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## State agency clears LCPS

### 'Gaming of the system' not found by extensive audit

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

A year ago, a large leap in special education reimbursement to Las Cruces Public Schools undercut increased state funding for schools, prompting Gov. Susana Martinez to accuse LCPS of "gaming the system."

The Public Education Department (PED) conducted two audits – the second very detailed.

At a school board meeting Tuesday, May 22, LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds reported the administration had recently received a letter from the head of PED's federal programs closing the books on the audit and clearing the district's name in the dispute.

Rounds said not only did the audit find that the district was providing adequate services for special education students, what wasn't in the report was just as important – no findings, which is an audit term for not doing something properly or by current standards.

"There were no findings, meaning the allegations made about 'gaming the system' were not supported by the audit," Rounds said.

Coming off the 2011 Legislature, LCPS saw the most significant increase in need for special education funding with a \$9 million surge that Rounds said was the result of fixing a computer program that was underreporting special education spending by the district. In the fiscal year prior to 2011, the problem resulted in the district not getting reimbursed by the state by about \$5 million, Rounds said.

New Mexico Secretary of Education Hanna Skandera called for the audit to explain an apparent \$9 million increase in special education funding in one year. Compared to the increase in the number of students needing special education services, Martinez said it came out to about \$30,000 per student.

Rounds said what happened is not that simple. State funding over the seven previous years showed the district grew from a base

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Highland Elementary School staff wave to the students as their bus passes Wednesday, May 23, the last day of classes for local schools on the regular school year calendar.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

## City to change route for July light parade

### Pre-Independence Day floats will circle around Downtown

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

The City of Las Cruces annual Electric Light Parade will take a new route this year – one similar to the successful Centennial Parade held in January.

Instead of staging at Apodaca Park and heading up Solano Drive to Hadley Avenue, the parade floats and entries will be staging at the City Hall parking lot and will travel the circular route around Downtown the evening of Tuesday, July 3.

With the success of the Centennial Parade, the Fourth of July Committee agreed to make the change, considering it had a

similar theme of reflecting the city's history, and to provide support for Downtown revitalization, said Rob Caldwell, community relations coordinator with the city. This year's theme is "Celebrating the New Mexico Centennial."

The Electric Light Parade will stage at the new City Hall, 700 N. Main St., starting at 6 p.m. and the parade will begin at 9 p.m. The parade route goes from City Hall on Main Street to Water Street, around the south end of the last portion of Main Street being re-opened to Church Street, before returning to City Hall. The parade should end at about 10:30 p.m., Caldwell said.

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## Events, ceremony fill Memorial Day

### Summer's unofficial start also a time to remember

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

Memorial Day weekend is a busy one for southern New Mexico, with a wine festival and a variety of outdoor recreation, but the actual holiday is one of remembrance for service and sacrifice to the country.

Running from Saturday, May 26, through Memorial Day Monday, May 28, is the annual Southern New Mexico Wine Festival, an event so popular it's not uncommon to find many El Pasoans visiting the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds west of the city off Interstate 10.

For \$15 daily admission, adults

get to taste a variety of wines produced in the Land of Enchantment and spend a little at crafts and food booths, all while enjoying live music.

For those younger than 21, there is no admission fee, but they must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. There will be activities for children available at the festival, which is open from noon to 6 p.m. each day. On Memorial Day, members of the military will receive a \$3 discount.

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

While checking out one of New Mexico's state parks, don't be surprised to meet some of those who

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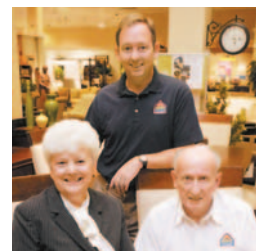
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# Trojan wins car giveaway



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 Julia Gonzalez, 15, gets behind the wheel of the PT Cruiser she won for having good attendance at the Count Me In event Tuesday, May 22, at the Field of Dreams. Las Cruces Public Schools holds the drawing to encourage students to attend classes. Students with 90 percent attendance were eligible for the drawing. Gonzalez of Mayfield High School also will be able to get driving lessons donated by Mi Tierra Driving School.

# Sports Skills Institute opening this weekend

## First in area for indoor baseball, softball

Bulletin Staff Report

The indoor baseball and softball season opens this weekend at the new Sports Skills Institute in the former Dickerson's Event Center at 3920 W. Picacho Ave.

Athletes of all ages are invited to celebrate the grand opening of the institute from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 26, through Monday, May 28.

It is the first indoor baseball/softball training facility in southern New Mexico – the perfect place for local ballplayers to evaluate and hone their hitting, pitching and fielding skills.

In 18,000 square feet, the institute houses 9,000 square feet of artificial turf, regulation-size bullpens and four batting cages – two of which are equipped with stationary pitching machines.

Technology also is featured in Right View Pro, a computer program that provides instant feedback on the aspiring athlete's hitting, pitching and fielding. Participants can even compare their results with a major league player's.

Local entrepreneur Marci Dickerson, who created the institute with high school baseball coach Miguel Gomez, said the facility will enable participants to enjoy their sport in a controlled physical environment, safe from weather extremes.

Indoor lighting means families can schedule lessons at night.

Gomez said the institute will provide coaches and instructors from the Las Cruces Vaqueros, New Mexico State University and Las Cruces Public Schools.

The institute will focus on programming for youth, including private instruction, player camps, coaches clinics, team and parent workshops, a traveling club team and high school and college-age guidance. An after-school tutoring program also is planned.

Dickerson said there is no charge for the facilities May 26-28.

In addition, the institute will host an indoor T-ball tournament throughout the weekend.

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## From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

### Day of remembrance

Memorial Day weekend is a time for family and friends; it is also a time to honor those who made our country free

Memorial Day weekend is one of my favorite times of the year in Las Cruces.

The last week of May typically has some of the best weather of the year. We enjoy cool, crisp mornings, bright sunshine and relatively mild temperatures.

The annual three-day holiday has become a favored time to gather for barbecues, softball tournaments, family gatherings and possibly a trip to Elephant Butte Lake or an escape up into the coolness of the mountains near Ruidoso, Cloudcroft or Silver City.

Local golf courses are likely to be packed throughout the weekend as golfers take advantage of the moderate weather. Parks will be filled with picnickers. Softball and baseball tournaments will be played. Grocery stores will be filled with last-minute shoppers stocking up on cookout items for the holiday weekend.

The long weekend can be a perfect time to hike the trails in the Organ Mountains, go out to the movies or visit the popular Southern New Mexico Wine Festival at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

For some of us, Monday will be a regular workday. Many businesses will be open. In fact, Memorial Day has become an important marketing period for retailers. Consumers are inundated with a variety of media advertising that promotes special Memorial Day sales events. It seems that everything is on sale this weekend, from automobiles to grocery items and furniture.

Actually, this holiday merchandising is a relatively recent phenomenon. It wasn't all that long ago that Memorial Day was a much simpler holiday with a more solemn purpose.

The origin of Memorial Day dates back to 1868 when Gen. John A. Logan, the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, proclaimed May 30 to be a day to honor fallen Americans by "strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." Because of the act of decorating the graves of military veterans annually on May 30, the day became known as Decoration Day.

With the passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971, Decoration Day became an officially recognized holiday. The act also moved the day from its traditional May 30 date to the last Monday in May, thus creating the annual three-day weekend.

Unfortunately, today it seems the original purpose for Memorial Day has been lost among our frenzied lifestyles. While families use the long weekend to gather and have a good time, it appears that fewer and fewer are taking the time to seriously reflect on the contributions and sacrifices of those fellow Americans who fought and died over the past 250 years to protect the freedoms we enjoy today.

This weekend, we encourage Las Cruces to look past the holiday sales and promotions. This weekend would be a perfect time to visit our wonderful Veterans Memorial Park on Roadrunner Parkway. The park has several monuments, including a wall inscribed with more than 6,000 names of local veterans, dating back to the Civil War.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if each of us would take the time this weekend to reflect on the original purpose of Decoration Day so that everyone in our community could continue to share the reverence and respect for those who have given their lives in order that we can enjoy the many privileges and freedoms we enjoy in this great country?

We pray everyone will have a fun and safe holiday.

Whatever activities you have planned, we encourage you and your family to take the time to remember our veterans. God bless America.

“ ... take the time to remember our veterans. ”

## MEMORIAL DAY 2012



## Letters to the Editor

### Wolf shooters deserve real punishment

On March 27, a Mexican grey wolf pup was found illegally shot.

It was a member of the Hawk's Nest Pack, whose pack members live and breed in an area with livestock production and other human activities, yet have had little to no interaction with the people in that area.

This is another tragedy for the Mexican Wolf Recovery Program, which had a goal of reaching 100 wolves in the wild by 2006. Here we are in 2012, with only 58.

Half of all wolf fatalities, since the beginning of the recovery program in 1998, have been caused by illegal shootings. The Fish and Wildlife Service seldom finds these shooters.

An effort needs to be made to carry out more thorough investigations and bring these shooters to justice. In addition to rarely finding the shooters, the punishment given to those convicted of shooting a wolf has been lax.

The maximum penalty for shooting a wolf is up to one year in jail and a \$50,000 fine. Last year, two men were convicted of illegally shooting wolves. However, they both only got minimum fines and no jail time.

This sends a message that shooting

these wolves, one of the most endangered mammals in North America, will result in merely a slap on the wrist. If the punishment for these crimes was greater, more of these shooters may be deterred.

Julie Patterson

### Government imposed art is not needed

We have lovely galleries, museums and studios. We have philanthropists with money and art collections from which they can donate to beautify public spaces. We have creative business owners whose architecture and décor beautify the town.

We vote with our wallets when we patronize charming commercial spaces. We have an attractive populace whose creative personal style warmly welcomes the community.

We pay governments to prevent despoiling of our public spaces, levy penalties for offenses from breaking glass on pavement to gang graffiti on walls. That sets the standards for community pride.

When it comes to art in public places, we do not need public money to be spent imposing a government committee's idea of art on our sensibilities.

Pat Holguin

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# New faces will represent New Mexico in Congress

## Few surprises expected in statewide primary elections

**Jay Miller**  
*Inside the Capitol*



The 2012 election will produce many new faces for New Mexicans.

Half our senatorial delegation will change, along with at least a third of our House members.

Obviously that's not a lot of faces and some of them we have seen elsewhere. But New Mexicans are not accustomed to changing their congressional delegation very often. It is one reason our state receives much more than its share of federal money.

New Mexico currently is going through a transition caused by the retirements of two senators with a combined 66 years in Congress. Starting over won't be fun, but we enjoyed a long ride on the gray train of federal projects.

It appears we will have a U.S. Senate race in November between Republican Heather Wilson and Democrat Martin Heinrich. Both have experience in the U.S. House, which will give them a slight leg up in the Senate.

Neither of them have had to break a sweat

in the primary election. Lt. Gov. John Sanchez dropped out of the race early. Las Cruces businessman Greg Sowards, running as the only true conservative, never got his campaign in gear.

Sowards loaned himself a big wad of money, but hasn't used much of it. This has given Wilson time to work on softening what many considered a severe image.

The action isn't much livelier on the Democratic side. Both Heinrich and state auditor Hector Balderas are in basic agreement on the issues. Balderas is a strong candidate and has received some important endorsements.

He also has a very compelling life story. But if political observers are correct, he will have to go negative to have a chance of winning. He doesn't appear prepared to do that.

New Mexico's U.S. Senate race is considered one of the most important in the nation, so expect the action to pick up soon after the primary elections. Our state no longer is

considered a battleground for the presidency, but it is for the U.S. Senate.

The major primary election action is the Democratic race for the U.S. House seat being vacated by Heinrich. State Sen. Eric Griego is considered the favorite, but Bernalillo County Commissioner Michelle Lujan Grisham appears to be closing fast. Former Mayor Marty Chavez is thought to be trailing.

Lujan Grisham and Chavez both accuse Griego of being too rigid in his positions and unwilling to compromise. They contend it will make Griego an ineffective member of

Congress. It appears Democrats may have a liberal tea party.

This year's redistricting is producing some interesting legislative races. Sen. John Arthur Smith of Deming may have some trouble in the Democratic primary. He served as the conservative counterpart to former Gov. Bill Richardson, but some Democrats suggest his brand of conservatism isn't needed when we

“New Mexico's U.S. Senate race is considered one of the most important in the nation.”

## One branch dominating government

### Legislative branch needs to get back in governing business

**Michael Swickard**  
*In My Opinion*



It is possible I worry too much. But I think not.

The more I watch Congress, the less power Congress seems to have. They get face time on the networks talking, but not acting as a Congress.

Remember, there are three equal branches of government, which, in theory, hold each other in balance. But in the last three years, this Congress has stopped functioning.

Their primary role is the federal budget. But no federal budget has been passed in three years. Our country languishes in a Neverland of uncertainty while Congress does not do its duty.

The lack of a federal budget has caused many subtle changes in the way our country operates. There are many governmental contracts still valid but not funded. Companies are trying to guess when Congress will return to work, but no one knows. Congress postures about the debt ceilings but does nothing until the last moment and then continues the charade of leadership.

Again, maybe I worry too much. In the last three years, Congress has been neutered in their role to advise and consent in the president's choices for governmental rule makers. This president just makes Czars out of people, which in effect circumvents congressional power. The Czars act like cabinet members but are not vetted.

Finally, rule making in the government is now done through presidential findings and agency rule changes made outside of Congress. Americans deal with entities such as the Environmental Protection Agency who command obedience. No longer are citizens able to debate the possible rules in Congressional hearings.

It seems we have a one-branch government or the makings of one. The only branch taking charge of things is the executive branch. It is hard to say with the judicial branch because we do not see their actions as easily, but for sure Congress has lost all of its power and does not realize this fact.

The Supreme Court is set to rule on the health care legislation which passed without anyone in Congress reading the entire 2,700 page bill. The members of Congress all admit there was not time to read it from when it was placed for a vote. We are still being surprised at what is in those 2,700 pages.

As I just said The Supreme Court is set to rule, but the buzz is that if they rule against the executive branch, the executive branch will institute the intent of the legislation via executive

findings and agency rules. That would make the judicial and legislative branches of government irrelevant. No one seems concerned about the concentration of power in one branch.

Congress losing power has come in ways most people do not realize. The day-by-day working members of Congress spend three days in Washington and four days back in the district, which makes for great local press opportunities. But four days a week someone else has their hands on the control of our country. The rank and file continuously campaign at home, away from the halls of power.

Most constituents and many of the members of Congress think having the Congress spend four days every week in the home district is a good thing. They talk of being better in touch with the electorate.

That argument does not resonate for me because it leaves the power to govern in the hands of a few members of the Congressional leadership, the bureaucracy and the never sleeping, never blinking executive branch.

The way I see government as really serving the people is for Congress to work day by day among themselves in Washington as to what is the legitimate role of government in a free society. They need the time with each other to work out legislative issues. This does not happen when they dash into Washington for three frantic days and then dash home.

It would be better for them to work three straight weeks in Congress among each other and then spend one week back in the district.

Of course first, if they want to be relevant, they must pass a budget. If not, they can just spend seven days a week back in the district.

Maybe I worry too much, or not enough.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Pearce proposal a charade

Doña Ana County residents should know that Congressman Steve Pearce had a private and secret dinner meeting with developers associated with the Builders Trust of New Mexico and the New Mexico Home Builders Association, both of Albuquerque.

It was to develop a strategy to undermine the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument proposal and to gain support for his pro-developer position. After a hearty meal, this cabal then told the New Mexico Home Builders Association and the Las Cruces Home Builders Association to email members to support Pearce's miniature National Monument by attending his so-called public forum.

This meeting was a façade. Obviously the Pearce proposal will allow developers to build in the Desert Peaks area and the Organ Mountains foothills. This is a travesty.

Frontiersman Davy Crockett best described these political antics by Pearce: "There ain't no ticks like polyticks. Bloodsuckers all."

It is clear that Pearce is tied up with the special interests rather than concerned about our community. By the way, Pearce, who paid for dinner?

It is time for Doña Ana County residents to stand up to special interests and support a National Monument for the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks area.

*Greg Lennes*

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## Suspicious of the cow market

I was visiting with Bill in Alabama.

He's a cattleman, a bit of a philosopher and a constant worrier. I mentioned that one of my friends had sold a set of 520 pound feeder cattle for \$1.99 a pound. That's more than a thousand dollars a head.

"I know," Bill said. "I've sold some myself but ..." then he paused and added, "I'm wondering if the price is getting too high?"

I cast a skeptical eye, but he was serious. "Whattaya mean?" I asked.

"Is it possible that the price will drive people away from beef and ruin our business?" he said.

I immediately thought of that Yogi Berra observation, "The place is so crowded, nobody goes there anymore."

Due to the government's cheap-food policy re-established with each new Farm Bill, and the tremendous advances in production brought on by modern agricultural technology, food prices have stayed cheap in relation to other essential commodities.

I compared the number of 500-pound feeder cattle it took to buy a new three-quarter ton pickup in the last four decades.

In the '70s it took 22 head, in the '80s it took 36 head, in the '90s it took 72, and in the '00s it took 79 head. With each passing decade the farmer's product declined in value relative to his costs.

Suddenly in 2012, the number of feeders it took to buy a pickup dropped to 64 head. That's back to the mid-'80s average.

We in agriculture have grown used to being treated like Cinderella's stepchild or the kindly old hick uncle who still has cows,

plants a garden and drives a real tractor.

The consumer believes we live a simple life, Ma and Pa Kettle, like the sod-busters on the plains that need to be protected by the hero (a congressman or senator) who shoots the bad guy and runs off with the farmer's daughter.

It would be an eye opener for a good portion of consumers to spend a day with a Washington feedlot operator, Illinois corn grower, Georgia seed stock producer, Utah rancher or an Arkansas cotton farmer. They could see computer projections of average daily gain, soil testing, laser leveling, vineyard irrigation systems, dairy genetic selections, swine and poultry's meticulous ration calculations and the voluminous scientific research being used in all phases of agriculture.

The corn seed or semen sample that is put to work on our farms and ranches every day has as much technology behind it as a satellite on its way to Mars. But the trusting consumer doesn't see all that.

They only see us driving a grain truck out to the mill or taking a trailer load of feeders to the sale. We, in our greasy overalls or well-worn cowboy hat, are the tip of the technological, tried and trusted, diligent, essential iceberg that puts food on their table.

So if the price of beef, grain, milk and strawberries are now a little closer to what they are really worth, I'm gonna be thankful.

Of course, if corn hits ten bucks, I just might start to worry.

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## Guest Column

# Back from Fantasy Island

Common sense regulations crucial to prevent banks from risking national economic disaster

By **State Sen. Steve Fischmann**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Let's visit a businessman's "Fantasy Island." The government loans you money interest free, whenever you need it. You can loan some of this money back to the government at a profit, and use the rest for your own operations.

The government insures your customers against any losses no matter how risky or imprudent your business practices. If things happen to sour, the government changes the accounting rules so you still look profitable.

If you still manage to become insolvent, they bail you out. If you get caught criminally misrepresenting the value of assets, illegally seizing customer property, or violating fiduciary responsibilities to customers, you don't go to prison; you negotiate a favorable financial settlement.

Most would call this fantasy world business nirvana. There's almost no way to mess up and lose money.

Amazingly, Fantasy Island has become the reality for big banks. And, against all odds, they did find a way to mess it up, not only for themselves, but for our entire economy.

So how have they reacted to their failure? By blaming the very people who've bent over backwards to insure their success. They conveniently overlook

all the perks they receive and blame their woes on misguided government interference. They scream the words "over regulation" as loud and as long as they can – even as the latest JP Morgan debacle – \$2 billion and growing – shows the fallacy of their argument.

I'm no fan of complicated rules and bureaucracy in either the public or the private sector. But if ever an industry demonstrated that it needs better regulation to protect both the public and itself, banking is the one.

Anyone who has gotten the bank run-around on a mortgage problem might be tempted to view the imposition of punitive, and confusing regulations as poetic justice. But that would be self-defeating.

The truth is that regulation could be greatly simplified, our economy strengthened, consumers and investors protected, and the banking industry stabilized with the reintroduction of a few historically proven principles.

**1. Return to the practice of providing fair resolutions on troubled mortgages.** In the old days, banks maintained ownership of the mortgages they originated and had strong incentive to help homeowners through periods of trouble. Foreclosure was a very expensive last resort.

In today's world, banks routinely sell their mortgages to third party investors and take a contract to continue servicing the loans. Since banks earn higher servicing fees for a foreclosure than a mortgage renegotiation, foreclosure has become the first option for resolving

troubled loans.

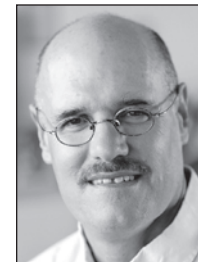
This practice devastates families, hurts real-estate values and imposes needless losses on investors who bought the mortgages. Regulation that requires good faith mortgage renegotiation by loan servicers prior to foreclosure will protect both borrowers and investors.

**2. Restore the separation between commercial banking (lenders) and investment banking.** Commercial banks should not be allowed to engage in high-risk investment strategies or share any affiliation with investment banks that would put insured deposits at risk. Risky investment banks should not qualify for deposit insurance coverage.

Limiting Federal Deposit Insurance coverage to commercial lending banks will help push capital out of speculative financial instruments that do not support job creation and into productive, job-creating investments that bolster the economy.

Forcing commercial lending operations to split from investment banking would also be a constructive first step in alleviating the "too big to fail" syndrome.

**3. Create the same transparency in derivatives markets as traditional stock, bond and commodities markets.** That means providing instant data on trading volumes and price spreads. We can't and don't want to



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“ ... if ever an industry demonstrated that it needs better regulation to protect the public and itself, banking is the one. ”

stop folks from making risky investments, but they should at least know what they are facing. The lack of information in these markets is simply a license for financial institutions to steal, and to cover up improprieties.

Some in the banking industry claim these steps would push our financial institutions offshore where they can compete in lax regulatory environments.

This argument rings hollow for two reasons. First, there is no evidence that operating investment and commercial lending banks under one company umbrella creates operating efficiencies. Efforts to do so

have not panned out well so far. Second, lax regulation in Europe and Japan has resulted in banks that are even weaker than our own.

Strengthening U.S. financial institutions with common-sense regulation and improved transparency could create a competitive advantage that attracts more capital and financial service business to our shores.

Over the last 30 years, bankers successfully lobbied for a government supported, loosely regulated Fantasy Island. It turns out Fantasy Island isn't all that fun for them or for our economy. The last thing we should do is listen to pleas to stay.

Over the long haul, common-sense regulation that protects investors and borrowers will also strengthen our economy and the banks.

Don't let hucksters chasing next quarter's profit numbers and this year's outrageous bonuses convince you otherwise.

It's time to return to the mainland.

*State Sen. Steve Fischmann, District 37, represents Doña Ana and Sierra counties.*



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## In the news

### Haines stays at helm of Doña Ana County

The Doña Ana County commissioners have completed their annual performance review of Doña Ana County Manager Brian Haines, who remains on contract through July 2015.

The commissioners credited Haines with successfully shepherding the county through the nation's fiscal crisis while other governmental entities were implementing abbreviated workweeks and layoffs. He also was commended for the overall quality of county services and for taking a leadership role in development of a strategic plan for the county.

Haines and the commissioners also agreed to a new format for future performance evaluations. Going forward, Haines' performance will be evaluated based on five major categories: Leading change; leading people; business acumen; public service and community engagement; and accomplishment of high-priority projects relative to the county's strategic plan.

During the course of the monthlong evaluation process, work sessions were held to identify a number of critical activities within each of the performance categories. The resulting work plan will be used as a guide by Haines and his management team for the next 12 months.

"Implementation of a results-based performance management system is seen by the commissioners as a natural and essential complement to the county's strategic plan, which is scheduled for a full rollout by July of 2013," said Doña Ana County Commission Chair Karen Perez. "This new approach to the manager's annual assessment acknowledges that the county's senior executive must be both flexible and purposeful."

Haines said he is grateful for the continued confidence placed in him by the county's top elected officials.

"While I appreciate the board's kind words and continued confidence, I have to give the lion's share of the credit to my management team and the remarkable staff of this organization," Haines said. "With them by my side, I look forward to finishing initiatives that are in process and to beginning new processes and systems that lead the county forward throughout my tenure."

### SpaceX rocket launches to space after delay

The successful launch Tuesday, May 22, of SpaceX's unmanned Dragon capsule toward the International Space Station is a milestone for private spaceflight effort and NASA's transition to using more private companies.

Dragon blasted off before dawn Tuesday from Florida's Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, riding to orbit atop SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket. The robotic capsule is now chasing down the station. If all goes well, docking will occur on Friday, May 25, and it will become the first private vehicle to dock with the huge \$100 billion structure.

Elon Musk, a billionaire entrepreneur who founded SpaceX in 2002, watched the launch with most of his team at the company's Hawthorne, Calif., headquarters, which erupted into cheers as Dragon streaked into space, Space.com reported.

"There's so much hope riding on that rocket," Musk told reporters after the launch. "So when it worked – and Dragon worked, the solar arrays deployed and people saw their handiwork in space operating as it should – it was tremendous elation."

The liftoff came three days after a faulty rocket engine valve scrubbed a previous launch attempt. SpaceX has spent more than \$1 billion on the project, The Christian Science Monitor reported.

Since the shuttle's retirement last summer, American astronauts have been hitching rides to the space station aboard Russian rockets, and Russian, Japanese and European ships have been delivering supplies.

### 90-day burn ban in place

Citing severe drought conditions across southern New Mexico, Doña Ana County Fire Marshal Robert Monsivaiz asked the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners Tuesday, May 22, to enact an emergency ordinance to ban all open burning and restrict other uses of fire and ignition sources – including smoking – for the next 90 days.

The action was unanimously approved.

The emergency ordinance is effective through Aug. 21, and it carries the following prohibitions in all unincorporated areas of

Doña Ana County.

- The use of campfires, except in containers consisting of a single piece of non-flammable material wherein the container has a solid bottom portion, the container has a continuous side portion of at least six inches in height, the container is adapted to contain combustible materials during the combustion, and the container is adapted to contain the resulting residual ashes and embers. The container must be used in areas clear of vegetation.
- Open burning of vegetation or rubbish.
- Smoking within a Doña Ana County park or campground, or within any wildland area, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- Littering on public roadways/areas with ignited smoking materials.
- Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame, except within an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials at least 10 feet on all sides of the equipment.

Both the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department and the Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Service Department will enforce the provisions of the ordinance.

### Buck's service honored

An 86-year-old Las Cruces man has been honored as the New Mexico winner of the Home Instead Senior Care network's Salute to Senior Service award.

Don Buck is being recognized for his dedicated community service, including his work at Mesilla Valley Hospice, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Rio Grande Rotary Club.

"It would be pretty easy to lie around all day, but volunteering gives me a good reason to get up in the morning," Buck said. "Breakfast gets me started and then I just go from there. I have

macular degeneration, but I can still drive during daylight hours, so I keep busy."

The Salute to Senior Service program was launched this year by the Home Instead Senior Care network to honor seniors' commitments to their causes and communities. As one of 50 state winners, Buck earned a spot in the Salute to Senior Service Wall of Fame on the SalutetoSeniorService.com website where his nomination story also has been posted.

Through Rotary, Buck gives hundreds of hours a year to the annual yard sale that benefits Mesilla Valley Hospice and even more to the annual Dress A Child event that provides clothing to area school children. Of volunteering, Buck is fond of saying, "Hey friend, it's like paying rent on the space you occupy."

"Don is an inspiration to other volunteers," said Charissa Paskowski about Buck's nomination. "Even when those of us half his age are already exhausted, we will see Don working diligently at the task at hand. He motivates me to expend all my energy to contribute to the cause."

As a state winner, Buck was considered for the national Salute to Senior Service award.

"Don is a valued member of the community and a senior hero to many," said President and Chief Operating Officer Jeff Huber of Home Instead Inc. "He has shown that volunteer opportunities for older adults should not diminish because of age. Seniors such as Don are making important contributions to their communities through charities, nonprofit organizations and faith communities."

Home Instead Senior Care is independently owned and provides personal and dependable non-medical care in the home, ranging from meal preparation and light cleaning to companionship, grooming, medication reminders and more. The Las Cruces Home Instead Senior Care opened in 1996 as the 38th franchised office. Visit [salutetoseniorservice.com](http://salutetoseniorservice.com) to learn more about the Home Instead Senior Care's program.



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## Coming Up

### BLM seeks volunteers

Dripping Springs Natural Area is seeking volunteers to help in the visitors center on Mondays and Thursdays.

For more information, contact Cheryl Howard at 525-4487 or choward@blm.gov.

### Memorial Day event slated

Members of the Veterans Wall Committee are planning a Memorial Day candlelight ceremony at 8 p.m. Monday, May 28, at Veterans Memorial Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway, to honor 192 Doña Ana County veterans who died serving the country and who are listed on the memorial wall.

The community is encouraged to identify a family member or friend on the list they would like to honor with a candle provided by the committee.

Each of the 192 veterans will be called by name as the candles are lit and placed on top of the Veterans Wall. This will be done to not only honor veterans from Doña Ana County, but all members of the armed forces who sacrificed their lives in the service of their country.

For more information, contact Dolores Archuleta no later than Monday, May 21, at 524-7873 or darchuleta611412@aol.com.

### Camp Invention set June 4-8

The national Camp Invention program is coming to Desert Hills Elementary School, 280 N. Roadrunner Parkway, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 4, through Friday, June 8.

The cost is \$215 per child. Children of Las Cruces Public Schools staff members receive a \$30 discount. Some partial scholarships are also available.

First started in 1990, Camp Invention is a weeklong summer day program for children entering grades one through six that helps them discover their own innate creativity and inventiveness through hands-on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) content.

In this summer's Envision program, children will experience different activities, including Inventureka, Action and Adventure Games, Magnetropolis and I Can Invent: Balloon Burst. Children will spend their week visiting a faux island to study magnetism, taking a fantasy adventure on the Ci6000 Space Modulator Time Machine and inventing a balloon-bursting machine.

To register a child, visit [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org) or call 800-968-4332.

For more information, contact Lucy Rathgeber at 571-5090 or gilamom@comcast.net, or Alan Aguayo at 644-1160 or aguayo2007@comcast.net.

### Math Snacks Camp at Mesa MS

Students in fifth through seventh grades can register for the 2012 Math Snacks Camp at Mesa Middle School, 7225 N.

Jornada Road, from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, June 4, through Friday, June 8. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Cost for the camp is \$40 and scholarships and sibling discounts are available. Campers will enjoy fun activities and learn with iPads and computers. Space is limited. For more information, call Karen Trujillo at 646-8141 or visit [www.mathsnacks.com](http://www.mathsnacks.com).

### Checkpoints planned in May

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct at least three sobriety checkpoints and four saturation patrols within city limits prior to Monday, May 28.

LCPD sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols are intended to reduce the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated. Additional enforcement activities may include underage and party patrols.

The Las Cruces Police Department encourages those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages to plan ahead and use a designated driver – someone who will not be drinking alcoholic beverages – for their transportation needs.

### Gym and cheer classes available

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department is taking registration for sessions I and II of Youth Gymnastics and Youth Cheer classes at the Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Registration will be ongoing until classes are full.

Two sessions will be held June 4-27 and July 10-Aug. 2. All sessions consist of eight classes and will be held at Meerscheidt Recreation Center. Cost is \$30 per person, per session. A parent must be present with children under the age of 6.

The City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department Youth Gymnastics and Youth Cheer are basic experience classes. Classes are designed to be introductory, skill-development classes for new and beginning students. Basic experience classes are designed to provide affordable programming and recreational appeal. These classes do not provide progressive experience or advanced experience instruction.

For more information, call Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563 or the Parks and Recreation Administrative Offices at 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2772.

### Community center dedication set

The City of Las Cruces will host a dedication ceremony celebrating the renaming of the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., to the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center in honor of the late state senator at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 31.

Papen was a prominent Las Cruces businessman and New Mexico political leader. The former president and CEO of First National Bank dedicated his life to ventures that promoted growth and development in the Mesilla Valley and southern New Mexico. He will be remembered for the impact that he had on the Downtown business community and the

community as a whole.

The dedication ceremony will be highlighted by the unveiling of a framed picture of the late senator, and a framed, joint memorial statement from the state legislature. The event will also feature speakers honoring Papen, as well as a tour of the history-rich facility named in his honor.

Refreshments will be served immediately following the event.

For more information, call the Parks & Recreation administrative offices at 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2772

### Science Cafe is May 31

The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History, 700 N. Telshor Blvd., in Mesilla Valley Mall, will present Science Café at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 31.

C. Meghan Starbuck of the New Mexico State University Department of Business and leader of the NMSU Energy Development Initiative, will share from her studies of the economics sustainable fuel sources. Attendees will learn about the impact of increased gas prices and the drivers of change in fuels we use and the increasing importance of biosystems for New Mexico fuel production.

Sigma Xi's Science Café is presented by the International Scientific Research Society, in cooperation with the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History. The free café discussions present explanations of recent research to advance greater public understanding and use of available science. Students and all those seeking greater knowledge of current science are encouraged to be at the Science Café.

### Model plane fly-in May 26

The Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club (MVMAC) will host a fly-in event for scale aircraft from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at the MVMAC flying site off Jornada Road.

Any modeler with a scale aircraft and an AMA membership is welcome to participate. Pilot registration begins at 8:30 a.m. A \$10 entry fee includes a \$6 ticket for use at the Jesse's KC Barbecue truck that will be on-site. All non-flyers are welcome.

A map to the MVMAC flying site is available online at [http://mvmac.org/MVMAC\\_Jornada\\_Field\\_Street\\_Map.pdf](http://mvmac.org/MVMAC_Jornada_Field_Street_Map.pdf).

To reach the event, take the Mesa Grande exit off U.S. Highway 70. Cross under Highway 70 and turn left on Bataan Memorial West to Jornada Road.

Turn right on Jornada Road and follow it 7.2 miles past the stone pillars to County Road D65. Turn right on D65 and follow it 1.4 miles to the MVMAC flying site.

For more information, contact Jim Caldwell at [jimsue77@yahoo.com](mailto:jimsue77@yahoo.com) or 680-8195.

MVMAC general meetings are held at 7 p.m., the fourth Wednesday of each month at Rawson's Self Storage, 1103 N. Solano Drive.

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## Coming Up

### Astronomy open house

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy will hold an observatory open house at the campus observatory at 9 p.m. Friday, May 25. Astronomy personnel on hand will be professor Chris Churchill and graduate assistants Michael Kirk, Maria Patterson and Ryan Hamilton.

Objects to be observed are: Saturn, Mars, M44 (Beehive Cluster), Messier 3 (star cluster), the waxing crescent moon, several galaxies near Ursa Major and the giant galaxy Messier 101.

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

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

### Occupy group at Apodaca Park

Occupy Las Cruces will camp from 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26, through the morning of Sunday, May 27, at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave. There will be food, refreshments, games, discussion and music. Anyone interested is asked to join the group and share their worries, hopes and ideas for solutions.

The group's intention is to re-create the town square each weekend and give voice to those who feel powerless and disenfranchised. Those who plan to camp out should bring a sleeping bag. Tents are available.

Members of the group will distribute flyers around the Apodaca Park neighborhood at 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 25. The flyers are designed to inform the neighborhood about who the group is, what it does, why it matters and where to find them.

For more information, call Jason Burke at 915-2766.

### May 25 is deadline for transfers

High school students who want to apply for a transfer to a school other than the school in their home attendance zone must submit a transfer application by 5 p.m. Friday, May 25, to the Las Cruces Public Schools Department of Instruction, located in the LCPS administration building, 505 S. Main St. After Friday, the next opportunity to apply for a high school transfer will be during the traditional transfer period - Feb. 1 2013, through April 15, 2013.

The only exceptions to Friday's deadline are for high school students who are new to the Las Cruces district or students who have circumstances that indicate a new school would be necessary. Parents of students who fall within these two situations can submit applications after Friday.

The latest projected enrollment figures for the four large high schools for next school year are as follows: Centennial High 1,165; Las Cruces High 1,924; Mayfield High 1,963; and Oñate High 2,019. Officials expect slight adjustments to the figures based on final transfers that are submitted, the exit of some families that move during the summer, or new families moving into Las Cruces.

Parents who have questions about transfer applications may contact Ricky Williams, the director of secondary instruction, at 527-5889 or rwilliams@lcpss.k12.nm.us.

### Debt forum scheduled

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) is hosting a free community forum "A Nation in Debt: How Can We Pay the Bills?" from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, at Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre. The event is part of a nationwide discussion intended to promote thoughtful, deliberative discussion by ordinary citizens about the national debt, how it should be resolved and where the issue stands among problems confronting the nation.

The program will be conducted by the Public Deliberation Center of New Mexico, which is supported by the Kettering

Foundation of Ohio. The Kettering Foundation has three decades of experience supporting non-partisan public deliberation on difficult public policy issues according to materials handed out about the event.

Moderators will present neutral explanations of three approaches to the debt, will lay ground rules and will listen to people's personal experiences and ideas.

A final segment will attempt to tie the discussion together and present common ground, if any is to be found. Participants and moderators will be asked to complete questionnaires summarizing their perceptions of the discussion.

Results of the forum will be presented to federal policy makers in 2013.

Hors d'oeuvres and ice tea will be served and a cash bar will be available.

Anyone interested is asked to register by June 1, by calling the CFSNM at 521-4794.

### Mayor unveils portrait

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima, in conjunction with the State of New Mexico Office of African American Affairs, will unveil an official portrait of former Mayor Albert N. Johnson at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 26, in the council chambers at Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main St. Johnson served as a member of the City Commission from 1968 to 1976 and as mayor from 1976 to 1980.

The public is invited and light refreshments will be served.

### Music in the Park begins Sunday

The City of Las Cruces begins its annual Music in the Park series of free outdoor concerts at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 27, at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave., with the Mayor's Jazz Fest. The concert will feature jazz performers Chief Sanchez All Jazz Band from Las Cruces, The Lao Tizer Band of Los Angeles and The Stooges Brass Band from New Orleans.

The 14-week Music in the Park Series offers Las Cruces an eclectic mix of music performed by local, regional and nationally recognized artists. The full schedule will be available in the Friday, June 1, issue of the Las Cruces Bulletin.

City of Las Cruces policy does not allow pets on city property during special events.

For more information, call 541-2200. The TTY number is 541-2182.

### Welcome Strangers bridge club

Welcome Strangers Bridge and Canasta Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at the Village at Northrise, 2882 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building. Dessert, coffee and tea are served. For reservations, call Virginia at 373-1911, Edie at 523-0509, Bernie at 522-2723 or Donovan at 522-5450 before noon Wednesday, May 27.

### Veteran Appreciation Dinner at Caldito Soup Kitchen June 16

Veterans and their spouses are cordially invited to attend the ninth annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at El Caldito Soup Kitchen, 999 W.

Amador Ave. Social hour will begin at 1:30 p.m.

A brisket dinner with all the trimmings will be served by cadets from the Oñate High School Naval Junior ROTC. The dinner is El Caldito Soup Kitchen's way of remembering, recognizing, and thanking those who have served this country so honorably.

### Fix-a-flat workshop set

The ROYALS (Riding Out Yonder At Leisurely Speeds) women's cycling group will host a free fix-a-flat workshop from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at Outdoor Adventures, 1424 Missouri Ave. in honor of National Bike Month. Lessons will take about 30 minutes and training will be offered continuously. Women are especially encouraged to attend.

For more information, email rideonroyals@gmail.com or visit www.rideonroyals.blogspot.com.

### Safe Haven holds adoption event

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, the county's only "no kill" shelter, will be holding adoptions of cats and dogs at PetSmart between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first three Saturdays in June.

Prospective adopters will be asked to complete an application prior to adopting. All pets have current vaccinations, are spayed or neutered, and also micro-chipped.

Safe Haven brings a limited number of pets to this location and for information on all the animals at the sanctuary, please visit its website at www.safehavenanimalsanctuary.net. To make an appointment to go by and visit the sanctuary and to obtain directions, call 805-5338. Hours for the public are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Safe Haven is a 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax-deductible. It is supported by its Thrift Store at 840 El Paseo Road (across from Sutherland's).

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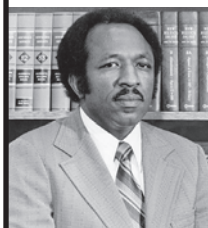


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The public is invited to attend the unveiling of an official portrait of former Las Cruces Mayor Albert N. Johnson.

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# Beeding endures 83 Gs

## Sleds test human endurance at Holloman



By **Michael Shinabery**  
New Mexico Museum of Space History

For just a tenth of a second as he rode the 120-foot long Daisy Decelerator, Capt. Eli Lackland Beeding, Jr. weighed 11,620 pounds. He was stopping so abruptly, he was subjected to a deceleration of minus 83 Gs, "the highest man has ever taken and survived," the Alamogordo Daily News reported on May 25, 1958.

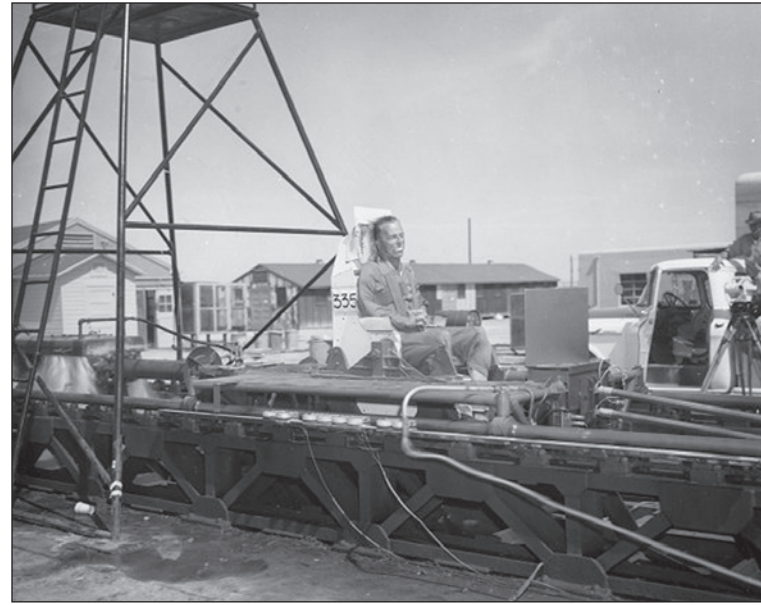
Beeding, 29, and assistant chief of the Biodynamics Branch of the Air Force Missile Development Center at Holloman Air Force Base, had undergone the test nine days earlier. "We Develop Missiles, Not Air!" documented how Beeding, sitting backward, was fired along the air-powered track named for the Daisy air rifle, and quickly hit minus 40 Gs. (For acceleration and deceleration, one G is equal to the Earth's gravity). Previous subjects, who in addition to men included animals and anthropomorphic dummies, had

endured an average stopping force of 43 Gs.

Beeding, who held a master's degree in physiology, came to Holloman in 1956. George Meeter, in "The Holloman Story," characterized him as "lean and handsome as a Hollywood candidate," but "definitely no play-boy in the science field." Beeding joined the Air Force in May 1951 and served in Korea. While the military men who rode the track were paid extra for hazardous duty, Meeter said "hardly any project involving human hazards or volunteers was ever carried out without its leaders actively taking part."

On May 16, 1958, technicians strapped Beeding into the "2,000-pound chromium-molybdenum steel structure." The 335th run would be "the last in a progressive number with increased G's (sic)," Meeter wrote. Beeding had already experienced "forty or more runs" in various seating configurations to determine where the body best absorbed the shock of an abrupt stop. Between that and the 20-foot long Bopper, a slingshot-like device, Beeding held "the record for a greater combined total" tests.

As an example, if the sled had been programmed "for 15 G's, (sic)" Meeter said the chest might absorb 22; at 20 Gs, the chest



The pain Capt. Eli Lackland Beeding Jr. experienced, shows on his face as his chest absorbs 83 times the force of gravity, making his body weigh 11,620 pounds. He is wearing a protective mouthpiece.

Air Force/New Mexico Space History Museum archives

absorbed 30; and at 30, the chest absorbed 45. The body's weight increased exponentially. To survive a crash, the ADN reported researchers had learned that "the backward facing position is the best one for absorbing crash forces."

Beeding was scheduled to experience 40 Gs, "but," Meeter said, "it didn't quite work out that way."

Countdown began, and "with a muffled bang and a perfection of smooth action the sled rocketed from its starting place, gathering momentum," Meeter wrote. The sled soon slammed to a stop, hitting a water-braking system that the paper said "force(d) water up through the 135 holes in the top of the container." Meeter described how Beeding's "head plunged into the backrest, the body strained upward and backward ... then slowly slumped down again." His face showed "pain." He later told Meeter that he felt "as if a baseball bat had been applied to the bottom of (his) back."

Personnel rushed to Beeding's aid. He reported that his spine was "going numb" and that he was "blacking out." He also had no pulse and was rushed to the Holloman hospital. When technicians read Beeding's chest accelerometer they realized his chest had absorbed 83 Gs. He had worn "no special protective clothing," the ADN said. If he had been facing forward, he very likely would have been killed. Beeding was hospitalized for three

days "for treatment of some vertebrae and observations."

Ironically, hitching a ride aboard the sled as additional subjects were rats. Numerous sources cited the animals experienced no shock whatsoever.

Dr. John Paul Stapp conceived the Daisy Decelerator in 1953. A pneumatic piston that compressed air to 650 psi propelled the sled, according to Mike Smith, New Mexico Museum of Space History retired registrar. After the track was extended to 240 feet in the early 1960s, the sled had the capability of reaching 100 mph in 40 feet or less. The ADN said "the combination of the sled and the 'Daisy' track is capable of producing up to 200 'G's' (sic)."

A Sept. 27, 1963 Air Force press release commemorated the 1,500th run. In one of several articles he published on the track, Air Force Lt. Col. Wayne Mattson cited a 1970 report that documented there were no failures over 5,000 runs using a water brake, and 4,500 runs using an air brake.

"Like all good things, the Daisy Decelerator finally came to an end in the early 1980's (sic)," said "We Develop Missiles, Not Air!" The New Mexico Museum of Space History now displays the sled.

*Michael Shinabery is an education specialist and humanities scholar with the New Mexico Museum of Space History. Shinabery's email is michael.shinabery@state.nm.us.*



The restored Daisy Decelerator is on display at the New Mexico Museum of Space History.

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# Elections 2012



Democratic candidate for U.S. House of Representatives District 2, Evelyn Madrid Erhard, takes advantage of early primary voting Thursday, May 10. Registered voters in New Mexico may vote early until Saturday, June 2. The primary election is Tuesday, June 5. Erhard is running unopposed in the primary and will face Republican incumbent Congressman Steve Pearce in the November general election.

## New voting convenience centers open for primary

### Six stations available for early voting

The Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections has opened early voting countywide at seven Voter Convenience Stations.

Doña Ana County is one of a number of counties in the state moving to a system of voting convenience centers where voters can vote at any of the centers, rather than a precinct near their home.

The early voting sites are:

- Branigan Library  
200 E. Picacho Ave.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001
- Sonoma Elementary School  
4201 Northrise Drive  
Las Cruces, NM 88011
- Hatch Valley High School  
170 E. Herrera Road  
Hatch, NM 87937
- Anthony Water and Sanitation District

1155 N. Fourth St.  
Anthony, NM 88021

- Gadsden Independent School District Administrative Offices  
4952 McNutt Road  
Sunland Park, NM 88063
- Delores Wright Park  
400 E. Lisa Drive  
Chaparral, NM 88081

Each site is open from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.

Early voting ends at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 2. Alternate voting locations are closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Early voting is also under way at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. That site is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through June 2, except Memorial Day, Monday, May 28.

# Veteran announces run for legislative opening

## Carver will face McCamley in November

Angie Carver, a lifelong resident of Doña Ana County, has announced her run for state representative in District 33 on the Republican ticket.

A Navy veteran, Carver is currently a nurse practitioner with her own practice in Las Cruces. Carver said she was one of the first women in southern New Mexico to establish an independent private practice as a nurse practitioner in 1995. Carver said this is one of the reasons she is running for state office.

"As a small business owner and a health care provider, I know firsthand the burden of unfair government regulations and tax structures that hurt our communities," Carver said.

The daughter of George and Angela Paz, Carver is one of 12 children, who have all become professionals.

"My brothers and sisters serve their communities in various capacities," she said. "We have doctors, nurses, engineers, teachers, computer techs and business owners."

