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City makes 'sunny' list

Las Cruces on AARP
top 10 sunniest places

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

Las Cruces has achieved another national listing, this one as a great place to retire if you like plenty of sunshine.

AARP recently released its list of "10 Great Sunny Places to Retire" with Las Cruces and Santa Fe making the list.

To make the list, a town or city had to enjoy at least 250 days a year that were either completely or partially cloudless. AARP also looked at the quality of life at these places, adding "livability criteria of low crime, robust economy, healthy lifestyle and recreational amenities." AARP also looked at whether there was a "distinct cultural identity, a range of activities for retirees, proximity to top-tier outdoor attractions" and at several of the places it was noted if there was a university in the location.

Other cities making the list were: Asheville, N.C.; Grand Junction, Colo.; Sarasota, Fla.; San Diego; San Luis Obispo, Calif.; St. George, Utah; Bend, Ore.; and Fort Worth, Texas.

As for Las Cruces, the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau slogan of "Stay Sunny" beckons "sun worshippers seeking a retirement locale."

Las Cruces has a small-town feel, according to the AARP website. It acknowledges the city's four-month "Full Tilt Fiesta Season" that starts around Labor Day and specifically mentions Roberto Estrada's annual feat of making the world's largest flat enchilada during The Whole Enchilada Fiesta.

AARP noted that its magazine named Las Cruces a "retirement dream town" several years ago because of the city's affordability, weather and recreational resources. AARP also gave a nod to Hispanic magazine's listing of Las Cruces as a livable city for Hispanics.

After citing the city's population of 97,618, its proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border and closeness to Mesilla, where Billy the Kid was sentenced to hang, AARP recognizes some mixed aspects of Las Cruces, such as the loss of older Downtown buildings to urban renewal and puts the city's center along

See **AARP** on page A15



All
fired
up

Hot air balloon pilot Fred Lete fills his tear drop-shaped balloon at the start of the Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally Saturday, Jan. 14. The balloon sponsor was United RV. For more pictures of the rally, see page C12 in the Arts & Entertainment section

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Speaker Lujan tells about cancer fight

Lujan says he won't seek re-election

By **Steve Terrell**
The New Mexican

An era is about to end.

The 2012 Legislature started off on a somber and shocking note Tuesday, Jan. 17, when House Speaker Ben Lujan, shortly after convening the House of Representatives, announced he is battling cancer that has spread from his lungs.

Lujan also announced that he would not be running for

re-election. The Democrat from Nambé has served in the House since 1975 – and has been part of leadership for nearly 30 years. In recent weeks, he has been coy about his re-election intentions, saying he had not yet made up his mind whether to run again.

He appeared on the rostrum of the House chamber with an oxygen tank and his wife Carmen. In his speech, to which he received a lengthy standing ovation from both sides of the aisle, Lujan said he was first diagnosed with cancer in 2009, shortly after his 50th wedding anniversary.

"I was hoping to tell you that the cancer was gone, but as you can see, it is not," he said. "But know this. With Carmen, my family and friends and my faith in God, this is a fight I will not shy away from."

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Centennial Spotlight

Mesilla film house has a long history

Fountains brought movies to valley

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

Over the years, the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla has been a place of both live theater and motion pictures, much to the pride of the family that owned the adobe building for a little more than a century.

With the Fountain family then living across the street from the theater, Art and Al Fountain recall seeing movies there all the time as children. Going to the theater was part of growing up as their father, Arthur Fountain, owned it.

In those days – the late 1940s and early 1950s – the theater showed Mexican films with mati-

nee idols such as Pedro Infante. After his father's death, Al Fountain found an old poster for an Infante movie shown at the theater – "El Enamorado" – which he framed and it now hangs in the family's El Patio bar around the corner from the theater.

"I didn't know Spanish," Art Fountain recalled, "but I still loved watching them."

And so did the people of Mesilla, Al Fountain said.

"We were really the early moviegoers in the valley," he said.

Outside, the theater – like most of Mesilla's adobe buildings then – was exposed adobe, and the streets were dirt. That's the Mesilla that Al Fountain said

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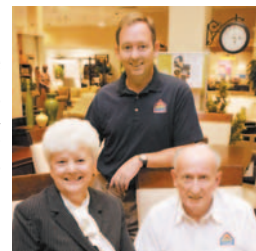
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Wilderness effort makes new drive

Group seeks legislative action by Congress, president

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

A group of Hispanic business, community and elected leaders are calling for Congress and President Barack Obama to act on proposed wilderness protection for areas of Doña Ana County.

At a press conference Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the Monte Vista Day Use Area at the eastern base of Tortugas Mountain, the group speaking included former lawmaker J. Paul Taylor; John Muñoz, Hispano Chamber of Commerce president; Mesilla Mayor Nora Barraza; writer Denise Chavez; Ray Trejo, New Mexico Wildlife Federation president; and Sarah Nolan, executive director of Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFé).

Called "Nuestra Tierra, Our Land Our Future," the renewed effort to get wilderness protections passed comes through a letter signed by the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), and other organizations, and by numerous Hispanic leaders, including former Govs. Jerry Apodaca and Toney Anaya, House Majority Leader Ken Martinez, State Auditor Hector Balderas,

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima, state Senate Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia, state Reps. Antonio Lujan and Joni Gutierrez, among many others.

The letter is in support of the Organ Mountains – Doña Ana County Conservation and Protection Act introduced last year by U.S. Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall. If signed into law, the bill would protect nearly 400,000 acres of federal public land in Doña Ana County, designating 271,050 acres as wilderness and create a 109,600-acre National Conservation Area around the Organ Mountains and parts of Broad Canyon.

Barraza said the protections are needed to preserve the desert settings for future generations.

Muñoz said whenever people visit him here, "they are in awe of these vistas."



Retired lawmaker J. Paul Taylor voices his support for wilderness protections as John Muñoz holds the microphone for him at a press conference Wednesday, Jan. 18, near the Organ Mountains.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Protest march



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

More than 300 southern New Mexico residents marched Monday, Jan. 16, to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. on his birthday holiday and to protect Gov. Susana Martinez's push to stop the practice of issuing drivers licenses to undocumented residents. The march was organized by the Border Network for Human Rights, community organization based in Anthony, N.M. Martinez has added the issue to the call for the 30-day legislative session that began Tuesday, Jan. 17.

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Government 2.0 Public-private partnerships create win-win scenarios



Richard Coltharp
*That's the Way
of the World*

Tuesday, Jan. 17, New Mexico's 112 citizen legislators convened in Santa Fe to conduct, once again, that grand experiment we know as democracy. There is plenty to criticize about government at all levels, but democracy is still the best system anyone's come up with.

Governments are changing, however. There are many people, nationally and locally, fighting hard to reduce the size and scope of government. Even those who want to maintain the government's role will not see it happen because the money is simply not there.

If the 2012 edition of the Bulletin's Southwest New Mexico Legislative Guide is an indication, communities are responding by effectively creating public-private partnerships. These partnerships combine the reach and strength of government with savvy entrepreneurialism and private-sector funds.

Our 196-page guide, now available locally and regionally, previews the current New Mexico legislative session and offers a wonderful glimpse of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County and eight other neighboring counties, as seen through the eyes of elected officials and leaders in community, business and government. A recurring theme across the region is the development of projects combining the public and private sectors.

Years of dreams, sweat and tears are coming to fruition as Main Street Downtown Las Cruces is finally opening – not only to traffic, but also to a world of possibilities. Interwoven into the Downtown progress have been government entities, government funds (state, local and federal), private businesses, nonprofits and a few visionary and doggedly determined individuals. The success has relied on every one of those ingredients, but if any one of those entities had tried to go it alone, it could not have worked.

Last week, Lani Latt, who works with New Mexico MainStreet, a program of the state Economic Development Department, visited Downtown Las Cruces for the first time in several years. She saw the Rio Grande Theatre, new restaurants, the beautiful La Placita, thriving businesses, both new and old, events, activities, people and vehicles. "I got goosepimples," Latt said.

Consider the Bridge of Southern New Mexico, a group of community members

working to bring educators and the business community together. The most tangible evidence of their efforts is the new Arrowhead Park Early College High School. The school provides rigorous education in a fresh way, enabling students – many who may never have had a chance to go to college – to earn college credit at a young age. Construction of the building was accomplished through a public-private partnership.

Many who want to limit government consider taxes and government spending dirty words. But done the right way, taxes and government spending can be vital investments.

Downtown Las Cruces would not have made the progress it has without the Tax Increment Development District. Downtown property owners voted for this extra tax, which goes toward infrastructure and other improvements.

I'm no advocate of adding even one more vehicle to New Mexico State University's auto fleet. There are, however, ways to direct more state funds to NMSU that can benefit all of us.

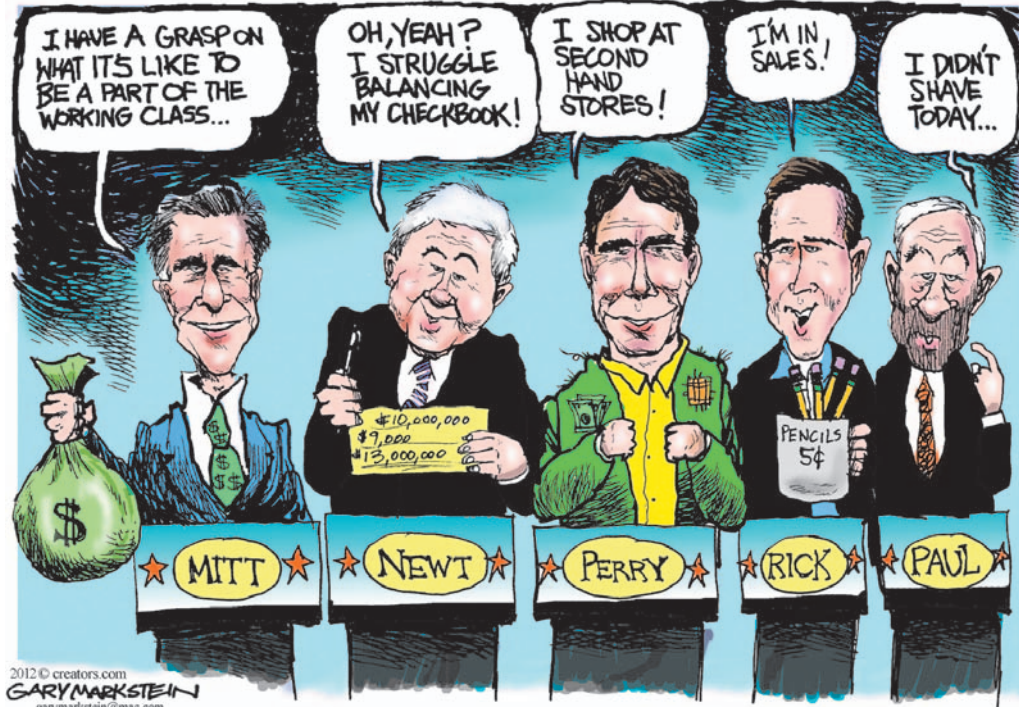
A recently released study of NMSU's economic impact shows that spending by the university from out-of-state revenue sources generates more than 9,000 jobs in New Mexico and has an economic impact on the state of almost \$1 billion. That says to me that, as NMSU improves, we'll generate even more dollars from out of state. And that's how we grow New Mexico, by bringing in money, jobs and resources from outside.

According to Jim Peach, regents professor of NMSU's Department of Economics and International Business, a university research expenditure of \$166 million generates revenues of \$280 million for New Mexico. By any measure, that is an amazing return on investment.

Positive progress often starts this way: with a conversation, an exchange of ideas and information.

Jan. 28-30, more than 200 Las Cruces will descend on our state capital. Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, coordinated by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, will enable Las Cruces to share time and ideas with our elected officials.

I can't guarantee the weekend will produce another brilliant public-private partnership, but I can guarantee there will be a lot of good conversations. And if the right ideas and information are exchanged, Las Cruces – and New Mexico – may take another step forward.



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Letters to the Editor

Keith doesn't like labels

Ignorant, racist, hateful and on and on is the rant of socialists when they speak against the nonbeliever like me.

My point about diluting a culture was the counterpoint of what Bud Russo (letter to the editor Jan. 13) thinks a culture is. All socialists speak about immigration into this country as if there is only one kind. Russo will not use the word illegal to describe anyone inside our borders.

I am happy to disappoint Russo. I was born in New England. I moved here from New Hampshire. I have traveled Europe and have spent many pleasurable times in Canada, Mexico and Latin America. Oh, and does the Caribbean count?

Like most socialists, Russo and our current president do not understand the term "American exceptionalism." It is the opposite of what they think it means.

Tea parties, I like green tea? I don't like labels and that is why I am registered as an independent.

I want the EPA, Import/Export Bank and most other federal agencies to be dissolved. I want the Congress, both houses, to do what the Constitution says they are there for, to pass laws that protect us, not to make them wealthy.

The legislative, judicial and executive branches of our republic are defunct. If that makes me a tea-guzzling lunatic, then so be it.

I want the freedom the Constitution

guaranteed me and I want you tree hugging, liberal-socialists to stop offending it.

Ron Keith

Shoe boxes help many

Thanks to the generous efforts of Las Cruces residents, thousands of hurting children worldwide will have the opportunity to experience the joy of Christmas. Las Cruces area residents joined Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, to pack 7,265 shoe boxes with toys, school supplies and necessity items. These gift-filled shoe boxes are making their way – or have already made their way – into the hands of needy children in 100 receiving countries.

On behalf of our community, I would like to thank the volunteers at local collection sites and everyone who packed an Operation Christmas Child shoe box gift. For many of the children receiving these boxes, the simple shoe box will be the first gift they have ever received.

Although the Las Cruces drop-off location is closed until November, gifts are received throughout the year at Samaritan's Purse, 801 Bamboo Road, Boone, NC 28607. If you would like to get involved year-round in helping children in need through Operation Christmas Child, visit www.samaritanpurse.org/occ or call 303-745-9179.

Thanks again to everyone who participated.

Andrea Uhl
Operation Christmas Child

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Signs indicate legislative session should move faster than last year

State capitol is among nation's most visitor friendly

Jay Miller

Inside the Capitol



The 2012 Legislature may be very different from the 2011 version now that Gov. Susana Martinez has a year of chief executive experience under her belt.

Martinez appears to have learned that the adversarial approach necessarily taken by district attorneys doesn't work when dealing with another branch of government. She said a No. 1 priority this year will be to cooperatively work with the Legislature.

The 2011 Legislature had embarrassingly little to show for its efforts. The special session on redistricting was even worse. A surprising improvement in relations was evident when Martinez and a handful of Democratic legislators presented a bipartisan congressional redistricting proposal to the court last fall.

Judge James Hall ended up approving a plan very similar to the one proposed by Martinez and some Democrats. No such agreement was accomplished on state House redistricting. But after what Democrats considered a Republican-leaning decision by Hall, Senate leaders huddled with Martinez and came up with a joint proposal for redistricting that body.

If Martinez can agree with Democrats on redistricting, the most controversial of all political topics, there is no telling what might be possible from the legislative session, which began Tuesday, Jan. 17.

What caused this new-found openness from the governor? Some guess that former Gov. Garrey Carruthers, a Republican from Las Cruces, may have whispered in her ear. Others note that newly elected Republican governors in other states have recently adopted a similar approach. Or maybe our new governor figured this out by herself.

Martinez and Democratic lawmakers are far enough apart on many issues, so bipartisanship won't be easy, but enough small steps can be taken over the next three years – or seven years – to amount to something big.

State economists predict about \$250 million in new revenues

next year. That's an encouraging change from the hundreds of millions of cuts necessitated over the past three years. But the fiscal plans of the two sides vary considerably.

Martinez wants tax cuts to stimulate growth in the economy. Democrats want to use the extra money to restore government services that have been cut.

This session is sure to move much faster than last year's, which really never got up to speed. The governor presented her budget plan 11 days ago. The joint Legislative Finance Committee released its plan a few days later.

That meant the House Appropriations Committee could begin work two weeks ago on the session's appropriation bill. This will be a short, 30-day session so early starts are a help.

It only is possible to start committee meetings early in even-numbered years because all lawmakers are in the middle of their terms. In odd-numbered years, new legislators have been elected and committees have not been appointed.

Two other committees got off to an early start last week. The House Education Committee and the House Transportation Committee also have input into the budget-making process.

For a change, people traveling from the south aren't forecast to have bad roads to fight on their trip to Santa Fe, although the folks from Hobbs may have trouble getting out of their driveways this year.

New Mexico has one of the most citizen-friendly capitols in the nation. You may wander the hallways freely, looking for your legislator or anyone else you might like to see. You can't bother your legislator on the floor when the chambers are in session, but that is one of the few restrictions.

The governor's office also is in the Capitol Building. That requires an appointment, but staff members often are available to talk about your issue. The governor's reception room also is very hospitable and has a nice gallery.

Speaking of galleries, our capitol looks like an art museum, with native New Mexico art everywhere. Even the hallway furniture is handmade by New Mexicans.

Another welcome addition is a parking garage across the street, which eliminates blocks of walking.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Lassen County hijinks

Lassen County, Calif., is bigger than Rhode Island – but what isn't? And has less people than the average funeral in New Orleans. It is famous for its volcano and Western tradition.

Joy and her husband run cows, guide hunters and rent cabins at their ranch near Butte Creek.

It was nighttime two days before hunting season and two poachers were butchering a deer hangin' in a tree down by the road. A couple of carefree young new-agers were enjoying the fruits of the "medicinal" law whilst driving down the back roads of Lassen County and singing. This particular back road was classified as "open range," a term familiar to chicken connoisseurs and sagebrush citizens, but not to our young bon-vivants.

Out of the dark of night wandered a large black cow. Suddenly, she was jarred from her tranquility by a glancing blow from a Nissan toy compact car carrying our happily lit-up couple.

Joy was startled from her sleep by the terrible crash. She pulled her Carhartts on over her nightgown, grabbed the shotgun and ran to the porch. Up the driveway she could see crazy headlights on the highway, then the two poachers screaming and running at full speed, beer cans and deer entrails in their wake, followed by a large bellowing black cow.

Meanwhile, Joy's cabin guest, Terri, had made her last trip to the outhouse for a daydream and a smoke. The outhouse was provided as part of the authentic back country experience, as was firewood to chop, horses to feed and cowboy poetry.

Joy took in the scene; the poachers now huddled behind her on the porch, the cow running in fear of the unknown, two carcasses hanging in the trees and two new-agers straggling up her driveway with their hats askew talking to each other.

"Hey, dude, I tol' you I shoulda drove. You completely missed the turn."

"Yeah, but I hit the buffalo, didn't I? How many people have done that?"

"It wasn't a buffalo, dude, it was like, ya know, a musk ox. I've seen pictures."

Then Joy spotted the outhouse. The latch was unhooked. She could see a whiff of smoke coming through the quarter moon and smell cigarettes. She heard humming, "... four strong winds that grow lonely, seven seas that run high ..."

As they watched, the cow swerved at the splitting log and thundered over the outhouse, which sat on two runners, completely upending it. It was knocked 10 feet away and landed upside down.

Everyone, including the poachers and the new-agers ran to Terri's rescue. The door was smashed closed, the vent was broken off, and Terri, hat and all, was peering up through the one-holer. She looked like a portrait in a picture frame.

It was a scene only Charley Russell could have painted.

In the end, the Nissan was totaled. At the time the new-agers were confirmed vegetarians, but Joy learned later they had taken up eating beef occasionally, in revenge, they said.

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Letter to the Editor

'Be a Santa' a success

Thank you Las Cruces. This was our seventh year to sponsor Be a Santa to a Senior and you have amazed us yet again with your overwhelming response and generosity in providing gifts to 530 seniors who otherwise would not have had a gift or a visit this Christmas.

We thank the 28 municipal, county and state agencies, long-term care facilities and other senior providers for supplying names of lonely and less fortunate seniors. Huge thanks to Mesilla Valley Mall for once again putting up the tree and allowing the gifts to be cycled through its Customer Service Center. We so appreciate our landlord at 880 S. Telshor Blvd. – Ty Murphy of Gateway Mortgage – for allowing us the use of one of the suites to store and wrap the gifts.

We are grateful to the hundreds of thoughtful citizens and local businesses that provided much-needed gifts such as robes, slippers, blankets, sweaters and even pet food to lonely seniors. We are thankful to all the local media that printed

and broadcast the tree lighting, the bag decorating and the gift wrapping party so all would be aware of the program and participate. Many thanks to those community volunteers who came to help wrap all those presents.

The gift bags were themselves a delight to the senior recipients so we extend appreciation to the students from East Picacho Elementary School who decorated the bags so beautifully – and of course to the teachers and administrative staff there that made it all possible.

Plus, we don't want to forget a big thank you to our CAREGivers and staff. The success of Be a Santa to a Senior would not be possible without their donation of time and energy in coordinating the program and wrapping and delivering gifts.

We'll be back with the program next year and look forward to partnering with even more of you to make it an even bigger success of service to Doña Ana County seniors in 2012.

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How to overcome simple, easy to understand, wrong answers

Testing regime misses day-to-day reality in classrooms

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



"Complex problems have simple, easy to understand, wrong answers."
— H. L. Mencken

Public education suffered a setback 30-some years ago. Student scores started dropping. Conventional wisdom said schools were doing something wrong. Politicians quickly decided only interventions by politicians could cure this problem.

Politicians blamed bad teaching for the drop in scores. The teachers blamed the lack of parental involvement and the quality of parenting compared to the parents of yesteryear. Often the blame was placed on the whole generation of students who were not "like we were at their age. We walked 20 miles to school."

The education industrial complex contended that lack of money was the problem. So education budgets doubled and doubled again. The results continued to slide.

Politicians decided there was not enough data to judge schools and teachers. The testing industrial complex exerted a powerful lobby in Congress. For the last decade schools have concentrated on more testing and less teaching to decide if teachers and schools are good.

Maybe the dropping results were really a number of things. Concurrent to the education drop, there was widespread adoption of cable TV by most households and the wholesale purchase of the Atari 2600 game consoles along with lots of arcade-style games. These two innovations were both incredible time wasters and distracters for the youth.

Schools cannot change all of the increasingly distractive elements of our society, but they can use those interventions that have been shown to work.

We have three issues. First, despite being free, at least one third of students do not graduate high school. Second, many young people entering the job market show educational deficits. Finally, there is a syndrome that may explain the first two: students come to kindergarten with vastly different skills and abilities and we know that those who do not get on grade level in the first year often never do get on grade level.

For more than 100 years, our nation has tried to use a factory model of education where all students learn at the same rate. Public education uses this model for reasons of tradition but not effectiveness.

The first place to change education is assessment. Currently, students stop their learning activities to take assessment tests. The tests have little predictive value. We do not know how students are doing day by day, and which students need more or different instruction.

If we are to improve schools, the assessment must be entirely inside the learning activity. This means that all answers are part of the assessment and show progress on the learning tasks.

This requires individualized education and also requires the use of computers for some learning activities since only computers can branch seamlessly.

That does not cut out the teachers; rather it changes their roles.

The second issue is that literacy and numeracy are on a continuum that intersects age and years of schooling. Literacy for kindergarten students may be to know their numbers, letters and colors. Those who do not have these abilities cannot start learning with the rest of the class.

More so, each of the literate and numerate activities can be broken into concept areas such as "The silent e." Throughout the learning there are well defined benchmarks that both indicate mastery and can be predictive of being able to work on grade level. These must be used within the learning activities so that at all times the teacher, principal and superintendent can predict when each student will be on grade level.

The timing of the interventions is the issue that will improve education if addressed. It does not do to learn that students are not on grade level once a year. By then it is too late to help. Every day, this information must be in the hands of the educators clear to the top of the district.

Some school districts already are working in these areas. All school districts must step up to the 21st century in education. These interventions have and will work if the politicians get out of the way and the schools adopt best practices from states and districts where they have gotten their students on grade level.

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Letter to the Editor

Tea party is important

How important is the tea party? How important is the Constitution?

Being born in this country may be something we all take for granted. Many feel we have no responsibilities just because we are natural citizens.

If that is your attitude, if you take for granted that by being a citizen you are just to be given your "rights" and have no responsibility to do whatever is in your power to keep these "rights," then you are wrong.

As citizens we do have responsibilities and obligations. First of all, a lot of men and women have died so we have these "rights." To ignore this fact is to simply lie to yourself. As far back in history as we go there have been patriots who have stood up to tyranny. They fought and died so that we have the freedoms that we have.

We have a challenge, and a very big one. We have a president and Congress that are quickly turning the U.S. into a socialist country. We have few weapons to stop them.

The tea parties have come into being because of a need to show those temporarily in power that our God-given rights defined by our Constitution are so important to us that we will "stand and fight," if necessary, to keep them.

You know the things being done as quickly as possible, before the majority of the people wake up and see what is happening. Small businesses are being crushed under regulations and taxes, oil drilling is being stopped, more and more people are without jobs, while big banks, unions and foreign companies are being given money we are printing or borrowing from China.

Sometimes I think the president does not have a clue to how true Americans feel or how we have worked for years, sent our young people to war and gone to war ourselves to keep the freedoms we have. Sometimes, I really wonder if he is American born.

We have so much to lose and nothing to gain under his leadership. In New Mexico we will lose a large portion of our land. Land that will be unusable forever more. Those pushing this land grab want to keep humans off of it unless we walk on it.

It would not be free there, it would be taken away and turned over to a government which has a record of being very poor managers of our money as well as our land. So what do we do? Where do we start?

My choice was to join a group of citizens concerned about keeping this country first, free, and second, keeping the rights the Constitution gave us.

Right now, a lot of those in elected office ignore the Constitution. What will you do?

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In the news

Study: Red light cameras make one intersection safer

A study of whether traffic cameras are making busy intersections safer still needs a couple more months, but early data indicates that accidents have lessened at one of four intersections in Las Cruces.

A team of students working with New Mexico State University assistant engineering professor Hansuk Sohn is studying the accident rate at the four intersections under the city's Safe Traffic Operations Program (STOP) that still have the cameras and six other intersections without cameras.

Sohn said he is looking at accident data for the intersections over the last two years. He said his team has so far reviewed 2,200 crash reports from the 10 signalized intersections from January 2004 to April 2011 to compare similar number of accidents and the kinds of accidents.

Of the four intersections in the city with red light cameras, only the Lohman Avenue and Telshor Boulevard intersection saw a statistically significant decrease in accidents, Sohn said, especially in crashes where cars hit each other at an angle.

The Telshor-Lohman intersection sees about 50,000 cars a day and is considered to be the city's busiest intersection.

The control intersections didn't see significant decreases in crash, though they saw some rear-end collisions rise and fall, but without any real trackable trends, he said.

The other intersections with red light cameras saw some decreases, but according to the preliminary report, those aren't large enough decreases to be considered statistically significant.

Still, Sohn said the preliminary conclusion is that the camera program appears to have made those intersections safer, but the team needs a few more months to get a solid two years worth of data to provide a final determination.

The study will include the accident rates to other similar-sized cities, he said.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said the report confirmed what he has observed, which is better driving behaviors at the Telshor-Lohman intersection since the red light cameras were installed.

Miyagishima said he likes the red light cameras because they allow police officers to be free to do other things.

However, Councillor Miguel Silva said the report also seemed to indicate there was already a downward trend before the city started the red light camera program.

Vierck gets state post



VIERCK

The New Mexico Economic Development Partnership (NMEDP) board named Steve Vierck as president and CEO of the New Mexico Partnership during its board meeting Friday, Jan. 13.

Vierck is a long-time economic development professional who has a strong record of leading and consulting several economic development organizations both in New Mexico and nationally.

In this position, Vierck will be responsible for leading the New Mexico Partnership in its efforts to market New Mexico to companies, business decision makers and site selectors as a premier location to do business.

"Mr. Vierck brings his sterling reputation and tireless work ethic back to New Mexico, I am very much looking forward to working with him and the partnership staff in recruiting companies to the

state," said Jon Barela, cabinet secretary of the New Mexico Economic Development Department. "He knows New Mexico and the business development community very well and will be able to position and market the state successfully to companies."

Vierck is currently the president of the economic development division at Angelou Economics in Austin, Texas, one of the largest U.S. economic development and site selection consulting firms. Before that, he successfully led recruitment and expansion of 49 companies as president/CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, generating 3,000 jobs and \$147 million in capital investment in southern New Mexico.

Chairman of the NMEDP Board and president of First New Mexico Bank, Sean Ormand stated that he had the opportunity to witness Vierck at work honing and shaping successful economic development efforts for communities throughout southern New Mexico and that Vierck "will bring real value to the table and be a great asset to the New Mexico Partnership, a vital public/private economic development effort."

Vierck's past work experience includes: vice president of economic development for the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, senior vice president of the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, executive director of the Chandler Chamber of Commerce and national marketing director of the Arizona Department of Commerce.

Vierck earned his master's degree in geography with a specialization in economic geography and bachelor's degree in business administration/regional development from the University of Arizona. He earned his certified Economic Developer designation in 1991 and has served on many economic and work force development boards.

For more information on the New Mexico Partnership, visit www.nmpartnership.com

County website includes new title fraud protection tool

The Doña Ana County Clerk's Office is the first county clerk's office west of the Mississippi River to install FraudSleuth software on its website to assist residents in protecting themselves against fraudulent liens placed against their properties.

"With the increase in fraud nationwide," Ellins said, "I believe more and more counties will soon offer software of this nature. We're pleased to be the first among all western states to offer it to the residents of Doña Ana County."

FraudSleuth empowers property owners to do simple name searches throughout the Doña Ana County document database to find liens that may have been placed against their properties. A mechanical lien, Ellins said, can be placed on any property in the State of New Mexico without notification of the property owner. Access to the software and a tutorial for its use is available on the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office web page at <http://donaanacounty.org/clerk/docs/>.

Mitchel honored



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

The Las Cruces City Council honored a World War II veteran by declaring Tuesday, Jan. 17, as Rolf Mitchel Day. Mitchel is no ordinary veteran. He is a Jewish person who escaped Nazi Germany as a youth to eventually fight with U.S. forces. Mitchel said he arrived to the United States seven weeks after his father died in a Nazi concentration camp and he swore an oath upon seeing the Statue of Liberty to give back to his new country.



- PUBLIC HEARINGS • REUNION PUBLICA - 2012 ACTION PLAN

The City of Las Cruces needs your input on how to spend federal housing and community development funds it will receive during 2012. The City would like your input on the 2012 Action Plan which will determine how the federal funds will be spent.

La Ciudad de Las Cruces necesita su opinión acerca de como invertir fondos federales asignados para el 2012, por parte del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano. La ciudad ha estado en el proceso de desarrollar el Plan Consolidado desde enero y necesita su opinión para este plan, el cual va a determinar como invertir los fondos federales.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: A public hearing will be held on various dates to present the 2012 Action Plan and ask for public input.

Junta Publica: Las juntas son publicas y se llevaran acabo en varias fechas. El proposito de las juntas es para presentar el Plan de Acción y para solicitar opinion publica sobre el plan.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Can't make the public hearing? Be sure to send us a letter about your community needs and how you think funding should be allocated in the city.

Comentarios Escritos: ¿No puede participar en los foros o las audiencias publicas? Asegurese de enviar una carta acerca de las necesidades de su comunidad y la manera en que usted desea que los fondos sean usados en la ciudad.

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We also want to thank our many friends and neighbors for flowers, food, sympathy cards and visits. We never expected so much consideration and kindness. We also want to convey our thanks to Reverend Norm Story, staff, and others from the First Presbyterian Church for the funeral service and reception.

Again, we feel fortunate to live in Las Cruces with so many caring friends and neighbors.

Arden Baltensperger
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State of the State Address

Governor: 'Seize this moment'

Martinez calls on lawmakers to go beyond budget and enact reforms

The following is the condensed text of the State of the State Address by Gov. Susana Martinez delivered from the chamber of the New Mexico House of Representatives Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Last year, when we gathered at this time, New Mexico was facing the largest structural budget deficit in state history. For years, government had overspent and as federal stimulus dollars dried up, we had holes throughout the budget.

The state of our state was one of financial crisis. We faced a tremendous challenge.

Many said we couldn't get it done, that we could not both balance the budget and still protect our priorities. We had a vigorous debate.

Some felt we should have raised taxes despite the jobs that would have been lost. Others felt we needed deep cuts in education and Medicaid. I'm proud of the fact that we were able to work together – the Legislature and the governor – Democrats and Republicans. We came together and found a better way.

We protected classroom spending and Medicaid, and we did not raise taxes.

Shared sacrifice

Public officials must never forget that we serve the public, not the other way around. That's why, in a time of shared sacrifice, I felt it important to lead by example. We eliminated the chefs from the governor's residence and cut salaries there by 55 percent.

I kept my promise to get rid of the ultimate symbol of waste and excess. We sold the state's luxury jet. We cut waste across state government. We cut cell phones. We got rid of non-essential state cars. In the governor's office, we slashed our budget and reverted over half of a million dollars back into the state's savings account.

Cabinet secretary salaries were cut by 10 percent, and we dramatically reduced the number of political appointees.

And together – the governor and the Legislature – we hammered out a budget compromise that reduced spending while protecting priorities and balanced the state budget.

New Mexicans can be confident that we didn't lose sight of our priorities along the way.

Over the past year, school districts throughout the state had to do more with less, but they did it by cutting administrative waste and increasing the percentage of their funding that goes directly into the classroom.

We protected health care for the most vulnerable, expanded child care for working moms and food stamps for the elderly and disabled and provided school clothes for kids most in need.

Thinking about the state of our State last year, it gives me great



Gov. Susana Martinez delivers her State of the State Address during a joint session Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the State Capitol during the first day of the 2012 legislative session.

New Mexican photo by Luis Sanchez Saturno

pleasure to report to you today that New Mexico's financial house is back in order. We are no longer running a budget deficit; in fact, our historic deficit has now become a projected \$250 million surplus, and we have doubled the money in our state's savings account.

Frugal government

But, a great deal of economic uncertainty persists across the country and across the globe. We must move cautiously. We cannot go back to the credit-card spending that contributed to the financial crisis in the first place.

That's why I propose keeping budgets flat for most state agencies. Rather than using the surplus to grow government, I propose safeguarding it by using it to make targeted reforms

– investments in our future to help struggling students, to make New Mexico more competitive with job-creating tax reforms and to maintain a safety net for our most vulnerable.

My budget focuses on these high priorities while increasing state spending by only 3.6 percent, a rate that tracks with the population and inflation growth in New Mexico.

As we continue to do more with less, we must never forget that our budget is a statement about our values. That's why my budget invests \$45 million more in Medicaid, providing health care for the poor and the disabled. Federal Medicare cuts are threatening to close nursing homes, leaving patients, parents and grandparents with nowhere to go. We promised to be there. That's why my budget includes \$8 million to keep that promise and keep those nursing homes open.

Education reform

Exactly half of the new spending – \$97 million – is targeted toward improving our local schools. But, it's not just throwing more money at the status quo. It's an investment

in reform, an investment in initiatives that are designed to get results and improve student performance.

We took some very important first steps in education reform. Just last week, we announced the preliminary, baseline grades for New Mexico schools. They will continue to be fine-tuned as we work with school districts to finalize the results. By this summer, every school will receive an official letter grade – A, B, C, D, or F.

Finally, we have a school rating system that is uniquely our own. Not a one-size-fits-all federal system, but rather an honest assessment of how our children are learning and improving – a way to identify struggling schools, so we can get them the help they need.

but we keep passing him on from one grade to the next.

Imagine that child in fourth and fifth grade and on to middle school. Now he can read the words but doesn't really understand them, so he struggles to learn about history, geography, science. When he can't meet the standards, we don't offer him a hand-up. We just lower the bar, sending him to the next grade and sending him a toxic message that he's not capable of making the cut.

He's ashamed, frustrated, and angry. Eventually, he drops out. I encountered many of these kids as a prosecutor – not when they were kids but when they were living a life of crime as adults.

We know that children who can't read by the third grade are four times more likely to drop out. And, 80 percent of our fourth-graders cannot read proficiently.

