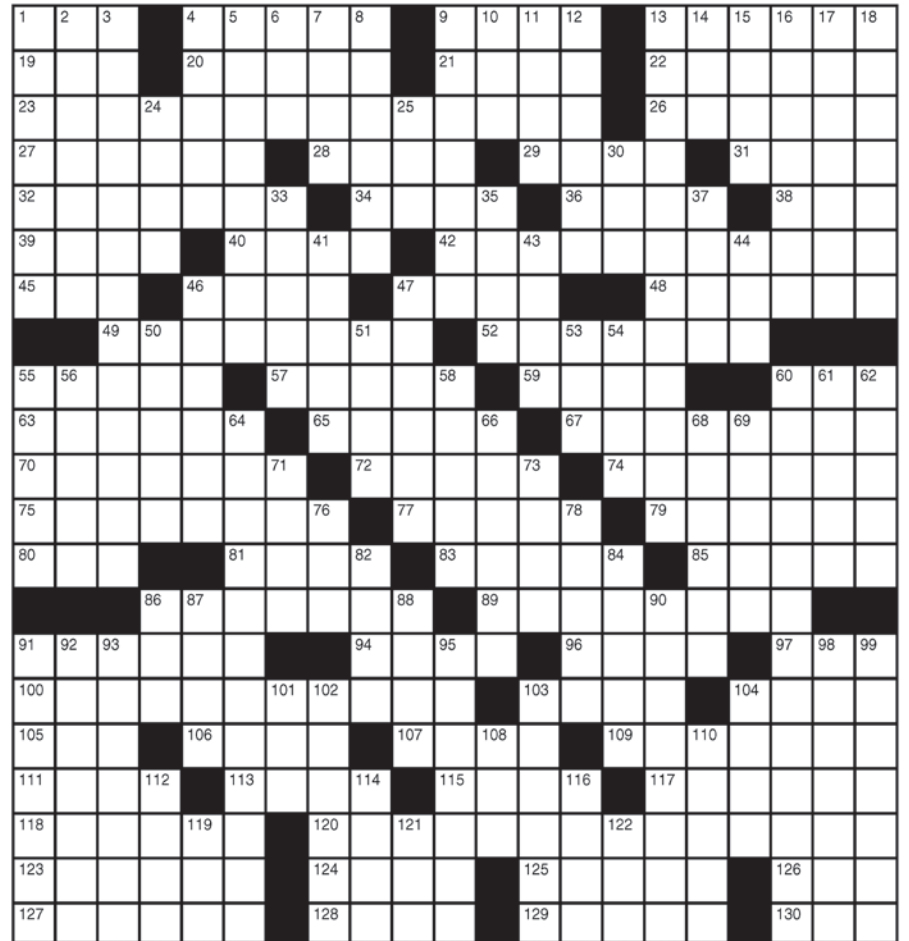
Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- ACROSS**
- Biblical poem
 - Pasture measure
 - Call on the set
 - Was sore
 - Bit of moisture
 - Caesar's subjects
 - Kidnapper payer
 - Sister of Venus
 - M. Le Pew
 - Sacred text of Islam
 - Latvian
 - Asp victim, briefly
 - Creative flash
 - Glitch
 - Penthouse porch
 - Autograph
 - Heaped over
 - Five-star review
 - Radar screen spot
 - Fairy-tale beast
 - Olfactory trigger
 - Addictive drug
 - Rounded handle
 - Ranked contender
 - Cambridge sch.
 - The Velvet Fog
 - Ukrainian capital
 - Woad or anil
 - Media members
 - Eastern continent
 - Went fast
 - Chocolate flavor
 - Coll. entrance exam.
 - Vega's constellation
 - Classic example
 - Period of history
 - Whimper
 - Arizona city on the Colorado
 - Delphic seer
 - Okra stew
 - On the ocean
 - Frothy quaffs
 - Bear dad
 - "Oh, Pretty Woman" singer
 - Debate side
 - Dwells
 - NaCl
 - Bog product
 - Peruvian people
 - Orchard fruit
 - Release
 - In-office duration
 - Clear jellies
 - Coast
 - Ferocious
 - Romberg operetta
 - Set in order
 - Calmed
 - Overly inquisitive
 - Untidy
- DOWN**
- San Diego pro
 - Abrading
 - Expiated
 - Cup brims
 - Maui's neighbor
 - Highest point
 - Altar area
 - Of the kidneys
 - Ames and Asner
 - Verne's captain
 - Major artery
 - More succinct
 - Falls back
 - Not by design
 - Submissive
 - Luau staple
 - Watts or Judd
 - Jumper
 - Cable stn.
 - Fencer's weapon
 - Puny pest
 - Walk heavily
 - Pers. with a handle?
 - Mongolian desert
 - Wife of a knight
 - Alibi (excuse makers)
 - Invitation letters
 - Throw away
 - Safe and sound
 - Water whirl
 - Aussie's pal
 - Biblical twin
 - Abu Dhabi ruler
 - Hardships
 - Alternative to etc.
 - Belonging to the same class
 - Noisy insects
 - Assistant
 - Locations
 - Writer Oz
 - Irene or Meg
 - Sit for a shot
 - Self images
 - Countertop
 - Walks leisurely
 - Taper off
 - Central
 - Resentful
 - Diners
 - Graphite removers
 - Nocturnal marsupial
 - Singer McGraw
 - Hot, in a way
 - Bikini and Eniwetok
 - Egypt's capital
 - London lock-up
 - Thin-voiced
 - Beseech
 - Patriot Nathan
 - Devotee

MEAL MONEY

- ACROSS**
- Pulverized lava
 - In pieces
 - Struggle for breath
 - Intervals
 - Eng. instruction letters
 - Municipal conduit
 - Milky gem
 - Mystical teachings: var.
 - Caesar salad base
 - Son of Daedalus
 - Small lynx
 - Swerves at sea
 - Satirist Mort
 - Window part
 - Female graduates
 - Animated character
 - Actress Ward
 - Hush-hush org.
 - One Euro predecessor
 - U2 pilot Powers
 - Ham-and-biscuits sauce
 - Drumstick
 - "_ the Explorer"
 - Actor Bridges
 - Oar holders
 - "A Christmas Carol" character
 - Handyman's satchel
 - Island in the Firth of Clyde
 - Supergiant star in Cygnus
 - Restaurateur Toots
 - Himalayan gazelle
 - Singer Makeba
 - Planter
 - Get knocked for a loop
 - Handsome men
 - Fluid transition
 - Big name in rum
 - 1952 Olympics city
 - Church truth
 - Applied by pats
 - NBC classic
 - Ocean motion
 - Singer Travis
 - Withering look
 - Religious recluse
 - Pollen, e.g.
 - Interlocking
 - Class struggle?
 - Novelist Oz
 - Jolt of electricity
 - Demolishes
 - Pairs
 - Maris, casually
 - Alaska's _ National Park
- DOWN**
- Foul foul shot
 - Squealer
 - Patty's place?
 - Man from Manila
 - Five-sided polygon
 - Reverent wonder
 - Bank (on)
 - Pact
 - Became angry
 - Storekeeper on "The Simpsons"
 - Pouchlike structures
 - Tickle pink
 - Camper's cornmeal dish
 - Pol's cash provider
 - Arabian garb
 - African wildcat
 - Hard to pin down
 - Flounces
 - Top
 - Tango number
 - "_ Jude"
 - Having auricles
 - Spick-and-span
 - Turkish potentate
 - Demolishes
 - Tommy Pickles, for one
 - "Lowdown" singer Boz
 - Put on the back burner
 - Take off the top



- Concocted
- Jumps ship
- Adam's grandson
- Sounds of surprise
- Leopold's cohort
- Nannies in India
- Come of age
- Spawned
- Hummus base
- Bailiff's call
- Paraphrased comment
- Theme choice
- Tommy Pickles, for one
- "Lowdown" singer Boz
- Put on the back burner
- Take off the top
- Ludwig or Jannings
- Amin of Uganda
- Bodybuilder Charles
- Ides of March rebuke
- Conductor's pace
- Yikes!
- Kitchen foray
- Brain scans, for short
- "Hee Haw" co-star
- Cold remedies?
- Party's choice
- Happening
- Look to get?
- Retaliates
- Most impudent
- Narc employer
- Most likely to succeed
- Buy into
- Rooster's pride
- Bumbler
- Indian drums
- Jimmie of "The Mickey Mouse Club"
- Raison d'_
- Novelist Ferber
- Narrow inlet
- OAS member
- Give the boot to

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

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 A O N C H O I R N O C T O O I
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 As two philosophers debated, one commented: "By the way, sophistry is fun. One single fact can ruin a good argument."

AtTheMovies

The death of diplomacy 'Olympus' out-and-out offends

Review by **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Around midway through Antoine Fuqua's "Olympus Has Fallen", Secret Service Agent Mike Banning (Gerard Butler) bludgeons a Korean terrorist to death on the carpet of the besieged Oval Office with a bronze bust of our nation's 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, and I could probably stop this review there.

"Olympus Has Fallen" has bunches of bullets, buckets of blood, overly "ethnic" adversaries and enough American flags to gag a patriot – within the first frames of the film, there are no less than nine.

This introductory show of patriotism so inspired one of my fellow moviegoers who, overcome with American pride, actually hooted. That's right – he was unable to stifle an audible "Hoo!" from escaping his lips as Old Glory billowed majestically across the screen.

As the movie opens – after the red, white and blue

title cards, of course – it's Christmas eve at Camp David, snow is gently falling on even more American flags and President Benjamin Asher (Aaron Eckhart) is en route to a political function with his wife Margaret (Ashley Judd) and son Connor (Finley Jacobsen), with their crack team of Secret Servicemen at their side. Among them is Banning, who has developed a close relationship with the first kid.

While crossing an icy bridge, the front car of the motorcade hits something – maybe a deer? – causing a pileup that sends the president's car careening into a frozen river, with the first lady still belted to her seat.

Eighteen months later, agent Mike Banning is unshaven, sleeping on a couch and having difficulties with his wife, as the fallen hero in this movie has to be. After the accident, Banning, now disgraced (despite, as best I can tell, having had no hand in the accident other than rescuing the commander in chief – his job, as I understand it), has taken a boring desk job at the Treasury Department.