Carver said with a good education, all her parents' children were able to choose where they wanted to live.

"But our children do not have the same choices," she said. "I have four adult children. Three of them live out of state. They have left New Mexico out of necessity, not desire."

Carver said the economy must be allowed to grow for young people to have the same options their parents had.

"Right now, we're exporting our most treasured natural resource — our children," she said. Carver has been involved in many outreach



CARVER

programs for local youth. She has directed Concerned About Teen Sexuality (CATS) since 1995.

"As a health care professional, it is heartbreaking to see our children engage in sexual behavior that damages them both emotionally and physically," she said. "We need to help at-risk youth feel they have worth. What is more valuable than our children?"

Carver and her husband of 36 years, Keith, have been treatment foster parents to 16 children in their home since 2005.

Carver has spearheaded the Full Potential Program, designed to help at-risk teens succeed. She has written and executed grants for risk avoidance and character education provided for both teens and their parents that include health fairs for at risk populations and mentoring programs.

"I've been active in our community, trying to help, for more than 25 years," Carver said. "I'm running for office because I believe I'm uniquely qualified to tell members of state government what we actually need in our communities."

A graduate of Las Cruces High School, Carver has a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington, a master's degree in nursing education (with a maternal-child focus) from University of Texas-El Paso, and a post-master's certification from the University of Virginia's family nurse practitioner program.

Carver will face Democrat Bill McCamley in the general election. The seat is currently held by Joni Gutierrez.

### DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SOUTHERN ACCESS ROAD to the SPACEPORT AMERICA Facility PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING



The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites you to attend an open house public meeting to gather input regarding the preparation of a proposed Environmental Assessment (EA) for a right-of-way application for a southern access road to the Spaceport America facility. The EA will analyze the potential effects from construction and operation of the improved road. The BLM has determined that preparation of an EA is necessary under the National Environmental Policy Act and Council on Environmental Quality implementing regulations. This project is also an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. BLM will serve as the lead agency for the purposes of Section 106 review.

The open house public meeting will be held:

JUNE 4, 2012  
4-7 p.m.  
(with a short presentation at 5 p.m.):  
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The BLM is inviting you to comment on the proposed project in accordance with NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA. BLM would like to hear the public's issues and concerns regarding the proposed project. Members of the project team will be available at this meeting to discuss the proposed project and take your questions.

Comments considered for inclusion in the Draft EA must be submitted by JUNE 22, 2012. There are several ways in which you can submit your comments on the proposed project:

- File your comments electronically by sending them to: BLM\_NM\_LCDO\_Comments@blm.gov. Please include "Southern Road EA Comments" in the subject line of your email.
- Mail your comments to: "Southern Road EA Project", BLM Las Cruces District Office, ATTN: Kendrah Penn, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005
- Submit your comments at the Open House public scoping meeting on June 4, 2012

For further information, please contact Kendrah Penn (575) 525-4382, BLM Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

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# Viewing the Sensational solar eclipse

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New Mexico State University astronomy graduate student Diane Feuillet watches the solar eclipse through protective glasses Sunday, May 20, in the parking lot of Mesilla Valley Mall.



A view of the solar eclipse at its fullest through a telescope with a solar filter.

On the East Mesa, smoke from forest fires far to the west of Las Cruces filters the light as the sun sets over the Doña Ana Mountains.



Diego Martinez, 7, watches the solar eclipse through a specially filtered solar telescope at Mesilla Valley Mall.

A view of the eclipsed sun through a pecan tree right before it sets.



Binoculars are used to project dueling images of the eclipse onto a piece of paper during the viewing event at Mesilla Valley Mall.

Serenity Parra, 6, peers through a solar telescope built by Clyde Tombaugh and made available for use by the public through the New Mexico State University Astronomy Department.



Curious Las Crucesers were out in full force at the Mesilla Valley Mall parking lot to see the solar eclipse. The NMSU Astronomy department sold more than 900 pairs of viewing glasses.



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# School board

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count of 22,770 students to more than 26,000 students by the end of last school year.

Several years ago, the district converted to a program used to collect data by the state's Public Education Department for funding. The district acquired a "patch program" for giving data to PED, Rounds said, but in the process lost some data for special education ancillary services, which include things such as speech and physical therapy. The funding for services to special education students kept declining even as student enrollment grew, he said. The district kept providing the special education services even though LCPS wasn't getting fully reimbursed by state, Rounds said.

Then, in the 2011 fiscal year, the formula's total count for ancillary services experienced "a precipitous drop" of about 1,300 funding forum units from the previous year, Rounds said. The district then wrote a new "patch program" that more correctly counted the data for funding the services, he said.

Rounds said if the funding in question is compared to enrollment growth, the new patch program succeeded in correcting the problem, but also caused a significant increase in the district's reimbursement for special education programs.

Responding to requests for the special audit cost the district more than 1,500 working hours, which Rounds said was done without more staff.

## LCPS now hiring

With the opening of Centennial High School and the resulting large displacement of staff, there was concern about where everyone would land, Rounds said. But the staff shuffling hasn't been too drastic, he said, so now the district can open up 60 certified positions.

"We're hiring at Las Cruces Public Schools," Rounds said.

The superintendent said he is working on

the last group of student transfer requests and numbers are shaping up to have the four comprehensive high schools be balanced in enrollment and by economic and ethnicity indicators.

## Charter school budgets

In other business, the school board approved budgets for La Academia de Dolores Huerta and Las Montañas charter high schools. La Academia's budget passed easily, but Las Montañas' educational performance and finances continue to be a concern, primarily because of the high rent it pays at a former shopping center Downtown.

Richard Robinson, Las Montañas' dean of students, admitted the school was in dire straits a year ago, but there have been significant changes, including the addition of reading and math intervention programs and changes in staff in response to drops in student scores on standardized tests.

Despite the challenges, the school has brought its nearly \$2 million budget into a better place with a \$183,752 cash balance, Robinson said.

Board member Chuck Davis, who was the lone vote against Las Montañas' budget, said he couldn't approve it because the cost savings resulted in less instruction time for students. Davis said he needed a stronger commitment from Las Montañas to look for a new location if renegotiation of the lease proved unsuccessful.

Rounds said Las Montañas is paying about \$12.50 a square foot, but the state average for charter school rent is \$11 a square foot, "so Las Montañas is a buck and a half off."

Rounds said he was satisfied with controls in the Las Montañas budget, to not bring it so close to overspending its budget.

"You can see the change of the course," Rounds said. "It's there."

La Academia and Las Montañas are chartered under the local school board, whereas other charter schools in the district are chartered under PED and get funding directly from the state.

# Mayor's Meet and Greet



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima is presented with a cake at his Meet and Greet fundraiser Sunday, May 20, at the Beverly Hills Hall, 150 N. Hermosa St. Supporters raised \$20,000 to help Miyagishima pay off campaign expenses from last November's mayoral election.

# Where the milk really comes from

Cody Lightfoot, with the Southwest Dairy Farmers, answers questions from Desert Hills Elementary School fourth-graders at the Kids, Kows and More event Friday, May 18, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Organized by the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, the event brought 800 students from 10 schools to the museum to learn about agriculture and food safety.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson



# Detention nurse is top for region

Tammy Jo Rush, a mental health registered nurse at the Doña Ana County Detention Center, is the first-place winner in the 2012 Corizon Spotlight on Correctional Nursing for the western region.

Rush was presented the award Thursday, May 17, by Detention Center Director Chris Barela, Contract Com-

pliance Officer Don Fennerty and Health Services Administrator Debbie Fye.

Nominated by a colleague, Rush was chosen the western region winner by the Nursing Leadership Council at Corizon, Rush's employer and the provider of correctional health care for the Doña Ana County Detention Center.

## Memorial Day

### Most offices closed, but not all

Most of the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County offices will be closed Monday, May 28, to allow employees to observe Memorial Day. Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not be affected.

In Las Cruces, solid waste offices will be closed, but trash collection will take place normally. RoadRUNNER Transit services and buses will not operate.

#### Closed Monday, May 27

- The administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department
- All recreation centers
- Frenger Pool
- All city museums
- Thomas Branigan Memorial Library
- Senior Programs
- Las Cruces Public Schools Administration Building
- El Paso Electric business offices

#### Open Monday, May 27

- Laabs and East Mesa pool will be open from noon to 3 p.m., and from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1 to 4:30 p.m.
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#### Garrison flag raised

The garrison flag at Veterans Memorial Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway, will be raised at 8 a.m., and will be lowered at 5 p.m.

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# News briefs

## Graduations to be re-broadcast

LCPS-TV and CLC-TV are partnering to re-broadcast 2012 Las Cruces Public Schools high school graduations Saturday, May 26, on Comcast Cable Channel 20, said LCPS-TV Operations Manager Janice Garcia.

The schedule is 10 a.m. for Mayfield High School, noon for Las Cruces High School and 2 p.m. for Oñate High School.

DVD copies of the graduation ceremonies are \$10. They are available in Room 400 of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249.

Additional rebroadcasts of the graduation ceremonies will be scheduled, Garcia said. Check the LCPS website (www.lcps.k12.nm.us) for more information as it becomes available. Broadcasts of the graduations will also be available in a few weeks' time online in the LCPS archives at www.lcps.tv, Garcia said.

## Court Junior High alumni invited

As part of a history grant, Court Youth Center is inviting former students from when the building at 402 W. Court Ave. was Court Junior High School to share their memories.

Saturday, May 26, is the last of a series of Memory Gathering Days. People can come from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and their memories will be preserved as part of "The 402 West Court Living History Project," made possible by a \$4,182 New Mexico Humanities Council grant.

The project focuses on the 129-year history of the property located at 402 W. Court Ave. with interviews with individuals who remember the original Doña Ana County Court House, students and faculty of Court Junior High, artists, participants and past board members of CYC and the first graduating class of Alma d'arte Charter High School.

For more information, contact Lauren Light at 323-0628 or laurenmlight@gmail.com.

# CAFé adds staff member



Rose Ann Vasquez, far left, is the newest staff member for Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFé), which also include Sarah Nolan, Carli Romero and Mariaelena Johnson. CAFé is a multi-faith-based nonprofit seeking to shape public policies to improve the quality of life for southern New Mexico residents.



The award-winning RoboRAVE teams from Las Cruces Catholic Schools.

## State Sen. John Arthur Smith congratulates Las Cruces Catholic Schools

Holy Cross Elementary School, Holy Cross Middle School and Saint Mary's High School of Las Cruces all won first place awards at the RoboRAVE International Competition in Albuquerque May 5, 2012.

RoboRAVE is the largest robotics competition in New Mexico for students in grades 3-12. At this year's competition, there were 348 teams and 1,100 participants.

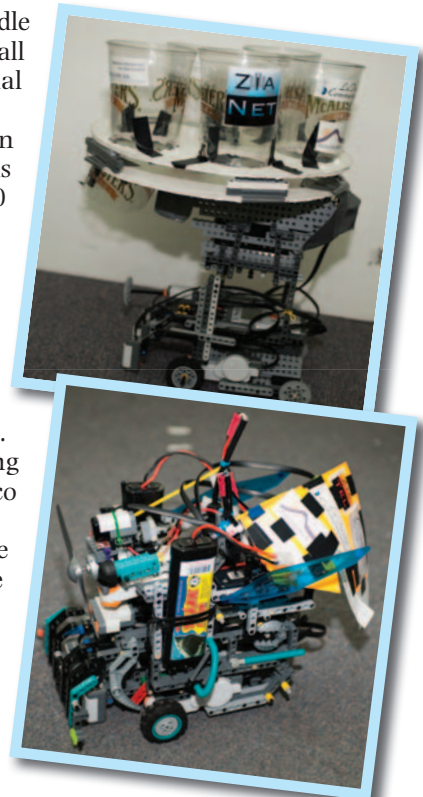
The competition features both a line-following challenge in which a student-created robot must follow a line, and a firefighting challenge, in which a student-created robot must locate and extinguish four lit candles.

Holy Cross Elementary won the line following challenge over all other competing New Mexico teams.

Holy Cross Middle School won the firefighting challenge among teams competing from both New Mexico and Mexico.

St. Mary's High School won the firefighting challenge among teams competing from New Mexico and one team from Colombia.

"Outstanding academic achievement is not always recognized," State Sen. John Arthur Smith said. "I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate the outstanding students of Las Cruces Catholic Schools, their parents, teachers and administrators on this fantastic achievement."



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# Memorial Day

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served because of a law enacted last year that waives fees for day passes to disabled veterans, which includes three free nights of camping.

The "mecca" for Memorial Day revelers is Elephant Butte Lake State Park, which hosts the Fly Freedom Flag Boat Parade honoring service men and women Saturday, May 26.

The Marina del Sur and Rock Canyon boat ramps will be open.

State park officials remind boaters to wear a life jacket when on the water and be aware of weather conditions. State law requires a life jacket when on a canoe, kayak or raft. All children 12 and younger must wear a life jacket.

For more information, call 888-NMPARKS or visit nmparks.com.

## More for the military

As part of the Blue Star Museums Program, New Mexico's 14 state-run museums and historic monuments will once again offer free admission to active duty military personnel and their families during the summer months.

"For the second year, New Mexico will be joining museums across the country to honor the women and men who serve in the military, and their families, by offering free admission at our museums and monuments all summer long," Gov. Susana Martinez said.

The National Endowment for the Arts created the Blue Star Museums program in 2010 to honor active duty military members and their families. More than 1,000 museums across America have signed on to the program for summer 2012 and will be offering free admission from Wednesday, May 30 through Wednesday, Sept. 5.

"Many of our state museums and monuments already offer special free admission days for veterans," said Cultural Affairs Secretary Veronica Gonzales.

Those under the Cultural Affairs Depart-

ment in southern New Mexico include the New Mexico Museum of Space History in Alamogordo, the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum in Las Cruces and the state historic monument of Fort Selden, located in Radium Springs.

## Memorial Day events

Prior to Memorial Day, the American Legion Post 10 will sponsor a wreath laying ceremony at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 27, at St. Joseph's Cemetery, 100 S. Espina St. Later that day, members of the Boy and Girl Scouts will place flags on the graves at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 E. Picacho Ave.

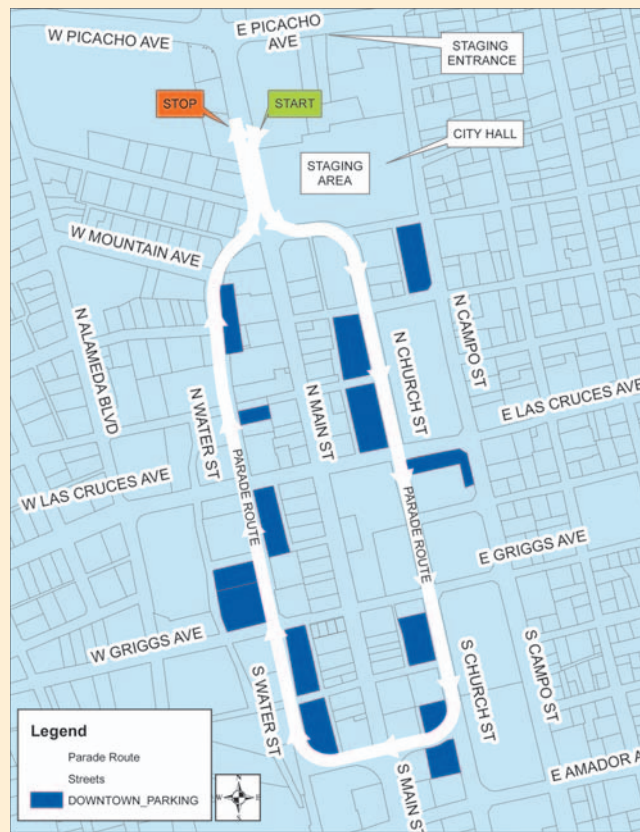
On Monday, May 28, the Memorial Day events begin at 8 a.m. with the Garrison Flag raising at Veterans Memorial Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway. At the same time, a riverside wreath ceremony will begin on the west bank of the Rio Grande off Picacho Avenue. In the ceremony, put on by the Veterans of Foreign War Post 10124 District III Ladies Auxiliary, floating wreaths are tossed into the river in memory of departed loved ones and family members.

At 9 a.m., the VFW Post 3242 is the sponsor for a wreath ceremony at the Hillcrest cemetery. At 5 p.m., the Garrison Flag at Veterans Memorial Park will be lowered. At 8 p.m., a candlelight ceremony will be held at the park for Doña Ana County veterans killed in the line of duty.

Also on Monday, Mayfield High School Air Force Junior ROTC Color Guard will be in front of the main building at Casa Del Sol Retirement Community, 2905 Missouri Ave. The Oñate High School Navy JROTC Color Guard will be at the riverside wreath ceremony.

In the past, Memorial Day was called Decoration Day. It is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Memorial Day was first proclaimed May 5, 1868, by Gen. John Logan and first observed May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

## Electric Light Parade route



This is the new route for the Electric Light Parade Tuesday, July 3, starting and ending at City Hall. The areas in dark blue denote public parking lots.

## Parade

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"On Main Street will be vendors and on the route will be hawkers selling their goods," Caldwell said. "It is anticipated that the same atmosphere that was provided at the old location will be enhanced by the intimacy of Downtown and the availability of parking."

With the abundance of city-owned parking lots (see map) there should be less difficulty for people finding parking, he said.

"This is a get out of your car and go to the parade kind of thing," he said.

Caldwell said this isn't the first time the parade route has moved. It used to take a route along University Avenue and El Paseo Road, he said.

The southern most end of Main Street at the crossover from Water to Church streets should be completed in time for the parade, he said.

Those interested in participating in the parade should call 541-2000 or come by City Hall to obtain an entry form. No entry fee is required. A cash award of \$1,000 for "Best Overall Float" is provided by El Paso Electric Co. Additional cash awards also will be available.

The Fourth of July concerts and fireworks show will still be held at the Hadley Avenue Sports Complex. The headliner will be country singer Tracy Lawrence, with the opening act of the Native American fusion group Indigenus. Also performing will be the Grass Roots, a rock band that churned out radio-friendly hits between 1966 and 1975, including "Temptation Eyes" and "Two Divided By Love."

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# Rolling Thunder stops at Veterans Memorial Park

A 450-motorcycle caravan in the annual Run for the Wall gets ready to go back on the road after stopping in Las Cruces Friday, May 18, to lay a wreath at the Veterans Memorial Wall at Veterans Memorial Park. The group of motorcycle enthusiasts should arrive in Washington, D.C., by Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, where they will visit the Vietnam Memorial Monument, the wall sculpture listing the names of those who died in the Vietnam War. This the 12th time Run for the Wall has made a point to stop in Las Cruces and visit the park's memorial wall, which lists veterans from Doña Ana County, as well as the Bataan Death March Monument sculpture.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson



## CrimeStoppers

### Store burglary

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the identity and arrests of two men who burglarized a military surplus store.

The burglary of the Strykers Command Bunker, at 415 S. Valley Drive, occurred shortly before 2 a.m. Saturday, May 19. Las Cruces police have learned that two men broke into the building and stole several firearms.

One of the suspects was believed to be wearing a dark-color hoodie, dark pants and black shoes. The second suspect was wearing a gray hoodie, light-colored basketball shorts and black shoes.

The two suspects are



believed to have left the store in a black, two-door sports car that was last seen heading southbound on Valley Drive.

If you have any information on the identity of the suspects, or any information that may help investigators, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

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

## Where will YOU vote? A donde vas a votar?

### Voting Information

In 2011, the State of New Mexico and Doña Ana County were required by law to redistrict. This process resulted in numerous changes, including the renumbering of precincts, creation of new precincts, adjustments to precinct boundaries and changes in state house, senate, county commission, municipal and local school district boundaries, as well.

*Beginning with the June 5, 2012 Primary Election Doña Ana County will change from precinct based voting on Election Day to Voting Convenience Centers. As a registered voter in Doña Ana County you will be able to cast your ballot on Election Day at any one of the locations listed to the right.*

### Información de Votación

*En 2011, el Estado de Nuevo México y el Condado de Doña Ana fueron obligados por ley hacer nuevos distritos. Este proceso dio lugar a numerosos cambios, incluyendo la nueva numeración de los precintos, la creación de nuevos recintos, los ajustes a los límites del recinto y cambios en la Cámara del Estado, El Senado, la comisión del condado, municipales y locales y en los límites del distrito escolar, también. Comenzando con las elecciones primarias el 5 de Junio 2012 el Condado de Doña Ana cambiara el sistema de votación. En ves de tener zonas de votación el Condado de Doña Ana usara centros de votación de conveniencia. Como votante registrado en el Condado, usted podrá emitir su voto el día de elecciones en cualquiera de los lugares indicados a la derecha.*

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For further information including May 19 early in person voting locations, please visit our website [donaanacounty.org](http://donaanacounty.org) and click on "Elections" or call us at (575) 647-7428.

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# Roadrunner Food Bank sees first year progress

## Las Cruces-based operations now helping out six counties in southern New Mexico

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

Roadrunner Food Bank has distributed 3 million pounds of food throughout southern New Mexico in its first full year of operations.

In January 2011, Roadrunner Food Bank took over food distribution operations from the Las Cruces Community Action Agency.

Besides far exceeding its original first-year goals for food distribution, Roadrunner has expanded its warehouse capacity at 2001 Copper Loop by 25,000 square feet, said Nancy Barnes-Smith, community relations manager.

Roadrunner worked with partner agencies in Doña Ana, Luna, Hidalgo and Grant counties and had a delivery truck loaned from the main Roadrunner Food Bank operations in Albuquerque.

Roadrunner has been in northern New Mexico for more than 30 years and distributes more than 26 million pounds of food each year to soup kitchens, food pantries, low-income day care centers, shelters, senior's programs and other food-assistance organizations.

Besides expanding warehouse space, the southern New Mexico branch now has two delivery trucks and is adding distribution to Sierra and Otero counties, Barnes-Smith said.

Another success was the community doubling the goal for a \$5,000 matching grant from the Stocker Foundation by donating a total of \$10,000 last winter, Barnes-Smith said.

"We received tons of \$10, \$15, \$20 donations, but added together they make a big

difference," she said.

That cash is going to help as operations enter the summer months, which are always challenging for food banks, Barnes-Smith said. With less food donated during the summer months, the food bank has to buy more food than it usually has to, she said.

Meanwhile, Roadrunner is expanding its mobile food pantries, the once monthly food distributions usually using a local community center with volunteers. There are currently six mobile food pantries in Doña Ana County and one in Grant County, Barnes-Smith said. By the end of June, the organization aims to more than triple that number by reaching out to colonias, she said.

In the coming year, Roadrunner will work to expand its Food for Kids program, in which students at local low-income schools get food in a donated backpack they can take home, Barnes-Smith said.

Roadrunner also reaches out to the elderly through Seniors Helping Program, which has received \$28,550 from the City of Las Cruces.

Another goal for the coming year is to improve efficiency of operations by getting one more truck and adding drivers. This way the warehouse can be managed by someone who does not also have to drive a truck, which is the case now, she said.

Roadrunner will expand its pool of volunteers and will reach out to more growers and food markets, she said.

For more information, call Barnes-Smith at 680-1900.



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Todd Dickson  
Above, Roadrunner Food Bank now has a second delivery truck, made possible through a grant from the American Idol Gives Back Foundation. The food bank will be needing a third delivery truck as it takes on two more counties in southern New Mexico, which makes for a total of six counties where it distributes food. Left, Roadrunner Southern New Mexico Branch Manager of Community Relations Nancy Barnes-Smith stands next to a pallet of potatoes at the warehouse, 2001 Copper Loop.

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## One more snub from the WAC?



**Jim Hilley**  
*Deflections*

Talking to New Mexico State baseball coach Rocky Ward about the Western Athletic Conference all-conference awards reminded me of something.

Buried deep in my soul is a hater. A WAC hater.

The NMSU baseball team, of course, had a terrific non-conference season. The Aggies began the season by taking three-of-four from Wake Forest from the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Aggies split with Minnesota out of the Big Ten and Texas Tech out of the Big 12, and took three-of-four from rival New Mexico of the big bad Mountain West. To top it off, they beat Arizona twice – on the road.

For much of the season, the Aggies were nationally ranked.

Unfortunately, none of these accomplishments mean anything when the WAC hands out its postseason awards. They are calculated on a WAC-season-only basis. Always have been.

Forgive me if I don't understand the rationale for that.

Whatever the reason, it's pretty obvious to me that Ward would have been WAC Coach of the Year if the entire season was taken into account. The Aggies might have had a Player of the Year as well.

Now, let me make it clear, Ward was pleased with the all-conference awards handed out to his outstanding team, he just said he didn't think it should be calculated on a conference-only basis.

The WAC has never been an Aggie-friendly outfit, however.

I haven't forgotten all of those seasons when the Aggies would go up against the Lobos and the Miners when they were in the WAC that once was.

Did many Aggie fans come away from those games feeling like the WAC referees called the games fairly? Not the way I remember it.

Don't forget that the WAC was created by dismembering the Border Conference. The Aggies were doing quite well in the Border Conference, but when bigger schools got dollar signs in their eyes, the Aggies were discarded like an old dishrag.

For decades, NMSU longed to get into the WAC, and time and time again were rebuffed. It was only when the WAC was a shell of its former self that they opened the door and let us in.

Maybe it's just me, but it seems like even as WAC members the Aggies have been treated like barefoot cousins.

Deonte Burton as WAC Player of the Year over Wendell McKines? Please.

I know it's probably in the best interests of NMSU if the WAC survives, but if the conference finally implodes, don't expect me to shed any tears.

# Aggies win WAC title

## NMSU earns No. 1 seed in conference tournament



Zac Fisher was one of seven Aggies named to the Western Athletic Conference all-conference teams for the 2012 season.

By **Jim Hilley**  
 Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University baseball coach Rocky Ward isn't high on sharing right now.

"We won the No. 1 seed and by rule we are the WAC champion," Ward said Wednesday, May 23, after his team swept the San Jose State University Spartans in San Jose, Calif., May 11-13.

Though New Mexico State, Sacramento State and Nevada all ended up with 11-7 records in conference play, Ward's Aggies owned the tiebreakers and thus the No. 1 seed.

"We are very happy and proud that we did what we had to do this weekend," Ward said. "We went on the road knowing it was going to be a 12-day road trip and there was going to be a lot that needed to be accomplished."

Indeed there was.

The Aggies not only needed to sweep SJSU, they also needed Hawai'i to win two of three from Nevada – but not sweep the Wolfpack – because Hawai'i owned the tiebreaker over NMSU.

Somehow, it all fell into place.

"Everybody else played Thursday, Friday and Saturday and we were playing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday," Ward said. "When we played the last game against San Jose all records were already in except for us."

"It was kind of like playing a championship game, it was very much an all-or-nothing game. If we won, which we did, we are the No. 1 seed and the WAC champion. If we lost that game, with the other tiebreakers, we would have ended up the No. 4 seed."

"There was an awful lot of pressure on that game. We played very, very well and that bodes well for the tournament where every game is of the utmost importance."

As the No. 1 seed, the Aggies had a bye on

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## LCHS swimmer enjoys the competition

### Harding to attend University of Minnesota

By **Craig Massey**  
 Las Cruces Bulletin

It was a bicycle accident that eventually put Samantha Harding in a swimming pool. It will take something a lot more than that to get her out.

The record-breaking, nine-time state champion swimmer from Las Cruces High School and the Wild West Aquatic Club began swimming when she was 8 years old. After breaking her leg in a bicycle accident, swimming was recommended as part of her therapy to recover.

She said she continued to enjoy swimming, but didn't really take it seriously until she was a freshman at Las Cruces High. Harding just completed her senior year at LCHS and leaves a quite a collection of accomplishments in her wake.

She won the state championship in the 500 meter freestyle all four years of high school, earning the state record this year. She also has state titles in the 200 medley and 200 freestyle as a junior, the 200 freestyle as a sophomore and was part of two championship relays, including anchoring the Bulldawgs' 400 freestyle

team this year.

"The distance freestyle events are her best," said LCHS coach Terry Moore. "But she showed her versatility when she finished second in the 200 Individual Medley. She's an awesome all-around swimmer, and she's really focused in school, too. She had an awesome GPA."

Harding balanced school with competing for two teams during her career. She estimates spending about 20 hours a week working out in the pool.

Harding said the two things she likes most about competitive swimming are being part of a team and seeing the fruits of her labor.

"I like my team a lot and I love my teammates," she said earlier this week before practice at Frenger Pool. "And I like the success that comes with it. It's based almost entirely on the effort you put into it. As long as you put the effort in, you're going to get somewhere. It's also a good way to vent frustrations."

Harding, who was born in Brandon, Manitoba, and lived there until she was 2-and-a-half

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Craig Massey  
**Samantha Harding is a four-time state champion in the 400-meter freestyle.**







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NMSU Athletics

# Vaqueros trip Triggers in Pecos League Baseball

Photos by Nicolas Bañales

Jimmy Parque fouls a ball off his foot during the Las Cruces Vaqueros game against the Trinidad, Colo., Triggers Sunday, May 20, at Apodaca Park. The Vaqueros won the game 20-12.



The Pecos League-leading Vaqueros discuss their progress early in the season after defeating the Trinidad Triggers.



Alfonso Cardenas had three strike-outs in one inning of relief pitching.

Cardenas delivers a pitch during his relief appearance.



Randy Wells avoids the runner after getting a force out. The Vaqueros host the Roswell Invaders at 7 p.m. each night through Monday, May 28, before hosting the New Mexico School of Baseball at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, and traveling to face the Santa Fe Fuego Thursday, May 31, in Santa Fe.



Field manager Casey Dill signals for Trevor Whyte to head for home plate.



# Onthegreen

## Want to fail at golf?

Here are 10 ways you're guaranteed to do it



**Charlie Blanchard**  
Golf Doctor

One of the recent business books on the must-read list for executives on the shelves of the airport bookstores is "The Ten Commandments for Business Failure." It's written by the former president of Coca Cola, Donald R. Keough, and offers some insights that corner office and boardroom dwellers would be wise to understand.

Rumor is that Keough was asked to write the "Ten Commandments of Success," but said to his publisher, "Can't do it; but I can tell you how to surely fail."

Keough's first failure-inducing "commandment," for example, is "Quit taking risks." He notes that complacency and smug allegiance to what has always "worked" will spell doom for organizations that are now operating in a time of tumultuous global change.

Immediately, I thought that type of complacency would practically guarantee failing in golf, or it seems, would make golf quite insurmountable.

As I glanced through the contents of Keough's book, it struck me that the whole concept – beliefs and behaviors that would predict failure – applies to golf. And voilà, here we are, "The Golf Doctor's Ten Commandments" for how to fail at golf.

Right off let me concede that "success" and "failure," as they are applied to golf, are probably quite relative, and you may have your own private logic about how they apply to you. I'll save that discussion for another article. For now, let's just say that failing equates to an overwhelming combination of consistently poor performance, unsatisfying results, gross inadequacy and scarcity of any true mastery of the game of golf.

If that's what you want out of golf, here is what you definitely must continue doing.

**Commandment for Failure One.** Stay in the dark. To fail, you must mindlessly remain completely unaware of your gross swing flaws, not noticing how better golfers swing the club and manage to strike the ball solidly and consistently. There have been thousands of books on the golf swing, millions of pages of magazine articles, and now countless videos, DVDs, Internet downloads and other emerging

forms of information, and still golfers refuse to analyze their own swings.

**Commandment for Failure Two.** Never practice. Certainly never bother to practice your short game – chipping and putting – which is where most of your strokes are accounted for. Failure will be virtually guaranteed if you neglect the short game.

If you want to succeed, you should devote half your practice and learning to chipping and putting, because that's where half – that's right half – your golf shots occur. Most golfers get within shouting distance of the green in two, but then reality, and mostly lack of practice, take over. Watch the pros; they chip and putt lights-out. They practice.

**Commandment for Failure Three.** Keep flailing away. Go to the practice range and proceed to hit bad shot after bad shot while persisting to stay clueless about what you're doing. But don't let the fact that you can't hit one solid, respectable shot get in the way. Just keep flailing away, and eventually, like the proverbial monkey at the typewriter, the ball may get airborne at some point. Is that being "successful" to you?

**Commandment for Failure Four.** Covet knockoffs. Delude yourself that you are a cagey and clever dude by using second-rate knockoff golf equipment, wrongly thinking that they are just as good as the real thing, but a lot cheaper. Would you like someone stealing your car? How about stealing your identity? That's what it amounts to when golfers buy phony knockoffs; stealing other peoples' inventions and brands. Ninety-nine percent of those fakes are made in China, where most of the real things are made. It's a lucrative trade, but our wimpy government won't intervene. When real golfers glance at your bag and see junk it reflects on you.

**Commandment for Failure Five.** Embrace paranoia. Maintain a golfing attitude that is characterized by persistent negativity, pessimism, defeatism and the feeling that nothing will go your way. That will surely spell defeat and failure. Winners are positive inside and out.

**Commandment for Failure Six.** Cheat at

golf. Do this by believing that the rules of golf were meant to be broken, or at the very least, bent. One of the chapters in Keough's book is "Play the game close to the foul line" if you want to assure failure. He notes that even in the midst of the Enron scandal and the sub-prime mortgage crisis there were more than 71,000 pages of pertinent government regulations, and still the executives criminally misbehaved. And they still do.

I know a lot of golfers who follow the football and hockey mindset, where it doesn't become a foul unless you're caught at it. "If ya ain't cheatin' ya ain't tryin'" one of my fellow golfers was heard to claim.

Golf is different, guys. Very different. It's a gentleman's game, which means, take your medicine and play by the rules. I like the kid on the First Tee TV ads who says, "If you do things that you shouldn't do you get a stroke added to your score; you shouldn't do those things." Follow that advice.

**Commandment for Failure Seven.** Avoid golf lessons. Stupidly thinking that you don't need or can't afford golf lessons will certainly assure failure. The two chapters in Keough's book that apply here are "Assume infallibility," and "Isolate yourself," which Keough says will keep you and your business stuck in malignant culture of ignorance and stagnation that will leave you vulnerable to forces of change you don't see coming. Golf lessons and personal executive

coaching have this one thing in common: to be a high-level performer you absolutely need feedback coupled with advice.

**Commandment for Failure Eight.** Misguided stagnation will surely do it. If you have played golf for 30 years (or whatever number represents your level of experience), and have not gotten any better, maybe you have failed. I'm not talking about scoring or handicaps; I'm talking about hitting quality shots during a round of golf. Why have you failed to improve after three decades? Is it mainly because you have to keep your handicap artificially inflated so you don't lose any face playing with your equally inept cronies who also masquerade as "golfers?" Or is it because you

didn't set any goals, or didn't take any lessons to learn the swing or the game? What would you say to your doctor who failed to keep up with the latest in medical technology or drugs? That's how to fail in my book.

**Commandment for Failure Nine.** Accept mediocrity – and you accept failure; or at least dereliction in your duty of life. But that's just me; I'm a type A. Continuing to be satisfied with underachieving mediocrity, while being capable, but unwilling, to make any significant change with either your golf swing or your game, is like giving up on life. For human beings, who are capable of self-generating thoughts and insights, being able to change is part of what helps us adapt to life itself. Habit may be comfortable, but it ain't successful. You don't have to be a type A or at the head of the class for achievement motivation genes; why don't you just be the best you can be. Our military, our schools, our companies want you to be the best you can be. Let me challenge you to be the best you can be in golf. A recommended must-read is "Who Moved My Cheese" by Dr. Spencer Johnson.

**Commandment Number 10 to assure Failure.** Choke under pressure. I'll practically guarantee you'll fail on a potentially winning four-footer by following this simple prescription. Get nervous, stewing over nothing but the implications and disappointment of missing the putt, along with possibly having to face the savage needling of your "buddies," not to mention your own self-flagellation as "loser." And one more thing to assure defeat. While clenching the putter with a death grip, jerk your head up quickly, before even finishing the stroke, to look anxiously, only to see your ball slide past the hole and miss, again. Ah, failure. Some accept it, some don't.

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# AggieInsider

## Aggies rise from the dead

Conference baseball title snatched from jaws of late season slump



**Jack Nixon**  
*Jack's Corner*

His driver's license says Rocky Ward, but his birth certificate has got to read Lazarus.

The Aggies have a share of the WAC baseball regular season championship thanks to a sweep of San Jose State last weekend.

Coach Ward said it was a loss that proved to be the elixir that brought the diamond dazzlers back to life last weekend. The heartbreaking loss at New Mexico, May 15, woke Ward's team up.

The year has been an emotional rollercoaster that included a national ranking and winning three of four from the Lobos and a tough stretch where close games just wouldn't go their way and then ending up with a league title.

Lazarus, uh, Ward, said the two-run loss to the Lobos got his team focused on the prize.

"It got us back to concentrating on playing winning baseball,"

he said.

It led to four straight wins and the best momentum of any conference team heading into this week's tournament in Mesa, Ariz.

It has been a complete reversal of fortune, since prior to that loss; NM State was 1-9, which was the wrong kind of "mo."

In addition to the regular season crown, one Aggie has been nominated for another kind of postseason glory. Junior catcher Zac Fisher has been named one of 12 semifinalists for the 2012 Johnny Bench Award presented by [www.baseballsavings.com](http://www.baseballsavings.com) as announced by the Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission.

The initial watch list started with 43 catchers from across the nation and is now down to 12. Fisher leads the Aggies with a .360 batting average, 17 doubles, five home runs and 54 RBIs on the season and is hitting .346 in WAC play.

Honors have followed Fisher around since he came to Las Cruces. He was named to the 2012

National Baseball Writers Association and the College Sports Madness Baseball Preseason All-American Teams after his standout sophomore season.

He was a 2011 second team All-WAC selection as a designated hitter and an American Baseball Coaches Association All-Midwest Region selection after leading the team with a .398 batting average and 68 hits. His batting average ranked 20th in the nation and his 71 RBIs ranked 76th nationally.

It will take more than one man to push the Aggies into the NCAA Tournament, but Ward has seen good play come from all corners this year.

Aggie basketball took some late season momentum into the NCAA Tournament, and NM State baseball is looking to duplicate that to the letter.

A double elimination tournament can be a funky thing but a team coming in with confidence has got to have a leg up. It's time for Ward to keep the momentum going in Mesa.

## Rejuvenation

Aggies focused on taking the next step



**Chris Huff**

*Cross Country/  
Track and Field  
Assistant Coach*

Greetings from New Mexico State University women's track and field/cross country; what a semester it has been.

As a first-year assistant coach under head coach Orin Richburg, the winter and spring have really flown by.

Our indoor track and field season opened at Texas Tech University and closed at the WAC Indoor Championships in Boise, Idaho. The NM State Women's Track and Field finished third overall. We had eight first team All-WAC honors, and seven second team All-WAC honors.

NM State entered the outdoor track and field season without two familiar talents ... the Schultz Twins. Courtney and Camille Schultz were redshirted for the 2012 outdoor season as they transitioned into the NM State nursing program.

The season opened at the sunny University of Arizona and closed at a chilly University of Idaho. However, we left with three WAC titles, 15 first team All-WAC honors, five

second team All-WAC honors and three new school records.

We have five women – senior Kelsey Brennan (javelin), senior India Cleveland (long jump), sophomore Alishia Perkins (200 meter), junior LaSasha Aldredge (400 meter) and freshman Mareka Clark (triple jump) – who are representing NM State at the NCAA Outdoor Regional Track Meet in Austin, Texas, May 24-26.

The enthusiasm and excitement of the outdoor season leads us right in to our summer training for fall cross country. The men and women are building their precious base over the next few months, while they anticipate the start of the fall campaign.

Our veteran cross-country squads will be rejuvenated with new blood, both coaching and running. With the second-place team titles last year still fresh in our minds, we hope to improve with the new additions to our roster and win the WAC. Our teams are excited to race against new schools and faces this upcoming season. As we train over the summer and condition for the WAC Cross Country Championship at Louisiana Tech this fall, our minds, body and spirit will be focused on taking the next step toward success.

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# Aggies

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the opening day of the tournament, Wednesday and were scheduled to meet No. 5 seed Fresno State at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 24. Fresno defeated No. 4 Hawai'i Wednesday, May 23, 8-2, while No. 3 Nevada defeated No. 6 Louisiana Tech 6-3. Hawai'i and La Tech were to play at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 24 and No. 2 Sacramento State and No. 3 Nevada were to play at 3 p.m.

On Saturday, May 26, games are scheduled at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and if a final game is necessary in the double-elimination tournament, it will be at noon Sunday, May 27.

The tournament winner receives an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Ward said he believed his team had done enough to receive an at-large bid if the Aggies fail to win the WAC tournament.

Ward also commented on the fact that seven of his players were selected to the WAC's all-conference team.

Senior outfielder Tanner Waite, senior short stop Tanner Voight, junior catcher Zak Fisher, junior starting pitcher Adam Mott and senior relief pitcher Scott Coffman all made the first team, while sophomore first baseman Tanner Rust and junior second baseman Parker Hipp made the All WAC second team.

"It's kind of a hard luck thing for Parker Hipp," Ward said. "For two years in a row, the player of the year has been a second base player, so he's been on the second team twice."

Ward was critical of the way the WAC chooses all-conference players in baseball.

"The WAC uses only conference statistics, not overall statistics," he said. "We only played 18 conference games and we played 55 games overall. It's a little bit of a short view of what a guy actually did over the course of the season."

# SportsBriefs

## Golf Shootout canceled

The New Mexico State Athletics Department announced the eighth annual Aggie Golf Shootout scheduled for Friday, June 1, at the Chamisa Hills Golf and Country Club in Rio Rancho, has been canceled.

The department is looking to reschedule the event but no date has been set.

NMSU Athletics, along with the Lujan family, will still host the sixth annual Lujan Dinner, at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at the residence of the Larry and Arlene Lujan.

A portion of the event proceeds will benefit athletic scholarships at NMSU. Individual reservations are \$250 per person and event and table sponsorships are available as well.

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

## Trakh signs Australian guard

New Mexico State University women's basketball head coach Mark Trakh announced that Samantha Donald, a point guard from Box Hill Senior Secondary College in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, signed a National Letter of Intent this week to play basketball at NMSU beginning in the fall of 2012.

Donald is a 5-6 guard hailing from Melbourne, where she most recently earned 2011 Most Valuable Player honors at Box Hill Secondary College while averaging 11.8 points per game. Donald also averaged five rebounds, four assists and two steals per contest.

She led Box Hill to state and national championships as well as an under-20 state title as a senior at the direction of coach Natasha Main. In addition to team MVP honors last year, Donald also was recognized as the Most Valuable Player in the state championship final. Donald is the fourth recruit inked by the Aggie coaching staff for the 2012-13 signing class joining fall signees Abby Scott, a 6-1 guard from Madras Ore., Sasha Weber, a 6-0 guard from Lacey, Wash., and Shay Young, a 6-0 guard from San Diego.

She is the daughter of Greg and Lisa Donald of Melbourne.

## Aggies competing in Austin

Four Aggies are representing the New Mexico State University track and field team at the NCAA Preliminary Round Championships taking place through Saturday, May 26.

NMSU competes in the west division in Austin, Texas.

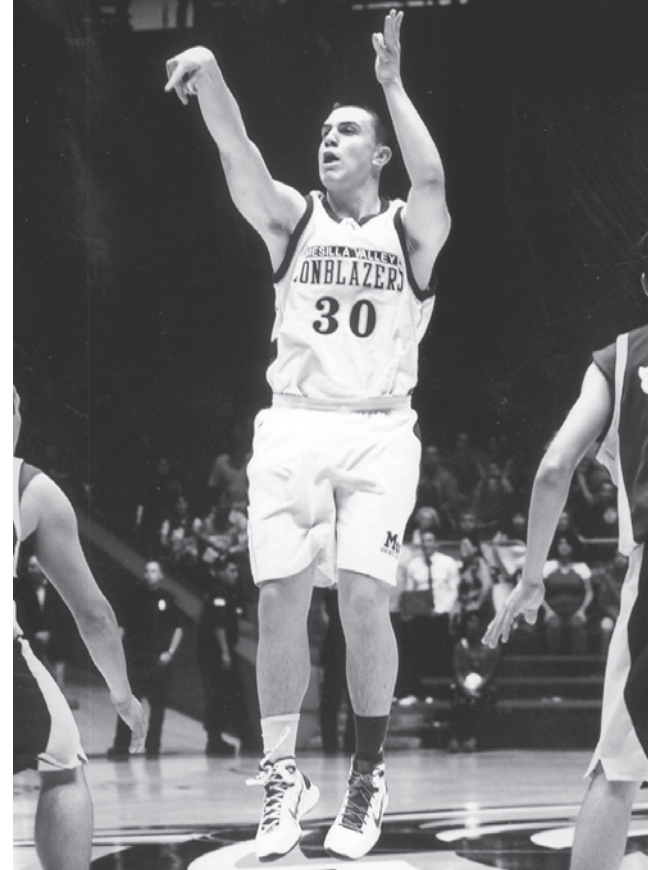
Sophomore Alishia Perkins was selected to compete in the 200 meter, junior LaSasha Aldredge will compete in the 400m, senior India Cleveland will compete in the long jump and senior Kelsey Brennan will compete in the javelin throw.

"We are excited for these girls to make it," said track and field coach Orin Richburg. "We would always like to have more so that is something we would like to work on."

Finalists are chosen based off their top marks during the season. Perkins ran her best time in the 200m at the Western Athletic Conference Championships on May 8, when she posted at time of 24.01. Aldredge ran her best time in the 400m at the WAC Championships as well with a time of 53.41. Cleveland marked her best distance in the long jump at the UTEP Invitational on April 14, with a mark of 5.99m. Brennan recorded her best javelin throw at the WAC Championships with a mark of 45.76m.

"As we are moving forward in the program, we are trying to move as many athletes to the next level," Richburg said. "Our goal is to start competing at the national level."

# Future Lynx



Kim Jew Sports photo

**Garrett Hendren, a standout Mesilla Valley Christian Schools basketball player, has committed to play his collegiate basketball at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. The Lesley University Lynx compete in the New England Collegiate Conference. Hendren said the academic reputation of Lesley University was a major reason for choosing the college. Hendren was the 2A New Mexico Player of the Year and State Championship MVP in 2011 and was on the All Tournament 1st team in 2012.**

## Tanner Rust is Hitter of the Week

New Mexico State first baseman Tanner Rust was named the Verizon Western Athletic Conference Baseball Hitter of the Week, for his play during the week of May 14-20.

Rust, a sophomore from Lakeside, Calif. (El Capitan High School), hit .500 (10-for-20) with five runs scored, two doubles, a triple, a home run, five RBI and one walk as the Aggies went 4-1 on the week with a win over CSU Bakersfield and a three-game series sweep at San Jose State. Rust had 43 putouts, three assists and only one error on defense through his five games last week.

In a 12-10 loss at rival New Mexico, Rust went 3-for-5 at the plate with his first home run of the season. He also picked up two RBI at New Mexico.

"Starting with UNM, we felt like we were getting our momentum back and even though we lost we felt like it was a turning point for us," Rust said.

Rust recorded a sacrifice fly in game two at San Jose State to secure a 4-2 win over the Spartans. Rust then finished the week leading the Aggie offense going 4-for-4 at the plate with a triple, three runs scored and two RBI as the Aggies won their regular-season finale 15-2 at SJSU.

# Harding

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years old, made the initial cut to try out for a spot on the Canadian Olympic team, and attended the next round of trials earlier this spring. While she didn't make it this time, she plans to try out again in four years.

In the meantime, she'll be swimming for the University of Minnesota this coming school year after accepting a scholarship to the Big Ten Conference school. She hopes to make an immediate impact on the team there, and her coach with the Wild West Aquatic Club, Luke Egnaczak, is confident that she will.

"She still has stuff she needs to work on, but when you tell her something, by the time she's at the other end of the pool, she has it fixed," Egnaczak said. "A lot of kids, it takes weeks. And she trains like she's possessed. She understands the hard work pays off."

"By her sophomore or junior year, she's going to be a name that everyone knows. She's going on to bigger and better things."



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# Jovovich, Pullman expected for film screening

## White Sands festival slated for Aug. 22-26

Bulletin Staff Report

A screening of the feature film "Bringing Up Bobby," written and directed by Famke Janssen, will open the 2012 White Sands International Film Festival in Las Cruces Wednesday, Aug. 22.

The screening, which is expected to include stars Milla Jovovich and Bill Pullman, marks the beginning of the annual film festival, which runs through Sunday, Aug. 26.