As President Obama's education secretary addressed this issue, he talked about New Mexico's status quo. He said, "If your students keep being allowed to leave third grade and fourth grade without being able to read, you're not doing them any favors."

He's right. Passing children who can't read from one grade to the next is not compassionate. It is morally wrong. Are we going to turn a blind eye to the fact that 80 percent of our fourth-graders cannot read proficiently? Let's do something about it.

Holding children back is not the goal. The goal is for every child to learn the basics and to identify and help those who struggle before the third grade.

Our obligation is to teach our kids to shoot for the stars. We build a child's self-esteem not by convincing them that accepting failure is OK, but by showing them that they can reach any goal by

offering a helping hand when they struggle, so they learn to never give up, to persevere, and to ultimately triumph and succeed.

Every child can learn, regardless of circumstance, and it's up to us to help them.

And here's how we'll do it. My plan this year calls for a \$17 million investment in reading reforms.

Teachers will assess children early on, in kindergarten, first and second grade, and those students who are struggling will get immediate help in these early years – more tutoring, more individual attention. We'll put more reading coaches in elementary schools.

And while we are on the subject of reading, let me say that helping our children learn is a responsibility we all share.

As governor, I've read books to kids in over a dozen classrooms this past year. Truth be told, as much as I love hanging out with all of you, reading to those kids has been my favorite thing to do as governor. I've gotten really good at sitting "criss cross apple sauce" on the floor.

Teachers need parents, family members, friends – all of us – to be engaged. We must all accept that responsibility.

Today, I'm encouraging parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to read to their children. And to help, I have a special announcement.

New books for kids

That luxury jet cost the state nearly half a million dollars a year to operate. Now that we sold it, we can use that money on something else. I'm proposing that we take that same amount of money and buy every New Mexico first-grader a reading book of their very own.

Every child will get this book when they leave kindergarten, so that every family will have the opportunity to teach their children. Every child will have a great book to read over the summer as they prepare for the first grade.

As I mentioned, I'm proud of the fact that our education reforms have been embraced not only by Democrats in New Mexico, but also by the Obama administration.

At the top of that list is a reform to reward our best teachers with higher pay. In evaluating teachers, we must measure the progress their students make in mastering the basics. That doesn't mean teachers with the most "A" students get a bonus. It means that we must measure and reward progress. It's the progress that counts.

The teacher who takes kids three grades behind and gets them up to grade-level has arguably accomplished more than the teacher who has a class full of over-achievers. That's why I'm urging you to support a teacher evaluation system that will identify these great heroes in our schools and reward

“ Many of New Mexico's successful businesses started at kitchen tables with not much more than a family's savings and dreams. ”

I was encouraged last week to hear teachers, principals and parents saying things like, "Our school is so close. We're almost there. We can get to a higher grade."

Now, we must take the next steps and take on the status quo once again.

We know how essential learning to read is for our kids. Children learn to read by the third grade and then, for the rest of their lives, they read to learn. When we consider this issue, we must consider the kids whose lives it impacts and what will happen to them if we fail to act.

Consider the child who just can't quite learn to read. Think about him. His parents love him, but maybe they are working long hours to make ends meet so they can't read to him much at home. Maybe his teacher knows he needs more one-on-one instruction but there's no after-school tutoring. So the little boy doesn't get the help,

them accordingly.

There are also several things we can do to raise graduation rates and prepare our children for college, like assessing kids from the fourth to 10th grades to catch kids before they fall too far behind, paying for 10th graders to take the Pre-SAT and expanding access to advanced-placement classes for low-income students.

All of these reforms are important and I'm willing to work with legislators in both parties to get these passed. These reforms will help our children reach their goals, giving them a better shot at success and more opportunities to live a better life than us.

Jobs for graduates

But, increasing opportunities for our kids is more than just education. We have to make sure there are jobs here in New Mexico when they graduate.

Last year, I promised that we would send a loud message that New Mexico is open for business. Small businesses now know that government is doing a better job working to facilitate – not impede – job growth. And we saw what can happen when we make ourselves competitive with surrounding states.

Early last year, I came before you to ask that we eliminate the gross receipts tax on locomotive fuels to level the playing field with Texas. I promised that if we did that, Union Pacific would locate in New Mexico. We came together in a bi-partisan manner and eliminated that tax. And Union Pacific is now in New Mexico, creating 3,000 jobs building their new facility and over 600 permanent jobs.

TE Connectivity is now leaving El Paso and moving to Santa Teresa, creating up to 200 jobs. It's a similar story with Alaska Structures, which also moved operations here from El Paso. And later this week, I'll be continuing my work with governors from Mexico to make our state, not just Texas, a key trade corridor into the United States.

There is tremendous optimism about the economic development New Mexico is doing along the border. In fact, a Texas newspaper has seen what we've done, and they're worried – they said so in an editorial.

Texas is worrying about New Mexico stealing their jobs. My friends, the more they worry, the better we're doing.

Lowes also announced that it is bringing 600 jobs to Albuquerque and we welcome them with open arms. I recently visited General Mills as well, which just finished a \$100 million expansion, creating 60 new and permanent jobs, all while achieving the highest levels of environmental standards.

I said last year that I believe we can support the growth of businesses and protect the environment. We are going to help those who play by the rules and punish those who do not.

When Intel needed an air quality permit, we held them to high standards. And when they met those standards, we got them their permit in less than four months – quicker than ever before. But when corporations broke our environ-

mental laws, when they tried to sidestep our safeguards, we went after them, collecting over \$3.3 million in fines from utility, energy, and oil and gas companies.

With sensible, predictable regulations we can grow our economy and protect our environment. We can and we must do both.

We have to do it all because we are competing with other states. Unfortunately, a recent study ranked New Mexico dead last in terms of our competitiveness. It said we have one of the most burdensome tax codes in the country.

Small business breaks

I've long said government doesn't create jobs. It doesn't – small businesses do. But government can, and does, create the environment to help small businesses grow. We can do so much more to level the playing field for our small businesses, to put more New Mexicans back to work.

That's why I am proposing that we exempt roughly half of New Mexico's small businesses – those earning less than \$50,000 per year – from the gross receipts tax. That's roughly 40,000 of our small businesses – the little ones, the start-ups.

This is a bottom-up approach. Many of New Mexico's successful businesses started at kitchen tables with not much more than a family's savings and a dream.

We need to invest in a culture of entrepreneurship so more of these family businesses can make it – so they can grow and hire more New Mexicans.

I'm also proposing a tax credit for high-tech research and development to attract more high-paying jobs to the state. And this year, it's time for us to stop the double and triple taxation that is crippling our construction and manufacturing industries. This is often called pyramiding – a business-to-business tax that kills jobs in New Mexico.

Because of our tax system, it's cheaper for a New Mexico company to hire an out-of-state corporation for services rather than hiring an in-state firm. It makes no sense. Only two other states in the entire country impose taxes like this and it's time for us to end it.

Veteran worker credit

For the ultimate heroes among us, I'm proposing a \$1,000 tax credit for employers who hire veterans returning home from deployment. These men and women should not fight for our freedoms abroad only to be stuck on the unemployment line when they return home.

We are joined today by Maj. John Miller, a pilot in our Air National Guard, 23 years in, most recently deployed to Iraq, and Staff Sgt. Anna Doo of the Army National Guard, who spent all of 2011 deployed as a leader in the NATO-led peacekeeping mission in Kosovo.

Let's give them a hand.

We are so grateful for what our veterans have done and continue to do for us. Both Maj. Miller and Staff Sgt. Doo are making a career in the military – to eventually retire. These veterans, and so many others who I see here today, have given us freedom.

I am proposing that we allow retiring veterans to exempt 25 percent of their pension income from state taxes. Ladies and gentlemen, they have earned it.

Another critical element to turning New Mexico around is rooting out corruption. We are making progress, but there is much more we can do. Corruption tilts the playing field against honest people and shakes public confidence in their government.

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Ethics enforcement

That's why I signed an executive order that prohibits state government from doing business with companies involved in corruption. It's why all of my appointees must disclose their financial interests online and it's why my appointees are barred from lobbying state government for two years after serving in my administration.

Public service should be about serving the public – not setting up a future payday. That's why I'm once again asking you to close the revolving door that turns citizen legislators into special-interest lobbyists, where one day they're serving the public and the next day, they're using those connections to serve a special interest.

Both parties are guilty of this. It's wrong for Democrats and it's just as wrong for Republicans.

There are a few other common-sense measures we can enact to help restore public confidence. When a public official is convicted of corruption, they should be forced from office immediately – not 10 or 14 days later – but immediately.

When a politician violates the public trust, they should lose their public pension and be barred from doing business with the state. And when the state goes after a public official for corruption – to get taxpayers their money back – taxpayers should not have to pay to defend that person in court.

New Mexicans expect us to act, to pass these reforms and to state, loud and clear, “corruption in New Mexico will not stand.”

Finally, keeping New Mexican children and families safe should be a top priority every time our Legislature meets.

Fighting abuse

Like you, I was horrified over the holidays to read about the tragic and inexcusable cases of child abuse. A child just a few weeks old was badly beaten, sexually abused, and eventually left to die. Small,

helpless little girls were bruised and broken, left in a bathtub.

I have spent my life and career helping those who had no voice, particularly children who had been the victim of senseless cruelty, violence, and abuse. I am asking you to join me in standing up for those who are unable to stand for themselves. I'm asking you to increase penalties for child abuse.

Those who abuse children should face severe penalties and mandatory prison time. We must always put justice for victims first.

Sen. Bill Payne and I had the opportunity to meet with the family of Michael Snyder, an Albuquerque man who was murdered by his wife and then secretly buried at his home for eight years. Michael's sisters Teri (Johnson) and Laura (Bowman) as well as Michael's mother Allene (Snyder) are here today.

Michael's wife said he had simply gone missing – he simply had left. And sadly, her secret was kept long enough that the statute of limitations had run out. So, this killer will serve only a few years for a murder that should have kept her behind bars for the rest of her life.

That is not right, and we are going to change the law and fight to ensure that no one is able to murder someone in our state and get off easy – or get away with it completely – by simply running out the clock.

I am confident we can work together to solve other pressing public safety needs – strengthening Megan's Law to ensure sex offenders cannot live in secret in our neighborhoods, allowing Amber Alerts to be issued when relatives abduct a child and put them in harm's way and ending the practice of providing driver's licenses to illegal immigrants.

Driver's licenses

Just last week, a man pled guilty in Alamogordo to trafficking humans from Pakistan and elsewhere through New York and into our state – a “touch and go” to grab our license, to grab our government-issued ID card and leave.

To where? Who knows?

For what purpose? Who knows?

Over and over, we hear the same story – the fraud, the trafficking, the security threats.

I want to thank independent Rep. Andy Nuñez for sponsoring the bill to repeal this law and I want to thank the Democratic House Judiciary Committee Chairman Al Park for working with us last session to cut through and tone down the rhetoric and to develop a compromise – a bill that does not give driver's licenses to illegal immigrants but does allow foreign nationals here legally, on a work or student visa, to get a driver's license.

That was a good compromise and it cleared the House last year with bi-partisan support.

This issue has been debated thoroughly. The desire of New Mexicans is clear. It's time to vote to repeal this law.

Stopping repeat DWIs

I'm also asking the Legislature to work with me to crack down on repeat drunk drivers. A vehicle in the hands of a repeat drunk driver is a deadly weapon – it's a deadly weapon that we should confiscate.

Just like they do in the City of Albuquerque, we should seize the vehicles of repeat drunk drivers. And for those who rack up four, five, six or more DWIs, who just don't get the message, it's time to impose more serious, mandatory prison sentences that get them off the streets and away from our families.

Controversial issues like these always stir heated debate and that's OK because we have proven that through tough debate we can find common ground without compromising our principles. We did it last year to protect classroom spending. We did it on school grading. We did it on Katie's Law. And we did it to close the loophole that allowed out-of-state corporations to game the system.

We should all be proud of these successes – not for us, but because of what it means for others.

I'm reminded of a quote that hangs on my wall. It motivates me to work for all of the things we've discussed today. It reads, “A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in or the kind of car I drove – but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.”

New Mexico turned 100 this year. Think of where we've been as a state – how far we've come. And a hundred years from now, imagine where our state will be.

Accept the responsibility we all share to shape that future.

Resilient residents

I believe there is good reason to be optimistic. New Mexicans always rise to the challenge.

I would be remiss not to recall how families, friends and neighbors took care of one another as many battled record-cold temperatures without heat last winter and the record-breaking wildfires we faced over the summer.

I was humbled and honored to watch New Mexico's finest battling these blazes with poise, grace, guts and determination.

Today, I believe that in front of us is an opportunity to make tomorrow better than today – to create the New Mexico that reflects our values, a place where those who play by the rules succeed and those who don't are brought to justice.

A place where those who have risked their lives to protect our freedom, return home to find a state that has protected their jobs. A place where small businesses grow and where other companies choose to locate. A place where every New Mexico child is taught to chase his or her dreams and when they struggle, they are helped and learn to overcome challenges but never accept failure.

It is up to us to seize this moment, to face our challenges and rise once again to the occasion.

New Mexico's best days are ahead of us. I believe that. I know you believe that. And together, we will ensure our children live that.

Coming Up

Free throw contests set

The local Knights of Columbus councils will have their annual free-throw competition for boys and girls age 10 to 14 the last two Saturdays in January. First- and second-place winners will receive prizes and will become eligible to advance to the district contest in February.

Council No. 1226 will host a competition from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

St. Genevieve Council No. 13969 will host a competition from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Council No. 9527 will host a competition from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Holy Cross School gymnasium, 1331 N. Miranda St. Registration begins at noon.

The competition is free. All entrants must have a legal guardian present and must bring a copy of their birth certificate. Age is determined by entrant's age as of Jan. 1.

For more information, call Mannie Morales at 522-0437 or Jaime Flores at 523-7158.

Good Sam garage sale

The annual Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village garage sale will be Saturday, Jan. 21, at 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Items donated by 200 families including kitchen ware, collectibles, furniture,

appliances, glassware, linens, pictures, computer and stereo components, TVs and more are for sale. In addition, the village library committee will offer many hard back, paper back and coffee table books for sale in the Social Center.

Organizers are also accepting tax-deductible donations. Money from sales will go toward purchasing a new bus for Good Samaritan Assisted Living.

Email Cherry Jamison at cjamison@good-sam.com or call 556-2119 for more information.

GFWC annual card party

The GFWC Progress Club will have its annual light lunch and card party at noon Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid Ave. The annual affair supports the club's scholarship programs.

The club is also sponsoring a raffle for a two-night stay at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso, N.M., plus \$100 in cash. Tickets are \$10. The winner will be announced Saturday, Jan. 21.

In addition to an afternoon of fun and games, there will be door prizes and raffle items.

Reservations and tickets are available from club members or by calling Inge Peter at 522-5474.

GOP women meet Jan. 27

The Federated Republican Women of Doña Ana County will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday,

Jan. 27, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

Doña Ana County Clerk Lynn Ellins will present "Voting Convenience Centers."

Lunch is \$8.25 and reservations are required by noon Monday, Jan. 23.

For more information or to make reservations, call Anna Mae Evans at 524-4232 or 635-9174.

BLM fee hike on horizon

The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to increase visitor fees at local sites, including the Dripping Springs Natural Area and Aguirre Spring Campground in the Organ Mountains and the Three Rivers Petroglyph Site, near Tularosa, N.M.

The current fees are: \$3 per vehicle per day at Dripping Springs and Aguirre Spring; \$2 per vehicle per day at Three Rivers; \$25 per day use of the Group Sites at Dripping Springs; La Cueva and Aguirre Spring; overnight camping at Aguirre Spring is currently \$3 and at Three Rivers is \$2. In addition, the Las Cruces District has a district pass that allows users a full year's use of all three sites for \$20.

The intent of the fee program is to fund needed public services while protecting and enhancing public land and natural resources. The primary use of fees is for the maintenance of existing facilities, services and operations. Fees will also be used for low-level development such as site leveling, interpretation, shelter maintenance/re-construction and trail maintenance and upgrading.

The annual cost of operating and maintaining the three sites is \$217,800. The average revenue collected for the three sites under current fee schedule is \$74,138.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed fee increase by contacting Tom Phillips at the Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess St., Las Cruces, NM 88005 or via email at tphillip@blm.gov. Comments must be received by Monday, Jan. 23. Pre-addressed postcards have been placed at all three sites for users' convenience.

A final decision on the proposed fee increase will occur after BLM's Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) has reviewed the proposal and provided a formal recommendation to BLM.

The next District Resource Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Sky Safari is set for Jan. 28

The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History will hold its monthly Sky Safari star party at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Tombaugh Observatory on the New Mexico State University campus. The program typically lasts two hours.

Each month, in cooperation with the astronomy department at NMSU, the museum focuses on one aspect of the night sky.

In January, the discussion is about nebulas, star-forming regions of space that are visible in the night sky. The night begins with a short presentation about nebulas and a hands-on project available for the youngest participants.

Then, using high-powered telescopes and the expert guidance by the NMSU astronomy department personnel, participants will view these incredible stellar nurseries. Participants can ask questions and bring their own telescopes to explore the wonders of the night sky.

Participants must provide their own transportation and minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For more information, call 522-3120.

Valentine's Day Fun Run Feb. 11

City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will hold a Valentine's Fun Run and 5k at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

Early registration is \$15 per person for the 5k run and is ongoing at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Registration for the 5k run is \$20 the day of the run. Cost of the fun run is \$10. The races will begin and end at the Kohl's parking lot, 2500 N. Triviz Drive, with the fun run beginning promptly at 8 a.m. and the 5k will begin immediately after.

One T-shirt will be given to each runner. There will be eight divisions in the 5k: 12 years and under, high school (13 to 19 years), open (20 to 29 years), sub masters (30 to 39 years), masters (40 to 49 years), super masters (50 to 59 years), super duper masters (60 to 69 years) and ageless wonders (70 years and older). Awards will be given to the top two male and female finishers in each division.

For more information, call Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2182.

Pan Am Round Table meets

The Las Cruces Pan American Round Table will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday Jan. 21, at the Double Eagle Restaurant, 2355 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. The guest speaker will be dance teacher Jenna Jones, who taught at the Pan American Dance Institute at New Mexico State University. Her talk will be about the influence of Latin American dance teacher Jose Limon on modern dance. For more information or to make a reservation, call Yolanda Kinman at 526-1604.

ETZ authority meets Jan. 25

The Doña Ana County/City of Las Cruces Extra-Territorial Zoning Authority will convene at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, in the Commission Chambers of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

For more information, call the Doña Ana County Community Development Department at 525-6130.

ALR centennial lectures set

As part of the 2012 celebration of the centennial of New Mexico's statehood, the Academy For Learning In Retirement will present four lectures in January by Jon Hunner, professor of history at New Mexico State University, on the history of New Mexico, from the original Native American inhabitants to today's space industry, titled "From Sun Worshipers to



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The lectures are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Jan. 23 and 30, and Wednesdays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the Auditorium.

There is a \$5 fee for each lecture and no advance registration is required. Complimentary refreshments are available prior to each presentation.

For more information, call ALR Board Member Don Finke at 522-6512 or visit www.dacc.nmsu.edu/comed/ALR.

Kitchen closes at DA center

The kitchen of the Doña Ana Community Center, 5745 Ledesma St., in Doña Ana, will close from Monday, Jan. 23, to Thursday, March 15, for renovations. Meals will continue to be served, but will be brought to the center from an

alternate location.

In addition to replacing the stove and kitchen hood, crews will replace the water heater, update electrical systems, install new flooring and repaint the interior. The Doña Ana County Facilities and Parks Department is funding the renovation project.

Caballo SWCD sets meeting

The Caballo Soil and Water Conservation District board of supervisors will hold an open house at its new office near Salem from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, to discuss plans to conduct a mill levy referendum. The new office is located on 3000 State Highway 187.

The board is calling for a referendum to raise funds for watershed structure maintenance and other conservation programs.

For more information, call Merry Jo Fahl at 267-4221.

Model airplane club meets

The Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club (MVMAC) will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at Rawson's Self Storage, 1103 N. Solano Drive. Anyone interested in the sport of model flying is invited to attend.

MVMAC members fly electric or fuel-powered airplanes, helicopters, gliders and jets. Instruction is available.

An Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership is required to fly with the club. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the above location.

For more information, call Jim Caldwell at 680-8195 or visit www.mvmac.org or www.modelaircraft.org.

For information concerning electric-powered model flight, call John Womack at 522-0785.

Science Café

Preserving food sources will be the focus of Science Café discussion at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History in Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd.

Lois Stanford, associate professor of anthropology at New Mexico State University will present “Conserving Biological and Cultural Diversity: an Anthropologist's Perspective.” She will talk about the role of cultural knowledge in plant domestication and the contribution of native cultures to the work of plant breeders and food technology. Stanford will draw on studies of the centers of origin

and history of New World food plants, including those from Peru, Mexico and the Amazon.

Sigma Xi's Science Café is presented by the 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.

For more information, call Kimberly Hanson at 647-4480.

Astronomy open house

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy will hold an observatory open house at the NMSU campus observatory at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27. Astronomy personnel on hand will be professor Nicole Vogt,

and graduate assistants Kenza Arraki, Kyle DeGrave and Kyle Uckert.

Vogt will present a short astronomical film. Sky viewing through telescopes will include the crescent moon, the planets Venus, Mars and Jupiter, Orion the Hunter, the Gemini Twins Castor and Pollux.

Admission is free and children are especially welcome to attend.

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

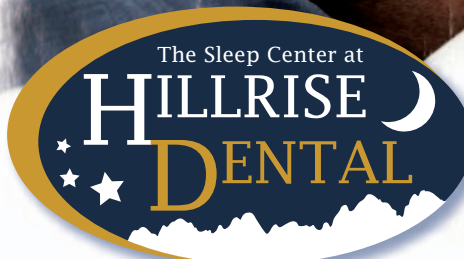
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Honoring the dream at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast

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Bobbie Boyer, Queen McGary and Maxine Turner visit before the start of the Doña Ana County Branch NAACP Martin Luther King Jr. memorial breakfast Monday, Jan. 16, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.



Bobbie Green and Orlando Jimenez praised the late Martin Luther King Jr. in stirring song.



Ryan Steinmetz and Doña Ana County Clerk Lynn Ellins

Julian Alexander and Jim Rucks



David Lyons of the Doña Ana County Branch NAACP presents the 2012 Martin Luther King Jr. essay awards to Annie Stout, Walker Hayse and Elisa Davidson, all students at Zia Middle School. They are accompanied by Chriss Martinez, advanced English teacher at Zia Middle School.

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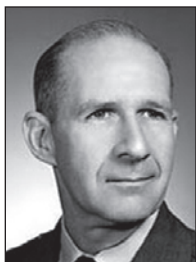
Jet pilot called for defensive base on Moon



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

Editor's note: This is part two of a two-part story.

The Space Race was young when, on Jan. 28, 1958, Brig. Gen. Homer Boushey, deputy director of USAF Research and Development, proposed an Earth-defensive lunar base.



BOUSHEY

"If we had a base on the Moon, the Soviets must launch an overwhelming nuclear attack toward the moon from Russia two to two-and-one-half days prior to attacking the continental U.S. first, only and inevitably to receive, from the moon – some 48 hours later – sure and massive destruction," the website thespacereview.com quoted Boushey telling the Aero Club of Washington, D.C.

Seventeen years earlier, Boushey was the first American to fly with a Jet-Assisted Take-Off device (JATO). GALCIT's "Suicide Squad," named for their proclivity toward explosives, developed the JATO fuel under Theodore von Kármán's purview. A week before the scheduled first flight at March Field Air Corps Base, Riverside, Calif., Boushey attended a "technical rehearsal" at GALCIT, George Pendle wrote in "Strange Angel." It didn't go well.

"Explosions occurred like on the Fourth of July," von Kármán recalled. "Nozzles flew off in all directions."

The next week, on Aug. 6, 1941, von Kármán, Boushey and The Suicide Squad performed 17 static tests at March Field, Pendle said. The 18th tested "the JATOs in flight."

"The Air Corps provided a low-wing, lightweight Ercoupe monoplane," said "Universal Man."

Boushey, "a steady-nerved pilot ... and Air Corps liaison officer, agreed to fly the volatile experiments."

Pendle described the Ercoupe as "easy to handle – anyone who could drive a car could fly it – it didn't go into spins, and it was very cheap in case anything went wrong."

Boushey took the Ercoupe to 3,000 feet and "ignited the rockets ... Two brilliant white jet trails appeared in the sky," an unusual sight before contrails became commonplace. Suddenly, "one of the rockets exploded," and Boushey landed.

During static tests two days later, an explosion tore "the rocket rack ... loose, the wing covering was wrenched out of shape, rivets were scattered about the runway, and the white-hot nozzle of the rocket motor had ripped a 10-inch hole in the tail end of the fuselage," Pendle said. "Boushey clambered out" of the Ercoupe's cockpit "shaken."

The problem was that fuel more than 24 hours old was unstable. Because the Air Corps was scheduled to view a test on Aug. 12, Pendle said the rocketeers spent the night before preparing "18 fresh JATOs."

At show time, "a brave Homer Boushey seated himself in the cockpit" and sped down the runway. He hit ignition. Smoke erupted. The plane "hurled into the air as if from a slingshot," ascending "at a near 50-degree angle."

"None of us had ever seen a plane climb at such a steep angle," von Kármán wrote in "The Wind and Beyond." "This was the first American airplane flight with rocket-assisted take-off. But to keep the record straight, it was not the world's first rocket-assisted flight. Fritz von Opel, the son of the German automobile pioneer, had made a rocket-boosted glider flight in 1929 at Frankfurt, Germany, and unknown to us at the time, I believe the Russians independently achieved rocket-assisted glider flight in 1940."

Von Kármán said that on Aug. 23, Boushey then made "the first U.S. manned flight by rocket power alone" after the Ercoupe's propeller was replaced "with 12 solid JATO" rockets.

"At first, we tried to use the JATOs to lift the Ercoupe from a standing start. But this didn't work," von Kármán wrote. "So for the initial thrust the Ercoupe was towed by a truck, with Boushey holding onto the towing rope from the open cockpit of the plane. As soon as the plane reached a speed of 25 mph, Boushey let go the rope and switched on the rockets. The plane shot upwards."

A subsequent test showed takeoff distance and time "had been reduced by nearly 50 percent," Pendle said.

After the U.S. dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Boushey flew over the city "to observe firsthand the devastation atomic weapons could cause," beyondapolloblogspot.com said. The experience affected him. In 1985, he joined other

retired U.S. military officers in Moscow to draft an agenda for nuclear arms control. He cited his 1945 flight over Hiroshima when he declared political leaders did not adequately grasp the destructive power of nuclear weapons. The man who had spoken out for a U.S. military

moon base in 1958, spoke out against nuclear weapons to the end of his days.

Boushey retired from the Air Force in 1961. He was 91 when he died in 2000.

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“Explosions occurred like on the Fourth of July.”

THEODORE VON KARMAN, scientist



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Homer Boushey is the pilot in this Ercoupe on Aug. 12, 1941, making him the first American to take off using a JATO.

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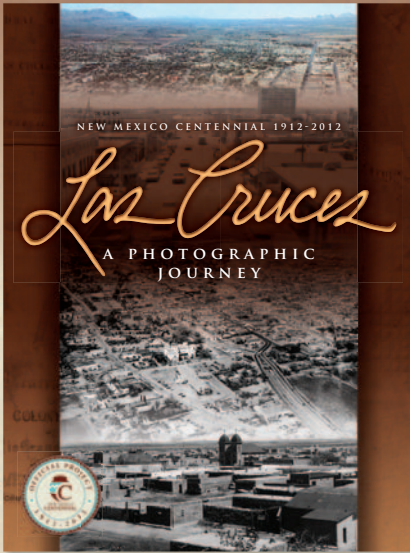
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Fountain

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he recalls growing up in, a place less developed than it is today. Although the streets are now paved and the adobe covered in plaster or cement stucco, the tourist town has tried to maintain the old town look.

Inside the theater, everyone notices the theater's distinctive murals, which have been attributed to the work of the grandson of Mesilla's legendary Col. Albert Jennings Fountain. But Al Fountain said he believes the murals depicting Old West scenes of the valley were done by the colonel's son, Albert Jr. Col. Fountain disappeared in 1896 with his other son Henry in what many believe to be foul play.

"I believed (Albert Jr.) painted the murals to pass the time after he lost his father," Al Fountain said.

By the 1960s, the theater became home to stage productions for a group of thespians who would form Las Cruces Community Theatre. When LCCT moved into Las Cruces, the theater was boarded up – the entrance covered by large aluminum doors.

By then, the Fountain brothers were young men and Art Fountain had gained a love for films that weren't mainstream – foreign, art and cult films – he saw in places like Philadelphia. He had struck up a friendship with Frank Wechter, who had a similar love for art house films he had seen in places like The Guild in Albuquerque.

"There were just a lot of great films coming out at the time" by filmmakers – especially foreign directors such as Francois Truffaut and

Lina Wertmüller, he said.

"Seeing a good foreign film is like going to a good foreign restaurant," he said. "You're giving yourself a real special treat for your palette."

In 1978, Art Fountain and Wechter took down the aluminum doors, upgraded the electrical system, put a film screen back up, created a concession area and changed the location of the ticket booth – it was originally in the center. The seats for the re-opened theater came second-hand from the old State Theater in Las Cruces, Art Fountain said.

The duo showed foreign, art and cult films until 1982.

"We showed films that weren't getting the kind of promotion that the big Hollywood films had," he said.

People remembered the films Art Fountain and Wechter showed at the theater, which was now owned by the Lescombe family that was wanting to open a wine-tasting room in the building just north of the theater. A group of film aficionados formed the Mesilla Film Society and once again "moving pictures" filled the theater from the upstairs projection booth.

"The film society has been doing a great job," Art Fountain said. "It's not easy to make a profit or break even in a small movie theater. ... I really appreciate those people volunteering and donating their time to keep showing movies at that theater."

The theater was recently sold to Jerean and Tom Hutchinson, who own La Posta de Mesilla restaurant in the complex north of the theater. Although the Hutchinsons haven't announced their plans for the theater, Art Fountain said he hopes it will still be a place for films or live performances in the future.



An Old West mural greets film patrons Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. The adobe theater has been a home to performances and movies since the early 1900s.

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AARP

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the commerce found near the Telshor Boulevard-Lohman Avenue intersection.

"Unemployment is low – 6.3 percent in October 2011 – but many jobs pay poorly and more than one-fifth of residents live below the poverty line," AARP states.

"But there is hope: The city is home to New Mexico State University's main campus (NMSU, enrollment 16,200), which supports a fertile arts and music scene. COAS Books, which stocks half a million titles, holds frequent readings and book signings. The Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, comprised mostly of NMSU students and faculty, performs at Music Center Recital Hall. In Mesilla, restaurants, shops and galleries line the plaza, which is a National Historic Landmark, and the Fountain Theatre, the oldest theater in New Mexico, screens foreign and alternative films."

Downtown revitalization doesn't get totally ignored by AARP, which mentions the popular Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts

Market drawing large crowds.

As for recreation, AARP acknowledges the city's monthly Ciclovía in which "cyclists, walkers, joggers, dancers and even weight lifters pack Young Park to burn calories."

AARP points out that there are "huge swaths of public land" outside city limits and that the Bureau of Land Management maintains 45,000 miles of roads and trails in the region.

"The number of doctors and hospital beds per resident is much lower than average but life expectancy is high," the AARP write-up on Las Cruces concludes. "Something, no doubt, about all that sunshine."

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima said he was grateful for the recognition.

"We have so much to be proud of – our culture, our residents, our business community, our weather and our retirement community," Miyagishima said. "Our retirees are not only supportive of our community programs, but they come here with income to spend. They spend money with our businesses, which in turn helps our city coffers, which allows our city to have first-class programs in our community. For that, we are thankful."

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He said his cancer has increased his awareness that Democrats and Republicans need to work together for the betterment of the state.

"Let us make our time on Earth, especially during this session, worthwhile and make a difference for the children, our working families and the elderly," he said.

In his speech, the speaker apologized to friends, family and other legislators for keeping his condition secret for so long. He said he had undergone chemotherapy through 2010 and later went through radiation therapy as well.

Lujan, in his speech, said criticism of his leadership in recent years – a period during which he barely survived a Democratic primary election challenger and a leadership challenge within the House – was hard on him.

"Sadly, I was heavily criticized that my absence on the

campaign trail was a reflection of my complacency, taking constituents for granted and taking the campaign lightly," he said. "Quite the opposite is true ... Under the circumstances, during my quiet fight against this cancer, the unfortunate attacks on my leadership, my integrity and my commitment during the special session, regular session and the campaign, sadly took a tremendous toll on me and my family, which we dealt with privately."

For five weeks in May and June 2010 – during the final weeks of his primary campaign – Lujan was receiving radiation treatments in Albuquerque, he said. During last year's special session, Lujan said he was receiving chemo treatment at night.

Lawmakers and other officials rushed to praise Lujan. Former Gov. Bill Richardson, for whom Lujan was an invaluable legislative ally, said in a statement, "There is no better legislator or representative of the people than Speaker Ben Lujan. He is also a formidable fighter who will battle this illness with ferocity and incredible grace. ... He is a true giant of New Mexico politics."

Lujan was speaker for all eight years of Richardson's



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Speaker of the House, Ben Lujan, opens the 2012 legislative session Tuesday, Jan. 17.

administration. Through those years he was credited for pulling several pieces of legislation out of the fire when it appeared they might not pass. Rep. Al Park, D-Albuquerque, called Lujan a mentor and noted that he was 4 years old when Lujan was first elected. "And I'm 42 now," Park said.

Rep. Mimi Stewart, D-Albuquerque, who said she's worked in the House with Lujan for 18 years, said, "We'll all rally around him and help him in any way we can."

Lujan even was praised by Republicans. Gov. Susana Martinez, before giving her State of the State Address, hugged Lujan and began her speech by expressing good wishes for the speaker and his family.

House GOP Leader Tom Taylor of Farmington told a reporter, "We have to say that we're proud of the fact that he has been so strong dealing with this disease over this period of time. We commend him for his statesmanlike attitude in doing his job."

Freshman Rep. Jim Smith of Sandia Park, who serves on the House Voters and Elections Committee with Lujan, said, "He's been fair to me. He's very kind."

Praise also came from U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., who emailed a statement saying, "One can't help but learn an immense amount about the art of legislating by simply watching (Lujan) go about his business in the Roundhouse or at home in Nambé Valley. Ben has the most distinct style and unrelenting commitment to the people of New Mexico – fighting especially to help those who are less fortunate. Above all, he is a family man of enduring faith."

Udall serves in Congress with Lujan's son, U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, D-N.M., who was first elected in 2008.

Carl Trujillo, who came close to beating Lujan in the 2010 Democratic primary, announced last week that he is running for Lujan's District 46 seat.

Trujillo's campaign released this statement shortly after the speaker's announcement, saying: "We fully anticipated this possibility and we wish Mr. Lujan and his family well. We plan to make no changes to our campaign. We have always considered our opponent to be the entire political machine, not just one man. More than ever, now's our time to create the change we need."

Rep. Joe Cervantes, D-Las Cruces, tried last year to unseat Lujan as speaker, first in the Democratic caucus, then in an proposed coalition between Republicans and southern Democrats that eventually fizzled. On Tuesday, he had only good things to say about Lujan. "It's good to see him present with all the courage and determination he has."

Trip Jennings contributed to this report.

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Statistics rule when all else fails



Jim Hilley
Bulletin in the Zone

As deadline looms and the need to produce a column becomes severe, a good sports columnist can always turn to statistics to fill space.

With that in mind, let's take a look at a few of the New Mexico State University Aggie basketball statistics (as of Wednesday, Jan. 18), you may be blissfully unaware of.