That is, of course, until the White House hosts a visit from the prime minister of South Korea for a discussion on what to do about their increasingly antagonistic neighbor to the north. Disguised as good Koreans, the P.M.'s security team – as well as a bus full of stereotypically camera-happy tourists –

turns out to really be the bad kind of Koreans.

The Korean terrorists attack the White House (with a plane they somehow got near-enough to the Capitol without detection?), crash into the Washington Monument and generally make a violent mess of things. Civilians are massacred in the streets, soldiers and Secret Servicemen and gunned down and in the hundreds and – Boo! Hiss! – a charred, tattered and torn American flag is thrown from the roof and drifts onto the White House lawn in super slow motion.

Soon enough, the President and several key cabinet members are taken hostage in the White House bunker 1,200 feet underground, and the forces of evil are extracting nuclear launch codes from them one by one.

Lucky for them, agent Banning walks through the front door of the smoldering White House to rescue the president by any means necessary.

Those necessary means, as you can likely imagine, involve an hour and a half of Butler murdering everyone onscreen with Asiatic features – for America!

Sure, it's violent, loud and action-packed. It's also shockingly offensive.

The out-and-out racism and nationalism championed by "Olympus Has Fallen" lies somewhere on the axis of D.W. Griffith's "Birth of a Nation," Mickey Rooney's character I.Y. Yunioshi in "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and the much-maligned "Grand Theft Auto" video game series' directive to "KILL ALL HAITIANS."

Recent weeks have seen a flurry of media attention paid to the latest poorly animated North Korean anti-American propaganda film, the admittedly terrifying – but fantastically titled – "Firestorms Will Rain on the Headquarters of War."

In the weekend following our national media's vocal outrage at these viral videos –

which utilize the very best computer design work 1995 has to offer – the \$70 million budgeted "Olympus Has Fallen" debuted at No. 2 at the box office, raking in more than \$30 million in three days. Maybe this movie isn't doing us any favors in the international popularity department.

As shocking as this may sound, though, "Olympus Has Fallen" may not be the No. 1 "Movie most likely to offend more than 60 percent of the world released in the last 12 months" – that honor likely goes to 2012's "Red Dawn," which followed a group of middle-American teenagers who fend off an invasion of their town by North Korean soldiers.

This plot decision was only made in post-production, however; the movie was conceived, written and filmed with China as the enemy. Using Chinese flags. And Chinese actors. Speaking Chinese.

With some clever digital manipulation, an overdub, a tacked-on prologue and a complete disregard for cultural sensitivity, everything Chinese was turned North Korean – the flags and dialogue, but not, mind you, the Chinese actors – a halfhearted effort not at all reinforcing the sad stereotype that, to Americans, Asian peoples are interchangeable.

Think of "Olympus Has Fallen," then, as a companion piece to "Red Dawn," joining forces at the box office bludgeon to death the hope of eventual international harmony with a statue of the Great Emancipator ... while an eagle clutching a Budweiser in its gleaming talons screeches across a burning sky and Eddie Van Halen nails a guitar solo from the cab of a passing monster truck – metaphorically speaking, of course.

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OLYMPUS HAS FALLEN

Rated: R

Running Time: 120 minutes

Starring: Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart

Director: Antoine Fuqua



Melodrama as seen through tears

'Amour' tells of strong but unromantic love

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Michael Haneke, the often-lauded Austrian born director of "Amour," has been a favorite of cinephiles and critics for some time now. With the exception of a remake of his own film, "Funny Games," his recent films, "The Piano Teacher," "Time of the Wolf," "Cache," "The White Ribbon" and, of course, both versions of "Funny Games" has brought his name to the forefront of those who don't mind "reading" their movies, i.e., can appreciate subtitles.

This, his newest work, continues a theme that I have noticed in all of the above mentioned pictures, that of entrapment. (Note: I found all of them except "Funny Games," – especially "White Ribbon" – to be better than this picture), that of entrapment.

"Piano Teacher" was the story of a student who was in love with his masochistic piano teacher. "Time of the Wolf" is a slightly

futuristic piece about a family who finds their home taken over by strangers during an unspoken global crisis. "White Ribbon" was about a young man trapped in a cruel family. You get my point.

"Amour," filmed mostly in the apartment of the elderly couple who are the focus of the film, gives an extra dose of claustrophobia to something that few of us care to face – death.

We more or less know that will be the subject of the film from the first scene, which shows rescue personnel breaking into a tidy, but older Paris apartment, after being informed of the suspicion of death.

And that is what they find, surrounded by drooping flowers. It is the body of Anne, the octogenarian wife of Georges, her long-time loving husband and fellow music teacher.

Haneke uses flashback, but not too far back, to show what has

happened. We are privileged to see the slightly privileged Anne and Georges as they enjoy their day-to-day routine and their retirement and their continued love of music. It is a privilege to watch this loving couple as they tend to the things at hand rather than having to be concerned about the future.

Again, in true Haneke form, something very small happens, so small that not even Georges notices it at first when it happens one day at the breakfast table. Anne has a minor stroke. She is frozen in time, but so briefly, that she barely notices it herself upon her "return."

However, it is the beginning of the end of an honest, strong, and unromantic love. Often part of an audience himself, Georges watches Anne's health and well being slowly diminishes. In spite of his loving help and patience, there

is nothing he can really do but watch as she becomes less and less able to fend for herself, dissolving into a sad muttering morass after 80 some years of intelligence, honesty, and beauty. She is trapped in a body that won't function. Georges is trapped in his world of loss.

"Amour" is aptly titled, but is not for those who like or expect that they will be witnessing a "movie of the week" sort of presentation. This film is anything but, with the performances by Emmanuelle Riva and Jean-Louis Trintignant, both of whom are well known in France, but rarely seen in the United States as riveting as they could be. Long-time Haneke collaborator, the always smart and droll Isabelle Huppert adds a strong supporting performance as the couple's daughter.

"Amour" has pulled off a number of amazing awards fetes, including winning for Best Foreign Language Film at this year's Oscars, with Haneke receiving a nomination for best director and screenplay and, Riva nominated for best actress as well. It won the Palme d'Or at Cannes last year as well, along with a Golden Globe nomination. Impressive.

"Amour" is an outstanding picture in its own right, one that should bring home a ring of reality to most of us.

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At The Movies


Picking the Flicks

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

Oz the Great and Powerful
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A magician leaves Kansas and finds himself in an enchanted land, where he will decide whether or not he will become great.
Starring: James Franco, Mila Kunis
Director: Sam Raimi



Identity Thief
Rated: R
Plot Overview: An accounts rep travels across the country to confront the woman who's stolen his identity and run amok on his tab.
Starring: Jason Bateman, Melissa McCarthy
Director: Seth Gordon



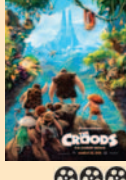
Django Unchained
Rated: R
Plot Overview: A bounty hunter searching for a murderous band of brothers teams up with a slave bent on rescuing his wife.
Starring: Jamie Foxx, Leonardo DiCaprio
Director: Quentin Tarantino




Jack the Giant Slayer
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Jack, a young farmhand, accidentally opens a gateway between the human and giant worlds, reigniting an ancient war.
Starring: Nicholas Hoult, Stanley Tucci
Director: Bryan Singer




The Croods
Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A prehistoric family sets out in search of a new home in a fantastical and volatile world.
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Ryan Reynolds (voices)
Directors: Kirk DeMico, Chris Sanders



Olympus Has Fallen
Rated: R
Plot Overview: When terrorists seize control of the White House, a secret service agent must retake the capitol and save the president.
Starring: Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart
Director: Antoine Fuqua




Admission
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A straight-laced admissions officer takes a professional risk after she meets an alternative school kid who may be the son she gave up for adoption years ago.
Starring: Tina Fey, Paul Rudd
Director: Paul Weitz




The Incredible Burt Wonderstone
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Once a superstar, Las Vegas magician Burt Wonderstone struggles to retake the spotlight from a rising guerilla street magician.
Starring: Steve Carell, Jim Carrey
Director: Don Scardino




The Call
Rated: R
Plot Overview: A 911 operator takes a life-changing call from a kidnapped girl, and must confront a killer from her past to save the girl's life.
Starring: Halle Berry, Abigail Breslin
Director: Brad Anderson




Snitch
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: After his son is wrongly convicted of a drug offense and sent to prison, a father makes a deal to become an informant and infiltrate a vicious drug cartel.
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Barry Pepper
Director: Ric Roman Waugh




21 & Over
Rated: R
Plot Overview: Finally 21, an honor student celebrates his birthday with a night of drinking, debauchery and excess – the night before a medical school interview.
Starring: Justin Chon, Skylar Astin
Directors: Jon Lucas, Scott Moore




G.I. Joe: Retaliation
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: The G.I. Joes contend with Cobra, and with threat from inside their own government.
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Channing Tatum
Director: Jon M. Chu



Temptation
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An exploration of the perils and intrigue of infidelity, "Temptation" follows a restless woman who chooses to stray, and the dramatic effects it has on her life.
Starring: Jumea Smollett-Bell, Brandy Norwood
Director: Tyler Perry



The Host
Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: When an otherworldly force threatens mankind, a young girl risks everything to protect those she cares most about.
Starring: Saoirse Ronan, Max Irons
Director: Andrew Niccol



New this week on DVD

Tuesday, April 2

Baytown Outlaws
Rated: R
Genre: Action
Starring: Billy Bob Thornton, Eva Longoria
Director: Barry Battles

John Dies at the End
Rated: R
Genre: Horror/Comedy
Starring: Paul Giamatti, Chase Williamson
Director: Don Coscarelli

Hemingway & Gellhorn
Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Nicole Kidman, Clive Owen
Director: Philip Kaufman

Freeloaders
Rated: R
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Olivia Munn, Dave Foley
Director: Dan Rosen

Top Grossing March 22-24

1 The Croods (Week No. 1) \$43,639,736	6 Spring Breakers (Week No. 2) \$4,858,944
2 Olympus Has Fallen (Week No. 1) \$30,373,794	7 The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (Week No. 2) \$4,321,388
3 Oz the Great and Powerful (Week No. 3) \$21,568,957	8 Jack the Giant Slayer (Week No. 4) \$2,949,101
4 The Call (Week No. 2) \$8,900,935	9 Identity Thief (Week No. 7) \$2,588,355
5 Admission (Week No. 1) \$6,154,984	10 Snitch (Week No. 5) \$1,885,200

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FINDING THE *Beauty Beneath*



SEE FEATURED HOME
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Featured home: *2600 Desert Drive*

Photos by Steve Macintyre



Built in 1969, the home at 2600 Desert Drive was remodeled to have a contemporary look with modern amenities.