"Bringing Up Bobby" is the story of a European con artist and her young son Bobby, who find themselves in Oklahoma to escape her past and build a better future. The duo charms their way from one adventure to another until her past catches up with her.

The film stars Jovovich ("The Fifth Element," "Ultraviolet," "Resident Evil") and Pullman ("Independence Day," "Wyatt Earp," "Sleepless in Seattle").

"Bringing Up Bobby" is the writing and directorial debut of Janssen, who played Jean Gray in the X-Men movies and made many appearances on the TV series "Nip & Tuck."

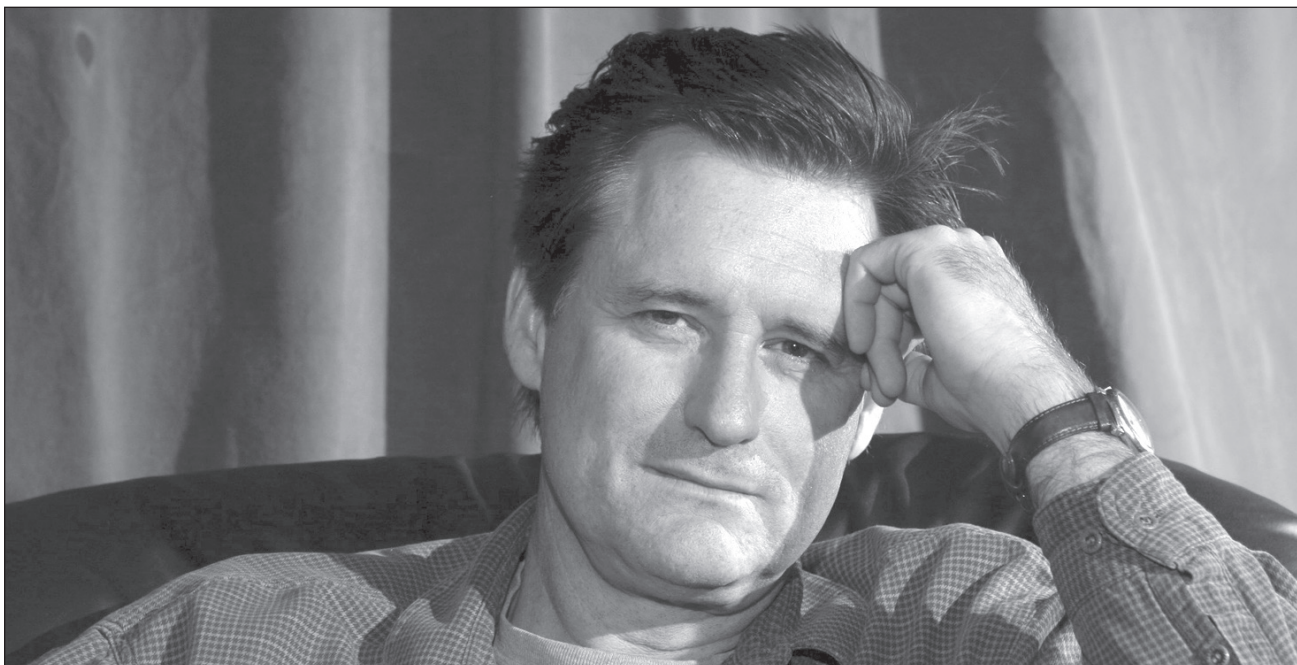
A private VIP reception will follow the opening night screening of "Bringing Up Bobby," which will allow attendees the opportunity to meet Jovovich, Pullman, Janssen and the film's producers.

The White Sands International Film Festival, in its seventh year, brings together films from around the world to showcase the skills and talents of amateur and professional filmmakers alike. The festival is a five-day event running Aug. 22-26 with film screenings, workshops and VIP parties in Las Cruces.

For more information about the WSIFF, visit [www.wsiff.com](http://www.wsiff.com) or contact Helping Hands Event Planning at 522-1232 or [dawn@helpinghandsevents.com](mailto:dawn@helpinghandsevents.com).



In the film "Bringing Up Bobby," Milla Jovovich plays Olive, a nomadic European con artist who is raising her 10-year-old American-born son, Bobby, played by Spencer List. They find themselves living in Oklahoma, where she tries to give her son things she never had and attempts to be a good mother by making him go to school and do his homework.



Bill Pullman plays the local and wealthy businessman Kent, whose unfortunate run-in with Bobby causes Olive's criminal past to finally catch up with her. Events take a turn for the worst and force Olive to make the toughest decision of all. Actors Milla Jovovich and Bill Pullman are expected to be in Las Cruces for the screening of the film in August.

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The Capital Improvements Advisory Committee serves in an advisory capacity in accordance with the Las Cruces Development Impact Fee Ordinance and shall:

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- Advise the City regarding growth management strategies.

Applications can be picked up at the city clerk's office inside City Hall at 700 N. Main St. For more information, contact the city clerk's office at 541-2115. The TTY number is (575) 541-2182.

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# Looking Back



## This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



**Jim Hilley**  
*Reflections*

### 100 years ago

**1912**  
• Estanislao Varela, the 13-year-old son of the Las Cruces Citizen's job printer, S.V. Varela, suffered the loss of a toe on his left foot when it became jammed in the Citizen's large printing press. Before the power could be shut off, the boy's shoe was torn to pieces and the toe smashed. Dr. Cornell was immediately

called, aid was given and the injured member was amputated.

• Burglars broke into the agricultural building at the state college and made away with several pair of military shoes and a small amount of change left in a cash register.

### 75 years ago

**1937**  
• A hail storm struck Berino and the surrounding area, doing damage to fruit and vegetable crops estimated at \$50,000. The hailstones were reported as ranging from pea to marble size. The affected area was 5

miles wide north and south and crossed the entire valley. Heavy showers also fell in Las Cruces, accompanied by some hail. For some unfortunate farmers, the storm meant that fields of cotton needed to be replanted for the third time in the season.

• Nearly 40 members of the New Mexico press had accepted invitations to the dedication of Carrie Tingley Children's Hospital in Hot Springs, including the Hot Springs Herald, the Hatch Reporter, The Las Cruces Daily News, The Las Cruces Citizen and the Round Up.

### 50 years ago

**1962**  
• The Las Cruces Bulldogs, under Bill Parkman and Jim Bradley, won their second-straight state baseball championship. The Las Cruces team easily handled the Albuquerque Bulldogs in the first game, but had to come from behind to defeat the Carlsbad Cavemen 8-7 in extra innings. In the championship game, the

Bulldogs broke a scoreless tie in the seventh inning to down the Valley Vikings 1-0. Art Paz was the complete game winner for Las Cruces.

• Maj. Gen. John Shinkle, commanding general at White Sands Missile Range, was assigned a new post in Europe. Shinkle had been commander at the range since 1960.

### 25 years ago

**1987**  
• Two officials of Whitfield Bus Lines Inc., which had the contract to bus children in the Las Cruces Public Schools, were indicted by a grand jury after an 18-month investigation by the New Mexico Attorney General's office. Brothers Robert and Scott Crews were indicted on 12 counts of fraud in excess of \$20,000 and six counts of fraud in excess of \$2,500. Company officials allegedly used state money designated for the salaries of school bus drivers and special education aides for other expenses.



Two homes in San Marcial show the devastation caused by flooding 75 years ago this month. What had once been a town of 1,400 people basically ceased to exist after spring runoff north of Elephant Butte Dam inundated the river's flood plain. Most of the town was destroyed by flooding eight years earlier in 1929.

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# Senior Olympic role models



At the annual meeting of Doña Ana County Senior Olympics Saturday, May 19, President Bob Klass stands with Gordon Freeman, recipient of the Courage Award, Doug Bailey, recipient of the Sirit Award and Ernest Espedal, recipient of the Cindy Aten Award.

# Balloons linked to outages

## Metallic balloons no fun for power lines

Metallic balloons are popular decorations and gifts especially this time of year with graduations and end-of-school-year celebrations, but El Paso Electric Co. is warning people that the Mylar balloons can play havoc with power lines.

Mylar balloons are made of metallic material that can cause a short circuit and can eventually lead to equipment failure when they come into contact with power lines. Just one balloon can cause a short circuit that can trigger an explosion or melt an electrical wire, potentially resulting in power outages, fires and possible injuries.

So far this year, Mylar balloons have caused

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- Never use balloons, kites, model airplanes and other toys near overhead power lines.
- Always deflate metallic balloons and throw them away when no longer in use.

# Rotary travels

The Rio Grande Rotary Club recognized its Rotary Youth Exchange students Tuesday, May 22. Pictured are Natasha Zella of Mayfield High School, who went to France in 2010-11; Maria Ahonen, who came to Las Cruces from Finland for the 2011-12 school year; Sally Goenaga of Oñate High School, who will spend the 2012-13 school year in Taiwan; Katy Homa, who spent a year in Brazil; and Homa's grandfather, Michael Homa.



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# Laughs, songs and tears at the Erik Ness Life Celebration

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It was a packed banquet room at the Celebration of Life for the late Erik Ness at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Friday, May 18. Seated are Denny and Geraldine Calhoun and Kevin Davis of Cowboys for Cancer Research, one of many causes aided by the expertise of the longtime communications director for the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau who was also a songwriter, filmmaker and political consultant.



Michael Martin Murphey sings one of several songs requested by his departed friend and political "hot tub" co-conspirator, who is represented by the empty saddle on the podium.



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Angelita Montoya and Honoree Norma Montoya were among five generations of the Montoya family in attendance at the New Mexico State University Hispanic Faculty/Staff Caucus Centennial Celebration Saturday, May 19.



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Showcasing New Mexico's culture and tradition, Mayor Ken Miyagishima dances El Baile de la Escoba.



Honoree J. Paul Taylor receives special recognition.

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## Neighbors We've Lost

### DEATH NOTICES

#### FACIO

Gracie Facio, 63, of Mesilla, New Mexico, died Tuesday, May 22, 2012. She was born Dec. 5, 1948 in Las Cruces, New Mexico, to Aurelio and Estela Beltran.

She is survived by her loving husband Greg Facio of the family home and by other family members.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, May 28, 2012 at Getz Funeral Home, where a prayer vigil will follow at 7 p.m. The funeral mass to celebrate her life will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at the Basilica of San Albino with Rite of Committal to follow at San Albino Cemetery.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home. 575-526-2419

#### PARRA

Lawrence W. "Larry" Parra was born in Deming, on August 10, 1935 to Jim and Isabel Wood Parra. Larry passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, May 17, 2012, surrounded by his loved ones.

At Larry's request, no services are scheduled at this time. The family appreciates all the support and kindness during this most difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005, 575-523-4700 or Cowboys for Cancer Research P.O. Box 202, Dona Ana, NM 88032, 575-524-0475.

Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. 575-527-2222.

#### WOOD

Manuel "Manny" Pedraza Wood, 85, peacefully went home to be with the Lord surrounded by his family on Monday, May 21, 2012. "Manny" was born February 16, 1927 in Deming, New Mexico, to Natalie and Antonio Wood but he resided in Las Cruces for 56 years. He served his country honorably in the United States Army as a Private First Class during the Korean Era and retired from White Sands Missile Range in 1988

Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Mass for Manuel will be held Friday, May 25, 2012 at 12:10 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1327 N Miranda. Inurnment of remains will follow in the St. Francis Columbarium, near his nephew Robert. Military honors will be accorded by a New Mexico National Guard Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League - El Perro Diablo Detachment.

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#### BARVA

William T. Barva, 80, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Monday, May 21, 2012. He was born Dec. 17, 1932 in Waltonville, Indiana.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at Getz Funeral Home.

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# Neighbors We've Lost

## DEATH NOTICES

### EMERSON

Darrel James Emerson, 61, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Monday April 30, 2012.

Burial took place at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery on Thursday May 17, 2012. Arrangements by Getz Funeral home. 575-526-2419

### TELLEZ

Josefina Sanchez Tellez, 80, passed away Saturday, May 19, 2012.

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

### BELSON

Julie Belson, 80, resident of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died peacefully at home with her daughters and close friends by her side on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, after a 17 month battle with pancreatic cancer.

Services were held for friends and family. Burial was at Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home, corner of Solano and Bowman Avenues, Las Cruces. To sign the local online guest book, go to [www.GetzCares.com](http://www.GetzCares.com).

### SLUSSER

Margaret Ellen Slusser, 66, passed away on Monday, May 21, 2012 at La Posada Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

### ALLEN

Charlie Tomas Allen, Sr., 64, passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2012. Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

### DIXON

Hoyt L. Dixon, 65, passed away on Monday, May 21, 2012. Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

### KIRK

Marguerite E. Kirk, 92, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at Casa De Oro Care Center. She was born May 9, 1920 in Chicago, Illinois.

At Mrs. Kirk's request cremation has taken place and no services are scheduled.

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### STULL

Jamie Stull Sr., 88, passed away Friday, May 18, 2012 in Las Cruces, New Mexico, after a short illness. Services have been held. Arrangements by La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home 575-526-6891

### TAGGART

Rebecca N. Taggart, 49, of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, entered eternal life Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She was born January 15, 1963 in Bountiful, Utah.

At Rebecca's request cremation will take place and a Memorial Service was held Saturday, May 19, 2012 in the Family Life Center in T or C. Inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory. 575-527-2222. For online condolences logon to [www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com](http://www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com)

### ARAGON

Robert C. "Mr. A." Aragon, 76, of Las Cruces, New Mexico entered the Golden Gates of Heaven, Tuesday, May 15, 2012. He was born December 17, 1935 in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. Robert served in the Army National Guard for more than 20 years. Mr. A was a dedicated principal and educator at Washington, Jornada and Doña Ana Elementary Schools.

Services were held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, with Reverend Monsignor John E. Anderson officiating. Military honors were accorded by a New Mexico National Guard Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League - El Perro-Diablo Detachment. Cremation followed and inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date at the St. Francis Columbarium. Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory of Las Cruces, 575-527-2222.

### OSTENDORF

Stella R. Ostendorf, 46, of Las Cruces, New Mexico went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on May 20, 2012. The family would like to invite everyone who knew our beloved Stella to celebrate in a Memorial of her life at Getz Funeral Home on Sunday, May 27 at 11 a.m. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home. 575-526-2419

### AARON

Dollie Savannah Aaron, 92, passed away Monday, May 21, 2012. Services are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

### VALENZUELA/ DIAZ FAMILY

Visitation for Andrew Valenzuela, 22, Karla M. Diaz, 21, Jaiden Valenzuela, 2, and Karla Diaz, infant, will be at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Anthony, New Mexico on Thursday, May 24, 2012 from 6 to 7 p.m. with a rosary to begin at 7 p.m. Funeral service will be at the same church, Friday, May 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. with interment at Anthony Community Cemetery. Arrangements by La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

## OBITUARIES

### PETER LEONG

Peter Leong, 76, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, went to be with the Lord on May 16, 2012. He died peacefully surrounded by family at La Posada in Mesilla Valley Hospice.

Peter was a long time member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, where he served as a home bound and Hospice communion minister for many years. He also played the organ at the Cathedral at daily mass and at the 7:30 a.m. Sunday service. He was given the Instrument of Paz Award by Bishop Ricardo Ramirez in 2011.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Leong; sons, David and Joseph Leong; daughters, Annie Kalama and Priscilla Leong; ten grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; his siblings; Lorna Daniels, Paul and Leonard



Leong, Miriam "Rena" Paoao, and Connie Leong.

A viewing will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 24, 2012 in Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina where the Recitation of the Holy Rosary will follow at 7 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, May 25, 2012 in the same church with a reception to follow thereafter.

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### MAGDALENA MENDOZA MARQUEZ

Magdalena Mendoza Marquez, 99, lifelong resident of San Miguel, New Mexico entered eternal life Saturday, May 19, 2012 at her home. Mrs. Marquez was a homemaker and a communicant at San Miguel Catholic Church where she was a member of the League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Those left to mourn her passing include two sons, Xavier "Happy" and Jesus "Pee Wee" Marquez; a daughter, Lucy Lujan; a daughter-in-law, Priscilla Marquez; a dear friend she considered a daughter, Lucy Hinojosa; a brother, Francisco "Frank" Javier Mendoza; three sisters, Graciela Mendoza, Carmen Haddock and Cristina Bell. Other survivors include eleven grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arturo Marquez; a daughter, Eva Candelaria; a son, Juan "Johnny" Marquez and a son-in-law, Teodoro Candelaria.



A Prayer Vigil was held Wednesday, May 23, 2012 in San Miguel Catholic Church, 19217 S. Highway 28 where the Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 24, 2012. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in the San Miguel Cemetery where she was laid to rest in the family plot.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Ambercare Hospice, especially to Tina Guevara and Cathy Smith for the tender love and care given to our mother.

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## Putting the hard sell on soft skills



**Richard Coltharp**  
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It's an increasingly popular buzzword – two words, actually – in the business community: soft skills.

No, it has nothing to do with a massage or computer software.

Soft skills are those interpersonal and logic skills that don't really have anything to do with an employee's ability to do a specific task or duty.

I'm not sure I had even heard this term three months ago, at least with that name. I've been aware of the importance of soft skills since my first Social Security-recognized job, at a restaurant named Chicken, Steak and Chocolate Cake in Tulsa, Okla.

Bulletin publisher David McCollum, when assessing potential employees, asks, "Can this person represent him or herself, and the Bulletin, well? Can this person play well with others?"

Those are soft skills.

"I've certainly heard it used far more frequently than in the past," said Bill Allen, president and CEO of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce. "Showing up on time, being courteous to fellow employees, dressing appropriately.

"I think they're huge."

Even bigger in tough economic times, he added.

"Everybody's so lean, you don't have the luxury of having extra people who can't relate to others or can only do one thing," he said. "You'd better be able to do little bit of everything."

Will people be willing, even if it's not in their job duties, to answer the office phone when everyone else is already on the line? And, if so, will they be friendly and helpful? Can they take a decent message?

That may sound trivial, but on the other end of that phone could be an important client, or potential client. Picking up that call and handling it well could make the difference in whether or not the company is in the black that month.

Are you willing to stop what you're doing for a minute or two and help a co-worker unload bulky materials from her car? If you're going to the office supply store, do you check first to see if anyone else needs anything? These are soft skills.

Recognizing when a colleague is

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## Forum examines potential

### Can Las Cruces be a high-tech center?

By **Richard Coltharp**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Can Las Cruces be the hub of an economically booming high-technology center?

The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance attempted to find answers to that question at its Regional Economic Development Forum Thursday, May 17, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

"If you want to go after high-tech companies, you've got to look the part," said Steve Vierck, president and CEO of the New Mexico Partnership.

Based on the comments of Vierck and other economic and technology experts who spoke at the forum, in many ways Las Cruces does look the part. In other ways, however, Las Cruces, as well as New Mexico as a whole, may be lacking.

"We need to think a lot bigger," said Perry Bendicksen, board chair of New Mexico's Association of Commerce and Industry, which serves as the state's chamber of commerce. "We, as a state, have a massive inferiority complex and we need to get over that. We have a lot to offer."

With more than a half century of high-tech industry in our backyard – at White Sands Missile Range, NASA and Holloman Air Force Base – and two universities long recognized for their expertise in science and engineering (New Mexico State University and the University of Texas at El Paso), this region quickly illustrates Bendicksen's point.



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**Steve Stochaj of New Mexico State University, Emma Willschlager Schwartz of the Medical Center of the Americas Foundation and Perry Bendicksen of the Association of Commerce and Industry of New Mexico served on the Critical Components Panel of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance Regional Economic Development Forum Thursday, May 17, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.**

One of the popular buzzwords of the day was "collaboration."

"We hear 'Beat the Miners,' 'Beat the Lobos' and that sports metaphor has its place," said Steve Stochaj, an NMSU professor and the chair of the Research and Economic Committee. "But if we work with the (UTEP) Miners, work with the (University of New Mexico) Lobos, work with New Mexico Tech, everybody

gets better."

Another phrase of the day was "quality of life."

"You can leverage quality of life and cost of living versus sitting on the Beltway for four hours," said Peter Kane, a vice president of In-vertix, which has an engineering center in the Physical Science Laboratory at NMSU, but also

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## Chamber receives \$50K grant



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**Jamai Blivin, CEO of Innovate+Educate, flanked by Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta and Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Bill Allen, talks about the \$50,000 grant her organization presented to the Greater Chamber to develop the New Options program in Las Cruces. New Options provides a systematic approach to testing and training job skills that benefit potential employers and prospective employees.**

## Donation can help WorkKeys flourish in Las Cruces area

Bulletin Staff Report

You're going to start hearing more and more about WorkKeys, a testing system designed by the same people who brought you the ACT (American College Testing).

The WorkKeys tests show how a prospective employee's skills line up for particular jobs.

The term came up Friday, May 18, at the campus of Doña Ana Community College. That's when Innovate+Educate presented a \$50,000 grant to the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce to support the program's development in Las Cruces.

"This is public-private partnership in its finest form," said Jamai Blivin, CEO of Innovate+Educate.

DACC President Margie Huerta said the grant is an example of the community's focused collaboration.

"We are working together to have one vision, one goal," Huerta said. "So we have the best – not just better – but the best workforce possible."

Innovate+Educate, a national nonprofit organization headquartered in Santa Fe, was

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dealing with a tough emotional or personal situation and acting appropriately. That's a soft skill.

Since I became a manager about 17 years ago, I've encountered soft-skill violations no one ever told me about during a college class. In jobs prior to coming to the Bulletin, I

had to deal with lots of interesting things.

Staff members who can't seem to stop cursing. Or, which is sometimes more of a problem, don't want to talk at all.

What do you do when an employee's clothes reek of vomit? Well, you have a private conversation with them.

If you learn, as I did, the person's washing machine broke the week before, you have gained understanding. Still, you should politely ask them to go home and change into something a little more pleasant.

I've had similar conversations regarding someone's body odor. Or excessive perfume.

How about writing (or reading) an email? It seems a straightforward task, but we've all seen instances where a confusing or misinterpreted email creates a furor that may take half a day or more to straighten out.

Rather than further fuel the flames, pick up the phone and give the person a call. Voice to voice or, better, face to face, we greatly reduce the possibility for misunderstanding.

Like hard skills, soft skills can be relative.

For example, almost every office has those one or two people who always seem to be able to solve others' computer issues. Knowing how vital computers are in today's work world, we're probably a little more tolerant if that person is a few minutes late, or if they're a little grumpier than others.

If you're the person who makes that killer casserole on office potluck days, you might get some slack in other areas.

Like it or not, we've all got to sharpen our soft skills.

## Innovate

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created to better match industry and education. Innovate+Educate powers New Options New Mexico, a project backed by funding from the W.W. Kellogg Foundation.

New Options New Mexico uses WorkKeys as part of a portfolio of tools to support employers with skills-based hiring because it is nationally recognized and EEOC compliant.

As a real-world example of how WorkKeys can function, Innovate+Educate director of workforce Lois Johnson talked about the public library in Farmington.

"They were having high turnover with library shelvers," Johnson said. "Their interview process required that they interview all the applicants, which was as many as 150. And they were interviewed by three people at once."

Seeking a way to streamline the process, and avoid having three staff members tying up their time interviewing 150 applicants, the city of Farmington turned to WorkKeys.

"WorkKeys allowed them to match the skills to the job, which whittled it down to 18 applicants," Johnson said. "It saved them thousands of dollars with the interview process, but also, it's greatly reduced turnover, because they matched the skills with the job."

Richard Wagner, director of the Workforce Career Center in Las Cruces, said WorkKeys

"help employers make better decisions."

Matthew Byrnes, DACC's department chair for digital imaging and design technology, said WorkKeys also helps students, because it lets them know their areas of weakness and they can then work to conquer those.

"WorkKeys, WorkKeys, WorkKeys," Huerta said. "You're going to be hearing those words constantly from me."

"We're honored and proud to have received that money," said Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Bill Allen. "We're hoping to engage the business community in this process. If they can both reduce hiring costs and improve retention, then that money should just drop straight to their bottom line."

"This money is going to help us get businesses on board. We talked to eight or 10 businesses in the grant response period and all said, 'Yes, I'm interested.'"

Prospective employees can take the WorkKeys exams at Workforce Solutions in Las Cruces or at DACC. There are as many as 17,000 generic job descriptions in the WorkKeys portfolio that people can test for and create a certificate.

"WorkKeys has been out there for a few years, but without having businesses asking for people with that certificate, it never really took off," Allen said. "With this grant, we hope to close that loop by getting businesses involved."

"It should improve the chances of success for both employees and employers."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Richard Coltharp

Keynote speaker Jim Gollub of E-Cubed adventures talked to MVEDA forum attendees about how communities can build their economies with technology and other clusters. "We need to get people to stop talking about high and low taxes and get them talking about 'return on taxation,'" he said.

## MVEDA

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has offices near Washington, D.C.

The company does defense work, and finds benefits to working in New Mexico.

"It's a great place to be for the work we're in," Kane said. "With the things we do, the remoteness of the desert is a good thing."

Having that kind of work in the region breeds other success, according to Bryn Davis, operations manager of Sapphire Energy.

"So much technology comes from the (department of defense) industry," Davis said.

With increasing manufacturing happening in Mexico, in close proximity to the New Mexico border, in particular the Santa Teresa Port of Entry, there is opportunity for companies working in various levels of technology.

Brooks Danley, a native Las Cruces, is chief engineer of the Smart Remote Actuator at the Delphi Mexico Technical Center in Juárez.

Danley's company is one of the largest in the world, with revenues of \$5.1 billion in North America alone. Its chief work in Mexico is manufacturing automobiles. The Juárez plant will spend more than \$500 million on materials in the next year, including more than \$13 million on rubber grommets.

"Delphi would like to buy regionally, but it's not always easy to find," Danley said.

Considering Delphi is just one of nearly two dozen auto manufacturers in Mexico, potential opportunity awaits a company that could, from the southern New Mexico region, make its materials available.

In his presentation on site selection, Vierck showed slides highlighting the strengths of three huge American technology centers:

Austin, Texas; Colorado Springs; and Tucson, Ariz.

The University of Arizona Tech Park has 43 companies with 7,000 employees, Vierck said.

Austin is consistently rated among the country's best places to live and work, with a fiercely entrepreneurial spirit, Vierck said.

Colorado Springs has creatively targeted tech clusters, Vierck said, including homeland security and defense.

The Las Cruces region doesn't necessarily have to land huge companies, however.

"We have a good opportunity for small- to mid-sized companies," Vierck said. "That's our sweet spot as a state."

Of those things he mentioned with Austin, Colorado Springs and Tucson, the Las Cruces region already has many.

NMSU's Arrowhead Park is nothing but a UofA Tech Park in the making. With Holloman, Fort Bliss and WSMR in the region, defense is already a natural. Quality of life in this region can be positively measured in many ways (one way: average high temperature in January is 58.1 degrees), and has been ranked high by many publications.

Summing up the day, MVEDA board vice chair Kiel Hoffman ran down a list, based on things heard at the forum, of things he believed the Las Cruces region already has going for it.

His list included quality of life, clusters ("We already have an aerospace cluster, a space cluster, an ag cluster," Hoffman said), regional thinking, innovation and partnerships.

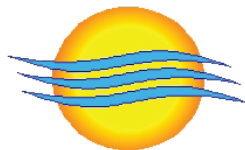
"In 10 years, instead of these screens of Austin and Tucson and Colorado Springs, they'll be looking at screens of Las Cruces," Hoffman said. "Today, we've got a room full of 175 people of Las Cruces who want to continue to grow and get better."

Margie Huerta of Doña Ana Community College, Bill Allen of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Jamai Blivin and Lois Johnson of Innovate+Educate show the check for \$50,000 to the chamber from New Options New Mexico.



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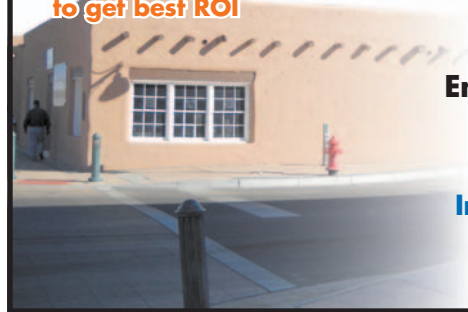


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# By the Numbers



## Building Las Cruces



### New Dollar General store

The new Dollar General store at 980 N. Motel Blvd. is currently under construction. The store, which will be the third Dollar General in Las Cruces, sits just south of the Valero gas station at the corner of Picacho Avenue and Motel Boulevard.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Richard Coltharp

#### Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
May 18	<b>The Robledo Ridge Project</b>	Northwest corner of Valley and Tashiro drives	528-2000
May 11	<b>Dick's Sporting Goods</b>	200 N. Telshor Blvd.	www.dickssportinggoods.com
May 4	<b>CVS Pharmacy</b>	Northwest corner of Main St. and Elks Drive	www.cvs.com
April 27	<b>NMSU Satellite Plant</b>	Stewart Street at Breland Drive	646-1957
April 20	<b>LCPS Baseball Complex</b>	Field of Dreams on Tashiro Road	527-6677

### Our numbers

**As of 8:25 p.m. Tuesday, May 22**

**30 million**

People will travel by car more than 50 miles from home for Memorial Day 2012

**2.5 million**

People will travel by air for Memorial Day

**1.2**

Percent increase in car drivers over Memorial Day 2011

**5.5**

Percent decrease in air travelers over Memorial Day 2011

Source: www.abcnews.com

### Gas update

**Monday, May 21**

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **fallen 1.6 cents** per gallon in the past week, averaging **\$3.64** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **fallen 2.8 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.70** per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in New Mexico during the past week, prices **Monday, May 21**, were **5.8 cents** per gallon **lower** than the same day one year ago and are **7.4 cents** per gallon **lower** than a month ago. The national average has **decreased 15.1 cents** per gallon during the last month and **stands 13.7 cents** per gallon **lower** than this day one year ago.

<b>1. Circle K</b>	2680 W. Picacho Ave.	\$3.31
<b>2. Bradley's</b>	920 El Paseo Road and 1260 El Paseo Road	\$3.33
<b>3. Valero</b>	1401 E. Lohman Ave. and 1305 El Paseo Road	\$3.35
<b>4. Fina</b>	1501 E. Amador Ave.	\$3.35
<b>5. Sam's Club</b>	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$3.37

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com, as of Tuesday, May 22

### Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE	CARRIER
<b>Albuquerque</b>	\$84.80	Southwest
<b>Atlanta</b>	\$246.60	US Airways
<b>Austin</b>	\$115.80	American
<b>Chicago</b>	\$241.60	US Airways
<b>Dallas/Fort Worth</b>	\$131.10	Southwest
<b>Houston</b>	\$181.80	Southwest
<b>Las Vegas</b>	\$105.60	United Air
<b>Los Angeles</b>	\$146.88	American
<b>Phoenix</b>	\$94.60	United Air
<b>San Antonio</b>	\$95.60	United Air
<b>New York City</b>	\$194.10	United Air
<b>Washington, D.C.</b>	\$175.60	American
<b>San Diego</b>	\$125.60	United Air
<b>London</b>	\$1,222.20	United Air
<b>Paris</b>	\$1,912.70	Air Canada
<b>Rome</b>	\$2,142.70	US Airways

Source: Adventure Travel \*Prices effective through May 29-June 05 \*Restrictions apply

### Money

#### Comparing the U.S. dollar

**Euro**  
\$1.267911 in U.S. dollars  
0.7887 per U.S. dollar

**Mexican Peso**  
\$0.07182 in U.S. dollars  
13.923 per U.S. dollar

**Japanese Yen**  
\$0.01252 in U.S. dollars  
79.9 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com, as of May 22



#### Market snapshot

For the week of May 14-18, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
<b>DJIA</b>	12820.6	12369.38	-451.22	-3.5	4.9
<b>Nasdaq</b>	2933.82	2778.79	-155.03	-5.3	12.6

**Strong:** diversified financial services; brokerage and investment banks; diversified banks; consumer finance; apparel and accessories; consumer electronics

**Weak:** semiconductors and equipment; education services; casinos and gaming; coal and consumable fuels; agricultural chemicals; specialized finance; aluminum; diversified metals; oil and gas refining and marketing

Source: http://briefing.com



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# Legislators should have fewer hassles

## Tax revenues are up this year



**Chris Erickson**  
State of the Economy

The past few years have been tough for legislators trying to fund needed government programs as the recession has wreaked havoc on tax revenues. But it appears now that the worst of the recession is over and New Mexico's economy is doing better. State revenues are up 7.8 percent as of February, well ahead of expectations. For the first time since 2009, the issue will not be what to cut, but what programs to re-fund.

Particularly strong is the gross receipt tax, up 8.5 percent, indicating a broad-based recovery.

Looking deeper into the data, strong industries included agriculture; mining, oil and natural gas; and manufacturing. Given the importance of these industries to the New Mexico economy, the strength of these three industries is particularly heartening.

Weak sectors include wholesale trade and private educational services. Retailing shows little gain after correcting for inflation.

Given the strong revenue performance so far this year, no doubt the forecast for next fiscal year, which starts July 1, 2013, will be substantially revised upward, giving lawmakers much more latitude in making budgeting decisions. Beginning with the solvency budget passed in October 2009, the past few years have been a time of triage and make-do, with important programs being cut to the bone.

Of course, things are not all wine and roses. The overall state budget is down 10.9 percent from pre-crisis levels. Inflation has been 6.1 percent, so to restore the budget to pre-crisis levels, would require an increase of 17 percent. This year's revenue growth is a down payment on this, but we are still a long way from normal times.

Hard hit has been higher education, down 17 percent from its pre-solvency high. K-12 education has fared better than average, but still has taken a substantial hit, down 8.6 percent. These budget cuts have been reflected in declines in education employment, down 4.6 percent over two years. A top priority for legislators should be restoring education budgets.

Some legislators – perhaps even the governor – will want to use enhanced revenues as an excuse to enact tax cuts. Given previous spending cuts, it seems difficult to justify tax cuts at this time. We would need two more years of revenue gains of the same magnitude of the current gains for revenues to catch up with previous budgets, after adjusting inflation. Such gains are unlikely; it will be a long time for the state budget to completely recover.

Turning to the local economy, Las Cruces appears to be doing even better than the state economy, at least in regard to gross receipt tax revenue. Year-over-year revenue growth in the second quarter was 8.9 percent.

Strong industries were manufacturing and other services. Weak industries include construction, which is especially disappointing given the weak performance of this industry since 2009.

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# Everything old is new again

## A look at Groupon and Redbox



**Jerome Littlejohn**  
Lunchtime MBA

Monday May 14, 2011 may not be recorded in the annals of history as a particularly important day; yet it is a day I will not soon forget.

On this date, Groupon announced its first quarterly profit.

When Groupon went public, there were headlines proclaiming it as the second coming of the Internet stock bubble of the late 1990s. However, Groupon does not have the same business model of the so-called "Web 1.0" companies of nearly 15 years ago.

Whereas the Web 1.0 companies operated under similar business models as print media, Groupon generates revenue by taking a share of the proceeds generated by its promotions.

By incenting the sharing of Groupon deals, Groupon creates value for its clients, consumers and the company. Despite the early problems some of its clients had with overwhelming promotion responses and past questions about the company's accounting practices,

Groupon has continued to mature and grow. The company's future plans include leveraging the technology of smartphones to enable consumers to receive deals based on their proximity to a retailer or restaurant.

Redbox is another company that has made waves over the past few years. Redbox got its start in 2002 in the McDonald's corporation and became a wholly owned subsidiary of Coinstar Inc. in 2005.

There are now more than 30,000 Redbox machines across the country, and consumers can search for titles online to see if their nearest Redbox has the title they want before leaving home.

The popularity of Redbox has confounded some analysts. In the age of streaming video over the web and video on demand cable service, it seems odd people are still willing to drive somewhere to rent and return movies and video games.

In actuality, people are more than willing to rent physical media so long as it costs less than \$2 per rental, there is no membership fee and there are no late return fees. The genius of the Redbox business model lies in its ability to operate efficiently so it can provide rentals

under these terms.

However, the company is not resting on its laurels. Redbox recently signed a deal with Verizon to offer streaming video on demand in the future.

What Redbox and Groupon have in common is both companies combine technology with pre-existing business models and concepts. Groupon took the ages-old concept of being compensated based on the revenue generated by a promotion and applied it in the environment of viral online interactions. There is nothing revolutionary about the concepts of vending machines or renting movies. However, Redbox found a way to combine the two concepts through the use of several technologies to form a winning strategy.

A business does not necessarily have to invent the next technological breakthrough to stay ahead of the curve. The concepts of online social connectivity, and perpetual and mobile Internet access can be integrated into nearly any business model.

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# Rincon Valley watering starts

## Districts adopt conservation schedules

### Water levels below 2011

By **Marvin Tessneer**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Elephant Butte Irrigation District is responding to the current river water shortage by modifying its schedule of deliveries to farmers.

Watering started the week of May 14 in the Rincon Valley, which is divided into two operation units. On Wednesday, May 16, the district diverted 150 cubic-feet-per-second of surface water into the first unit.

To the south in the EBID Mesilla Valley, the ditch riders also are adjusting their water management for an efficient delivery.

"With the surface water shortage we have to do everything we can to conserve our water and improve our efficiency," EBID Manager Gary Esslinger said.

The EBID's surface water allocation for this year is 6 inches. The normal allocation is 3 acre-feet.

The reservoirs received little runoff water from the recent rainstorms.

As part of the water conservation program, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso field office, has closed the gates at Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs to regulate the Rio Grande flow and does not plan to reopen them until June 1.

The EBID and El Paso Water Conservation District plan to coordinate releases to push the water down to El Paso. The schedule will cause the river flow to drop at times.

### Farmers welcome plan

Commenting on the new approach to watering in the Rincon Valley, EBID consultant Phil King said: "The idea is to concentrate the water and the ditch riders in one unit at a time to deliver water more efficiently. It's going to be a tough year, and we've got to get through it by doing something different."

“The farmers are happy with the way the district is keeping on top of the job.”

JERRY FRANZOY  
farmer

When the first unit is emptied, "then we'll move to unit 1B and when that's watered out, we'll go back to 1A," he said.

The reaction among Rincon Valley farmers appears to be favorable.

"We're really pleased that they're concerned about us farmers conserving water," local producer Jerry Franzoy said. "The farmers are happy with the way the district is keeping on top of the job."

Franzoy raises chile, onions and alfalfa on about 1,000 acres in the

Salem and Garfield area. He also represents the district on the EBID Board of Directors.

"Sammy Gonzalez is doing a great job," Scott Adams said of the EBID units 1A and 1B head ditch rider. "Everything is working good right now. The EBID can concentrate the work force on each area and be more aggressive to move the water along, help us be more efficient with our irrigation."

Adams' farm operation includes 1,000 acres of chile, onions, alfalfa and oats.

The storage at Elephant Butte Reservoir is 636,700 acre-feet, 18 percent of capacity and close to last year's figure of 638,700. The storage in Caballo Reservoir is 35,500 acre-feet, 16 percent, according to the Bureau of Reclamation.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service projected a March through July snow pack runoff into the reservoir system of 141,000 acre-feet. Early this month, the runoff measurement was 93,000 acre-feet.

"Extremely low water levels in both Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs have prompted water uses to schedule releases from the reservoirs in a manner that will minimize transportation losses and maximize deliveries to the farmers and municipal users," EBID Director Filiberto Cortez said. "The irrigation districts are currently looking at an allocation that is about 20 percent of a full supply."

### El Paso adopts block schedule

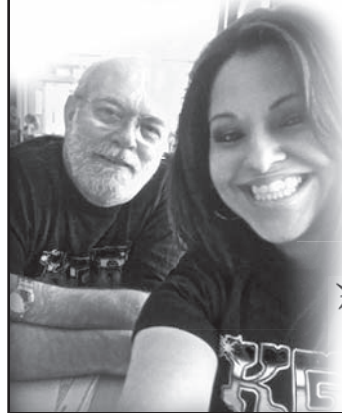
El Paso Water Conservation District also has been conducting "block irrigations," Manager Jesus "Chuy" Reyes said.

"We irrigate by different canals," he said. "We give everyone on the canal plenty of notice so that they can get their fields ready, and when we're done with that canal, we move on to the next canal. We can conserve water better that way."

The El Paso district has 18 inches of water for this year's irrigation, a combination of conserved water, 15,000 acre-feet of treated city sewage water and well water.

"The district has 62 wells, and it mixes the well water and treated sewage water with the river water to get the 18 inches," Reyes said.

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## Briefs

### State jobless rate trends lower

New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.9 percent in April, down from 7.2 percent in March and 7.5 percent a year earlier.

The rate of over-the-year job growth, comparing April 2012 with April 2011, was 0.1 percent, representing an increase of 900 jobs. The state has now added jobs for nine straight months after posting losses for 32 of the preceding 33 months, according to a press release from the governor's office.

Employment increased in six industries, decreased in six others and remained unchanged in one.

Educational and health services again led the growing industries, up 5,000 jobs from its April 2011 total. Mining, up 2,100, and leisure and hospitality, up 1,400, also posted large increases.

Professional and business services, down 3,400 jobs, registered the largest over-the-year decline, followed by government, down 2,200, and construction, down 1,300. The net loss in government comprised decreases at the federal and local levels and a very small increase at the state level.

### City soliciting applications for events funding

The Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau currently is accepting proposals for special events funding that align with its marketing strategies and regulations. The next series of applications is due by July 1.

Funds may be available for programs and events that promote tourism to the Las Cruces area. Those interested in soliciting sponsorship funds must present a strong case to the CVB that their event provides a substantial economic impact to the city of Las Cruces, by attracting overnight visitors.

One of the requirements is that 75 percent of funding provided from this opportunity be spent on advertising outside of a 100-mile radius from Las Cruces. The remaining 25 percent may be spent on advertising within the 100-mile radius from Las Cruces. The proposal should contain a detailed media budget.

If funding is approved, CVB staff can assist the applicant with developing a marketing plan.

The city frequently is asked to sponsor special events in the community for a variety of programs and activities. City administration has evaluated the policies, ordinances and laws relating to its ability to use CVB funds from lodgers' tax. There are procedures and limitations that legally must be followed.

The city is devising a competitive application process to allocate available funds for community events. Applications will be taken twice each year, in July and January, the press release stated.

Applications can be downloaded at [www.las-cruces-media.org/pdf/2012-event-funding-application.pdf](http://www.las-cruces-media.org/pdf/2012-event-funding-application.pdf). For information, contact the CVB at 541-2444 or [cvb@lascrucescvb.org](mailto:cvb@lascrucescvb.org).

### Aggie Cornerstone Award to honor Taylor, Nava

The College of Education invites the public to attend its inaugural Aggie Cornerstone Award dinner honoring the Hon. J. Paul Taylor and the Hon. Cynthia Nava, to be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 5.

The Aggie Cornerstone Award will celebrate excellence in education and recognize individuals who have made a significant impact on children and families in New Mexico.

The event will be held at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Tickets are \$50 per person and seating is limited.

For more information, contact Ashley Jurado at 646-2498 or [ajurado@nmsu.edu](mailto:ajurado@nmsu.edu).

### Governor appoints Dickerson to Tourism Commission

Gov. Susana Martinez has appointed Marci Dickerson of Las Cruces to the New Mexico Tourism Commission.

"Marci Dickerson's roots in southern New Mexico run deep. Her experience in the fields of hospitality and tourism are a great asset for the commission and her enthusiasm for the Las Cruces area is apparent in all of her work,"

Martinez said. "I look forward to her continued hard work to promote our state and attract visitors from across the country and around the world."

"I am honored the governor chose me to help advocate for tourism in Southern New Mexico and Las Cruces," Dickerson said.

Dickerson is the owner of Dickerson's Catering & Event Center, The Game, Hurricane Alley and the Sports Skills Institute.

### Community garage sale at Convention Center

The Las Cruces Convention Center is hosting an inaugural Las Cruces Community

Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2.

The goal of this event is to bring the community together, promote small businesses, and generate some cash for residents. Admission is \$3. Local businesses and residents may purchase a booth and sell their products or unwanted items. The cost for an individual vendor table is \$30 or \$50 for a business vendor booth.

Vendor packets are available for download at [www.lascruces.org/content/files/Vendor%20Packet.pdf](http://www.lascruces.org/content/files/Vendor%20Packet.pdf).

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Noon to 1 p.m. Women in Business presents the next in a series of ongoing Empowering Women in Business Networking Luncheons, Las Cruces Association of Realtors, 150 E. Idaho Ave. Free, thanks to a gift from Washington Federal Bank. RSVP by Friday, May 25, at 541-1583, [jgaray@wesst.org](mailto:jgaray@wesst.org) or [jcraig@wesst.org](mailto:jcraig@wesst.org).

### FRI. 6/1

11:30 a.m. Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce First Friday will feature Mark Westbrook of Positive Solar Energy at the GreenWorks building, 125 N. Main St. Andele Restaurant will provide a box lunch. Cost: \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members. RSVP by 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, to [carrie@nmgreenchamber.com](mailto:carrie@nmgreenchamber.com) or 323-1575.

### WED. 6/6

6 to 8:00 p.m. Community Foundation of Southwestern New Mexico offers a forum "A Nation in Debt: How Can We Pay the Bills?" at Picacho Hills Country Club. Register by Wednesday, June 6, at 521-4794 or [adminasst@cfsnm.org](mailto:adminasst@cfsnm.org)

### THU. 6/7

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Spaceport Update Luncheon, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Cost for chamber members is \$20; \$40 for non-members. For more information, call 524-1968.

### WED. 6/13

5 to 8:30 p.m. Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Good Evening Las Cruces, Las Cruces Home Builders Association, 2825 N. Main St. Unique networking event; pre-registration required. For more information, call 524-1968.

### THU. 6/21

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces June Mix 'n Mingle, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call 524-9800.

### WED. 6/27

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Small Business Workshop, Lorenzo's de Mesilla, 1750 Calle de Mercado. Cost for chamber members is \$15; \$15 for non-members. For more information, call 524-1968.



# Excitement continues Downtown

## La Esquina adds to the unique flavor

### Carrie LaTour

Executive director,  
Downtown Las  
Cruces Partnership



La Esquina business complex, 300 N. Main St., has a lot going on.

Below are some of the things you can enjoy at the corner of Main and Las Cruces Avenue.

- Ono Grindz Hawaiian restaurant: now serving beer and wine
- Life in Balance Pilates: pilates and spinning studio (I suggest you visit them after Ono Grindz).
- Carmona's on Main Street: full service salon with on-site makeup artist
- Gary Sandler Realty: Need a house or a place to rent? Stop in to see Gary.

### What else can you do Downtown this week?

Here are just a few answers to that question.

- Go to the Downtown Art Ramble the first Friday of the month from 5 to 7 p.m. June 1.
- Shop MVS, Big Picture and M. Phillip's Gallery on Main Street.
- Enjoy the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on Wednesday and Saturday.
- Come to the Rio Grande Theatre: from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, Every Other Tuesday: Kelcee Covert; 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, May 31, Doña Ana Arts Council Community Art Awards: Havana Nights
- Visit Las Cruces Community Theatre June 1 to 17 and see "Piecemeal," an LCCT musical production.
- Stop by the Main Street Boutique.
- Visit the Las Cruces Museum of Art and the Branigan Cultural Center.
- Buy a book at COAS Books.
- Spend the day at the spa at the Downtown Spa or Carmona's on Main Street.
- Enjoy a meal and a beer at Ono Grindz.
- Buy some bread at Zeffiro Pizzeria Napoletana, then have a pizza or one of their incredible salads (I suggest the wood fired chicken salad ... yum.)

### 4th Annual SalsaFest!

The date has been set for the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership's signature event, the 2012 SalsaFest! Save the date - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26 - to come Downtown and enjoy salsa tasting, salsa music and salsa dancing.

This year's fourth annual event will be our best ever and is sure to be a crowd pleaser with plenty of food and fun for the entire family.

### Business Breakfast Buzz: First Thursday of every month

The next Downtown Business Breakfast is scheduled for 7:45 a.m. Thursday, June 7, at Ono Grindz, 300 N. Main St., in the La Esquina courtyard.

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

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

In the meantime, shop, dine and spend some time Downtown.

### Tell us your Downtown story

Every time I talk to a native Las Crucean, or just someone who has lived here long enough to remember what Downtown used to be like, they have a story.

They usually have memories of coming Downtown to go shopping, to the movies with family or maybe they just cruised Main Street. Whatever their story, they always reflect on how much they enjoyed the experience.