- Aggie forward Wendell McKines is tied with two other players for sixth in the nation in double-doubles with 11. McKines has moved ahead of the University of New Mexico's Drew Gordon (9) and Seton Hall's Herb Pope (10). Leading the nation is Arsalan Karzemi of Rice with 14 double-doubles in 17 games.
- McKines is 17th in scoring at 18.3. Kevin Olekaibe of Fresno State University leads the WAC at 18.6.
- McKines is 11th in the country in rebounding with 10.7 per game, just ahead of Pope with 10.6 and Gordon with 10.5. Arnett Moultrie of Mississippi State (formerly of UTEP) is ninth at 10.0 per game, while O.D. Anosike of Siena leads the nation with 12.7. Karzemi is third at 12.0.
- McKines is 39th in offensive rebounds per game at 3.39. Other players of note are Moultrie in fifth at 4.27 and Nevada's Dario Hunt in 15th at 3.83, and Pope in 26th at 3.1.
- As a team, the Aggies are 24th in scoring offense at 78.5.
- The Aggies' rebound margin rates 16th in the country at plus 7.4.
- The Aggies are leading the nation in the number of free throws taken, at 34.4 game. No other team is attempting more than 30 a game. Second place is Long Island University-Brooklyn at 28.5.
- The Aggies are also making more free throws than any other team. The Aggies are hitting 22.8 per game, leading UIL-Brooklyn's 20.4. Unfortunately, the Aggies are only hitting them at a mediocre 66.4 percent. The Aggies are making more than their opponents are taking 419-365.

As a team, New Mexico State is leading the WAC in scoring offense (78.5), scoring margin (+9.0), rebounding offense (40.0), rebounding margin and offensive rebounds (14.1).

In WAC individual statistics, McKines is first in rebounding and second in scoring. Hamidu Rahman is seventh in rebounding at 6.6 per game, and second in field goal percentage at 61.3, behind Utah State's Kysean Reed at 61.5. Hernst Laroche is leading the conference in steals per game (1.6), while freshman Daniel Mullings is tied for eighth at 1.2.

I don't know if there is a statistic for dunks per game, but I am sure the Aggies are up there.

No rest for NMSU squad

Tough Hawai'i trip followed by showdown with Nevada

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State Aggies have little time to savor their two home wins against Utah State (9-8 overall, 2-2 Western Athletic Conference) and Idaho (9-9, 2-2) on Thursday, Jan. 12, and Saturday, Jan. 14, in the Pan American Center.

A road swing through San Jose, Calif., to play the Spartans, at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, and the long voyage over the Pacific to play Hawai'i at 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, will require the Aggies to maintain a high level of play if they want to stay in the conference race.

However the Aggies fare at San Jose State (6-11, 0-3), where they have struggled in recent years, the Aggies (13-5, 3-0) will be facing a team in Hawai'i that is among the Western Athletic Conference's best.

"They're good," NMSU coach Marvin Menzies said of Hawai'i (10-7, 2-1) Tuesday, Jan. 17. "They have a big-time shooter and scorer in Zach Johnson."

Menzies said Hawai'i's big man, Vander Joaquim, is an up-and-under player who is quicker and more agile than the Aggies' post men Hamidu Rahman and Tshilidzi Nephawe.

"He is a Hakeem (Olajuwan) type," Menzies said. "There will be a significant battle with those guys

in the post, no doubt about it."

Hawai'i may still be smarting from their 77-74 loss at league-leading Nevada Saturday, Jan. 14. The Warriors led most of the game before letting the game slip away in the final minutes.

"They had them right there on the ropes – at Nevada," Menzies said. "That shows you their talent level and what they are capable of."

"Obviously, it would be beneficial to get this sweep on the road. We have the talent to do it, it's just a matter of executing."

Senior forward Wendell McKines had a similar take on the road swing.

"As long as we stay within ourselves and stay mentally strong we will be fine," McKines said.

The Aggies should be buoyed by the return of forward Renaldo Dixon.

"Renaldo's back," Menzies said. "After missing some practices and games and trying to work through some personal issues, we had a long talk, he's back and will make the trip."

"He's got to earn his stripes again so to speak, but he's not under any punishment or anything like that."

A reliable source said Reynaldo's absence was not related to the departure of fellow Canadian Christian Kabongo.

A shortened rotation has not
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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales
Aggie freshman Daniel Mullings flushes the basketball against Utah State at the Pan American Center Thursday, Jan. 12.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Craig Massey
Mayfield has three 5-11 players in the starting lineup – Daeshianna McCants, Tiffani Lara and Allie Pierce.

Trojan triple threat

MHS bigs shouldn't be underestimated

By **Craig Massey**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The only thing better than having a 5-foot-11 player on a high school girls basketball team, is having two 5-foot-11 players.

And then there's Mayfield, where Coach George Maya has three in his starting lineup.

Senior Tiffani Lara and sophomores Allie Pierce and Daeshianna McCants give the Lady Trojans a matchup advantage that has helped carry them to a 14-3 record so far this season.

"It's been causing our opponents some trouble," Maya said. "Most teams have one or two bigs you have to contain, but we have three. They all complement each other well."

Lara is a second-year starter, but Pierce and McCants are in their first season as starters after moving up to the varsity late last year. Lara appreciates the help.

"It's better for me," she said. "It helps with rebounding. We all work together as a team and get the ball to the open person. Someone's always open."

Maya said each of his tall players provide

something different to the team.

"Tiffani is doing real well," he said. "She's consistent, she's getting rebounds and she's making her free throws. Defensively, she's very steady."

"Allie is a real consistent, real strong player," he said. "She's a post player who moves well on the press and her defense is real good."

"Daeshi started as a post, but we've moved her to the wing," Maya added. "She can play the three (position) because she shoots well."

One thing the three have in common is their mobility, which is important because of Mayfield's emphasis on the full-court press.

"All three have the ability to run the floor very well and they're getting better and better," Maya said. "When people see you have three bigs, they think you play a slow-down game, but that's not the case. Their mobility and reach help a lot on the press. They're not slow."

"Teams underestimate their quickness. They get their hands up and get a lot of deflections."

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Aggies earn first WAC win Women top Idaho 61-47

Photos by Nicolas Bañales



Kelsie Rozendaal gets to the basket against the Idaho Vandals in the Aggie win.



Kaitlyn Soto led the Aggies with 14 points in their first Western Athletic Conference victory of the season as NMSU topped Idaho 61-47 Saturday, Jan. 14, in the Pan American Center.



Tabytha Wampler screens out a Vandal as Jasmine Rutledge drives to the hoop. The Aggies played at San Jose State Thursday, Jan. 19, and will face Hawai'i at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21.



Wampler shoots over two defenders. The Aggie forward had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

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Aggie Insider

Ag baseball players get preseason notice

Athletes prove themselves in classroom



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

The diamond seasons are a little less than a month away but the preseason accolades are in full swing for New Mexico State's baseball and softball teams.

Junior Zac Fisher was chosen for the College Sports Madness Baseball Preseason All-American Team. Fisher, who was named to the fourth team as an infielder, could see time at first base, catcher and as a designated hitter in 2012.

He also was named to the NCBWA Preseason All-American team in December 2011 after being the 2011 NCAA batting average champion at the plate. Fisher helped the Aggies to a 34-24 record last year and hit a team-leading .398 with 68 hits.

He posted 16 doubles and 56 RBIs to go along with a team-high eight home runs. He also led the team in slugging percentage at .632. It doesn't end there for Rocky Ward's squad.

Pitching looks to be in good hands too with the naming of senior Scott Coffman to the 2012 Louisville Slugger Preseason All-America team as a reliever. The Aggies earned points in the CBN Preseason Top 40 poll as well.

An Albuquerque native, Coffman earned the honors after a spectacular 2011 season that saw him tie the school record with

nine saves on the year. He is now second in the record books with 14 career saves. He finished the year with a 3-0 record and a 1.88 ERA, while earning first team All-WAC honors.

His all-conference selection came after he posted outstanding numbers. Coffman's 1.31 ERA with four saves, 16 strikeouts against just 15 hits in 20.2 innings. He was the first Aggie pitcher named to the first team all-conference in any of the Aggies' four league affiliations.

Aggie baseball has an alumni game Feb. 11 and the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest starting regular season play the following weekend.

The defending WAC Softball Champions are near the top of another ranking system as well. NM State's softball squad improved its standing to No. 21 in the country when the National Fastpitch Coaches Association announced its 2011 All-Academic Teams and Scholar Athletes. NM State rated No. 21 among Division I squads in the country with a team GPA of 3.370.

For the second straight season, the Aggies were the top-rated program in the WAC and were one of only 24 programs with a GPA of 3.35 or higher. Additionally, eight Aggies on the 2011 team earned NFCA Scholar Athlete honors by achieving a GPA of 3.50 or above. Three of those honorees return for the 2012 season. It looks like a successful spring is coming our way again.

A spirit of compliance

NMSU works hard to avoid violations



Dr. McKinley Boston
Athletics Director

I recently asked head football coach DeWayne Walker what he thought was at the root of the problems currently plaguing college athletics.

His answer was right on the mark. He said that the issues we are currently seeing across college sports had everything to do with the out-of-control adults. It's not the kids' fault, he said, and then went on to explain that until the adults get themselves straightened out, there will continue to be problems.

Walker has a way of cutting right to the chase and getting to the core of an issue. But the question remains: How do you stop the type of problems we have seen recently in college athletics from occurring?

There are no easy answers, however, here at New Mexico State University we've found that taking a proactive approach to compliance can yield very positive results.

The good news is that it has been 10 years since NM State has had to report a major violation to the NCAA. So it is clear that we are doing something right (knock on wood). NM State athletics is by no means perfect and we make mistakes. Thankfully, the majority of these mistakes are inadvertent and classified by the NCAA as secondary in nature.

A key element that has significantly reduced our compliance risk is our governance structure. Unlike the majority of college athletics departments, the compliance and academic staffs at NM State do not report to the athletic director. Instead, compliance reports to the university's office

of the General Counsel, while our academic staff reports to the associate vice president for Student Affairs, and I believe we have strong functional dotted line relationships with the leadership of both units.

This model provides NM State Athletics with a meaningful check-and-balance system that not only removes the temptation to ignore the rules, but eliminates the ability of the athletics department to pressure compliance or academic staffers into overlooking potential violations. We also understand this model is not risk averse, but we feel it reduces coaches and athletic management's influence.

Developing a culture of compliance begins with people. We are fortunate to have on our staff some of the best people in the nation, including one of the best compliance directors. Coaches and support staff who are not only very good at what they do, but are also of strong character. We must have the courage to support good character.

The final key is giving good people a reason to do the right thing. Throughout the year, our compliance office conducts a number of educational sessions for coaches and support staff. In addition to educating our staff on NCAA legislation, these sessions demonstrate how important compliance is to us and how it is an integral part of the culture of NM State athletics.

This approach helps us maintain better institutional control of the Intercollegiate Athletic Program. We have worked very hard over the last seven years to make compliance at every level a priority.

We are fortunate to have a committed group of coaches and administrators who do things the right way, and we have also put strong compliance and academic systems in place to support them.

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Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Camila Rosen
Junior
Women's basketball

Junior guard Camila Rosen posted her first career double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds against Utah State Thursday, Jan. 12. The

guard came close to notching another double dip on Saturday, Jan. 14, against Idaho with nine points and nine boards.



Kelsie Rozendaal
Senior
Women's basketball

Senior forward Kelsie Rozendaal led the Aggies with 12 points against Utah State Thursday, Jan. 12. Rozendaal added nine points against Idaho

Saturday, Jan. 14. She grabbed five rebounds in each of the games.



Courtney Schultz
Junior
Track and field

Junior distance runner Courtney Schultz was one of three Aggies to win an individual event Friday, Jan. 13, at the Texas Tech Invitational. In the season-

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Why ask why?

Here are a few puzzling ones for you to ponder



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

A couple of decades ago, cult author Douglas Adams produced "The Hitchhiker's Guide to The Galaxy," in which he promised the answer to the "ultimate question about life, the universe and everything." (I would've added "golf.") It's the question "why." Then, about 10 years ago Budweiser came out with the ads featuring "Why ask why?" Remember?

I have frequently asked the question "why?" – But not in a therapy session. Most patients don't have any clue why they feel the way they do. However, here are some golf (and other) "why" things to muse and ponder.

Why don't we have a First Tee in Las Cruces? First Tee is an organization that teaches young people life skills through golf. What reminded me is seeing all the First Tee ads during the new golf season on television. Several years ago I was invited to join the organizing committee for the formation of a First Tee program here in Las Cruces. Everyone was excited and committees were formed and fundraising proceeded. Then things quickly died out. I have my own hunch about what happened, but they are only suspicions. Still, no prospect of a First Tee here.

Why did Tiger Woods spoil what was destined to become the most storied career in all of sports history? The unbelievable, astonishing talent. The major victories. The iconic image. The fabulous endorsements. The fortune. The wild popularity. Now all but evaporated.

Why? Who knows.

And then there are the many books:

"Training a Tiger," "The Chosen One," "Tiger Woods" and "The Making of a Champion." The one that takes the cake is "Tiger Virtues."

I guess I'm disappointed both in Tiger and in our culture that prompts an innocent young boy, with the stars and heavens at his command, to fall victim to the idols of celebrity and opulence. He apparently needed more coaching than his mother or his father could give him.

Why didn't the USGA ban the long putters at the very first sighting of them more than a decade ago? Just now, they're getting around to considering whether the long wands are in fact legal. I'm not saying they should be illegal, but the issue is just now being raised in earnest.

Yea's ago the USGA said that the "four-ball" putter designed by Dave Pelz was non-conforming. Ever since, they have maintained the power of ruling on the legality of golf clubs – the USGA have nixed some 10,000 putters over many decades. So, I'm wondering why did they let the long putters and the belly putters skate by apparently unexamined?

Why are so many of the pros using the new putters that look like the size of a brick? Have you seen the new putters? The heads are huge, and still, they miss from six feet. More on this when I return from the PGA Golf Show in Orlando in a few weeks.

Why are the Asian women the overwhelmingly dominating force on the LPGA Tour? They dominate every other competition as well, such as American junior golf and the Futures Tour. These gals can play. Period. How did so many get so good? Is this the new ethnic version of what has happened in other sports? I'd like to see the definitive (read long and factual Atlantic Monthly) article on this circumstance. Michelle Wie is American but

mostly Asian – and big and tall and hits it long. Why isn't she where Yani Tseng is today?

Why do folks wear jeans to play golf? Sometimes the golf course looks like "casual Friday" every day of the week. My favorite story is when a fellow golf club member walked up to a jeans-wearing older gentleman on the practice green and said, "Would you get after the sand trap on hole No. 2, and, by the way, there's trash gathered at the tee box on No. 6."

Looking shocked, the fellow fired back, "I'm not a maintenance man!"

My friend eyed at him up and down and said, "Well, you certainly look like one."

Why don't many avid golfers take lessons? When I ask that question, I get stupid incomprehensible responses I know are simply lame excuses. Like, "I can't afford it," or "I don't have time." These are the same golfers who will fork out \$499 for a new white driver and \$2,500 for a golfing trip to Cabo. Go figure.

I think men, in particular, have the same mindset about golf lessons at they do about psychotherapy for depression or substance abuse or anger management – they'd rather not embarrass themselves or be bothered.

Why don't courses equip 10 percent of their golf cart fleet with protective warm enclosed covers for the cold weather? The airlines offer an "upgrade" on seats, why not golf carts?

I, for one, would go for a warm cart cover on a cold winter afternoon after the morning frost delay.

Why don't superintendents and managers at some clubs cut new cups every day, or every other day when it's bad weather? In my opinion – voicing many others – permanent cups with metal caps on the unused holes are a bad idea. Sure they may be more convenient for the maintenance workers, but the holes play and look terrible. My feeling is no respectable temperate-climate golf course that features itself as a truly first class, multiple-star facility, would stoop to perma-cups.

Why can't we stop the overseas purveyors of fake golf clubs – look-alike reproductions of first line clubs such as TaylorMade, Ping and Callaway?

That's kinda like wondering why the inflow of drugs isn't stopped by the Feds. The world market is so vast and complicated that many countries don't honor or respect patents held by companies in the U.S. Some manufacturers have taken foreign cheaters to court, but the expense may be prohibitive in the future. The U.S. government isn't much concerned about golf club makers to issue a challenge to China.

Why can't anybody make grips that are tacky on the inside so we can pull them off

and put new ones on instead of having a shop do it?

Why is it so easy for folks to manipulate their USGA handicaps? I'm wondering how someone with a two handicap winds up with a six in a matter of a month or two. There is no doubt about the secret motivation of such a person, but it must take a ton of scores entered in the computer to make that big of a jump. Sometimes these jokers get nailed, and have their numbers "adjusted."

Why are so many people obsessed with their cell phones? I have no doubt that, even if the Centers for Disease Control (the agency who monitors literally everything) were to declare that cell phones are toxic and cancer causing, people wouldn't leave them alone.

Why don't folks who really need to get in shape work out at the gym? We're lazy in this land of plenty. The average American is actually obese by former lean standards, which probably is associated with high-fat and high-calorie fast food that by all accounts is more-or-less cheap.

In ancient China, fat was looked upon as high status (food aplenty), since most of the peasants lived on the verge of starvation.

Champion golfers in the future won't look like Craig Stadler or Laura Davies. They'll look like Steve Stricker, Gary Woodland or Johnson Wagner.

Why don't golf courses enlist volunteers to help take care of the grounds? Sure there are occasional "divot parties," but these cursory outings are not common or frequent enough. We could fix pitch marks on greens, take care of bad divots, pick stones and rocks from bunkers, remove trash, pull weeds – no scratch that – and chop out unnecessary bushes (I'd like to do that anyway).

Clearly some facilities can't afford to hire additional grounds maintenance help at today's high prices of labor. They could offer incentives for the free work by regular golfers, like becoming "deputies" for a day, and be granted occasional free rounds like the marshals get. I've heard all the objections over the years, like the fear of an accident happening, but those are mostly excuses.

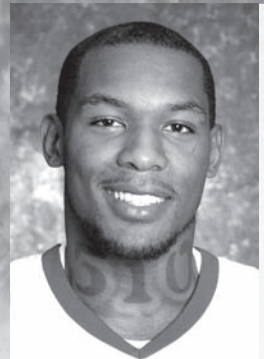
Naturally, I wonder, why do we have to get old?

Incidentally, the answer to the "Hitchhiker's" question is A42.

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NM STATE UNIVERSITY

ATHLETE of the WEEK



Wendell McKines

Redshirt Senior, Men's Basketball

Redshirt senior forward Wendell McKines guided the Aggies to a 2-0 record in their WAC home opening weekend. McKines averaged 18.0 points and 10.5 rebounds per game. Versus the Vandals, McKines led all scorers with 23 points and 10 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the year. In the win over Utah State, McKines had 13 points and 11 rebounds.



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Sports Briefs

Henson reception set

The New Mexico State athletic department and President Barbara Couture are hosting a reception to celebrate legendary former men's basketball head coach Lou Henson's 80th birthday and support Lou and Mary Henson's lifetime of giving to the university and the community.



HENSON

The reception is from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, in the Pan American Center annex practice gym. Individual reservations are \$80 per person, and a no host bar will be available. The net proceeds benefit the Lou and Mary Henson Endowment and the New Mexico State Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign. Reservations a partially tax deductible.

Those unable to attend can make a charitable gift in honor of the Hensons.

For more information or to make reservations, call Felicia McCracken or Mary Rogers with the Aggie Athletic Club at 646-5151 or email aac@nmsu.edu.

Swim meet is Jan. 21

The New Mexico State swimming and diving team hosts Idaho at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, in its home finale at the New Mexico State University Natatorium. This meet is also senior day for the Aggies.

"With only five weeks until conference, we need to take advantage of every chance we have to race," coach Rick Pratt said. "This weekend's meet is a good opportunity for that and should be filled with emotions because it is the last chance for our seniors to race at home."

The Aggies are celebrating their six seniors;

Rachelle Bassen, Brittney Moore, Gina Palombit, Ana Smith, Carly Smith and Maria Spies.

"They have sacrificed a lot to our program, and we are hoping to have a good showing in honor of that," Pratt said. "Idaho has some strong swimmers and will match up with us in several events. It should be a fun day, and we are hoping for a good turnout."

Admission to the meet is free.

Volleyball nets transfer

New Mexico State University volleyball coach Mike Jordan recently announced that former Virginia Commonwealth University setter Ciara Brown is transferring to NMSU to attend school and play volleyball.

Brown, a native of Fort Myers, Fla., is a 5-10 setter who was named to the 2010 Colonial Athletic Conference All-Rookie Team. As a freshman in 2010, she averaged a team-best 6.46 assists per set and handed out 40-plus assists three times, including a career-high 44-assists against Colgate Sept. 3, 2010.

Brown followed her successful rookie season at VCU playing in only 13 sets during the 2011 season. She posted 59 assists, 23 digs, seven kills and two service aces as a sophomore.

"We're looking forward to Ciara joining our program," Jordan said. "She's a very good athlete with a lot of experience at the setting position, which we need as well and she's a great young lady. We're really happy she's able to join us this semester. It gives her a chance to learn our system during spring practice and competition."

Prior to playing at VCU, Brown played at Bishop Verot High School under coach Wynn DePasquale and earned AVCA All-America Honorable Mention honors following her senior season. She led the Vikings to a 49-1 record in her final two seasons and handed out 715 assists as a senior, while leading the team to a 27-1 record.

NMSU

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hurt the Aggies on the court, as of Wednesday, Jan. 18, they were on a five-game winning streak and still undefeated in WAC play.

While the Aggies are making the long trip, league leading Nevada (15-3, 4-0) will be at home playing a single game this weekend, hosting Fresno State (8-11, 1-3) Saturday, Jan. 21.

Nevada will visit the Pan American Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, in what could be a key game in the

hunt for the WAC regular season championship. The Wolfpack were named pre-season favorites by the league coaches, and staked a big claim to the regular season title with their 78-71 win over Utah State in Logan, Utah, on Jan. 7. That game snapped a 33-game home win streak for the USU Aggies.

Menzies said he is particularly impressed by the Wolfpack's Deonte Burton.

"I think Deonte is a pro," Menzies said. "I think he's an NBA player, he could be a lottery pick in a year or two."

"He is an extremely athletic, talented offensive weapon that can sit down and guard

people, too."

McKines said the Aggies are taking it one game at a time.

"The Nevada game doesn't carry as much weight if we don't win at San Jose and Hawai'i," McKines said.

H I G H S C H O O L

Sports Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Friday, Jan. 20	Girls Basketball	Oñate High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Oñate High School	7 p.m.
Jan. 20-21	Wrestling	at Bowie Tournament	10 a.m., 9 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 21	Swimming (coed)	at Rio Rancho Meet	TBA
Tuesday, Jan. 24	Boys Basketball	Mayfield High School	7 p.m.
	Girls Basketball	at Mayfield High School	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26	Wrestling	at Deming High School	6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27	Girls Basketball	Gadsden High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Gadsden High School	7 p.m.



Mayfield High School

Friday, Jan. 20	Boys Basketball	Gadsden High School	7 p.m.
	Girls Basketball	at Gadsden High School	7 p.m.
Jan. 20-21	Wrestling	at Ruidoso Tournament	TBA
Tuesday, Jan. 24	Girls Basketball	Las Cruces High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Las Cruces High School	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26	Wrestling	at Oñate High School	6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27	Boys Basketball	Alamogordo High School	7 p.m.
	Girls Basketball	at Alamogordo High School	7 p.m.



Oñate High School

Friday, Jan. 20	Boys Basketball	Las Cruces High School	7 p.m.
	Girls Basketball	at Las Cruces High School	7 p.m.
Jan. 20-21	Wrestling	at Ruidoso Tournament	TBA
Tuesday, Jan. 24	Girls Basketball	Alamogordo High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Alamogordo High School	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26	Wrestling	Mayfield High School	6 p.m.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Saturday, Jan. 21	Swimming (coed)	at Artesia Invite	9 a.m.
	Boys Basketball	Socorro High School	5 p.m.
	Girls Basketball	at Chaparral High School	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 24	Girls Basketball	Lydia Patterson Institute	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Tornillo High School	7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 26	Boys Basketball	at Chaparral High School	7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 27	Girls Basketball	Chaparral High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Hatch Valley High School	7 p.m.



Trojans

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The defending state champions are currently ranked fourth in the state in Class 5A. Maya said he hopes his big lineup continues to create matchup problems during the district schedule and eventually, in the state tournament.

"Up north, they're used to playing teams with big girls, but they're not used to playing a team that has three who can run and trap and move like these three," he said.

Last season, Mayfield depended heavily on the scoring and leadership of senior Elena Holguin. This year's team has a different look and requires a group effort and a special emphasis on defense.

"This year, we don't have a consistent shooter like Elena Holguin, so we depend on defense," Lara said. "Offensively, Daeshi is a good shooter from the wing, and we run the high-low post, but we have to keep it up defensively. That's important every single game."

Mayfield High School

High School Athletes of the Week



Taylor Harrison

Taylor Harrison is a 14-year-old freshman at Mayfield High School. She is a tumbler, stunter and back spotter on the varsity cheer squad. As a member of the varsity cheer squad, Harrison helped in a first place finish at the Mayfield High School Cheerleading Competition held on January 14. Harrison is a very outgoing, responsible and hard working young lady. She likes to have fun and has a very funny personality. Her friends love to be around her because she is so positive and fun. Harrison is and has been a very dedicated student, as evidenced by her early high school credits, earned while still in middle school, and her current GPA of 4.0.

Her main interest outside of cheerleading is animals. She is passionate about their well-being and is an ambassador with the Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, a nonprofit, no-kill animal shelter in Las Cruces. Harrison helps with fundraising and anything else Safe Haven needs. Once she graduates from high school she plans to attend the best veterinary school she can get into. Her drive and persistence to keep her grades high is influenced by her desire to attend a top veterinary school.

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Looking Back



This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

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100yearsago

1912

• Listed for sale was "four fine acres of land, a new, five-room adobe house well finished, 100 fruit trees bearing this year, barn, chicken houses, etc., on main Las Cruces ditch just outside city limits." The asking price was \$1,600 cash.

• The Las Cruces ditch ran wild during the week, and supposition was that someone had purposely breached its banks with the ditch showing several large breaks. The action caused much inconvenience to farmers in Las Cruces and just south of town who were doing their plowing.

• The wedding of Corina Amador to Frank W. Campbell was set for Feb. 15, 1912. The ceremony was planned at the Catholic parsonage and a luncheon and bridal party was to be hosted by the bride's sister, Julieta Amador Garcia at the family home. The newlywed couple planned to leave for a Mardi Gras honeymoon in New Orleans after the ceremony.

75yearsago

1937

• Floyd Ikard, general chairman of arrangements for the annual President's Ball,

said the committee had decided to split the affair into two events in order to handle the large number of people expected to attend. Both events would feature live orchestras, with one at the local armory costing \$1 and the other ball at the Las Cruces Country Club costing \$1.50. Proceeds would go to charity.

• A transmission station being built by the college radio club was licensed by the Federal Communication Commission with the call letters W5GEM. Earl Goddard, president of the club, said the station would be completed in a few weeks.

• Rio Grande Lumber and Fuel Co., 111 S. Church St., advertised boys bikes for \$26, Velocipedes for \$2 to \$6, boys wagons \$1.60 to \$6 and Daisy Air Rifles for \$1.50 to \$2.50.

50yearsago

1962

• The Las Cruces school budget for 1962 was set at \$3.9 million. The district had seen a growth of 7.5 percent in enrollment, and the budget would allow for the hiring of an additional 44 new teachers.

• Jon Van Noy captured the statewide trap shooting contest in Albuquerque by shooting 100 out of 100 in the singles competition, 100 out of 100 in the doubles competition – when two birds are shot, and 92 out of 100 in the portion of the competition when two birds are shot in different directions. Van Noy scored 761 points in the all-around championship.

• The Las Cruces Bulldogs demonstrated their



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Two of the Amador sisters, Julieta and Corina, are seen on the front porch of the Amador family home around 1910. Surrounded by lush vegetation, the home stood just west of the Amador Hotel and featured a long wooden veranda. Barely visible in front of the screen porch is the forehead of Julieta's husband Fabian Garcia.

offensive prowess by beating Socorro 102-46. The also beat Silver City 62-40. With the wins, Lou Henson's squad pushed their record to 11-4.

25yearsago

1987

• Efforts to repair damage caused to Sierra Middle School met with little success. After a water hose was left running over a weekend the previous summer, the school's locker room, a hallway and Room 420 were damaged when concrete foundations sank. The school district hired Gencon of Mesilla to remedy the situation. The contractor pumped 46 yards of

concrete under the foundation in an attempt to lift it, but failed. "I just don't see why this happened," said school board president Everett Crawford. "It's only a two-year-old building."

• Stephen Kane, musical director and lead actor in the upcoming performance of "Little Shop of Horrors," said the musical comedy produced by the American Southwest Theatre Company carried the serious message "don't feed the plants."

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Programs at Munson Senior Center are for those age 50 and over. Membership is free and required to participate in classes and activities.

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on ongoing programs.

AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Classes are walk up, but registration with Senior Programs is required. Donation suggested.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

A registered nurse provides blood pressure checks at the following times and locations. Donation suggested.

- 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.
- 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.
- 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Thursdays at Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.

TRAVEL CLUB

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

Trips currently being booked include:

- **Rockhound State Park/Adobe Deli Steakhouse day trip:** Tuesday, Jan. 31. \$15. Day trip.
- **Tucson Casino:** Feb 22-24.

\$225 double, \$295 single. Sign up by Feb. 1.

- **Cattleman's Steakhouse, Fabens, Texas.** Friday, Feb. 10. \$70.
- **Cloudcroft Mardi Gras in the Clouds:** Saturday, Feb. 18. Cost: \$20 per person.
- **Belen/Santa Fe Raii Runner:** March 13-15. Cost: \$330 double, \$384 single.
- **Savannah/Jekyll Island:** April 13-23. Motor coach. Sign up by Feb. 7. \$949 double, \$1,199 single.
- **New Orleans:** Nov. 10-18. Motor coach. \$810 double, \$1,080 single.
- **Canada/New England cruise:** Oct. 10-20.
- **Australia/New Zealand cruise:** March 4, 2013. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

STAINED GLASS

Beginning and advanced stained-glass classes meet at 8:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

Intermediate stained-glass class meets at 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center. Registration is required.

AEROBICS CLASS

Aerobics class is from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

CORE EXERCISE

Core exercise classes are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600

E. Hadley Ave. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

LINE DANCING

Beginning line dance classes for anyone over 50 are held from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. each Monday and intermediate line dance classes are held from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. each Friday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Donations are accepted. For more information, call 528-3000.

HATHA YOGA

Yoga classes are from 8 to 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

T'AI CHI CLASSES

T'ai chi classes are from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

CARD/TABLE GAMES

Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to play bridge, pinochle, canasta, Hands N Feet, chess and Mah Jongg. Call 528-3000 for times and locations.

50+ WALKING GROUP

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation will lead a walking group targeted toward those 50 years and older at 8 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is no fee to join and total walking distance will be no more than two miles per walk. The group will meet at the following locations:

- Tuesday, Jan. 24: Former

Tee Time building at Del Rey and Telshor boulevards

- Thursday, Jan. 26: Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., at the park

Call the Parks & Recreation Department at 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2182.

THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month. For more information, call Judy at 373-9309, Ann at 522-7240 or Bev at 523-6106.

QUILTERS MEET AT MUNSON CENTER

The Munson Quilters meet from 9 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Quilters over age 50 of all levels are encouraged to participate. On Fridays, the group works on quilts to be donated to local organizations.

CITY RECREATION

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.:

- **Aerobics:** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Yoga:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Pilates:** 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Core/Floor Exercises:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Pickleball:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday

through Fridays. 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 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
- **Senior Aquatics Class:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays.

Classes are drop in, but seniors must be registered with Las Cruces Senior Services.

- **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

For more information, call 382-1662.

All classes are \$2. For more information, call the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department at 541-2550.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome. Entertainment will be provided by Mark Coker. Couples, singles and guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dancing begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$6.

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Classes in January are:

- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20: Village at Northrise, Hallmark Building, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Desert Aire MDW & SWA, Water System Improvement Project, Chaparral, New Mexico

Purpose: Desert Aire MDW & SWA intends to apply for funding from the a variety of State and Federal sources (including, but not limited to, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan, State and Tribal Assistance Grant, United States Department of Agriculture, and Colonias program) to complete improvements to their water system. These improvements may include a expansion of the current distribution system, replacement of portions of the current distribution system, additional water storage and/or water source. The purpose of this public meeting is to present applicable laws and/regulations, to review the draft preliminary engineering report and environmental information document (which will be made available at the public meeting), seek public comment, identify issues of concern, present the range of alternatives considered, and enlist public participation in development of the project plan

Date: February 23, 2011 **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Place: Desert Aire MDW & SWA offices, 2360 Desert Aire Drive, Chaparral, NM

Agenda: 7:00-7:15, review project background and purpose; 7:15-7:45, summary of preliminary engineering report/environment information document; 7:45-9:00 public question and answer and comments

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If special assistance is required to participate in this public meeting, please contact the person above at least three days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made

Legislature 2012

Lujan's illness raises leadership questions

Majority leader: 'We are a human institution'

By Trip Jennings
Santa Fe New Mexican

It is unclear how House Speaker Ben Lujan's fight with lung cancer will play out day to day over the next month, whether he will show up each morning or miss portions of the state Legislature's 30-day session.

Lujan didn't address that issue in remarks Tuesday, Jan. 17, to a standing-room-only

crowd in the House of Representatives.

Some lawmakers, however, were already planning for a novel, possibly historic, situation over the next four weeks.

"In the coming days, there's going to be a lot of new ground plowed because we've never experienced it," said the chamber's top Republican, House Minority Leader Thomas Taylor of Farmington.

A rule of the House allows a speaker to

appoint a lawmaker as his designee for a single day. The rules don't anticipate a speaker's absence for a longer period of time, however, although no one is talking about Lujan being out of commission for long stretches.

But if Lujan were to miss several days consecutively, the House would have a decision to make. The chamber could unanimously vote to suspend the rule giving the speaker authority to pick a replacement for a single day or try to change the rule to extend the time, said Steve Arias, House clerk.

Two-thirds of the elected lawmakers in the House must support a rule change for it to go into effect, Arias said.

The arcane rules of running the House chamber took a back seat to predictions that Democratic and Republican leaders would work together to help the speaker, a Democrat. Lawmakers often talk of those who serve in the Legislature as a family, regardless of the competing political or philosophical persuasions. That tone was evident in many remarks Tuesday.

"I think he is going to do as much as humanly possible" said House Majority Leader Ken Martinez, D-Grants, the Democratic second in command. "But I guess a lot of us on both sides of the aisle will say, 'Boss, if you need to take a break, take a break. We'll cover it. We are a very human institution. We can cover for each other.'"

Taylor agreed.

"We have a lot of work to do in the next 30 days and it's not easy on one's health when you're healthy" the Farmington Republican said. "We will do our best to support the speaker how we can during this period of time."

Lujan's ability to work through the session or not also could become an issue on certain bills, especially those in which the margin of

support is so narrow that a single lawmaker's absence during a vote could shift a bill's chances of passing or failing.

"We don't vote every day, especially during the beginning," Martinez said. "Everyone recognizes that this is a human institution and no one will try to exploit the situation. They shouldn't. I don't think they will."

With his decision not to seek re-election, Lujan sets up a potential fight for the speakership.

The House speaker is the Legislature's most powerful post, controlling committee chairmanships, deciding how many committees a bill must go through and what gets heard on the House floor.

As speaker, Lujan has proven an adept survivor, surviving two challenges during his 11-year tenure.

One challenge came from Martinez in 2006, which Lujan successfully fought off when Democratic lawmakers supported

continuing his leadership during a closed-door meeting prior to the 2007 legislative session. The other challenge happened last year when Rep. Joseph Cervantes, D-Las Cruces, challenged Lujan. That race lasted until the first day of the 2011 legislative session.

Neither Martinez nor Cervantes wanted to talk about their plans Tuesday, if any, to run for the House's top spot next year.