Sleek appliances were added to the kitchen.



Sandstone surrounds a fireplace in the dining room.



The dining room was changed to create a open feel.



Clerestory windows were used for light and privacy.



Once a patio, the living room was enclosed and brought the home's square footage to 2,208.



New tile and fixtures were installed in the bathroom.

Out of the time warp

Home renovated to feature a modern look

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Anita Kae walked into the home at 2600 Desert Drive in 2012, the wood paneling and 1970s décor didn't frighten her away.

In fact, Kae didn't see the dated interior, but rather the potential the home had to be a modern getaway. Luckily, having already remodeled and sold three homes previously, she knew what it would take to make that vision a reality.

"My mom and dad bought and sold houses when I was growing up," she said. "Mother loved doing it. She loved opening a can of paint."

Having found enjoyment in remodeling houses, Kae said what attracted her to the home was its size at 2,208 square feet as well as its location in the former Las Cruces Country Club area.

"It was an interesting home," she said.

Also, the fact that it had a pink-and-blue bathroom didn't hurt.

"All of the homes (I've remodeled) have had pink-and-blue bathrooms," Kae said, laughing at the coincidence.

The project took several months, and Kae's mother lent a hand along the way, but when the project was completed, she was left with a home she described as modern and comfortable.

"It's been, probably, my most favorite purchased and fixed up home," she said. "It just feels good."

"On the outside, it might be plain, but you walk inside and you go 'wow.' It's really cool inside. It's light and bright and makes you feel good."

The good feeling begins in the living room. It originally was a deck and the previous owner had enclosed the space to use as his office. Kae transformed it by finishing the room, which included adding drywall, paint and carpet. A new furnace and air conditioner were added to the home and vented into the room.

A wall covered in sandstone featured flowerbeds that Kae turned into bench seating. The other walls were painted a mauve color – variations of which were used throughout the house. Clerestory windows, another feature found throughout the home, fill the space with natural light.

"What's great is you get the light, but it's still very private," Kae said.

The original front door was taken out and a 6-foot entry now links the new living room to the dining room and the rest of the home.

With the addition of the new living room, the home's old living room-dining room combination was devoted solely to the dining room, providing Kae with plenty of leg room.

A fireplace is located against a wall in the space. The same sandstone found along the living room benches surrounds it. The exposed dark beams line the slanted ceiling and provide contrast to the light walls.

"I picked (the paint color) because it went so well with the tile that was already in the home," Kae said.

A sign of the times in which it was built, Kae said, the dining room includes an 8-foot sliding glass door to the backyard. This feature adds natural light to not only the dining room, but also the adjacent kitchen.

Wanting something modern and functional, Kae revamped the kitchen. She continued the mauve color palette along the cabinets and marble countertops. She added new appliances, which complemented the overall look of the space.

One element from the 1970s she kept was the ceiling, which was one large light.

"It turned out to be really neat," she said. "It's modern and classic."

Down a hall is an open area formerly used as a family room, which has been converted into Kae's home office. In this area are the home's bedrooms, including the master suite, and a guest bathroom.

While the bedrooms required little more than a fresh coat of paint, the bathrooms needed more work.

In the guest bathroom, Kae used a neutral color palette of hues in white, cream and tan. This can be seen in the new sink, countertop, cabinets, toilet, tile work and carpeting, which extends from the hall into the bathroom.

The master bathroom, which was once decorated in pictures of lipstick and finger nail polish, has a grayer color palette. This was inspired by the white and charcoal gray swirled tile in the shower, Kae said.

The renovations continued to the back of home. A door in the dining room, beside the fireplace, leads to a once-enclosed sun porch. While Kae removed the mesh surrounding the area, she left the stone trim, which adds a contrast to the red brick façade.

A major overhaul was conducted to the yard. "There were rocks and it was overgrown and there was debris," Kae said. "The yard was completely redone."

Kae said she cleaned the entire yard, clearing out the overgrown plant material and debris and replacing the old rocks. Kae created a low-maintenance backyard with new rock, flagstone steps and xeriscape plants. She did leave a pine tree that had sprouted in the center of the yard.

In addition to the new, manicured landscaping, the backyard features a "peek-a-boo" view of the Organ Mountains, as Kae described it.



Low-maintenance plants are featured in the backyard.



The backyard was cleared, but a pine tree remains.

Details

Featured home
2600 Desert Drive

Square footage
2,208

Acres
.4

Bedrooms
Three

Bathrooms
Two

Fireplaces
One

Price
\$167,000

Special features

Originally built in 1963, the home had décor and style typically found in the 1970s before it was renovated last year. It now features a modern appearance while some of the original elements still remain.

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A favorite apple of mine is Granny Smith. I enjoy its tart flavor. They make a healthy, tasty snack.

Sometimes I slice them, smearing each piece with almond butter. The slices also taste good dipped into vanilla-flavored yogurt. I turn ho-hum peanut butter sandwiches into "gourmet" by adding thinly sliced Granny apples and ripe, sweet banana sprinkled with cayenne pepper. (Yes, Granny Smith pairs well with peppers.)

Fortunately, Granny Smith apples are available year-round in most grocery stores. And did you know they're famous? The Granny Smith apple served as the logo for the Beatles' record label, but recently became the property of the Apple computer company. So "old" Granny has a lot going for her!

Knowing this, I think you'll appreciate this week's recipes, loaded and made savory with all the goodness of tart heat.

Springtime Green Smoothie

1 cup packed fresh spinach leaves
1 1/4 cups white grape juice
1/2 avocado, peeled and pitted
1/2 poblano pepper, stemmed, seeded and cut into small pieces
1 Granny Smith apple, peeled and cut into small pieces
1 cup ice
Garnish: Mint or cilantro sprigs



Granny Smith apples, paired with peppers, can be used to create stuffed apple "bowls" for your favorite salad mix.

Blend spinach leaves, juice, avocado, poblano pepper, apple and ice. Serve garnished with a sprig of mint or cilantro. Makes 4 servings.

Smoked Gouda and Granny Smith Apple Sandwich

1 slice smoked Gouda
1/2 Granny Smith apple, sliced
2 slices sourdough bread
Pinch sea salt
2 tablespoons apricot preserves mixed with 1/8 teaspoon of habanero powder

Layer cheese and apple on one side of sliced bread. Add sea salt. Spoon apricot preserves onto second slice. Press together. Makes 1 serving.

Granny Smith Bowls Stuffed with Broccoli Serrano Pepper Salad

Granny Smith apples are sturdy and make ideal "bowls." Purchase apples that stand straight up so they don't topple when stuffed. After rinsing and drying each apple, use a sharp medium-sized knife to remove its "lid." Using a small knife, cut around the inside of the apple's innards, about 1/4 inch from skin. I used a grapefruit spoon to scoop out pulp. Set aside pulp to add to the stuffing mix. Brush a small amount of orange or lemon juice inside cored apple to prevent browning. Granny Smith apples can be stuffed with your favorite salad fixings, including tuna, chicken and egg. Eat directly from the bowl or slice the "works" and dig in.

Broccoli serrano salad:
2 cups of broccoli flowerettes, minced
1 green onion, both white and green, diced
1/2 cup red onion, chopped
1/4 cup golden raisins
1/4 cup sunflower seeds
1/4 cup walnuts
1 small serrano pepper, stemmed, seeded and minced
Granny Smith apple, minced (from "bowls")

Mix ingredients together in a large bowl.

Dressing:
1 cup of light or low-fat mayonnaise
1/4 cup honey (consider chile honey)
4 tablespoons of cider vinegar

Mix together the dressing ingredients. Add desired amount to salad mix, reserving the rest in a tightly covered container. Can be refrigerated for several days. Toss over the salad ingredients and refrigerate for about one hour or until chilled. Scoop mixture into Granny Smith bowls and serve. Makes 4 servings.

One Great Tart Heat Layered "Sandwich"

1 very crisp Granny Smith apple, cored and sliced into quarter inch thick slices
1 cup fresh arugula
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 teaspoon spicy Chinese mustard
1/2 jalapeño pepper, stemmed, seeded and finely minced
1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
Kosher salt and fresh black pepper

In a bowl, toss together the arugula, olive oil, salt and pepper. Toss until everything is coated well. In a small separate bowl, whisk together the spicy mustard, jalapeño pepper and balsamic vinegar until well blended.

Place a small amount of arugula on a plate. Add an apple slice. Top with arugula mix. Top with another apple slice and arugula mix. Continue layering ending with an apple slice. Drizzle (don't pour) the spicy mustard dressing over the top. Cut using a fork and knife. Enjoy. Tastes good with grilled fish or chicken breast. Makes 1 serving. (Recipe adapted from <http://natalieparamore.com>.)

Granny Smith Salad with Chile Spiced Pecans

Salad:
2 cups spring greens
1/4 cup Gorgonzola
1/4 cup chile spiced pecans
1 granny smith apple, peeled, cored, and julienned
1/2 cup red grapes

Mix greens, cheese, pecans, apples and grapes together. Toss. Pour dressing (recipe below) over salad and toss.

Dressing:
5 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 shallot, minced (about 2 tablespoons)
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon sea salt
1/4 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

Combine vinegar and next four ingredients in a medium bowl. Slowly whisk in oil until well blended. Use immediately, or store in an airtight container in the refrigerator until ready to use. Bring to room temperature, and stir or shake to mix. Makes 2 servings.