Seldom if ever have I heard someone reminisce about visiting the mall.

That is because Downtowns are unique, as are the memories they create.

If you have a special memory of coming Downtown either back in the day or maybe it was just yesterday, we want to hear it.

Send your Downtown story to [director@dlcp.org](mailto:director@dlcp.org) and we will share them with the community.



Photo courtesy Ruben Smith


La Esquina saw its original ribbon cutting in Downtown Las Cruces in 1974. Today, the unique shopping center and courtyard at Main Street and Las Cruces Avenue are undergoing a revitalization.



Dancers move and groove at last year's SalsaFest! This year's SalsaFest! has been set for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26.



Ono Grindz, the Hawaiian restaurant in the La Esquina complex downtown, recently obtained its beer and wine license.



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# Community Foundation continues to work with local organizations

## Group can lend expertise where needed

There are many ways the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico supports the community, often through endowments and funds.

In the case of the Friends of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, the CFSNM stepped up to fill a void and offer

their expertise.

Last year, when the Friends of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum found they needed someone with accounting expertise, they approached the CFSNM. After an agreement was signed in October 2011, CFSNM accountant Phil Gunderman began

to work with the group's treasurer.

"The Friends found they needed to replace a treasurer that had been handling everything, so they came to the community foundation to see if we could help," Gunderman said. "This is another way for the community foundation to step up and support an organization in our community."

The Friends of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum have their own 501(c)(3) and raise funds to support the museum, which is run by the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs and follows a strict budget to keep the doors open.

When the Friends raise money, specifically through membership donations and events, the financial donations help make it possible for others to learn and enjoy the state's agricultural history through the museum. In return, museum members receive benefits such as free admission, a 10 percent discount at the Eagle Ranch Gift Shoppe and a subscription to the museum's quarterly newsletter, Heritage News.

The interactive museum brings to life the 3,000-year history of farming and ranching in New Mexico. The main building contains more than 24,000 square feet of exhibit space, along with catering space for meetings and events, a mercantile and theater.

Visitors can watch a cow being milked, stroll along corrals filled with livestock, enjoy several gardens or watch one of the growing number of demonstrations.

When community members join the Friends, they

## For more info

For more information on the Friends of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum or the museum itself, call 522-4100 or visit [www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org](http://www.nmfarmandranchmuseum.org).

help fund educational programs and workshops at the museum, provide bus transportation for school children to visit the museum, support outreach activities throughout the state and preserve the state's rich and unique agricultural heritage.

Annual membership levels cost \$25 for high school and college students (up to age 23), \$35 for individuals or couples or \$65 for a family of six. The friends also accept and encourage corporate donations.

*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. The beauty of the Foundation is that you need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people throughout our area. 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](http://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.*

“ The CFSNM stepped up to fill a void and offer their expertise. ”

## A thought-provoking inquiry

### Looking at interest rates in the long term

**Jim Spence**  
Business Matters



Last week a regular reader of this column sent a very thought-provoking inquiry in for consideration. It is worth sharing. Here is an excerpt:

"I would like to see your perspective/prediction of long-term-bond interest rates. The Fed said that rates won't increase before 2014; and rates have recently reached record lows. I have recently invested in TMV (a 20-plus year Treasury Bear 3X Shares/ETF), the goal of which is for the shares to react by a factor of three to the change in the long-term interest rates and inversely to the change in long-term bond prices.

Unfortunately, I got in too soon and have since liquidated with a loss. If one were to invest in TMV itself or in TMV Call options at the right time when long-term interest rates begin a sustained rise, the investment should provide 3-to-1 percentage gain (TMV versus a Long-Term Bond ETF). A three-year plot of TMV versus BLV (Vanguard LT -Bond ETF) shows that, indeed, there is approximately a 3-to-1 reaction (BLV 30 percent up and TMV 85 percent down).

When interest rates go down, bond prices go up, and TMV goes down; and vice versa. I'm waiting to jump on the bandwagon of TMV when interest rates show a sustained upward trend, for better or worse, for richer or poorer."

Predicting the direction of interest rates has been a dicey proposition throughout recorded history. Given the unprecedented Federal Reserve Board interference in the interest bearing instrument markets, for an unprecedented length of time, it is anybody's guess when interest rates will demonstrate a "sustained upward trend."

Savers are experiencing overt financial repression thanks to the actions of the federal government. Why are the Fed's policies a form of repression? While the U.S. government is the largest borrower of money in the world, U.S. Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner and U.S. Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke engage in nothing short of collusion to artificially depress the government's borrowing costs.

As a result of concerted government actions, savers have been on the short end of the stick when it comes to a fair rate of return on their deposits. For several years conservative savers have been forced by the sheer power of protracted U.S. government-engineered market interventions to lend their hard-earned savings to their

government at absurdly low interest rates. In short, collusion by the Fed and Treasury Department is rigging the markets in the government's favor.

What this letter writer suggests, and correctly so, is that when the government finally ends its unprecedented interventions in the marketplace, interest rates are likely to rise significantly. Of course, the big question is: When will the federal government back off?

And in the meantime, what sorts of effects will a continuation of unprecedented collusion have on the long-term inflation rate?

The answers to these two questions are unknowable.

If public policies change and pro-growth incentives replace collusion and intervention, an end to massive manipulation of the interest rate markets could come relatively soon.

However, if insidious monetary and fiscal policies persist down the same path, we might see American savers, forced by their own government, to settle for next to nothing on their savings for years.

If this happens, many experts believe the inflation rate could go through the roof.

Every business day, many speculators make bets both ways on interest rates. Some win, some lose – and in every instance brokerage commissions are paid by those desiring to have access to the "action."

Specifically addressing the question posed by the letter writer above, taking positions in leveraged Exchange Traded Funds that are designed to magnify the effects of rising interest rates is pretty much like playing roulette or blackjack in Las Vegas.

Experience has taught us to refrain from making bold interest rate forecasts and/or bets. However, it is important to recognize that the U.S. Government/Federal Reserve Board's ongoing efforts to relentlessly suppress rates of return conservative savers can earn on their deposits is terribly unfair.

Additionally, these actions are very likely to create structural imbalances in our financial system that will surely lead to unintended consequences.

With all of this being said, conservative savers have no business making leveraged interest rate bets if they are, well, conservative. Gambling on interest rate changes is just that, gambling.

If we thought we were in a position to provide advice on the near term direction of interest rates we wouldn't refer to the process as "gambling."

*Jim Spence is the portfolio manager at Spence Asset Management Inc., a federally registered investment advisory firm in Las Cruces. He has been involved in the investment business since 1983.*



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# National, local existing home sales rise

## Cruces trails in prices

**Gary Sandler's**  
Real Estate  
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April sales of existing Las Cruces area homes eclipsed year-ago sales by almost 25 percent, according to statistics from the Las Cruces Association of Realtors.

The 98 closed sales of previously owned homes, town homes and condominiums booked last month represented a 24.6 percent increase over the 79 homes sold in April 2011.

April's Las Cruces area sales tally also represented a 5.4 percent increase in sales above March. April home sales rose 10 percent nationally in the year-over-year survey, and rose 3.4 percent above March.

Prices are another story. While the nation's April median existing-home price of \$177,400 exceeded April 2011's median price by 10 percent and was 3.4 percent higher than in March, prices in Las Cruces fell 13.4 percent, from \$150,000 to \$129,500. The median is where half sold for more and half sold for less. April's median price was 1.4 percent lower than it was in March.

What's holding up our local recovery? Jobs notwithstanding, it's the number of distress sales. A distress sale is one in which the owner

sells urgently, often at a loss, due to a crisis, financial or otherwise.

In April, distressed properties accounted for 28 percent of sales nationally, down from 37 percent 12 months earlier. In Las Cruces, the number of distress sales is actually up over a year ago, rising to 31 percent of existing-home closings from the 30.4 percent reported in April 2011.

What does the future hold? According to local pending sales statistics, which are the best predictor of future closings, closed sales over the next 30 to 60 days are on track to exceed last year's tally by about 4 percent. A sale is considered pending after the purchase agreement has been signed and before the transaction has closed.

Today's \$160,500 median asking price of the 182 existing-home sales currently pending in our area is roughly the same as the \$159,900 median asking price of the homes that were

awaiting closing in April 2011.

Currently, Las Cruces area existing homes are selling for an average of 95.6 percent of their asking price.

The disparity between what's happening nationally and what transpires here in Las Cruces is not new.

New Mexico entered the recession a year or so after most Americans began to feel its effects, so it stands to reason that our area's recovery will follow in a like amount of time. As it appears now, that time is still a ways off.

See you at closing!

*Gary Sandler is the president of Gary Sandler Inc., Realtors in Las Cruces and the host of Gary Sandler's Real Estate Connection, broadcast each Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. on KSNM-AM 570. Sandler is the 2007 and 2010 recipient of the New Mexico Broadcasters Association's Talk Show Host of the Year award. Questions or comments may be directed to Sandler at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@garysandler.com.*

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## Chile shows new life

### Rincon cotton destroyed

By **Marvin Tessneer**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Rincon Valley farmers are watching their fields for signs of recovery from the May 8 rain and hail storm.

The latest estimates are that the hail damaged about 1,000 acres of onions and 300 to 500 acres of chile.

"That's the acreage of crops that were affected by the hail storm, not necessarily destroyed," said Stephanie Walker, a New Mexico State University Extension vegetable specialist.

Walker stressed the need for farmers to take preventive measures against plant diseases.

"Many of the surviving plants have cuts and lesions that can open the way to diseases," Walker said.

Chile plants were damaged, but many are recovering and growers are watching

their progress to learn the damage, grower John Brawley said.

"Basically, we've been set back a couple of weeks in plant growth," he said.

"But we really won't know how much damage the storm caused until the end of the season."

Dickie Ogaz said although the storm kept him out of his fields for a week, the rain helped relieve the water shortage.

"My chile was in the two-leaf stage and I lost some, but it's coming along pretty good," he said.

Brawley also is watching the progress of his seedling onions that were battered but are showing signs of recovering.

Ogaz said some of his alfalfa was caught by the storm in field windrows. But he was able to bale it later.

Cotton plants, which were 2 to 3 inches high when the storm struck, were battered into the ground.

Due to the growing and maturing cycle, it's too late to replant.

## Volvo Rents purchases area Action Rental stores

### Muench will remain on board as consultant

Volvo Rents has acquired Action Equipment Rental, a company with stores in Las Cruces, Alamogordo and Silver City.

Action Equipment Rental was founded in 2005. Its founder, Joseph Muench, will remain with Volvo Rents as a consultant.

"Volvo Rents' well-established reputation as a service-oriented company dedicated to servicing the homeowner and contractor alike run parallel with our existing business model and made becoming part of the company an attractive and easy decision," Muench said. "I am confident that both our employees and customers are in great hands."

The Las Cruces store will continue to be open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, with 24-hour service available every day of the week.

With the acquisition of Action Equipment Rental, Volvo Rents has expanded its New Mexico presence to include four outlets.

The company is a worldwide provider of small- to medium-sized construction equipment.

"We are excited about continuing to introduce our products and services to New Mexicans, providing them with a range of alternatives to meet their construction equipment needs," said Mike Crouch, vice president of Business Development at Volvo Rents. "New Mexico provides a great opportunity for Volvo Rents as we continue to grow our business and increase the distribution of our comprehensive line of essential equipment."

The acquisition follows a recent forecast released by the American Rental Association (ARA) expecting overall North American equipment rental industry revenue to increase at least 6.9 percent in 2012 to total \$33.5 billion at year end. The ARA's five-year forecast calls for continued annual growth.

Volvo Rents, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Volvo Group, operates 120 rental stores in North America. The company operates a network of company-owned rental stores and franchised rental stores in North America.

For information, visit [www.volvorents.com/lascruces](http://www.volvorents.com/lascruces).



# In Good Company: *Energy Concepts Corp.*

## Solar group now in Cruces

### Firm has strong links to NMSU

By **Alta LeCompte**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

In the field of alternative energy, it's not who you know – it's what you know.

Cary Lane, owner of Energy Concepts Corporation in Las Cruces and Satello, N.M., started learning the science and engineering of solar and wind energy as a New Mexico State University student studying electrical engineering. He was drawn to research, and founded the company in 1991, first to test products and determine which would live up to expectations.

"Quality control was an issue," Lane said of the 1990s, when solar technology took off in the marketplace.

Consumers, too, are part of the information revolution that shapes the development of the industry.

"Customer education changes every year," Lane said. "Ten years ago, when we said PV (photovoltaic), nobody knew what we meant. Five years ago, half the people knew what it was, but didn't know what it did. Now, when customers come to us, they know."

As a result, Energy Concepts does less consumer education than in the past.

"Now we do more sales," Lane said. "But now there's more competition."

Lane and his sister Elisa Cundiff, who opened the new Las Cruces office of Energy Concepts in the GreenWorks building at 125 N. Main St., agreed referrals are still the way they get most of their new business.

### Investing to save

Alternative energy companies and consumers share another trait – they are eager to try something new if it makes good business sense.

Lane said switching to solar while remaining connected to the grid can earn a homeowner 10 to 15 percent return on capital investment in energy savings.

"The biggest residential customers probably have \$20,000 in the bank, so it's a very good deal to put that money into solar," he said.

The return is less for smaller systems costing about \$10,000, "but it's still a pretty good deal," Lane said.

Cundiff, a marketing and systems design specialist, said less affluent consumers can make solar profitable the way she did, wrapping it into a mortgage.

Her system added \$40 to her mortgage payment, but reduced her summer electric bill by \$100 for a tidy net savings.

"I got a \$54 check from El Paso Electric last month," she said.

Cundiff, who owns an older home in Las Cruces, said the homebuyer can "be cash positive right away if the system is financed at a low interest rate."

Lower costs and multiple incentives make the purchase more attractive.

Cundiff said solar module prices dropped about 25 percent in the past three years, because the market expanded so quickly, responding to federal and state energy credits and utility company rebates.

Homeowners currently are scurrying to go solar before the El Paso Electric Co. Renewable Energy Credits drop. To qualify for maximum energy credits, an owner must be under contract to have the work done by June 30. The credits will drop 1 to 2 percent every six months



Elisa Cundiff manages the Las Cruces office of Energy Concepts Corp., by her brother, Cary Lane.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

Cary Lane said solar energy can make a difference for homes and businesses, as well as churches and schools.

for the next year and a half, Lane said.

State and federal credits will continue, he said.

### Cool technology generates cool savings

In a solar energy system, cells capture the sun's energy in the form of direct current (DC). An inverter then shapes the waves, converting them to alternating current (AC) for household use.

Cundiff said the inverter, one of the most expensive parts of the system, can track how much energy is being made. A web box connects it with home portals and with Energy Concepts, so both the homeowners and the company can track energy use.

"You can even see the panels producing energy in real time," she said.

Another type of technology for cutting energy costs is demand charge management, which has controls to protect the building owner from paying the highest rates for power. Demand charges are rates the utility charges, based on the highest half hour of use each month.

"Most demand charge in Las Cruces is based on AC use," Lane said. "We knock down mid-day charges by watching the load a consumer uses and turning off or cycling off."

### Solar goes to church

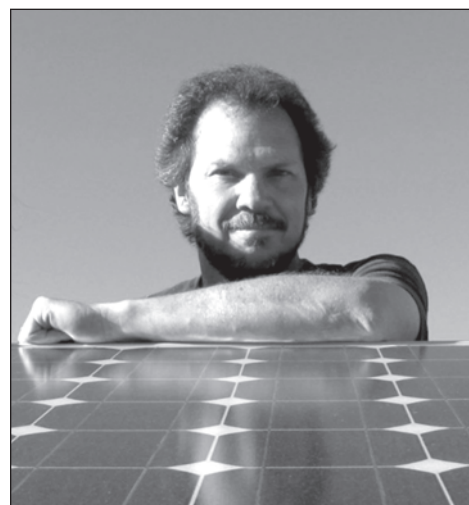
Lane said the commercial end of the alternative energy systems design and installation business is growing.

"Churches are a good target market because a lot of them want to do it environment-wise," he said. "Economically, it makes pretty good sense for them."

He explained that solar can bring financial stability to church budgets by getting rid of their erratic electric bills and evening out their utility costs.

Cundiff said their commercial customers include a new bank under construction in northern New Mexico that is making "a really big commitment to their community" and a radio station with a similar commitment.

She said the Corona school district is install-



ing a "huge 50 Kw system for two schools."

### Knowledge is (solar) power

"The majority of folks we've hired are NMSU graduates," Cundiff said.

Two mechanical engineers and one electrical engineer are installers. Two NMSU interns with the firm are minoring in renewable energy.

"We have the strongest certification in the business: Half our installation staff have engineering degrees," she said. "You're not going to find that anywhere in the country."

Because alternative energy is such a knowledge-intensive, rapidly changing industry, companies that do installations must constantly evaluate their businesses and keep current on emerging technology.

Cundiff said the Energy Concepts staff conducts regular strategy sessions, evaluating opportunities they anticipate may evolve in two, five or 10 years and "targeting events and people we think will get the biggest payback from alternative energy systems."

The future is likely to include complimentary integrated systems to further reduce costs, Cundiff said.

Lane added, however, that the field changes so quickly it's impossible to predict the future

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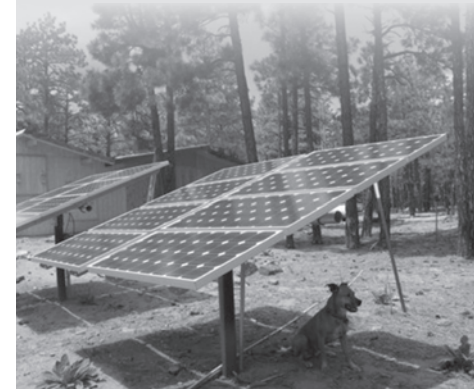
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and follow a long-range plan.

"It's such a dynamic industry we have to re-evaluate where we are every year. Incentives change every year," he said. "Consumers change every year."

One thing he can say with certainty is Energy Concepts is a broad-based company that designs custom systems.

"We help each customer decide what is their best option," Lane said. "Maybe they should insulate their home or install new windows or consider LED lighting to make their homes more energy efficient rather than installing a solar system."

As a general contractor and electrical contractor, Energy Concepts can design and install what will work best for each customer. Lane oversees each project.

### Coming home to Cruces

Lane worked for six years at the Southwest Renewable Research Facility, known as one of the two leading solar research facilities in the world, before founding Energy Concepts in Las Cruces.

The company's initial projects focused on developing software and research tools. The primary client was National Renewable Energy Labs (NREL). In the early years, Energy Concepts built multi-curve tracers for NREL for testing solar panels.

Lane started installing solar systems because "very few were doing it at the time," he said.

In the late 1990s, he moved to Satello in northern Mexico, following the demand for off-grid systems. In addition to designing systems for those who owned cabins in the woods and wanted total energy independence, he did special projects, such as solar powered wireless phone towers that enable firefighters in wilderness areas to communicate with one another.

The company is renewing its presence in Las Cruces through the new office in the GreenWorks building.

Cundiff, who manages the office, formerly was with the Green Chamber of Commerce, also located in the GreenWorks building.

She said Lane is her oldest brother. "I was in elementary school the first time he showed me some solar stuff," she said. "Now, I'm back at the source."

## Profiles

# George Jepson: Hotel E's ambassador

## Head bellman makes travelers feel at home

*Editor's note: This week's profiles are on two of the award winners of the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau's Stay Sunny award presented during National Tourism Week.*

By **Alta LeCompte**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Chatting under the portico at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, George Jepson fidgeted and stole a quick look over his shoulder.

Guests were arriving at the elegant hotel on a hill overlooking Las Cruces.

He continued talking, but kept looking back at the hotel entrance where a middle-aged woman stood surrounded by suitcases.

Jepson could stand still no longer. Hustling toward the growing group of arrivals, he called back, "Excuse me, I have to help these people."

Jepson, the head bellman at Hotel E, has a knack for showing up when people need help — any kind of help.

A self-taught expert on the beauty, history, and attractions of both the hotel and the city, Jepson serves as Hotel E's cultural ambassador.

If he's not escorting guests to their rooms or driving them around town, narrating as they go, he's at the front desk serving as the concierge and answering questions for out-of-towners.

Jepson has been on the move all his life. Because his dad was in the Air Force, he grew up mostly on bases in Italy, Arizona, New Mexico (Alamogordo) and California.

"I have an older brother who attended more schools than I did," he said. "My sister was born in Germany, my brother was born in England. I was born in Plattsburg, New York."

He lived in Italy his first 6-and-a-half years and spoke Italian before he learned English.

His last stop before Las Cruces was California, where he completed his schooling and later worked in construction.

Jepson relocated to the City of the Crosses in 1991 to help care for his aging parents.

He started working part time as a bellman at Hotel Encanto in 1997 and was soon pro-

moted to bell captain.

"I wear many hats," he said. "I do a little maintenance, help out in the restaurant when I'm needed."

He currently is putting together a reference book so other employees can share with guests the "bits and pieces" of information about the hotel and the history of the Mesilla Valley.

"Not only am I a cultural ambassador," he said, "we all are cultural ambassadors."

He studies the history of the artwork in the hotel and shares what he learns.

His favorite piece is a Mexican granite angel statue in the lobby of the six-story hotel.

Hotel Encanto is a pet-friendly, full-service hotel with a restaurant, bar, pool, spa and shuttle service to the airport and around town, Jepson said.

"We get a lot of very good comments on TripAdvisor," he said. "People choose us because of that."

The hotel is a home away from home for people with business at White Sands Missile Range and film industry professionals.

"A lot of people come here regularly," he said. "Some own businesses in town but don't live in Las Cruces full time. We get a lot of business from the Hatch Chile Festival. They stay with us because they know we'll keep it cold for them until they're ready to leave. They buy it by the case, by the gunny sack. Some come back every year because they know they can't find chile like that anywhere else."

# Maria Reyes: Focusing on the guests

## Infectious smile belies fierce determination

By **Alta LeCompte**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Maria Reyes, Ramada Palms de Las Cruces director of sales, has worked her way up the grand staircase to the executive suite.

Her smile is an outward reflection of the passion she brings to her job, wherever it takes her.

"You're doing it for yourself and for your guests," she said. "If you're smiling, more than likely they're going to enjoy the rest of their day."

She leads by example, greeting each guest with a smile.

"The departments teach each other how we affect each other," she said. "The focus is always on hospitality and how departments can help each other."

Reyes oversees the front desk and makes sure everything in the guest rooms is functioning as it should.

Behind her own infectious smile is a fierce determination to give each customer the best possible experience.

Brainstorming to identify what can be done better is a regular feature of staff meetings. At quarterly employee lunches, staff members are recognized for exceeding customer satisfaction standards.

"You want to exceed," she said. Ramada Palms surveys guests at every event and follows up on all suggestions.

"In the last four years, we've had to deal with only two situations where we had to turn things

around," she said.

Reyes was born in Juanato, Mexico, and moved to Grants with her family when she was 4.

"I graduated from high school, worked, got married, raised children and worked my way up the ladder," she said.

Reyes' first job was at the Best Western in Grants.

Her history with the Ramada Palms, formerly a Holiday Inn, dates back to the 1980s, when she arrived in the city and took a job as a banquet server at the hotel.

After two years, she left for another Las Cruces hotel, where she started as a banquet server. As her career progressed, she became banquet manager and then director of events. She stayed for 22 years.

Then, about five years ago, she decided she had been in the industry long enough and would like to try something else.

She left her job with the expectation she could enjoy the rare pleasure of being off for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

But she made one move too many.

She called Denton to casually inquire about any future opportunities. Denton, however, offered her "exactly the job I wanted." Effective immediately.

Though still in the hospitality business, she has left behind the punishing schedule typical of the food and beverage end of the business.

"Late nights and weekends now only go until 7," she said.

She has more time now for family and travel, and brings the same passion to her leisure life as to her work life.

Reyes said she and her husband, David Reyes, who also works in the hospitality industry, have been fortunate to travel.

They have taken five cruises, touring the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Panama Canal, Alaska and the Mexican Riviera and are looking forward to a September cruise to the Holy Land.

Reyes enjoys being on the receiving end of the pampering that the ships' crews lavish on their guests.

## Staying sunny

### Seven secrets of hospitality success

- Smile.
- Strive to exceed customer satisfaction standards.
- Say yes to taking on responsibilities not in your job description.
- Learn what other departments are doing and how you can help one another.
- Be a well-informed cultural ambassador, knowledgeable about hotel resources and points of interest in the Mesilla Valley.
- Learn from feedback.
- Stay sunny.

*Bits of on-the-job wisdom from Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau hospitality award winners Maria Reyes of Ramada Palms and George Jepson of Hotel Encanto*

## Details



**George Jepson**  
Head bellman

**Company**  
Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces

**Address**  
705 S. Telshor Blvd.

## Details



**Maria Reyes**  
Director of sales

**Company**  
Ramada Palms de Las Cruces

**Address**  
201 E. University Ave.



# City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report May 15-21

Las Cruces Home Builders Association						
Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20122748	Gilbert & Sons Roofing & Plastering	James E. Brooks	Reroof	1052 Birch Drive	\$7,743	\$73
20122749	Desert Hills Roofing	Franklin G. & Joan M. Peterson	Reroof	1825 Payne St.	\$6,698	\$67
20122750	Desert Hills Roofing	Michael Wise	Reroof	1320 Evans Drive	\$6,211	\$64
20122755	Arei LLC	David F. & Cathryn C. Blanchard	Reroof	540 Tornillo St.	\$6,221	\$64
20122765	A&A Roofing Inc.	Nolan & Donald & Brenda Brown	Reroof	400 Monte Vista Ave.	\$5,200	\$59
20122787	Garcia's Roofing Co. Inc.	Beverly R. Williams	Reroof	2232 San Felipe Ave.	\$5,394	\$60
20122778	G. Bishop Roofing LLC	J. & Patricia R. Chamberlin TRS	Reroof	1814 Pebble Beach Road	\$15,042	\$116
20122782	Arei LLC	Gene J. & Mary E. Maes	Reroof	3729 Stoneway Road	\$8,282	\$77
20122783	Thomas H. & Dora G. Garcia	Thomas H. & Dora G. Garcia	Reroof	1515 Country Club Drive	\$2,200	\$41
20122786	Debco Construction Inc.	Victor M. Macias & Yvonne Maldon	Reroof	3364 Blueridge Lane	\$11,187	\$94
20122789	De La Paz Construction	Vincente & Thelma L. Longoria	Reroof	1815 Amis Ave.	\$9,000	\$81
20122805	C. Renteria Construction	Vicente Montez & Idell K. Lujan	Reroof	925 Calle Del Sol	\$7,000	\$69
20122809	Arei LLC	Juanita B. Mansfield	Reroof	4525 Real Del Sur	\$4,477	\$54
20122810	Desert Song LLC	Nancy Perez	Reroof	5012 Shadow Mountain Road	\$6,000	\$63
20122819	Commercial Roofing Systems Inc.	Charles E. Watson	Reroof	535 Monte Vista Ave.	\$5,500	\$60
20122827	Gilbert & Sons Roofing & Plastering	James W. Rood & Carissa M. Breale	Reroof	2716 Claude Dove Drive	\$9,196	\$82
20122828	A&A Roofing Inc.	Lorenzo F. & Connie M. Candelaria	Reroof	2626 Cheyenne Drive	\$3,334	\$47
20122845	Stryker Urethane Foam and Roofing	Donald Keith Brownfield	Reroof	3001 Majestic Ridge	\$3,620	\$49
20122846	Erasmus's Roofing LLC	Richard E. Nezzzer	Reroof	3109 Las Placitas	\$8,927	\$80
20122847	Fort Selden Builders	Scientist	Reroof	409 N. Main St.	\$4,800	\$56
20122848	Anthony Baca	Ruby L. & Anthony J. Baca	Reroof	1995 Stanton Ave.	\$1,770	\$44
20122850	C and O Roofing	R. Kenny & Wilma L. Arroyos	Reroof	4850 Vista Cuesta	\$7,400	\$71
20122851	Roadrunner Construction Company	Guy W. Alexander	Reroof	415 Monte Vista Ave.	\$10,888	\$92
20122857	Iron Cross Construction	Ramiro & Sylvia B. Garcia	Reroof	1065 Camino Del Rex	\$8,935	\$80
20122866	Isaiah Blancas Construction	Ruby Hernandez & Michael A. Kirkl	Reroof	1344 N. Alameda Blvd.	\$8,751	\$79
20122871	Bill Allen Building and Construction Inc.	Joseph P. Hernandez	Reroof	4702 Rio Bravo Court	\$7,615	\$73
20122831	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Compass Bank	New/Res	4765 Whitney Place	\$169,740	\$2,948
20122832	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Compass Bank	New/Res	4775 Kerry Ann Place	\$152,274	\$2,918
20122837	Salvador Baltazar	GL Green & Associates LLC	New/Res	4082 Calle Corte	\$186,960	\$4,736
20122876	Veloz Homes	Camino Real Builders Inc.	New/Res	3550 Camino Verde	\$148,994	\$4,671
20122777	Ken Thurston Development Corp	Henry C. & Rose M. Sierra	Res/Add	7831 Village Drive	\$10,000	\$87
20122794	David J. & Karen L. Tufts	David J. & Karen L. Tufts	Res/Add	5703 E. Mesa Ave.	\$5,000	\$57
20122798	A.B.R. Construction Inc.	Margaret Irene Malamud	Res/Add	440 W. Mountain Ave.	\$4,500	\$54
20122812	Arban Industries LLC	Jose & Maria Matos	Res/Add	2169 Southern Star Loop	\$10,700	\$91
20122754	S Reynolds Construction Inc.	Gabriel E. & Marie Galos	Res/Alt	1785 Locust St.	\$13,000	\$104
20122816	GS Roofing	Edward E. Milkovich trustee et al	Res/Alt	1505 La Fonda Court	\$11,200	\$187
20122836	Jose A. Estrada	Jose A. Estrada	Res/Alt	2117 Calle De Sueños	\$7,000	\$69
20122788	Rokas Construction	Thomas M. & Sally E. Healey	rockwall	4008 Calle De Estrellas	\$780	\$39
20122793	Southern Comfort Builders	Kendall G. & Kimberly A. Wallin	rockwall	4022 La Purisima Drive	\$294	\$30
20122795	Southern Comfort Builders	Compass Bank	rockwall	4775 Kerry Ann Place	\$1,029	\$51
20122796	Southern Comfort Builders	Compass Bank	rockwall	4765 Whitney Place	\$980	\$49
20122797	Southern Comfort Builders	HHT LLC	rockwall	4124 Benisa Place	\$1,764	\$88
2012817	David L. Odell	David L. Odell	rockwall	7576 Monte Verde Place	\$1,500	\$75
20122829	Southern Comfort Builders	Laura Bullock	rockwall	5889 Coyote Flats St.	\$1,901	\$95
20122856	R and R Concrete Inc.	Sierra Norte Land Holdings LLC	rockwall	3645 San Clemente	\$3,332	\$167
20122868	Southern Comfort Builders	Compass Bank	rockwall	4764 Zeno Place	\$3,000	\$150
20122869	Southern Comfort Builders	Evans Realty Holdings LLC	rockwall	4327 Isleta Court	\$2,744	\$137
20122872	R and R Concrete Inc.	Sierra Norte Land Holdings LLC	rockwall	6034 Solstice	\$3,450	\$173
20122874	Rawson Inc.	Janet S. & Robert Paul Dray	Window/Door	3754 Jade Ave.	\$1,700	\$43
20122875	Rawson Inc.	Owen M. & Gloria J. Bergh Trustee	Window/Door	1991 Lone Tree Lane	\$3,500	\$43

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



# Doña Ana County Building Permit Report May 15-22

Las Cruces Home Builders Association						
Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
37449	Riviera Homes	Mesilla Bolson	Rockwall	108 Apache Brass		\$70
37450	Riviera Homes	Mesilla Bolson	Rockwall	140 Apache Silver Road		\$90
37451	Riviera Homes	Mesilla Bolson	Rockwall	110 Apache Gold Loop		\$70
37454	Chairez Rockwalls	Pete & Susan Gallegos	Rockwall	240 Providence Road		\$90
37455	Fulton	Las Uvas Dairy	Remodel	1261 Hilburn Road		\$1,540
37456	Albert & Rosemary Ortiz	Albert & Rosemary Ortiz	Remodel	235 Arroyo Yeso		\$610
37457	Manuel & Manuela Ortega	Manuel & Manuela Ortega	Reroof	535 Calle Ranchito		\$70
37460	JDS Bldrs LLC	Lilian Marshall	Res/add	5040 Meadow Circle		\$290
37465	Approved Roofing	James Forster	Reroof	4115 Sotol Road		\$90
37466	Coronado Contracting	Leticia Trejo	Reroof	5791 Ridge Drive		\$100
37467	Chris B. Lopez	Chris B. Lopez	Reroof	5661 Vanegas Drive		\$55
37468	Dela Construction	Jose & Brenda Urena Garcia	New/res	536 Paseo Real Drive		\$420
37469	N/A	Sapna LLC	Reroof	12380 Fort McLane Road		\$45
37470	N/A	Jesus & Maria Grado	Rockwall	260 Stone Drive		\$53
37472	Paul & Dolores Weiss	Paul & Dolores Weiss	Rockwall	355 Muster Road		\$100
37473	Rio Grande Premier	Steven Archuleta	New/res	2326 Glass Road		\$790
37476	Robinson Homes LLC	Lilian Rivas	New/res	575 Kriegel Road		\$1,041
37477	Simply the Best	Ernesto & Olga Perez	Res/add	1 Cielo Del Sur		\$580

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





# Kicking the tires at the Lithia Dodge Hiring Event

Photos by Richard Coltharp

Lithia Dodge of Las Cruces General Manager Vincent Armijo at the opening of the Ultimate Hiring Event, a job fair to review prospective employees for the new dealership, expected to open in June at 860 N. Telshor Blvd. The event, at the Hilton Garden Inn, drew more than 100 people over two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22-23.

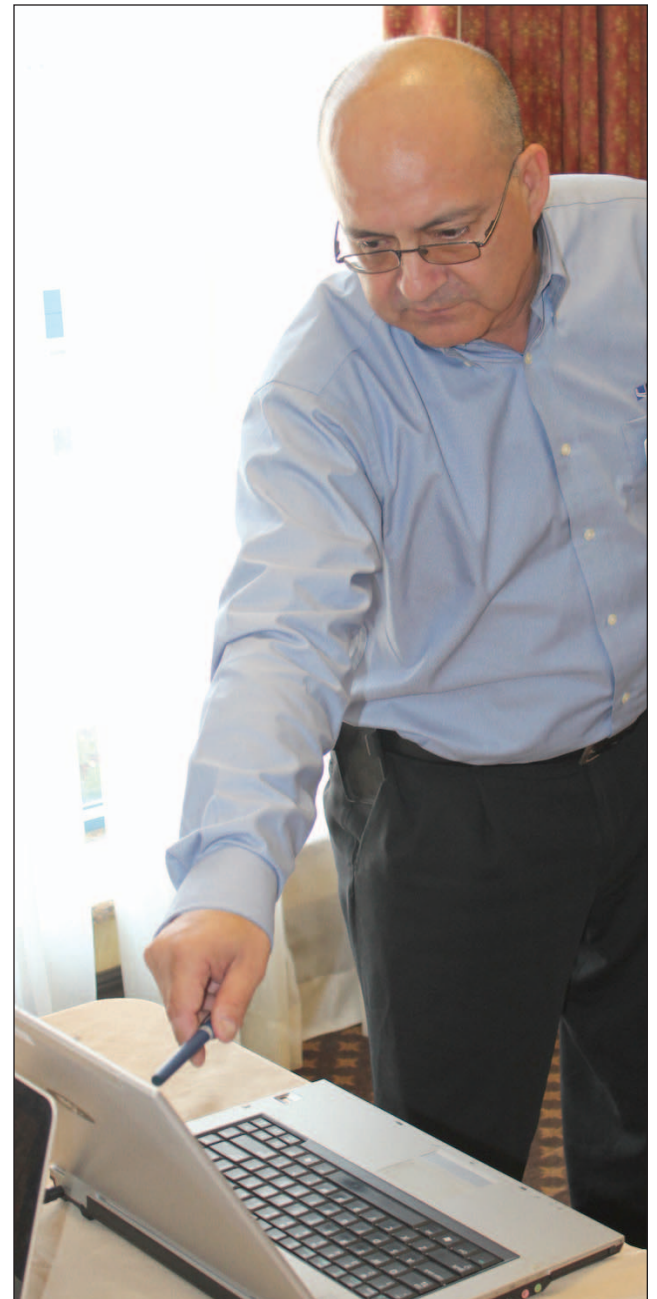


Linda Jackson of Las Cruces visits with Mary Ann Mason, regional personnel manager of Lithia Motors.

Bob Holder of Las Cruces enters data into a computer.



Fred Espinosa at the Lithia Ultimate Hiring Event



Ernie Soto, service manager of Lithia Dodge of Las Cruces shows applicants where to fill out information on the computer.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Stroke Awareness Golf Tournament



Saturday, June 2, 2012  
Sonoma Ranch Golf Course

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**SILVER \$700:**  
Team Entry, lunch for four, banner display, hole sign, and space in program.

**BRONZE \$400:**  
Banner display, hole sign, and space in program.

**HOLE SPONSOR \$100:**  
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For more information contact Cori Johnson at 575-521-6454 or johnsonco@ernesthealth.com



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# Celebrating hope at the Red Ribbon sponsors dinner

Photos by Richard Coltharp

## Event sets up August 'Fire & Ice' celebration

The Red Ribbon Pre-bash sponsors dinner was Friday, May 18, at Red Hawk Golf Club, sponsored by the Village at Northrise.

Those assembled raised approximately \$33,000.

The public Red Ribbon Bash will be Aug. 18, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. This year's theme is "Fire & Ice."



Jeanne and Dennis Knotts attend the Red Ribbon pre-bash sponsors dinner Friday, May 18, at Red Hawk Golf Club.



Barbara Bogucki, Harry Day and Freddie Torres



Dick Marsden, Janet Honek and Susan Marsden



Russell Hernandez and Chris Schaljo



Gordon Steel and Keith Austin



Donny Grooms, Susana Chaparro and Mayor Ken Miyagishima



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# LEGAL NOTICES

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State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 11963  
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2012

**NOTICE** is hereby given that on April 12, 2012, Stella M. Montez, PO Box 1482, Las Cruces, NM 88004, filed application numbered LRG-5997-POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-5997, on land owned by Lawrence and Mary Lopez and located within the NE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 15, T23S, R01E, NMPM and using proposed well LRG-5997-POD4 to be drilled to an approximate depth of 150 ft. below ground surface with 8-inch casing located within the SW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/2 of projected Section 10, T23S, R01E on land owned by the applicant at approximately X=1,463,103 Y=479,014 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the diversion of 4.5 acre-feet per annum of shallow ground-water combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, or as determined by the Third Judicial District Court, for the irrigation of 1.0 acres of land owned by the applicant located within Pt. SE1/4 of said Section 10. Wells LRG-5997 and proposed well LRG-5997-POD4 are located approximately 60 ft. and 1,200 ft. northwest, respectively, of the intersection of Calle de Fria and Roadrunner Ln. Well LRG-5997-POD4 will be located at the physical address of 1202 Burke Rd., Las Cruces, NM. Well LRG-5997 will be retained for other water rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 11964  
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DONA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT

No. PB-2012-46 (Martin)

IN THE MATTER OF THE

**ESTATE OF MICHAEL WILLIAM GREGORY, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Dona Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: May 17, 2012.

/s/ Linda Lee Kinstle  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Michael William Gregory, Deceased

JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 366  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366  
(575) 524-0833  
(575) 526-0960 (fax)

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

Pub # 11965  
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 2012

**"Notice is hereby given** that pursuant to Section 73-10-28 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (DISTRICT) will consider a Petition for Inclusion of Additional Lands. The petition is made by R. Shayne Franzoy, who requests that the Board change DISTRICT Boundaries and include lands owned by R. Shayne and Amanda Franzoy, located northwest of Hatch, Dona Ana County, beginning at Southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section nine (9); thence East along the North line of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of Section nine (9) to the North and South mid-section line; thence South (1/4) of a mile along the North and South mid-section line of Section nine (9) to the Northeast quarter corner of the Northeast quarter of Section sixteen (16); thence East along the South line of Section (16) to the Section corner of Sections (15), (16), (21) and (22);

The place of the hearing is the DISTRICT office located at 530 S. Melendres St., Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the date of hearing is July 11, 2012. Any person or parties interested may appear at the hearing to show cause, in writing, if any they have, why the petition should not be granted. At the end of the hearing the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Petition.

Pub # 11966  
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2012



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold bids at 4 p.m. local time in

the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

Bid Invitation:  
201201049-EH Crawler for NMSU Carlsbad (Rebid)

Bid Opening Date:  
6/7/2012 @ 4:00PM (local time)

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at <https://sciprocurement.com>

quest.ionwave.net/nmsu to obtain a copy of this bid electronically and be registered for future bids for this commodity.

Pub # 11967  
Dates 5/25, 2012

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Herby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinance at a

Regular City Council Meeting Held on May 21, 2012:

1. Council Bill No. 12-029; Ordinance No. 2651: An Ordinance Approving Multiple Zone Changes for 120.535 + Acres of Land Located Within the Rancho Del Rey Master Planned Area; Generally East of Roadrunner Parkway, North and South of Settlers Pass; Parcel ID# 02-38952. Submitted by Underwood Engineering on Behalf of Eddie Binns, Property

Owner (Z2814).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 23rd day of May 2012.

Esther Martinez, CMC  
City Clerk

Pub # 11968  
Dates 5/25, 2012

**Burn Construction Company, Inc.** is interested in receiving quotes from MBE/WBE/SBBA businesses for the City of Las Cruces West Mesa Water Project Phase IV - Project 2, Project Number 11-12-215

Subcontractors and Professional Services in the specified fields listed below are especially encouraged to participate.

Construction Staking, Traffic

Control, Quality Control Testing, and Seeding.

Material suppliers such as Utility Pipe, Fittings & Valves and Base Course.

The project will bid June 7, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. If interested please contact Rachel Bustos at (575) 526-4421.

Pub # 11969  
Dates 5/25, 2012

**POSTCARDS**  
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*LAS CRUCES, New Mexico*

*LAS CRUCES Greetings FROM NEW MEXICO*

The Las Cruces Bulletin is looking for postcards for our "Postcards from the Past" weekly feature. If you have any old postcards that feature Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico, bring them to our office at 840 N. Telshor, Suite E Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm, or call Rachel at 524-8061. We will scan your postcard and return it to you immediately. We will record your name and recognize you for your contribution when the postcard appears in our paper.

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2012 PRIMARY ELECTION PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to the Primary Election Law of the State of

New Mexico, as amended, I, Lynn J. Ellins, County Clerk of Doña Ana County, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby issue the following proclamation:

Conforme a las leyes de Elecciones Primaria del Estado de Nuevo México, yo, Lynn J. Ellins, Escribano del Condado de Doña Ana, en virtud de la autoridad conferida a mí, por la presente emito la siguiente proclamación:

That a Primary Election is, and the same is hereby called, to be

held throughout the County of Doña Ana and in each Precinct thereof, on the 5th day of June 2012; and

Que una Elección Primaria sea, y por la presente es llamada, a ser llevada a cabo por todo el Condado de Doña Ana y en cada unos de sus recintos, en el día 5 de junio 2012; y

That the Primary Election shall be applicable to the following political parties, to wit: the Democratic Party and the Republican Party; and

Que la Elección Primaria será aplicable a los siguientes partidos políticos a saber: el Partido Demócrata y el Partido Republicano; y

That the Primary Election shall be for the purpose of permitting the Democratic Party and the Republican Party to nominate candidates for the following offices:

Que la Elección Primaria tendrá lugar para que los votantes puedan votar su preferencia por un candidato para los siguientes puestos:

That the election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on said date in the following Voting Convenience Centers and that the election workers will be as follows:

(NOTE: Precinct Election Workers subject to change without notice).

Que la elección tendrá lugar entre las 7:00 de la mañana a las 7:00 de la tarde en dicha fecha y en los siguientes centros de votación conveniencia y que los trabajadores para la elección serán:

(NOTA: Trabajadores de Elección sujetos a cambiar sin notificación).

PJ = Presiding Judge

- J = Judge, C = Clerk, Rep = Republican, Dem = Democrat, Grn = Green, Ind = Independent, DTS = Declined To State, Lib = Libertarian, Minor

VCC LOCATION/LUGAR ADDRESS/DIRECCION ELECTION WORKERS/ NOMBRE

1 Garfield Elementary School 8820 Highway 187 Garfield, NM 87936

2 Hatch High School 170 E Herrera Hatch, NM 87937

3 Rincon Fire Station 225 Harlan St Rincon, NM 87940

4 Doña Ana Community Center 5745 Ledesma Dr Doña Ana, NM 88007

5 Sunrise Elementary School 5300 Holman Rd Las Cruces, NM 88012

6 Oñate High School 5700 Mesa Grande Dr Las Cruces, NM 88011

15 East Picacho Elementary School 4450 N Valley Dr Las Cruces, NM 88007

7 Sonoma Elementary School 4201 Northrise Dr Las Cruces, NM 88011

8 Organ Fire Station 5816 3rd St Organ, NM 88012

9 Radium Springs Community Center 12060 LB Lindbeck Rd Las Cruces, NM 88007

10 Desert Hills Elementary School 2961 Roadrunner Parkway Las Cruces, NM 88011

11 Camino Real Middle School 2961 Roadrunner Parkway Las Cruces, NM 88011

12 Grace Covenant Church 3111 North Main St Las Cruces, NM 88001

13 Fairacres Middle School 4501 W Picacho Ave Las Cruces, NM 88007

14 Mayfield High School 1955 N Valley Dr Las Cruces, NM 88007

15 East Picacho Elementary School 4450 N Valley Dr Las Cruces, NM 88007

PJ- Vodene Schultz, Dem J- Otto Brock, Rep J- Carl Schultz, Dem C- Belinda Ibarra, Dts

16 Jornada Elementary School 3400 Elks Dr Las Cruces, NM 88005

17 Vista Middle School 4465 Elks Dr Las Cruces, NM 88007

18 Sierra Middle School 1700 Spruce Las Cruces, NM 88001

19 Lynn Middle School 950 S Walnut St Las Cruces, NM 88005

20 Las Cruces High School 1755 El Paseo Rd Las Cruces, NM 88001

21 University Hills Elementary School 2005 S Locust Las Cruces, NM 88001

22 Corbett Center NMSU 2nd Floor Art Gallery Las Cruces, NM 88003

23 Good Samaritan Social Center 3011 Buena Vida Circle Las Cruces, NM 88011

24 Mesilla Park Recreation Center 301 W Bell Ave Las Cruces, NM 88005

25 Mesilla Elementary School 2363 Calle del Sur Las Cruces, NM 88005

26 NM Farm and Ranch 4100 Dripping Springs Rd Las Cruces, NM 88011

27 Las Alturas Fire Station 4145 Cholla Dr Las Cruces, NM 88011

28 Branigan Library 200 E Picacho Ave Las Cruces, NM 88001

29 DAC Government Center 845 N Motel Blvd Las Cruces, NM 88007

30 New Covenant Fellowship 20 Holy Cross Rd Las Cruces, NM 88011

31 Del Cerro Community Center 180 La Fe Ave Mesquite, NM 88048

32 North Valley Elementary School 300 Cascade Ave San Miguel, NM 88058

Table with columns for Office District, Candidate, and Republican Candidate. Lists candidates for various positions including President, Senators, Representatives, Judges, and County Officers.

Table with columns for Precinct Name, Location, and Candidates (PJ, J, C, Rep, Dem, Grn, Ind, DTS, Lib, Minor). Lists candidates for various precincts across the county.