"It's too early," Martinez said.

Too many variables are in play to know what will happen in the next few months, especially with the 2012 elections around the corner, Cervantes said. As is the case every four years, all 112 legislative seats will be up for grabs.

"There's an assumption that I'd get re-elected," the Las Cruces Democrat said. "The assumption is that the Democrats would be electing the next speaker."

“ The assumption is that the Democrats would be electing the new speaker. ”

JOSEPH CERVANTES,
Las Cruces representative

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The Bidder's Conference will be held at 1:30 pm,
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at 135 W. Griggs, Las Cruces, 88001.

The New America School does utilize federal funding through the Universal Service Administrative Company, so successful vendors must have a current ERate SPIN number and be familiar with the ERate program. This is not a required conference, but is an additional opportunity for vendors to become more familiar with the needs of The New America School.

Additional information can be requested from LaTricia Mathis at lmathis@newamericaschoolnm.org, or at 505-222-4379, or accessed via the USAC site.

Garcia earns King award

Lujan also honored for legislative service

At the Democratic Party of New Mexico's annual legislative dinner Tuesday, Jan. 17, Senate Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia, D-Doña Ana, was presented with the Bruce King Award.

The award was established to honor Gov. King's legacy and is presented annually to one legislative champion from the Senate and one from the House of Representatives.

Garcia is the first ever award winner from



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Doña Ana County.

Garcia was introduced by state Democratic National Committeewoman Mary Gail Gwaltney, and received her award from Attorney General Gary King. She was honored for her commitment and accomplishments in fighting against human traf-

ficking and child abuse. This year's recipient from the House was Speaker Ben Lujan.

Neighbors We've Lost

OBITUARIES

RICHARD "DICKIE" A. BANEGAS

Richard "Dickie" A. Banegas, 75, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Monday, January 16, 2012 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Dickie, as he was fondly known, served his country honorably in the United States Navy and after his military service, he worked as a produce manager, from which he retired.



Survivors include his loving wife, Teresa Banegas; three daughters, Elizabeth Telles, Gloria Banegas and Kathy De La O; four brothers, James, Raymond, Rudy and Henry Banegas; three sisters, Rosalie Maese, Ernestine Lacey and Angelita O'Rourke.

Cremation will take place and Recitation of the Rosary will begin at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan.

21, 2012 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina Street, where the Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated immediately thereafter. Inurnment of cremains will follow in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Columbarium. Military Honors will be accorded by a Naval Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League - El Perro Diablo Detachment. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels and Baca's Sunset Crematory, 300

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RANDY AARON AZURE

Randy Aaron Azure, 28, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012. At the time of his death Randy worked as a restaurant manager and was a member of the First Baptist Church.



Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife, Joselyn Chavez Azure; two sons, Damian Anthony and Donovan James Azure; his parents, Robert and Margaret Azure; two brothers, Robert D. Jr., and Armando F. Azure, a sister, Amanda Renee Azure.

Visitation for Mr. Azure was held on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road. The Funeral Service

was held the same afternoon at the First Baptist Church, with Dr. Maurice Hollingsworth officiating.

Concluding service and interment followed at the Masonic Cemetery where he was laid to rest. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces 575-527-2222. Your exclusive providers of "Veterans and Family Memorial

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CrimeStoppers

Fraud suspects



Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrests of three women who have used duplicate vehicle titles and false information to secure fraudulent loans.

Arrest warrants have been issued for Karen Joanna Carter, 20, and Krystle L. Bueno, 19, who are charged with felony counts of fraud and conspiracy. Las Cruces Police and New Mexico State Police are investigating multiple reports of the women using duplicate vehicle titles and false information to secure title loans from finance companies in Las Cruces, El Paso and surrounding communities.

Carter and Bueno are believed to be working with a third woman, 19-year-old Janet Lara, to obtain thousands of dollars in fraudulent loans from the finance companies.

Investigators have determined the vehicle titles the trio used as collateral are duplicate titles, and they have used fake Social Security



BUENO



CARTER

numbers and false contact information to obtain the loans.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Carter, Bueno or Lara, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

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ROY PATTERSON

January 15, 1950 - January 15, 2012

Roy Patterson ended his walk on earth Jan. 15, 2012 on the day of his 62nd birthday. He was known to be a very generous man who would give everything to anyone.

Roy worked in law-enforcement and served as a police officer in Lordsburg, Deming, Mesilla and New Mexico State University, and most recently at the Doña Ana Detention Center.

Those left to celebrate his life and legacy include his son, James Nathan Patterson; two daughters, Cassandra Ann Walters and Robyn Jefferson; a brother, James Jackson, Jr., and a sister, Edna Marie Jackson.

Calling hours will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road, where the Funeral



Service is scheduled for 11 a.m. with Mr. Jan Thomas officiating.

At his request, cremation will follow and inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date in a private family service.

The family would like to offer very special thanks to his neighbors Carol Poehler and Robin Williams.

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BETTY STIDHAM HOLT

April 11, 1926 - January 18, 2012

Betty Stidham Holt was born on April 11, 1926 to James Alexander Stidham and Allie Mantooth Stidham in Electra, Texas. She joined her heavenly Father on January 18, 2012.

She was raised near Conroe, Texas and following her marriage and divorce to Joe E. Dean, she remarried and was widowed. After retiring, she volunteered at the Christian Day Nursery Thrift Shop and spent her life serving the Lord by providing companionship and transportation to those in need. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and enjoyed playing the organ, arranging flowers, watching redbirds, and doing crafts.

Betty is survived by her four children: William R. (Ellen) Dean and children, Melanie, Tory, Felischia, and Alexander; Nancy D. Simpson and children, James and Debra; Deanna D. (Gary) Hoxworth and sons Eric and



Chris; and Larry (Lynda) Dean and daughter Stacey. She had 31 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Christine and Odessa, baby brother James Alexander, and granddaughter, Shelley. She will be missed by all who knew her. We all rejoice that she is with her creator and has been made whole again.

Memorial Services to celebrate her life will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012 at the Village at Northrise with David Moon officiating. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home and Getz Family Crematory, corner of Solano and Bowman Ave., Las Cruces, NM 575-526-2419. To sign the local online guest book log on to www.GetzCares.com.



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DEATH NOTICES

NATION

Willie Fay Nation, 99, passed away on Thursday, January 12, 2012. Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

MOTZ

Susan D. Motz, 64, passed away Thursday, January 12, 2012. Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

URDIALEZ

Alfredo "Chalaca" Urdialez, 75, passed away at La Posada Friday, January 13, 2012. Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

PURVIS

Sherlee Mitchell Purvis, 61, passed away at Memorial Medical Center on Friday, January 13, 2012. Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

CASTILLO

Faustino Ricardo Castillo passed away January 15, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center. Arrangements are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

SAUCEDA

Nathaniel Alexander Saucedo, 7 days old, entered eternal life Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at Las Palmas Medical Center in El Paso, Texas. He was born January 4, 2012 in El Paso. Survivors include his parents, Jimmy Alexander Saucedo and Tristin Baca; his paternal grandmother, Stephanie Duran; his paternal grandfather, Jimmy Saucedo; maternal grandmother, Kathi Baca; maternal grandfather, James Baca. A Memorial Service was held on January 14, 2012 in Baca's Peace Chapel. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory. 575-527-2222

ABEYTA

Ruben T. Abeyta, 77, of Doña Ana, New Mexico, entered eternal life Thursday, January 12, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Pauline Sanchez Abeyta; three sons, Ronald, Leonard and Leon Abeyta; two daughters, Bernadine Naylor and Lita Abeyta; six sisters, Mela Sanchez, Sr. Angelina Abeyta, Sr. Dolores Abeyta, Greg Esquivel, Angelina Trujillo and Dolores Duran. Recitation of the Holy Rosary was held Monday, January 16, 2012 in Our Lady of Purification Catholic Church and the funeral mass was celebrated immediately afterward. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

PIÑON

Cecilia Piñon, 46, of Doña Ana, New Mexico entered eternal life Saturday, January 14, 2012 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her loving husband, Reginaldo Piñon; two sons, Christopher and Gerardo Piñon; a daughter, Cecilia Piñon; her mother, Magdalena Palma; five brothers, Roberto, Armando, Adalberto, Francisco and Alejandro Palma; five sisters, Myrna, Olivia and Rosa Palma, Genoveva Soder and Marisa Piñon. A prayer vigil was held Monday, January 16, 2012 in Our Lady of Purification Catholic Church where the funeral mass was celebrated immediately afterward. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

SAUNDERS

William Saunders, 85, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Friday, January 13, 2012. A visitation was held on Wednesday January 18, 2012 at Getz Funeral Home from 10-11 a.m. Funeral services were the same day at First Baptist Church. Burial was at the Masonic Cemetery. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home. 575-526-2419

PURVIS

Sherlee Mitchell Purvis, 61, passed away at Memorial Medical Center on Friday, January 13, 2012. Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

ROBINSON

Joyce Robinson, 73 of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Sunday, January 15, 2012. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at Getz Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers Joyce's family would like donations made to the American Cancer Society or Mesilla Valley Hospice. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home. 575-526-2419

URDIALEZ

Alfredo Santos Urdialez, 75, passed away at La Posada Mesilla Valley Hospice, Friday, January 13, 2012. Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

WORTHY

Abell Worthy, 97, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away Friday, January 13, 2012 at her home. She was born October 26, 1914 in Lexington, Mississippi. She is survived by two daughters, Maggie Mae Powels and Rosezetta Kimbrough both of Las Cruces; two sisters, Sarah Benson of Flint, Michigan and Rebecca Wright of Greenville, Mississippi. Other survivors include 8 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 27 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Worthy. A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, January 19, 2012 in Great St. John Church of God in Christ, 1615 N. Mesquite Street. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, January 20 in the same church. Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

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Las Cruces travel north



Samantha Roberts
Business Editor

Many Las Cruces will travel to Santa Fe Saturday through Monday, Jan. 28-30; however, it's not for the well-known art galleries or favorite eateries. It's for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe, a weekend event that fosters communications between southern New Mexico and the Legislature.

Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe (LCDSF) is sponsored by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Council of the Conquistadores.

2012 will be my first LCDSF experience. I have to admit, I am excited about the magnitude of conversations that will be happening.

Not only will Las Cruces be advocating for their desired bills and laws, but it is also a time to network.

Yes, the chamber hosts events on a weekly basis that promote building business relationships with community members, but LCDSF is not just one event.

The weekend is a time to strengthen those relationships and come together on common issues that benefit southern New Mexico.

I view LCDSF as a learning experience. My extent of how a bill is passed comes from Schoolhouse Rock's "I'm Just a Bill."

"Yes, I'm only a bill.

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To the capital city.

It's a long, long wait

While I'm sitting in committee ..."

LCDSF has several other events scheduled, such as an annual expo that highlights the Las Cruces community and businesses. The expo will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 30.

On Sunday, Jan. 29, a Legislative brunch will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the La Fonda Hotel off the plaza. Also on Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m. guests will have the opportunity to tour the Governor's Residence during a reception.

As Las Cruces continues to grow, it is important event, such as LCDSF, grow with it. It is crucial, as a community, Las Cruces stays involved in Santa Fe because after all, it's our state just as much as it is theirs.

Email me at samantha@lascrcesbulletin.com.

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Mastering the construction business
Profile: Steve Warren B11

Chamber celebrates past, future



On Friday, Jan. 13, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Banquet, honoring Las Cruces businesses and citizens, including Tom Hutchinson, left, who was honored as Citizen of the Year. Former New Mexico Governor and New Mexico State University College of Business Dean Garrey Carruthers read Hutchinson's achievements at the banquet.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

Awards banquet honored members, businesses

Bulletin Staff Report

For some, the curse of Friday the 13th could be broken, especially for the winners at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet.

On Friday, Jan. 13, people filled the Las Cruces Convention Center to celebrate past achievements of the chamber and look toward the future, which was also the events theme.

Guests were greeted by a "Back to the Future" icon – a DeLorean – and were invited to enjoy networking, drinks, dinner and a futuristic speech by nationally renowned futurist David Zach, who is known for integrating wit and predictions into an entertaining speech.

Annual Banquet award winners included:

Citizen of the Year: **Tom Hutchinson**

"It is always an honor and privilege to be recognized by leading businesses and organizations in town for accomplishments over the past year," said Tom Hutchinson, who owns La Posta de Mesilla with his wife Jerean.

Hutchinson has been a board member of the New Mexico Restaurant Association, past president and current board member of the Old Mesilla Association, past chair of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and past Chair of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance. He is currently chair of the board for Citizens Bank of Las Cruces.

"My wife and I have been giving a lot of time and enjoy giving our time to the business community in whatever capacity we can," Hutchinson said. "We won't change what we do; we will always be supporters of the chamber and will support a business environment that makes sure we have a climate in Las Cruces to allow for small business to grow and prosper."

Hutchinson said he plans to continue his work with various committees for the chamber.

"I am on some committees that are very

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Award winners

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce announced the following award winners during its 2012 annual banquet:

Citizen of the Year
Tom Hutchinson

Business of the Year
American Document Services

Small Business of the Year
Cruces Trophy

Nonprofit of the Year
Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance

Volunteer of the Year
Joe Bullington

Crystal Apple awards

- Jennifer Amis (Principal)
- Elaine Prickett (Teacher)
- John Ross Tapia (Early Career Teacher of the Year)

Conquistadore of the Year
Mary Iadicicco

Police Officer of the Year
Sgt. Lawrence Archuleta

Firefighter of the Year
Michael Daniels



Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce photo

Rick Jackson accepted Business of the Year award from Margie Huerta and Bill Allen.

Awards

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active in analyzing issues the city and county wrestle with from time to time," he said. "Perhaps the biggest accomplishment I have had recently, was being involved in the deeding over of the Armijo House. That project isn't done, and we still have a huge capital campaign to go along with it.

"A big thanks to my wife who allows me to delve into activities outside of the restaurant. We are a two-man team, and I can't do it without her."

Business of the Year: American Document Services

Going on its 10th year of business, American Document Services is dedicated to its community and its customers.

American Document Services was purchased by Rick Jackson in 2001 when the company was providing shredding services for only seven customers. Since that time, American Document Services has grown to serve more than 1,600 customers.

"I didn't win this award, my employees won this award," Jackson said. "It just shows me that they are out doing the right thing and providing good customer service. They are the ones fulfilling the promises that I make.

"I am proud of my staff and my son. And I am proud to say that we have been in business for 10 years and grown every year."

American Document Services shreds between 25,000 and 30,000 pounds of paper each week, which is then recycled. Future plans for the company include the addition of services.

"We are adding the certification to recycle electronic waste, such as fax machines, computers, copiers, hard drives, etc.," Jackson said. "As far as I know, we will be the only and first company in southern New Mexico with this service.

"It is important to keep these products out of the landfills."

Jackson serves as a Conquistadore and has been an active supporter of chamber programs through volunteering and sponsorship.

Small Business of the Year: Cruces Trophy

Another honored business of the evening was Cruces Trophy, an award, recognition and engraving company that has served Las Cruces since 1980.

"We are so honored to have received this award, and in our business that says a lot," said Jeff Giffing, who co-owns the company with his wife Joy. "We make awards every day and watch them go out our doors. Sometimes we are lucky enough to witness the joy they bring. Rarely do we get to the feel the pride that an engraved award brings."

Giffing began working at Cruces Trophy more than 20 years ago, becoming partners



Firefighter of the Year Michael Daniels (second from right) accepted his award with Fire Chief Travis Brown, chamber past-chair Margie Huerta and chamber president/CEO Bill Allen.



Police Officer of the Year Sgt. Lawrence Archuleta (second from left) accepted his award from Police Chief Richard Williams, Huerta and Allen.

in the business with his wife Joy in 1997. The couple purchased Cruces Trophy in 2000.

Giffing serves as a Chamber Conquistadore, and the company has sponsored numerous organizations and events, from the youth sports organizations to nonprofit fundraisers.

"Being recognized by our fellow chamber members is so rewarding and affirming that what we strive for every day – excellence – is being noticed," he said. "That being said, it is also a challenge to continue to do our best."

"We will keep meeting the needs of our customers, participating in our Chamber, and giving back to our community," Joy Giffing added. "We are so grateful to the chamber members who nominated and voted for us and to the board for ultimately recognizing us."

The Small Business of the Year Award was sponsored by The Las Cruces Bulletin and presented by publisher David McCollum.

Nonprofit of the Year: Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance

The award for Nonprofit of the Year was given to the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) and accepted by board member Gary Lenzo.

MVEDA is a public/private sector partnership dedicated to growing the wealth of Doña Ana County through the creation of economic based job opportunities for area residents.

The nonprofit's CEO, Davin Lopez, who started with MVEDA in 2009, has helped lo-



Gary Lenzo accepted the Nonprofit of the Year award on behalf of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance from Huerta and Allen.



Joe Bullington of Jacobs Technology accepted his Volunteer of the Year award from Huerta and Allen.

cate or grow 16 businesses in the Mesilla Valley, bringing more than 1,085 jobs to the region.

MVEDA is supported financially by the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico State University, Doña Ana Community College, the Las Cruces Public Schools, the Village of Hatch and more than 90 local businesses and organizations.

Volunteer of the Year: Joe Bullington

Joe Bullington, 2012 chamber volunteer of the year, is the Jacobs director for the Mission Services Department on the NASA Test, Evaluation and Support Team Contract at the White Sands Test Facility.

Bullington is responsible for a diverse department with 100 personnel and a budget of \$10 million. He is a Leadership Las Cruces alumnus and a member of the Chamber's Commercial Space, Military Affairs and Internet & Technology Committees.

Bullington is consistently at chamber functions, including the Business After Hours, Chamber Aggie Tailgate, Thanks Team WSMR, Community Space Forums and many others.

Crystal Apple awards

Garrey Carruthers, former New Mexico governor and dean of the College of Business at New Mexico State University, presented the Crystal Apple Awards, which were sponsored by Adventure Travel & Cruise Center and El Paso Electric Co.

Principal of the Year winner Jennifer Amis is the principal at Arrowhead Center's Early College High School, which is known for being the most technologically exposed school in the district because of Amis.

Teacher of the Year Elaine Prickett from J. Paul Taylor Academy was recognized as an exceptional first-grade teacher, who engages her kids in "something remarkable."

She assigns duties and tasks for each student, who take pride in their accomplishments.

Early Career Teacher of the Year John Ross Tapia from Arrowhead Center Early College High School was honored for his commitment to designing lessons that are meaningful to students. It is not uncommon to walk into Tapia's classroom and see all students deeply engaged in learning.



Cruces Trophy owner Jeff Giffing (second from right) accepted the Small Business of the Year award from Las Cruces Bulletin publisher David McCollum, Huerta and Allen.



Huerta and Allen awarded Elaine Prickett from J. Paul Taylor Academy the Teacher of the Year award.



Principal of the Year Jennifer Amis (far left) and Early Career Teacher of the Year John Ross Tapia (far right) received their awards from Las Cruces Public School's Superintendent Stan Rounds and Huerta.

Conquistadore of the Year: Mary Iadicicco

Mary Iadicicco was recognized for her commitment to the chamber and its events. She is an active supporter of her church as well as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for the past 15 years. As a Conquistadore she has been a tireless supporter of the community and is usually present as a volunteer or representative at nearly every event or ribbon cutting. She has served on the Conquistadore executive council and as the green team captain.

Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year

Sgt. Lawrence Archuleta, police officer of the year, and Michael Daniels, firefighter of the year, were recognized for their heroic efforts and going above and beyond in their respective fields.

Archuleta was a key player in bringing down a drug ring that seized thousands of dollars in illegal narcotics.

Daniels committed his time to extending his education by gaining his EMT certification, making him one of a handful of EMTs in Las Cruces.

In addition to thanking outgoing board members, the event also recognizing incoming members. Board members Paul Herzog and Carruthers were recognized for their years of service to the chamber.

Incoming board chair Richard Haas, who replaced former chair Margie Huerta, welcomed Kelly Duke, Janet Green, Phillip Rivera and Troy Tudor as new board members.

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By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



The Children's Garden

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

The Children's Garden, 650 S. Valley Drive, is currently adding 9,000 square feet to make more room for infants and toddlers. The expansion will hold up to 140 children and is expected to be completed April 1. For more information, call 644-8017.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Jan. 13	Police headquarters	4055 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.	528-3043
Jan. 6	Giant gas station	1685 E. University Ave.	www.giant.com
Dec. 30	Road construction	Valley Drive	528-3125
Dec. 23	Doña Ana Community College	2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.	528-7250
Dec. 16	Eyemart Express	3050 E. Lohman Ave.	521-5970

Our numbers

33.9 percent

of adults over 20 years old are considered obese

34.4 percent

of adults over 20 years old are considered overweight (and not obese)

18.1 percent

of adolescents 12 to 19 years old are obese

19.6 percent

of children 6 to 11 years old are obese

10.4 percent

of children 2 to 5 years old are obese

Source: Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Gas update

Monday, Jan. 16

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **risen 3.2 cents** per gallon in the past week, averaging **\$3.00** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **increased 1.1 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.34** per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in New Mexico during the past week, prices **Monday, Jan. 9**, were **7.4 cents** per gallon **higher** than the same day one year ago and are **9.8 cents** per gallon **higher** than a month ago. The national average has **increased 10.3 cents** during the last month and stands **27.2 cents** per gallon **higher** than one year ago.

1. Murphy Express	1290 S. Valley Drive	\$2.89
2. Fina	825 Avenida de Mesilla	\$2.89
3. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$2.93
4. Bradley's	1260 El Paseo Road	\$2.96
5. Bradley's	920 El Paseo Road	\$2.96

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com

Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE	CARRIER
Albuquerque	\$106.70	Southwest Airlines
Atlanta	\$265.10	US Airways
Austin	\$128.90	United Airlines
Chicago	\$155.40	Delta Airlines
Dallas/Fort Worth	\$119.70	American Airlines
Houston	\$151.70	US Airways
Las Vegas	\$149.90	US Airways
Los Angeles	\$132.40	US Airways
Phoenix	\$91.70	US Airways
San Antonio	\$122.40	US Airways
New York City	\$184.90	United Airlines
Washington DC	\$173.90	United Airlines
San Diego	\$160.40	American Airlines
London	\$800	American Airlines
Paris	\$795	US Airways
Rome	\$857.30	US Airways

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective through Jan. 24 *Restrictions apply

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

Euro
\$1.286 in U.S. dollars
0.7776 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso
\$0.74739 in U.S. dollars
13.37972 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen
\$0.012998 in U.S. dollars
76.92398 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com



Market Snapshot

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

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	12359.92	12422.06	62.14	0.5	7.3
Nasdaq	2674.22	2710.67	36.45	1.4	2.2

Strong: Oil and gas drilling and refining, electronic components and manufacturing services, semiconductors and equipment, wireless telecommunication services, investment banking and brokerage

Weak: Education services, asset management and custody banks, general merchandisers, tobacco, commercial printing

Source: http://briefing.com



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THE LAS CRUCES **Bulletin**

Sensor saves energy, dollars

El Paso Electric provides rebate on snack machines

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As companies move toward environmentally sound business practices, El Paso Electric Co. (EPE) is offering one more incentive to “green” a business.

On Jan. 1, EPE started the Energy Miser Program, providing an incentive to install occupational sensors on existing vending machines.

“If a vending machine doesn’t have foot traffic after a certain amount of time, it will power down to save electricity,” said Billy Massie, energy efficiency specialist with EPE. “Cold drink machines cycle on and off to keep drinks at a certain temperature.”

Massie said annual savings on some machines could be as much as 40 percent.

“Cold drink machines cost about \$300 to \$350 per year,” he said. “This device will cut about \$125 off the bill per year.”

The cost of the equipment falls on the customer; however, EPE provides a rebate of up to \$180 or the cost of the equipment.

The costs vary based on the type of vending machine, and the rebate process takes about four to six weeks, Massie said.

Bill Jensen, owner of Mesilla Valley Snacks, has partnered with EPE to offer the device to his clients.

“We are participating in the program because it benefits our clients,” Jensen said. “It’s the right thing to do. There are no savings to us, but our clients are using our machines, so we want them to know about this option to save energy costs and money.”

Jensen said he is not recommending this device be installed on fresh or frozen food machines, such as those with ice cream snacks.

“Cold drink machines really have the biggest savings,” he said. “They can power down long enough to create savings, but will not let the product get warm. Drinks stay cold.”

Though a basic snack machine with crackers, chips, granola, etc. uses very little power – about the amount of a florescent light bulb – the device can be installed on it.

“The sensor is perfect for someone such as Las Cruces Public Schools because they have so many machines,” Jensen said. “NASA is another good example.”

Jensen said he expects his first client to have the sensor installed within 30 days.

USA Technologies is providing the equipment for the vending machines and RJK Enterprises must install the device for the rebate to be valid. Paul Royalty, energy efficiency & utilization manager, said the install takes 15 to 30 minutes.

“After paying for the install – about \$60 – a customer can expect to be repaid in six months or less,” Massie said. “We are trying to help our customers save money.”

“This is also part of our effort to save 75 million kilowatts by 2014 and 150 million kilowatts by 2020,” Royalty said.

The rebates with EPE will last as long as the funding is available, Royalty said.

EPE has designated \$2.5 million toward funding commercial energy efficiency programs.

“We are trying to reduce our load on the grid and reduce our carbon footprint,” Royalty said. “Implementing programs such as this one makes us more environmentally friendly and helps customers reduce energy costs. Every little bit helps.”



On the Agenda

New Mexico chile conference date set for Feb. 6-7

New Mexico State University’s Chile Pepper Institute will host the 2012 New Mexico Chile Conference Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 6-7, at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. The annual event is geared toward chile growers, processors and producers and is designed to deliver practical solutions for the chile industry.

Gary Nabhan, a research social scientist based at the University of Arizona’s Southwest Center, will speak on chile peppers, climate change and water scarcity in the Southwest. Attendees will also hear about research solutions for disease and pest management, learn the latest updates on mechanical cleaning, see current NMSU research poster displays and have a chance to visit commercial booths.

Preregistration is \$95 and must be postmarked by Jan. 30. Registration is available online at www.chilepepperinstitute.org, by phone at 646-3028 or by fax at 646-6041.

For more information, call Danise Coon at the Chile Pepper Institute at 646-3028.

Date: Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 6-7

Location: Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Contact: 646-3028

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Symposium focuses on quality of life

CFSNM event brings attention to social, regional issues

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

Sponsored on an annual basis by the College of Arts and Sciences at New Mexico State University, the J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium brings attention to a social issue of state and regional significance. While building on this tradition, the 2012 Symposium will be broader in scope, more participatory, and take place over a longer time frame that its predecessors. In addition, development of the 2012 Symposium represents a substantial effort by NMSU to expand engagement with community members, organizations and elected officials.

This year the symposium will focus on “Quality of Life as Social Justice.” The idea evolved over a year of discussions initiated by County Commissioner Billy Garrett.

“We know there are situations in the county where people are struggling,” Garrett said. “What’s important is that most of our current challenges have been around a long time. We want to take a fresh look at our situation and see if that won’t lead to better results.”

Garrett has been working closely with three other symposium co-chairs including Jake Rollow, aide to U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman; Dr. Lois Stanford, associate professor in the NMSU Department of Anthropology and Dr. Monica Torres, head of the NMSU English Department.

Members of the symposium steering committee include Sarah Nolan, director of Comunidades en Accion y de Fe (CAFÉ); Silvia Sierra with Doña Ana County (DAC) Health and Human Services Department; Dr. Miriam Chaiken, head of the NMSU Department of Anthropology and Paul Kolp of the United States Agency for

International Development (retired).

“Working with NMSU on the J. Paul Taylor Symposium allows us to bring large numbers of people together to share information, differing perspectives, and ideas about how we might best change things,” Garrett said.

Funding to support the 2012 Symposium is being provided by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) will be the fiscal sponsor of this project. As a foundation helping people within Southern New Mexico now and in the future, the CFSNM has the staff, training and a strong fiscal history to manage the funds, as well as an ardent interest in the quality of life within the community.

The 2012 J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium will be held on the afternoon of Sunday, March 25, at the Court Youth Center and all day on Monday, March 26, at the NMSU Corbett Center. During the 12 months following the conference, a number of workshops, lectures, tours and other events will allow opportunity to explore Quality of Life as Social Justice in greater depth.

“We hope that this conference that will make a difference in our community, and the best was to ensure that we see desirable change is through continued dialog leading to action,” Garrett said.

The Symposium has three major objectives – to invite people to share information that helps define what we mean by quality of life in Doña Ana County; to understand the challenges residents face in achieving a fair quality of life and to explore ideas about what we might do differently to reduce the obstacles people deal with as they try to improve their lives.

Details

Quality of Life as Social Justice J. Paul Taylor Social Justice Symposium

When
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Where
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Working on spaceport jobs

As Spaceport America activity rises, some work opportunities take flight

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

With Virgin Galactic developing its space-liner and new launch testing at Spaceport America, the first jobs created by the spaceport are coming, members of a panel said.

At the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce community update forum Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, Wayne Savage of the chamber's spaceport committee said the forum was about making Spaceport America bring about the promise of jobs.

"We're beginning to see things take place, and we're seeing opportunities show up, and that's what we're here for," Savage said. (NMSA)

Chad Rabon of the New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA) said the first phase of construction on the \$209 million spaceport between Las Cruces and Truth or Consequences is almost complete. To get Spaceport America ready for business with a runway, vertical launch area, several support facilities and the terminal hangar for its anchor tenant Virgin Galactic.

NMSA is now starting the spaceport's second construction phase, which Rabon said includes paving the southern road leading to the complex. It was recently announced that the surfacing of the already wide and well-grated county road won't require time-consuming environmental studies.

Spaceport America operations are located the Lewis Cain Ranch and is surrounded by similar desert range ranches 45 miles north of Las Cruces.

The next construction phase includes adding more pads and support facilities to the spaceport's vertical area, Robin said. NMSA is currently accepting bids on contracts to provide information technology and space operations support.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Aaron Prescott of the New Mexico Spaceport Authority answers questions at the spaceport community update Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Doña Ana County Government Center.

Already, activity at NMSU is picking up for research and development of new systems, such as reusable rocket boosters, with Lockheed Martin winning an Air Force contract to test its design for such a system at Spaceport America.

NMSA's Aaron Prescott said Armadillo Aerospace has tested more traditional rocket prototypes with three launches since May. Also, Boeing will test a helicopter avionics system at the spaceport, he said.

The new construction will provide a second pad for vertical launches and rollback shelter for these kind of tests, Prescott said. The current Spaceport America vertical launch facility was developed for UP Aerospace that has been launching sounding rockets since 2006 to send a variety of small payloads into suborbital space.

With the State Legislature about to start its new session, Prescott mentioned spaceport supporters are pushing for refining the 2010 law that protects companies such as Virgin Galactic from lawsuits as something goes wrong with a flight carrying passengers. The informed consent legislation didn't extend those protec-

tions to suppliers of the spaceship companies, but competing states have passed protections granting protections to support industries.

"It doesn't help us very much to protect the operator, but not the supplier," Prescott said. "This is key for Spaceport America to remain competitive with other states."

Mark Butler of Virgin Galactic, who moved from England to New Mexico, said the company is making progress on the safety and flight testing of its prototype of the kind of thrilling-but-upscale suborbital flights it plans to give passengers for \$200,000 a ride.

The craft that will carry the six-passenger spaceship to 50,000 feet for midair launches, the White Knight 2, has completed about 80 flights reaching important altitude and duration goals, Butler said.

Testing has begun with Spaceship 2 more than 15 "captive carry" flights and 16 release-and-glide tests, Butler said. The hybrid engine — the world's largest such engines — is being tested, he said, and the company won't start taking passengers into space until the system performs safely, he said.

"We are now pushing the envelope on that system," Butler said. "Yes, this is rocket science, so it takes a while. ... This kind of thing does take a long time, and this is the first time this is being done so we are going to take the time to do it right."

Butler reported that five Virgin Galactic staff members are now using office space in Las Cruces.

Once the flights begin on a regular basis, Butler said Virgin is going to need human resources and financial people, all the normal behind-the-scenes people. Also, there will be people hired to provide a variety of customer services, he said.

The space business goes beyond needing engineers and other technical staff, but also hospitality and other support staff, Butler said. Virgin does intend to buy local supplies as much as possible, he said.

"It's important for us to get our supply chain to New Mexico," Butler said.

With \$60 million in deposits and more than 500 signed up as future astronauts, Virgin has "a hugely busy year ahead of us," he said. To work for Virgin, Butler recommended patience and persistence.

Meanwhile, Fiore Industries won the contract for providing protective services to the spaceport, including security, EMS, fire protection and hazardous materials control. Fiore's Tim Zagorski said the company is hiring people with local experience and subcontracted with local entities such as Sierra Vista Hospital and the Las Cruces-based Zia Engineering

"We strongly believe in local economic development," he said. "We even rent power generators from a local company and buy fuel locally."

Fiore will be looking to buy fire equipment, EMS vehicles and equipment in the near future, he said, and the company is seeking applicants for security guards, firefighters and EMTs. The company will need 15 security guards and 15 firefighters/EMTs, along with some office and compliance support, he said.

Also at the forum was Paul Schmidt of EASL, general services contractor, that will be running spaceport functions, such as water and wastewater, fuel depot operations, electrical systems, roads and grounds upkeep, runway maintenance, generator maintenance and repair, janitorial services, pest control and even HazMat clean-up and removal.