Red Hot Granny Smith Chicken Salad

2 large cooked chicken breasts, diced
1/4 teaspoon celery seed
1/4 teaspoon yellow mustard
1/2 cup Thompson seedless grapes, sliced
Freshly ground pepper to taste
Low-fat or light mayonnaise to taste
1/4 cup red onion thinly sliced
2 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
1 medium red jalapeño pepper, stemmed, seeded and chopped

In a large mixing bowl add the diced chicken breast, the celery seeds, the yellow mustard, and the grapes. Add the black pepper and the mayonnaise to taste. Add red onion, chopped eggs and chopped red jalapeño pepper. Mix gently but well. This tastes good stuffed into Granny Smith apples. Makes 4 servings.

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Cookin' up healthy meals at the Senior Expo cooking demonstrations

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De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery Executive Chef Alfredo Vargas led a cooking demonstration during the third annual Senior Expo Friday, March 22, at Las Cruces Convention Center.

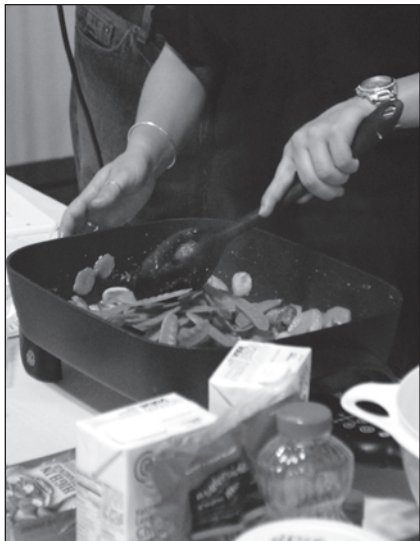


Young at Heart Chorus member George Rushing holds the microphone for Kylie Johnson, a dietetic intern with the Doña Ana County Cooperative Extension Service, as she leads a cooking demonstration.



De La Vega's Food and Beverage Director Colette Caskie pours samples of the brewery's pecan beer.

Johnson shows Senior Expo visitors how to make a healthy, diabetic-friendly chicken stir-fry.



DLV Executive Sous-Chef Keith Leroux minces cilantro that will be used in the Mediterranean dish, which included fish and mango salsa.



Vargas and Leroux demonstrate how to cook a tasty and healthy Mediterranean-style dish.



Johnson serves samples of the stir-fry to expo guests. Cooking demonstrations were held both days of the expo, Friday and Saturday.

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Getting to know: *Quality Firewood & Materials Inc.*

Opportunity, vision leads to success

Local business provides everything from firewood to pottery

By **Beth Sitzler**

Las Cruces Bulletin

According to Michael Lucero, owner of Quality Firewood & Material Inc., a Las Cruces staple since the 1990s, anyone can own a successful business.

"But they have to deal honestly," he said. "If you say you're going to do something, you have to do it. You have to be honest."

Since beginning Quality Firewood & Material Inc. in 1994, Lucero has worked hard to provide the best products at the best price to his clients. His mother first taught him about the importance of hard work when he was a child.

"My mother (Rachel Lucero) had a hard time in life," he said, adding that she was an orphan. "She was hard on me ... but she said she was proud of me when I made it."

Lucero's first entrepreneurial venture was selling Christmas trees. While studying engineering at New Mexico State University in 1988, Lucero had two friends in the Christmas tree business and thought it was a good opportunity.

"I was always trying to figure out how to make money," he said. "The good thing about selling Christmas trees is they sell real fast – like green chile."

Lucero said they would cut down the trees over Thanksgiving break, set up shop in a dirt lot, and about three weeks later, they would be sold out.

After he was married and started a family, people would ask him about firewood. He said this brought him into the firewood industry.

"Stahmann Farms would prune the trees and would trash them," he said. "There was a vast amount of wood."

"I realized I could make money from it."

Gaining exclusive rights to the orchard, Lucero began selling firewood. In the beginning, however, people were unfamiliar with using pecan wood, so he had to create a market for it.

"Now, it's more valuable than any other wood," he said.

Lucero created a mix of three different wood varieties – pecan, cedar and piñon. Each wood provided a different benefit to the user, including quick ignite, long burning and pleasant smelling. He soon became well-known for this mix.

Unfortunately, when summer came, business slowed down. To keep things moving, Quality Firewood & Materials branched out into railroad ties, then flagstone, pottery and art décor such as fountains and statuary.



Quality Firewood & Materials Inc. has 38 colors of flagstone.

"We have 38 different colors of flagstone from Arizona, Colorado, Mexico, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and New Mexico," said Lucero, adding that they provide other building materials as well, including vigas and lumber for porches.

Having sold pottery until 1996, Quality Firewood & Materials began providing the popular product again in 2004 after Lucero began working directly with a distributor in Vietnam and Malaysia.

"People want a better deal," he said of why he cut out the middleman in the pottery buying process. "My philosophy is I fight for my customers."

Fighting for his customers has paid off and Lucero has been able to grow Quality Firewood & Materials from a two-person operation to one that employs six.

Trying to stay in tune with his customers, Lucero said he is going to do something new this year: lower the price of his firewood.

"I see a lot of people can't afford a higher price," he said. "I'm trying to go back to how I did business when I first started. I want to give my customers a better value and be there for them."

Other changes are coming to Quality Firewood & Materials as well. Lucero is working to expand its pottery selection and is working on bringing in items from Spain and China.



Pottery is one of the many items sold at the local company.

"Pottery has really taken off," he said.

He is also going to grow the inventory from Vietnam by bringing in teak furniture and marble statuary.

"I try to get stuff that is unique and no one else has. I want to lure people back," he said, adding that an example of this is the company's coffee tables created from root balls.

Also down the line, Lucero has plans to get into renewable energy. He has teamed up with Stahmann Farms to harvest its pecan shells, which will then be used to create compressed logs.

"A compressed log is like a big brick that is burned," Lucero said. "It's made from material that would normally be thrown away."

Having already purchased the equipment to make the compressed logs, Lucero said he plans to introduce the new product to the community in about two years, adding that he will work to make a market for it as he did the bagged firewood in the 1990s.

"I figured if I introduce it to someone at a low cost, and if it is a good product, they'll buy it," he said.

Lucero said he believes, with the right inspiration and motivation, anyone can find success.

"It's hard, but if you really want it, you have to go for it," he said. "When you get to that

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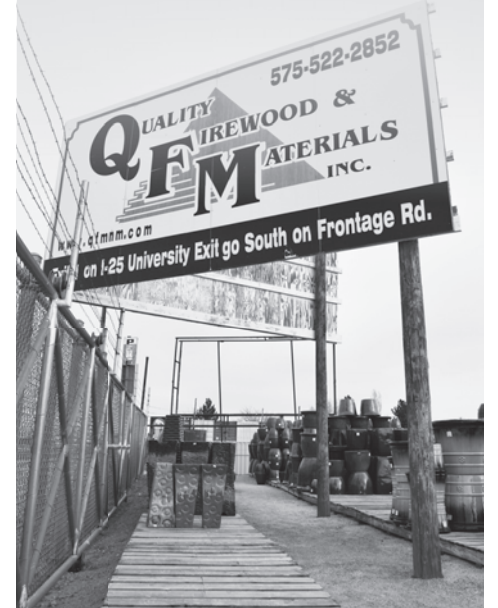
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Quality Firewood & Materials opened in 1994.

goal, it's really enjoyable. But a lot of people give up too soon."

One of his biggest inspirations, he said, was from those who said he couldn't run a successful enterprise.

"The challenge has been doing something that others said wasn't possible," he said. "There is always an opportunity. Anyone could have gone to the orchard and sold the wood, but I saw the opportunity. I'm the type of person, when I have a vision, you can't tell me I can't do it."

propane tanks at least 30 feet from the home. If this is not possible, create a 10-foot noncombustible zone around the tank.

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How to protect home from wildfire

Drought conditions expected to intensify rising threat

According to the U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook, drought conditions are expected to linger or intensify in New Mexico, presenting a heightened threat of wildfire.

In an effort to help New Mexico residents reduce their wildfire risk, the Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS) offers wildfire preparedness resources.

The IBHS has outlined five ways home and business owners can reduce their wildfire risks.

1. Clean roof: Not only does a clean roof look nice, but it can also reduce your wildfire risks. Embers can travel more than a mile

from an actual fire, which can ignite combustible debris on your roof. Be sure to pay attention to areas where the roof meets a vertical surface, such as at a dormer. Also, be safe and never work on your roof if you are uncomfortable.

2. Clean gutters: Have you cleaned your gutters lately? If not, they could be increasing your risk of wildfire damage. Gutters with combustible debris can be easily ignited by wildfire embers.

3. Clean deck: Much like the roof and gutters, a deck full of combustible materials increases the risk of wildfire damage. Re-

member that patio furniture and lawn ornaments can also be combustible, so store them inside when not using the deck. In addition, removing combustible materials from under the deck is critical. If you do store combustible materials under your deck, enclosing the underside of the deck can be an option.

4. Carefully position yard structures: Not only should combustible yard structures be placed away from your home, the area around them should also be maintained using noncombustible materials.

5. Relocate propane and LP tanks: Relocate

Ways to show off those unsightly necessities

We all have them, now use them in interesting ways

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

We all have them – those necessary household items you keep hidden away, out of sight when company comes over.

They're hidden under sinks and shoved into closets, but are incredibly helpful. While they might not proudly be on display, your life would be harder without them.

And most of the time, those unsightly household necessities can do more than just the job they were designed for. So pull out these necessities and use them around the home in some creative and convenient ways.

Toilet plunger

Look in just about any bathroom and beside the toilet, as hidden from plain view as possible, will be a plunger. Designed to get rid of those horrid toilet clogs, the toilet plunger, patented in 1777 by Samuel Prosser in England, can do much more.

1. Pop out a car dent: Has a wayward shopping cart gotten too close for comfort and left an unattractive dent in your vehicle? Before you take it to an auto body shop, try to remedy the situation on your own using a toilet plunger. Wet the plunger and push it into the dent. Pull it out sharply. The suction-cup effect will pull out the dent, and no one will ever know it was there.

2. Catch falling debris: Say you're installing a fan or light fixture into your ceiling – or even doing something as simple as screwing in a hook for your hanging plant – chances are your floor and face will become covered in falling debris. Prevent these bits of ceiling paint chips, dust and drywall from making a mess – and getting into your eyes – with a plunger. Remove the rubber bowl of the plunger from the stick and place it over the shank of the drill. The plunger will catch the debris, leaving your face and floor dust free.