# LEGAL NOTICES

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33  
Anthony Elementary School  
609 Church St  
Anthony, NM 88021  
PJ- Rebecca Minjarez, Rep  
J- Tonie Faulkner, Dem  
J- Morris Wolfe, Rep  
C- Lazaro Urbina, Dem  
C- Maria Bejarano, Dem  
C- Lugarda Urbina, Dem  
C- Kelli Goodan, Rep

34  
Chaparral Middle School  
290 Lisa Dr  
Chaparral, NM 88008  
PJ-Miguel Marquez, Dem  
J- Beulah Oatman, Dem  
J- Robert McCallick, Rep  
C- Jose L. Montelongo, Dem  
C- Donna Eudy, Rep  
C- Irene Hernandez, Dem  
C- Taylor Gobble, Rep

35  
Gadsden High School  
6301 Highway 28  
Anthony, NM 88021  
PJ- Crystalee Heredia, Dem  
J- Esther Holguin, Rep  
J- Sonya Contreras, Dem  
C- Irene Quiroga, Dem  
C- Anita Martinez, Dem  
C- Judy Contreras, Dem  
C- Maribel Gamboa, Rep  
C- Steven Jones, Rep

36  
La Union Elementary School  
875 Mercantile Ave  
Anthony, NM 88021  
PJ- Elizabeth Hernandez, Dem  
J- Irene Plaza, Rep  
J- Dolores Pavia, Dem  
C- Ernie Rivera, Dem  
C- D. Joyce Bray, Rep  
C- Arnold Plaza, Rep  
C- Diana Hernandez, Rep

37  
Santa Teresa Middle School  
4800 McNutt Rd  
Santa Teresa, NM 88008  
PJ- Keith Peterson, Rep  
J- Rose Camarillo, Dem  
J- Melody Faussett, Rep  
C- Lucio M. Hernandez, Dem  
C- Julie Peterson, Rep  
C- Marissa Faussett, Minor  
C- Crystal Medina, Dts

38  
Desert View Elementary School  
1105 Valle Vista  
Sunland Park, NM 88063  
PJ- Maria Ruiz, Dem  
J- Guadalupe Guerrero, Dem  
J- Ronald Gast, Rep  
C- Wendy Thomson, Rep  
C- Manuela Esparza, Dem  
C- Maria Diaz, Dem  
C- Ivan Franco, Rep

39  
Berino Elementary School  
92 Shrode Rd  
Berino, NM 88021  
PJ- John George, Rep  
J- Gloria Chacon, Dem  
J- Stewart George, Rep  
C- Karen Hernandez, Rep  
C- Olga Lopez, Dem  
C- Nohemly Hernandez, Dem  
C- Tristen Arroyo, Dem

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la Elección:

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Elizabeth Soto, Dem  
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Josephine Perez, Dem  
Edna Bustamantes, Dem  
Mark Westbrook, Dem  
Theresa Westbrook, Dem  
Raymundo Rivera III, Dem  
James Richard Moore, Dem  
Joy Dean, Dem  
O Jerome Bustos, Dem  
Elaine Frost, Dem

Barbara Alvarez, Dem  
Arthur Castillo, Dem  
Olga Robles, Dem  
Sandra Griego, Dem  
Richard Fleming, Dem  
Paul Ostic, Dem  
Meagan E Gonnell, Dem  
Cruzita Herrera, Dem  
Sylvia Ortiz, Dem  
Sarah Casson, Dem  
Jacquiline Romero, Dem  
Taylor Williams, Dem  
Eva Encina, Dem  
Dorothy Mata, Dem  
Linda Urbina, Dem  
Patricia McClure, Dem  
Violet Denney, Dem  
Guadalupe Valdiva, Dem  
Spring Amendola, Dem  
Flora Trujillo, Dem  
Tony Trujillo, Dem  
William McWhorter, Dem  
Amanda Rodriguez, Dem  
Leah Maestas, Dem  
Paula Perez, Dem

Kellie Dinsmore, Dem  
Judith Dorsey, Dem  
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Regina Shervanick, Dem  
Timothy Gutierrez, Dem  
Lori Ann Mayer, Dem  
Petra Duran, Dem  
Sandra Short, Dem  
James Pudlewski, Dem  
Anni-Marie Rizzi, Dem  
Manuel Gutierrez, Dem  
Jerry Hernandez, Dem  
Nancy Christine Anderson,  
Dem  
Lucille Daly, Dem  
William Daly, Dem  
Elsa Baca, Dem  
Pablo Chavez, Dem  
Cynthia Vasquez, Dem  
Doroteo Vasquez, Dem  
Anna Torres, Dem  
Melanie Tellez, Dem  
John Carter, Dem  
Cheryl Cordero, Dem  
Sherry Graves, Dem  
Maria Luisa Lucero, Dem  
Loriann Romero, Dem  
Jessica Vallejos, Dem  
Patricia Beal, Dem  
Corrie McEnery Vallejos, Dem  
Susan Rossman, Dem  
Christa Wilson, Dem  
Elvira Wilson, Dem  
Kenneth Miller, Dem  
Ardyth Norem, Dem  
Frederick Paganucci, Dem  
Barbara Bullard, Dem  
Charmaine Vega, Dem  
Linda Marie Atwood, Dem  
Douglas Logan, Dem  
Marianne Lappin, Dem  
Jeff Schwehn, Dem  
Verlan Schwehn, Dem  
Catherine Court, Dem  
C- Manuela Esparza, Dem  
William Howard, Dem  
Sandra Cruz, Dem  
Ann McCullough, Dem  
Josefina Fernandez, Dem  
Robert St John, Dem  
Teresita Ballard, Dem  
Emma Hamilton, Dem  
Judith McDonald, Dem  
Mia Jean Valencia, Dem  
Jeremy Britton, Dem  
Isela Holguin, Dem  
Tom Schmugge, Dem  
Jack Navarez, Dem  
Roger Beck, Dem  
Julia Escarsega, Dem  
Robert Hearn, Dem  
Ramiro Saenz, Dem  
Joshua Guerrero, Dem  
Susan Reed, Dem  
Donna Hampton, Dem  
Preston Mitchell, Rep  
George Murphy, Rep  
Deborah Henderson, Rep  
David Wood, Rep  
Ellen Wood, Rep  
Ben Rawson, Rep  
Lee Rawson, Rep  
Gerald Bekken, Rep  
Rachel Pulaski, Rep  
Tom Austin, Rep  
Betty Russell, Rep  
Tamie Massey, Rep  
Troy Tudor, Rep  
Jacquelyn Park, Rep  
Kelly Walter, Rep  
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Jon Lindsay, Rep  
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Harvey Sterling, Rep  
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Joann Emerick, Rep  
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Ann Russell, Rep  
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Virginia Robertson, Rep  
Penne Elwell, Rep  
Carol Marie Chamberlin, Rep  
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Walter Baker, Rep  
Ed Oliver, Rep  
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Naomi Wong, Rep  
Dax Contreras, Rep  
Mack Weaver, Rep  
Kim Seifert, Rep  
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Bruce Pearson, Rep  
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Larry Taylor, Rep  
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In witness whereof, I have subscribed my name and seal of the County of Doña Ana, on this 22nd day of May, 2012.

Yo, como testigo escribo mi nombre y el sello del Condado de Dona este 22 de mayo, 2012.

(Seal / Sello)  
/s/  
Lynn J. Ellins  
County Clerk /  
Escribano del Condado  
Doña Ana County /  
Condado de Doña Ana

Pub # 11971  
Dates 5/25, 2012

## Where will YOU vote? A donde vas a votar?

### Voting Information

In 2011, the State of New Mexico and Doña Ana County were required by law to redistrict. This process resulted in numerous changes, including the renumbering of precincts, creation of new precincts, adjustments to precinct boundaries and changes in state house, senate, county commission, municipal and local school district boundaries, as well.

*Beginning with the June 5, 2012 Primary Election Doña Ana County will change from precinct based voting on Election Day to Voting Convenience Centers. As a registered voter in Doña Ana County you will be able to cast your ballot on Election Day at any one of the locations listed to the right.*

### Información de Votación

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- June 2** at 6 locations around the county  
*Votacion temprana en persona comienza en 6 lugares en el condado*
- June 5 -** Primary Voting begins  
at Voter Convenience Centers  
*Elecciones primarias comienzan en centros de votacion conveniencia*

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*Para más información, incluyendo los lugares de votación temprana en persona comenzando el 19 de mayo, visite [donaanacounty.org](http://donaanacounty.org) y haga clic en "Elections" o llámenos en (575) 647-7428.*



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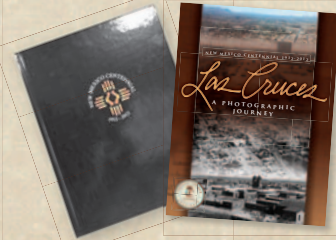
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#### Girls Night Out

An evening of pampering and fun for women, benefitting La Casa Inc., Friday, June 8.

# HAVANA NIGHTS

Community Arts Awards recognize outstanding members of the community



# Celebrating community with the Arts Awards

## Arts Council recognizes outstanding patrons

By **Amanda Green**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Each year, the Doña Ana Arts Council honors individuals, organizations and businesses in the community who give significantly of their time, talent and/or financial contributions to the arts community.

### Details

#### Havana Nights

26th annual Community Arts Awards

#### When

6 to 9 p.m.  
Thursday, May 31

#### Where

Rio Grande Theatre  
211. N Main St.

#### Cost

\$15 per person  
\$25 per couple

#### Contact

523-6403

In celebration of the 26th annual Community Arts Awards, a street party will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

Panama hats and tropical prints are the suggested attire for this year's theme, "Havana Nights," a street party with a Cuban flare that includes food, music, a cigar bar, door prizes and plenty of dancing in the streets.

"The Arts Awards are held each year in appreciation of all the members and patrons who have helped support Las Cruces art community," said Ceci Vasconcellos, executive director of the Doña Ana Arts Council. "It's an opportunity to recognize outstanding individuals who have gone above and beyond."

Awards are given in several categories, each sponsored by an individual or a local business in appreciation for the bright stars of the community.

The recipient of the Papen Family Award, sponsored by the Cutter Gallery, which honors an individual who has demonstrated his or her commitment to the arts through extraordinary leadership, service and/or financial support, is Nancy Ritchey, director of the Mesilla Valley Chorale.

The recipient of the Newcomer's Award, sponsored by Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds, which recognizes leadership and support of the arts by an individual who has lived in Doña Ana County for less than five years, is Cynthia Garrett, president of the Friends of the Taylor Family Monument.

The recipients of the Arts in Education Award, sponsored by Rubén and Liz Smith, which recognizes individuals whose leadership and pioneering spirit promotes and shapes visual and performing arts education initiatives that benefit youth, are Geri Brink and Paul

Hallsted, co-directors of the Doña Ana Youth Choir.

The recipient of the individual Community Arts Award, sponsored by Southwest Disposal, which distinguishes an individual possessing the highest standard of motivation, service and by example, has made a marked impact on the cultural fabric of the community, is Olin Calk, artist, educator and creator of the giant Road-runner sculpture.

The recipients of the organization Community Arts Award, sponsored by New Mexico Cardiac Care, recognizes an organization possessing the highest standard of motivation, service and by example, has made a marked impact on the cultural fabric of the community, are the American Southwest Theatre Company and GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces.

The recipient of the Art in Public Places Award, sponsored by Southwest Senior magazine, recognizes an individual or organization that has created or placed art on permanent

public view within Doña Ana County that exemplifies the highest standards and commitment to art in public places, is Kelley S. Hestir, creator of the Bataan Death March Memorial sculpture at Veterans Memorial Park.

The recipient of the Excellence in Public Service to the Arts Award, sponsored by Steve Newby Architects, recognizes outstanding contributions by an individual or government organization for their contribution to the arts, is Loie Fecteau, executive director of New Mexico Arts.

All recipients will be recognized during the Arts Awards. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple, and can be purchased at the Arts Council offices, upstairs at the Rio Grande Theatre, or by calling 523-6403.

For more information on the Arts Awards or other programs and services at the Art Council and Rio Grande Theatre, call 523-6403 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit [www.las-cruces-arts.org](http://www.las-cruces-arts.org).

## Musician receives state's highest artistic honor

### 2012 Governor's Arts Awards announced

*Bulletin Staff Report*

Gov. Susana Martinez and the New Mexico Arts Commission have announced the seven artists and arts supporters who will be recipients of the Centennial 2012 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts.

"Arts and culture have played such an important role in New Mexico's history, it is only fitting that we honor these amazing artists and supporters for their contributions during our state centennial year," Martinez said. "We applaud these talented artists and arts contributors who do so much to enrich our lives, educate our children and improve the quality of life in our great state."

The Governor's Arts Awards were established in 1974 by Gov. Bruce King and First Lady Alice King to celebrate the extensive roles – both economic and cultural – that artists, craftspeople and arts supporters play in the life of New Mexico.

A diverse and prestigious list of painters, weavers, sculptors, dancers, musicians, storytellers, poets, actors, playwrights and potters have been honored by the governor's arts awards, now in its 39th year.

Director and conductor of the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra Lonnie Klein was selected as the recipient of the Governor's award for music.

Klein's unyielding passion for the arts has led the orchestra to new levels of artistic excellence, with rave reviews, and 10 consecutive sold out seasons. With a career as a conductor that has spanned over three decades, Klein holds a doctorate in performance from the University of Illinois.

Klein has led the orchestra for 13 years, and in his work as a guest artist both nationally and internationally, he serves as an artistic ambassador for the Las Cruces Symphony. Each season the 70-member orchestra presents six programs of classical music, a Pops concert, and chamber orchestra concert.

Klein has introduced his community

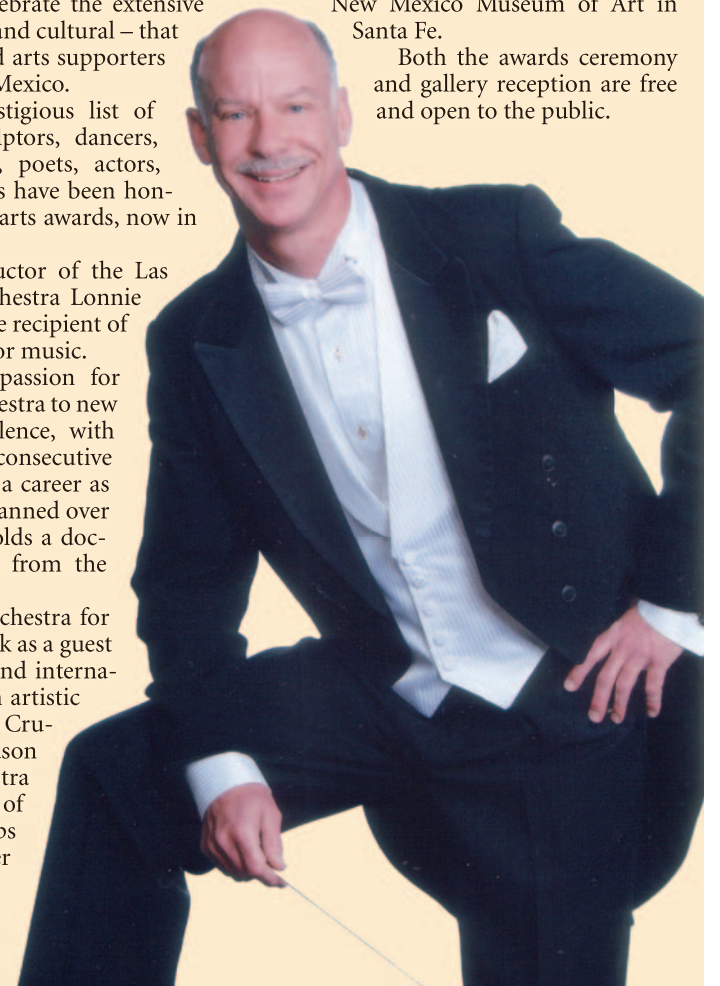
to new composers through the presentation of world-renowned guest artist soloists and commissions of world premieres by acclaimed composers and innovative repertory.

Klein is committed to arts education and community outreach. More than 15,000 area children benefit from school tours and other opportunities to experience the orchestra in concert, and audiences benefit from pre-concert lectures.

Since Klein took the helm, the orchestra's budget has grown by four times its original size and the orchestra now reaches more than 23,000 people.

The Centennial 2012 Governor's Arts Awards ceremonies will be held on Friday, Sept. 14, at the St. Francis Auditorium, New Mexico Museum of Art in Santa Fe.

Both the awards ceremony and gallery reception are free and open to the public.



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# Featured artist: *Mayanna Howard*

## Mesilla Plaza is frozen in time

Artist uses watercolors to capture the plaza

By **Christine Peterson**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Mayanna Howard, the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery artist of the month, has covered every great landmark of Mesilla and Las Cruces with her watercolors.

Painting predominantly architecture, Howard was inspired by a trip to Williamsburg, Va., in 1976. She began making wooden colonial style furniture.

The admiration for architecture stuck.

"I went back to school and took art classes," Howard said. "The teacher was a retired architect so a lot of his teaching and artistic style involved buildings."

Howard, who went to school in St. Louis, liked the concept of architecture being painted with watercolor.

"I grew up in New Mexico and knew that I could paint the beautiful adobe buildings and landscapes that we have here," she said.

Howard paints in her studio using a photograph as inspiration for her piece. She described the process as being able to paint one layer after another to get the perfect hues and tones for her pieces.

"This is my gallery," Howard said of keeping her work displayed at Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery.

Her space in the gallery is covered with paintings of scenes from just outside the gallery's door.

"Local art is always better on



"Taos Truck" by Mayanna Howard is one of the many works on display at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery.

your wall," Howard said. "It will give you memories and draw you in."

Miniature paintings of the buildings surrounding Mesilla Plaza such as La Posta are available for purchase.

"I love using blues and greens. Fortunately, these are colors that show up a lot in Las Cruces," she said.

It took Howard a while to get into the painting scene. She raised her family while operating a business, which designed and made purses, then worked for a high school managing the personnel for 20 years.

"It took me 60 years to learn painting but I can do it," Howard said against her backdrop of paintings that show for obvious making up for lost time.

She started first with oil paintings then took up watercolor.

"There's different techniques with each," she said.

One of her biggest watercolor painter influences is Betty Carr, with whom Howard took workshops under.

"She has recipes for greens and different combinations of colors that I still mix and use," she said.

Howard added that Carr also paints architecture as well as floral scenes.

She offers advice for new artists trying to perfect their craft.

"Paint," she said. "The more you paint, the better you get."

Fully immersed in the arts community as a charter member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter, City of Artists Promotional Association, the Las Cruces Art Association and the Artamants, Howard has found her niche.

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The gallery regularly features a large variety of fine art media by local and regional artists.

For more information, call the gallery at 522-2933.



Many of Howard's paintings feature local sites around Las Cruces, Mesilla and the Southwest.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI. MAY 25	10:30 A.M.
Rhythm Roundup: Music, Song & Dance ages 2-5 Branigan Library	
FRI. MAY 25	11:15 A.M.
People & Stories: Read/discuss a short story Branigan Library	
FRI. MAY 25	3 P.M.
Fantastic Fridays! Stories & Crafts for ages 7-11 Branigan Library	
SAT. MAY 26	8 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
LC Farmers & Crafts Market Downtown Main St	
SAT. MAY 26	10:30 A.M.
Storytellers of Las Cruces COAS Bookstores	
SAT. MAY 26	11:30 A.M.
Magic Carpet StoryTime Branigan Cultural Center	
TUE. MAY 29	10:30 A.M.
Read To Me - stories for ages 3 and up Branigan Library	
TUE. MAY 29	6:30 P.M.
Every Other Tuesday: Kelcee Covert Rio Grande Theatre	
WED. MAY 30	9 A.M. - 1 P.M.
LC Farmers & Crafts Market Downtown Main St	
WED. MAY 30	10 A.M.
Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3 Branigan Library	
THU. MAY 31	10 A.M.
Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3 Branigan Library	
THU. MAY 31	6 P.M.
Community Art Awards: Havana Nights Rio Grande Theatre	
FRI. JUNE 1	5 - 7 P.M.
Downtown Arts Ramble Downtown Main St	
FRI. JUNE 1	7 P.M.
Howling Coyote Coffeehouse & Open Mic Night Rio Grande Theatre	
SAT. JUNE 2	8 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
LC Farmers & Crafts Market Downtown Main St	
SAT. JUNE 2	10 A.M. - 2 P.M.
Friends of the Library BOOK SALE Branigan Library	
SAT. JUNE 2	10:30 A.M.
Storytellers of Las Cruces COAS Bookstores	
SAT. JUNE 2	11:30 A.M.
Magic Carpet StoryTime Branigan Cultural Center	



### Details

**Mayanna Howard**  
Painter

**When**  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

**Where**  
Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery  
2740-A Calle de Guadalupe

**Contact**  
522-2933

### ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Arts RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Camino del Arte - 2nd Saturday of the Month 11am-3pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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# A house all their own

## Renovation makes space for LCAA

By **Christine Peterson**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A house that was once on the verge of being condemned now is a gallery space to 21 different artists' pieces.

The craftsman style house, built in 1910, was described as an eyesore in the years past its original heyday. With various articles strewn about the lawn, it wasn't a place that screamed "gallery."

The Las Cruces Art Association, celebrating its 50th year, needed a space to feature its artists' work.

The association had a space previously, but it's been decades since a space was all its own. Through hard work and elbow grease, Mountain Gallery and Studios is finally a place that the association can call its own.

In 1962 the association was formed as a way for artists to communicate with each other. The association expanded into members being featured in art galleries and regional exhibits in the Southwest.

Many of the original members are still active in the association 50 years later.

Bob Zeissel, LCAA member, came across the house. He figured that the location would be perfect for the gallery that the association wanted – close enough to the other galleries downtown but set apart enough to differentiate the association.

Zeissel bought the house in 2010, knowing that he'd have to do renovations on it. But not the extent.

After two years of extensive restoring, including putting in hardwood floors, fixing the plumbing and piping, putting on a tin roof and painting, the Mountain Gallery and Studios was opened in February.

"It was a lot more work than I anticipated, but once I started on it I couldn't stop," Zeissel said. "Actually, even though we opened in February, I was doing renovations until April."

Zeissel kept the interior of the house as retro as possible. Scouring to find the perfect antique appliances for the kitchen and fixtures for the bathroom, Zeissel was able to find the perfect pieces through the



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Christine Peterson

**Mountain Gallery and Studios was created in order to house artwork from members of the Las Cruces Art Association. The gallery hosts exhibits from local and regional artists.**

help of friends.

"Not only is the gallery great for us, but I have a lot of people that come in here and thank us for fixing up the house," Zeissel said. "I've had people that come in and want to tour the house just to see what we've done to the place. They end up loving it."

For other members of the association, it's a dream come true.

"We were looking for a new place for about three years," said Rosario Jeremias, director of Mountain Gallery and Studios. "We needed our own place to show the art. It's a real commitment between all the members to have this gallery."

The gallery spans throughout the five rooms in the house, both upstairs and downstairs. The three rooms in the downstairs are for co-op members of the association that rent out space. Of the 100 members in the association, there are a total of 21 co-op artists. The two rooms up the stairs are galleries of Zeissel's and Jeremias' work.

"Every three months we rotate the art so that everyone can be seen in a different space," Jeremias said.

The gallery is described as "unique" by LCAA member Consuelo Ortiz.

"If you want to come to a gallery and enjoy variety, this is the place. The house also sets us apart in being unique," she said.

Ortiz added that the artists are willing to negotiate prices and help customers being able to obtain a piece of art that they particularly admire.

"We'll work with the customer," Ortiz said.

With all media featured, watercolors, oil paintings, pottery, glass and clothing creations decorate the walls.

"We're not restricted, we cover all media," Ortiz said. "There are landscapes, Southwest (inspired) art. You'll see everything."

A painting of jellyfish on the wall in one room, geometrical shape-inspired paintings on a wall in the front room, convey to visitors that this place is diverse.

"We try to give everyone a chance to do what they love, art," Jeremias added.

Every third Saturday of the month the members have a meeting.

At these meetings, there are sometimes workshops where a visiting artist will lead the group through a series of demonstrations and techniques.

"We've had demonstrations in pastels and sculpture," Jeremias said. "An artist from Sedona came in and led a pastel workshop."

The association's future goal is to teach children about art. The association would like to bring in workshops for children within the studio.

A little garage that has been erected in recent years in the backyard is Zeissel's next project.

"I want to make the garage over into a studio for us all to paint," he said.

The Mountain Gallery and Studios is located at 138 W. Mountain Ave. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

# Wined and dined at the SNM fairgrounds

## Festival kicks off Memorial Day weekend

By **Amanda Green**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Memorial Weekend will host 17 New Mexican wineries at the Southern New Mexico Wine Festival.

The festival, celebrating its 20th anniversary, will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 26, through Monday, May 28. The fairgrounds are located 11 miles west of Las Cruces, on Interstate 10.

The festival will include live music and food vendors as well as a wide selection of tasting from wineries around New Mexico.

"The Southern New Mexico Wine Festival has become a kick-off event for the summer," said Dawn Starostka of Helping Hands Event Planning, who is helping to organize this year's festival. "It's a really great way for people to try regional wines and find out what they like."

A new winery, La Esperanza, will be in attendance for sampling and sale of their first bottled crop.

"I like to think we're a wine boutique," said David Gurule, who owns La Esperanza. "We've only bottled around 500 cases this year, but there's really something special about our product."

The University of Wine has returned this year to provide free classes and talks to help guests understand and appreciate the process of wine making.

New Mexican experts and winemakers will speak about producing specific types of

wine, as well as the reasons behind pairing certain wines with different types of cuisine. The classes will be held throughout the weekend. To see a schedule of events, visit [www.snmwinefestival.com](http://www.snmwinefestival.com).

Wineries will offer tastings, including samples of sweeter, lighter chilled wines to the fullbodied, robust dark reds. Wine is available to purchase by the bottle or case for guests to take home.

In addition to the wine, live music will help attendees celebrate the long weekend. Saturday will feature the Cadillac Kings and the band Fire & Ice, On Sunday, Ryan Beaver and John Arthur Martinez will take the stage.

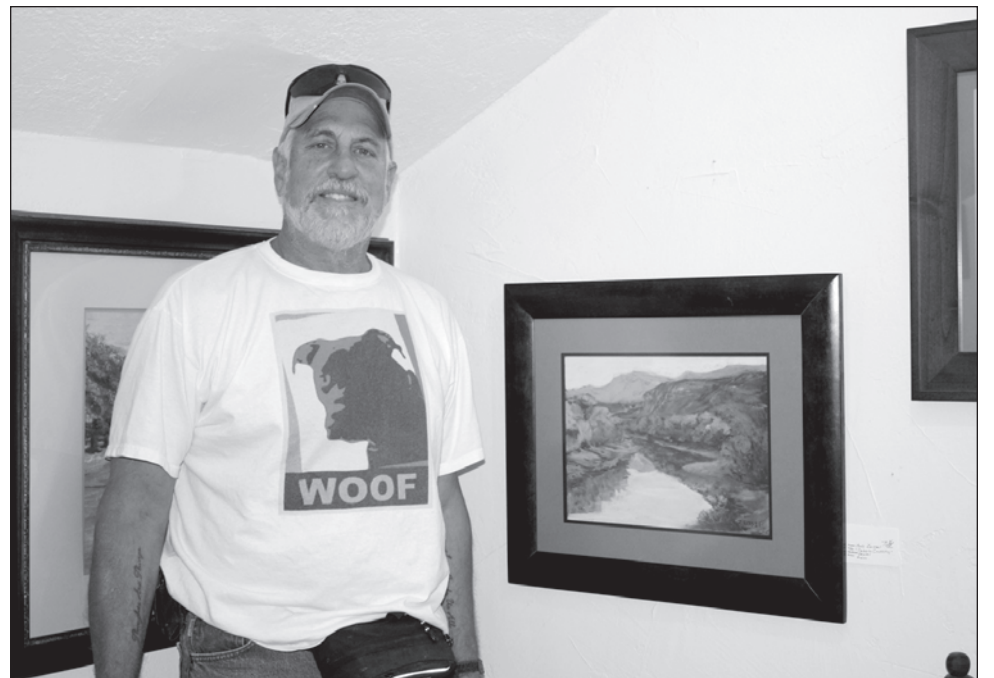
The festival will wrap up Monday with performances by Kung Fu Treachery as well as the blues-guitar master Guitar Slim. A full entertainment schedule is available online.

Admission to the festival is \$15 for adults over the age of 21, and includes a souvenir glass. Entrance is free for those under 21, but they must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

On Monday, May 28, all military members will receive a discount of \$3 on admission.

All adults must have a valid photo ID with them, regardless of age. Designated drivers are highly encouraged.

Purchase tickets online at [www.snmwinefestival.com](http://www.snmwinefestival.com) for a chance to win the "Stay Sunny" festival package sponsored by the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau.



**Mountain Gallery and Studios owner Bob Zeissel helped to renovate the home at 138 W. Mountain Ave., in order to create a co-op gallery space.**



# Galleries&Openings

## LAST CHANCE

**TOMBAUGH GALLERY** displays "Unsplintered" for May. The exhibit features life-size expressionistic self-portraits by Lyle West. It runs through Friday, May 25.

West recently began to collage his portraits from torn up watercolors, sometimes using as many as 27 individual paintings to complete a single work. His pieces are painted or composited on unstretched canvas hung from grommets. This adds a third dimension as the canvas buckles and bows. His newest works include actual built-up, three-dimensional facial features.

The gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive, in the Unitarian Universalist Church. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. For information, call 522-7281.

**MAIN STREET GALLERY** displays "The Ancient Art of Egg Tempera."

Julie Ford Oliver and the Artists Guild of Southern New Mexico present contemporary viewpoints from six painters working in the ancient and challenging egg tempera method.

Marie Dwyer, Margaret Pedreny, Lucia Wilcox, Holly Goetzelmann, Mary McCoy and Chyrrel Capner each will exhibit several egg tempera pieces. The show runs through Thursday, May 31.

The gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

**EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY** displays the works of expressionist painter Luis Navarro.

Vibrant colors, unique stories and unparalleled talent combine to create metal masterpieces that will delight and impress through life-like portraiture and visions of a dream world just one step removed from our own.

Navarro's paintings have been showcased in numerous reputable galleries and museums and can be found in private collections across the country. The exhibit will run through Thursday, May 31.

The gallery is located at 211 N. Main St. For more information, call 523-6403.

**BLUE GATE GALLERY** displays "Water, Water, Everywhere," a Hosa family art exhibit. The show runs through Thursday, May 31.

The gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. For more information, call 523-2950.

**MESILLA VALLEY FINE ART GALLERY** features two local artists for May. Mayanna Howard is a

diverse artist working in watercolor. Her inspiration for a painting comes from the beautiful environment of New Mexico with lovely colors of churches, landscapes and objects.

Meredith Loring, on the other hand, approaches her fabric designs differently, using yarns, leather and unusual objects to depict the end results.

The gallery is located in historic old Mesilla, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit [www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com](http://www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com).

**NOPALITO'S GALERIA** displays the work of photographer Adam Tellez.

Tellez pays tribute to the culture/lifestyle happening in the streets and avenues of El Paso and Las Cruces. He captures raw and honest images of hard working people and cars at everyday parking lots, car shows and parks on Sunday afternoons. The show runs through June 1.

The gallery is located at 310 S. Mesquite St. Hours are 3 to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 524-0003.

**UNSETTLED GALLERY** hosts the Artists Guild of Southern New Mexico as it celebrates its eighth annual group exhibit.

The show runs through June 1. The Guild, a group of artists mentored by Las Cruces fine art painter Julie Ford Oliver, meets to paint in a noncompetitive environment and share painting techniques. The theme for the May exhibit, "Land of Enchantment," is delightfully interpreted in small and large oil paintings. Both sizes are appealing in subject matter, skill and price.

The gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 635-2285.

## OPENING

**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY** displays "Thinking New Mexico," a celebration of 100 years of New Mexico art.

The exhibit opens to the public Friday, May 25, with a reception at 5 p.m. The show runs through September 1.

The gallery is located at 1390 E. University Ave. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 646-2545.

## ONGOING

**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY** is displaying several retablos from the university's permanent collection on

loan to the library from the University Art Gallery. The artworks are on display in the library dean's office.

A unique artistic tradition of 19th century Mexico, retablos are popular expressions of faith painted on small sheets of tin-coated iron. Retablos were not originally created as art objects, but were functional everyday items used for home worship.

Pilgrims who traveled roadways such as El Camino Real between Mexico City and Santa Fe stopped at shrines along the way, leaving their devotional images behind. This caused the art to move northward into New Mexico.

The display in the library is but a sampling of the university's collection. New Mexico State University holds the largest public collection of retablos in the United States. From 1963 to 1973, more than 1,700 retablos were donated to the university.

The library is located at 1780 E. University Ave. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 646-2545.

**LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY**

presents an in-depth look at "The Rift and the River: The Geology of Southern New Mexico."

This exhibition tells the spectacular story of our region from 36 million years ago to the present.

Throughout the exhibition are specimens of regional rocks and minerals loaned to the museum by Greg Mack of New Mexico State University and Glenn and Lorena Hales of Las Cruces.

These rocks and minerals highlight particular areas of the region and add a glimpse of the history beneath our feet.

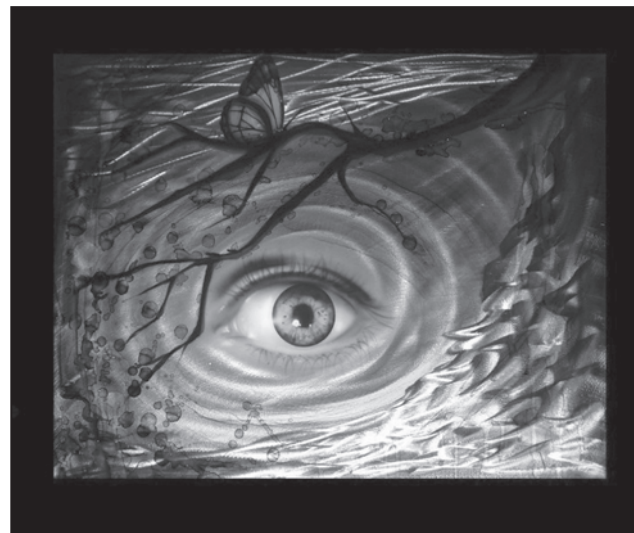
The Rift and the River is the final exhibition at the mall location of the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History.

The museum is located at 700 S. Telshor Blvd. in Mesilla Valley Mall. For more information, call 522-3120.

**BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER**

displays "Along El Camino Real," a watercolor show presented by the New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter. The exhibit will be on display through Saturday, June 2.

The Branigan Cultural



**"Imagination" by Luis Navarro. Navarro's art is currently being displayed at the El Paso Electric Gallery, located in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The show runs through May 31. Call 523-6403.**

Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

**MOUNTAIN GALLERY AND STUDIOS**

displays a show featuring the cooperative's resident artists and Las Cruces Arts Association members.

The walls of the new gallery are covered with art in many forms, from silk paintings and fabric art to oil, watercolors and glass work.

The gallery is located at 138 W. Mountain St. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. For more information, call 532-6293.

**M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY**

displays work by Rob Hefferin, Eric Wallis, Albert Groll, F. Luis Mora and Don Parks.

The gallery is located at 221 N. Main St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday; and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367.

**BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER**

exhibits "100 Years of Girl Scouting," a celebration of the centennial anniversary of the Girl Scout organization. The exhibit will be on display through Saturday, June 30.

Objects, images and uniforms are on loan from the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest and private collections.

The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

**MESQUITE ART GALLERY**

displays "Untitled XII." The exhibit features

a society of eclectic photographers and images from "The Lost Years," a recently published portfolio.

"Untitled XII" highlights the work of 10 photographic artists who met while taking classes at the School of Art and Design at Santa Fe Community College.

The group includes Henry Aragoncillo, Evan Hubbard, Andrea Jones, Jonathan Lewis, Paul A. Lewis, Eleanor Rappe, André Ruesch, Richard E. Saunier, Sherry Selavy and Missy Wolf.

The gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. For more information, call 640-3502.

**CUTTER GALLERY**

presents an art opening entitled "Just Friends," featuring Betty Hummer and Virginia Roach.

Hummer and Roach have been friends since the early 1980s when they took an art class together from Jim Mitchers. Since that time, they have truly been friends, showing their artwork together, traveling to Spain, Portugal and Mexico and continuing to paint every week with a group they established called the Artamonts. The show runs through June 2.

The gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY**

is displaying "Master's of Fine Arts." Three Master of Fine Arts candidates will be exhibiting their work: Ben Brooks, Kally Malcom and Stephanie Smith.

The gallery is located in D.W. Williams Art Center,

1320 E. University Ave. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 646-2545.

**NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM** displays "Barbara Hinnenkamp: Saints of the Day."

The exhibit blends paintings of Mexican people with a variety of clipped images such as butterflies, birds and flowers.

The show features 11 large, colorful mixed-media collages that depict the Mexican people and their connection to nature.

The exhibit will be in the museum's art corridor through Aug. 4. The 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.

**ROKOKO ART GALLERY**

is hosting a community show, "Gods, Goddesses, Gurus and Gremlins." It is a unique collection of work exploring faith and fantasy. The show runs through June 23.

The gallery is located at 1785 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. For more information, call 405-8877.

**ADOBE PATIO GALLERY**

displays "The Illuminated Landscape," by David Drummond.

The gallery also will be presenting work from members of the New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter.

The gallery is located at 1765 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, call 532-9310.

**ARALIA GALLERY** is

displaying fine art. The gallery is located at 224 N. Campo St. Hours are from 4 to 10 p.m. daily. For more information, call 650-7543.

**MVS STUDIOS** features work by Amy Rankin.

The gallery is located at 535 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. For more information, call 524-3636 or visit [www.mvsstudios.com](http://www.mvsstudios.com).

**DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER** will display more than 100 pieces of student art from the Las Cruces and Gadsden public schools.

The gallery is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 525-5801.

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# EventsCalendar

## FRI. 5/25

**Noon to 1 p.m. Adult Weight Management,** Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road. Presenter Rosa Lopez is a registered dietitian with the New Mexico Department of Health. Free. Call 503-575-8024.

**Noon to 6 p.m. Southern New Mexico Wine Festival,** Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd. Sample wines from 17 New Mexico wineries. Cost \$15. Call 522-1232.

## SAT. 5/26

**8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market,** Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email [fcmarket@las-cruces.org](mailto:fcmarket@las-cruces.org).

**9 a.m. to noon, Farm Volunteer Day,** Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road. Come bask in the farm's beauty and learn a thing or two about local food production. Free. Call 523-0436.

**10 a.m. to noon, Pony rides,** New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 2100 Dripping Springs Road. The rides will take place on the museum's "South 20" near the Horse & Cattle Barn. Cost \$5. Call 522-4100.

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Public Memory Gathering Days,** Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Those who remember the old Doña Ana County Court House, Court Jr. High Alumni, first graduating class of Alma d'arte and those involved in the first years of the Court Youth Center are welcome. Bring your memories and any memorabilia you may have. Free. Call 541-0145.

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m. D.A.R.E. Day,** Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd. The event will feature a jumping balloon, the National Guard climbing wall, volleyball games, basketball skills competitions and demonstrations by the Doña Ana County Fire and Emergency Services Department. Ident-a-Child services will be available for parents. Free. Call 650-5190.

**10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces,** COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Douglas Jackson will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Florence Hamilton will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 526-8377.

**11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime,** Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

**Noon to 6 p.m. Southern New Mexico Wine Festival,** Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd. Sample wines from 17 New Mexico wineries. Cost \$15. Call 522-1232.

**5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class,** My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

**7 to 9 p.m. Social Dancers of Las Cruces,** Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Couples, singles and guests are welcome to dance to the music of Genie and the Starliners. Cost \$6. Call 541-0145.

## SUN. 5/27

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Growers' Market,** Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road. Accepts SNAP and WIC benefits. Call 523-0436.

**Noon to 6 p.m. Southern New Mexico Wine Festival,** Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd. Sample wines from 17 New Mexico wineries. Cost \$15. Call 522-1232.

## MON. 5/28

**7:30 p.m. Fabric class,** The Gin Studios, 430 N. Compress St. Learn to fly with Project in Motion on aerial fabrics, open to all levels. Cost \$13. Call 208-4413.

**9 a.m. Yarn Junkies meeting,** Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Meet to exchange knitting ideas. Free. Call 522-4499.

**7 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango lessons,** Academy of Music & Dance, 1809 El Paseo. Cost \$5. Call 642-1699.

## TUE. 5/29

**5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class,** My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

**6:30 p.m. Every Other Tuesday concert,** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Graduating high school senior Kelcee Covert presents her last recital of the school year. Every Other Tuesday is a showcase for local performers beginning promptly at 6:30 pm. Free. Call 523-6403.

**6 to 9 p.m. Argentine Tango,** Meson de Mesilla, 1803 Avenida de Mesilla. No cover. Call 642-1699.

## Playbill

### Coming Soon

**Piecemeal: The Musical**  
Las Cruces Community Theatre  
313 N. Main St.  
523-1200  
Opens Friday, June 1

**Nunset Boulevard**  
Rio Grande Theatre  
211 N. Main St.  
523-6403  
Opens Friday, June 8

## WED. 5/30

**8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market,** Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email [fcmarket@las-cruces.org](mailto:fcmarket@las-cruces.org).

**9 to 11 a.m. Farm Volunteer Day,** Mountain View Market Farm, Mesilla. Come bask in the beauty of the farm and learn a thing or two about local food production. Free. Call 523-0436

**6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting,** Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation are shared. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625.

## THU. 5/31

**9 a.m. to noon, Fiber Club,** My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

**5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class,** My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

**6 p.m. Community Art Awards: Havana Nights,** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Join the Doña Ana Arts Council for their annual Community Arts Awards celebration, with an upscale street party decked out with a Cuban theme. Drinking, dancing and a Taste of Cuba will be served out under the stars. Cost \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. Call 523-6403.

## FRI. 6/1

**5 to 7 p.m. Downtown Arts Ramble,** along Downtown Main Street. Area galleries host receptions and open new exhibits. Free.

**7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse & Open Mic,** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Howling Coyote started out as a jam session for local musicians and quickly grew into a showcase featuring some of the finest talent Las Cruces has to offer. The monthly event features primarily acoustic musicians,



The 20th anniversary of the Southern New Mexico Wine Festival will be held Memorial Day Weekend, noon to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, May 26-28. The event will take place at the Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds, 12125 Robert Larson Blvd. Guests may sample wines from 17 New Mexico wineries. Cost \$15. Call 522-1232.

singers and songwriters with family-appropriate material. Free. Call 523-6403.

**7 to 10 p.m. Coffeehouse and Open Mic Night,** Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. Enjoy talents of musicians, poets, comedians, drag queens and other performers. Free. Call 635-4902.

**10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Crystal Ship concert,** El Patio Bar, 2171 Calle de Parian. After a short break the classic rock band Crystal Ship is back. The band had been playing private parties and are now playing for the public as well. Additional performances include Sparky's in Hatch, June 30 and at Music in the Park, July 29. Free. Call 522-3431.

## SAT. 6/2

**8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market,** Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email [fcmarket@las-cruces.org](mailto:fcmarket@las-cruces.org).

**9 to 11 a.m. Nature Trek: Birds of the Bosque,** Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5000 Calle del Norte. Children are invited to come to the park and go on a Ranger led bird walk. Learn all about bird beaks, feet and feathers and what makes these animals so unique. Kids will get to take home their own bird sketch. Free. Call 523-4398.

**10 a.m. Screening of "American Teacher,"** Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle De Guadalupe. The feature length documentary by Academy Award-winning filmmaker Vanessa Roth, narrated by Matt Damon, chronicles the stories of 4 teachers. The film tells the deeper story of the teaching profession in American today. Free. Call 646-4181.

**10 a.m. to noon, Pony rides,** New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The rides will take place on the museum's "South 20" near the Horse & Cattle Barn. Cost \$5. Call 522-4100.

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Book sale,** Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The Friends of Branigan Memorial Library will host a book in the Roadrunner Room of the Branigan Library. Of special interest are many children's and young adult books for teachers and students, as well as adult fiction, non-fiction and media. Call 528-9891.

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**11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime,** Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

**2 to 4 p.m. Book signing,** Mesilla Plaza. "J. Paul Taylor: The Man From Mesilla," by Ana Pacheco, tells the story of a local legend. Free to attend. Call 541-0658.

**5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class,** My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

**6 to 9 p.m. Live music,** Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. Featuring Chris Baker. No cover. Call 527-5310.

**7 to 9 p.m. Social Dancers of Las Cruces,** Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Couples, singles and guests are welcome to dance to the music of Tequila Nights. Cost \$6. Call 541-0145.

## SUN. 6/3

**9 a.m. Mesilla Valley Bosque Native Plant Tour,** Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5000 Calle del Norte. Ranger LuAnn Kilday will give a visual tour about native plants in the park gardens. Learn which species attract hummingbirds, butterflies and birds. Tour will begin in the front of the main buildings. Free. Call 523-4398.

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Growers' Market,** Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road. Accepts SNAP and WIC benefits. Call 523-0436.

**2 to 4 p.m. Bluegrass and folk music jam,** Doña Ana Community College commons area, 3400 S. Espina St. All players are welcome. Park behind building on Gregg Street. Free. Call 526-5174.

**Noon to 4 p.m. Uptown Craft and Growers Market,** inside Mesilla Valley Mall near movie theater entrance, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Shop for local arts, crafts and produce. Free. Call 650-7414.

## MON. 6/4

**9 a.m. Yarn Junkies meeting,** Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Meet to exchange knitting ideas. Free. Call 522-4499.

**5 to 7 p.m. Wisconsin Club Meet and Greet,** Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. Free. Call 312-2088.

**6 p.m. Aerial workshop,** Gin Studios, 430 N. Compress St. Learn to fly with Project in Motion. Children's class starts at 6 p.m. Adults begin at 7 p.m. Cost \$50 for all 5 workshops, June 4-8. Call 208-4413.

**7 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango lessons,** Academy of Music & Dance, 1809 El Paseo. Cost \$5. Call 642-1699.

# AtTheMovies

## Perfecting the fruits of the sea

### The lasting legacy of a sushi master

Review by **Jeff Berg**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Will you still be working when you are 85?

Working to continue to produce the perfect version of a product that most of the world knows nothing of or has never had?

If not, then you are nothing like sushi chef Jiro Ono, who operates an immaculate 10 seat restaurant called Sukiyabashi in a Tokyo subway station.

Ono, a product of World War II, has been honing his craft forever and is now heralded as one of the best, if not the best, sushi chefs on our little planet.

A man of discipline, but also one of occasional quiet humor and great honor, Ono is recognized as "the" sushi chef.

He is also a man who can get away with charging several hundred dollars for a 30 minute meal that often requires reservations made months in

advance at his Michelin three-star rated establishment.

However, his steadfastness is not held only to himself. He takes on apprentices, including his own sons who have inherited their father's unusual work ethic and strong will. Others have been chosen, but only a few make it, no pun intended. One son runs another restaurant in Tokyo; the other is second in command at Sukiyabashi.

We follow Ono through various parts of his routine — teaching others how to do what he does, preparing the food in finite detail, taking shopping soirees to the various markets he will visit to obtain only the perfect ingredients, including rice and especially fish. He has

worked in the industry since age 9, and shows only the smallest signs of letting up the pace.

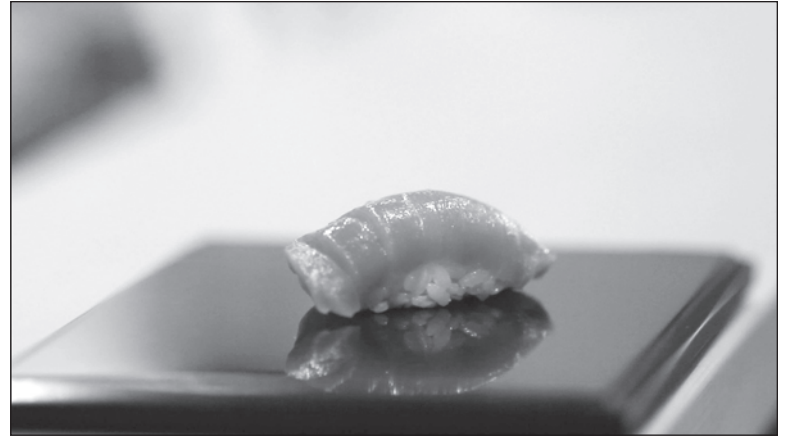
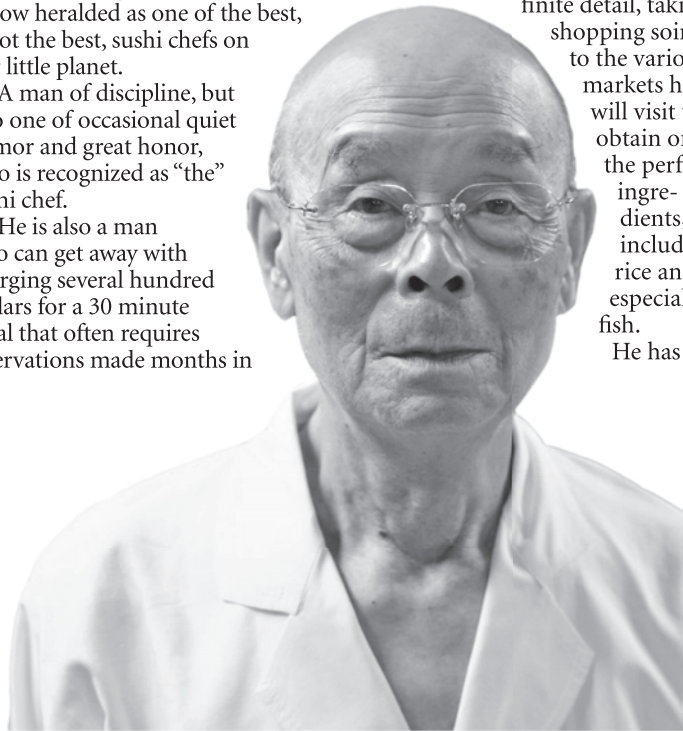
Ono's family life was a disaster, which may be part of the reason he has become quietly obsessed with making the perfect sushi. Without a father for the most part and with poverty and war part of the scene, Ono turned to the one thing that may have offered some sort of security, that being work.