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City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report Jan. 10-17

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico						
Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20120088	North Gate Construction	James W. and Margaret C. Harley	Reroof	630 Canyon Point Road	\$7,000	\$69.00
20120168	Clayton Donnelly Roofing	Robin E. Shellhorn	Reroof	1942 Redwood St.	\$6,479	\$65.93
20120172	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hunt Los Pueblos LLC	Res/New	4215 Harp Court	\$218,038	\$4,150.26
20120141	A and M Roofing Co.	Anton F. and Jayne Milavec Trustee	Reroof	710 Roadrunner Circle	\$8,200	\$76.07
20120156	Erasmus Roofing LLC	Arthur B. and Mary G. Monday Family Trustee	Reroof	3267 Executive Hills	\$8,551	\$78.13
20120161	Iron Cross Construction	Mark W. Sukontarak	Reroof	2132 Sagecrest Ave.	\$6,331	\$65.06
20120187	Garcia's Roofing Co Inc.	Charles Anthony and Susana Franco	Reroof	6125 Jornada Road	\$4,250	\$52.80
20120308	Pioneer Roofing and Specialties Inc.	Stanford H. Rosenberg	Reroof	2223 Foxtail Pine Drive	\$10,487	\$89.54
20120306	Pioneer Roofing and Specialties Inc.	T J Anderson Trustee	Reroof	545 E. University Ave.	\$6,884	\$68.32
20120138	Ridgetop Construction	Lance A. and Elizabeth A. Harkey	Reroof	1957 Poplar Ave.	\$3,739	\$49.79
20120145	Gilbert & Sons Roofing & Plastering	John N. and Clarice J. Brown	Reroof	4227 Winchester Road	\$7,904	\$74.32
20120152	C and O Roofing	Allison P. Conway	Reroof	1845 La Jolla	\$3,500	\$48.38
20120143	Clayton Donnelly Roofing	Charles P. and Helen F. Borchardt	Reroof	2703 Hillrise Drive	\$7,400	\$71.36
20120155	Erasmus Roofing LLC	Arthur B. and Mary G. Monday Family Trustee	Reroof	3227 Hillrise Drive	\$7,583	\$72.43
20120157	GS Roofing	Jesse A. and Lisa G. Carrera	Reroof	1635 Smith Ave.	\$7,744	\$73.38
20120175	Pueblo Builders Inc.	B and J Olson LLC	Reroof	820 Spruce Ave.	\$12,250	\$199.84
20120167	Southern Comfort Builders	Antonio and Teresa Calderon	Res/New	3906 Sombra Prieta Court	\$225,254	\$3,042.58
20120176	Mary L. Allen	Mary L. Allen	Reroof	2100 Sagecrest Ave.	\$4,455	\$54.01
20120178	Roadrunner Construction Co.	Chaparral Senior Housing Inc.	Reroof	2350 Nevada Ave.	\$7,938	\$74.52
20120179	Albert Vega	Albert Z. and Celia O. Vega Trustee	Reroof	2209 Cimarron Drive	\$952	\$34.83
20120188	Carlos A. Estrada Vega	Kate and Sarah McKenna Mott	Res/New	1118 N. Campo St.	\$144,976	\$3,395.00
20120189	JC Roofing Inc.	Audie and Shirley J. Mondy Rev. Trust	Reroof	3286 Ridgeline Drive	\$7,000	\$69.00
20120197	Fort Selden Builders	Bogart LLC	Reroof	1415 Wyoming	\$5,577	\$60.62
20120210	Solar Restoration	Gladys R. Shaw	Reroof	1210 N. Main St.	\$14,380	\$112.47
20120233	GS Roofing	Irene Ornelas	Reroof	125 W. Gallagher Ave.	\$7,500	\$71.94
20120243	DR Horton Cruces Construction Inc.	Westmoreland Ent LTD Liability Co.	Res/New	4707 Zeno Place	\$174,988	\$2,956.76
20120242	DR Horton Cruces Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	4716 Zeno Place	\$170,396	\$929.92
20120241	DR Horton Cruces Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	4708 Salado Creek St.	\$164,410	\$3,897.70
20120240	DR Horton Cruces Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Res/New	4704 Salado Creek St.	\$174,988	\$3,915.76
20120294	Approved Roofing	David J. and Toni M. Udero	Reroof	5592 Cecilia Place	\$8,500	\$77.83
20120295	Erasmus Roofing LLC	Samuel B. and Enedina Tome	Reroof	1730 Salinas Drive	\$9,142	\$81.62
20120297	C and O Roofing	Linda Spengler	Reroof	426 McClure Road	\$2,300	\$41.32
20120304	Arei, LLC	Kent and Judy B. Oldenburg	Reroof	3105 High St.	\$10,954	\$92.29
20120314	A and M Roofing Co.	Dannie K. and Lisa F. Parrott	Reroof	2494 Cherokee Circle	\$6,000	\$63.11
20120329	Progreen Superior Coating and Roofing Inc.	Armando G. and Lydia U. Garcia	Reroof	1863 Seldon Ave.	\$4,000	\$51.33
20120326	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	Res/New	2861 San Elizario Court	\$158,014	\$2,127.78
20120327	Desert View Homes	Desert View Homes LLC	Res/New	3535 Sierra Bonita Ave.	\$150,470	\$4,673.90
20120328	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	Res/New	7509 Sierra Bonita Place	\$128,576	\$2,877.52

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Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico					
Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Permit
37106	Optimum Roofing	Michael and Cyndie Dalton	Reroof	11811 Robledo Vista Road	\$120
37120	Approved Roofing	Joseph Ciskowski	Reroof	1170 Villita Loop	\$80
37111	G Sandoval Construction	Denise Maestas	Reroof	6604 Hawk Road	\$100
37113	G Bishop Roofing	Dale and Judith Folkman	Reroof	6705 Bright View Road	\$240
37114	Icon Custom Homes	John and Donna Bochnowski	Res/New	11160 Westside Road	\$832
37118	Enchantment Custom	William and Jean Hanson	Res/New	6305 Camino Entierro	\$720

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Election debates could stir emotions

Don't play politics with your investment decisions

While the election season heats up, you will hear more promises, claims and counter-claims from the candidates.

As a citizen, you may or may not enjoy this "political theater," but as an investor, you might be concerned over all the talk about taxes, Social Security, Medicare and other financial topics. Will you need to adjust your savings and investment strategies? If so, how?

Before you think about adjusting your investment strategy in anticipation of any actions coming from Washington, keep a couple of facts in mind. First, few campaign promises become reality. And second, due to our system of government, radical shifts in direction are difficult to implement – which is why so few of them occur.

Still, we may see some smaller-scale – yet not insignificant – changes in the near future. In light of this possibility, what investment decisions should you make? Here are a few suggestions:

- **Consider owning investments that are taxed in different ways.** No one can predict what will happen with income tax rates or the tax rates that are applied to capital gains

and dividends. Consequently, it may be a good idea to seek "tax diversification" by owning investments that are taxed in different ways. For example, when you sell appreciated stocks, you pay capital gains taxes, whereas interest payments from bonds will be taxed at your individual tax rate. And it's always a good idea to take advantage of tax-advantaged vehicles, such as an IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

- **Stick with quality.** It's a good idea, when owning stocks, to invest in quality companies with diversified businesses. These companies are usually less dependent on a particular government program, and they typically have a global reach, so they may be better able to handle any changes implemented in Washington.
- **Stay focused on your long-term goals.** Politicians come and go, and our political parties seem to take turns holding the reins of power. Yet your long-term goals – such as college for your children, a comfortable retirement and the ability to leave a legacy to your family – don't really change. By

realizing you are largely responsible for achieving your goals and following an investment strategy suitable for your individual risk tolerance and time horizon, you can make gradual, but still meaningful, progress toward those goals – no matter what's happening in Washington.

- **Review your strategy regularly.** With the possible approach of changes in tax policies government programs that can affect your retirement security, you'll want to review your investment strategy regularly to make sure it's still on track toward helping you

meet your objectives. As part of this review, you may want to seek out more "tax-smart" investment opportunities, while always looking for ways to supply the asset growth you'll need to enjoy the retirement lifestyle you've envisioned.

Aside from voting for the candidates who best represent your interests, you may not have much influence over what goes on in Washington. But by "electing" the right moves to help meet your goals, you can have plenty of control over your investment strategy.

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A trick question people always ask economists:

What do you think of the stock market?

Jim Spence
Business Matters



People who know our business is portfolio management still ask us, "What do you think of the stock market?"

Over the years, I have come to realize this is a trick question. If I say, "We like the market," they want to know why. If I say, "We don't like it," they want to know why. And if I say, "We don't really know for sure," they wonder why they are asking me.

Here is the truth about what we think about the stock market: We are so obsessed with making sure we have learned everything we can about the durability of the competitive advantages, we believe we have identified in the companies we own shares of and we have learned not to waste very much time and energy thinking about the overall stock market.

There are a few things we have learned about the stock market over several decades of investing experience:

First, if you are right about what you think about the stock market for awhile, eventually you will be wrong about what you think about it for awhile.

Second, if you are right about your thoughts on the stock market but sloppy or shallow in your analysis of the durability of the competitive advantages in the positions you own, you will be disappointed in your results. Good stock markets do not provide cover for bad businesses for very long.

Third, if you are right about the durability of the competitive advantages of the companies you own shares of, time is on your side.

Finally, since we are not invested in index funds, we don't own "the market." We prefer owning individual companies instead of "the market." We do so because not all companies are affected by all economic cycles. Shares of some individual compa-

nies can perform relatively well in down markets.

We often feel more than a little queasy about "the market." And when we say so, people will ask us, "Why don't you sell your shares and then buy them back later when they are cheaper?"

This proposition seems reasonable. Reasonable, that is, until you compare successful and not-so-successful investment strategies. Again, it is hard-earned experience that has taught us that if we are disciplined enough to go through all of the tedious and painstaking efforts to put every company we are considering for ownership through rigorous and lengthy analysis processes, that effort is quite worthwhile. And once we finally reach the conclusion that a certain company offers us all the favorable characteristics we are looking for (i.e. we get the most difficult analytical challenges right), the last thing we want to do is sell based on what we "think about the market" in the short run. If we do this, suddenly time is no longer on our side.

One of the risks of performing correct business analysis is to allow fear of "the market" to keep you from owning shares of companies correctly identified as great businesses.

Concentrating on getting analysis of business characteristics correct is the key. We try to answer the durability of competitive advantage questions correctly. We try to monitor our assumptions daily. Therefore, we do not feel it is wise to give in to the temptation to sell and "hope" to buy back late every time we get "nervous" about the market.

As 2012 unfolds, the object of investing has not changed. And neither has the list of tasks that are most likely to make an investor successful. Those who have developed stock-selection skills shouldn't waste a lot of energy worrying about "the market."

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Who pays the closing costs?

According to the experts, it depends

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Over the years, real estate and mortgage consumers have been interested in knowing the answers to questions ranging from "How's the market?" to "Where are interest rates going?"

Another favorite consumer question is "Who pays the closing costs?" The simple answer is: It depends.

All closing costs are fully negotiable. The buyer can pay them all, the seller can pay them all or the parties can agree to "split" them. But are the costs really "split" evenly?

The definitive answer is different depending on the type of transaction you've gotten yourself into and where in the country your real estate transaction takes place. Costs and customs for real estate closings in Florida are much different than the costs and customs associated with closings in California or Illinois. Customs also can vary from area to area within the same state.

Las Cruces also has its customary division of costs. One of the basic rules of cost splitting is "If it's your fault, you pay for it." Here's a good example of how that works. If a buyer doesn't have cold, hard cash to plunk down on a house, for instance, he or she will probably have to take out a mortgage. If that's the case, custom dictates that the buyer pays most or all of the costs associated with obtaining the loan.

Buydown or origination points can be paid in exchange for a lower interest rate – which, in effect, is like prepaying some of the interest so the lender can reduce your interest rate while achieving the same yield as the higher, "no point" rate would have provided. One point equals 1 percent of the loan amount.

Other fees, such as tax service (to

make sure the lender knows that your property taxes are paid), flood certification (to make sure that you don't unexpectedly end up owning waterfront property), title insurance (so you and the lender are protected against claims against your respective interests), appraisal (so the lender has an independent assessment of the value of the property), recording fees (to record your mortgage and you deed at the county recorder's office), and the title company closing fee (for handling the paperwork) must also be taken into consideration.

In general, these costs, along with fees for a property survey, owner's title insurance, overnight deliveries and miscellaneous other services, are referred to as "closing costs." The costs are a one-time charge to the buyer and/or seller and will never be encountered again. The remainder of the transaction costs and fees are usually charged to the buyer when a loan is involved and are referred to as "prepaids."

They were given that moniker because buyers have to prepay items such as homeowner's insurance, property taxes and interest. "Prepaids," also referred to as "recurring costs," differ from closing costs because they are ongoing, rather than imposed only one time. Taxes, insurance, interest and mortgage insurance premiums are often paid monthly or yearly, hence the name "recurring."

Costs vary from lender to lender, closing agent to closing agent, appraiser-to appraiser, etc. That's why, in 1974, Congress passed the Real Estate Settlement and Procedures Act (RESPA). The act is a consumer protection and anti-kickback device that requires lenders to provide buyers and sellers with full disclosure as to the costs of the transaction.

Lenders provide this information in a number of different ways. At the time of application, institutions are required to provide a special information booklet outlining settlement services, a good-

faith estimate of the settlement costs will have to be paid at closing and a servicing disclosure outlining whether the lender intends to collect the payments themselves or intends to transfer the loan to another lender.

If these items are not offered to you at the time you apply for a loan – or if you're a seller, when you receive an offer from a buyer that asks you to pay closing costs – ask to receive the information and make your approval of any costs subject to a thorough review of the amounts being charged.

Finally, ask a Realtor, closing agent or lender what division of costs they see most often in buy/sell agreements. The verbal answers you receive, along with the written disclosures required by RESPA, will clearly define for you whether they're weighted to the advantage of one side of the transaction or the other.

By the way, there's no free lunch. If a seller is asked to pay, let's say, \$2,000 toward a buyer's closing costs, it would appear the buyer is getting a \$2,000 concession from the seller. Just the opposite is true, however. The buyer is actually paying the seller a \$2,000 premium, which will be used by the seller to pay the buyer's costs.

By raising the price but not the down payment, the buyer has simply "upped" his loan amount by \$2,000 so the closing costs can be rolled into his loan. Think about it ... if the buyer hadn't asked the seller to pay the costs, the buyer could have paid \$2,000 less for the property. It would have made zero difference in the amount the seller received at closing.

Speaking of closing, I hope to see you there soon!

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It's time for more inflation

Bad news for banks that would help homeowners, lower borrowing costs



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

The Fed has been following a policy of unprecedented easy money. The short-term interest rates have been effectively zero for more than three years, and there have been two rounds of quantitative easing aimed at lowering long-term rates. Yet it hasn't been enough. Unemployment remains stubbornly high at 8.5 percent. The economy continues in the doldrums. Meanwhile, Europe appears to have slipped back into recession, reducing demand for our exports.

Low interest rates haven't been enough, leading an increasing number of economists to recommend a policy of inflation.

The problem is inadequate aggregate demand. Despite record low interest rates, businesses are reluctant to invest for fear that consumers won't buy their products. Meanwhile, homeowners, having suffered massive losses on real estate, are cutting back on spending as they try to rebuild their balance sheets.

Doubling the inflation to, say, 7 percent for five years could do a lot to solve these problems. Inflation would benefit homeowners by increasing real estate values, helping raise below water mortgages above water. Banks would benefit as mortgage defaults would decline.

Inflation would also stimulate investment by further reducing borrowing costs. Inflation reduces the value of the dollars used to repay loans. A dollar borrowed today could be repaid with an inflation-reduced dollar in the future. Of course, because inflation reduces the value of loan repayment is precisely why bankers and other lenders hate it. Inflation reduces the net return to loans, putting downward pressure on bank profits.

We can see why bankers don't like inflation, but what about the rest of us? Doesn't inflation slow economic growth? Doesn't everyone ultimately suffer from inflation? Surprisingly, the answer is "no." The best evidence we have right now is that moderate inflation, less than 40 percent per year, does not adversely affect long run economic performance.

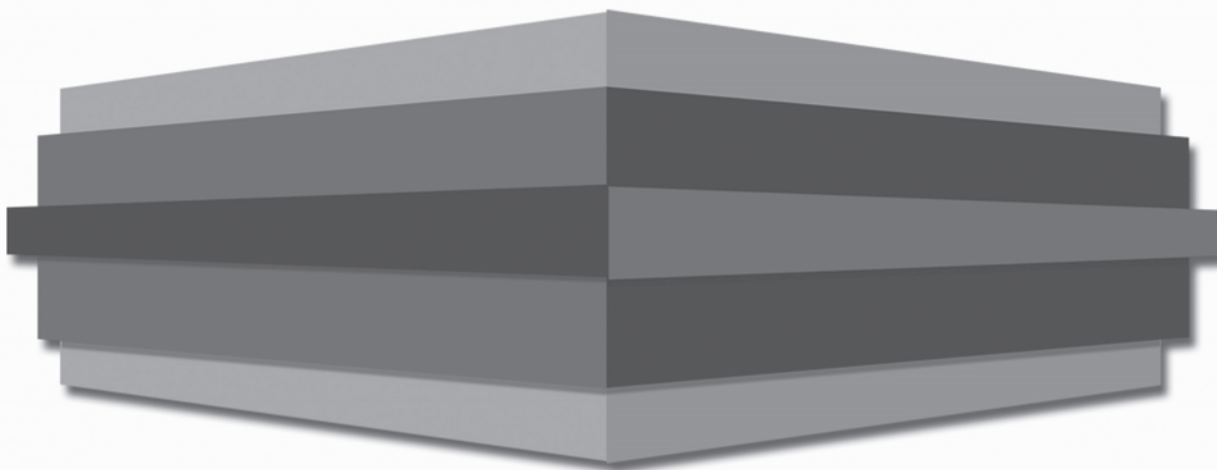
Meanwhile, in the short run, during periods of economic stagnation such as we are suffering through now, a dash of inflation can be very helpful. In light of this, doubling inflation to 7 percent, as I'm suggesting, is really a very modest proposal.

While recommending a policy is easy, actually implementing it can be challenging. Currently, we are in a sort of liquidity trap. Rather than lend, banks are choosing to hold reserves. At the same time, businesses are reluctant to borrow for fear that they can't sell their product. The reluctance of banks to lend and of businesses to borrow is why the current recession has been so stubborn.

How the Fed is to kick-start lending is a tough problem. One way would be, rather than paying interest, to charge a fee on reserves. But even this might not work as banks could shift into U.S. Treasury securities rather than lend. Other ideas include using regulatory pressure on banks to increase lending. For example, the FDIC could downgrade banks that hold reserves above a certain proportion. The government could also give a tax break for banks that hold more than a certain proportion of their assets in loans.

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A bill turns into a law

New Mexico chile must be from New Mexico

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's now the law that processors and retailers can't advertise they're selling "New Mexico chile" unless they can prove the pods were grown in New Mexico.

The New Mexico Chile Advertising Act became law Tuesday, Jan. 17. The New Mexico State University Board of Regents approved the law during its last meeting in December 2011, said Jeff Witte, New Mexico Department of Agriculture director/secretary.

"Chile is the signature crop of New Mexico," Witte said. "This law will help protect the

integrity of New Mexico chile."

The NMDA will enforce the law under its Operation Rule.

The department has been working with growers and processors working out definitions to enforce the rules.

"This chile advertising law is a good thing for certain segments of the chile industry," said chile grower Dino Cervantes. "It's the first step of getting a certified program. That would mean that any chile that is sold by retailers in the United States as New Mexico chile would have to be certified that it was produced in New Mexico to promote our chile and to protect the integrity of our crop."

Cervantes grows chile near Vado, including jalapeños and cayenne.

The chile advertising bill was introduced in the early 2011 New Mexico Legislature Session by Rep. Andy Nuñez of Hatch and signed by Gov. Susana Martinez.

"I don't know now just how this new law will be worked out," Nuñez said. "But the law was needed because we have to protect the quality and safety of our chile and promote New Mexico chile."

At the time, Martinez also was quoted as saying:

"New Mexicans may have to think long and hard to answer the official state question, red or green? But with this legislation, at least they won't have to wonder whether their chile is grown right here in New Mexico."

New Mexico chile production has been reduced the last couple of years because of cheaper labor costs in competing countries.

Irrigation districts meet

2012 water shortfall spurs communications

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Rio Grande irrigation districts met in El Paso Jan. 10 and agreed on one issue: coordination is needed because early data indicated 2012 is going to be another surface water short year, said Elephant Butte Irrigation District consultant J. Phil King.

The meeting was with El Paso Water Conservation District No. 1.

"We're going to have to shorten the 2012 irrigation season," King said. "We'll probably start irrigating in April and fit the delivery according to the water supply that is available until it runs out. And we don't know what the allocation will be yet, we still don't know what the snow pack runoff will be."

"The bottom line is, it'll be a short water season. Farmers should get their irrigation orders in early and adjust as the water is available. Because once the surface water is gone, the season will be over."

Normally, with a good snow pack, the irrigation season opens in March and ends in October.

The meeting brought irrigation districts and agencies together to review the water outlook and present a wide range of ideas. This cooperative effort shows how serious the water shortage has become.

The reviewers have a great deal to consider. They will recall the 2011 season when the snow pack was so low that the EBID surface water allocation was a mere 4 inches. The normal allocation, with an adequate snow pack, is 3 feet. The runoff was so poor that only 135,000 acre-feet, 35 percent of the 30-year average, were measured at the San Marcial measuring station

above Elephant Butte Reservoir.

EBID was represented at the joint meeting by manager Gary Esslinger, New Mexico State University civil engineer King, hydrologist James Narvaez and ground water project manager Erik Fuchs.

Other people who attended the meeting included El Paso No. 1 manager Jesus Reyes, district engineer Al Blair and Roberto Rios with water management. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Director Filiberto Cortez and hydrology engineer Derrick O'Hara were also in attendance as well as Nabil Shafi and Norman Gaume with the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission and Herman Settemeyer with the Texas Rio Grande Compact Commission.

"We need to get together and coordinate the operation of the Rio Grande Project for this year," Cortez said.

As of last week, the storage in Elephant Butte Reservoir was 311,782 acre-feet, 12 percent of a full reservoir, Cortez said.

Caballo Reservoir, where the water is released, contained 14,061 acre-feet.

The bureau determines how much water is released to the irrigation districts, but the districts set the allocations for farmers.

The EBID has the water rights to irrigate 90,640 acres and serves 8,500 farmers.

(An acre-foot of water covers one acre a foot deep and contains 325,900 gallons).

The Elephant Butte Irrigation District will receive more surface water during 2012, but close management still will be required, King said.

During 2011, the State of New Mexico and the Rio Grande



Elephant Butte Irrigation District Manager/Treasurer Gary Esslinger (far right) was one of the attendees at the El Paso meeting Jan. 10. The topic of conversation was preparing for another surface water shortage.

Compact failed to deliver about 70,000 acre-feet of surface water to EBID, which will be available as "credit water" this irrigation year for the Elephant Butte Reservoir.

The snow pack in the northern New Mexico and southern Colorado mountains was recorded at 84 percent of normal for this time of year. But that does not tell the entire story, King said.

"We're getting a little more water, but we're not through with the drought yet," King said. "But I'm confident that 2012 will be better than 2011, which is the worst we've ever seen in surface water delivery for EBID."

But the irrigation districts and agencies, while coordinating operations, are preparing for another surface water shortage.

EBID is looking ahead by planning to reduce expenses and its staff. The board of directors decreasing the water rights fee charged to farmers from \$80 to \$75 to help reduce the operating expenses by \$1 million. It also plans to cut equipment purchases and hydrology and weed control expenses. Economy plans also call for reducing the district staff to about 80, but to rehire, depending on the water supply developments, according to Esslinger.

Hay and forage conference set for Jan. 26-27

Drought, water issues on Southwest Hay & Forage Conference agenda

Agricultural producers in New Mexico have faced serious challenges because of drought and no irrigation water.

At the annual Southwest Hay & Forage Conference in Ruidoso, Thursday and Friday, Jan. 26-27, growers will come together to learn new ideas on how to combat dry conditions and limited resources, and how to maintain healthy crops. Other highlights of this year's conference include alfalfa breeding, diseases and other pests and whether strip-till conservation practices will work in New Mexico.

"This year has been absolutely dreadful for many producers because of the heat, drought and lack of irrigation water that severely hindered not only yields, but overall hay supplies in the state," said Mark Marsalis, New Mexico State University agronomist with the Cooperative Extension Service.

This year's conference will address these and other issues and will provide information to help growers maximize profits and

sustainability on their farms.

With water resource issues at the forefront of people's minds, Mike Sullivan, with the San Juan Agricultural Water Users Association, will give attendees an update on issues concerning the San Juan River. In addition, Calvin Trostle, an agronomist with Texas AgriLife Extension, will provide strategies to deal with many of the common production concerns associated with growing alfalfa in dry regions, particularly water use and management.

Ian Ray, NMSU alfalfa breeder, will discuss the latest research findings of the breeding program that focuses much of its efforts on drought tolerance, including an update on the NuMex Bill Melton cultivar.

Dave Staheli, with Staheli West, will provide information on the dew point simulator that allows farmers to monitor and adjust the moisture in hay as it is being baled, providing greater flexibility in the timing of baling.

Other topics at the conference include

water-use efficiency of corn crops, proposed changes to pesticide applicator rules, how dairies are coping with high feed costs and wildlife management and depredation.

"We always hope that producers of both hay and other forages will learn valuable and practical information that can be taken back home with them and utilized in their operations," Marsalis said. "Several experts from the region have come to share their insight on the current production issues facing hay farmers in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona."

The two-day conference will have a large machinery trade show, featuring the latest in farm equipment, as well as booths with various alfalfa and other forage-related products, two sponsored meals, a social hour and entertainment.

"The conference offers attendees access to a wide variety of the most up-to-date research information and industry technology," said Justin Boswell, executive director of the New

But it still ranks as one of the state's top 10 commodities, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

NASS currently is conducting a chile survey with its growers, but it's too early to compile final figures.

As an indicator, the service reported that in 2010, New Mexico growers harvested 8,700 acres, down from 12,300 the previous year. The production was 66,660 tons.

Luna County led the state with 2,950 acres and Doña Ana was second with 2,800.

The state's 2010 chile revenue was \$37.1 million, also a decrease from \$57.3 million that farmers received in 2009, the NASS reported.

New Mexico chile growers raise a variety of pods, long green and red ranging from mild to pungent, paprika for safe food coloring and cayenne and jalapeño. Dried red chile pods also are woven into decorative ristras to hang by residential and business entrances.

Mexico Hay Association. "The past few conferences have been a wonderful success for the New Mexico Hay Association and we look forward to bringing New Mexico farmers another fun and educational event."

The nationally recognized comedian Vic Henley, who will perform following the banquet dinner Jan. 26, will provide entertainment for this year's conference.

The event will provide New Mexico and Texas pesticide applicator Continuing Education Units.

The conference starts at 9 a.m. Jan. 26 at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive. Pre-registration is \$55 per person. Attendees can register at the door for \$75.

For more information on the conference, visit www.nmhay.com or contact Gina Sterrett at nmhay@yahoo.com or 626-5677 or Justin Boswell at 840-9908 or juboswel@yahoo.com.

For a copy of the registration form, contact Sterrett or visit www.nmhay.com. Booth space is still available. Marsalis can be contacted at 985-2292 or marsalis@nmsu.edu.

Stepping into the future at the Chamber Annual Banquet

Photos by Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce

Board Chair Richard Haas, Board Chair-Elect Leslie Cervantes and keynote speaker David Zach stand in front of a DeLorean provided by W. Kowalski at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet Friday, Jan. 13, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



Pam and Clay Doyle, Mike and Denni Cheney



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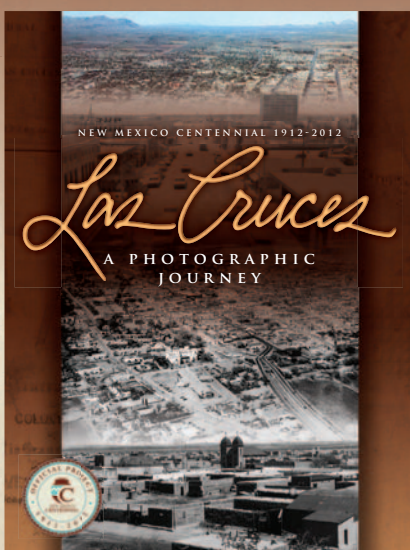
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Profile

Steve Warren: Local contractor establishes roots

Warren grows business modestly, for the Las Cruces community

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"If I didn't own a construction company, I would stay in the business, working for someone else. I wouldn't want to do anything different," said Steve Warren, co-owner of Warren Construction.

After graduating from Deming High School, Warren moved to Las Cruces to attend New Mexico State University. However, his desire to enter the workforce was compelling and Warren chose work over school.

"Starting a company and doing my own thing was very attractive," he said.

To "learn the basics in construction," he took a job with a local general contractor in Las Cruces.

"After that, I really feel like I fell into the business," he said, adding that Warren Construction Inc. started in 1990. "I started building barns at Buena Vista Dairy for Michael Weatherly."

Shortly after, Warren built an office for his company in Mesilla in the early 1990s.

"That made it all feel real," he said about the building. "We had real estate and a yard. It felt like we really had something going."

For the first five years of business, Warren Construction had one person in the office and two people in the field – Warren being one of them.

"Now, we have three people in the office, plus myself and about 25 people in the field," he said. "My partner and co-owner Rodney (Krauskopf) runs the field, and we hire more people on an as-needed basis."

Warren said Krauskopf is a key team member



Partners
Rodney
Krauskopf and
Steve Warren
own Warren
Construction,
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company.

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Roberts

to Warren Construction.

"He is the backbone this company," he said.

In 1997, Warren said his company built Vista Middle School's gymnasium.

"That was our first big job," he said. "It was \$1 million plus and made me think we could compete with some of the bigger companies."

In 1993, the business moved to its current location on Lakeside Drive.

Warren said he keeps overhead costs low, allowing his company to place competitive bids and stay afloat during a down economy.

"Our business philosophy has always been to stay within our means," Warren said. "Our office is pretty basic and humble, and our staff is very efficient, juggling eight or nine projects at a time."

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Having total control of projects and the ability to fast-track deadlines helped the company gain and maintain clients during a recession.

"When the economy got bad, we stayed pretty busy. I think it's because we are so versatile. If we weren't helping build a sidewalk, then we were working on a building or something else."

Though it's hard to predict the future, Warren said 2012 could be a good year.

"We already have about \$10 million on the books," he said. "We have survived two lulls in the economy and plan to be around a while. Rodney and I both want to go about 12 more years before we think about retiring."

As the economy tightens, jobs become more and more scarce.

"We just have to buckle down and stay busy," Warren said. "We concentrate on our local relationships."

Details

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Civil engineering courses,
New Mexico State University

Family

- Sons Logan and Dylan, 17
- Daughter Stevie, 16

Though businesses in larger cities, such as Phoenix and Albuquerque, bid for jobs in Las Cruces, and sometimes win, Warren said he feels Las Cruces has plenty of talent to tackle any job.

"I was disappointed the Las Cruces Convention Center and Las Cruces City Hall were not built by local companies," he said. "There are several contractors in the area that could have built these buildings."

When he is not working, Warren said he enjoys spending time with his children – sons Logan and Dylan, 17, and daughter Stevie, 16 – as well as the many amenities New Mexico has to offer.

"There are a lot of reasons I chose to keep my business in New Mexico," he said. "Las Cruces is a clean, beautiful town, and the community – Las Cruces Public Schools, NMSU, City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County and several other members of the community – have continued to provide us with work for the past 20 years and we hope to continue working with them for the next 20."

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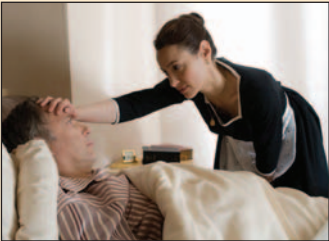
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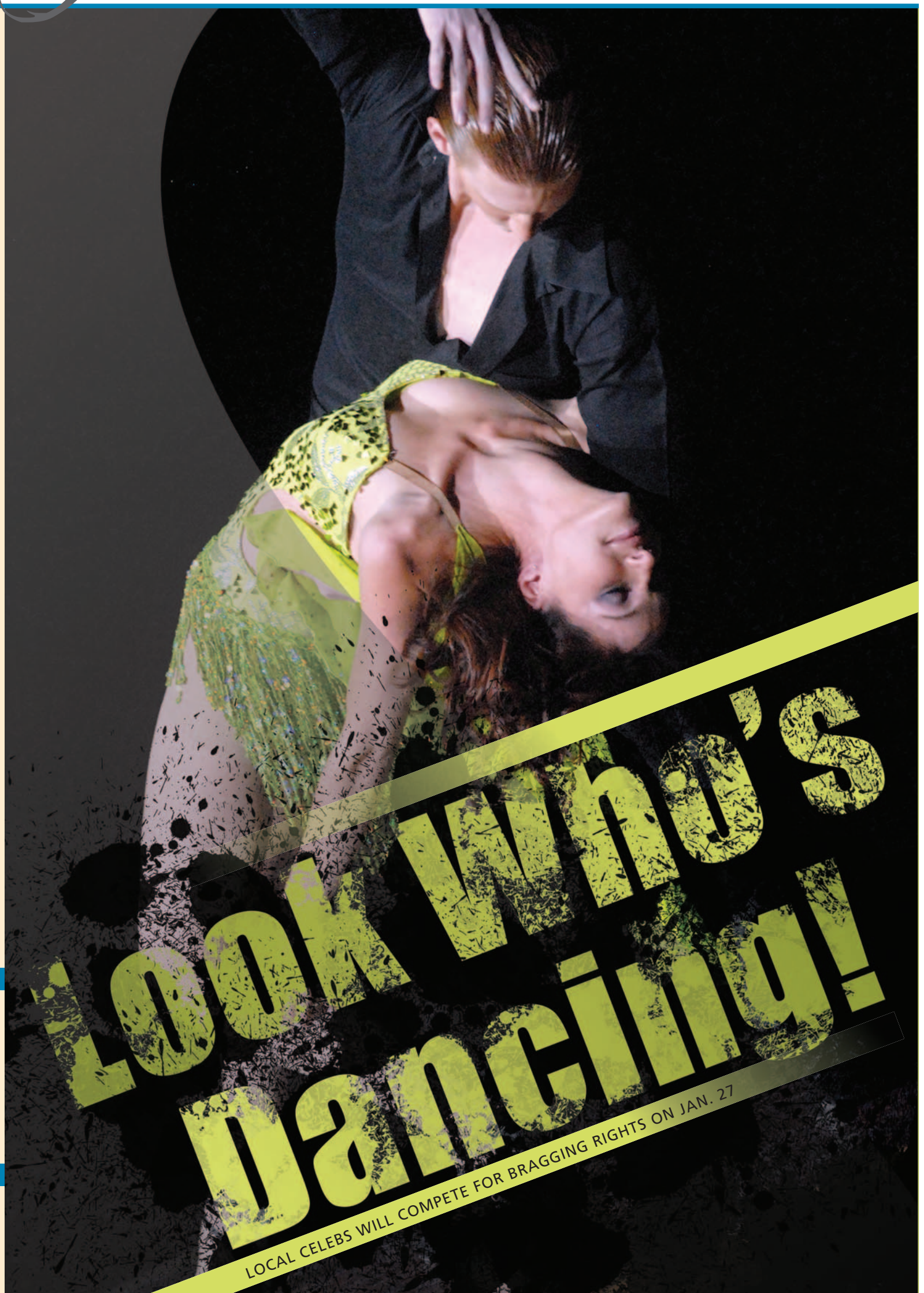
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NEXT WEEK

For the Love of Art
February is a month dedicated to those who love art with events beginning Jan. 27



Stars of Las Cruces light up the stage

Community leaders strut their stuff in 'Look Who's Dancing!'

By **Amanda Green**
Las Cruces Bulletin

It's that time of year again, when local leaders and hometown celebrities show up and shake their stuff on the big stage.

The fourth annual "Look Who's Dancing!" has paired together the young student talent of New Mexico State University's DanceSport Company with well-known professionals plucked from the community.

"It's wonderful to see community leaders

out of their element but having a great time," Director Eric Fierro said. "At the end of the night, there's this great sense of achievement for the contestants and the audience."

This year, "Look Who's Dancing!" will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at its new home at the Oñate Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. Originally held at the Pan Am Center on the NMSU campus, the event moved to a smaller venue to help support its charitable cause.

"All of the proceeds go to helping the

DanceSport program," Fierro said. "It supports not only the students participating in the program, but future dance classes."

The line up this year is filled with local talent including World Boxing Association's World Light Middleweight boxing champion Austin "No Doubt" Trout; Elaine Brown from RE/MAX Classic Realty; Bill Connor of El Paso Electric Co.; Debbie Calderon, a member of the executive board for the Whole Enchilada Festival; Christopher Cruz from Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces; Crystal Lay from the NMSU Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department; Bank'34 President Jeffrey Silva; Donna Richmond, executive director of the La Piñon Sexual Abuse and Recovery Services; and Doña Ana Arts Council Executive Director Ceci Vasconcellos.

The contestants have trainee with their partners since the beginning of October 2011, working on a common dance style they will each perform, one for the male community leaders, one for the females. The second dance is individually styled, taught by the DanceSport students, Fierro said.

The competition will include trophies for a first-, second- and third- place winners, as well as a people's choice award, which will be given based on a \$1 donation per vote from the audience. There will also be an entertainment award, which will

Details

Look Who's Dancing!

When
7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27

Where
Oñate Performing Arts Center
5700 Mesa Grande Drive

Cost
\$10

Contact
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be judged by a panel of last season's winners, including Savonne Griffin, Dr. Brian Gilbert and Gov. Susana Martinez.

"We continue to try and improve this event and make it more interesting for the audience each year," Fierro said. "It is our hope to sell out, and provide a really great show for everyone involved."

The DanceSport members leading the charge, and getting their toes stepped on are Ariel Frielich, Leonard Thurman, Donica Isleib, Luciano Orozco, Perla Castillo, Miles Mojica-Freeland, Kimberly Richardson, Robby Zimmerman and Moises Guerrero.

Tickets are \$10 and all seats are general admission.

They can be purchased directly from the NMSU Dance Department. Call 646-2070 for more details.