3. Unclog a sink or bathtub: Yes, you already know that a plunger is designed to unclog a toilet, but did you know that it can be used to also unclog your sink or bathtub? First, remove the drain stopper and, if the sink or bathtub has an overflow outlet, cover it with duct tape. Next, fill the fixture halfway with water. Place the plunger over the drain hole, creating a good seal against the surface. Push down on the handle until it feels as if the clog has been removed. When you're done, drain the sink, remove the duct tape and replace the drain stopper.

Fly swatter

The fly swatter: The fast-moving enemy of intrusive insects everywhere. Dr. Samuel Crumrine, a member of the Kansas State Board of Health, invented the fly swatter in 1905. A lean-mean-killing machine, the fly swatter can be used in other ways – just make sure it's a clean, unused one.

1. Clean cobwebs: Clearing your tall windows or the corners of your rooms of cobwebs doesn't have to be a struggle. Rather than standing on your tiptoes, or jumping at the dangling spider

homes, get help from the fly swatter. Wet a paper towel and wrap it around the swatting end of the contraption. The fly swatter will extend your reach and the damp cloth will catch the wayward webs.

2. Retrieve lost items from under the refrigerator: The other day, I was washing cherry tomatoes when one tried to escape my clutches by seeking refuge under my refrigerator. The sly fruit was clever – rolling somewhere that, no matter how flat I made my hand, I couldn't reach. Unfortunately for the wandering tomato, there was a way to retrieve it. A fly swatter is flat enough to fit under a refrigerator – or oven. The unreachable items will now be within reach.

3. Make bubbles: As the weather warms up, now is the time to get outside and enjoy the scenic landscape before our hot, 100-degree summers set in. If you're looking for an outdoor activity to entertain the wee-ones, try making your own bubbles. In a shallow pan, pour in either store-bought or homemade bubble solution. Dip a clean fly swatter into the liquid and then wave around. The tiny holes will create numerous bubbles at once – quite the sight to see.

4. Open jars: Has your cap snaffler – that rubber disk used to open stubborn jar lids – gone missing? Don't worry, you can replace it with the rubber mat of a clean fly swatter. Remove it from the handle and place it over the lid. It will improve your grip.

5. Cover a drain opening: Are you worried about your valuables, such as your wedding ring, floating down your drain while you're doing the dishes? You can prevent this from happening by removing the rubber pad of a fly swatter from the handle and laying it over the drain opening. This will let water pass through, but stop larger items from falling down the pipe.

Cat litter

Created from bits of clay, cat litter is designed to absorb odors. Nowadays, cat litter comes in a variety of forms, scents and with special additives. While it's a product you probably keep hidden away in a closet, cat litter is useful to have around.

1. Add traction on ice: Sure winter in the Mesilla Valley is over, but when Jack Frost comes blowing in again, be prepared. One item to keep on hand to get through the cold weather is cat litter. Stash it in your trunk in case you come across some ice. The cat litter will add traction for your tires when you get stuck in ice or snow.

2. Deodorize a musty closet: If you're looking for a way to keep your hall closets fresh smelling, try cat litter. Designed to absorb odors, the cat litter can be placed in a shallow box on a shelf to deodorize the room.

3. Preserve flowers: Flowers are often given on special occasions, such as birthdays, anniversaries or promotions. While beautiful for the moment, the flowers will eventually need to be thrown out. Preserve the flowers and their

memories with the help of cat litter. Pour about half an inch of cat litter into an airtight container. Place the flowers on top and attach the lid. Keep them closed up in the container for seven to 10 days. After, remove the flowers and use them as decoration or keep them in a memory box.

4. Remove grease spots: Oil and grease spills have made a mess of your garage and driveway. Clean them with cat litter. Pour a heaping helping of cat litter over the spots and let it sit for about 12 hours before sweeping away. If the stain is old, apply a coat of paint thinner to the spot before placing the cat litter on top.

Air freshener

Spray cans of air freshener are commonplace in the bathroom or kitchen area. While there isn't much else you can do with the chemically filled pleasant smelling stuff, there are ways you can replace it with a more natural product.

1. Essential oils: Are you tired of filling your home with aerosol and chemicals? Use essential oils to improve the smell of your abode. In a spray bottle, add several drops of your favorite scent to water. Shake up the mixture and spray.

2. Cinnamon and other fragrant spices: Another way to improve the overall smell of your home is by boiling spices, such as cinnamon, cloves and ginger, in a pot of water. This trick is especially handy after you've cooked pungent foods including fish and onions.



*Around-the-house item:
Unsightly necessities*

A look at history at Casas de Antaño

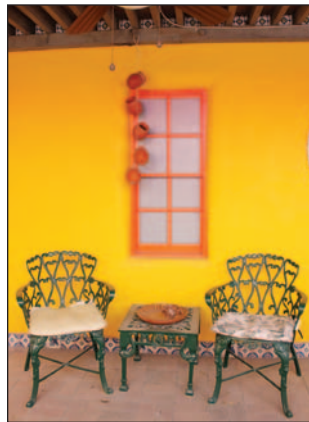
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The Don Rafael Bermudez House, at 2226A Calle de Guadalupe, was one of seven stops featured during the third annual Casas de Antaño, a historic home tour, held Saturday, March 23, throughout Mesilla.



The C.T. Turney House, 1401 Boutz Road, was the home of the rancher, his wife and 13 children in the 1900s.



Although the Don Rafael Bermudez House features many of its original mid-1800s elements, the courtyard was painted various vibrant colors in 2012.



Extreme winds and flying sand weren't enough to keep community members from visiting the tour, which gave a peek into many of Mesilla's historic homes, including the Don Rafael Bermudez House and its brightly colored patio.



Jon Hunner of the Friends of the Taylor Family explains the history behind the Taylor-Barela-Reynolds-Mesilla State Monument.



A tour group weaves through the Taylor-Barela-Reynolds-Mesilla State Monument.

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The current home of J. Paul Taylor, the residence at 2346 Calle Principal, was preserved by the family and will be transformed into a state monument, which will include many of the family's historic belongings and artwork.



Docent Amy Carpenter explains the ceiling feature of the Taylor-Barela-Reynolds-Mesilla State Monument "play room."



The wood along the living room ceiling of the Dixon House was left exposed for a rustic feel.



Homeowner Meg Lammers explains different elements of her residence, the Dixon House at 2144 Calle Principal.



A free-standing, claw-foot bathtub is located in an upstairs bathroom of the C.T. Turney House.



The Dixon House has undergone several renovations, one of which was to the kitchen that now features a modern design.

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What to expect when expecting a new kitchen

Planning ahead will result in less stress along the way



Maureen Villmer
Practical Design

Does the title sound like you're having a baby? Well, it is similar to having a baby.

First you (hopefully) plan and then you wait, and then your whole world is turned upside down, as the fruits of your labors are brought into the world.

If you have never remodeled a kitchen, perhaps I can give you an idea of what it is really like, so you can get some

satisfaction from your remodel job. (Yes, you really can get satisfaction, but only if you prepare for it.)

I hope to give you the "big picture" so your next remodeling job can give you satisfaction. If you know what to expect, that will help you through it. So here it goes, you can expect the following:

Dust

Before you start, prepare for the dust and lots of it. Cover adjoining rooms with sheets or plastic. Close off as many areas of the home as possible to eliminate migrating dust. Change your furnace filters before and after the remodel. When the dust-making projects are going on, do not turn on the air or heat. It will carry dust throughout the house.

Food

Where are you going to eat? Have a cup of coffee? Prepare to "move" into an area where you have put a refrigerator, microwave and water. You don't want to go out to eat for every meal (although it is a great excuse to go out, it gets old and expensive). If you prepare meals ahead of time and put them in the freezer, it will be easier to function in your space and have food for your family. You and your Crock Pot could become friends again. Plan ahead for this inconvenience.

Planning

Planning will save you time, money and stress. Since HGTV, some people think it can all be done in an hour. It cannot! What you don't see in the background of those remodel shows is months and months of planning, materials ordered, a timeline established, demolition done, a line of communications for all parties (workers and homeowners), inspections over and over again so nothing is missed, storage areas for staging materials, etc.

A good remodel job (or a new home for that matter) takes time to plan. If you have never done this before, don't believe what you see on TV in an hour show. You should expect for an average size kitchen, nine months of planning and three months to execute.

Have I seen projects take less time? Absolutely! Have I seen projects take more time? Definitely! The difference is planning.

Good planning means knowing your limit; you can't afford to make mistakes. The impact will be on both your budget and your mental health. When in doubt ... hire an expert. The potential stress lifted from your shoulders is "priceless."

Purge

Now is the time. Get rid of whatever you have not used in the last two years or more. Check your expiration labels on food and spices, too. Ease up your space so you have room for everything important in your kitchen.

Timeline

Include in it who will perform the various jobs and what materials will be needed to complete it. Make sure you are ahead of the project in your planning stages. Decisions, decisions and more decisions will need to be made. It is better to have them made before you start rather than waiting to make them as you go. It will slow you down and cost you more.

Knowing what to expect and preparing for it can make the entire remodeling experience less overwhelming and even turn it into a fun and exciting experience.

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Laura Smart
Health Smart

Each month, as I prepare to write this column, I gather all of the health articles I've read during the previous month.

I'm very aware of weight loss scams, which are ubiquitous. Please beware of statements such as, "I lost nine pounds in a week by taking this pill." Also, you may be watching TV when a movie star appears advertising how she got "ripped" simply by drinking this "magic potion."

In just one click, or by sending a check or credit card number in the mail, you, too, can be the next victim of the latest weight loss scam. Don't be gullible.

Ask who owns the company and how long they have owned it. Ask where the product is produced and processed. For example, vitamins: Are they hot compressed or cold? What is the ORAC value?

News flash, there is no secret ingredient to help you lose weight without participating in aerobic exercise at a minimum of three times a week.

This brings me to the topic of this column: Frances, our beloved aerobics instructor at Meerscheidt Recreation Center. Yes, Frances has quite a dedicated following of health conscious locals. Frances teaches an aerobic class from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. What makes her class so unique is she has geared it to all ages and both genders.