And work he does. Rarely taking a day off, we follow the preparation of the famous sushi (fellow vegetarians can sit this one out), and also the commentary of a food critic who I think has helped Ono become the legend that he is.

But in the end, what does it all mean? Not much really.

The film, along with the food, is superb in its presentation, but offers little behind what makes this man tick or why he is who he is.

We get the occasional hint, including one where Ono admits he wasn't a very good father (we hear little if anything about his wife or the mother of his sons), and in that way the film is a bit of a disappointment.



"Jiro Dreams of Sushi" follows the life of a sushi master, working in a Tokyo subway. His dedication to the art of crafting the perfect sushi is heartfelt and inspiring.

If we stick with the picture as strictly a view of a man who has honed his craft for nearly 80 years, Ono becomes much more satisfying.

Saturated with excellent cinematography and much detail, "Jiro Dreams of Sushi" might make your mouth water, but it will keep your eyes dry.

There will be drawings throughout

the week for several gift certificates from local sushi operations including Aqua Reef and Empire Buffet.

You can buy me some vegetarian sushi if you'd like. [jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com](mailto:jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com)  
Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society and freelance writer for several publications. His reviews reflect his own opinion, not of the film society or the board.

## Railroad museum holds train modeling workshops

### Free classes offered to veterans and their families

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., will offer several modeling classes this summer in conjunction with Blue Star Museums.

Blue Star Museums, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 1,500 museums across America, will offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

There is never an admission charge for the Las Cruces Railroad Museum.

However, to honor the men and women serving in the nation's armed forces, the modeling classes will be offered free to them and their families.

Modeling classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 23, Saturday, July 7, and a two-part class on Wednesday, Aug. 1, and



The Las Cruces Railroad Museum is offering train modeling classes this summer. The workshops are free to all veterans and their families.

Saturday, Aug. 4.

Classes are open to the public, free to eligible military families and \$5 per participant for non-military. Class size is limited.

Registration must be completed the day prior to each class.

Parents and children between the ages of 8 and 15 are encouraged to attend together. Participants will complete and take home a module with track, landscaping and a rail car.

For more information, call 647-4480.

## The memories of a generation

### Free admission for all veterans

The CineMatinee for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 26, is "The Thin Red Line" (1999, 170 minutes, rated R).

One of the cinema's great disappearing acts came to a close with the release of "The Thin Red Line" in late 1998.

Terrence Malick, the cryptic recluse who withdrew from Hollywood visibility after the release of his visually enthralling masterpiece "Days of Heaven" (1978), returned to the director's chair after a 20-year coffee break.

Malick's comeback vehicle is a fascinating choice: a wide-ranging adaptation of a World War II novel by James Jones.

The battle for Guadalcanal Island gives Malick an opportunity to explore nothing less than the nature of life, death, God and courage.

Let that be a warning to anyone expecting a conventional war flick; Malick proves himself quite capable of mounting an exciting action sequence, but he's just as likely to meander into pure philosophical moments or simply let the camera contemplate the first steps of a newly birthed tropical bird or the sinister skulk of a crocodile.

According to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), "This is not especially an actors' movie — some faces go by so quickly they barely register — but the standouts are bold:

Nick Nolte as a career-minded colonel, Elias Koteas as a deeply spiritual captain who tries to protect his men, Ben Chaplin as a G.I. haunted by lyrical memories of his wife.

"The backbone of the film is the ongoing discussion between a wry sergeant (Sean Penn) and an ethereal, almost holy private (Jim Caviezel).

"The picture's sprawl may be a result of Malick's method of finding a film during shooting and editing, and in some ways 'The Thin Red Line' seems vaguely, intriguingly incomplete. Yet it casts a spell like almost nothing else of its time, and Malick's visionary images are a challenge and a signpost to the rest of his film-making generation"

*CineMatinee is a unique blend of movies presented by the Mesilla Valley Film Society which showcases unique films, past and present, often with an emphasis on life in the West — the new West, Old West or anything in between — and "movies that missed us," notable films that never had a lot of publicity.*

*The series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art and education as well as entertainment. At least one film a month for this series has a New Mexico "connection," drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state — nearly 500 — or perhaps featuring a star/story from New Mexico talent.*

*Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m., and admission is \$5 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$2.*

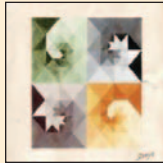
*The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287.*



# The Music Scene

## Top 10 singles Tuesday, May 22

- 1** **Somebody That I Used to Know**  
Gotye
- 2** **Payphone**  
Maroon 5
- 3** **We Are Young**  
Fun.
- 4** **Call Me Maybe**  
Carly Rae Jepsen
- 5** **Wild Ones**  
Flo Rida
- 6** **Starships**  
Nicki Minaj
- 7** **What Makes You Beautiful**  
One Direction
- 8** **Glad You Came**  
The Wanted
- 9** **Boyfriend**  
Justin Bieber
- 10** **Drive By**  
Train



## Top 5 albums

- 1** **Blown Away**  
Carrie Underwood
- 2** **21**  
Adele
- 3** **Tuskegee**  
Lionel Richie
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Source: www.billboard.com

# Featured musician: *René Sosa-Provencio* **René and the Tritones light up the stage**

## Jazz singer frequents Lorenzo's de Mesilla

By **Amanda Green**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Twenty-two-year-old René Sosa-Provencio is wowing crowds and swooning souls with her unique blend of mellow jazz and big-time Broadway sounds.

Sosa-Provencio, who performs frequently during the dinner service at Lorenzo's de Mesilla, 1750 Calle de Mercado, describes her jazz sound as very different from the one she has while playing with the Tritones, which includes twin musicians Andrés and Adriel Hernandez.

"I'm the kind of singer who loves to belt it out, and really play with the melodies," she said. "Even when I sing jazz, my love for opera and Broadway tunes is still there."

Sosa-Provencio, a student at New Mexico State University said music has always been her passion.

She attended the University of New Mexico's music program and preformed with the Santa Fe Opera before returning to Las Cruces in 2011 to finish her degree and to be closer to family.

"Besides my daughter Sophia, I have no greater love than music," she said.

Juggling school, family and performing can be difficult at times, Sosa-Provencio said, but she has her family to thank for the support.

"I don't know what I'd do without them," she said. "If I have a gig, or need to finish some work, my family is always there asking what they can do to help. They are a true blessing."

Sosa-Provencio describes her sound as "Ella Fitzgerald on Broadway." Her classmates describe her voice as a dramatic soprano when she performs operatic pieces.

She currently is pursuing her bachelor's degree in music education.

Sosa-Provencio recently has preformed at several local venues, including Amaro Winery, and the flexibility in her sound allows her to reach outside of traditional jazz scenes.

"I've preformed for some private parties, birthdays, a few cabaret and old-time events," Sosa-Provencio said. "It's really great to get the opportunity to perform in an up-scale venue, then the next night somewhere where I can let my hair hang down and really have some fun with it."

Sosa-Provencio's next gig at Lorenzo's de Mesilla is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 31.

For more information, call 525-3170.

## Details

**René Sosa-Provencio**  
Singer

**When**  
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# ArtsBriefs

## D.A.R.E. DAY

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will host D.A.R.E. Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 26, in honor of area elementary students who completed the Drug Abuse Resistance and Education program.

D.A.R.E. Day will be on the front lawn of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd. It is free and open to the public.

The 10-week program teaches skills on tobacco, marijuana and alcohol resistance, Nine Ways to Say No and overall decision-making strategies to help kids defend themselves against peer pressure and bullying.

For more information, call 650-5190.

## Aerial classes

Project in Motion is hosting a series of aerial fabrics classes for the first week of June. Classes will be held at 7 p.m. for children, and 8 p.m. for adults Monday through Friday, June 4-8, at The Gin Studios, 430 N. Compress St. The cost for the classes is \$50.

For more information, call 208-4413.

## DAAC Career Art Path

Students now in grades six to eight are invited to attend the Doña Ana Arts Council's annual Career Art Path program from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 11-15, and 18-22, in the CrossRoads building at Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave.

The 10-day program includes a field trip, guest artists and art activities that will enhance the student's knowledge of, and abilities in a variety of career art paths available to an artist, according to DAAC. Students will show their work in a student exhibition.

The cost of the program is \$100. Scholarships are available, based on financial need.

The registration deadline is Friday, June 1. For more information, call 527-6403 or visit [www.las-cruces-arts.org](http://www.las-cruces-arts.org).

## Summer swim school

New Mexico State University will present a swim school open to the public. The program is divided into three sessions held throughout the summer months. The school meets Monday through Thursday and offers morning and afternoon classes.

The class levels are preschool, beginner, intermediate and advanced. The minimum age requirement is 3 years old. For the preschool and beginner classes, sessions are 30 minutes long and cost \$75 per session. Intermediate and advanced class sessions are 45 minutes long and cost \$95.

- Session one: May 29-June 14
- Session two: June 18-July 5
- Session three: July 9-25

For more information, call 646-3518.

## Trio Upward Bound

Recent high school graduates enrolled in the Trio Upward Bound Program can take part in the Bridge Program where they will learn skills needed to succeed in college, take seven college credits and will also participate in an internship.

The program will be held May 29-July 5. For more information, call 646-4255.

## Camp Innoventure

Registration is now open for Camp Innoventure. During the camp, students will learn how to brainstorm business ideas, write a mission statement, develop a short business plan and create and sell a product that will be sold at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market.

The cost is \$40 per session. This fee includes

project material costs, workbook materials and camp backpack. The camp will be held June 4-9 and June 11-16.

For more information, call 646-7839.

## Autism summer camp

New Mexico State University, Mariposa Autism Support Center and Aprendamos Intervention Team will hold a one-week summer camp from June 4-8 for children with an autism spectrum disorder between the ages of 6 to 18 are invited to attend.

The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily with activities such as arts and crafts, sports, games, swimming, horseback riding, music and social skills. This year will also include archery with a certified instructor, kayaking and a climbing wall.

For more information, call 526-6882.

## Pre-college engineering program (PREP)

PREP is an intensive mathematics-based, pre-college summer program that provides educational enrichment for middle and high school students.

For six weeks, June 4 through July 13, students will participate in intensive math, science and engineering activities learning logic, algebraic structures, physics and technical writing. The program runs from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day, with field trips to provide hands-on learning on Fridays. More than 90 percent of the students who participate go on to pursue higher education.

For more information, call 646-5894.

## SNM SEMAA summer camps

The Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy (SEMAA) Camps will be held in the SEMAA Aerospace Education Lab, Foreman Engineering Complex, Room 213, on the NMSU campus.

For more information, call 646-7524.

## Band camp

Middle School Band Camp will be held June 18-22, and is intended for beginning students.

Each camper will have the opportunity to test the flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba and drums. Their workshops will be held 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. with a final performance on at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 22.

Second and third year students will receive instruction with a specialized staff from 1 to 4 p.m.

Advanced students also have the option to take classes in jazz studies from 9:30 to 11 a.m. or a secondary instrument class from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday for an additional \$15 per session.

The cost for both beginning and advanced students is \$59.

For more information or to register, visit <http://swmusicacademy.org>.

## Camps for kids

Gym Magic offers several camps for kids of all ages this summer.

Enrollment is currently available for Ashley's Garden Preschool for children 3 to 5 years old. Camps are available for all day or half days.

40-minute swim classes are available as well as other swimming and water lessons.

To learn more about the camps and classes offered at Gym Magic visit [www.gymmagic.com](http://www.gymmagic.com), call 523-1616 or visit 2341 Entrada del Sol.

## Call to Artists

### ARTISTS NEEDED FOR CO-OP SHOW

Be part of the Friday, June 1, show at the West End Art Depot, 401 Mesilla St.

This will be the first exhibit in the co-op gallery.

Paintings, prints, drawings, ceramics and sculpture are welcome.

Add your work to this group of small artworks to benefit a great cause, the arts co-op studios and gallery in the historic Alameda Depot.

Register by Friday, May 25, and plan to install works from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 30.

For more information, call 312-9892.

### LOOKING FOR FINE ARTISTS

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery has openings for fine artists to display their work.

For more information, call 522-2933, stop by 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla or visit our website at [www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com](http://www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com).

### SUMMER ART CLASSES

Registration for 2012 summer art classes at the Las Cruces Museum of Art is now open. The summer session begins the week of June 4.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The museum is closed Sunday and Monday.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St.

For more information, call 541-2137.

### LOOKING FOR GOURD ARTISTS

The 2012 Glorious Gourd Celebration will be held at the Greenworks Building, 125 N. Main St., Oct. 5-7.

The celebration will run in conjunction with the October Art Ramble on Friday evening and the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on Saturday morning.

Exhibitors must submit an application by June 1.

Applications may be mailed or digital images can be emailed to the contacts listed below.

All art exhibited must be handcrafted by the artist and exhibitors must be present for the entire show Friday evening and Saturday until noon.

For more information, email [sylviasgourds@gmail.com](mailto:sylviasgourds@gmail.com).

### HOLIDAY CARD SUBMISSIONS

Jardin de los Niños is a nonprofit organization that provides educational services for homeless and near-homeless children and their families in Doña Ana County.

They are currently seeking submissions from local artists to participate in this year's holiday card campaign.

Participating artists will receive complimentary cards with their design, mention on the Jardin de los Niños website and on all promotional materials for the holiday cards. Deadline for submission is June 30.

For more information, call 644-4609.

### VENDORS NEEDED FOR SNM PRIDE

The Southern New Mexico Pride Planning Committee, which consists

of representatives from the LGBTQ community and its allies, are currently looking for vendors for the 2012 Southern New Mexico Pride Festival.

The committee invites interested vendors, groups and other nonprofit organizations to be one of the many vendors to set up a table or booth providing information about their organization or with merchandise to sell.

There is a \$10 dollar fee for for-profit booths (vendors selling goods) and \$5 fee for nonprofit booths (vendors distributing information only).

Starting June 1, all booth fees are \$20. Booth reservations will not be accepted after June 14. Donors and sponsors are exempt from booth fees.

For more information, visit [www.southernnmpride.org](http://www.southernnmpride.org).

### ARTSFAIRE NEEDS MORE ARTISTS

The Doña Ana Arts Council's 41st Annual Renaissance ArtsFaire, featuring more than 150 artists' booths, is now accepting artist vendor applications.

The Renaissance ArtsFaire is the largest juried arts show in southern New Mexico.

Jurors select participants exhibiting only the highest quality arts and crafts.

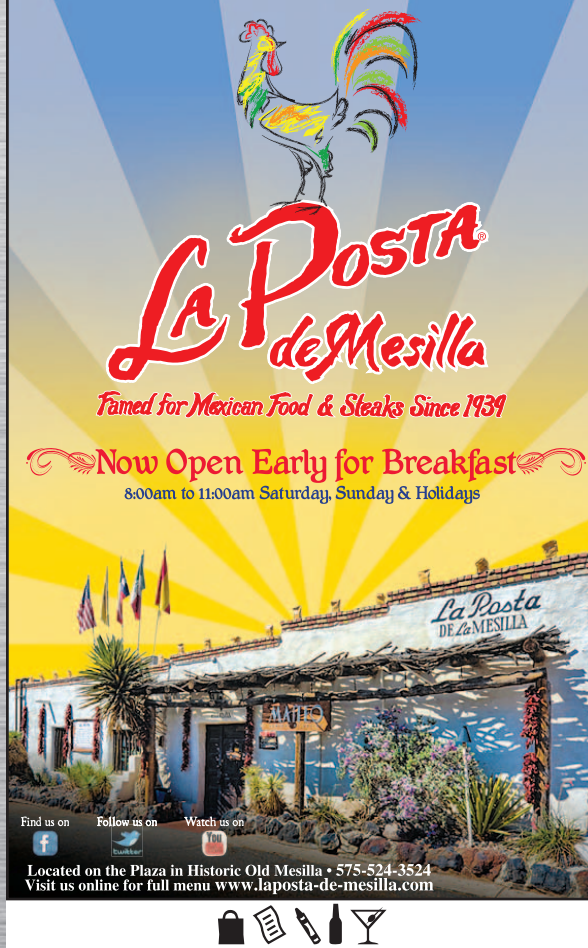
Artist categories include ceramics, painting, textiles, drawing/prints, photography, toys, glass, jewelry, sculpture, wood, leather, musical instruments and an "other" category for items such as paper, candles, soaps and oils.

For more information, call 523-6403.

The deadline for all applications is July 13.

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## The science behind burgers, beer

### High Desert Brewing Co.'s rock star kitchen

By Amanda Green  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Hidden in a patch of trees and flowering vines just east of Valley Drive, High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave., is one of those places you'd never discover without knowing where it is first.

High Desert first opened its doors to the public July 5, 1997, as a microbrewery, selling unique, small-batch beer to its patrons. It began selling its brew to local pubs and was looking to expand.

Only 10 months later, after renovating the existing space, High Desert's kitchen was up and ready to start cooking.

"We always knew we wanted to offer great food and great beer," said Donna Almaraz, one of the owners of the brewery. "It's a running joke that, 'None of our beers suck.' But it's true, we craft everything carefully, and make sure it's the highest quality available."

Behind the open dining area and kitchen are huge, silver, 200-gallon tanks used to create the various flavors and aromas of the malt beverage. The process of taking grain and fermenting it, adding yeast, sugar and many other components, requires time and attention to detail. The same process is adhered to in

everything that comes through the kitchen doors.

The menu is composed of typical food you'd expect to be available at any pub. Burgers, nachos and an abundance of fried delights are the perfect addition to their hoppy ales.

For those under the beer consuming age or working, High Desert

makes its own root beer with the same love and care as any of its brews.

This rich, sweet concoction, made with the root of the saffra plant, sugar cane and a bucket list of spices, is available by the glass or in gallon growlers to take home and share.

Since this was a quick lunch for one, I settled for a glass of the home-brewed soft drink, and went for something I believed a

Loyal patrons return time and again because they can count on the great food (and) friendly service.

simple, no-mess lunch. Boy was I wrong.

The green chile cheese chicken is a trimmed down, poultry-version of a burger, served on a soft Kaiser roll. An entire green chile is fileted, roasted and set upon a moist, flavorful chicken breast smothered in cheese. Accented with traditional burger dressing – lettuce, tomato and onion – the sandwich was a mountain of delicious.

Having the foresight to swap traditional fries for the crisp,

### Details

**High Desert Brewing Co.**

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Labels from various microbrews are attached to the ceiling as a reminder of High Desert Brewery's many offerings.

ranch-dipped sweet potato fries, my lunch was made complete.

While devouring one of the best lunches I've had to date, I recognized several people from the community dropping in for lunch or a mid-day beer. It dawned on me as to why High Desert has been so successful off the beaten path.

The brewery is simply one of those places the locals frequent. Loyal patrons return time and again because they can count on the great food, friendly service and a wide selection of finely crafted beer.

High Desert has an outdoor patio, shaded by the lush foliage surrounding the building, with enough tables and chairs for a small get together. Inside, the labels and coasters from brews line the ceiling, toasting the variety waiting in the brewer's room.

There is live music from 8 to 11 p.m. every Thursday and Saturday, showcasing some of the best talent the area has to offer.

Drink options rotate seasonally and are based on what has completed brewing. Even if patrons find their favorite has slipped off the menu one week, they'll be sure to find another and broaden their beer options.

Next time you're in the area, check out High Desert for a quick bite to eat, easy conversation or an ice-cold brew.

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# Great wine and fine art at the Tasting Tour de Mesilla

Photos by Zak Hansen



Lara Felix and Diana Sterthel celebrate a belated Mother's Day at the Double Eagle Restaurant during the Tasting Tour de Mesilla and St. Clair Winery & Bistro's Art Walk held concurrently Sunday, May 20.



Ciera Fuentes of Paisano Café pours a glass of Chenin Blanc for Cynthia Garrett as part of the Tasting Tour.



Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra conductor Lonnie Klein, Diane Schutz and Mark Medoff (far right) applaud as Jessica Medoff Bunchman finishes a song from Klein and Medoff's collaboration "Carousel" at the Medoff home.



Local sculptor Brian Fallstead discusses a piece with Joe Lee during the St. Clair Winery & Bistro inaugural Art Walk.



Tiffini Riemann and Mark Vasconcellos share a toast at Paisano Café.

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TLC <b>45</b>	45 Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Gypsy Wedding	Say Yes	Say Yes	Gypsy Wedding	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
DISC <b>47</b>	47 Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch (N)	(In Stereo)	(In Stereo)	Alaska: Ice Cold	Deadliest Catch (In Stereo)	Alaska: Ice Cold	Deadliest Catch (In Stereo)	Alaska: Ice Cold	Alaska: Ice Cold	Alaska: Ice Cold	Alaska: Ice Cold	Alaska: Ice Cold	Alaska: Ice Cold
ANPL <b>50</b>	50 Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot
FAM <b>51</b>	51 "Pirates of the Caribbean"	** "Alice in Wonderland" (2010)	Johnny Depp.	The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Paid	Insanity!						
DISN <b>52</b>	52 Shake It	Shake It	ANT	ANT	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Austin	Good
NICK <b>54</b>	54 Victo	Victo	Korra	Korra	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George
AMC <b>57</b>	57 "The Green Berets"	*** "The Dirty Dozen" (1967, War) Lee Marvin, Ernest Borgnine. (C)	** "Midway" (1976, War) Charlton Heston. (C)											
SYFY <b>59</b>	59 "One Missed Call"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)	Insane or Inspired?	Hollywood Treasure	Insane or Inspired?	"Pumpkinhead"								
CNN <b>62</b>	62 E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper							
CNBC <b>63</b>	63 The Kudlow Report	The Celebrity Apprentice (C)	Porn: Business	Mad Money	The Celebrity Apprentice (C)									
MSNBC <b>64</b>	64 Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: World Tour	Lockup: Raw						

SATURDAY MORNING												
MAY 26, 2012												
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS <b>2</b>	22 PBS NewsHour (N)	Builder	Dinosaur Train	Mr. Rogers	W'dwright	Best of Joy	Fine Art	Quilt	Sewing	Liv'g		
CBS <b>3</b>	3 Tummy	Paid Prog.	CBS This Morning (N) (In Stereo) (C)	Doodlebop	Doodlebop	Busytown	Busytown	Rangers	Horseland			
ABC <b>7</b>	7 Reporter	Storms	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	J. Hanna	Ocean	Explore	Rescue				
FOX <b>8</b>	14 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	Secrets	House	Skin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
NBC <b>9</b>	9 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today Summer travel; tanning addiction. (N)	Zula Patrol	Sheldon	Dragon	Babar (E)	Willa's	Pearlie (E)			
CW <b>14</b>	14 Makeup	Paid Prog.	Lose 30Lb	Paid Prog.	Cubix	Cubix	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Dragon	Dragon
WGN <b>15</b>	15 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Law Order: CI							
ESPN <b>26</b>	26 SportsCenter (C)	SportsCenter (C)	SportsCenter (C)	SportsCenter (N) (Live) (C)	College Softball							
ESPN2 <b>27</b>	27 30 for 30	Nation	Bassmasters (C)	SportsCenter Special	NFL Live (C)	NASCAR Racing	NHRA					
USA <b>31</b>	31 Best Vac!	Insanity	Paid Prog.	Lk Young	NCIS "Hometown Hero"	NCIS "Sea Dog" (C)	NCIS "The Curse"	NCIS "High Seas"				
TNT <b>32</b>	32 Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Rizzoli & Isles (C)	The Closer "Star Turn"	"General's Dtr"							
TBS <b>33</b>	33 Earl	Earl	Earl	Earl	Jim	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	** "American Pie 2"	
COM <b>35</b>	35 Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	(:13) ** "Blue Collar Comedy Tour: One for the Road" (2006) (C)	Ron White: Behavioral	Sunny	Sunny						
LIFE <b>39</b>	39 Living	New Keurig	Hollywood	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	Chris	Chris	** "Bitter Blood"	
FOOD <b>40</b>	40 Barbecue	Sand. King	Be.- Made	Guy's, Bite	Mexican	Pioneer	Paula	Trisha's	Contessa	Giada	Chopped	
HGTV <b>41</b>	41 Holmes Inspection	Rehab	Rehab	Property	Property	YardCrash	YardCrash	The Ultimate Crash	Hse Crash	BathCrash		
A&E <b>43</b>	43 Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House (C)	Sell: Extreme	Fix-Yard	Fix-Yard	Flip This House (C)	Flip This House (C)	Flip This House (C)	Flip This House (C)		
HIST <b>44</b>	44 Heavy Metal (C)	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	
TLC <b>45</b>	45 Brazil Bum	Paid Prog.	Insanity!	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder (C)	Property Ladder (C)	Property Ladder (C)	Property Ladder (C)	Property Ladder (C)	Property Ladder (C)		
DISC <b>47</b>	47 WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Patient Ed (C)	MythBusters (C)	American Chopper	Man, Woman, Wild	Man, Woman, Wild	Man, Woman, Wild	Man, Woman, Wild	Man, Woman, Wild		
ANPL <b>50</b>	50 Blue Planet: Seas/Life	Hillbilly Handfishin'	Dogs 101 (C)	It's Me or the Dog	Swamp Wars (In Stereo)	Swamp Wars (C)	Swamp Wars (C)					
FAM <b>51</b>	51 Boy/World	** "Batman & Robin" (1997, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	** "Nanny McPhee" (2005) Emma Thompson.	** "Ice Princess"								
DISN <b>52</b>	52 *** "Lilo & Stitch" (2002) (C)	Phineas	Little	Octonauts	Mickey	Doc McSt.	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas		
NICK <b>54</b>	54 Penguins	Penguins	Parents	Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Korra	Kung Fu	Power	SpongeBob
AMC <b>57</b>	57 (:15) *** "Battle of the Bulge" (1965, War) Henry Fonda, Robert Shaw, Robert Ryan. (C)	*** "The Green Berets" (1968) John Wayne.										
SYFY <b>59</b>	59 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hoover	Tummy	** "Dinoshark" (2010, Horror) Eric Balfour.	** "Mega Shark vs Crocosaurus" (2010) (C)						
CNN <b>62</b>	62 Newsroom	Newsroom	CNN Newsroom (N)	World's Untold Stories	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)						
CNBC <b>63</b>	63 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hoover	Lose 30Lb	Hollywood	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hoover	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC <b>64</b>	64 Weekends-Witt	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)			Melissa Harris-Perry (N)							

SATURDAY AFTERNOON												
MAY 26, 2012												
	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS <b>2</b>	22 Hometime	MotorWeek	The Desert	This Old House Hr	P Allen	Garden	Kitchen	John Besh	Sue Chef	Lawrence Welk		
CBS <b>3</b>	3 Paid Program	Cars.TV	Paid Prog.	PGA Tour Golf Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial, Third Round. (N)	Paid Prog.	Bra Design						
ABC <b>7</b>	7 Health	Food	Paid Prog.	(:45) NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series: History 300. (N) (Live)	Tummy	Paid Prog.	ABC News					
FOX <b>8</b>	14 Feel the Beat (C)	'70s Show	Bra Design	MLB Player	Edisons	House (In Stereo) (C)	The Unit (C)	30 Rock	30 Rock			
NBC <b>9</b>	9 Pets.TV	3 Wide Life	Red Bull Series	Golf Senior PGA Championship, Third Round. From	Benton Harbor, Mich.	Paid Prog.	Tummy					
CW <b>14</b>	14 Tai Chi	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Rangers	Go for It!	Ani. Tails	Ani. Tails	Explr.	Explr.	Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments	
WGN <b>15</b>	15 Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	MLB Baseball Cleveland	Indians at Chicago White Sox. (N) (Live) (C)							
ESPN <b>26</b>	26 College Softball	Update	College Softball: NCAA Tournament	Update	College Softball: NCAA Tournament							
ESPN2 <b>27</b>	27 NHRA	SportsNation	College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament	Update	College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament							
USA <b>31</b>	31 NCIS (In Stereo) (C)	NCIS "Lt. Jane Doe"	NCIS "Twilight" (C)	NCIS "Kill Ari" (C)	NCIS "Kill Ari" (C)	NCIS "Iced" (C)						
TNT <b>32</b>	32 (10:00) "The General's Daughter"	*** "Good Will Hunting" (1997, Drama) Matt Damon. (C)	*** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks. (C)									
TBS <b>33</b>	33 ** "American Pie 2"	** "National Lampoon's European Vacation"	King	King	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			
COM <b>35</b>	35 Sunny	Sunny	South Park	Futurama	(12:52) ** "National Lampoon's Van Wilder"	(2:54) ** "Dumb & Dumber" (1994) Jim Carrey.						
LIFE <b>39</b>	39 (10:00) ** "Bitter Blood" (1994) Kelly McGillis, Harry Hamlin. (C)	"Lies He Told" (1997) Gary Cole, Ron Lea. (C)	"Murder-Pleasant"									
FOOD <b>40</b>	40 Cupcake Champions	Food Network Star	Diners	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America	Restaurant: Impossible	Hunters	Hunt Intl			
HGTV <b>41</b>	41 Elbow	Contractor	Homes	Homes	RV 2012 (C)	Hunters	House	Going Yard	Curb App'l			
A&E <b>43</b>	43 Family Jewels	Jewels	Jewels	Gene Simmons Family Jewels (C)				Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	
HIST <b>44</b>	44 Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	
TLC <b>45</b>	45 Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	
DISC <b>47</b>	47 Man, Woman, Wild	Man, Woman, Wild	Man, Woman, Wild	Man, Woman, Wild	Dual Survival (C)	Dual Survival (C)	Dual Survival (C)	Dual Survival (C)	Dual Survival (C)	Dual Survival (C)	Dual Survival (C)	
ANPL <b>50</b>	50 Swamp Wars (C)	Swamp Wars (C)	Swamp Wars (In Stereo)	Gator Boys (C)	Gator Boys (C)							
FAM <b>51</b>	51 (10:00) "Ice Princess"	*** "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" (2005)	** "Alice in Wonderland" (2010)									
DISN <b>52</b>	52 Phineas	Good Luck	Austin	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Good Luck	Shake It	Shake It	Austin	Austin
NICK <b>54</b>	54 Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Big Time	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Victorious	Victorious
AMC <b>57</b>	57 "The Green Berets"	** "Midway" (1976, War) Charlton Heston, Henry Fonda. (C)	** "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986) Clint Eastwood.									
SYFY <b>59</b>	59 ** "Dinocroc vs. Supergator" (2010)	** "Malibu Shark Attack" (2009) Peta Wilson.	"Lake Placid 2" (2007, Horror) John Schneider.									
CNN <b>62</b>	62 Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	World's Untold Stories	Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Newsroom (N)	Situation Room					
CNBC <b>63</b>	63 Paid Prog.	Defrosting	Jillian	Insanity!	Paid Prog.	Hollywood	Newsroom	C NBC	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC <b>64</b>	64 Weekends-Witt	Lockup	Lockup	"Inside L.A. County" (N)								

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PBS 2 22	News	Frontiers	Heartland News	Keep Up Served?	Antiques Roadshow	Austin City Limits	KRWG	Independent Lens	Filmmakers.								
CBS 3 3	News	News	Jeopardy Wheel	Gentle Gentle	NYC 22 "Pilot"	48 Hours Mystery	News	Paid	Bra	Jdg Judy							
ABC 7 7	News (N)	NBA	NBA Basketball	Conference Semifinal: Teams TBA.	(N) (CC)	Whacked	Insider	ABC 7	TMZ (N) (CC)	Cheaters							
FOX 8 14	MLB Baseball	Philadelphia Phillies	at St. Louis Cardinals. (CC)	Simpsons	Simpsons	News	Big Bang	(:05) The Finner	New Girl	Two Men							
NBC 9 9	Paid	News	News (N)	Raymond	Harry's Law (CC)	The Firm (CC)	The Firm (N) (CC)	News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live (CC)								
CW 14	** "The Bounty"	(1984) Mel Gibson.	*** "Flatliners"	(1990) Julia Roberts	Access Hollywood	Punk'd	Punk'd	South Pk	South Pk								
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Chris	Chris	Sunny							
ESPN 26	SportCtr	College Softball: NCAA Tournament	Baseball Tonight (N) (CC)					SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)							
ESPN2 27	Update	SportCtr	Auto Racing	Nation	Update	College Softball: NCAA Tournament	Baseball	NBA	NASCAR Racing								
USA 31	NCIS (CC)	NCIS "Agent Afloat"	NCIS (CC)	NCIS (CC)	NCIS (CC)	** "Land of the Lost"	(2009) Will Ferrell.	NCIS "Sea Dog"									
TNT 32	"Forrest Gump"	*** "The Sum of All Fears"	(2002) Ben Affleck.	** "Annapolis"	(2006) James Franco.	*** "Good Will Hunting"											
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	*** "The Longest Yard"	(1974) Burt Reynolds.	"Harold & Kumar Go"	"Foot Fist Way"									
COM 35	Dumb	(:27) * "Joe Dirt"	(2001) David Spade.	(:29) "Jackass 2.5"	** "Zack and Miri Make a Porno"	(2008) (CC)	"Dumb & Dumber"										
LIFE 39	"Murder-Pleasant"	** "Murder in Greenwich"	(2002) (CC)	"Blue-Eyed Butcher"	(2012) Sara Paxton.	(:01) ** "Murder in Greenwich"	(2002)										
FOOD 40	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Iron Chef America	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.								
HGTV 41	Junk	Dime	Candice	Mom	Grt	High Low	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Grt	High Low	Hunters	Hunt Intl					
A&E 43	Parking	Parking	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Flipped Off (CC)	(:01) Flipped Off	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage					
HIST 44	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers					
TLC 45	Lottery Changed	Undercover Boss	On the	On the	Tattoo	Tattoo	Undercover Boss	On the	On the	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo					
DISC 47	Dual Survival (CC)	Dual Survival (CC)	Dual Survival (CC)	Dual Survival (CC)	Dual Survival (CC)	Dual Survival (CC)	Dual Survival (CC)	Dual Survival (CC)	Dual Survival (CC)	Dual Survival (CC)	Dual Survival (CC)	Dual Survival (CC)					
ANPL 50	Super Croc	Call of the Wildman	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	Call of the Wildman					
FAM 51	"Alice-Wonder."	*** "The Princess and the Frog"	*** "Beauty and the Beast"	(1991)	** "Bring It On"	(2000) Kirsten Dunst.											
DISN 52	A.N.T. Farm (CC)	ANT	ANT	Jessie	Jessie	Good	Good	Good	Good	Jessie	ANT						
NICK 54	Victo	Victo	Rock	iCarly	Victo	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George				
AMC 57	"Heartbreak Ridge"	*** "Flags of Our Fathers"	(2006) Ryan Phillippe. Premiere.	*** "Letters From Iwo Jima"	(2006) Ken Watanabe. (CC)												
SYFY 59	"Lake Placid 3"	(2010) Colin Ferguson.	"Super Shark"	(2011) John Schneider.	"Sharktopus"	(2010) Eric Roberts. (CC)	"Dinocroc-Super"										
CNN 62	CNN Newsroom (N)	Selling Miracles	Untold Stories	CNN Newsroom (N)	Selling Miracles	24/7 Pacquiao	CNN Newsroom (N)										
CNBC 63	Money in Princess	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Princess	Princess	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Princess	Princess								
MSNBC 64	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: World Tour	Life After Lockup	Life After Lockup	Life After Lockup	Life After Lockup	Life After Lockup	Life After Lockup	Life After Lockup	Life After Lockup	Life After Lockup					

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PBS 2 22	Independent Lens	Santa Fe	Contrary	Moyers & Company	Need	Scully	Wash.	Inside	Religion	McLaughlin							
CBS 3 3	Home.	Perf. Yard	Paid Prog.	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)	Face the Nation (N)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.							
ABC 7 7	Business	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Good Morning El Paso	Indianapolis 500	2012 Indianapolis 500										
FOX 8 14	Paid Prog.	Bra Design	Paid Prog.	Bndg Brkr	Abndnt L	Insanity!	Fox News Sunday	My Pillow	Jeannie	"Almost Famous" (CC)							
NBC 9 9	House	Matthews	Today Black Dahlia.	(N)	Horse Ctry	Church	Home	Frvr Yngr	Meet the Press (N)	French Open							
CW 14	Free	Fat Loss	Paid Prog.	Who Knew	Paid Prog.	Free	Paid Prog.	Makeup	CarMD	Paid Prog.	Tummy	Lose 30Lb					
WGN 15	Paid Prog.	Facts	Key/David	Beyond	Matlock "The Cult"	In the Heat of the Night	*** "Almost Famous"	(2000) Billy Crudup.									
ESPN 26	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (N) (CC)	Outside	Reporters	SportsCenter (N) (Live) (CC)												
ESPN2 27	(3:00) 2012 French Open	Tennis First Round. (N)	French Open	NASCAR Now (N) (CC)	Outside	The Sports	College Baseball										
USA 31	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Miracles	J. Osteen	* "Land of the Lost"	(2009) Will Ferrell. (CC)	*** "Friday"	(1995, Comedy) Ice Cube. (CC)									
TNT 32	Law & Order	(In Stereo)	Law & Order	(In Stereo)	Law & Order "Dazzled"	Law & Order	(In Stereo)	*** "The Sum of All Fears"	(2002) (CC)								
TBS 33	Browns	Browns	Friends	Friends	Friends	** "American Pie 2"	(2001) Jason Biggs. (CC)	*** "I Love You, Man"	(2009)								
COM 35	Loss	Insanity!	(:13) ** "Wayne's World"	(1992, Comedy) Mike Myers. (CC)	(:17) ** "Encino Man"	(1992) Sean Astin. (CC)	Natl Van										
LIFE 39	In Touch	R Schuller	Jeremiah	J. Osteen	Cindy C	Beyond the Headlines	"Blue-Eyed Butcher"	(2012) Sara Paxton. (CC)									
FOOD 40	Pioneer	Paula	Giada	Contessa	Rachael Ray's	Dinners	Guy's, Bite	Sand. King	Be.- Made	Paula	Pioneer						
HGTV 41	Property Brothers	Income	Income	My Kitchen	My Kitchen	Hate Bath	Room Cr.	YardCrash	Hse Crash	Love It or List It (CC)							
A&E 43	The Glades (CC)	The Glades	"Gibtown"	The Glades (CC)	The Glades (CC)	The Glades (CC)	The Glades (CC)	The Glades (CC)	The Glades (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)							
HIST 44	Modern Marvels (CC)	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers							
TLC 45	Dr. Frederick K.C. Price	Perf. Yard	Insanity!	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Gypsy Wedding							
DISC 47	Paid Prog.	Youssef	J. Osteen	In Touch	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)							
ANPL 50	Weird	Weird	Untamed and Uncut	Dogs 101 (CC)	Dogs 101 (CC)	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters							
FAM 51	** "Teen Witch"	(1989, Fantasy) Robyn Lively.	** "Ice Princess"	(2005) Joan Cusack.	** "Bring It On"	(2000, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst.											
DISN 52	*** "Meet the Robinsons"	(CC) Phineas	Little	Octonauts	Mickey	Doc McSt.	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas							
NICK 54	Penguins	Penguins	Parents	Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Winx Club	Winx Club					
AMC 57	Mad Men "Flight 1"	Mad Men (CC)	(:04) The Pitch (CC)	(:04) *** "To Hell and Back"	(1955) Marshall Thompson.	Apocalyps											
SYFY 59	Defrosting	Paid Prog.	Hoover	Defrosting	*** "Grindhouse Presents: Planet Terror"	*** "Grindhouse Presents: Death Proof"											
CNN 62	Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Newsroom (N)	State of the Union	Fareed Zakaria GPS (N)	Reliable Sources (N)	State of the Union										
CNBC 63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Defrosting	Landscap	Brazil Bum	Loss	Paid Prog.	Hollywood	Lk Young	Paid Prog.	Defrosting	Grt Pillow					
MSNBC 64	Hardball	Business	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)	Melissa Harris-Perry (N)													

SUNDAY AFTERNOON															MAY 27, 2012		
		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30				
PBS 2 22	Newsmake	Frontiers	New Mexico In Focus	Money	Healing	Healthy	E Street	Generation	Growing	Antiques Roadshow (N)							
CBS 3 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	PGA Tour Golf Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial,	Final Round. (N) (Live)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.									
ABC 7 7	(10:00) 2012 Indianapolis 500	(N) (Live)	P90X	Lk Young	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	AAA	Entertainment Tonight									
FOX 8 14	(10:00) *** "Almost Famous"	* "The Haunting"	(1999) Liam Neeson. (CC)	They Serve	NASCAR Racing												
NBC 9 9	(10:00) 2012 French Open	Tennis First Round.	Golf Senior PGA Championship, Final Round.	From Benton Harbor, Mich.	AAA	Lose 30Lb											
CW 14	Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments	Dog	Dog	Latino	LatiNation	Cold Case "Offender"	True Hollywood Story								
WGN 15	Almost	MLB Baseball	Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates. (N) (CC)	MLB Post.	Videos	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI										
ESPN 26	College Softball: NCAA Tournament	Update	College Softball: NCAA Tournament	SportsCenter (N) (Live) (CC)													
ESPN2 27	College Baseball	College Baseball SEC Tournament, Final: Teams TBA.	Update														
USA 31	** "Fast & Furious"	(2009) Vin Diesel. (CC)	*** "X-Men"	(2000) Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart. (CC)	** "Bad Boys II"	(2003) (CC)											
TNT 32	Sum Fears	*** "We Were Soldiers"	(2002, War) Mel Gibson. (CC)	(:15) *** "Braveheart"	(1995) Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau. (CC)												
TBS 33	I Love You	MLB Baseball	Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox. (N) (Live) (CC)	King	King	** "The Longest Yard"	(2005)										
COM 35	"National Lampoon's Van Wilder"	Futurama	Work.	Work.	(1:53) * "Joe Dirt"	(2001) David Spade. (CC)	Tosh.0										
LIFE 39	"A Woman Scorned: The Betty Broderick Story"	"The Two Mr. Kissels"	(2008) John Stamos. (CC)	* "Karla"	(2006) Laura Prepon. (CC)												
FOOD 40	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	My. Diners	Invention	Diners	Food-Star									
HGTV 41	First Place	First Place	Property	Property	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl	For Rent	For Rent	Hunters	Hunt Intl					
A&E 43	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)					
HIST 44	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars					
TLC 45	Undercover Boss (CC)	Undercover Boss (CC)	Undercover Boss (CC)	Undercover Boss (CC)	Undercover Boss (CC)	Undercover Boss (CC)	Undercover Boss (CC)	Undercover Boss (CC)	Undercover Boss (CC)	Undercover Boss (CC)	Undercover Boss (CC)	Undercover Boss (CC)					
DISC 47	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)					
ANPL 50	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters					
FAM 51	** "Legally Blonde"	(2001) Luke Wilson	** "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde"	*** "The Princess and the Frog"	(2009)												
DISN 52	Good Luck	Shake It	ANT Farm	Austin	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Good Luck	Shake It	Shake It	Jessie	Austin					
NICK 54	Big Time	Rock	iCarly	Victorious	Big Time	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	Victorious	Victorious	SpongeBob	SpongeBob					
AMC 57	(10:32) *** "Apocalypse Now Redux"	(2001, War) Marlon Brando, Robert Duvall. (CC)	** "Hart's War"	(2002) Bruce Willis. Premiere.													
SYFY 59	** "Star Trek: Insurrection"	(1998) (CC)	*** "Serenity"	(2005) Nathan Fillion, Gina Torres. (CC)	** "Stealth"	(2005) Josh Lucas.											
CNN 62	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Next List	Newsroom	Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)					
CNBC 63	Paid Prog.	Insanity!	Tummy	Wealth	Hoover	Paid Prog.	Insanity!	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Insanity!					
MSNBC 64	Weekends-Witt	Meet the Press (CC)	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera													

SUNDAY EVENING		MAY 27, 2012														
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 22	Globe Trekker			NOVA (In Stereo)		Nature (In Stereo)		Memorial Day Concert		America-Prime		Best Fest	Americas	Tracks		
CBS 3	News	News	60 Minutes		Blue Bloods		The Good Wife		NYC 22 (N)		News	Without a Trace		Paid		
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos		Duets "The Superstars Greatest Hits"		Rookie Blue		News (N)		News	Insider		Betty		
FOX 14	(3:30) NASCAR Racing	Sprint Cup: Coca-Cola 600. (N Subject to Blackout)		Futurama		KFOX14 News		Big Bang		News (N)		Office		Mother		
NBC 9	News	News	Dateline NBC		Harry's Law		America's/Talent		America's/Talent		News (N)	Road		Nieman	Pain?	
CW 14	*** "The War of the Roses" (1989)				*** "Unfaithful" (2002) Richard Gere, Diane Lane.		TMZ (N)					Ugly Betty			Brothers	
WGN 15	30 Rock	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Replay		The Unit		Monk			Monk	
ESPN 26	Baseball Tonight (N)	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves. (Live)								SportsCenter (N) (Live)				SportsCenter		
ESPN2 27	College Softball: NCAA Tournament			Update		College Softball: NCAA Tournament				World, Poker				World, Poker	Poker	
USA 31	(3:30) *** "Bad Boys II" (2003)			★ "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra" (2009, Action)						*** "Fast & Furious" (2009) Vin Diesel.				"G.I. Joe: Cobra"		
TNT 32	(2:15) "Braveheart"			*** "Inglourious Basterds" (2009, War) Brad Pitt, Mélanie Laurent.						(:20) *** "We Were Soldiers" (2002) Mel Gibson.						
TBS 33	"The Longest Yard"			*** "Meet the Fockers" (2004) Robert De Niro.				(:35) *** "Meet the Fockers" (2004, Comedy)						Men-	Men-	
COM 35	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	
LIFE 39	*** "Murder in the Hamptons" (2005)			"Shadow of Fear" (2012) Premiere.				(:01) *** "Murder in the Hamptons" (2005)						"Shadow of Fear"		
FOOD 40	Food Network Star	Cupcake Cham.		Food Network Star (N)		Iron Chef		America	My. Din	Food Network Star					Iron Chef	
HGTV 41	Holmes on Homes	Best of Holmes		Holmes Inspection		Holmes Inspection		Holmes on Homes		Holmes Inspection				Holmes Inspection		
A&E 43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "JJ"		Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds		(:01) Criminal Minds				(:01) Criminal Minds		
HIST 44	Pawn	Pawn		Pawn		Pawn		Pawn		Pawn				Pawn		
TLC 45	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss		Sister		Sister		Gypsy Wedding		Sister		Gypsy Wedding		Undercover Boss		
DISC 47	MythBusters	MythBusters		MythBusters "Demolition Derby Special"				MythBusters		MythBusters "Demolition Derby Special"				MythBusters		
ANPL 50	River Monsters	River Monsters (N)		Mermaids: The Body Found (N) (In Stereo)				Mermaids: The Body Found (In Stereo)						River Monsters		
FAM 51	**** "Beauty and the Beast" (1991)			*** "The Blind Side" (2009) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw.				J. Osteen	Ed Young	Z. Levitt	Prince					
DISN 52	Phineas	Phineas		Good	ANT	Shake It	Jessie	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Austin	Austin	ANT	Shake It		
NICK 54	Sponge.	Sponge.		Yes, Dear	'70s	Nick	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s	
AMC 57	(3:00) "Hart's War"			The Killing		The Killing (N)		Mad Men (N)		(:04) The Pitch (N)		(:04) Mad Men		(:08) The Killing		
SYFY 59	(3:30) "Stealth"			*** "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989)				*** "Elektra" (2005)	Jennifer Garner.					* "Pandorum"		
CNN 62	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Presents		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		
CNBC 63	Sty	Wall St.		Dang.	Cuba	The Facebook		J. Crew and		Marijuana: Industry		American Greed		Ultimate Fighting		
MSNBC 64	Caught on Camera			Caught on Camera		To Catch a Predator		Predator Raw		Predator Raw		Predator Raw		Predator Raw		