“ At the end of the night there's this great sense of achievement. ”

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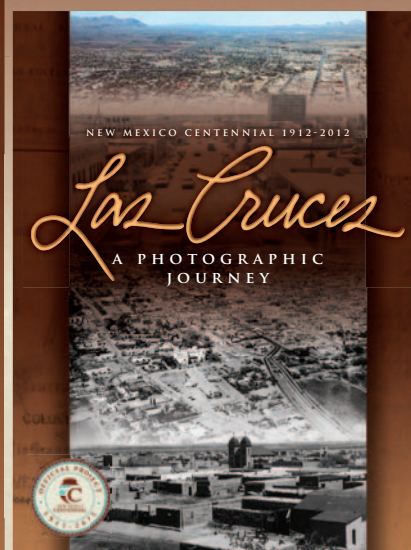
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Featured artist: Bobby Johnson

Creating spiritual superheroes

Local artist Bobby Johnson redefines Southwest fantasy art

By **Amanda Green**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The high desert can be a spiritual experience for those who paint, draw or carve the history and mythical lore of the region.

The people who have moved through the Mesilla Valley have created a blend of cultures, traditions and stories that ignite the imagination of current populations.

Since age 12, when he discovered the story of a small kachina doll on the shelf of a corner store, Bobby Johnson has been one of those individuals. Fascinated by the story of the little doll he was compelled to begin creating his own, developing a unique style of what he calls, "Southwest fantasy art."

"There has always been a monster inside of me," said Johnson, a Las Cruces native and self-taught artist. "As long as I'm creating, it's happy. I'm happy."

Johnson is the featured artist for the month of January at the El Paso Electric Gallery, Rio Grande Theater lobby, 211 N. Main St. His show includes carved woodwork kachina dolls and a series of colorful two-dimensional kachina-inspired illustrations, which breathe new life into Native American myth and legends.

In high school, Johnson said he took art classes, though said he ended up failing most of them.

"I could never do what the teachers wanted, I always had different images in my mind," Johnson said. "I started with street art, mostly graffiti, and it all evolved from there."

Johnson's imagination is no doubt incredibly wild and vivid, as displayed best in his flat art pieces. The supernatural feel his kachina dolls seem to provoke is incredibly powerful and for some, spiritual, he said.

"When I was a kid, they were like superheroes for me," Johnson said. "They were real, powerful and I knew then, they'd play a big role in my life."

Johnson has been featured in shows in El Paso, Ruidoso and Albuquerque, and hopes to expand beyond the Southwest.

"The experience has been incredible. I love talking to people about my work," Johnson said. "Art makes the world happier for everyone."



Artist Bobby Johnson breathes new life into Native American myth and lore with his stunning wood-carved kachina dolls and Southwest fantasy art.

"Earth's Totem" is part of the works being shown at the El Paso Electric Gallery in the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., through January.



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SAT. JAN 21	9 A.M. - 1 P.M.	LC Farmers & Craft Market Downtown Main St
SAT. JAN 21	10 A.M.	Thomas the Tank Engine Storytime Las Cruces Railroad Museum
SAT. JAN 21	10:30 A.M.	Storytellers of Las Cruces COAS Bookstore
SAT. JAN 21	11:30 A.M.	Magic Carpet StoryTime Branigan Cultural Center
SAT. JAN 21	2 P.M.	"Realistic Advice for Aspiring Actors" workshop Black Box Theatre
SAT. JAN 21	2 P.M.	Speaking of Art lecture series LC Museum of Art
TUE. JAN 24	10:30 A.M.	Read To Me - stories for ages 3 and up Branigan Library
TUE. JAN 24	6:30 P.M.	Mariachi Real de Chihuahua Rio Grande Theatre
WED. JAN 25	9 A.M. - 1 P.M.	LC Farmers & Craft Market Downtown Main St
WED. JAN 25	10 A.M.	Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3 Branigan Library
WED. JAN 25	11 A.M.	Mother Goose Time - Activities for Infants Branigan Library
WED. JAN 25	6 P.M.	Poetry Reading MVS Studios
THU. JAN 26	10 A.M.	Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3 Branigan Library
SAT. JAN 28	9 A.M. - 1 P.M.	LC Farmers & Craft Market Downtown Main St
SAT. JAN 28	10:30 A.M.	Storytellers of Las Cruces COAS Bookstore
SAT. JAN 28	11:30 A.M.	Magic Carpet StoryTime Branigan Cultural Center

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Bobby Johnson
Southwest fantasy artist

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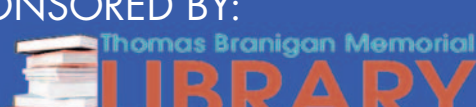


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Book covers a year 'or so' of life in New Mexico

Fifty photographers contributed to project

Review by **Richard Coltharp**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Most photography books about New Mexico have these obligatory pictures: Colorful hot air balloons, a haunting shot of White Sands National Monument, Shiprock, Carlsbad Caverns and the San Francisco de Asis Church in Rancho de Taos.

"A Year or So in the Life of New Mexico" has all of those.

This book also has a heartbeat many of those other books lack. The first hint is in the book's subtitle: "An Uncensored Look at Life in the Land of Enchantment."

Uncensored in this case does not mean pornographic, although there are a couple of PG-13 photos. Here, uncensored means unafraid to be honest.

There are 10 pages on the topic of DWI, which we all know is an inescapable truth in New Mexico. There are pages on the border, which aren't necessarily rosy. There are some unexpectedly beautiful photos of dilapidated buildings and cars, as well as unusual and hilarious signs.

These darker topics are perhaps more fitting when you understand who will benefit from

sales of the book. A portion of the proceeds of the \$50 book go to the Esperanza Shelter for Battered Families in Santa Fe.

"The Esperanza Shelter is a safehouse for domestic violence victims, both child and adult victims," said Rick Carver, the book's editor. "It's part of a coalition of entities around the state."

Carver and 50 other photographers took more than a year – hence the title "A Year or so..." – traveling around New Mexico capturing the scenes, scenery and people of the state.

"I realized pretty quickly this was going to take more than a year," Carver said. "And New Mexico has its own calendar."

About three-quarters of the photographers are female.

The book includes a section on the military, a section on churches and many other topics both whimsical and serious.

"We got it covered pretty good," Carver said. "There are very few cover subject matters we have not covered. The state has a lot of problems, but it's a beautiful state, with friendly people."

The 224-page, soft-cover book, with 475 images, was published by Fresco Fine Art Publications in Albuquerque.

This book is available via Esperanza's website, www.esperanzashelter.org, or by calling Peggy Luplow at 505-660-7409 also by visiting www.ayearorsonm.com.



Las Cruces librarian wins Southwest book award

Molloy sheds light on border violence

The book "El Sicario: The Autobiography of a Mexican Assassin," co-edited by New Mexico State University librarian Molly Molloy and journalist Charles Bowden, has been selected to receive a Southwest Book Award, sponsored by the Border Regional Library Association (BRLA). Since 1971, the awards have been presented in recognition of outstanding books about the Southwest published each year in any genre.

The book is based on interviews with a hit man who kidnapped, tortured and murdered people for the Mexican drug industry for twenty years.



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El Sicario tells his story as a cautionary tale. Now a fugitive, he does not ask society to forgive him, but feels that he must do what he can do to earn God's forgiveness.

Bowden first encountered El Sicario while writing his book "Murder City" (Nation Books, 2010). As trust between the men developed, Bowden bore witness to El Sicario's unfolding confession in an article in "Harper's Magazine," followed by an award-winning film, "El Sicario Room 164" by Gianfranco Rosi, that premiered at the Venice Film Festival.

Molloy, the NMSU Library's Latin American and Border Studies Librarian, translated the interviews and was instrumental in turning the transcripts into the book "El Sicario" (Nation Books, 2011).

For more information, contact Molloy at 646-6931.

Digital workshops making transition

DACC new home for popular Preston program

The transition is complete for the popular Mesilla Digital Imaging Workshops to become the Doña Ana Photographic Workshops, and registration is now open for Spring 2012.

Spring workshops will be offered at the Doña Ana Community College's East Mesa Campus, 2800 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

Because the workshop program is now associated with DACC, the procedure for workshop registration is different from before, but offers some important advantages for participants, most significantly, cost.

Each workshop will consist of approximately 12.5 hours of instruction and will be scheduled within a single week – most often a Tuesday evening, then Thursday evening, and all day Saturday. One hour of college credit will be issued to participants who choose this option. Non-degree participants can opt to audit. The cost is the same.

The first critical step is a one-time enrollment with Doña Ana Community College.

Complete the online application at <http://dacc.nmsu.edu/admissions>.

You will be asked to pay a one-time application fee of \$20. This grants you the option of signing up for classes or workshops at the college, indefinitely.

The workshops are available for earning college credit or as a non-degree student taking the workshops as an audit. For participants who do not wish to earn college credit, they must register with the college as a non-degree student. No transcripts are required for that designation.

After being admitted to DACC, students will receive a Banner ID number to use for further registration. Once you have that number, you may register for Doña Ana Community College classes and workshops on the Internet at www.my.nmsu.edu. Even if you do not wish to earn credit, sign up for the workshop online as a credit-earning student.

Then email workshop instructor Paul Schranz, pschranz@nmsu.edu, to request an audit status for the workshop, and he said he will take care of the rest.

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Spring workshops

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Jan. 31, Feb. 2 and 4

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Feb. 14, 16 and 18

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Feb. 21, 23 and 25

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www.donaanaworkshops.com



January From Sun Worshipers To Space Travelers: New Mexico's History

*Presented by Dr. John Hunner,
Professor of History, NMSU*

This will be an overview of New Mexico's history to celebrate the centennial year of statehood. Dr. Hunner will survey the people who have lived in the Land of Enchantment from sun worshipers to space travelers. This is an engaging and informative series of lectures that encompasses the rich heritage and deep history of the state.

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7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Community Contra Dance, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Presented by Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society. Cost \$5-\$6. Call 522-1691.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Dance ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. Free dance lesson at 7 p.m. with paid admission. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 526-6504.

8 to 11 p.m. '50s dance, Eddie's Bar & Grill, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Featuring Remember Then, a '50s music tribute band. No cover. Call 642-7593.

SAT. 1/21

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Nancy Jenkins will be the storytellers at the Downtown location, and Gloria Hacker 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 a.m. to noon, "Cookin' Breakfast with Mo and Caitlin," Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Learn to make scones and more. Free. Call 523-0436.

11 a.m. to noon, Thomas the Tank Engine story time, Las Cruces Railroad Museum,

Playbill

Opening

The Sisters Rosensweig
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Coming Soon

Masters of Illusions
Rio Grande Theatre
211 N Main St.
527-9536
\$10-\$15
Opens Tuesday, Jan. 31

Shadowlands
Las Cruces Community Theatre
313 N. Main St.
523-1200
\$7-\$10
Opens Friday, Feb. 3

351 N. Mesilla St. Free. Call 647-4480.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

1 to 3 p.m. Book signing with author Audrey Hartley, The Bean Café, 2011 Avenida de Mesilla. Hartley will be available to sign copies of her children's book, "Colors for Michaela." Free. Call 888-361-9473.

2 to 3 p.m. Las Cruces Museum of Art "Speaking of Art" lecture series, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. The museum will host this presentation by Mireille Dohmen that focuses on the work of her close personal friend Belgian artist Paul Van Hoeydonck and his sculpture titled "Fallen Astronaut." Van Hoeydonck made the sculpture to commemorate the 14 United States astronauts and Soviet cosmonauts who died prior to 1971. Free. Call 541-2137 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

2 to 4 p.m. "The Bowl of Life" workshop, Cultural Center de Mesilla, 2231 Calle de Parian. Carlos Aceves will apply the Aztec calendar to daily life. Cost \$25. Call 523-3988.

2 to 4 p.m. "Realistic Advice to Aspiring Actors" workshop, Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Carole Schorr, president of C. Schorr Management, will presented the do's and don'ts of the industry, how to put together an impressive resumé and photos, preparing for callbacks, etc. Cost \$20. Call 523-1223.

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.

5 to 11 p.m. "Illegal?," Co-op Rocks! GreenWorks Building Classroom, 125 N. Main St. Sponsored by Mountain View Market Co-op, featuring Albuquerque's Zoology, El Paso's Fuya Radio, DJs, Graffiti



The Mesilla Valley Teen Singers, which welcomes singers and aspiring singers ages 14 to 19, has kicked off the spring season. The choral group is open to any teen, with singing experience or not, without an audition. For more information, call 621-8128.

Art Battles and arts and handcrafts for sale by Sum Artists! Free. Call 523-0436 or visit www.sumartfest.org.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music featuring Buzz Tones, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7 p.m. Zel Hartman vocal recital, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Zel was selected to participate in the American High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall, NYC, in February. Free. Donations accepted. Call 649-9534.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center, Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, singles and guests are welcome to dance. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

SUN. 1/22 12:30 p.m. New Mexico Jazz Educators All State concert, Atkinson Recital Hall, New Mexico State University. Fifty-seven high school music students from throughout New Mexico will participate in three jazz ensembles during the weekend event. Free. Call 646-5341.

5 p.m. WWE, Raw World Tour, Pan American Center, 1810 E. University Ave. See all of your favorite WWE professional wrestlers, including John Cena, Kane, Chris Jericho, The Miz and Big Show, battle it out. \$15 and up. Call 800-745-3000 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

7:30 p.m. El Paso Chamber Music Festival, Atkinson Recital Hall, New Mexico State University. The concert

will feature pianist Alfredo Oyaguez Montero from Spain, cellist Andres Diaz and violinist Chee Yun. Cost \$25 and up. Call 915-833-9400 or visit www.eppm.org.

TUE. 1/24

6:30 p.m. Mariachi Real de Chihuahua, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Founded in January 2005, Mariachi Real is dedicated to preserving and promoting the beautiful culture of the Mesilla Valley through its intense love of the music and the people it represents. Free. Visit www.riograndetheatre.com or call 523-6403.

7 to 9 p.m. 45+ over social evening, Café de Mesilla, 205 Calle de Santiago. Enjoy an evening of conversation in an artful and relaxing environment with friends and future friends of similar age. Free. Call Joyce Zimmer at 652-3019 or Karo Myers at 520-2954.

7:45 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango Group, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Beginners, singles and couples over 21 are welcome to join the Big Band Dance Club. Cost \$8-\$10. Call 642-1699.

10 p.m. live jazz music with the Billy Townsen Quartet, Lorenzo de Mesilla's Saratoga Room, 1763 E. University. No cover. Call 496-1415.

WED. 1/25

12 to 1 p.m. "Losing Weight through Sensible Nutrition and Exercise," Mountain View Market, Co-op Community Room, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Rosa Lopez is a registered dietitian with the New Mexico Department of Health, and

will be available for free individual sessions as well. Free. Call 523-0436.

5:30 p.m. Meow Wolf artist panel, NMSU campus, Health and Social Sciences Auditorium, A lecture about the collective's work, values, methods and goals. Free. Call 646-2545.

6 p.m. Poetry reading, MVS Studios, 535 N. Main St. Poetry reading by Sheila Black, Billy Garrett, Joe Somoza and Dick Thomas. Free. Call 635-5015.

7:30-8:30 p.m. Balanced Living Bookclub, Mountain View Market Co-op Community Room, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Life coach, Siddeeq Shabazz will host. Free. Call 510-459-2671.

THU. 1/26

6 p.m. No-name calling special storytime, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Help stop bullying. Come hear the story "ONE." Free. Call 522-4499.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Dance to ballroom, country, swing, and Latin styles. Free dance lesson at 7 p.m. with paid admission. Dance to live music of the High Society Orchestra. Beginners, singles and couples welcome. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 1/27

10 a.m. Friday Morning Storytime, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Venture out to where the wild things are and meet a Gruffalo. Free. Call 522-4499.

7 p.m. "Look Who's Dancing!," Oñate Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. Nine contestants are working hard on their sways, twirls, hips and dips for the 2012 "Look Who's Dancing!" competition. Tickets are on sale at the NMSU Dance Department office. Cost \$10. Call 646-2070.

7 to 9 p.m. Pride Cinema, Las Cruces LGBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. Free. Call 635-4902.

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‘Women on the 6th Floor’ is a charming and gentle comedy

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A pleasant surprise, “Women on the 6th Floor” has several things going for it and one against it.

At once, it is a pleasant and warm French farce, one in which wealthy stockbroker and building owner Jean-Louis is at ease with his conservative and slightly mundane lifestyle. His wife, a socialite deluxe, fills her days with things only film writers or the ultra-wealthy could do, such as run to the dressmaker or shop for another 10 pairs of shoes.

Things are turned slightly askew, however, when the couple’s long-time household assistant, Germaine, resigns over a squabble concerning the recent death of Jean-Louis’ mother, the matriarch of the house for many years. Truly the woman in charge, not only did she serve, cook and clean, but she also pretty much raised the couple’s two sons, who have turned out to be snotty and arrogant, to say the least.

Jean-Louis is often so out of touch that he doesn’t have a clue there are a handful of Spanish women, all of whom work as maids, living on – you guessed it – the sixth floor. Handled gruffly by his building manager – a cold, calculating woman – he only then finds



“The Women on the 6th Floor” follows the enlightenment of Jean-Louis Luchini (Joubert Fabrice) and Maria Gonzalez (Natalia Verbeke) in a light-hearted, comedic fashion now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

out that the women, living in tiny rooms and sharing an ancient bathroom are his ‘neighbors.’

One of the women, of course the youngest and most beautiful, Maria, has just arrived and needs a job. Instructed to cook Jean-Louis’ breakfast egg to his precise demands, she does so, and wins the job easily.

She readily fits in, and in her own quiet and efficient way is able to handle the transitional void left by Germaine without a problem. Suzanne, Jean-Louis’ wife, is pleased with her work as well, and life progresses, or

so it seems.

Often by accident, Jean-Louis either observes or is called upon to help with the issues of the poverty-stricken maids, wherein he either foots the bill or fixes the problem.

That is the one problem I had with the film. Although his attitude and efforts are certainly helpful and meant with the best of goodwill, it still somehow, at times, feels condescending, especially after he spies Maria standing up in her bath, her perfect body aglow with ripeness and beauty. His folly starts here. Already, we have been looped into



the idea that he probably has a crush on her, and this adds to that.

He continues to protect and gently pursue Maria while helping the maids and running his business. A suspicious Suzanne uses a gaping plot hole to boot him out, at which time he takes residence in one of the sixth floor rooms with the maids, all of whom, by the way, are given some manner of personality as shown by the great acting offered by the supporting cast.

The film continues on this semi-lark, as Maria discovers herself, and Jean-Louis finds that he much prefers the simple life employed by the hired help rather than that of his stuffy socialite wife, who, later, with a bit of chagrin, realizes her mistake but accepts it.

All in all, “Women on the 6th Floor” is a charming and gentle comedy, filled with great acting and good characters.

I just wish Jean-Louis hadn’t tried to be the quiet savior of these strong women who have given him so much life in return.

Want to clean my house? Grab your shovel and come on over to jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com. Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. His reviews are his opinion and do not reflect that of the film society or the board.

When a child steps into a kingpin’s world

‘Leon: The Professional,’ Portman’s violent debut

The CineMatinee for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, is “Leon: The Professional” (1994, 130 minutes, rated R for strong violence).

As visually stylish as it is graphically violent, this thriller directed by Luc Besson concerns Mathilda (Natalie Portman), a 12-year-old girl living in New York City who has been exposed to the sordid side of life from an early age. Her family lives in a slum and her abusive father works for drug dealers, cutting and storing dope.

Mathilda doesn’t much care for her parents, but she has a close bond with her 4-year-old brother.

One day, she returns from running an errand to discover that most of her family, including her brother, were killed in a raid by corrupt DEA agents, led by the psychotic Stansfield (Gary Oldman). Mathilda takes refuge in the apartment of her secretive neighbor, Leon (Jean Reno), who takes her in with certain reluctance.

She discovers that Leon is a professional assassin, working for Tony (Danny Aiello), a mob kingpin based in Little Italy. Wanting to avenge the death of her brother, Ma-

thilda makes a deal with Leon to become his protégée in exchange for work as a domestic servant, hoping to learn the hit man’s trade and take out the men who took her brother’s life.

However, an affection develops between Leon and Mathilda that changes his outlook on his life and career. Besson’s first American film boasted a strong performance from Reno, a striking debut by Portman, and a love-it-or-hate-it, over-the-top turn by Oldman. Review from www.allrovi.com

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 \$4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$1.

The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287.

Call to Artists

LAST CHANCE

ASTC AUDITIONS

The American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC) at New Mexico State University Theatre Arts announces auditions for its spring 2012 productions. Needed are men ages 18 to 25 and women ages 18 to 30. Auditions will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus, with callbacks scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 22. Those interested may sign up for an audition slot on the callboard in the Hershel Zohn Theatre lobby.

All actors are asked to prepare one contemporary monologue running no longer than 60 seconds. Female actors are asked to also prepare 16 bars of an uptempo Broadway or 1960s pop song to be sung a cappella. For more information, call Production Coordinator Mike Wise at 646-5418.

‘BECKY’S NEW CAR’ AUDITIONS

No Strings Theatre Company will hold auditions for “Becky’s New Car” by Steven Dietz, directed by No Strings Theatre Company’s Artistic Director Ceil Herman. Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at

the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

“Becky’s New Car” is a witty play about a middle-aged woman who is tempted to flee her own life. It has been described as a thoroughly original comedy with serious overtones, a devious and delightful romp down the road not taken. Performances are March 9-25, with option to extend to April 1, should audience response warrant.

Needed are two women (40s-60s), one woman (20s) and three men (40s-60s). The role of Chris Foster is precast. Auditions will be cold readings from the play. A perusal copy of the script will be on reserve at the reference desk at Branigan Library.

The rehearsal schedule will be Sundays through Thursdays and some Saturday daytime rehearsals, all to be arranged according to actors’ schedules. For further information, email the director at nstcbbt@zianet.com or call 523-1223.

ONGOING DESERT LIGHT FILM COMPETITION

The Desert Light Film organizers are searching for New Mexico middle and high school students to participate in the 2012 Desert Light Film Competition Friday, April 13.

Presented by New Mexico State University-Alamogordo and the Otero County Film Office, and sponsored by JC Penney, this competition will give students an opportunity to showcase their work, compete for prizes and participate in seminars designed for young filmmakers. This festival is designed for any student who has an interest in film making.

Categories include narrative or drama/comedy, animation, music video, documentary, experimental film, music video and a 30-second centennial commercial. The criteria for all categories include production quality, creativity and originality, resourcefulness and entertainment value.

Films may be submitted until Friday, March 9. Entries should be mailed to the Otero County Film Office, 1301 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo, NM 88310.

Each entry requires a \$5 entry fee. For entry rules, information about judging and awards and descriptions of each category will soon be available on the Film Otero website www.filmotero.com.

For more information, contact K. Jan Wafful, at jan@filmotero.com or Joan Griggs at jgriggs@nmsu.edu.

'The Last Picture Show' at the Preston Art Gallery

Photos by Nicolas Bañales

While Dael Goodman enjoys looking at, "Experience 2 4 photographs" by Annika Rundberg, she is trying to figure out what the artist used for the necklace that ends up dissolving toward the end.



Jean Wilkey stands next to her piece titled, "Designer Des(s)ert Bunnies."



Director of Preston Contemporary Art Center Paul Schranz makes his rounds through the gallery's final exhibition. The Preston will close its doors Saturday, Feb. 18.



The Preston gallery was filled with artists and art admirers in every room.



Flavio Robles Jr. listens to Kevin Hall discuss a piece by Glynis Chaffin-Tinglof titled, "Santa Maria."



"On the Road Again" by Lois Duffy portrays Willie Nelson on assorted sizes of a block wood canvas. This gives the piece a variety of different dimensions.



Local artists Cy Shaw and Saba enjoy the various art media at the Preston Contemporary Art Center in Mesilla Friday, Jan. 13.

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ArtsBriefs

'The Sisters Rosenweig' runs through Feb. 5 at Black Box Theatre

No Strings Theatre Company presents "The Sisters Rosenweig" by Wendy Wasserstein directed by Nikka Ziemer, running from Jan. 20 to Feb. 5 at the Black Box Theatre (BBT), 430 N. Main St.

"The Sisters Rosenweig" is the story of three very different sisters who meet to celebrate the eldest sister's 54th birthday in London.

While the details may differ amongst sisters in Western culture, the themes of the expectations of family and society as well as the contribution of race, religion, sex and culture in women's personal identities is quite universal. The play was described by the *The New Yorker* as "A captivating portrait of three disparate sisters reuniting after a lengthy separation and coming to terms with their differences, respect and love for one another. The laughter is all but continuous."

Wendy Wasserstein is also the author of the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winning "The Heidi Chronicles," produced by the Black Box Theatre in its opening season in 2000. That play detailed changing roles for women as Heidi's search for happiness and fulfillment proceeded from high school, through college and into her role in the workplace as a professor of art history. The three sisters in "The Sisters Rosenweig" are likewise in search of happiness.

The oldest sister, Sara, is played by Karen Warren, usually seen as a musician at BBT and Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) productions is an overachiever and the only woman to head an international Hong Kong Bank. Sara's daughter Tess (Fiona McCrossin) is about to leave the country and head for Lithuania with her radical boyfriend Tom (Dustin Hadfield). Merv (Tom Warren, also a musician), a faux furrier, courts and understands her. Gorgeous (Yvette Crawford), the middle sister, is a housewife who is also a flamboyant radio personality. Youngest sister Pfeni (Kathi-Jane Alvarado) is a journalist who is always traveling in search of new adventures and has an on-again, off-again relationship with theatre director Geoffrey (David Reyes). Bob Singer rounds out the cast as their British friend, Nick Pym.

Wasserstein won the William Inge Award for Distinguished Achievement in American Theatre for this play. Mel Gussow wrote in the *New York Times* review "Ms. Wasserstein's generous group portrait (at the Mitzi E. Newhouse Theater) is a not only a comedy but also a play of character and shared reflection as the author confronts the question of why the sisters behave as they do. The immediate answer is they are Rosenweigs and are only doing what is expected of them. The play offers sharp truths about what can divide relatives and what can draw them together."

"The play is steeped in Jewish culture and humor, but the emotional subtext is broader. None of the sisters can find happiness; they have all been nurtured in a family in which heartbreak has been confused with heartburn. With effort, the women arrive at a new understanding. Bonding as siblings, they can anticipate a more promising future."

"The Sisters Rosenweig" performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Sunday Matinees are Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, and a 7 p.m. Thursday performance will be held Feb. 2. Tickets are \$10 regular admission, \$9 for students and seniors over 65, and all seats are \$7 on Thursdays. For reservations or information, call 523-1223.

'Realistic advice to aspiring actors' workshop at the Black Box Theatre

Carole Schorr will present a workshop titled "Realistic Advice to Aspiring Actors" from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

Among the topics presented will be the dos and don'ts of the industry, how to put together an impressive resume and photos, preparing for auditions and call backs, truth and realities of the current state of the working actor, necessary books and periodicals to help understand the business, how and when to procure an agent or manager and other topics as an aspiring actor or parent of an aspiring actor.

Carole Schorr is president and founder of C. Schorr Management for 25 years, representing actors who have worked on more than 300 national commercials and have had principal roles on feature films, series regular and guest starring roles on TV shows, and Broadway starring roles. Her credits can be seen on her website, www.actorconsulting.com.

Schorr also has a California Teaching Life Credential and has coached many of her clients for auditions. She graduated from Michigan State University. The cost of the workshop is \$20. Reservations may be made by calling 523-1223.

'Candlelighters' benefit concert at the Black Box Theatre

Ron Scott and Classique present a benefit concert in support of the Candlelighters in our community. The concert will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

Scott and Classique have recently returned to Las Cruces after three years on the road. They performed in a variety of venues from southern California to Washington state, spending three summers at the Benbow Resort in Gerberville, Calif., where they played regularly at the Benbow Inn and RV Resort for the king of Jordan and other dignitaries. They played the opening and closing venue at the Jazz

Happening in Newport, Ore.

The concert features George Aiuvalasit and his classical Chromatic Harmonica. Aiuvalasit taught himself the chromatic harmonica by listening to, and eventually playing along with records of harmonica virtuosos of the 50s era from classical big band, to the blues.

Since then, he has performed in a variety of settings in El Paso and Las Cruces. Aiuvalasit and Scott played together as the R & G Good Company Duo in 2006 in Las Cruces, before Scott and Classique went on the road.

The Candlelighters are dedicated to enriching the lives of children who have cancer by providing hope, support, encouragement, advocacy, and education to these children, their families, and the community. This group provides family meetings, grief support groups, parenting sessions, strengthening marriage classes, caregiver support groups, as well as other activities.

Tickets are \$10. Reservations can be made by calling the Black Box Theatre at 523-1223. CDs will be available for sale after the concert.



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Teriyaki Bowl has good food, low prices

By Amanda Green
Las Cruces Bulletin

"In God we trust, all others must pay cash."

Thank you fortune cookie, you always know what to say.

With a feeling of déjà vu, nearly a year later to the day, I returned to Teriyaki Bowl, 2300 N. Main St., for round two. It was the first published review of my young journalism career. From the moment I realized I was getting paid to do the two things I love the most – eat and write – I was hooked.

Teriyaki Bowl opened its doors Jan. 10, 2011, and a year later the owners, native New Mexican Xeng Thach, and his wife, Trinh Ngo, continue to make their mark on Las Cruces cuisine. For 14 years, they were the original owners of the Teriyaki Chicken House, 805 El Paseo Road.

Yes, the Main Street location only takes cash, but it's for the right reasons. Banks charge businesses for using cards, which in response, have to raise prices and cut back on quality to make up for it. By supporting local businesses and cutting the middleman out, I believe the community benefits.

Most dishes were inexpensive enough not to require more than the few bills hiding in my glove box. The challenge came in finding a vegetarian option, especially when I remember their teriyaki.

The chicken was moist and flavorful, and the sauce, which I could probably drink alone, was memorable. But trying my best to stick to new year's resolutions, at least for the next few weeks before everyone else forgets theirs too, I asked the woman at the counter for her suggestion.

Green chile tempura? Bingo.



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By default, the veggie plate came with brown rice, which I was very happy about. After I smothered it in the sweet, famous sauce, I think it lost its healthy leanings.

The portions were impressive, and the chile was longer than my forearm. It came with its own ginger sauce, and was its own thermometer. By that I mean, the closer I got to the stem, the hotter it was, until that firehouse heat rocked my tastebuds and sinuses.

Totally worth it. The impressively large dining area started to fill for lunch; the counter and number system they have is basic but efficient.

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Up, up and away at the *MV Balloon Rally*

Photos by Nicolas Bañales

A hot air balloon that closely resembles the New Mexican state flag gets ready to take to the skies above the 19th annual Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally, held Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14-15.



Shari, 13, Autumn, 9, and Nick Ivy, 12, pose with Tom Smith who is holding Scotty Featherline, 2, while enjoying the high flying balloons.



A look at a colorful hot air balloon from below



A couple waves to friends and family as they lift off.



Balloons weren't the only thing flying. Power parachutes zipped around bringing the celebration up in the sky.



Volunteer crews work hard to get the balloons ready for take-off.



People gathered at Brown Farm to watch the pilots and crews inflate the balloons.