The participants can range in age from 20 to 81 – I know there is at least one man who is 81.

The majority of participants are females; however, there are some ever faithful husbands and singles who attend regularly. The music is very diverse, including Zumba rhythms, country, hip-hop, rock 'n' roll, island music and soothing cool down sounds for the floor mat and weight work during the last 20 minutes of the class.

Frances obviously listens to her followers because when we ask for something, we get it. She demonstrates a "high and low impact" move so each individual can choose their own level of intensity. I, as do others, wear weighted gloves during the aerobic portion and then strap on ankle weights during the floor mat workout. I personally have to sweat in order to feel I've achieved my maximum aerobic heart rate. According to Dr. Oz, "The best way to improve heart function is to sweat."

Frances has us count our heart rate at least three times during each class and determine if we are in range for our age based on a chart.

Another wonderful benefit is the charge for the class is \$2 for those under 55 years old, and only \$1 for those older than 55 who have obtained a pass card from the Munson Senior Center.

We're encouraged to hydrate often and to "keep moving." I think a lot of people don't realize that they need to keep their heart rate up for 30 minutes and the moment they stop moving, their heart rate diminishes.

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Battling eating disorders

Understanding the illness, seeking treatment

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Unhealthy body expectations can have a serious effect on a person's mental and physical state.

When these expectations are taken to the extremes, it can lead to an eating disorder.

Triggers

"Two factors drive eating disorders," said Marlin Hoover, behavioral science faculty member in the Southern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency program. "The first is what is expected in the way of thinness in our culture. The second is body image."

Because societal expectations are unhealthy, Hoover said, there is an unusually large number of people with eating disorders.

"Body image is much more unrealistic for women than men," Hoover said.

Another factor, said Judy Kolish, registered and licensed dietician for Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico, that contributes to eating disorders is family. Family can have a big impact on a child's relationship with food and body image.

"If family members criticize a child's weight, have an eating disorder themselves, put a lot of emphasis on looks or are critical of their own body (they) can trigger it," Kolish said. "It's important that

we teach our children to have a healthy relationship with food, and that starts at home."

Hoover also said perfectionism is a trait that can fuel an eating disorder, typically anorexia.

"Unfortunately, because of those perfectionist tendencies, those who develop an eating disorder have a very difficult time admitting they have a problem," Hoover said.

"In general, bulimia is easier to treat," Harper said. "The perfectionist qualities aren't as intense. With bulimia, weight loss isn't always as dramatic."

One distinction Hoover makes is those with anorexia tend to be more unrealistic about their size.

"With bulimia, people are a little more realistic but reject it," he said.

One example Hoover gives of this behavior is when people with anorexia or bulimia are asked to draw their silhouette. When presented with the outline of their actual body and asked to draw their silhouette again those with bulimia will adjust the size, those with anorexia do not – still viewing themselves as larger than they are.

Anorexia and bulimia

There are two widely recognized eating disorders: anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa.

To achieve their version of an ideal body people with eating disorders typically employ two strategies: starving or eating and throwing up, which characterize each disorder, Hoover said.

People with anorexia typically starve themselves and those with bulimia binge and purge, although some behaviors can overlap, said Dr. Eugene Sun, vice president and chief medical officer for Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico.

"People with these disorders have a different image of themselves," Sun said. "People with anorexia don't eat enough. They don't get enough nutrition. Those with bulimia overeat, they binge, and vomit."

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rafael Torres

Clinic offers diabetes class

Management is key to living with illness

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Las Palmas LifeCare Center satellite clinic opened about a month ago at 1165 Commerce Drive, it was designed as a resource for Las Cruces traveling to El Paso to receive diabetes education offered at its primary wellness center.

Although the clinic is smaller than the wellness center in El Paso, Clinical Director Lettie Van Osten and manager Chris Estrada recognized a need for their services in Las Cruces.

"My program began in El Paso 20 years ago," Van Osten said. "Over the course of the years we've seen a lot of patients from Las Cruces."

The clinic is introducing itself to Las Cruces in a small way by offering seminars and classes on diabetes management and working its way up to include MAKOpasty treatment and bariatric surgery information.

Seminars are free to attend and are offered once a month from now until December. The next seminar, "Living Well with Diabetes," will

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

Las Palmas LifeCare Center Clinical Director Lettie Van Osten and manager Chris Estrada stand in the diabetes education classroom, at their clinic at 1165 Commerce Drive Monday, March 25, where men and women with diabetes learn how to manage their illness.

Senior talents



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

Kelle Hoskins of Kelle and Friends performs a medley of "Glory of Love" by Billy Cotton and "All of Me" by Ruth Etting Saturday, March 23, during the Senior Games talent show competition at the Las Cruces Convention Center. The group competed in the vocal solo 60 to 69 year old age category. Eight performances were judged. The performers will continue on to the state games in Roswell this summer.

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Health Briefs

Affordable Care Act panel set for May

New Mexico State University College of Health and Social Services in conjunction with major sponsors Con Alma Health Foundation and SoAHEC is hosting its first Healthcare Symposium: Understanding the Affordable Care Act.

The symposium is free and will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

The symposium will break down the 2,000-page document and offer insight into how the ACA will affect the local community.

A continental breakfast and complimentary lunch will be served. Early registration is required to ensure meals are provided to those in attendance. Continuing education credits will be given to medical professionals who attend.

For more information or to register, call 646-3526 or Joy Mynatt at 646-5061.

Workshop for those caring for Alzheimer's patients

The New Mexico State University Southern Area Health Education Center will host "Caring with Respect," a program designed for Spanish-speaking families and caregivers tending to a family member with Alzheimer's disease. The workshop will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday April

11-12, at the Southern Area Health Education Center, 4003 Geothermal Drive.

The classes will provide a basic understanding of the necessary skills and attitudes to manage the needs and challenges of a person with Alzheimer's disease. Learn about this disease and its stages, practical information to help your loved ones, and how to understand difficult behavior that may be exhibited by the person with Alzheimer's. Learn how to take care of yourself as well as your loved ones and how to share experiences while affirming those experiences through a variety of support and resources. The program is sponsored by the Association of Alzheimer's in Albuquerque.

To register, contact Claudia Leyva, program facilitator, at 646-3061 or at cleyva@nmsu.edu. Registration for the workshop will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 9.

Register for Walk MS

Registration is open for Walk MS, a walk to raise money and awareness to fight Multiple Sclerosis. The race will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 6, at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. Onsite registration will begin at 8 a.m.

Registration is free. Participants are asked to register early to allow time to raise funds to support MS research, programs and services that directly impact individuals and families living with the disease. The average participant raises \$225, and fundraising prizes are awarded beginning at the \$100 level. To register early, visit <http://walkmsnewmexico.org>.

For more information, contact Maggie Schold at 505-243-2792 or maggie.schold@nmss.org.

Oñate's outstanding HOSA chapter



Photo by Carrie Hernandez

Oñate High School was named the New Mexico Outstanding Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) chapter for 2013 at the HOSA Annual State Leadership Conference in February. In addition to the outstanding chapter award, some Oñate HOSA students won state awards and others qualified for the national competition June 23-30 in Nashville, Tenn. Oñate High School HOSA members are: (Back row) Adviser Omar Fercha, Michael Soliz, Natalie Peacher, Timothy Patrick, Samantha Adam, adviser Christina Horst; (middle row) Adviser Carrie Hernandez, Kayla Weisenberger, Kaitlyn Williams, Luccianno Lamberti, Alexandra Lopez, Jose Hernandez, Therese Rodriguez, Jordan Martin, David Esquivel; and (front row) Kelsey Montoya, Leihani Rodriguez, Melissa Padilla, Ruth Robeldo. HOSA is a national student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education (HSE) Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE), that promotes career opportunities in the health care industry and enhance delivery of quality health care to all people.

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Movin' to '60s music at the Senior Expo 2013 Second Chance Prom

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MountainView Regional Medical Center Communications Relations Manager Janet Acosta-Clifton poses for a photo at the prom. The theme was '60s peace and love.



Arlene Condon and Ray Amezquita dance at the prom.



Jerry and Mary Iadicicco dance at the during the Second Chance Prom, which concluded the Senior Expo festivities Saturday, March 23, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



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Malnutrition, typical in those with anorexia, can cause serious health problems, including thinning bones, depletion of muscle, anemia, heart failure, osteoporosis, damage to the heart, brain and other organs.

Those with bulimia can experience similar complications as well as scarring of the throat from vomiting, erosion of the tooth enamel, stained teeth, mineral or electrolyte imbalance and low levels of sodium and potassium, which can cause heart issues, Sun said.

Another symptom of the disorder is brown finger tips, which is easy to look for if a parent or loved one is concerned, Harper said.

Although it isn't always easy to see the signs of an eating disorder other than dramatic weight loss, which is more typical with anorexia than bulimia, there are also behaviors to watch for.

"How preoccupied someone is with eating," Kolish said. "Pushing food around the plate, obsessively counting calories or weighing food and excessive exercise are some behaviors. If a female has missed her period, at least three times in a row, is seen in people who are severely restricting their food intake."

Eating disorder behaviors in men

Although eating disorders usually began in pre-teen and teen years, rates are growing among other age groups.

"It's not just young girls affected by eating disorders, but older women and men," Kolish said.

Primarily seen in females, eating disorders can also affect

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be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, and provide information on the class on diabetes management.

"The classes aren't free, but Medicaid and Medicare covers it and any other type of insurance should cover the classes as well," Van Osten said.

Because the classes aren't free, it is important to attend the seminar to ensure each participant gets what they need so their insurance can cover the expense.

The seminars and courses are offered in English and Spanish to better serve the community.

"We've done our research and there are certain services we provide that people in Las Cruces don't get," Estrada said.

The classes are ADA recognized and guidelines are followed to ensure consistency, said Van Osten.

Van Osten, who teaches the classes, said it is important to offer this resource because diabetes is a huge problem throughout the country and is hoping to provide men and women with a comprehensive program.

The class is eight hours and broken up into two sections.

The first four hours of the class will cover meal planning. Attendees will meet with a registered dietician and learn the importance of eating well to manage diabetes and why portion sizes and carbohydrates are an important part of a healthy diet.