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		News		Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Independent Lens (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		T. Smiley		
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel		Mother	Broke	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0		News		Letterman	Late	
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent		The Bachelorette (N Same-day Tape)				(:01) Castle		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX 14	KFOX News		Big Bang	Two Men		House "Parents: Dead & Buried" (2002)				KFOX News		Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny	
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News		America's/Talent		Ninja Warrior		Grimm		News (N)	Jay Len		Late	
CW 14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	Million.	Gossip Girl		Hart of Dixie		Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI		Access	
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos		Funny Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs		'Til Death	'Til Death	Sunny		
ESPN 26	SportCtr	NBA Countdown (N)		NBA Basketball Conference Final: Teams TBA. (N)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		
ESPN2 27	NFL Live		SportsNation (N)		Nation	Baseball Tonight (N)		SportsNation		Baseball Tonight (N)		NBA		Nation		
USA 31	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS "Pyramid"		WWE Monday Night RAW (N)			(:05) *** "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2001)						Treasure		
TNT 32	Law & Order		The Mentalist		The Mentalist		The Closer			The Closer		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan		Office		Office		Conan		
COM 35	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Work.		Work.		Work.		Work.		
LIFE 39	"Murder-Green."		"Shadow of Fear" (2012) Will Estes		"Sex & Lies in Sin City"					(:01) "Shadow of Fear" (2012)						
FOOD 40	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Invention	Diners	Diners	My. Din	Diners	Invention		Diners	Diners	Diners		
HGTV 41	Love It or List It		Love It or List It (N)		Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl			
A&E 43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Family Jewels		Monster	Monster	Monster	Monster	Storage	Storage	Family Jewels			
HIST 44	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Hatfields & McCoys (N)				(:06) Hatfields & McCoys				Pawn	Pawn		
TLC 45	Cake	Cake	Cake Boss		Cake		Extreme	Extreme	Cake Boss		Cake	Cake	Extreme	Extreme		
DISC 47	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (In Stereo)		Outlaw Empires (N)		Deadliest Catch (In Stereo)			Deadliest Catch (In Stereo)				Outlaw Empires		
ANPL 50	Mermaids: The Body Found (In Stereo)		River Monsters "Lair of Giants"				River Monsters "Lair of Giants"							Mermaids-Body		
FAM 51	"The Blind Side"		Secret-Teen		Pretty Little Liars		Secret-Teen		The 700 Club		Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid		
DISN 52	Shake It	ANT	Austin	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	*** "Alice in Wonderland" (2010)			Good		ANT		Jessie		
NICK 54	Victorious		"Rags" (2012) Max Schneider.		Friends	Friends	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	George	George	George	George		
AMC 57	(3:00) "Midway"		*** "Flags of Our Fathers" (2006, War) Ryan Phillippe.		The Killing		Mad Men			Mad Men				"The Perfect Storm"		
SYFY 59	"Indiana Jones"		*** "Casino Royale" (2006) Daniel Craig, Eva Green.		*** "Quantum of Solace" (2008) Daniel Craig.				E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper		Mutant		
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper		Costco Craze		Cocaine Cowboys			Cocaine Cowboys		
CNBC 63	J. Crew and		Costco Craze		Cocaine Cowboys		Costco Craze		Cocaine Cowboys							
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews		The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow			The Last Word		

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		News		Civilization: The West and the Rest		Frontline (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		World		T. Smiley		
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel		NCIS "Psych Out"		NCIS: Los Angeles		48 Hours Mystery		News	Letterman		Late	
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent		Cougar Town		20/20 (N Same-day Tape)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX 14	KFOX News		Big Bang	Two Men		New Girl	New Girl	New Girl	New Girl	KFOX News		Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny	
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News		America's/Talent		Ninja Warrior		Grimm		News (N)	Jay Len		Late	
CW 14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	Million.	The Catalina		The L.A. Complex		Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI		Access	
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs		'Til Death	'Til Death	Sunny		
ESPN 26	MLB Baseball Detroit	Tigers at Boston Red Sox. (Live)				Baseball Tonight (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		
ESPN2 27	SportsCenter Spec.	NFL Live (N)		Bowl		NFL Live		SportsCenter Spec.		Baseball Tonight (N)		NBA		Nation		
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		CSI: Crime Scene		Necess. Rough		CSI: Crime Scene			
TNT 32	Bones		NBA Pregame (N)		NBA Basketball Conference Final: Teams TBA. (N)			Inside the		NBA (N)		Falling Skies				
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Office		Office		Conan		
COM 35	Colbert	Daily	Work.	Tosh.0		Tosh.0	Work.	Daily	Colbert		Tosh.0	Work.	Daily	Colbert		
LIFE 39	Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Moms: Miami		Dance Moms: Miami		Dance Moms: Miami		(:01) Dance Moms			Dance Moms: Miami		
FOOD 40	Cupcake Wars		Cupcake Cham.		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped			Chopped		
HGTV 41	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Celebs	Million	Design Star (N)		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Curb Appeal		Design Star		Hunters	Hunt Intl		
A&E 43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage		
HIST 44	Hatfields & McCoys	(Part 1 of 3)		Hatfields & McCoys (N)				(:08) Hatfields & McCoys						Hatfields & McCoys		
TLC 45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Big Style	Big Style	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Big Style	Big Style		
DISC 47	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch "The Aftermath" (N)		The Devil's Ride (N)		Deadliest Catch "The Aftermath" (2011)							The Devil's Ride		
ANPL 50	Wild Russia		Wild Russia		Bears	Bears	Bears	Bears	Wild Russia		Bears	Bears	Bears	Bears		
FAM 51	(4:30) *** "Holes" (2003) Jon Voight		*** "Freaky Friday" (2003, Comedy)		The 700 Club				Prince		Prince		Paid	Take		
DISN 52	Good	Good	Good	Good	Shake It	Good	ANT	Jessie	Austin	"Radio Rebel" (2012)		ANT		Jessie		
NICK 54	iCarly	iCarly	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	George	George		
AMC 57	CSI: Miami		*** "Space Cowboys" (2000) Clint Eastwood.		*** "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995) Bruce Willis.											
SYFY 59	Fact or Faked		Fact or Faked		Fact or Faked		Hollywood Treasure		Hollywood Treasure		Hollywood Treasure		Ghost Whisperer			
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper									

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Nature (In Stereo)	NOVA (In Stereo)	Inside Nature's	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Dogs in the City	Criminal Minds	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Suburg.	Mod Fam	Happy	Apt. 23	Mod Fam	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX 14	KFOX News	Big Bang	Two Men	So You Think You Can	Dance		KFOX News	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC 9	News (N)	News	2012 Stanley Cup Final	Game 1: Teams TBA.	(N)		To Be Announced	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW 14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	Million.	Top Model			Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access			
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	'Til Death	'Til Death	Sunny		
ESPN 26	NBA Countdown (N)	Lottery	NBA Basketball Conference Final: Teams TBA.	(N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN2 27	Pardon	Prematch	(5:50) Soccer United States vs. Brazil.	(N)	MLB Baseball Teams		TBA. (N Subject to Blackout)	(Live)			Baseball Tonight (N)			
USA 31	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS		Fairly Legal		Necess. Rough		NCIS			
TNT 32	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order		CSI: NY		Men-	Men-	CSI: NY			
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan		Men-	Men-	Conan	
COM 35	Colbert	Daily	Chap	Key	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Futurama	Daily	Colbert
LIFE 39	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	The Client List		(:01) Wife Swap	To Be Announced		
FOOD 40	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Food Network Star		Food Network Star			
HGTV 41	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl
A&E 43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.
HIST 44	Hatfields & McCoys	Part 2 of 3			Hatfields & McCoys (N)				Hatfields & McCoys	Part 1 of 3			Hatfields & McCoys	
TLC 45	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras
DISC 47	Auction	Auction	American Guns	American Guns	American Guns (N)	Auction	Auction	American Guns	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
ANPL 50	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters
FAM 51	Melissa	Melissa	Melissa	Melissa	*** "My Fake Fiance"	(2009)		The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Austin	Austin	ANT	ANT	Shake It	Good	ANT	Jessie	Shake It	** "16 Wishes"	(2010)	ANT	Jessie	Jessie
NICK 54	Victo	Victo	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	George	George
AMC 57	CSI: Miami		*** "Cinderella Man"	(2005, Biography)	Russell Crowe.				*** "A League of Their Own"	(1992)	Tom Hanks.			
SYFY 59	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Ghost Hunters	Total	Total	Lost Girl		
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Truth About	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed (N)	Mad Money	Mad Money	Mad Money	Mad Money	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word

**THURSDAY EVENING**

**MAY 31, 2012**

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	News	Frontiers	To Be Announced	Travel	Desert	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley			
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Rules	Person of Interest	The Mentalist	News	Letterman	Late			
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Duets	The pairs perform classic duets.	(N)	Rookie Blue (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX 14	KFOX News	Big Bang	Two Men	Touch	Martin and Abigail join forces.		KFOX News	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Office	Office	America's/Talent	America's/Talent	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late			
CW 14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	Million.	Breaking	Pointe	The Catalina		Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access		
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	'Til Death	'Til Death	Sunny	
ESPN 26	NBA Face to Face	2012 Scripps National	Spelling Bee (N)	Baseball Tonight (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)
ESPN2 27	College Softball		Update	College Softball					Nation	Baseball Tonight (N)	NBA	NASCAR		
USA 31	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	"Cover Story"	NCIS	"In the Dark"	Common Law	Necess. Rough	CSI: Crime Scene				
TNT 32	Bones	NBA Pregame (N)	NBA Basketball Conference Final: Teams TBA.	(N)	Inside the	NBA (N)	Falling Skies		Falling					
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Men-	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Office	Conan			
COM 35	Colbert	Daily	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	Tracy Morgan	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	
LIFE 39	Wife Swap	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	7 Days of Sex (N)	Amanda de Cadenet	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Sweet Genius	Chopped	Sweet Genius				
FOOD 40	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Sweet Genius (N)									
HGTV 41	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Million	Selling	Sell LA	Selling	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Sell LA	Selling	Hunters	Hunt Intl
A&E 43	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48
HIST 44	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People (N)	Mountain Men	Mountain Men	Mountain Men	(:01) Mountain Men	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People
TLC 45	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	On the	On the	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	On the	On the	Tattoo	Tattoo	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss
DISC 47	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Final Offer	Auction	Auction	Final Offer	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction
ANPL 50	River Monsters	River Monsters	"Killer Catfish"	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	"Killer Catfish"	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters
FAM 51	** "The Haunted Mansion"	(2003)	*** "The Mask"	(1994)	Jim Carrey.	The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Jessie	Jessie	Shake It	Shake It	Good	ANT	Jessie	Good	Good	Shake It	ANT	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie
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AMC 57	CSI: Miami	** "U.S. Marshals"	(1998)	Tommy Lee Jones.	** "The Fugitive"	(1993, Suspense)	Harrison Ford.	** "Battle of Los Angeles"	(2011)	Phantom				
SYFY 59	* "Queen of the Damned"	(2002, Horror)	** "Stealth"	(2005)	Josh Lucas, Jessica Biel.	* "Battle of Los Angeles"	(2011)	Phantom						
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**Sudoku**

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter.

Tips and computer program at [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**

BEGINNER

7	1	3	2	9	4	6	8	5
6	4	8	1	5	3	9	7	2
5	9	2	8	6	7	1	4	3
8	2	1	6	3	5	4	9	7
3	6	9	4	7	2	8	5	1
4	5	7	9	1	8	2	3	6
2	3	6	7	8	9	5	1	4
1	8	5	3	4	6	7	2	9
9	7	4	5	2	1	3	6	8

CHALLENGER

7	8	5	2	9	1	6	4	3
3	9	2	8	6	4	5	7	1
1	4	6	3	5	7	9	8	2
6	1	8	5	7	9	3	2	4
9	2	7	1	4	3	8	5	6
4	5	3	6	2	8	1	9	7
8	3	4	7	1	5	2	6	9
2	7	1	9	8	6	4	3	5
5	6	9	4	3	2	7	1	8

EXPERT

4	8	9	1	6	5	2	7	3
6	2	1	3	8	7	5	4	9
7	3	5	4	2	9	1	6	8
3	9	4	7	1	6	8	5	2
2	5	6	8	3	4	9	1	7
1	7	8	9	5	2	6	3	4
9	4	2	6	7	1	3	8	5
8	1	7	5	9	3	4	2	6
5	6	3	2	4	8	7	9	1

**BEGINNER**

		8		3	4			2
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	3							8
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2	6	9			1	8		3
		5			9			4
4			5	2		1		

**CHALLENGER**

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**EXPERT**

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# AtTheMovies

## Making fun of everyone 'Dictator' addresses democracy's downfalls

Review by **Amanda Green**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Sacha Baron Cohen is not what most of us would consider subtle about his dozen personas.

Each character he creates is as blunt, rude and incorrigible as they come. The actor and comedian, however, takes a very serious approach to each personality, using very real issues to carve out his place in comedic history.

As a graduate of Cambridge University, Cohen is a very intelligent, politically aware individual who has made headlines for his outlandish take on international relationships and self-revealing ridicule.

One of his first publicly embraced personas was Ali G, a stereotype of a white suburban male from Staines who imitates rap culture as well as urban British and Jamaican culture, particularly through hip-hop, reggae, drum and bass and jungle music.

The popular – albeit controversial – personas that followed included Borat, a Kazakhstani journalist, and Bruno, a flamboyantly gay Austrian fashion reporter. Cohen's humor derives from mocking society through outrageous sociocultural viewpoints, his violation

of social taboos and his use of vulgar language and behavior.

After retiring Ali G, Borat and Bruno, Cohen created Admiral General Aladeen, the main character for his newest film, "The Dictator."

Cohen's transformation from one personality to another is genuinely remarkable, and few can claim the actor does not immerse himself into each role completely.

Aladeen is a dictator from the fictional North African country of the Republic of Wadiya. His persona is a combination of Moammar Gaddafi and Saddam Hussein. Aladeen is exposed initially as a truly dangerous person, but as the film progresses, he is revealed as a conventional comedy figure, entirely scripted.

For 40 years, Wadiya has been ruled by Aladeen, a childish, lecherous, anti-Western and anti-Semitic despot who surrounds

himself with female bodyguards and is working on developing nuclear weapons.

After the United Nations Security Council resolves to intervene militarily, Aladeen travels to the UN Headquarters in New York City to address the council. Shortly after arriving, he is kidnapped by Clayton (John C. Reilly), a hit-man hired by his traitorous

“Cohen's humor derives from mocking society through outrageous ... viewpoints.”



**General Admiral Aladeen (Sacha Baron Cohen), the dictator of Wadiya, a fictional North African country travels to New York to face accusations of tyranny in front of the UN Security Council in "The Dictator."**

uncle Tamir (Ben Kingsley).

Tamir replaces Aladeen with a political decoy named Efwadh, whom he can manipulate into signing a document democratizing Wadiya and opening the country's oil fields for business.

Aladeen escapes, but his beard has been shaved off by Clayton, making him practically unrecognizable. He encounters activist Zoey (Anna Faris), who offers him a job at her alternative lifestyle co-op. Aladeen refuses the offer and travels to New York's "Little Wadiya," where he encounters Nadal (Jason Mantzoukas), the former chief of Wadiya's nuclear weapons program, whom Aladeen thought he had executed.

Wanting his old job back, Nadal promises to help reinstate Aladeen as dictator on condition that he makes him head of Wadiya's weapons program again.

The movie is full of jokes. The laughter often risks the edge of bad taste, but can be interpreted by members of any audience in a very different way. Cohen has sought to offend almost everyone with his new persona,

and has the courage to speak what we all know to be true, even if we refuse to say it aloud.

I found the humor to be a blend of both, and fortunately for Cohen, it's the good scenes and lines that stick in the mind rather than the misfires. Few purchase tickets to a film such as this, expecting everything to be politically correct. He makes sure to hit on some sensitive points for every race, creed and political system, just for the sake of fairness and equality.

In perhaps one of the funniest and most obscure scenes, Aladeen makes a double-edged speech to a gathering of politicians and diplomats urging America to abandon democracy, listing a succession of things they would thus avoid, all of them familiar American shortcomings and inequities. I was too busy laughing with the rest of the audience at the irony of "freedom" to have bothered being offended.

Cohen makes a point of speaking about the things we were already thinking. I commend him for that.

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<b>HUNTER GAMES</b> DAILY 11:25 2:30 5:40 8:45 (PG13)		<b>BATTLESHIP</b> DAILY 12:00 3:30 6:30 9:30 (PG13) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT		<b>THE PIRATES</b> DAILY 2:00 6:30 2D (PG)		<b>MIB<sup>3</sup></b> SHOWING IN 3D DAILY 12:00 2:30 5:00 7:30 10:00 (PG13) \$2 UPCHARGE NO PASS OF ANY KIND	
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<b>DARK SHADOWS</b> DAILY 11:25 2:05 4:40 7:15 9:50 (PG13)		<b>BATTLESHIP</b> DAILY 1:00 3:50 6:45 9:45 (PG13) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT		<b>MARIGOLD HOTEL</b> DAILY 12:00 3:00 7:00 10:00 (PG13)		<b>MIB<sup>3</sup></b> SHOWING IN 2D DAILY 1:00 3:30 6:25 9:00 (PG13) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT	
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<b>CHERNOBYL DIARIES</b> DAILY 12:50 3:30 5:40 7:45 10:00 (R) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT		<b>SACHA BARON COHEN THE DICTATOR</b> DAILY 12:50 3:30 5:40 7:45 10:00 (R) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT		<b>VIDEO 4</b> 1005 S. EL PASO ALL SEATS ALL TIMES \$3.00		BRING THIS COUPON TO THE VIDEO 4 AND SEE THE MOVIE OF YOUR CHOICE FOR ONLY \$1.00/PERSON GOOD FOR UP TO 5 PERSON WED. & THURS ONLY!! <b>VIDEO 4</b> 1005 S. EL PASO	
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**THE DICTATOR**  
 Grade: B  
 Starring: Sacha Baron Cohen, Ben Kingsley, Anna Faris  
 Rated: R  
 Director: Larry Charles

**Film Review**  
 Leave the kids at home, don't bring your preacher and prepare to be offended by "The Dictator."  
 Grade B



# AtTheMovies

# Picking the Flicks

Movie information from [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com). Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

<p><b>The Lorax</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG  <b>Plot Overview:</b> A young boy searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams.  <b>Starring:</b> Zac Efron, Danny DeVito  <b>Director:</b> Chris Renaud</p> 	<p><b>The Lucky One</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG-13  <b>Plot Overview:</b> A U.S. Marine sergeant returns from his third tour of duty in Iraq to find a woman he doesn't know.  <b>Starring:</b> Zac Efron, Taylor Schilling  <b>Director:</b> Scott Hicks</p> 
<p><b>The Hunger Games</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG-13  <b>Plot Overview:</b> The nation of Panem forces each of its 12 districts to send a teenage boy and girl to compete in the Hunger Games.  <b>Starring:</b> Jennifer Lawrence, Liam Hemsworth  <b>Director:</b> Gary Ross</p> 	<p><b>Marvel's The Avengers</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG-13  <b>Plot Overview:</b> Marvel superheroes Iron Man, the Incredible Hulk and Captain America pull the world back from the brink of disaster.  <b>Starring:</b> Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr.  <b>Director:</b> Joss Whedon</p> 
<p><b>The Dictator</b>  <b>Rated:</b> R  <b>Plot Overview:</b> A dictator risks his life to ensure that democracy would never come to the country he so lovingly oppressed  <b>Starring:</b> Sacha Baron Cohen  <b>Director:</b> Larry Charles</p> 	<p><b>Dark Shadows</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG-13  <b>Plot Overview:</b> Barnabas, a vampire, discovers the dysfunctional remnants of his family two centuries later.  <b>Starring:</b> Johnny Depp, Eva Green  <b>Director:</b> Tim Burton</p> 
<p><b>Think Like a Man</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG-13  <b>Plot Overview:</b> Four men have their love lives shaken up after the women they are pursuing take dating advice from a book.  <b>Starring:</b> Michael Ealy, Meagan Good  <b>Director:</b> Tim Story</p> 	<p><b>What to Expect When You're Expecting</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG-13  <b>Plot Overview:</b> A baby-crazy author gets a taste of her own militant mommy advice when pregnancy hormones ravage her body.  <b>Starring:</b> Jennifer Lopez, Cameron Diaz  <b>Director:</b> Kirk Jones</p> 
<p><b>21 Jump Street</b>  <b>Rated:</b> R  <b>Plot Overview:</b> Two police rookies use their youthful appearances to go undercover at a local high school.  <b>Starring:</b> Channing Tatum, Jonah Hill  <b>Director:</b> Phil Lord</p> 	<p><b>Battleship</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG-13  <b>Plot Overview:</b> A tale that unfolds across the seas, in the skies and over land as the planet fights for survival against a superior force.  <b>Starring:</b> Taylor Kitsch, Liam Neeson  <b>Director:</b> Peter Berg</p> 
<p><b>The Five-Year Engagement</b>  <b>Rated:</b> R  <b>Plot Overview:</b> An engaged couple keeps getting tripped up on the long walk down the aisle.  <b>Starring:</b> Jason Segel, Emily Blunt  <b>Director:</b> Nicholas Stoller</p> 	<p><b>Wrath of the Titans</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG-13  <b>Plot Overview:</b> Dangerously weakened by humanity's lack of devotion, the gods are losing control of the imprisoned Titans.  <b>Starring:</b> Sam Worthington  <b>Director:</b> Jonathan Liebesman</p> 
<p><b>The Pirates! Band of Misfits</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG  <b>Plot Overview:</b> A pirate captain tries to beat his bitter rivals to the much coveted Pirate of the Year award.  <b>Starring:</b> Hugh Grant, Brendan Gleeson  <b>Director:</b> Peter Lord</p> 	<p><b>Men in Black III</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG-13  <b>Plot Overview:</b> When Agent K's life and the fate of the planet are put at stake, Agent J will have to travel back in time to put things right.  <b>Starring:</b> Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones  <b>Director:</b> Barry Sonnenfeld  <b>OPENS FRIDAY, MAY 25</b></p> 
<p><b>The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel</b>  <b>Rated:</b> PG-13  <b>Plot Overview:</b> British retirees decide to "outsource" their retirement to less expensive and seemingly exotic India.  <b>Starring:</b> Maggie Smith, Judi Dench  <b>Director:</b> John Madden  <b>OPENS FRIDAY, MAY 25</b></p> 	<p><b>Chernobyl Diaries</b>  <b>Rated:</b> R  <b>Plot Overview:</b> Six young vacationers visit the former home of the workers of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor.  <b>Starring:</b> Jesse McCartney, Nathan Phillips  <b>Director:</b> Bradley Parker  <b>OPENS FRIDAY, MAY 25</b></p> 

## New this week on DVD

- Tuesday, May 29**
- Man on a Ledge**  
**Rated:** PG-13  
**Genre:** Action  
**Starring:** Sam Worthington, Elizabeth Banks  
**Director:** Asger Leth
  - Gone**  
**Rated:** PG-13  
**Genre:** Suspense  
**Starring:** Amanda Seyfried, Jennifer Carpenter  
**Director:** Heitor Dhalia
  - We Need to Talk About Kevin**  
**Rated:** R  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Starring:** Tilda Swinton, John C. Reilly  
**Director:** Lynne Ramsay
  - Coriolanus**  
**Rated:** R  
**Genre:** Drama  
**Starring:** Ralph Fiennes, Gerard Butler  
**Director:** Ralph Fiennes

## Top Grossing May 25-27

- Marvel's The Avengers** (Week No. 3) **\$55,600,000**
- Battleship** (Week No. 1) **\$25,500,000**
- The Dictator** (Week No. 1) **\$17,400,000**
- Dark Shadows** (Week No. 2) **\$12,600,000**
- What to Expect When You're Expecting** (Week No. 1) **\$10,500,000**
- The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel** (Week No. 3) **\$3,200,000**
- The Hunger Games** (Week No. 9) **\$3,000,000**
- Think Like a Man** (Week No. 5) **\$2,700,000**
- The Lucky One** (Week No. 5) **\$1,800,000**
- The Pirates! Band of Misfits** (Week No. 4) **\$1,600,000**



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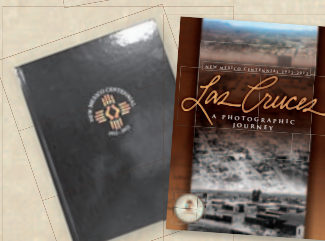
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## Selling the Destination



**Laura Smart**  
Health Smart

You've probably heard this statement "sell the destination, not the plane."

This could pertain to several areas in life but I'm going to specifically talk about the destination as a health goal that anyone can set.

The destination, similar to a "symphony," where all of the organs are working in harmony, should be your desired destination. How you reach it can be daunting if you don't have a plan and don't follow through or focus on your final destination.

The "plane" is the means you use in order to reach your destination. For example, preventing skin cancer. If you've been tested for vitamin D and you're deficient, just 1,000 international units may reduce your risk of cancer according to Boston's Harvard School of Public Health and the University of Oxford in Britain. D3 can be most readily absorbed at higher doses by your body than D2 can.

Living in New Mexico, you may ask yourself, "Since the sky is cloudless and sunny 350 days a year, how could anyone be deficient in vitamin D?"

It's possible, especially if you use sunscreen or do not venture outdoors between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for at least 20 minutes a day.

Raise your HDL, or good cholesterol, by exercising 30 minutes, five times a week. Try to do something you enjoy so it's not a chore. Dreading your aerobic activity only adds stress to your attitude. If you like to smile or laugh, try Zumba. It's okay to laugh at yourself and no one cares whether you have rhythm, unless you're the instructor.

I've mentioned the Mediterranean diet in my columns. Diets rich in olives, avocados and nuts have increased people's HDL cholesterol by 12.5 percent in just one month.

These are foods rich in mono-unsaturated fatty acid (MUFA). Remember, too, that you are what you eat and you are what the animals eat.

Dr. David Katz, director of Yale University Prevention Research Center in Derby, Conn., said, "The best cancer weapon at your disposal is prevention. Just making some key diet and lifestyle changes can single-handedly cut your risk of this disease as much as 60 percent."

My own personal advice is to define your purpose and meaning in life. Recognize that God didn't just place you on this planet to take up space and breathe air. Giving in whatever capacity you are capable of is extremely rewarding, worthwhile and simply reinforces you are blessing to others.

So when you're mapping out your desired destination, be willing to take the "plane," which gets you there as safely and directly as possible. Research and educate yourself.

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# Having the will to live

## Cancer survivors invited to celebration

By **Lorena Sanchez**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

A person is considered a cancer survivor the moment they are diagnosed with the disease.

For cancer survivor Honey Devins, this means by being proactive and taking responsibility for your health, "you are on your way to living and surviving" the minute you are diagnosed.

Memorial Medical Center is recognizing the strength of all cancer survivors and the struggles they've been through with a celebration from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 2, at the Memorial Medical Center HealthPlex, 2735 Northrise Drive.

The second annual Cancer Survivors Day Celebration's Cancer Across Cultures theme is designed to recognize that cancer does not discriminate and affects people from all walks of life.

Cheryl Hertan, a certified tumor registrar with Memorial Medical Center, has been planning the event along with a committee of seven. The celebration has grown in size in just one year.

"It's an important thing for all survivors to celebrate," Hertan said.

The celebration is open to the public and is free for all those who attend. Survivors who attend the ceremony and their guests are asked to wear purple, which is a symbol of cancer awareness.

"Being a survivor means more than just surviving the disease, but everything else that comes along with it," Devins said.

Each cancer survivor will receive a gift. There will be dancers and performances representing different cultures, cake, prizes and refreshments.

"It doesn't matter where you were diagnosed or treated, all cancer survivors are welcome," Hertan said.

Devins, who is also part of the planning



Longest survivor, Josephine Wiskowski; Pistol Pete; youngest survivor, Sandy Caldwell; and oldest survivor, Peter Papartis pose together during the 2011 inaugural Cancer Survivors Day Celebration at Memorial Medical Center. This year's event is expected to be bigger and better with the celebration held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 2, at the HealthPlex, 2735 Northrise Drive.

committee, was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010 but was fortunate enough to catch the cancer at an early stage.

"I was very shocked," Devins said. "It was almost one year to the date of my last mammogram that the spot was discovered. Because it was caught so early, and as long as I did what I needed to do, I knew I would be okay."

To treat her cancer, Devins has a lumpectomy, radiation, chemotherapy and a Port-a-Cath inserted to receive medication intravenously.

"What was most difficult for me was that my world got smaller," Devins said.

Before her diagnosis, Devins was very active in the community, but after her diagnosis, her world became a revolving door of medication, treatment and doctor's appointments.

Devins has completed her treatments, but said she'll never feel free of the cancer.

"Just because your treatment is over doesn't mean everything is back to normal," Hertan said. "It's a new normal."

Hertan is also a cancer survivor.

According to the American Cancer Society, there are nearly 12 million cancer survivors in the United States. In 2012, the organization es-

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# Needle exchange offers solutions

## Sterilization helps prevent spread of disease

By **Lorena Sanchez**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Prevention through sterilization perfectly describes the needle exchange program promoted by Families & Youth Inc. as a way to prevent the spread of blood borne diseases, such as hepatitis and HIV.

"It's a program that is utilized for individuals who want to get clean syringes," said Stefano Di Amante, prevention specialist at FYI. "Diabetics or intravenous drug users dispose of their syringes and receive clean, sterile ones."

The official title of the program is the Harm and Reduction Program, a statewide effort introduced in 1997 after the state determined a high use of intravenous drugs in the northern part of the state.

"The state decided to adopt programs to reduce the number of illnesses caused by the use of

unsterilized instruments," Di Amante said.

FYI adopted the program in 1999 to serve Southern New Mexico. Since its introduction in 1999, the program has seen positive results.

Individuals can come into the FYI building, located at 1320 S. Solano Drive, and let an employee at the front know they are interested in the exchange program, then they will be escorted to someone, such as Di Amante, who is authorized to make the exchange.

The program is free. However, the individual is required to register for the program's yellow card, which allows them to have access to sterile needles with or without an exchange and receive needles or kits from programs throughout the state.

The card is not required for

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Families & Youth Inc. photo

Needle exchange kits are available at Families & Youth Inc., 1320 S. Solano Drive, to individuals registered for the New Mexico Harm and Reduction Program. The kit comes in a tube with condoms, needles, syringes, alcohol swabs and other items used when injecting medication or drugs into the system in a sterile manner.



# A paean of praise for local pedal power

## Cyclists embrace local weather



**Gabriel Rochelle**  
*Cycling the Mesilla Valley*

We moved to New Mexico in 2007 from eastern Pennsylvania.

We lived where many cyclists and track racers congregated. The Lehigh Valley Velodrome was a hub for many activities.

Our local club, the Lehigh Valley Wheelmen, had more than 200 members. It's a hilly region, as is much of Pennsylvania, and we used to joke about not being able to ride in any direction more than a few miles without hitting a steep grade.

The real problem for cyclists, however, was that you could only ride about eight months of the year before the snow, ice and the grayness of winter overcame you. Lots of people cycled in their basements or went to local health clubs to spin their way through winter. I have looked back on 10 years of my cycling records in Pennsylvania and it was rare to get as many as 3,000 miles a year.

Fast forward to New Mexico, the home of seemingly endless sun. Never mind the wind for the moment.

In the years since moving here, I have averaged 5,000 miles a year, a jump of 2,000 over my best years in Pennsylvania.

Heck, I often rode in the rain in Pennsylvania because I had no other choice. But there are so few days of rain here you don't have to worry about making them up. As of this week I surpassed the 2,500-mile mark – more than my total for most years in Pennsylvania.

My long introduction helps to make the contrast. New Mexico is superb for cycling and the stats I quoted help prove

that. We have more days of sun than most other places. We have many scenic routes to ride. Also, particularly in the East, you have to work to get outside of the city and suburban traffic. (Of course I consider urban cycling a peculiar art form.)

Here it only takes a few miles and you're on country roads, some of them wonderfully desolate, most with commanding views of the great mountains that surround us. Some of them are not well paved but, hey, you've got to have some challenge when you live surrounded by such beauty.

Ride north on Valley to Lujan Hill Road, or farther to Fort Selden and then back on old Doña Ana Road. Or go up the Picacho/I-70 hill to the airport and beyond to Bowlin's and back. It is so quiet there, that most days you can hear yourself breathing with each pedal stroke, especially if you take the side road 4 miles to Corralitos Ranch and back.

The silence is spectacular. One of my favorite default rides is to work my way over to Las Alturas Road along I-10 and go south to the Mesquite bridge, cross the interstate, turn left half a mile to Highway 228, turn right past all those cows, through Mesquite on Highway 192, over to Highway 228 and back up to Mesilla.

A few rolling hills, some good straight stretches, the tree-lined 2 miles around Stahmann's makes for a good ride.

I've mentioned the local clubs before. Here they are again: Bike and Chowder, ROYALS and Zia Velo. You can find them all through a web search, no problem. Join in and around this community that offers so much for the solo or group cyclist.

Stop in at one of the local bike shops and pick up a sticker that reads "Bike New Mexico." Put it on your bike before your next ride, and then ride with pride. This is a great place for cyclists. You be careful, but get out there.

*Father Gabriel Rochelle is priest of St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces, and an avid cyclist. Visit the church website at <http://stanthonylc.org>.*



**Large, biohazard containers are used to safely hold contaminated needles that are brought in to Families & Youth Inc. Individuals including diabetics or intravenous drug users, do not have to be registered for the program in order to safely dispose of needles.**

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anyone interested in disposing of used needles, or individuals who use the program for the first time, but there is a limit to the amount of sterile needles they can receive.

"You have to live in New Mexico to receive one of our cards," Di Amante said. "The whole process takes less than 10 minutes."

Di Amante stresses the process and environment in which the exchange takes place is confidential. The program also offers information and anonymous testing to those struggling with drug addiction, ensuring they have access to resources that can help them get clean.

"We give out information on treatment programs," Di Amante said. "We also give out male and female condoms."

Due to the stigma attached to intravenous drug users, it can be difficult for people to seek treatment or other resources that will keep them safe, Di Amante said. Hepatitis C is one of the most common viruses among intravenous drug users and is on the rise, while other blood borne illnesses are decreasing.

"It's still low in New Mexico," Di Amante said. "But we're very lucky we're in the same category as California and Colorado offering this program."

For more information on the program, information and resources offered by the program, call Di Amante at 556-1549.

## May is Month

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## Survivor

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timates there will be 1.6 million new cancer cases diagnosed in the U.S. In New Mexico, an estimated 9,640 new cases will be diagnosed.

"We figured that in Las Cruces we have 3,000 cancer survivors," Herten said. "We are calling on them to join this celebration."

On Monday, May 21, Memorial Medical Center received a proclamation from the City of Las Cruces proclaiming June 2 cancer survivor day in Las Cruces – June 3 is the nationally recognized date.

"There are so many people – male, female, young and old and their families that are directly affected by this disease," Devins said. "It's important to attend the celebration to see that you are not alone. Together (survivor) find the laughter amongst all the pain in those shared experiences."

For more information on the celebration, call 521-2294.

## Details

### Second annual Cancer Survivors Day Celebration

**When**

10 a.m. to noon  
Saturday, June 2

**Where**

Memorial Medical Center HealthPlex  
2735 Northrise Drive

**Contact**

521-2294

# Healthy Happenings



## TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the main room. For more information, call 523-6240.

## TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 219

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 219 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. This support group assists members in achieving and maintaining healthy weight loss goals. For location information, call Doris Fields at 524-7461.

## CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, an activity support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

The group matches those in need of support with volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment. For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

## OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door.

Overeaters Anonymous is also offered at noon each Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 105 Saint James St. For more information, call Wayne at 647-5684.

## CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A family caregiver support group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Café España in the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Co-facilitators with many years of experience in senior-care issues will be on hand.

## CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Co-Dependents Anonymous meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The one-hour meetings are intended to help those raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional family situations deal with their issues and move on to a healthier, happier life through a 12-step program. For more information, call 647-5684.

## HIV SUPPORT GROUP

A Las Cruces HIV Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. The group offers advocacy and support for those infected with or affected by the HIV virus, and focuses on the rebuilding of community, outreach, education, self-advocacy and wellness. For more information, call Seth at 621-0681.

## BRAIN INJURY GROUP

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, 926 S. San Pedro St. Each

meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation. For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

## RED CROSS CPR, FIRST-AID CLASSES

The American Red Cross will offer CPR and first-aid classes at its Las Cruces location, 1301 E. Griggs Ave., the first and third Saturday of each month. Participants are asked to register by the Tuesday before the class. For more information or to register, call 800-733-2767.

## CITY RECREATION SCHEDULE

The City of Las Cruces offers recreation and fitness classes at city recreation and community centers.

The following classes are held at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.:

- **Yoga:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Pilates:** 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Aerobics:** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Zumba:** 7 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday
- **Pickleball:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Paddles may be rented for \$1.
- **Indoor Cycling:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The following class is held at Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road:
  - **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, call 541-5185.

The following class is held at Club Fusion Teen Center, 101 E. Union Ave.:

- **Zumba:** 7 to 8 p.m.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 541-5181.

The following classes are held at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.:

- **Aquatic Fitness:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
  - **Safe Strength Gentle Cardio Water Workout:** 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays
  - **Water Fitness for Non-Swimmers:** 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays
  - **Seniors Aquatics Class:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Classes are drop in.
  - **Aqua Fit:** 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays
  - **Aqua Zumba:** 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays
  - **Relax and Stretch:** 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 541-2782.
- The following class is held at the East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Drive:
- **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. All classes are \$2. For more information, call 382-1662.

## T'AI CHI CHIH AT MOUNTAINVIEW

MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., offers T'ai Chi Chih sessions taught by instructor Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays.

Sessions are taught in the Women's Resource Room, and are free to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members, or

a \$2 donation is requested. For more information, call 505-359-5256 or 312-8320, or email rositaad@aol.com.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Sagecrest Nursing & Rehabilitation Center will host a blood drive from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, May 25, at the center, 2029 Sagecrest Ave.

The blood drive is open to the public and will aid in decreasing the shortage of blood donations. For more information, call 522-7000.

## LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

A low vision support group meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month, except during the summer, at the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., and from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Facilitator is psychologist Cheryl Black. For more information, call 528-3000.

## STROKE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

A stroke survivors support group meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The facilitator is Dolores Hendricks. For more information, call 528-3000.

## YOGA CLASSES AT UU METHODIST

Olivia Solomon is offering yoga classes for all levels from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Thursdays at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. For more information, call Solomon at 522-5350 or email wildyoga@yahoo.com.

## T'AI CHI CHIH

Instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado will teach T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement classes from 10:15 to 11 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Albert Johnson Park, on the corner of Picacho Avenue and Main Street, through June. For more information, call 505-359-5256 and leave a short message or email rositaad@aol.com.

## BOXER RESCUE

The boxer rescue group will hold an adoption for boxers from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at PetSmart, 2200 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call 644-2204.

## TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support Group (TRIO) meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the conference room located on the right side at the entrance to the cafeteria. For more information, call Susan at 496-2627.

## YOGA CLASSES

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place Jewel, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental will benefit Jardín de los Niños. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience. For more information, email Nichols at karen\_f\_n@yahoo.com or leave a message at 882-4943.

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# Advocating, educating and remembering at the AIDS Candlelight Memorial

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The 29th annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial was held Sunday, May 20, at the Young Park Pavilion, 1905 E. Nevada Ave.

The memorial is committed to ending HIV by raising awareness and advocating for the advancement of effective policies at all levels, and was observed in more than 100 countries and 1,000 communities around the world.

Key issue areas for the Candlelight Advocacy Platform are ensuring access to treatment; prevention and care; reducing stigma and

discrimination; and increasing resources for HIV, malaria, tuberculosis and other related issues

Participants included representatives from the offices of U.S. Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall, Las Cruces City Council, Region 5 Department of Health and local HIV physicians. There were performances by Mark Courtney, Lauren Michaels, the New World Drummers, Kelly Williams and the GLBTQ Center youth.

For more information, call International AIDS Empowerment at 647-4060.

Rev. Linda Mervine leads the procession starting at the bridge over the pond at Young Park, while the New World Drummers beat their drums in honor of those who have been and are currently affected by AIDS.



Attorney Marci Beyer kneels beside City Councilor Olga Pedroza during the early hours of the memorial service.



Xochitl Torres Small, field representative for U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, speaks at the memorial event.



Mervine, pastor of First Christian Church, helps light 9-year-old Jennifer Tankesly's candle before the candlelight vigil was held.

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# Girl time with a skin care product party

## Invite friends to test out new products

By **Lorena Sanchez**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

As an independent distributor for Shaklee products, Kari Hinojosa travels from place to place showing the Enfuselle skin care products.

Because the business is mobile, Hinojosa can be invited to someone's home to demonstrate the products.

"It's anti-aging skincare product line," Hinojosa said. "I go to people's homes to make it convenient for them."

Once at their home Hinojosa sets up a table with the products, serves champagne and sets out a bowl filled with chocolates.

"Everyone can try on the products in a fun, relaxed environment," Hinojosa said.

Friends are invited to join in the fun and try products that claim to cleanse, neutralize and repair the skin. Products are available to try for different skin types and to treat problems such as acne and dry skin. Lotions, shower gels, moisturizers, face masques, hair products, lip treatments, hair care products

and more are available for purchase. The products can also be used by men.

Sasha Lujan had the opportunity to try the products and said she enjoyed the presentation and really liked the silky texture of the C & E Repair P.M. cream.

"I think it's a fun experience, especially if you need a little girl time," Lujan said. "I would have to see how the products work in the long term, even though my skin has felt softer."

Hinojosa has been selling Shaklee products for a year and has attended events such as Girl's Night Out, which benefits La Casa and other organizations, to show off the skincare line, nutrition, weight loss and home cleaning products offered by Shaklee.

This month only, a member fee will be waived for customers. There is a one-time lifetime membership fee of \$19.95 for customers.

For anyone interested in purchasing a product from the line and having the proceeds go towards supporting La Casa, or for more information on a free presentation, call Hinojosa at 525-1384 or visit <http://healthyout.myshaklee.com>.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

Enfuselle skin care products are neatly laid out along with chocolate and champagne to help set a comfortable, relaxing and intimate atmosphere for guests interested in trying the products in the comfort of their own home.

## Local heroes celebrated for their service

### Applications due July 25

By **Lorena Sanchez**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Red Cross is accepting nominations for the 2012 Real Heroes Award recipients who will be recognized at the Mayor's Real Heroes Awards this fall.

"The awards are to honor ordinary people doing extraordinary things," said Rebecca Sellars, development coordinator for the Red Cross of Southwestern New Mexico.

People in the community are asked to nominate individuals in the categories of adult and youth good Samaritans, pet hero, emergency medical, firefighter, law enforcement, military and workplace safety personnel.

Individuals must live and work in the seven counties that make up the southwestern region the Red Cross covers, which includes Doña Ana, Grant, Luna, Catron, Otero, Hidalgo and Sierra.

Anyone interested in nominating a friend, family or community member must fill out a nomination form available at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or call Sellars at 639-2650.

The application deadline is Wednesday, July 25.

"It's a way to give recognition to people who are everyday heroes that might go unnoticed," Sellars said. "It's a way to thank our sponsors and raise money for the local Red Cross chapter."

Once the nomination form is fill out, email it to Sellars at [rebecca.sellars@redcross.org](mailto:rebecca.sellars@redcross.org), fax it to 524-4271 or mail it in to the American Red Cross, Southwestern New Mexico, 1301 E. Griggs Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88001.

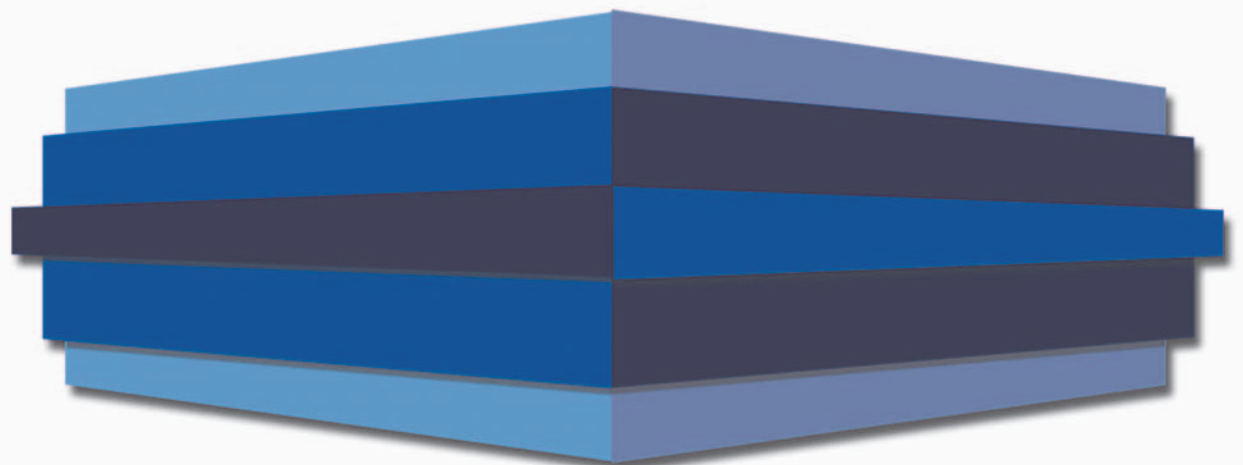
## Unleash your dog to celebrate



Watson and Dexter fight over a Frisbee during the third anniversary of Las Cruces' leash-free dog park Saturday, May 19, at the park on Hadley Avenue and Hermosa Street behind Meerscheidt Recreation Center. Watson and his owner, Jocelyn McClure, come to the dog park almost every day, and always plays Frisbee with Watson when they have the chance. Caitlyn Ozuna also enjoys a late afternoon Frisbee toss with Dexter. The event included an early morning dog walk, obedience contest, a 50/50 raffle, refreshments, treats from PetSmart and more.

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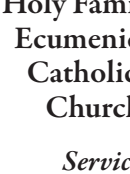


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# Drink Coffee, Do Good

## Ministry supports micro-industry abroad

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Drink Coffee, Do Good – this is the message St. Patrick's Anglican Church is trying to get out to Las Cruces.

Last summer, the church joined others throughout the United States in participating in the Drink Coffee, Do Good ministry established by Land of a Thousand Hills Coffee Co. in 2011.

"1994 saw the world's worst example of genocide in Rwanda," said Pastor Jake Worley of St. Patrick's Anglican Church. "In three months, around one million people were killed."

After the devastation was over, clergymen in the Anglican community wanted to help the country get on its feet, reconcile and find forgiveness. They did this through micro-industry, Worley said.

"Families started to work together to grow coffee and rebuild their community," he said.

Through the ministry, Land of a Thousand Hills sells the coffee through various churches with a majority of the proceeds going to the growers, Worley said.

"We don't make any money, we just sell it," he said. "I personally think it's better (coffee) than the leading brand."

Worley said buying one bag of coffee at \$12 once a month throughout the year is enough to support a farmer, and as the country still works to rebuild, every bag counts.

"They're still reeling from this, but they're healing," he said. "We've seen reconciliation in the area. What were once known as 'killing fields' are now 'healing fields.'"

After seeing such success in Rwanda, the ministry had ventured to other areas in need, including Haiti and Thailand.

"The reason we are do this is because of who we are in Christ," Worley said.

Since joining the coffee-selling ministry almost a year ago, the church has seen a great response amongst its small congregation with

word slowly spreading throughout the community, Worley said.

"(Sales have been) mostly in our own congregation," he said. "We have sold a large amount to a family in Alamogordo."