Mesilla Valley Film Society

Upcoming Films

at the Fountain Theatre
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Shows nightly at 7:30, Sunday Matinee at 2:30

Jan. 20 - 26 The Women on the 6th Floor 2011, 107 min., in French and Spanish with subtitles, starring Fabrice Luchini, Sandrine Kiberlain and Carmen Maura, directed by Philippe Le Guay.	Jan. 27 - Feb. 2 Le Havre 2011, 95 min., in French with subtitles, directed by Aki Kaurismäki. Nominated for the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival.	Jan. 21 only Leon: The Professional 1994, 130 min., rated R, starring Natalie Portman, Jean Reno, Gary Oldman and Danny Aiello, directed by Luc Besson.
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Saturday CineMatinee at 1:30 only

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Sunday, January 22 7 p.m. Nature: A Tiger's Last Journey	Monday, January 23 7 p.m. Antiques Roadshow	Tuesday, January 24 8 p.m. American Experience: Geronimo	Wednesday, January 25 7 p.m. Nature: Fortress of the Bears	Thursday, January 26 8 p.m. Memories of Learning: Old West, New West
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SATURDAY EVENING												JANUARY 21, 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	News	Frontier	Heartland	News	Keep Up	Wait...	Antiques Roadshow	Austin City Limits	Independent Lens	Independent Lens						
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS: Los Angeles	48 Hours Mystery	48 Hours Mystery	News	Paired	Paired			Jdg Judy			
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	*** "Over the Hedge"	(2006, Comedy)	Castle "Rise" (cc)	ABC 7	TMZ (N) (cc)					Cheaters		
FOX 8	14	House (cc)	The Unit	(cc)	Cops (N)	Cops (N)	Terra Nova (cc)	News	Big Bang	Alcatraz "Pilot"			New Girl	Two Men		
NBC 9	9	Paid	News	News (N)	Raymond	Harry's Law (cc)	The Firm (cc)	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live (cc)						
CW 14		** "Spellbinder"	(1988) Timothy Daly.		** "The Juror"	(1996) Demi Moore.	Access Hollywood	Punk'd	Punk'd	South Pk	South Pk					
WGN 15		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny		Til Death			
ESPN 26		College Basketball	College GameDay				SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)						
ESPN2 27		College Basketball			2012 Australian Open Tennis Round of 16.	From Melbourne, Australia. (N) (Live) (cc)										
USA 31		NCIS "Jeopardy"	NCIS "Witch Hunt"		NCIS "Once a Hero"		NCIS (cc)			** "Crank"	(2006) Jason Statham. (cc)					
TNT 32		*** "Saving Private Ryan"	(1998) Tom Hanks, Edward Burns. (cc)				(:35) * "Law Abiding Citizen"	(2009)		(:35) ** "Con Air"	(1997)					
TBS 33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	** "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past"	(2009)		** "Kindergarten Cop"	(1990) (cc)					
COM 35		* "The Love Guru"	(2008) Mike Myers.		Kevin Hart: Laugh		JB Smoove		Katt Williams American Hustle: The Movie	"40-Year-Old Vir"						
LIFE 39		"Craigslist Killer"	"Drew Peterson: Untouchable"	(2012)			Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	(:01) "Drew Peterson: Untouchable"	(cc)						
FOOD 40		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners				
HGTV 41		House	Hunters	Design	Dear	Color	Donna	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Hunters				
A&E 43		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage		
HIST 44		"Outlaw Josey"	*** "Pale Rider"	(1985) Clint Eastwood. (cc)			Cowboys & Outlaws	Pickers	(:01) *** "Pale Rider"	(1985) (cc)						
TLC 45		Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life	Dateline: Real Life				
DISC 47		Sons of Guns (cc)	Sons of Guns (cc)	Sons of Guns (cc)	Sons of Guns (cc)	Sons of Guns (cc)	Sons of Guns (cc)	Sons of Guns (cc)	Sons of Guns (cc)	Sons of Guns (cc)	Sons of Guns (cc)	Sons of Guns (cc)				
ANPL 50		My Cat From Hell	My Cat From Hell		Pit Boss (N)		Pit Bulls-Parole		Pit Boss (In Stereo)	Pit Bulls-Parole	My Cat From Hell					
FAM 51		"Walk-Remembr"	** "The Notebook"	(2004) Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams.			Jane by Design		Jane by Design	Jane by Design	Jane by Design	Jane by Design				
DISN 52		Jessie	Jessie	Good	Jessie	Austin	Shake It	Austin	Austin	Jessie	Shake It	Austin	Jessie	Jessie		
NICK 54		iCarly	iCarly	iCarly (N)	Victo	Ninjas	Victo	'70s	'70s	Friends	Friends	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife		
AMC 57		*** "Unforgiven"	(1992, Western) Clint Eastwood. (cc)				Hell on Wheels		*** "Unforgiven"	(1992, Western) Clint Eastwood. (cc)						
SYFY 59		"Wyvern"	(2009) Nick Chinlund. (cc)		"Snow Beast"	(2011) John Schneider.	Lost Girl (cc)		Being Human (cc)	"Snow Beast"						
CNN 62		CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)				
CNBC 63		Money in Millions	Best Buy: Big	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Princess	Best Buy: Big	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Princess	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Princess	Princess		
MSNBC 64		(4:00) MSNBC Special Coverage "South Carolina Primary" (N)									Lockup	Lockup	Raw	Raw		

SUNDAY MORNING												JANUARY 22, 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 22	Independent Lens		Santa Fe	Contrary	Moyers & Company	Need	Scully	Wash.	Inside	Religion	McLaughlin					
CBS 3	Home.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)		The Nation	Nieman	Paid Prog.	Motorcycle Racing						
ABC 7	Business	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso		Good Morning America	Good Morning El Paso	This Week			Auction	Paired Prog.					
FOX 8	14	Secrets	CarMD	Auction	Bndg Brkr	Abndnt L	Anti-Aging	Auction	English Premier League Soccer							
NBC 9	9	In Wine	Old House	Today (N) (cc)		Horse Ctry	Church	Home	Frvr Yngr	Meet the Press (N)	Matthews	Hockey				
CW 14		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Danger	Go for It!	Ani. Tails	Ani. Tails	College Basketball				
WGN 15		Paid Prog.	Facts	Key/David	Beyond	Matlock "The Cult"		In the Heat of the Night	** "The Human Stain"	(2003, Drama) (cc)						
ESPN 26		SportCtr	NFL	SportsCenter (cc)		SportsCenter (N) (Live) (cc)						NFL Countdown				
ESPN2 27		The Dotted Line	NBA	NFL	E:60		Outside	Reporters	2012 Australian Open Tennis Round of 16. (cc)							
USA 31		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Miracles	J. Osteen	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU				
TNT 32		Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Enemy"	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	"Law Abiding Citizen"						
TBS 33		Saved	Saved	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	** "Kindergarten Cop"	(1990) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (cc)			Tommy				
COM 35		Hot Bodies of 2012!		Comedy	(:45) ** "Year One"	(2009) Jack Black. (cc)		(:45) ** "Encino Man"	(1992) Sean Astin. (cc)			Prison				
LIFE 39		In Touch	Hour of Power (cc)	J. Osteen	Cindy C	Chris	Chris	Chris	Chris	"Have Husband"						
FOOD 40		Mexican	Ingred. Fix	Rachael Ray's		Dinners	Money	Hungry Girl	Guy's, Bite	Paula	Secrets	Chopped				
HGTV 41		Holmes	Prof.	Home	Income	Property Brothers		Disaster	Disaster	Yard	Room Cr.	House	Hunters			
A&E 43		Inside Story: Ferris Bueler's Day Off (cc)		The Sopranos (cc)		The Sopranos (cc)		The Sopranos (cc)		The Sopranos (cc)		"A Few Good Men"				
HIST 44		Modern Marvels (cc)		The Lost Book of Nostradamus (cc)		The Next Nostradamus (cc)		The Next Nostradamus (cc)		Nostradamus Effect		Nostradamus Effect				
TLC 45		Dr. Frederick K.C. Price	Zumba Fit	Butt Lift	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes			
DISC 47		Paid Prog.	Youssef	J. Osteen	In Touch	Man, Woman, Wild		Flying Wild Alaska		Gold Rush (cc)		Gold Rush (cc)				
ANPL 50		Weird	Weird	Untamed and Uncut		Dogs 101 (cc)		Dogs 101 (cc)		Wild Kingdom (cc)		Wild Kingdom (cc)				
FAM 51		** "The Notebook"	(2004, Romance) Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams.		** "Bring It On"	(2000, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst.		** "Legally Blonde"		** "Legally Blonde"		** "Legally Blonde"				
DISN 52		Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Chugging	Mickey	Mickey	Mickey	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas			
NICK 54		T.U.F.F.	T.U.F.F.	Penguins	Penguins	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Winx Club	Penguins			
AMC 57		Mad Men (cc)		Mad Men (cc)		Hell on Wheels (cc)		*** "Joe Kidd"	(1972) Clint Eastwood. (cc)			"Quick-Dead"				
SYFY 59		Paid Prog.	Hoover	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Face Off "Water World"		Being Human (cc)		"The Lost Tribe"	(2009) Emily Foxler. (cc)					
CNN 62		Morning	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning		State of the Union		Fareed Zakaria GPS (N)		Reliable Sources (N)		State of the Union				
CNBC 63		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Oreck	Paid Prog.	Show Sexy	Oreck Vac	Paired Prog.	Paired Prog.	Paired Prog.			
MSNBC 64		Hardball	Business	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)				Weekends With Alex Witt		Live news coverage.		Dead Men Talking: Trail				

SUNDAY AFTERNOON												JANUARY 22, 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 22	News	Frontier	New Mexico In Focus		Legislators	Healing	Healthy	Greener	Generation	Growing	Antiques Roadshow (N)					
CBS 3	3	NFL Champ. Chase		The NFL Today (N)		NFL Football	AFC Championship -- Baltimore Ravens at New England Patriots. (N) (Live)				Paired Prog.					
ABC 7	7	* "Taxi"	(2004) Queen Latifah, Jimmy Fallon.		Cindy C	Auction	The Bachelor (In Stereo) (cc)					Entertainment Tonight				
FOX 8	14	Jones	Jason	Paid Prog.	Futurama	Paid Prog.	Futurama	Visions	Friends	NASCAR Rev	Pregame	Football				
NBC 9	9	NHL Hockey: Capitals at Penguins			Countdown	Action Sports	From Killington, Vt. (N)		International Auto Show		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.				
CW 14		College Basketball	Funniest Moments		Dog	Dog	Latino	LatiNation	Cold Case (cc)			True Hollywood Story				
WGN 15		** "The Village"	(2004) Bryce Dallas Howard.		*** "Frida"	(2002) Salma Hayek, Alfred Molina. (cc)			Videos	Chris	Chris					
ESPN 26		(10:00) Sunday NFL Countdown (N) (Live) (cc)			PBA Bowling	Bayer Viper Open.		Strong Man	Strong Man	Strong Man	SportsCenter (N) (cc)					
ESPN2 27		(9:00) 2012 Australian Open Tennis Round of 16.			Women's College Basketball	Iowa at Penn State.			Women's College Basketball							
USA 31		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU				
TNT 32		"Law Abiding Citizen"	*** "Patriot Games"	(1992, Suspense) Harrison Ford. (cc)		(:25) *** "Saving Private Ryan"	(1998) Tom Hanks. (cc)									
TBS 33		(10:30) ** "Tommy Boy"	(1995)	** "American Pie 2"	(2001) Jason Biggs. (cc)	** "Harold & Kumar Go"		** "Mr. Deeds"	(2002)							
COM 35		(10:45) * "Let's Go to Prison"	(cc)	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	(:45) * "The Love Guru"	(2008) Mike Myers.			40 Year				
LIFE 39		"Have Husband"	"Taken From Me: The Tiffany Rubin Story" (cc)		*** "Taken in Broad Daylight"	(2009) (cc)						"Perfect Husband"				
FOOD 40		Restaurant: Impossible	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Best Thing	Best Thing	Diners	Diners					
HGTV 41		First Place	First Place	Property	Property	Property	Property	House	Hunters	For Rent	For Rent	House	Hunters			
A&E 43		(10:00) *** "A Few Good Men"	(1992) (cc)	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Criminal Minds (cc)			Criminal Minds (cc)				
HIST 44		Nostradamus Effect	Nostradamus Effect	Nostradamus Effect	Nostradamus Effect	Nostradamus Effect	Nostradamus: 2012 Predictions of cataclysm.		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars				
TLC 45		Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras	Toddler & Tiaras				
DISC 47		Gold Rush (cc)	Gold Rush (cc)	Gold Rush (cc)	Gold Rush (cc)	Gold Rush "Drill or Die"	Gold Rush (cc)	Gold Rush (cc)	Gold Rush (cc)	Gold Rush (cc)	Gold Rush (cc)	Gold Rush (cc)				
ANPL 50		Wild Japan (cc)	Rocky Mountain Gators	Swamp Wars (cc)		Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys				
FAM 51		** "Legally Blonde"	** "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde"		** "A Cinderella Story"	(2004) Hilary Duff.		** "Another Cinderella"		** "Another Cinderella"		** "Another Cinderella"				
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	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Victorious	Victorious	Victorious	Victorious	SpongeBob	SpongeBob			
AMC 57		(10:00) "The Quick and the Dead"		*** "Unforgiven"	(1992) Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman. (cc)			*** "Desperado"	(1995, Action)							
SYFY 59		** "Journey to the Center of the Earth"	(2008)	** "100 Million BC"	(2008) Michael Gross.			** "The Land That Time Forgot"	(2009) (cc)							
CNN 62		Fareed Zakaria GPS	The Next List	Your Money (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)				
CNBC 63		Paid Prog.	Butt Lift	Ripped!	Take It Off!	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Butt Lift	Paid Prog.	Grt Pillow	Paid Prog.	Ripped!	Paid Prog.			
MSNBC 64		Crimes Caught on Tape	Meet the Press (cc)	Vegas Homicide		Vegas Undercover		Vegas Undercover		Vegas Undercover		Caught on Camera				

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PBS 22	Globe Trekker	NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	Nature (In Stereo)	Masterpiece Classic	Masterpiece Mystery!	Best Fest	Steves	Equitrek						
CBS 3	News	News	60 Minutes	Undercover Boss	The Good Wife	CSI: Miami	News	Without a Trace	Paid					
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos	Once Upon a Time	Desp.-Wives	(:01) Pan Am (N)	News (N)	News	Insider	Betty				
FOX 8 14	NFL Football: NFC Championship -- Giants at 49ers	Post	American Idol (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	Mother	Office	Mother						
NBC 9	News	News	Dateline NBC (In Stereo)	Prime Suspect (N)	Prime Suspect (N)	News (N)	Road	Nieman	Paid					
CW 14	*** "Thank You for Smoking" (2005)	*** "Taxi" (2004, Comedy)	Queen Latifah.	TMZ (N)	Ugly Betty	Brothers & Sisters								
WGN 15	30 Rock	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Replay	The Unit "Stress"	Monk	Monk	Monk				
ESPN 26	(4:00) SportsCenter	2011 World Series of Poker	SportsCenter (N)	NFL PrimeTime (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)									
ESPN2 27	Women's College Gymnastics	CrossFit	2012 Australian Open Tennis Round of 16. From Melbourne, Australia. (N) (Live)											
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	*** "Angels & Demons" (2009, Suspense)	Tom Hanks.								
TNT 32	"Saving Private"	*** "Gran Torino" (2008) Clint Eastwood.	*** "Gran Torino" (2008) Clint Eastwood.	*** "Munich"										
TBS 33	(4:00) "Mr. Deeds"	*** "Wedding Crashers" (2005) Owen Wilson.	(:40) *** "Wedding Crashers" (2005)	(:15) "Mr. Deeds"										
COM 35	(4:45) *** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"	"Jackass 2.5"	Tosh.0	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	"Jackass 2.5"					
LIFE 39	"Perfect Husband"	"Drew Peterson: Untouchable" (2012)	*** "The Steppfather"	(2009) Premiere.	(:01) "Drew Peterson: Untouchable"									
FOOD 40	Rachael v. Guy	Cupcake Wars (N)	Rachael v. Guy	Iron Chef America	Chopped	Rachael v. Guy	Iron Chef America							
HGTV 41	Holmes on Homes	Holmes on Homes	Holmes Inspection	Holmes Inspection	Property Brothers	Rachael v. Guy	Holmes Inspection	Holmes Inspection						
A&E 43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds							
HIST 44	Ax Men	Ax Men	Ax Men (N)	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	(:01) Ax Men	(:01) Ax Men					
TLC 45	Toddler & Tiaras	Little People	Hoard-Buried	Separation Anxiety	Hoard-Buried	Separation Anxiety	Little People							
DISC 47	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush							
ANPL 50	Finding Bigfoot	American Stuffers	Gator Boys (N)	Finding Bigfoot (N)	Gator Boys	Finding Bigfoot	American Stuffers							
FAM 51	"Cinderella St."	"A Cinderella Story: Once Upon a Song"	"A Cinderella Story: Once Upon a Song"	J. Osteen	Ed Young	Z. Levitt	Prince							
DISN 52	Phineas & Ferb	Good	ANT	Random	Shake It	Jessie	Good	Good						
NICK 54	Sponge.	'70s	'70s	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	My Wife	My Wife			
AMC 57	(3:30) "Desperado"	*** "Kingdom of Heaven" (2005) Orlando Bloom, Eva Green. Premiere.	*** "Kingdom of Heaven" (2005)											
SYFY 59	"Ferocious Planet" (2011) Joe Flanagan.	* "Land of the Lost" (2009) Will Ferrell.	*** "The Lost Future" (2010)	"The Odyssey"										
CNN 62	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom							
CNBC 63	Diabetes	Wall St.	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed							
MSNBC 64	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Bringing Brooke Home (N)	Predator Raw	Predator Raw								

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MONDAY EVENING		JANUARY 23, 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	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	American Masters			Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley				
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Broke	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0	News	Letterman			
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo)		(:01) Castle (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX 8 14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Two Men	House "Better Half"	Alcatraz (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny				
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Still Standing	Fear Factor (N)	Rock Center	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW 14	Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	Gossip Girl (N)	Hart of Dixie (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)		Law Order: CI	Access				
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	NBA Basketball New Jersey Nets at Chicago Bulls.	News	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama					
ESPN 26	College Basketball Syracuse at Cincinnati.	College Basketball Texas A&M at Kansas.	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)									
ESPN2 27	Women's College Basketball	2012 Australian Open Tennis Men's and Women's Quarterfinals. From Melbourne, Australia. (N) (Live)												
USA 31	NCIS	NCIS "Enigma"	WWE Monday Night RAW (N)	(:05) White Collar	(:08) * "Good Luck Chuck" (2007)									
TNT 32	Law & Order	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	The Closer	Rizzoli & Isles	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY						
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N)	The Office	Conan					
COM 35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Work.	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	
LIFE 39	"Live Once, Die"	"Drew Peterson: Untouchable" (2012)	The Long Island Serial Killer		(:01) "Drew Peterson: Untouchable"									
FOOD 40	Diners	Diners	Heat See.	Heat See.	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners			
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	Love It or List It (N)	House	House	House	House	My	First Pla.	House	House	House	House	
A&E 43	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders (N)	Intervention (N)	Intervention (N)	(:01) Hoarders	(:01) Hoarders							
HIST 44	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Cajun	Cajun	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers			
TLC 45	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss (N)	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next				
DISC 47	Almost, Away	First Week In	First Week In (N)	Moonshiners	First Week In	Moonshiners	First Week In	Moonshiners	First Week In					
ANPL 50	Infested!	Infested!	Infested! (In Stereo)	Infested! (In Stereo)	Infested! (In Stereo)	Infested! (In Stereo)	Infested! (In Stereo)	Infested! (In Stereo)	Infested! (In Stereo)	Infested! (In Stereo)	Infested! (In Stereo)	Infested! (In Stereo)	Infested! (In Stereo)	Infested! (In Stereo)
FAM 51	Pretty Little Liars	Pretty Little Liars	The Lying Game (N)	Pretty Little Liars	The 700 Club	The Lying Game	Paid	Paid						
DISN 52	Random	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Shake It	Good	Austin	Good	"Geek Charming" (2011) Sarah Hyland.	Good				
NICK 54	Anubis	iCarly	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s	'70s	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s
AMC 57	CSI: Miami	*** "Batman Begins" (2005, Action)	Christian Bale.	*** "Batman Begins" (2005, Action)	Christian Bale.									
SYFY 59	"Land of the Lost"	Being Human	Being Human (N)	Lost Girl (N)	Being Human	Lost Girl								
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper							
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Big Mac: Inside	Deliver	Baghdad	Marijuana: Industry	Mad Money	Deliver	Baghdad	Marijuana: Industry					
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	Amer. Experience	Geronimo-Exp	Frontline (In Stereo)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	State of the Union "2012" (N)	NCIS (DVS)	Big Bang	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	State of the Union "2012" (N)	Happy	Last Man	Last Man	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX 8 14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Two Men	State of the Union "2012" (N)	Glee "I Am Unicorn"	KFOX News at Nine	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny					
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	State of the Union "2012" (N)	The Biggest Loser	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late						
CW 14	Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	90210 (N)	Remodeled (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	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama		
ESPN 26	College Basketball Michigan at Purdue.	College Basketball Kentucky at Georgia.	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)									
ESPN2 27	NFL Live (N)	Pardon	Sport Sci.	2012 Australian Open Tennis Men's and Women's Quarterfinals. From Melbourne, Australia. (N) (Live)										
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	White Collar (N)	Royal Pains	Law & Order: SVU	White Collar							
TNT 32	*** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994)	Tim Robbins.	Southland (N)	CSI: NY	Southland	CSI: NY								
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	The Office	Conan					
COM 35	30 Rock	30 Rock	South Pk	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Daily	Work.	Daily	Colbert		
LIFE 39	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms (N)	24 Hour Catwalk (N)	Project Runway	(:01) Dance Moms	(:01) Dance Moms							
FOOD 40	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Chopped	Chopped (N)	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped							
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	First Pla.	First Pla.	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Love It or List It	Property	Property	House	Hunters	
A&E 43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels	Pawn	Pawn	Ax Men	Larry the Cable Guy	Modern Marvels	Pawn	Pawn	(:01) Ax Men					
TLC 45	Little People	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss	Couponing All-Stars	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss	Couponing All-Stars	Dealers	Dealers					
DISC 47	Dirty Jobs	Dealers	Dealers	Dirty Jobs (N)	Ragin' Cajuns (N)	Dirty Jobs	Ragin' Cajuns	Dealers	Dealers					
ANPL 50	Wild Russia	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth							
FAM 51	Switched at Birth	Switched at Birth	Jane by Design (N)	Switched at Birth	The 700 Club	Jane by Design	Hoover	Paid						
DISN 52	(4:30) "Geek Charming" (2011)	Shake It	Shake It	Good	Austin	Good	Shake It	ANT	Jessie	Random	Good	Good		
NICK 54	Anubis	iCarly	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s	'70s	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s		
AMC 57	CSI: Miami	*** "The Mummy" (1999) Brendan Fraser.	(:45) *** "The Mummy" (1999)											
SYFY 59	Being Human	Face Off	Face Off	Lost Girl	Lost Girl	* "See No Evil" (2006) Kane.	Seam							
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper							
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Best Buy: Big	State of the Union "2012" (N)	Mad Money	Best Buy: Big	Billions Behind Bars								
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	MSNBC Special Coverage "State of the Union" (N) (Live)	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word									



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PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	News	Nature (N)	NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	Inside Nature's	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds (N)	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Letterman	Late					
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Suburg.	Family	Happy	Revenge "Charade"	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX	8	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Two Men	American Idol (N)	Touch "Pilot" (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny					
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Whitney	Chelsea	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW	14	Funny Home Videos	Til Death	Til Death	One Tree Hill (N)	Remodeled	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Access					
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama				
ESPN	26	College Basketball	Villanova at Louisville.	College Basketball	Duke at Maryland.	(N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)					
ESPN2	27	Pardon	College Basketball	2012 Australian Open Tennis	Women's Semifinals. From Melbourne, Australia.	(N) (Live)	NCIS	Royal Pains	Covert Affairs	NCIS "UnSEALed"	Royal Pains					
USA	31	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS "Moonlighting"	Royal Pains (N)	Covert Affairs	NCIS "UnSEALed"	Royal Pains							
TNT	32	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Southland	CSI: NY	CSI: NY							
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Office	Office	Conan			
COM	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Office	Office	Conan		
LIFE	39	Monster	Monster	Monster	Monster	24 Hour Catwalk	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Monster	Monster	24 Hour Catwalk				
FOOD	40	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Rachael v. Guy	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.					
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	Property Brothers	Income	Kitchen	House	Hunters	Property Brothers	Income	Kitchen	House	Hunters			
A&E	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Storage	Storage	Dog Bounty Hunter					
HIST	44	American	American	American	American	Larry the Cable Guy	American	American	Larry the Cable Guy	American	American	Larry the Cable Guy				
TLC	45	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras					
DISC	47	Alaska	Combat	Combat	Hell Roads (N)	Ragin' Cajuns (N)	Hell Roads	Ragin' Cajuns	Hell Roads	Ragin' Cajuns	Combat	Combat				
ANPL	50	i. Predator	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth					
FAM	51	"Another Cinderella Story" (2008)	"A Cinderella Story: Once Upon a Song"	The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid								
DISN	52	Wizards	Wizards	ANT	ANT	Shake It	Good	Austin	Good	Austin	** "Hannah Montana: The Movie" (2006)	Good				
NICK	54	Anubis	iCarly	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s	'70s	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s	
AMC	57	CSI: Miami	** "Superman Returns" (2006)	Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth.	** "Superman Returns" (2006)	Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth.	** "Superman Returns" (2006)	Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth.	** "Superman Returns" (2006)	Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth.						
SYFY	59	Face Off	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters (N)	Face Off (N)	Ghost Hunters	Face Off	Ghost Hunters	Face Off	Ghost Hunters	Face Off	Lost Girl				
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper					
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	Mob Money:	American Greed	American Greed	Mad Money	American Greed	American Greed	Mad Money	American Greed	American Greed					
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word					

THURSDAY EVENING												JANUARY 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	11:00	11:30	
PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	News	Frontiers	Memories of Learn	Travel	NMSU	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Rob (N)	Person of Interest	The Mentalist	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Wipeout (N)	Grey's Anatomy	Private Practice	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
FOX	8	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Two Men	American Idol (N)	The Finder (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny					
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	30 Rock	Parks	30 Rock	All Night	The Firm (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late			
CW	14	Funny Home Videos	Til Death	Til Death	* "The Covenant" (2006)	Steven Strait.	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Access					
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama			
ESPN	26	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	Winter X Games	From Aspen, Colo. (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)					
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball	Indiana at Wisconsin.	College Basketball	Gonzaga at Portland.	Basket	X Center							
USA	31	NCIS	NCIS "Reveille"	NCIS "Vanished"	NCIS	Burn Notice	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	Inside the NBA (N)							
TNT	32	Bones	NBA Basketball	Boston Celtics at Orlando Magic. (N)	NBA Basketball: Grizzlies at Clippers											
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Office	Office	Conan			
COM	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Chap	Chap	JB Smoove	Russell	Russell	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert		
LIFE	39	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	24 Hour Catwalk	Dance Moms	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway					
FOOD	40	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Fat Chef	Cupcake Wars	Chopped	Fat Chef							
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	Price	First Pla.	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	
A&E	43	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48 (N)	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48					
HIST	44	American Pickers	American Pickers	Swamp People	Cajun	Cajun	To Be Announced	American Pickers	(:01) Swamp People							
TLC	45	NY Ink	NY Ink	NY Ink	NY Ink	David Blaine-Magic?	NY Ink	NY Ink	David Blaine-Magic?	NY Ink						
DISC	47	Underworld	Extreme Drug	Cops & Coyotes	First Week In	Cops & Coyotes	First Week In	Cops & Coyotes	First Week In	Extreme Drug						
ANPL	50	Finding Bigfoot	Wildman	Wildman	Snake Man	American Stuffers	Wildman	Wildman	Snake Man	American Stuffers						
FAM	51	** "The Flintstones" (1994, Comedy)	** "The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas"	The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid								
DISN	52	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Austin	Shake It	Good	Austin	Good	Random	"My Babysitter's a Vampire"	Good	Good			
NICK	54	Anubis	iCarly	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	'70s	'70s	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s	
AMC	57	CSI: Miami	** "Eraser" (1996)	Arnold Schwarzenegger.	** "Eraser" (1996)	Arnold Schwarzenegger.	** "Eraser" (1996)	Arnold Schwarzenegger.	** "Eraser" (1996)	Arnold Schwarzenegger.	CSI: Miami					
SYFY	59	"House of Bones" (2010, Horror)	** "The Amityville Horror" (2005)	"Carry" (2009)	Lou Diamond Phillips.	Being Human										
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Florida Republican Presidential Debate	Anderson Cooper	Florida Republican Presidential Debate	Anderson Cooper	Florida Republican Presidential Debate	Anderson Cooper	Florida Republican Presidential Debate	Anderson Cooper						
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	60 Minutes on	Mark Zuckerberg	Bill Gates-Geek	Mad Money	60 Minutes on	Mark Zuckerberg								
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word					

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.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

3	9	4	7	6	5	1	8	2
8	2	1	4	3	9	6	5	7
6	5	7	8	1	2	3	4	9
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4	8	6	1	7	3	9	2	5
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5	3	2	9	4	8	7	6	1

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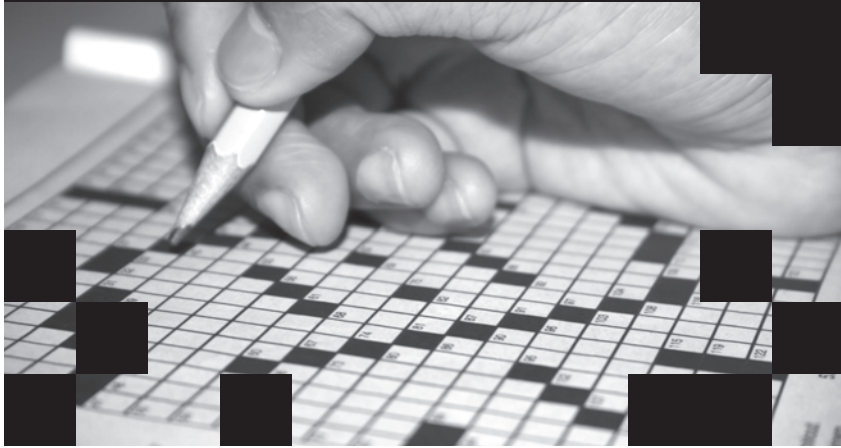
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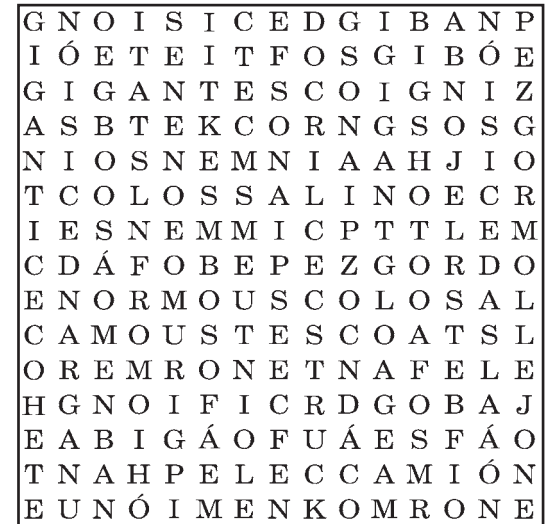


Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

A REALLY 'BIG' PUZZLE

- | ENGLISH | SPANISH |
|----------------|-------------------|
| A BIG DECISION | UNA GRAN DECISIÓN |
| BIG SHOT | PEZ GORDO |
| BIG SOFTIE | MOLLEJON |
| COLOSSAL | COLOSAL |
| ELEPHANT | ELEFANTE |
| ENORMOUS | ENORME |
| GIGANTIC | GIGANTESCO |
| IMMENSE | INMENSO |
| PIANO | PIANO |
| ROCKET | COHETE |
| SOFA | SOFA |
| TRUCK | CAMIÓN |



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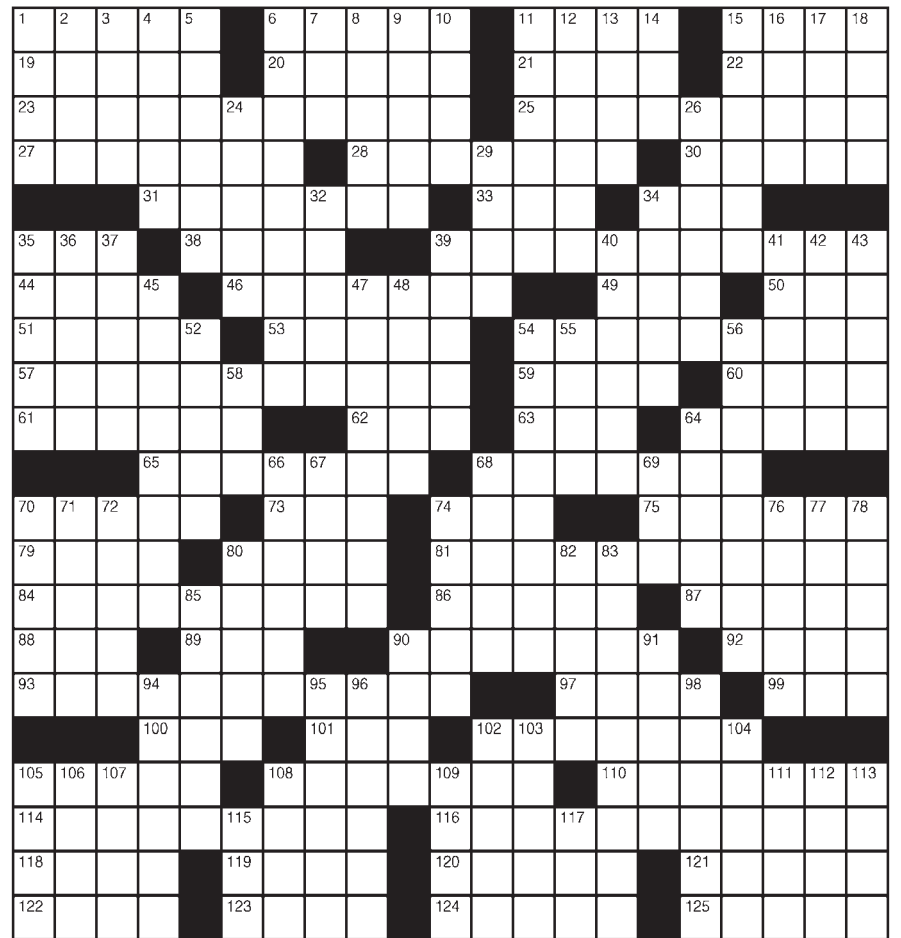
Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- | ACROSS | DOWN |
|---|---|
| 1 Antipasto morsel | 1 Tolkien creature |
| 6 Cable channel | 2 ___-tzu |
| 9 Critic, at times | 3 Romantic couple |
| 10 Soup ingredient | 4 Soft palate related |
| 13 Quaker's "you" | 5 Disintegrate |
| 14 Cavity between the body wall and intestines | 6 Accordingly |
| 16 Mail Boxes ___ | 7 Spruce |
| 17 Salad go-with | 8 "Bill & ___ Excellent Adventure" |
| 18 Female head of household | 10 Await judgment |
| 20 Cashew, e.g. | 11 French handbag |
| 21 Intimidates | 12 "Hamlet" has five |
| 22 Modernize | 13 Constant |
| 24 Let out | 15 Food from heaven |
| 27 Freshwater mussel | 17 Lie in the sun |
| 30 Need a bath badly | 19 Destined |
| 31 Fish | 21 Live wire, so to speak |
| 32 Salad ingredient sometimes | 23 British Isle |
| 33 "Beat the Dealer" author and mathematics professor | 25 Words to live by |
| 35 Tags | 26 Shepherds' domains |
| 36 To that place | 28 ___ Bowl |
| 38 Skyward | 29 Deserted |
| 39 Intl. fund | 32 Big East team |
| 40 Gut flora | 34 Show support |
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 Crime does not pay, brayed the robber. Lovely! Does that mean I have a criminal position?



AtTheMovies

Funny money, cocaine and Mark Wahlberg

‘Contraband’ is a non-complex smuggler’s flick

Review by **Amanda Green**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Let’s face it, audiences go to see action films not for the drugs, gunfights or ridiculous amounts of money, but for the explosions.

We want the mindless entertainment of the fast-paced sprint to a climactic end where the true bad guy is unmasked and the hero saves the day. However, “Contraband” approached the finish line out of gas and left my action hero itch unscratched.

Chris Farraday (Mark Wahlberg) is the reformed criminal turned family man hero of the film. He abandoned his life of smuggling drugs and fake currency to operate his own alarm installation business.

That is, until his brother-in-law, Andy (Caleb Landry Jones) screws up and botches a drug run, dumping the millions of dollars of cocaine he was smuggling, into the ocean when U.S. Customs boards the ship heading toward the New Orleans port.

Andy’s boss, Tim Briggs (Giovanni Ribisi) is less than thrilled to find out his shipment wasn’t delivered and demands repayment. Ultimately, this leads to forcing Farraday back into running contraband to pay Andy’s debt.

Once a legendary smuggler, Farraday reunites his team, and with the help of his best friend, Sebastian (Ben Foster) agrees to do one

more run to Panama to bring back millions in fake currency.

Plenty of obstacles cloud the way, on the run and at home, when Farraday’s wife, Kate (Kate Beckinsale) is attacked in an attempt to force Farraday to not only smuggle the fake cash, but to replace the tossed drugs.

While in Panama, Farraday must race the clock in order to get back to the cargo ship which will leave with or without him. The ship’s grouchy captain (J.K. Simmons) knows of Farraday’s notorious smuggling past, and is skeptical to allow Farraday onto his ship.

He makes Farraday his “carpet cleaner” to keep him away from the ship’s cargo, and ultimately hopes to avoid any contraband aboard the vessel, unless he too, is getting a cut of the profit.

Panama is poorly represented. A few generic skyline shots and quick close-ups in a small, market scene leave much to be desired. The film neglects what should be a visually stunning setting and keeps the audience caged in a warehouse that could be Anywhere, U.S.A.

Farraday has to defy the odds and the continuous pitfall of obstacles that gets put in his way. He might lose track of time, but I sure didn’t.

When Farraday receives a phone call from the engineer aboard the ship, he’s employed to tamper with the propeller. The 10 minutes the engineer tells him he has left is unrealistically



In the film “Contraband,” Chris Farraday (Mark Wahlberg), a legend in the smuggling world, has agreed to go on one last run to Panama in order to pay his brother-in-law’s debts with help from his best friend Sebastian (Ben Foster).

stretched.

On screen, Farraday spends well over an hour meeting his miniscule deadline, and ends it all with driving a van into a cargo container. The vehicle is going fast enough to dent the container, but when we see the van again, this time up for auction, the front end is pristine.

Despite big, gaping holes in the story line, I want to believe that Farraday really will save the day.

He does, but not without the film trying to spoon-feed the audience all of its twists and turns.

The revealing of the real villain running the show comes an hour too soon, and was by all means predictable. The usual suspects were far too few, and I knew immediately who had really been causing trouble for Farraday’s family.

I felt that Beckinsale added little to the film, but for a little motivation that pushed Farraday to complete the run. Her character had more potential, especially in leading the plot into something far more exciting.

The element that people are going to remember most about “Contraband” is the amount of abuse taken by Kate. Briggs wants his money, and he doesn’t much care that Chris is out of town getting it. He gives her some unforgivable “warnings”.

She suffers even more violence at the hands of the true villain. I seriously question the logic on the part of the characters, as the repetitive threats makes Farraday less likely to do their bidding and more likely to get back at them.

I also have to question the logic of having these types of scenes in the film at all. Nobody’s doubting what’s at stake for Farraday. Including disturbing scenes to re-establish them is unnecessary and it takes away from the spirited attitude that the film wants to have.

The explanation for why the true villain would betray Farraday was rushed and unrealistic and too simple to add suspense. It’s almost achingly apparent that the script writers were grasping for straws that the story line simply didn’t need.

It left me wondering how much of the screenplay was based off of the Icelandic 2009 film “Reykjavik-Rotterdam,” which “Contraband’s” director Baltasar Kormákur starred in, and how much was filler for the American audience of the remake.

Some films just don’t translate very well. “Contraband” gives away all of its building suspense, and I lost that “edge of my seat” feel long before the climax of the film. The very few twists and turns were predictable and handed off way before their time.

The film simply runs out of content too quickly. Like the tale of the “Tortoise and the Hare,” “Contraband” starts off with fast-paced potential, then comes skidding to a stroll just when I was expecting a mad dash.