The second half of the class will address the questions: What is diabetes? What in the body has changed? It will touch on what happens when the illness is managed correctly and what happens when it is not. Blood

sugar levels, how medications work, knowing if a doctor is performing the appropriate tests, stress and proper foot care all tie in with diabetes management.

"We set goals," Van Osten said. "One reason people come in is not only for the education, but for motivation and to inspire change."

Although the class is only for one day, Van Osten said a three-month follow up with those who attend is conducted to ensure each attendee is on the right path or determine if they are feeling overwhelmed and in need of further support.

Ultimately, the focus of the clinic and its resources is the patient.

"It is important to attend to achieve a higher quality of life," Van Osten said.

For more information, call 522-0068 or 915-521-2176.

Details

Eating Disorder Statistics

- Almost 50 percent of people with eating disorders meet the criteria for depression.
- Only 1-in-10 men and women with eating disorders receive treatment. Only 35 percent of people who receive treatment for eating disorders get treatment at a specialized facility for eating disorders.
- Up to 24 million people of all ages and genders suffer from an eating disorder (anorexia, bulimia and binge eating disorder) in the U.S.
- Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness.
- Anorexia is the third most common chronic illness among adolescents.
- Ninety-five percent of those who have eating disorders are between the ages of 12 and 25.
- The mortality rate associated with anorexia is 12 times higher than the death rate associated with all causes of death for females 15 to 24 years old.
- More than one-half of teenage girls and nearly one-third of teenage boys use unhealthy weight control behaviors such as skipping meals, fasting, smoking cigarettes, vomiting and taking

- laxatives.
- Men are less likely to seek treatment for eating disorders because of the perception that they are "woman's diseases."
- Among gay men, nearly 14 percent appeared to suffer from bulimia and more than 20 percent appeared to be anorexic.
- Women are more likely than men to develop an eating disorder. Only an estimated 5 to 15 percent of people with anorexia or bulimia are male.

Source: www.anad.org

men. The behaviors in both genders are typically similar with a few exceptions.

Daubney Harper, a post doctoral resident psychologist said eating disorders do occur among men and are most common in gay men.

"Males exhibit the same behaviors, but they have typically have the opposite body image," Sun said. "Muscle dysmorphia is thinking you do not have enough body weight and muscle

mass, eat a lot and try to build muscle through supplements or metabolizers."

Treatment

"Most people I see don't come in seeking treatment for an eating disorder – it's typically anxiety or depression and the behaviors come out during conversation," Harper said.

Those with bulimia are prone to depression and those with anorexia are prone to anxiety, she added.

If a clinic specializing in eating disorders is not available nearby, Sun said a good place to start is with a primary care physician.

"PCPs know a lot and know who to go to help for with a specific issue," he said. Kolish recommends seeking out a psychotherapist that specializes in eating disorders.

"Treatment really does involve a team approach," she said. "It starts with finding the right therapist, because they can evaluate what a person needs. Sometimes it's more intense, in patient treatment and other times it's outpatient treatment."

"People can overcome their eating disorder and achieve a healthy lifestyle, it happens all the time," Harper said.

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This information may sound elementary to some of the "die hard" forever "aerobicizers," but I've learned not to assume anything, particularly with all of the misinformation that is available.

Frances is an employee of the city and has many other duties besides leading our aerobic class, but to us, she is our instructor of choice and we all hope she continues to lead us to a healthier lifestyle.

Come join us and enjoy some healthy fun.

Laura Smart is an independent health and wellness consultant and may be contacted at lauralsmart@comcast.net.

BBBS readies for bowling event

Fundraiser helps kids in the community

Bulletin Staff Report

As Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico (BBBS) gears up for its annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser, the donor-funded volunteer-supported agency reminds the community that it needs funding as well as volunteers.

Each year, for more than two decades, Bowl For Kids' Sake has supported BBBS mentoring programs. The premiere fundraiser, held this year on Sunday, April 7, at Ten Pin Alley, 1201 E. Amador Ave., provides a way for mentors and their friends and families, as well as caring people who might not have time to mentor, to support BBBS. There is still space available for teams who are interested in participating. Registration is \$500 for a team of five people.

"This is a fun event," said Stacie Allen, CEO of BBBS of Southwestern New Mexico. "Our matches help host the event.

Those who attend will see and meet the Bigs and Littles they are supporting."

BBBS is part of the largest network of volunteer mentors of youth, relies on funding to carefully match volunteers with children and provide ongoing support to sustain long-term, one-to-one mentoring friendships.

The event includes bowling, prizes for the teams who raise the most money. There will also be music and a silent auction. The event is open to the community. Registration is required for those interested in bowling at the event.

"It's one of our largest annual fundraisers," Allen said. "The money raised stays in the community to support our local children. We currently have 158 active matches and so many more children that need to be served."

Independent studies find Littles are more likely to be successful in school, avoid violent, harmful and illegal behaviors and activities, and have strong relationships

with their families and others.

"Our agency is dedicated to working with children and providing positive role models," Allen said.

Children served through BBBS are primarily those of single, low-income or incarcerated parents. The event is also meant to educate the community on the importance of BBBS and provide information on ways to volunteer or utilize individual talents to help the organization.

"Bowl for Kids' Sake is a very significant event that generates a lot of excitement about Big Brothers Big Sisters," Allen said. "We are challenging the community, individuals and companies around the area to begin impacting children's lives by becoming a sponsor or creating a team. With help from the community we can achieve our goal of \$30,000 enabling us to serve more children in Doña Ana County."

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

An Easter sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. Sunday, March 31, at Young Park, on Nevada Avenue. The Las Cruces Evangelical Ministerial Fellowship is sponsoring the annual service and Capt. Scott Schneider of the Salvation Army Church will bring the Easter Gospel message. A love offering will be gathered for the ministry of the Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission. For more information, call Bill Wheeler at 644-6694 or 523-7727.

UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST EASTER SERVICES

Holy week observances at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St., include a Good Friday service of healing and wholeness at 7 p.m. Friday, March 29, and Easter Sunday worship celebrations at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 31. Child care will be provided.

HOLY FAMILY HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Family Ecumenical Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road, will hold the following Holy Week services: Good Friday liturgy at 7 p.m. Friday, March 29, which will include reading of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross; Holy Saturday Vigil at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 30, which will include lighting of the Easter fire and liturgy of the Word in the fellowship hall and a celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and Eucharist in the sanctuary; and Easter service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 31. For more information, call 644-5025.

PASSOVER AT TEMPLE BETH-EL

Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., will present "Recognizing Temple Beth-El Pioneers" during the Sabbath of Passover service at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 29. Several veteran members will share their recollections of the early years of organizing the Jewish community in Las Cruces. The Temple Beth-El Mensch Club will present the PBS film, "God on Trial," at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 31. The temple will hold its last day of Passover service, including memorial (yizkor) prayers, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 2.

EVENTS AT UNITY

Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold an Easter service with spiritual Communion at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 31. For more information, visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

EASTER AT MISSION LUTHERAN

Mission Lutheran Church, 2752 Roadrunner Parkway, will hold the following services in celebration of Easter: Good Friday worship at noon

and 7 p.m. Friday, March 29; and Easter services at 6:45 a.m., 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 31. For more information, call 522-0465.

PEACE LUTHERAN HOLY WEEK

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., will hold the following services during Holy Week: Good Friday worship service at 12:10 p.m. and Tenebrae service at 7 p.m. Friday, March 29; and Easter Sunday service at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 31, followed by an Easter egg hunt and a light brunch. For more information, call 522-7119.

HOLY WEEK AT EL CALVARIO

El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St., invites the public to Holy Week services, including The Seven Sayings from the Cross at 3 p.m. Friday, March 29, and "The Passion of the Christ" showing 5 p.m. Saturday, March 30. For more information, call 647-4910.

EASTER EVENTS AT SONOMA SPRINGS

Sonoma Springs Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., will hold the following Easter events: Easter Sunday worship with a traditional service at 8 a.m. and a contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 31; and a healing service at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 14. For more information, call 526-4907.

CORNERSTONE EASTER SERVICES

Cornerstone Baptist Church, 5301 Cortez Drive, will hold its Easter services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, March 31. For more information, call 532-0902.

THE DARTTS CONCERT

The Dartts will perform in concert at 7 p.m. Friday, March 29, and Monday, April 1, at Temple Baptist Church, 2300 Missouri Ave. For more information and to reserve group seating, call 522-4411.

ANNUAL EPISCOPAL VISIT

Bishop Daniel of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA will make his annual visit to St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., Friday through Saturday, March 29-31. He will speak at Vespers at 5 p.m. Saturday and will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call Father Gabriel at 524-2296.

EASTER CELEBRATION CONCERT

The New Mexico State University Choir and Gospel recording artist Rosalind Jones will join the New Heights Faith Community during the Easter Celebration concert at

7 p.m. Saturday, March 30, at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. This is a free event. For more information, contact Rev. Joe Whitley at 202-9908 or pastorjoe@newheightsfaith.org.

HOLOCAUST PRESENTATION

Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., will host "What do We Think We Know About the Holocaust?" presented by Andrea Orzoff, associate professor of history at New Mexico State University, at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 7. The last two decades of scholarly research have changed academic understanding of the Holocaust quite profoundly. The new understanding has real implications for the way the world deals with contemporary genocide, race relations and the status of minorities. Rabbi Larry Karol will lead prayers of remembrance for victims of the Holocaust at the beginning of the program. For more information, email wanderingjeb@gmail.com.

SUMMER FARMERS MARKET

Girls Ministries at First Assembly of God is sponsoring an outdoor Summer Farmers Market/Arts and Crafts Fair Saturday, May 4, at the church, 5605 Bataan Memorial West. Cost is \$25 per space until Monday, April 29, and includes an 8-foot table and two chairs. A \$5 late fee will be added after this date. All proceeds will go to their missions project "Samuel's House" in Venezuela. If you would like to reserve a space, contact Mary Helen Gonzalez at 524-0654, ext. 101.