Worley said the coffee ministry is just one of the ways St. Patrick's Anglican Church, established in 2007, is giving back.

"Our families step up when they see a need in the community," he said.

Worley said for the last two months one family has worked to create "Showers of Grace," which provides women in crisis pregnancies with baby showers.

"They don't have people to give them a baby shower, so we're going to do it," he said, adding that this is being spearheaded by a 17-year-old and 14-year-old congregation members. "Other churches already have said they want to help."

Still in the process of getting the ministry together, items are currently being collected for the Showers of Grace.

Worley said the congregation has also supported the Las Cruces Public Schools' Crossroads Program, most recently providing its graduates with congratulatory baskets.

"When a need arises, we meet it," he said, showing off the many completed items on the church's prayer board. "We feel God pulls people into our community – people we need to minister to and people we minister through."

For more information about Land of a Thousand Hills Coffee Co., visit [www.landofathousandhills.com](http://www.landofathousandhills.com).



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler  
**St. Patrick's Anglican Church administrative assistant Shelbi Baldillez, son Greyson, 2, and Pastor Jake Worley proudly show off Land of a Thousand Hills Coffee, for sale at the church, 151 S. Solano Drive.**



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5. Place the ground coffee into the brew basket and start brewing. The hot coffee will begin to melt the ice on contact.
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Church on the Rock, 1405 S. Solano Drive, invites children in pre-school to sixth grade to "SKY Vacation Bible School" from 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 10-14. It will include music, games, Bible theater, snacks and the latest edition of the Imagination Science Station. For more information, contact 527-2687 or [cwinrich@lcpss.k12.nm.us](mailto:cwinrich@lcpss.k12.nm.us) or visit [www.cotrlc.com](http://www.cotrlc.com).

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**ECKANKAR EVENT**  
Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free event from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 23, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The theme will be "Our Spiritual Wake-Up Calls."

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# Pups indulge in a day out at Dog Daze

Photos by Nicolas Bañales



Rainbow gets bathed by Sandy Chavez and Laurie Gomez, volunteers at Dog Daze Sunday, May 20, at the Alameda House.



Zac Egan from Better Life Pet Foods clips Pancho's nails. Nail clipping was just one of the many services offered for dogs at the event, including a shampoo, cut, free treats and more.

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Joshua Aragon, 8, threw a Frisbee for Dolly to catch. The open space provided by the Alameda House allowed families and their pets to enjoy the outdoors and socialize with other dog owners, while enjoying the music and refreshments.



Four-year-old boxer Georgie weaved through pipes during the live dog demonstration provided by Kim Fuqua from Las Cruces Dog Sports.



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# Featured home: 3374 Calle Rancho Caballo

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Detailed tile work surrounds a jetted bathtub.



The home at 3374 Calle Rancho Caballo was built in 2008 by Hacienda Builders.



The kitchen was designed to accommodate large events.



A built-in shelving and entertainment center is the focal point of the family room.



The property includes 1,000 square feet of patio space as well as a staircase to enjoy the view from the roof.



Cantera stone covers the fireplace in the family room.

# Building in 'paradise'

## Budding area features exquisite home

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

With the addition of Red Hawk Golf Course, Sonoma Ranch Boulevard beyond U.S. Highway 70 has received much attention lately.

Before Red Hawk plans were ever announced, however, Rudy and Dora Samaniego made the up-and-coming area their home.

"We had come out here and I said, 'Oh my God, this is a little paradise out here,'" Rudy Samaniego said.

The couple purchased the 1-acre lot at 3374 Calle Rancho Caballo in 2007. Located on a dirt road, only one home existed in the neighborhood at that time, Rudy Samaniego said.

"We could come out here and visit and talk about what we were going to do and what the home was going to look like," he said.

"(Rudy) had such vision, he could picture what it was going to look like," Dora Samaniego said.

Hiring Hacienda Builders, the couple saw their vision come to life, and in 2008, they were able to move into their almost 3,000-square-foot, Mediterranean style abode.

"This was the second home we had built, so by the time the slab was poured, we had started looking at tile and paint," Rudy Samaniego said. "We knew what we wanted when the time came."

This attention to detail begins at the wrought iron gate that leads to the front courtyard. Architectural elements, such as columns and build-outs, were used to give the façade more depth, creating a grand entrance.

Through the front door, the foyer welcomes guests and features a 15-foot-tall ceiling with a unique tray design, tile floors and two-tone, hand-trowel walls. At the center of the foyer is a mosaic medallion, created from the various pieces of tile and granite used throughout the home.

"We wanted a tall entry way," Rudy Samaniego said. "We wanted that grand foyer when you come into the house."

Beside the entrance is an office, which the family uses as a TV room. Because the interior walls were insulated for soundproofing, occupants don't have to worry about disturbing others in the house.

Wood laminate flooring was used in the office, which has a 14-foot ceiling with a 6-inch tray – a deeper tray than was used in the other rooms.

Outside of the office is a hallway that leads to the master suite. Along this hallway and in the suite are several ornately decorated nichos.

"Our tile guy was great. He started with one tile nicho and ended up tiling all three," said Rudy Samaniego, adding that each nicho has a slightly different pattern, but closely resembles the medallion in the foyer.

The master bedroom was designed to meet the Samaniegos' needs and includes features such as reading lights and a window overlooking the backyard with a view of the Organ Mountains. It also includes his-and-hers walk-in closets.

The master bathroom is brightly illuminated by a large skylight. The light bounces around the room, highlighting the granite countertops that surround the two sinks and

vanity and the ornately tiled jetted bathtub.

Tweaking elements as they went along, Rudy Samaniego said they got rid of the glass door enclosing the shower, instead leaving it open. Because of the design, which includes two showerheads, it doesn't get drafty, he said.

The center of the home features the couple's family room. Dora Samaniego said she wanted a space that was comfortable to be in.

"I didn't want a living room, I wanted a family room," she said.

In the corner of the area, which includes several built-in elements and windows, is a fireplace. Rudy Samaniego said cantera stone from Mexico was imported to adorn the feature.

Near the family room is the dining room. Rather than setting the area down a long hallway, the couple used columns to give it privacy and separation while allowing it to remain open to the rest of the house.

"We didn't want any wasted space," Dora Samaniego said. "Everything is out and the home feels very open."

The kitchen also is located in this area.

"Dora wanted this big kitchen with a breakfast nook," Rudy Samaniego said.

The couple used two types of granite countertops – black with large flecks and a speckled cream – to not overwhelm the space. The couple also focused on the little things, such as adding trim to the pantry door and including a pull-out spice rack next to the stove for easy access.

"Little things like that we learned from building our last house," Rudy Samaniego said.

Two bedrooms, connected by a Jack and Jill bathroom, are located near a powder bathroom and the two-car garage.

"I had to have my big garage," said Rudy Samaniego, adding that he included an oversized 18-foot door on the finished garage. "We put in a lot of built-in shelving. We also put in skylight so you don't need to turn the lights on."

While the home sits on 1 acre, the couple chose to transform only a portion of it into the backyard.

"We wanted a nice yard that was easy to take care of," Rudy Samaniego said.

The backyard includes grass, trees and many flowering plants planted by Dora Samaniego.

All of this can be enjoyed from the covered patio, which extends 1,000 square feet and features a fireplace with bancos.

"This house is great for cookouts and entertaining," Rudy Samaniego said.

A spiral staircase on the side of the house

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The dining room is easily accessed from the family room, but still feels like its own space.



The home overlooks the growing Sonoma Ranch Boulevard area.

leads to the roof, from which the couple can admire the view of the Organ Mountains and the blossoming neighborhood.

Continuing the personalized details, a door on the patio leads to Dora Samaniego's beauty salon. The one-room space includes a half bathroom as well as a door to the driveway, allowing visitors to enter the salon without having to go through the house.

This space can be transformed to meet any needs, the couple said, whether it be a hobby room, workshop or an apartment.

# Is your house filling up?

Safety is a top priority when a parent moves in



**Maureen Villmer**  
Practical Design

Last time, we talked about adult children moving back home and their needs. This week, we go to the other end of the spectrum and talk about what might be needed if your parents come to live with you.

I've already been there and done that. When we moved to Las Cruces 10 years ago, we brought my mother with us. Making the decision to bring her with us as we moved across the country was relatively easy. She was the only living relative left in our hometown. Making sure she was safe and comfortable, however, was a life-style change.

Here are some things we found that made living with an older parent successful.

First, there will be things that never occurred to you that can present serious danger to an older parent. Safety will probably be a new topic for you and your aging parent. You think nothing of baby proofing your home for children, now it's time to make sure your aging parent is safe in your home, too.

Open up all of your walkways. Make sure the walkways in your home remain clear of furniture, cords and rugs. If you have so much furniture that it is difficult to walk safely, remove some of it.

Take a critical look at the bedroom. We had a beautiful antique bed but, after a while, it was too tall for mom to get in and out of, so we lowered it. Ultimately, we put the mattress and box springs on the floor so she couldn't fall out when getting up at night.

If you have area rugs, pick them up and take them away so tripping is not an issue. You may want to look into adding handrails to prevent falling or a mat on the floor near the bed to minimize injuries in case a fall happens.

Bathrooms are often accidents just waiting to happen, where older people are concerned. Consider installing handrails, a raised toilet, a plastic shower stool (if there is no bathtub), a hand-held showerhead and slip mats. It's also important to lock or empty a medicine cabinet and remove any other medications lying around.

No kitchen is the same, so it's important to look around your kitchen and be very critical to assess what may pose a risk to your loved ones. A throw rug at your sink may no longer be a decorative addition, but a falling risk. The water heater may need to be reset to prevent burns on older, more delicate skin.

Senior safety is a new conversation you will need to have with your parents. We all assume the responsibility to protect ourselves in adulthood. As our parents age, however, there are new frailties and risks. Talking about the new concerns is the first step to help prevent accidents and harm to your loved ones.

Increasing the lighting in the home may be the best investment you ever made. As our parents age, their sight dims and we need to increase not only the quantity but also the quality of lighting. Their depth perception may also change and increased lighting will help.

When we first moved here, we had a split floor plan; our master was on one side of the house and the other bedrooms on the other side of the house. That made having an



Before your aging parent moves in, take a critical look at your surroundings for potential safety hazards, such as rugs or excessive furniture that can cause falls.

intercom or some sort of listening device very valuable at night. We also had our beloved Schnauzer who would run to our bedroom every time mother would get up because we put the dog in her bedroom. The dog became our senior-alert system.

These are many different ways you can make your home safe and comfortable for the aging parent or relative you are caring for. Different families may have different needs and, as they grow older, the needs for each family will change again.

You can also perform online searches on

"senior safety" to find out what other caregivers have done, and to keep up with what is available in devices and electronics to make your home safer.

Taking these steps can go a long way to ensure that your loved one(s) remain safe and secure at home.

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## Want a tasty garden?

### Add edible plants to your landscape

Window boxes overflowing with blooms, decorative pots lining the driveway with striking colors and even a flowering vine climbing up the mailbox – the growing season has arrived, and it is time to decorate the landscape.

The latest gardening trend is growing your own produce, so incorporate edible plants as a beautiful compliment to the typical annuals and perennials. This year, spice up the landscaping decor with some tasty options.

Edible plants – whether herbs, vegetables, fruits or flowers – add a creative variety of interest to your landscape and also produce a delicious bounty for your dinner table come harvest time.

Here are some ideas to help incorporate edible plants into your landscaping:

- Decorate an arbor in the garden, along a walkway or near the house with grape vines.

These vines can help shade an area and also can produce grapes good for eating, juicing, making into jams or jellies, or even wine. Different grapes thrive in different areas of the country, so research the region first before attempting to start some vines.

- Switch to edible flowers such as nasturtium, violets, chamomile, dandelion, hollyhock, honeysuckle and pansies in your window boxes and decorative pots. Do not eat flowers grown for ornamental purposes, instead, start edible flowers as seeds and grow them yourself. These flowers work well in salads, teas, summery drinks such as sweetened tea, mocktails and lemonade, and also can be crystallized to decorate cakes.

To crystallize flowers, separate the flowers from the stem and wash and dry the bloom. Heat an equal parts water and sugar until the

sugar dissolves and the liquid becomes an amber color. Let the syrup cool. Take flower blooms and quickly dip the pedals into the liquid mixture, turn over so the dry blossom face up. Stronger petals with form and shape work well.

- Mix an herb or two into container gardens. Lavender, rosemary, thyme, oregano and lemon grass are just a few that grow extremely well in containers and mix attractively with other blooming flowers. Not only are the herbs edible, they also emit delicious scents when picked or touched, making a great choice for window boxes or path plantings.
- Pot a tomato plant right in the front or backyard. Tomatoes grow well in full sunlight, and are decorative when the vines drape along a trellis or arbor. Tomatoes also work well as a natural screen along a porch or patio. Also good for use on an arbor or trellis are cucumbers, smaller melons and squash, beans and peas. Inter-plant vines with containers or landscaping, and your

small vegetable garden will get a pop of interest to make it stand out – and provide a great harvest for your family.

- Create a hedge with berries. Try blueberries, blackberries, raspberries and even gooseberries to make a unique hedge along the edge of your property. Just remember, your family will not be the only samplers of the fruits. Consider covering the hedge with netting to help keep birds from stealing all the berries.

As you are planning new edible gardens, stock up on all the materials needed to give these plants great growing power. Be sure to use a high-quality potting mix when planting container gardens.

Combining beautiful landscaping with delicious foods to serve at dinner is sure to create many compliments – both from visitors enjoying the front and backyard views, and from dinner guests enjoying the produce harvest. Follow these tips and this year your garden will look good enough to eat.

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# Protecting earthen construction

## Earthbuilders' Guild reaches beyond New Mexico's border

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

With a rich architectural history, New Mexico not surprisingly is the only state to have earthen construction codes.

It also might not come as a surprise that New Mexico is home to The Earthbuilders' Guild, a group of individuals dedicated to the betterment and advancement of earthen construction, such as adobe, rammed earth and compressed earth block.

The Earthbuilders' Guild was originally formed in 1994 by a group that included Joe Tibbets of the Southwest Solaradobe School and Quenten Wilson of Northern New Mexico College.

"Joe was influential in maintaining the industry over the years," said Sean Kaltenbach of New Mexico Earth Works in Santa Fe, the current chairperson of the guild.

The main purpose of the guild was to oversee building codes related to earthen construction, to ensure the industry had the support it needed to prosper.

"At the time, they did some great things," Kaltenbach said. "But as the market changed, they weren't able to keep the momentum going."

"Over the last 30 to 40 years, the idea has been to get a home up fast in the least time as possible," said Pat Bellestri-Martinez of Soledad Canyon Earth Builders, a guild board member. "But we should be building structures to last. Most people say a home should last 50 years, but we want our homes to last hundreds of years."

While the guild was dormant for several years, many in the earthen construction industry saw the need for such an organization. Banding together, they were able to bring The Earthbuilders' Guild back to life in 2010.

"There has been a reinvigorated interest in earthen construction because it meets our sustainable needs," Kaltenbach said.

"An earthen structure is a whole different type of construction job," Bellestri-Martinez said. "It isn't conventional, that's why Joe focused on earthen codes."

Representing earthen construction builders as well as adobe brick makers – both traditional and compressed earth block – the guild has brought together members of the in-

dustry, educators and politicians to help preserve the building art.

"Conventional construction is the lead practice and the tradition of adobe is diminishing," Kaltenbach said.

The Earthbuilders' Guild 10-person board of directors represents 54 members from not only New Mexico and the United States, but throughout the world, including Italy, Canada and Cypress.

"It's far reaching," said Bellestri-Martinez, adding that one member is an independent researcher of adobe buildings in Tehran, Iran.

“We’re gaining momentum as we work diligently to connect to different entities.”

SEAN KALTENBACH,  
The Earthbuilders' Guild

Since the guild's regrouping, its members have been active, working with the state Construction Industry Division on earthen construction-related codes and other entities, including the Oklahoma University Architecture Department, which is investing in compressed earth blocks.

"We also participated in the Earth USA 2011 Conference, an international earthen construction conference," Kaltenbach said.

"It's incredible, we're linking up to a lot of different entities of like-minded people."

The guild also is participating in the preservation movement, an important part of the earthen construction industry, Kaltenbach said.

In addition to helping Mesilla Valley Preservation Inc., the guild has teamed up with Cornerstone Community Partnerships. A Santa Fe-based nonprofit, Cornerstone Community Partnerships works with communities throughout

New Mexico and the Southwest to preserve historic buildings, teach traditional building skills, support cultural traditions and develop leaders through youth training.

Adobe in Action is another organization The Earthbuilders' Guild is partnering with. Adobe in Action, also based in Santa Fe, conducts various community outreach endeavors and is promoting affordable adobe homes, including working with Habitat for Humanity.

"(Adobe in Action) is the vehicle in which a lot of the educational portion and community outreach is being done," Kaltenbach said.

"We're starting to touch on The Earthbuilders' Guild becoming a resource for the public," Bellestri-Martinez said.

The guild, Adobe in Action and Cornerstone Community Partnership are working together to create a certification program for preservation, thanks to a grant Cornerstone received. The program will certify people who want to work in adobe preservation to ensure they have the proper knowledge, Kaltenbach said.

"These are ways we are protecting our industry," he said.

"We're gaining momentum as we work diligently to connect to the different entities."

The board meets on a monthly basis at various locations around the state, with the most recent meeting held in Las Cruces Saturday, May 19. Along with discussing business, the board had a chance to tour an adobe home built by Kiki and Wayne Suggs with Classic New Mexico Homes as well as enjoy a social at La Posta de Mesilla.

A goal of the guild, Bellestri-Martinez said, is to team with Doña Ana Community College to develop an adobe and earthen construction preservation program.

As the group continues to move forward in its efforts, it's looking to team up with other entities, such as universities around the state.

"We've received some interest from department heads at (New Mexico State University), DACC and (the University of New Mexico)," Kaltenbach said.

Promoting sustainable building practices, creating new jobs and reaching out to the community, The Earthbuilders' Guild is dedicated to proving that "Brown is the new green," Bellestri-Martinez said.

## Details

### The Earthbuilders' Guild

#### Board of Directors

- Sean Kaltenbach, New Mexico Earth Works
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- Gary Wee, Earth & Sun Construction
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The Earthbuilders' Guild board members Sean Kaltenbach, Helen Levine, Gary Wee, Pat Bellestri-Martinez, Mike Sims, Jane Whitmire and Wayne Suggs



Board members viewed a Classic New Mexico Homes creation after its meeting Saturday, May 19.



The home is made of adobe, a form of earthen construction.



The tour showed the traditional building medium still has a place.

# Getting to know: *Ralph Salas*

## Challenge accepted

### Drive inspires builder to take on different roles

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Throughout Ralph Salas' 27-year career in Las Cruces, he has made a mark in commercial building, residential construction and development.

"The last 15 years, I've worn different hats," Ralph Salas said. "What excites me most, though, is custom home building."

Growing up, the Las Cruces native could be found competing in a variety of sports, including football, basketball, baseball and track.

"I was one of those kids always playing sports," he said. "I had that determination."

That drive and determination would carry over to his adult life and help him find success as a Las Cruces homebuilder.

In high school, he worked with his father as a subcontractor part time. Through this, he was able to do everything from concrete and brick work to building rock walls.

He continued doing subcontractor work part time while attending college. Soon, however, his draw to the field grew and he decided to pursue it full time.

"The more I got into construction, the wider my eyes got," he said. "I would work on a

rock wall and say, 'I'm going to build a house someday.' I was always striving toward something bigger."

Building his first home at the age of 19, Salas said during that time interest rates were an astonishing 18 percent.

"During that time, you had to wait to sell a home before you could do something else," he said. "Slowly, things started moving one after another. The second project I did was a four-plex, which I still own."

"We've always been steady," said Leah Salas, Ralph Salas' wife who helps manage the company's rental properties. "A lot of work has come from word of mouth and repeat customers."

Building custom and semi-custom homes, Ralph Salas said he builds each home as if it is his own. He incorporates elements he would like to see, while mixing them with the client's vision, creating an "exciting" product.

"I like the excitement of building," he said, adding that his homes include a

bevy of architectural details to make them visually appealing, not just a square. "I love the challenge."

"Seeing a home go up is my favorite part. It's a big puzzle that's created in front of you."

Ralph Salas said he builds in any style, but

“Seeing a home go up is my favorite part. It’s a big puzzle that’s created in front of you.”

RALPH SALAS,  
builder



Since becoming a builder in 1985, Ralph Salas of Salas Homes has constructed numerous custom and semi-custom residences.

many of his homes reflect a contemporary Southwest design with clean lines and an array of architectural details.

"The floor plans always flow and are functional," Leah Salas said. "They're spacious and have a good feel."

Ralph Salas said he also focuses on homes that capture the scenic surroundings for which many travel to the area.

"We took our time to find good, quality lots," he said, adding that a home with a view will always sell. "We always design to take advantage of the views, whatever views there are."

In addition to custom homes, Ralph Salas also has ventured into the commercial building sector, constructing restaurants and hotels,

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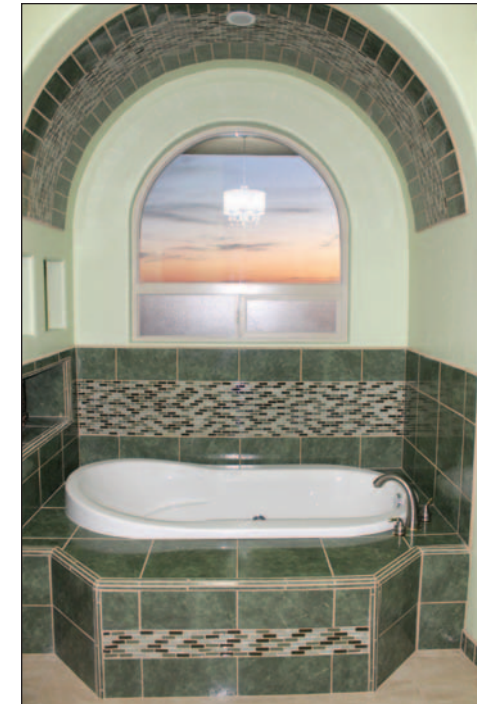


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The home at 6016 Lazo del Norte showcases Salas' attention to detailing, as seen in the build-outs and rock work that surround the windows.



The master bathroom of the Salas creation at 4350 Hunters Chase features a view of the surrounding area. The home was on display during the 2012 Spring Showcase of Homes.

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such as the Si Senor Express and Comfort Inn, as well as a town home subdivision off Del Rey Boulevard and Mercury Lane and a strip center on Foothills Road.

"In 1993, I did my first larger complex on Espina Street," he said, adding that he began the 21-unit apartment in May with an August deadline. "I worked seven days a week non-stop to finish so the students could move in on time."

Many of the projects Ralph Salas has accomplished wouldn't have happened if he hadn't remained open minded, he said.

"You have to be more competitive in this market with your pricing and what you're willing to give," he said. "Every once in a while, you need to adjust your way of thinking to get more work. You have to be flexible."

Early on, with that first commercial investment property, Ralph Salas said he discovered the importance of setting money aside for that

inevitable rainy day.

"You can't afford not to put it away," he said, adding that before the housing market crashed, many were working off money to come. "You can't live on tomorrow's dollar. You have to live on the money you earned two years ago."

"You have to look at the long run," Leah Salas said.

This lesson, along with many others, was first instilled in Ralph Salas by his parents, Ralph and Elvira, when he was a child.

"We lived on a 3-acre farm and we had pigs," he said, explaining that every time they sold a pig, he and his siblings would receive \$10. "My dad would take us to the bank to put it in savings."

Another fond memory he keeps of his parents is their drive to do well.

"When I was younger, my parents taught us to do things right from the very beginning," he said. "My dad was an Army guy, and he taught me the value of doing things right and the value of a dollar. Both of my parents taught me to be an honest, good person."

"A lot of my success is due to how I was brought up."

"His mom had a lot of faith in him and knew he could do whatever he wanted," Leah said.

The father of four is passing these lessons on to his own children, and while building

keeps him busy, he devotes time to their interests. Along with supporting his eldest children's - Giancarlo and Lauren - swimming aspirations, he also coaches his youngest sons - Austin and Cameron - basketball and football teams.

"They're two-time sixth-grade football champs," he said of the Zia Spartans football team, which competes in the spring league. "Some of these kids don't have a lot of support at home, but for one hour they do. It's a privilege to be able to coach."

Building two to three custom homes a year, Salas said he doesn't want to be a high-volume builder because he enjoys being on site, getting involved and seeing the pieces come together.

"Sometimes you take it for granted, but if you take a step back you realize that you're creating something that is going to be a part of the community," he said. "When I was younger, I would sit down at the end of the day and say, 'Wow, this is cool.'"

Rich colors and intricate tile work are some of the details Salas includes in his homes.





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<b>Homes Sold Existing</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Pending Home Sales (All)</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>195</b>

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
<b>Median Price New</b>	<b>\$157,925</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$179,585</b>
<b>Median Price Existing</b>	<b>\$183,549</b>	<b>\$149,396</b>	<b>\$161,000</b>

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
<b>Total Homes on Market (All)</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>1,136</b>
<b>Real Estate Agents</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>405</b>

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

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# Add luster, shine to your everyday life

Hair conditioner can be used outside of the shower

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Ever since ancient Egypt, people have used a mixture of essential oils to give their hair luster, shine and protection.

Modern-day hair conditioner is very beneficial. Not only does it cleanse and add moisture to your locks, it also texturizes, adds shine and protects. It does all of this through its essential ingredients, which include acidifiers, detanglers, humectants, thermal protectors and oils.

There are several different types of hair conditioner. Pack conditioner is a thick, heavy product with a high content of surfactants, which bind to the hair structure. Leave-in conditioners are thinner and have different surfactants. Ordinary hair conditioner has elements of pack and leave-in varieties.

No matter the type you prefer, it probably is an important part of your daily routine. It doesn't have to be limited to your shower, however. Hair conditioner has several other uses around the house.

**1. Replace your makeup remover:** Every woman should know about the importance of removing makeup before going to bed – after all, leaving it on can clog your pores and damage your skin. Rather than having to buy yet another product for your beauty regime, turn to one you already have on hand. Hair conditioner can be used to wash off your makeup with ease. Simply slather it on a cotton ball, whip it across your face and rinse.

**2. Remove that ring:** As a little girl, I would

often sneak into my mom's jewelry box and try on the bevy of treasures it held. I still do this from time to time, but unfortunately, my fingers aren't as slim as they once were. If you ever run into this problem, don't panic. That stuck ring can be removed smoothly with a bit of hair conditioner rubbed around your knuckles.

**3. Get that zipper moving:** Pesky zippers – if they're not getting caught on adjacent fabric, they're not moving at all. Don't let that stuck zipper frustrate you – get it working again with hair conditioner. A small dab is all you need to lubricate the zipper's teeth.

**4. Soothe irritated legs:** When a razor becomes dull, it can pull the hair, rather than slicing through it. This and other factors could result in a painful case of razor burn. If your skin feels rough or irritated after shaving, rub hair conditioner over it. It will act as lotion and relieve the discomfort.

**5. Stop rust from forming:** What does it matter to have a tool shed full of tools if they're all covered in rust? Keep your tools in tiptop shape with the help of hair conditioner. Polish them with the hair-care goop every so often. This will help prevent rust from forming on the metal.

**6. Care for your silk items:** Don't let the dreaded "dry clean only" label deter you from buying that silk shirt you've had your eye on. Instead of sending it off to the cleaner, save yourself some dough by washing it at home with hair conditioner. Fill your sink with water – warm for whites and cold for colors. Add a tablespoon of hair conditioner and submerge the shirt in the concoction. After letting it sit



*Around-the-house item:  
Hair conditioner*

for a few minutes, rinse it out and hang it to dry. The hair conditioner will clean your garment and keep its smooth feeling intact.

**7. Soften rough cuticles:** Dry cuticles are an annoying problem that easily can be fixed with a little TLC (tender, loving care). Simply rub a bit of hair conditioner onto your cuticles from time to time. This will help soften them, thank to the nourishing ingredients found in the creamy substance.

**8. Get painless Band-Aid removal:** Ripping a Band-Aid off can be a traumatic experience, no matter your age. Make the process less painful by covering the area of skin surrounding the Band-Aid with hair conditioner. This will help loosen the adhesive clinging to your skin.

**9. Save that shrunken sweater:** Accidentally washing your brand new sweater in hot water

could yield disastrous results, such as shrinkage. Don't let this be the end of your sweater enjoyment, save it with hair conditioner. Dissolve a tablespoon or more of the conditioner in a sink of water. Let the sweater soak in the solution for a few minutes. When you're done, take it out and lay it flat to dry. The conditioner will soften the fabric enough that it can be gently stretched to its original size.

**10. Soften paint and makeup brushes:** If your paint brushes or makeup applicators have become too stiff to properly get the job done, give them some much needed softness through hair conditioner. Rinse the brushes clean and rub the conditioner into the bristles. Let them sit for 15 minutes and rinse them thoroughly. The bristles will be smooth and sleek, great for precision work.

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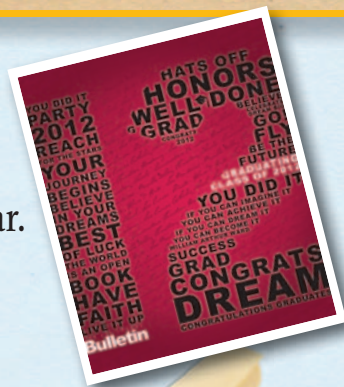
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### Avocado Deep Conditioner

Avocado is a great ingredient for a homemade deep conditioner and can be used for quick softening and moisturizing.

**1/2 ripe avocado, mashed**  
**1/2 teaspoon olive oil**  
**3 drops lavender or rosemary essential oil**

Combine ingredients and apply to hair, focusing on the ends. Leave it on for at least 10 minutes and then rinse. (Recipe adapted from [www.wisebread.com](http://www.wisebread.com).)

### Ginger Dandruff Treatment

Ginger can increase scalp circulation, which stimulates the hair follicles and encourages growth. Also, it has antiseptic properties that can get rid of dandruff.

**Ginger root**  
**1 teaspoon organic sesame oil**  
**1 teaspoon lemon juice**

Squeeze ginger root through a press for one tablespoon of juice. Mix all of the ingredients together and apply to scalp. Let it dry before shampooing. Repeat three times a week. (Recipe adapted from [www.longlocks.com](http://www.longlocks.com).)

### Jojoba Hot Oil Hair Treatment

Jojoba oil contains antioxidant properties that help protect hair follicles from damage as well as add luster and fight dandruff.

**2 teaspoon jojoba oil**  
**1 teaspoon organic soybean oil or organic sunflower oil**

Combine ingredients then warm gently on low heat. Test temperature on inside of forearm. Massage mixture into hair. Wrap hair in a hot towel or cover with shower cap or plastic wrap for 15 minutes. Shampoo and rinse out. Recipe may be doubled for very long hair. (Recipe adapted from [www.longlocks.com](http://www.longlocks.com).)

# Spritz your citrus

## Stem sprays juice directly from the fruit

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Summertime calls for lounging by the pool and enjoying refreshing beverages and meals full of refreshing citrus flavor.

Not only is citrus just the tart, light taste your palate craves in the heat, there are also several nutritional benefits.

Oranges, for example, are high in vitamin C, which provide antioxidant protection against cancer-causing free radicals and helps boost immune system function. Also, oranges help fight against inflammatory conditions, such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and asthma.

Grapefruit, a subtropical citrus tree fruit, is also an excellent source of vitamin C. The fruit also is rich in lycopene, a carotenoid phytonutrient that has anti-tumor qualities and has been shown to help reduce the risk of prostate cancer.

Lemons are a natural diuretic and can help reduce swelling, inflammation and edema. When mixed with hot water, lemon juice can relieve an upset stomach or heartburn. The oils of the lemon are also beneficial for astringent, detoxifying, antiseptic, antifungal and calming properties.

Limes contain a dietary fiber that lowers the risk of digestive complications as well as total blood cholesterol levels. Limes contain vitamin K, which is essential to healthy blood clotting.

These are just a few of the many benefits of consuming citrus in your daily meals.

If you want to increase your citrus intake, there are countless dishes and drink options you can turn to. There are even a few gadgets out there to make it simpler, such as the Stem.

### What is it?

Touting the motto "Tab for flavor," the Stem is the perfect way to get the taste of fresh lemon, or other citrus, without any sort of mess.

Invented by Timothy Houle and manufac-

tured by Quirky, the Stem allows users to spray the juice of any citrus directly from the fruit.

Eliminating the need to cut and squeeze the fruit you want to cook with, the Stem is a sprayer inserted into the top of the citrus. The easy-to-push pump creates a seal around the fruit, stopping any juice from squirting out and onto your fingers.

Not only is the Stem an easy and mess-free way to get a spritz of fresh citrus, it also eliminates seeds falling into your dish and uneven flavoring. Plus, it's a fun gadget to show off to friends and family.

### How does it work?

The taste of orange, lemon, lime and tangerine has never been simpler to obtain.

Simply insert the plastic sprayer into one of the ends of fruit. Serrated teeth around the green end allow it to go in with little force.

When it's inserted, begin pressing down on the pump. The juice will be sprayed easily and distribute evenly.

When using the Stem, be sure to knead or pinch the fruit every 10 to 15 squirts or so. This will help keep the juices moving without making multiple puncture holes, which isn't recommended.

The Stem can be stored inside the piece of citrus for a short time. When the fruit has been drained, remove the gadget and wash it by hand in hot, soapy water.

Measuring less than 4 inches in length, the Stem can be stored in a drawer until it is needed again.

### Where can it be found?

The Stem can be found around town at stores such as Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond, as well as online at [www.quirky.com](http://www.quirky.com).

### How much does it cost?

The Stem costs about \$5.



## Featured kitchen gadget: Stem

### Fish Tacos

- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 package taco seasoning mix, divided
- 1 pound cod or white fish fillet, cut into 1 inch pieces (about 4)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 (12 count) package taco shells, warmed or 1 (12 count) package flour tortillas

**Toppings:**  
Shredded cabbage  
Chopped tomato

### Lime juice Taco sauce

Combine sour cream, mayonnaise, cilantro and 2 tablespoons seasoning mix in small bowl.

Combine fish, vegetable oil, lemon juice and remaining seasoning mix in medium bowl; pour into large skillet.

Cook, stirring constantly, over medium-high heat for 4 to 5 minutes or until cod flakes easily when tested with a fork.

Fill taco shells with fish mixture. Top with toppings, using the Stem to spritz the lime juice. (Recipe adapted from <http://allrecipes.com>.)

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## Summer Salad with Blue Cheese Dressing

### Dressing:

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 1/2 cup green onions (including green tops), thinly sliced  
 1/4 cup Salemville Amish Blue or Salemville Smokehaus Blue cheese, crumbled  
 1/2 clove garlic, pressed  
 1/4 teaspoon basil  
 1/4 teaspoon rosemary, crushed  
 Dash salt, to taste

### Salad:

1 large head iceberg lettuce  
 6 slices thick-cut bacon  
 1 cup Salemville Amish Blue or Salemville Smokehaus Blue cheese, crumbled  
 Black pepper, to taste  
 Chopped pears, walnuts, red onion and/or tomatoes, to taste

In small bowl, stir together yogurt and milk. Mix in onions, cheese, garlic, herbs and salt. Cover and chill 30 minutes or more to blend flavors.

Cook bacon until crisp and crumble into large pieces. Cut lettuce into four to six wedges. Pour blue cheese dressing over the top. Sprinkle bacon over dressing. Add additional crumbled cheese, freshly ground black pepper, chopped pears, walnuts, red onion and/or tomatoes, if desired. Makes 4 servings.



# Celebrate with food

Set the scene, and the table, for a summer party

Simply put, summer is entertaining season. Patio parties come together at the last minute and long-planned events fill up the calendar months in advance.

No matter whether you're having an impromptu gathering or an invitation-only celebration, focusing on the flavors and sensory delights of summer will make your party a success, without demanding too much of your time.

The heart of any party is the food and drinks you serve. Summer offers hosts an array of delicious options unlike any other season – when else can you find as much variety and such good quality, often right from the farm?

Let that spirit of simplicity guide your approach to putting together a meal, and you'll find that easy-to-prepare recipes can be real crowd-pleasers.

With a trip to the farmers market and a stop at the grocery store, you can get inspiration, as well as all the ingredients you'll need. As you shop, consider what's in season, and when buying things that are available all year, such as cheese and meats, look for sustainable options that focus on quality, sustainability and letting natural, unadorned flavors shine through.

Grass-fed beef steaks and handcrafted Salemville Amish blue cheeses are two simple ingredients that, when combined, make a show-stopping centerpiece. Add grilled vegetables adorned with herbs and a seasonal salad with a creamy dressing for a perfectly balanced plate that's easy to put together and focuses on

what's in season.

For drinks and desserts, turn your attention to fruits that are ripening at the moment, which provide maximum flavor with minimum effort. Lemonade with mint and blueberries is a refreshing thirst-quencher for the height of summer, and grilled peaches make a great stand-alone dessert.

While it's hard to predict the weather for a pre-planned party, for spur-of-the-moment gatherings, make the most of the weather by choosing a scenic location. Your yard can be the perfect backdrop, but you can also pack up the ingredients and head to a local park and enjoy the natural setting as well as a glowing sunset.

To keep your home's outdoor spaces party-ready, don't underestimate the power of container gardening. Pots overflowing with bright flowers and fun foliage soften the space and make it feel naturally festive without having to decorate.

Use pots of different heights for a staggered effect and a variety of plants, but keep in mind that establishing a theme, whether it's chartreuse and pink or emerald green and orange, can make the look more cohesive.

Enjoying summer is as easy as stepping outside and setting your table with the fresh foods of the season. Try these recipes for your salad and steak courses and you'll be preparing fuss-free dishes that perfectly capture the essence of good entertaining.

For more recipes and grilling tips, visit [www.salemville.com](http://www.salemville.com).

## Steak with Gorgonzola Thyme Crust

2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce  
 2 beef tenderloin or small rib eye steaks (about 6 ounces each), cut 3/4-inch thick  
 1 large or 2 small cloves garlic, minced  
 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, chopped, or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme  
 1/2 cup Salemville Amish Gorgonzola cheese, crumbled

Preheat grill. Spoon Worcestershire sauce over both sides of the steaks and let stand five minutes. Sprinkle garlic and pepper over steaks.

Place steaks on the grill. Grill 3 to 4 inches from heat source three to four minutes per side for medium rare steak.

Remove steaks. Sprinkle thyme, then cheese over steaks. Return to the grill, cheese side up, and grill two minutes, or until the cheese is melted.



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# ChileKnights

## Have a peachy Memorial Day

Sweet fruit mixed with spice great for summer

**Sunny Conley**  
Chile Knights



There are plenty of things to do in our enchanting region for Memorial Day weekend: camping, boating, swimming, going to the movies, wine fests and more.

Memorial Day also characteristically ushers in summer vacation season that's chock full with opportunities to go on picnics and to host "grill outs." Burgers, hot dogs, steaks and ribs come to mind.

Favorite accompaniments of mine include recipes that call for sweet and juicy peaches – everything from smoothies to chilled soup to salsas to cobblers, all of which are fired up and made sassy with smidgeons of chile pepper flavor. Peaches paired with peppers. Yummy!

### Spicy Chilled Peach Soup

2 1/2 pounds (3 to 5 cups) peaches, peeled and coarsely chopped  
1 (16-ounce) container regular vanilla low-fat yogurt  
2 cups orange juice  
3 tablespoons lime juice  
1/4 cup honey  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Blend or process the peaches until smooth. Blend in yogurt and remaining ingredients. Cover and refrigerate at least two hours. Suggested garnishes: fresh mint sprigs and/or fresh peach slices. Makes 4 servings.

### Peachy Good Smoothie

4 ripe small bananas, skinned and frozen  
1 cup peaches, frozen  
2 to 3 ice cubes  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla  
Dash cinnamon, nutmeg and New Mexico red chile powder

Gently blend and pulverize frozen bananas and peaches and ice in a food processor for about 30 seconds. Blend in spices and serve. Makes 6 1-cup servings.

### Sautéed Peaches

2 tablespoons butter  
3 large, ripe yellow-flesh peaches, sliced  
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice  
1 tablespoon brown sugar  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon habanero powder  
1 tablespoon brandy or other favorite liqueur, optional

In a skillet, melt butter then add the sliced peaches. Sauté the peaches over medium heat until they're heated through but not overcooked. Natural juices will form in the cooking process. Add lemon juice, brown sugar, cinnamon, habanero powder and brandy, if desired, lightly tossing until flavorings are well blended. Serve over pork or chicken. Makes 3 to 4 servings.

### Peach Habanero Chile Sauce

2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons olive oil



1 cup onion, finely chopped  
3 garlic cloves, finely chopped  
1 shallot, finely chopped  
1 habanero chile, finely chopped  
2 peaches, peeled and chopped  
1/2 cup white wine  
1 (8-ounce) bottle clam juice  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
1/2 cup water

Melt butter with oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and sauté 3 minutes or until onion is tender. Add garlic and shallot, and cook 1 minute. Add habanero chile; cook 1 minute. Stir in peaches, and cook 3 minutes. Add wine; cook 3 minutes. Stir in clam juice, and cook 2 more minutes.

Process peach mixture in a food processor or blender until chunky, stopping to scrape down sides; stir in salt and pepper.

Place peach mixture in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Stir together cornstarch and water, and stir cornstarch mixture into peach mixture. Bring to a boil; boil 1 minute or until thickened, stirring constantly. Serve over favorite baked or grilled fish. Makes 3 cups. (Recipe adapted from Coastal Living, October 2005)

### Sweet Peach Smoothie Pie

1 (3-ounce) package peach Jell-O  
2/3 cups boiling water  
1 cup vanilla ice cream  
1 cup diced peaches, drained, canned or fresh  
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
12 ounces Cool Whip  
1 baked pie shell, 9-inch regular crust or graham cracker

Add ingredients in order. Mix together thoroughly. Reserve 2 tablespoons of Cool Whip for garnish. Garnish with peach slices and Cool Whip. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

### Peach Perfect Serrano Salsa

2 mangos, peeled, seeded and chopped  
2 small peaches, halved, pitted and cut into 1/2-inch dice  
4 tomatoes, chopped  
1 white onion, diced  
1 red bell pepper, diced  
1 yellow bell pepper, diced  
1 or 2 serrano peppers, stemmed, seeded and chopped  
1 cup fresh pineapple, diced

1 cup fresh cilantro, chopped  
1 clove garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons lime juice  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons white sugar, or to taste  
3/4 cup water

Place the mangos, peaches, tomato, onion, red pepper, yellow pepper, serrano peppers, pineapple and cilantro in a mixing bowl. Stir in the garlic, lime juice, salt, sugar and water. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving. This is a favorite topping of mine for pork tenderloin. Makes about 3 cups.

**Peach Perfect Serrano Pepper Salsa** spooned over pork or chicken is simply heavenly.

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### Green Chile and Peach Cobbler

For the topping:  
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
6 tablespoon butter, room temperature  
3/4 cup sugar  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup buttermilk  
1 tablespoon cinnamon sugar

For the filling:  
8 cups peaches, sliced and peeled  
1 Anaheim chile pepper, stemmed, seeded and chopped  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons flour  
Zest of one lemon  
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour, baking powder and baking soda. In another large bowl, combine butter and sugar. Mix with a hand blender (or in a standing mixer) for about 3 minutes. Beat in eggs until thoroughly mixed. Add the dry ingredients in 3 batches, alternating with two batches of buttermilk.

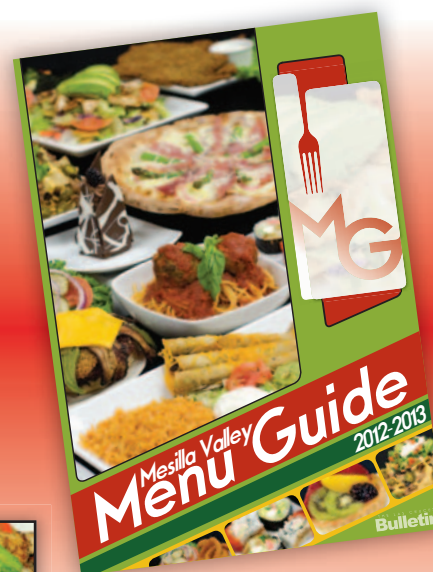
Combine all ingredients for the filling, then spread in a 9-by-13 inch baking dish.

Spoon the topping over the peaches in mounds, leaving space between each one. Liberally sprinkle the topping with the cinnamon sugar. Bake for 40 minutes. Allow to cool for at least 10 minutes before serving.

Sunny Conley, a former Las Cruces, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Conley at sunny.conley@gmail.com.

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# What to do on date night

## A man's guide to high-impact, low-fuss romantic meals

It's time to banish that old stereotype that the only guys who can cook are professional chefs.

Men, even if your culinary expertise starts with boiling water and ends at the microwave, you can serve a dazzling one-pot meal for your significant other, your best buds or just yourself.

"Dining well doesn't have to involve a trip to a restaurant, or even a lot of work at home," said Mike Martini, winemaker at California's Louis M. Martini Winery. "I don't like fussing around in the kitchen after a day in the winery, but nothing beats a special, home-cooked meal to end the day."

According to Martini, it's not too difficult to elevate a simple meal to the level of a gourmet experience. Ambiance, a well-set table, a good one-pot recipe and the right wine are all it takes.

Martini offers a few tips:

### Set the mood

Hosting a football party is a far cry from an intimate dinner for two. If it's game day, dust off the sports paraphernalia, find some casual serving dishes in team colors, and you're off and running. For a romantic occasion, however, develop a sophisticated ambiance with music, lighting and decor.

Start with an attractive table top. A tablecloth adds a touch of refinement while protecting furniture and easing post-meal cleanup. Add a floral centerpiece to do double duty as a decoration and as a gift for her. Light some candles

to enhance the mood.

Finally, follow the rules of proper place settings. Use your good dishes and set them on opposite sides of the table, or side-by-side for greater intimacy. Place knives and spoons to the right of the plate and forks to the left. Turn the sharp side of knives toward the plate, and only include utensils you'll actually be using for the meal.

### Create the perfect pairing

Whatever meal you decide to serve, there's a sophisticated wine to complement the culinary experience. For ideas on what to pour, talk to the wine steward at your local grocer or wine shop. Many stores also suggest recipes to pair with their featured wines.

For a can't-miss meal, go with an easy yet impressive dish, like braised beef short ribs. Simple to prepare and delicious, one-pot short ribs require minimal fuss and cleanup and will leave your guests impressed.

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### Braised Beef Short Ribs

- 1 bay leaf**
- 2 tablespoons coarse sea salt**
- 3 fresh rosemary sprigs**
- 2 tablespoons fresh sage leaves**
- Freshly ground pepper**
- 4 1/2 pounds beef short ribs, well trimmed**
- 1/2 cup corn or grape seed oil**
- 4 cups beef broth, divided**
- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus additional for potatoes**
- 2 cups onion, chopped**
- 1 1/2 cups carrots, finely chopped**
- 1 1/2 cups celery, finely chopped**
- 1/4 cup tomato paste**
- 1 (750-milliliter) bottle bold red wine, such as Cabernet Sauvignon**
- 6 to 8 large, white-skinned potatoes**

Grind together the bay leaf, sea salt, rosemary and sage. Sprinkle ribs with pepper and 3 1/2 teaspoons of the herb-salt mixture.

Heat 1/2 cup oil in heavy large pot over high heat. Working in batches, add beef and brown well, turning occasionally, about eight minutes per batch. Using tongs, transfer beef to large bowl.

Pour off oil from pot. Add 1 cup broth to drippings in pot and bring to boil, scraping up any browned bits. Pour deglazed pan juices into small bowl.

Heat 4 tablespoons oil in same pot over medium-high heat. Add onion, carrots, and celery; saute until beginning to brown, about 12 minutes. Add tomato paste and saute two minutes. Add deglazed pan juices and bring to simmer. Return beef and any accumulated juices to pot. Add wine and remaining 3 cups broth and bring to boil. Reduce heat to low.

Season with pepper. Cover and cook until beef is very tender, stirring occasionally, about two to three hours. About one hour prior to being done, place potatoes in the pot and mix well.

When done, spoon off any extra fat from surface.

Serve short ribs and vegetables in individual bowls, with glasses of Cabernet Sauvignon.

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