'STABAT MATER' AT ST. PAUL

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., is preparing a performance of Anton Dvorak's "Stabat Mater" at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 12. Douglas Weeks will conduct the performance by choir, soloists and orchestra of this late-19th century choral work. Singers from across the community, regardless of affiliation, are invited to sing this monumental work. Rehearsals will be at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in the choir room at St. Paul's with occasional Saturday afternoon rehearsal times. Scores will be provided. The work, which moves from grief to assurance, was intended for concert presentation rather than liturgical use. For more information, call 644-6999.

LC FIRST SATURDAY SERVICE

Las Cruces First, 5605 Bataan Memorial West, will begin holding services at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays to accommodate those who can't attend Sunday morning service. The Saturday services offer a casual and inviting setting with great worship, a timely message

DEADLINE FOR CHURCH NEWS

Items for the Church News section are due the Friday before it will be published. Entries must include: name of event, time, date, location with address, a short description, cost and contact information. Entries and questions may be emailed to beth@lascrucesbulletin.com.

from the Lord and refreshments and fellowship at the end of every service. For more information, call 524-0654 or visit www.lascrucesfirst.org.

OPEN SPIRITUAL GROUP

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) Edgar Cayce Studies and General Spiritual Group hold group meetings from 10 a.m. to noon the first Sunday of each month. The meetings are hosted by local chapter leader Linda Aragon and are open to the public. Anyone seeking spiritual study, knowledge and awareness is encouraged to attend. For more information and location, call Aragon 382-6400.

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

If you've lost someone close to you or know someone who has, Grief Share is a special weekly support group held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at the Morning Star United Methodist Church, 2941 Morning Star Drive, Room 105. At Grief Share you will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. Each session stands alone. For more information or to register, call the church office at 521-3770, Jackie Sledge at 915-525-2575 or Jim Maxon at 532-9699.

YEAR OF FAITH SERIES

Holy Cross Catholic Church Community will hold its "Credo - I believe" Year of Faith series from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays in the gathering space, 1327 N. Miranda St. Msgr. John Anderson will lead discussion on praying the Apostles Creed. Bring your Bible, a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic church (available for a small donation) and any "goodies" you'd like to share. There is no charge, but registration is required. For more information, call 523-0167.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., offers two prayer groups. A centering prayer group meets weekly at 8 a.m. Saturdays for 20 to 30 minutes. Gathering for Prayer meets Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 522-7119.

To ask: Whence came the teaching on resurrection?

Morality thought about during the Easter season



Gabriel Rochelle
Tales from the Cassock

Christians annually celebrate the resurrection of Christ during the festival known as Easter. For some Christians, the resurrection of Christ is a surety; for others, a hope; and for some, a puzzle.

There may be people who remain in church despite their disbelief in the whole idea. For many, the festival has become a celebration of spring with its renewal of greenery and flowers. But let us explore the idea of resurrection itself, embraced as it is not only by Christians, but also by many Jews and Muslims.

Where does the idea come from?

Unlike animals and stones – or so we think – human beings are able to reflect on their experience. Everyone experiences the deaths of those close to them, which indicates to us that we also are mortal – though most of us do not take the fact into consideration until later in life.

Look at how many people put off making a last will and testament until they have gray hair and a halting step. Death is a puzzle, and one of the ways philosopher and peasant alike have come to grips with it is by projecting the idea of immortality as a continuation of life.

Greeks and Romans believed, more or less, in a simple continuity of life beyond death with or without the folderol of the Egyptians with their elaborate culture of the dead. The ancient Hebrews, however, who are our ancestors in the faith, did not believe in immortality. At best there was sheol, a shadow land similar to a root cellar for the dead, but not immortality as most people would think of it.

Over the centuries, before the time of Jesus, those ancient Hebrews began to reason that, as the author of all life, God could sustain life even beyond the grave. Gradually, the idea of resurrection grew – not exactly the same thing as the

immortality of the soul, but including life beyond this life in some way.

Resurrection is pure miracle: Only God can make this happen, so any continuity of life beyond the grave – call it soul, or what you will – is wholly dependent on God's love. No inherent immortality comes with being born; that's not part of the deal. But God could make it happen.

Part of this understanding is that resurrection is corporate; as we are interrelated to one another in this life, so God will raise us up as a community. We are all in this together; we are bound together in life and in death. The famous chapter from Ezekiel that is the basis for the well-known African-American spiritual, "Dry Bones," is the earliest picture of this corporate new life.

In the last centuries before Jesus, belief in resurrection was ultimately linked to God's justice for an unjust world, God's way to right the wrongs suffered in this life.

Jesus of Nazareth suffers the cruellest death imaginable. He does not escape injustice in this life, nor does he escape suffering or indignities; all are horrifically present in his life.

The resurrection serves as vindication for his cause, his ministry, his words and his person. The resurrection renews our hope toward justice in an unjust world. Only so can the cross be transformed from an implement of destruction to a source of life.

Jesus is among the just people whom God vindicates with life eternal; he is, in fact, "the first born from the dead," as the Apostle Paul wrote in his resurrection manifesto. This hope fueled movements for freedom and liberation over centuries.

Those who follow in Jesus' way of love and service have confidence that God will raise us up with him at the last day.

Father Gabriel Rochelle is pastor of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission and professor of Biblical studies at St. Sophia Orthodox Seminary, South Bound Brook, N.J. For more information, visit www.stanthonylc.org.

Holy Week begins



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

Father Alejandro Reyes presides over Palm Sunday Mass Sunday, March 24, at Holy Cross Catholic Church as altar server Tim Trujillo holds the service book. Congregants gathered outside before the procession as Reyes gave a blessing and sprinkled congregants with holy water before making their way into the church. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of week and represents Jesus Christ's entrance into Jerusalem.

Celebrating Passover



Susan Fitzgerald lights the holiday candles during the Passover Second Night Seder at Temple Beth-El Tuesday, March 26. Nearly 100 people from the congregation and the community attended the celebration of this festival of freedom.

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Thinking pink at the TETWP sponsor reception

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Tough Enough to Wear Pink co-chairs Laura Conniff, Lynda Garcia and Pat Sisbarro greeted guests at a sponsor appreciation reception Thursday, March 21, at Conniff's home.



Jennifer and Royal Jones, Denny and Geraldine Calhoun



Shirley Hitson visits with Lou Henson.

Kelli and Louise Burchell



Rick Nezza, Melissa Hemmert and Brian Emmert



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Lou and Pat Sisbarro

Salmonella risk with poultry 'Handle with care,' says DOH, Livestock Board

The New Mexico Department of Health and the New Mexico Livestock Board are warning families that plan to give baby chicks or other baby birds to their children this Easter to use extreme caution in order to avoid salmonella infection.

In the last seven years, New Mexico has had 19 human cases of salmonella related to baby chicks/ducklings. Many of the cases were in young children.

"Salmonella is often present in the droppings of chicks and other baby birds, even though the animals themselves usually won't show signs of illness," said Department of Health Secretary Retta Ward. "That makes it easy for people to let their guard down, and that's when they run the risk of getting salmonella."

Early symptoms of salmonella in people include fever, diarrhea and abdominal pain. These symptoms develop

one to three days after exposure to baby chicks and their droppings. Other symptoms might include nausea, chills or headaches.

"Salmonella infection can occur when parents keep the baby birds inside the house and allow their small children to handle and snuggle with them," said Paul Ettestad, state public health veterinarian at the Department of Health. "Other cases were brought on when parents didn't wash their hands properly after handling the birds, indirectly giving the infection to their children."

The department recommends that young and old people take the following preventive measures:

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water immediately after touching live baby birds or anything in the area where they live and roam. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

- Adults should supervise hand washing for young children.
- Don't snuggle or kiss baby birds.
- Don't touch your mouth, or eat or drink around live baby poultry.
- Don't let baby birds inside the house or in areas where food or drink is prepared, served or stored, such as kitchens, dining rooms, pantries and outdoor patios
- Don't clean any equipment or materials associated with raising or caring for live poultry (such as cages, feed and water containers) in the house.
- Do not let children younger than 5 years old touch chicks, ducklings or other live poultry.

Visit your physician if you experience abdominal pain, fever and/or diarrhea. To learn more about salmonella infection from live baby poultry, visit www.cdc.gov/Features/SalmonellaBabyBirds/

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Carnaval helps kids at the Hearts for Autism Masquerade Ball

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A guest at the masquerade ball admires a print by artist Francisco Romero. The print was auctioned to the highest bidder, who purchased it for \$1,100. The donation will go to supporting the Hearts for Autism fund.



Austin Trout attended the Hearts for Autism Masquerade Ball Saturday, March 16, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. Trout was named king of the masquerade ball.

Kathleen Cronin, Hearts for Autism board member and New Mexico State University special education professor, spoke about the importance of the children who attend Camp New Amigos.

Abel Covarrubias honors Senate Pro Tem Mary Kay Papan with an award for her work regarding autism spectrum disorders. Papan was unable to attend, so her grandson, George Vescovo, accepted the award on her behalf.



Bibi Philippou spoke during the masquerade ball. The event is held each year to raise money for the Hearts for Autism Fund, which supports Camp New Amigos, a camp for children and teens with autism, and resources and education for those personally and professionally impacted by autism spectrum disorders.



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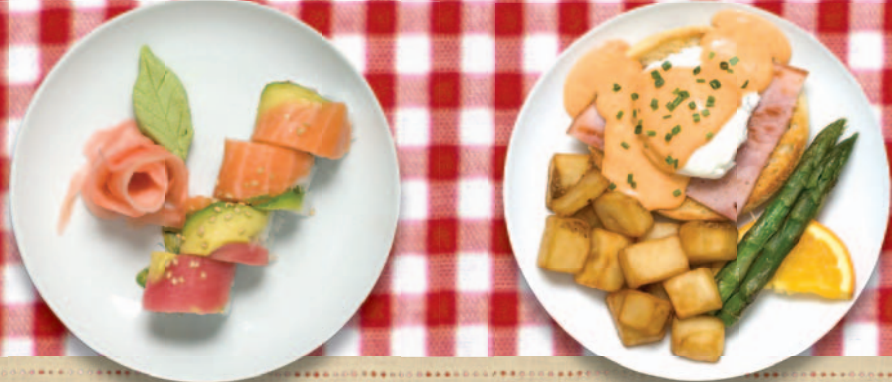
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