As a leading man, I love Wahlberg, but even his charm, and the star power of Beckinsale couldn’t give “Contraband” the kick it needed.

Ribisi is an incredible villain, he has that creepy, greasy-haired gangster persona down. I expect more of these roles from him in the future as he’s just so convincing. Foster was lost in the background, though his character was intended to be much more important to the script.

The ending was marginally satisfying, but as an action film I was hoping for more.

As the credits went sailing by, I was left wondering what the film was about. Was it really all down to smuggling, or protecting one’s family?

Or was it about throwing together a remake of a foreign script, adding a few American celebrities, and hoping audiences weren’t paying attention to the plot?

I’d have a hard time even renting this flick from the \$1-a-night Redbox.

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Film Review

CONTRABAND

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Giovanni Ribisi

Rated: R

Running time: 109 minutes

Director: Baltasar Kormákur

An action film running on an empty tank. Beckinsale should stick with the fangs and the leather, it works for her.

Grade D

AtTheMovies

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

Contraband

Rating: R
Plot Overview: To protect his brother-in-law from a drug lord, a former smuggler heads to Panama to score millions of dollars in counterfeit bills.
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Kate Beckinsale
Director: Baltasar Kormákur



We Bought a Zoo

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Set in Southern California, a father moves his young family to the countryside to renovate and re-open a struggling zoo.
Starring: Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson
Director: Cameron Crowe



War Horse

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Young Albert enlists to service in WWI after his beloved horse, Joey, is sold to the cavalry. Albert's hopeful journey takes him out of England and across Europe as the war rages on.
Starring: Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson
Director: Steven Spielberg



Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson join forces to outwit and bring down their fiercest adversary, Professor Moriarty.
Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law
Director: Guy Ritchie



Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chip-Wrecked

Rating: G
Plot Overview: While aboard a cruise ship, the Chipmunks go overboard and end up marooned in a tropical paradise.
Starring: Justin Long, Matthew Gray Gubler
Director: Mike Mitchell



The Devil Inside

Rating: R
Plot Overview: In Italy, a woman becomes involved in a series of unauthorized exorcisms during her mission to discover what happened to her mother, who allegedly murdered three people during her own exorcism.
Starring: Fernanda Andrade, Simon Quarterman
Director: William Brent Bell



The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

Rating: R
Plot Overview: Journalist Mikael Blomkvist is aided in his search for a woman who has been missing for 40 years by Lisbeth Salander, a young computer hacker.
Starring: Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara
Director: David Fincher



Beauty and the Beast

Rating: G
Plot Overview: Belle, whose father is imprisoned by the Beast, offers herself instead and discovers her captor to be an enchanted prince.
Starring: Paige O'Hara, Robby Benson
Director: Gary Trousdale, Kirk Wise



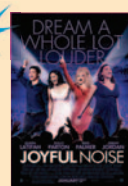
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Joyful Noise

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Two choir members have differing opinions on how to win the national choir competition.
Starring: Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton
Director: Todd Graff



Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: The IMF is shut down when it's implicated in the bombing of the Kremlin.
Starring: Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner
Director: Brad Bird



The Adventures of Tintin

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Tintin and Captain Haddock set off on a treasure hunt for a sunken ship commanded by Haddock's ancestor.
Starring: Jamie Bell, Andy Serkis
Director: Steven Spielberg



Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: A 9-year-old searches New York City for the clues left behind by his father, who died in the World Trade Center on 9/11.
Starring: Thomas Horn, Tom Hanks
Director: Stephen Daldry
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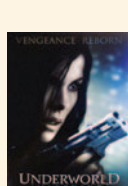
Haywire

Ratings: R
Plot Overview: A black ops super soldier seeks payback after she is betrayed and set up during a mission.
Starring: Gina Carano, Ewan McGregor
Director: Steven Soderbergh
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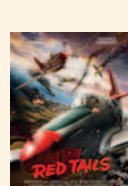
Underworld: Awakening

Rating: R
Plot Overview: The vampire Selene escapes imprisonment to find herself in a world where humans have discovered their existence and are conducting an all-out war to eradicate the immortal species.
Starring: Kate Beckinsale
Director: Mans Marlind, Bjorn Stein
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Red Tails

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: To help win WWII, the untested African-American pilots of the experimental Tuskegee training program take to the skies to fight for their country.
Starring: Terrence Howard
Director: Anthony Hemingway
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New this week on DVD

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Paranormal Activity 3

Rating: R
Genre: Horror
Starring: Chloe Csengery, Jessica Tyler Brown
Director: Henry Joost

The Whistleblower

Rating: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Rachel Weisz
Director: Larysa Kondracki

50/50

Rating: R
Genre: Comedy/Drama
Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen
Director: Jonathan Levine

Real Steel

Rating: PG-13
Genre: Action
Starring: Hugh Jackman, Evangeline Lilly
Director: Shawn Levy

Top Grossing Jan. 14-15

- 1 **Contraband** (Week No. 1) **\$24,100,000**
- 2 **Beauty and the Beast** (Week No. 1) **\$18,500,000**
- 3 **Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol** (Week No. 4) **\$11,500,000**
- 4 **Joyful Noise** (Week No. 1) **\$11,300,000**
- 5 **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows** (Week No. 5) **\$8,400,000**
- 6 **The Devil Inside** (Week No. 2) **\$7,900,000**
- 7 **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** (Week No. 4) **\$6,800,000**
- 8 **Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked** (Week No. 5) **\$5,800,000**
- 9 **War Horse** (Week No. 4) **\$5,600,000**
- 10 **The Iron Lady** (Week No. 1) **\$5,400,000**

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Undue haste makes waste



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Most people do not quickly evaluate events after a critical incident, disaster or crisis occurs.

Use patience in a survival situation; think before acting. Most people take action that usually is not in their best interest. That is why, after ensuring personal safety, a person must rationally plan for their survival.

If a person can plan and perform the necessary steps for a survival plan; they can plan for a successful life and career. An excellent resource to utilize is the website www.ready.gov.

Survival planning is very important if you want to increase your chances of survival by already having the necessary supplies and equipment on hand to accomplish your tasks. In a survival situation, this is your very existence.

This means having a survival kit with supplies and equipment. In life and work, the necessary tools – education, knowledge, discipline, work ethic – secure a job and progress in your career.

That is why a survival kit is essential for survival. A plan tailors the necessary requirements for the supplies and equipment in the kit.

Components of the survival plan are your immediate goals and objectives, environment, equipment and transportation requirements. You must document what your goals and objectives for the survival plan are going to entail.

Are you going to remain in your current location until the situation improves? Are you going to relocate to a different area that has more options for survival? What environment are you in? What is the equipment and transportation requirements will you need to survive?

You can utilize the above components of a survival plan in a successful life and work plan. You will need to answer the same questions and orient your answers to life and work requirements. Just remember the focus is on your needs versus wants.

You must focus realistically on needs. If you accomplish this task, you will be on your way to a successful life and work plan. How do you use a survival plan concept for a successful life and work plan?

If you are in an area where the job market is reduced or currently suppressed, you need to consider moving to a different location in order to secure appropriate employment in order to meet you and/or your family's needs. The ease and freedom to move anywhere in the United States allows you the opportunity to become successful anywhere. You just have to think, evaluate and make the decision.

Before you make any decision to move from your current location, there are several items to consider. In addition to a geographic change of location

See **Hurst** on page D2

Lending a helping hand

Community health care workers are here to stay

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Managing a chronic illness or medical condition can be life-altering and painful for the individual and entire family of those involved.

In addition to the emotional and physical tolls ailments such as diabetes, asthma and chronic heart conditions may incur, the financial hit can be equally as damaging.

Some health care companies, such as Molina Healthcare Inc., have been studying ways to not only help their members with these challenges, but also gain control over expensive premiums.

Molina Healthcare is the largest family-participating Hispanic-owned business in the United States and, for the past seven years, has advocated and advanced the Community Health Workers (CHWs) program.

CHWs act as a “bridge” between health care providers – such as hospitals and physicians – and members of the community by delivering education, advocacy and the social support they need, according to Patty Kehoe, vice president of health care services of Molina Healthcare of New Mexico.

“It’s not only about decreasing costs, but looking at the improvement members see through not always having to be in the emergency room,” Kehoe said. “They are happier they have someone to help that can relate to them, and that’s how we know it’s a success.”

Molina currently has two CHWs in Doña Ana County, each serving approximately 20 members, and Kehoe said there are only five counties within the state that do not have



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Christiansen

Jolisa Paisano, 6, smiles big with her big sister, Jacqueline, 8. Jacqueline was diagnosed with a brain tumor when she was 1 year old.

the program.

Molina Healthcare solely focuses on government-sponsored health programs such as Medicaid and Medicare. With the passage of health care reform and the Affordable Care Act, it is estimated that there will be 32 million new members enrolled in Medicaid by 2014.

According to Kehoe, the success of the CHW program in all 10 of the states Molina is incorporated in, partnered with the anticipated increase of Medicaid enrollees, has spurred a renewed interest in growing and strengthening

a program that reduces the number of claims and increases member education.

On July 4, 2011, Las Cruces resident Roxanne Paisano moved to Loma Linda, Calif., so her 8-year-old daughter, Jacqueline, could receive radiation therapy for a malignant brain tumor.

Paisano had previously been told by doctors within the area that there was nothing else they could do for Jacqueline, who, at that point, had lost complete mobility and functionality on

See **CHW** on page D2

Taking charge of your life

Heart-healthy women to be honored

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The first gala of its kind in Las Cruces, the Heart of my Life Ball, is set to debut Saturday, Feb. 25 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

The ball, a brainchild of the local Healthy Woman program of MountainView Regional Medical Center, will honor 10 female finalists for a night of makeovers and runway action as their “heart healthy” stories are shared.

The transformations of these ladies on the runway will reflect the choices and changes they have made in their lives to better themselves and their families.

Healthy Woman, a national campaign aimed at empowering women to make healthier decisions, is a growing movement in Las Cruces, according to MountainView Regional Medical Center Marketing Director Audrey Hartley.

“Healthy Woman wants to provide information and create events that provide opportunities to learn about the programs and services offered in our area,” Hartley said.

Currently an online, free resource that allows women between the ages of 24 and 54 to become members, Healthy Woman gives tips,

recipes and educational seminars that support the lifestyles of today’s women.

MountainView Regional Medical Center is building on its reputation of becoming a leader in cardiac care, following its chest-pain accreditation in 2011, a designation held by only 12 percent of hospitals in the United States.

“Because February is national Go Red for Women month, we wanted to take an opportunity to recognize women who have experienced heart disease, or the risk of heart disease, and changed her life to overcome those obstacles,” Hartley said.

Living a healthy lifestyle by eating the right foods and getting the right amount of exercise can be a difficult thing for just about anyone, but for some, it can mean the difference between life and death.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in women over age 40, according to the Mayo Clinic, and can be significantly reduced by following certain health measures.

“We are excited to welcome women who promote positive change through example,” Hartley said. “I feel humbled and honored to be a part of something that not only celebrates and recognizes that, but also assists them with making those changes.”

Details

Heart of my Life ball

When
Saturday, Feb. 25

Where
New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road

Contact
Audrey Hartley, 556-7665

If you know a woman who has gone through a “heart healthy” lifestyle change and is leading a better life because of these choices, refer to the entry form on page D3 and follow the simple instructions on how to enter a potential finalist.

The owners of The Mint Hair Salon and the Emerald Isle Boutique have jumped on board to help transform the finalists on their night of glitz and glam, and special guests such as Miss New Mexico and Miss New Mexico Teen USA will be in attendance.

Suicide effects everyone

Programs available for families

By **Satya P. Rao, PhD, MCHES**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

This February, I mark another anniversary of the suicide death of Michael. As the years have gone by, the sadness and hurt have mostly abated and surface on special occasions and during holidays.

I realize I am not alone. Unfortunately, many families across southern New Mexico continue to mark such anniversaries every year.

Suicide is a major public health and social issue that can have long-lasting effects on individuals, families and communities. A recent article in a local paper underscored the continued prevalence of suicide in our community and the need to address it with urgency and compassion.

Overall, data from the World Health Organization and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention indicate

that suicide is one of the most common causes of non-disease-related deaths in the United States and worldwide.

In the U.S., there were more than 34,000 suicides in 2007, amounting to 94 suicides per day or one suicide death every 15 minutes, with approximately 1 million suicides being attempted every year. The suicide rates in New Mexico rank among the highest in the nation, reflecting the growing trend.

One estimate suggests that approximately 342 state residents died annually by suicide, averaging almost seven suicides per week between 1999 and 2005.

The above numbers, however, tell

only part of the story. What they do not reveal are the nonfatal suicide thoughts and attempts that occur for every completed suicide.

Nationwide, in 2009, more than 13 percent of students in grades nine through 12 seriously considered suicide in the past 12 months, while more than 6 percent reported making at least one attempt during the previous year.

Almost 2 percent of those students had made at least one serious attempt that required medical attention. Females outnumbered males in every one of the above categories.

“Clearly, suicide needs to be addressed in communities across the state, particularly in the southern New Mexico communities ...”

Women in New Mexico, as in the rest of the country, attempt suicide more often than men. However, men take their own lives at nearly four times the rate of women.

Finally, in New Mexico, those 70 years and older had the highest suicide rates between 1999 and 2005, while the high suicide rates among Native Americans and non-Hispanic whites continue to be alarming.

Clearly, suicide needs to be addressed in communities across the state, particularly in the southern New Mexico communities where few coordinated and comprehensive services appear

to be easily available and accessible to residents in need.

One step a group of concerned professionals and survivors have recently taken is to form a coalition that is focused on suicides as well as nonfatal suicidal thoughts and behaviors in southern New Mexico. Through commitment, efforts and visibility, the coalition hopes to create an environment of caring, compassion and connectedness in which all of us can collectively begin to address the issues related to suicide, assist families and survivors tell their stories, and begin the healing process.

The primary goals of the coalition are to raise awareness about suicide and its impact and to reduce stigma, shame and secrecy surrounding suicide by creating a forum for conversations and collaborations among all concerned.

By providing support to families and survivors of suicide, the coalition aims to serve as a resource for suicide-related services and information, and conduct research to document suicide rates in our communities.

If you would like information about the coalition, its upcoming meetings, events and efforts or to become a member of the coalition please email sakrishn@nmsu.edu or phdsatya@aol.com.

We plan to start support groups for survivors and families on a regular basis starting in the next month.

Together, we can make a difference.

If you or someone you care about needs help please call the toll free suicide prevention telephone number at 800-273-8255 or go online at www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org. Most importantly remember there is help – if you can reach out and ask for it.

Hurst

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(environment), you must research the availability of a job and secure employment prior to the move. This will require a recon (site visit) of your new location.

It is imperative that you have the necessary education and work experience to accomplish the job in the new location. When you go on your site visit to the new location, you will have the necessary prerequisites when you meet with prospective employers. It would be even better to have already scheduled meetings with these prospective employers, organizations and businesses. This is a better utilization of your time on the site visit.

Transportation requirements for the new job and/or life are a critical component. In the 21st century, the ability to travel long distances is becoming a reality. In some areas of the country, people will commute up to two hours one way to work.

The above plan is a quick blueprint or template of how to develop your plan. Your plan needs to be very detailed; this is imperative to cover all possible issues.

Lastly, you must ensure that you have the financial budget to accomplish your plan. A significant number of plans fail due to incomplete budgeting.

Your plan needs to be realistic. An old axiom to remember is “plan for the worst and hope for the best.”

Michael R. Hurst is a retired U.S. Army Special Forces Captain and licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor. He is a contributing author to the recent book “Living and Surviving in Harm’s Way: A Psychological Treatment Handbook for Pre- and Post-Deployment of Military Personnel” and numerous articles addressing substance abuse, suicide, PTSD and life skills/transitions since 2002. He can be contacted at mike@thehurstgroup.us. The views expressed in this column are the author’s and do not reflect the official position of any other individual, business or government entity. Please consult the services of a competent professional when attempting to solve an issue or problem.

CHW

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her right side.

Sandy Buckingham, a CHW for Doña Ana County, has been working with the Paisanos since May 2011, and was determined not to give up on Jacquelyn.

With the help of Molina Health Care Inc., Buckingham made the arrangements for Jacquelyn to receive a six-week proton radiology treatment from Loma Linda Radiology University Hospital.

“She made sure we had everything we needed, including flight arrangements and a place to stay,” Paisano said.

Jacqueline was diagnosed with a brain tumor when she was not yet 2 years old, and since then, Paisano said, Jacqueline has been in and out of countless doctors’ offices, sometimes having to go every week to the doctor or emergency room.

After the treatment in California, Jacquelyn is now able to walk and eat on her own, has an extended life expectancy and a smile that warms the heart.

“The doctors now say she’s a living miracle,” Paisano said.

Complicated paperwork and medical jargon does little to ease the fear and anxiety accompanying dealing with such a traumatic medical condition, especially for Paisano, who has spent the majority of her life as a single mother.

Buckingham, a Las Cruces resident of 30 years and a CHW for the past four, said her job is rewarding and she feels “honored” to do what she does.

“I get to meet people from all walks of life and actually see their quality of life improve,” Buckingham said. “I am especially proud of that family for being so strong.”

“I’ve had Sandy’s help for the past eight months now, and she makes sure we understand the paperwork, and helps us get the medication we need,” Paisano said. “She is wonderful.”



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For more information, call 523-6240.

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 Street.

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.

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 who have been 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.

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., in the library.

The group also has a big-book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive. For more information, call Wayne at 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 both 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.

WATER AEROBICS CLASSES

Water aerobics classes will be held at 1 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday in a shaded outdoor pool at The Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Cost is \$3 per session or \$35 monthly.

For more information or to register, call Pam at 382-8218 or sfurandfeathers@aol.com.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP

The Brain Injury Group

meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Housing Authority of Las Cruces, 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.

CICLOVÍA

Las Cruces looking for a fun way to get healthy and active can participate in monthly Ciclovía health events from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29,

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For more information, call June Donohue at 522-0289 or for information in Spanish call Beatriz Favela at 202-2376.

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION

The Hearing Loss Association of America Las

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For more information, call Bert Heger at 532-0413 or email hlaslacruces@yahoo.com.

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Aphasia Support Group is a community group for social conversation, support and education about aphasia.

The group meets at 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call 521-6400.

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. For more information, call 528-3000.

Heart of my Life Ball

Do you know a woman who is living a heart healthier life? Tell us her story.

MountainView Regional Medical Center's Healthy Woman program would like to feature her during our first "Heart of my Life" Ball on February 25, 2012. If chosen, your nominee will be able to dress up and participate in the The Heart of My Life Fashion Show, sponsored by Emerald Isle Boutique. Ten finalists will be chosen to strut their stuff while their stories of courageous transformation are told. The woman with the most inspiring story will be awarded a special prize package. All nominees will be entered into a drawing for a beautiful outfit from the Emerald Isle Boutique.



It's easy, just complete the nomination form (below), write a short legible description of her life change and return them along with a color photo to Audrey Hartley, Healthy Woman Coordinator, MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 East Lohman Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88011 or email: audrey.hardman-hartley@mountainviewregional.com by Friday February 3.

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A pat on the back for the SunBridge Striders

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Participants and family members in the Alzheimer's Association's 2011 Walk to End Alzheimer's listen as they are recognized for their outstanding work Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the Village at Northrise.



Village at Northrise staff Nichole Phillips, Donald Wilson, Bonnie Zeiler, Logan Sexton, Cindy Myers, Luis Armendariz and Carolynne Adams.



Bonnie Zeiler, team captain of the SunBridge Striders from Northrise, holds up the trophy her team won for raising the most money out of SunBridge teams nationally during the Alzheimer's Association's 2011 Walk to End Alzheimer's.



Director of Quality of Life Carolynne Adams, speaks to the crowd about the impact of Alzheimer's disease on families at the Village of Northrise.

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Michelle Wells, Renaye Charlet, Virginia Martinez, Kyle Watson, Sara Armendariz, owner of Studio 037 Leonard Jimenez, Matt Baker, Amber Evaro, Valerie Trujillo and Andrea Thomas at the High Heels for High Hopes Thank-You event, Thursday, Jan. 12.



Alex Chavez, The Mint Salon owner Veronica Archuleta, Lisa Ortega, Chazz Rivera, Elias Vallez, Ana Vallez, Adrian Avalos and Claudia Avalos



Patricia Bolliger, Brittney Fresquez, Sylvia Washington, L.V. Washington, owner of the Fixx salon Ramiro Lugo, Jolene Mondragon, Whitney Smith, Jessica Waller and Evan, 3.



March of Dimes Executive Director Becky Horner and High Heels for High Hopes emcee Steve Chavira handed out awards as gratitude for all of the volunteers hard work in the November fashion show that raised more than \$120,000.

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Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free event from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The theme will be "How Attitudes Affect Your Life." For more information, call 652-7655 or visit www.eckankar-nm.org.

POETRY OF ZELDA

Rabbi Gerald Kane will teach "Visionary Wilderness - The Work of the Israeli Poet Zelda" from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 1-22, at Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave. Zelda created unique works infused with a "visionary wildness." Scholars note that her poetry connects to people of all ages, religious orientations and political persuasions. Over the course of four weeks, the class will search for the economy, subtlety and beauty of Zelda's language. A careful chronological analysis of a variety of her poems will be presented. Pre-registration is required and the suggested tuition is \$18. Participants are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch. For more information, call 524-3380.

BENEFIT ENCHILADA DINNER

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree and the Catholic Charitable Fund will sponsor a benefit enchilada dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2755 E. Idaho Ave. Plates are \$6.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEERS

Catholic Charities Store, 2205 S. Main St., is looking for volunteers. Helping at the store is a way to contribute to reduce poverty in our community by making available clothing and household items that can be purchased at low prices or for free through our voucher program managed by our partners. For volunteer opportunities, call 527-0500 or 523-7577.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Center, 5480 Lassiter Road, will hold a Prayer and Life Workshop in English by Father Ignacio Larranaga from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays. For 25 years, the workshop has changed lives and opened doors to a rich prayer life for participants. For more information, call 647-1117.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MARKETPLACE

The Catholic Charities

Marketplace is partnering with artists and farmers from around the world, Mexico and the borderlands bringing unique, handmade gifts and treasures to the Las Cruces area. Marketplace partners are receiving a fair wage for their work. The Catholic Charities Marketplace is located at 2205 S. Main St., Suite B, and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. If you're interested in partnering with the marketplace, contact Claudia Trueblood at 523-7577 or cmt@catholiccharitiesdlc.org.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., is providing two prayer groups. A centering prayer group will meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays for 20 to 30 minutes. Gathering for Prayer meets Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 522-7119.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Center, a Roman Catholic community, offers spiritual healing programs and ministry. Holy Mass is held weekdays at 11:15 a.m. at 5480 Lassiter Road. Also on Mondays, the Healing Prayer Team meets to pray for anyone who is interested. If you or someone you know would like to meet with the team, call 647-1117 for an appointment.

BOOK STUDY AND PROSPERITY DISCUSSION

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold a book study group for "Atom Smashing Power of Mind" by Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, at 10 a.m. Tuesdays. New members are welcome to come explore another facet of Practical Christianity in action. The church will also hold prosperity discussions at 9 a.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

DIVORCECARE

Sonoma Springs Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., now offers an ongoing DivorceCare support ministry from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The ministry is devoted to helping people find support, healing and becoming whole again. Child care is available. For more information, call 526-4907.

BIBLE COURSE

John Anderson at Holy Cross Church, 1327 N. Miranda St., will hold a course based on the writings of the apostolic fathers from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays in the church's gathering space. Bring your Bible and a friend. For more information, call 523-0167.

Finding hidden treasure at the St. Genevieve's antique show

Photos by Nicolas Bañales

A sculpture of three angels was just one of several items Sonya McClain had for sale at the show.



Earla Kohn admires a turquoise piece of jewelry from Unexpected Treasures along with owner Charlie Rizzo during the St. Genevieve's Church annual Winter Antique and Collectibles Show and Sale Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14-15, at the church.



Zia Enterprises offered many collectibles, including several postcards from every state in the United States, which Armi Tellez was very interested in.



Joshua LaBrado brought in some of his collectibles to be appraised.



The annual show of antique and collectibles included items from more than 40 dealers as well free appraisals for interested visitors.

Health Briefs

MMC names January Shining Star



GALIPEAUX

Jax Galipeaux was recognized as Memorial Medical Center's Shining Star for the month of January.

Galipeaux is currently a team leader in the Emergency Department, and started as a nurse eleven years ago.

"I'm proud to call MMC my second home and am more honored to call my coworkers my second family," Galipeaux said. "The people I have come in contact and had the privilege to work with over the years are second to none.

"If there's one thing I've learned from being a nurse in the ER, it is that you should live every day to its fullest and not take anything for granted because tomorrow is never promised."

"(Galipeaux) is so good with her patients. She is calm, assertive, compassionate, steady, intelligent and considerate," said Lee Golden, Emergency Room Director. "As a team leader, she shows those same qualities day-in and day-out, never wavering as to what is most important in her career. She is a mentor for both the young and seasoned."

The Shining Star of the month is nominated by peers and supervisors based on a team member's commitment to excellence and contribution to MMC's vision of being the hospital where patients choose to come for care, physicians want to practice and team members want to work.

Prostate cancer support group

Us Too prostate cancer support group, a nonprofit group, will meet at 6 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at Memorial medical Center. Survivors and recently diagnosed men and their families are encouraged to come. Call Bernie Rippet at 521-7942.

Student PSA contest encourages teens to get active

The City of Las Cruces is calling on all student media to enter a 30-second public service announcement for the annual CLC-TV Student Video PSA Contest. The theme this year is "Get out!" sending the message to kids and adults to get out by doing more outdoor activities rather than being indoors watching television, playing video games or surfing the Internet.

Topics include, but are not limited to: Playing sports, exercising, camping, wildlife activities, community service, yard work, helping others, interacting with animals, involvement in community events, interacting with friends or meeting new people face-to-face.

The city's government television channel, CLC-TV Channel 20, will run the award-winning PSAs on its channel for up to one year. The contest is open to all middle and high school students. The deadline to submit entries is 8 p.m. Friday, April 6. Interested students or those with questions can email aguzman@las-cruces.org or call 541-2200.

Celiac disease support group

The Las Cruces gluten-free/ceeliac disease support group will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at ASA Architects, 201 N. Alameda Blvd. The program will be a time for members to share their successes and frustrations with gluten-free eating over the holidays. For more information, call 522-8182 or email spieper@huntel.com.

Relay for Life soft kickoff

There will be an information booth for the Relay for Life at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., under the white awning at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan 20. This is the soft kickoff to the event where existing teams and those wishing to form a team are invited to attend. For more information, call 805-5411.

Good Samaritan annual garage sale

Items donated by more than 200 families will be on sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Sale benefits residents of Good Samaritan Assisted Living in need of a new small bus. Residents will sell books in the Social Center lobby and tools from the resident workshop, outside and behind the Social Center.

Breast cancer support meeting

From 10 to 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, there will be a breast cancer support meeting in the Community Education Room in the main lobby of MountainView Regional Medical Center. The topic will be "What's new and working for cancer care in Alternative and Complementary Medicine" by Marie Mathewson, Ph.D., LMT. The presentation is free and open to anyone impacted or affected by breast cancer. For more information, call 521-4794.

Hearing Loss Association Meeting

The Las Cruces Chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The meeting is free to all persons of any age.

The January meeting will be a discussion about ways to let people know you did not hear and let them know what would help you understand. The meeting will be followed by a steering committee meeting and a report of the chapter's progress.

For more information, call Bert Heger at 532-0413.

Send us your briefs

Local organizations and businesses are encouraged to send brief notices, as well as a photo, to the Health & Well Being section of the Las Cruces Bulletin. Send general information and a photo to **health@lascrucesbulletin.com**.

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Las Cruces, NM 88012
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Section E



THIS MORE THAN 4,000-SQUARE-FOOT HOME FEATURES
COMFORTABLE LIVING, ELEGANT STYLE

See featured home on pages E2-3

Featured home: 2104 Stithes Road

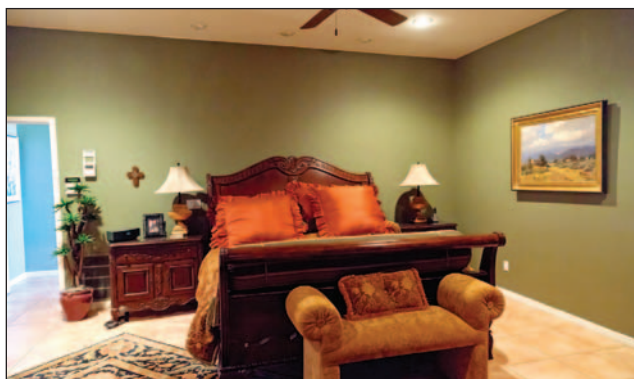
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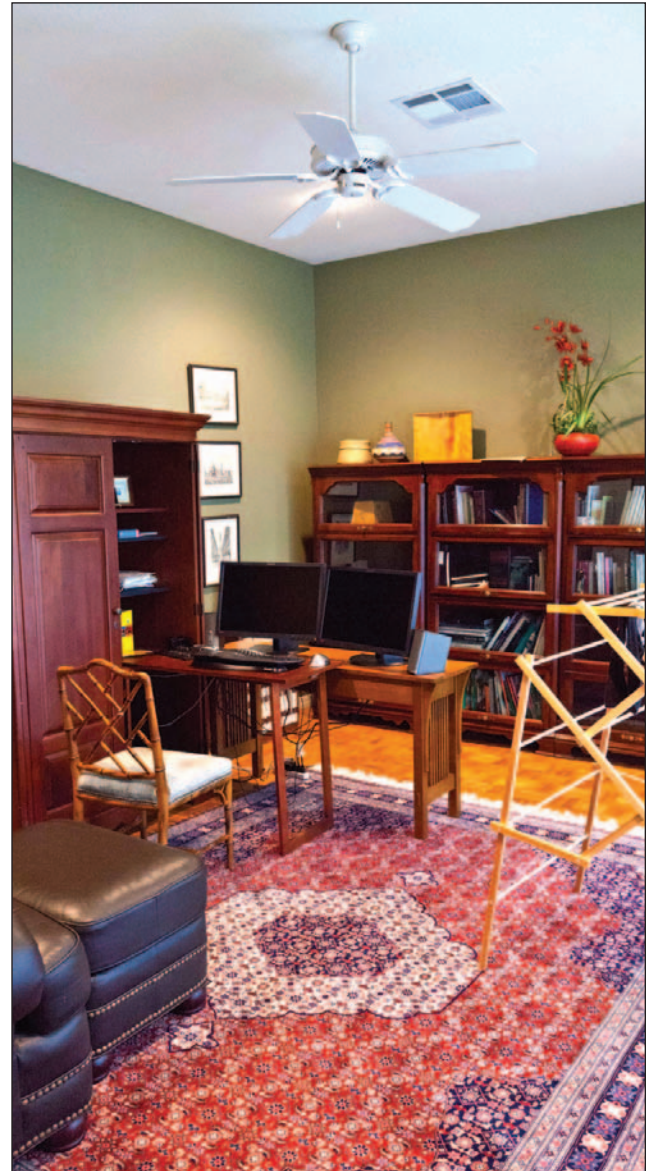
The 4,037-square-foot home at 2104 Stithes Road was constructed by Bill Quiñones in 1998.



Granite countertops fill the kitchen.



The master bedroom features a soothing décor.



A study is connected to the master suite.



The 2.73-acre property includes a full tennis court.



A window peers from the front door into the living room.



Pine beams cover the 16-foot ceiling in the living room.

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Spanish ranch includes fine detailing

Tennis courts, raised garden beds add function to this stylish home

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In 1992, Will Burke said he decided he wanted to live in Mesilla.

"I wanted to be able to walk to the plaza," he said of his desired home location.

Purchasing the 2.73-acre lot at 2104 Stithes Road, off Calle de El Paso, he hired architect Ron Nims and builder Bill Quiñones in 1998 to bring his dream to life.

"It's a Spanish ranch-style house," he said. "I like the U-shape of the house and how it opens to the patio."

As guests enter the property, a gravel circular driveway leads around a grassy area with trees and past the front of the home. Lined with trees and various bushes, the front of the house also includes pillars, holding up the porch with a wood-lined ceiling.

Not just any pillars, glass blocks detail its front and side and illuminate with light at night, leading the way to the grand, 8-foot oak door.

Through the door, a window in the wall enclosing the entrance peaks into the living room. Iron sconces rest on each side of the opening as Saltillo-inspired tile lines the floor and wood planks cover the tall ceiling.

A long hallway off the entrance leads to the left and right wings of the home. Beside the door on each side is bench seating under rectangular windows.

Wanting a more relaxed, Western appearance, Burke said the home is filled with many wood details, including corbels, beams and columns.

While two bedrooms and a Jack and Jill bathroom of the 4,037-square-foot residence reside in one wing, the other houses the four-car garage and access to the shared living spaces.

The living room, which was remodeled a few years ago, features an open floor plan, Burke said. The 16-foot ceiling is accented in large square pine beams, in between of which is recessed lighting. The open space is divided into three separate areas: an entertainment area centered around the TV resting in the green built-in shelving unit, a seating area near the fireplace with carved wood mantel and an adjacent dining area.

"The windows (in the living room) all open to the courtyard," he said. "In the summer, the flowers bloom. It's really

pretty starting in the spring and going into the fall."

The dining room features a butler's area, which connects to the kitchen and features oak cabinetry, refrigerator, wine rack and granite countertop – the same granite found lining the kitchen.

"(My favorite feature is) the kitchen," Burke said. "It's open, and with that pass through, you can see the whole house."

Featuring high-end appliances, the kitchen also includes plenty of work room thanks to the 12-foot-long island.

"It's great for serving guests," Burke said.

French doors in the kitchen, beside a breakfast nook, lead to a guest bedroom. Along with sliding glass doors to the patio, the room has its own bathroom, making it perfect for out-of-town guests and live-in relatives.

In the living room, beside the built-in entertainment center, is the master suite. Once again featuring the deep green color found sporadically throughout, the master bedroom has an adjacent study tucked behind a pocket door.

The bathroom features a long Formica countertop with two sinks. A vanity is found across it. At the end of the long hall-like space is the Jacuzzi bathtub. Lined in tile and resting against glass blocks, the bathtub is the center of the room. Next to it is a separate shower, which is tiled and enclosed by a glass door.

Surrounding the home are 40 pecan trees as well as a fruit orchard, Burke said. The outdoor space of the large property is also divided into different uses.

The back patio, which includes a built-in grill, looks out to a grassy area speckled with plants. A rock wall encloses this space. Outside of the wall on one side is a detached shed, while on the other is the full tennis court and raised garden beds.

About eight years ago, Burke put in about six raised garden beds of varying sizes on the side of the house near the garage.

"What's nice is that it's big enough to rotate plants," he said. "Plus, since they're raised beds, you don't have to bend down to work in them. They're easy to be refilled and they don't have to be tilled at all. ... The soil stays fresh."

Enclosed by a gate, the raised beds are somewhat sheltered from the harsh Southwestern sun by a wall.

"Certain plants can't take the intense southern New Mexico heat," said Burke, a gardening enthusiast.

In addition to an herb garden, which features basil, cilantro and sage, among others, Burke said he also planted a wide range of vegetables at one time or another, such as tomatoes, corn, kale, artichoke, carrots, eggplants, cabbage and turnips.

"And I always have sunflowers," he said. "Everything is on a drip system."

Thanks to the drip system, each bed can be watered with varying amounts of water at different times.

"I can just turn it on and forget it," he said. "I can leave for two weeks and not worry about anything."

Details

Featured home
2104 Stithes Road

Square footage
4,037

Acres
2.73

Bedrooms
Four

Bathrooms
Three and a half

Fireplaces
One

Price
\$629,000

Special features

Full tennis courts, a well, 40 pecan trees, raised garden beds on a drip system, four-car garage, Spanish-ranch style, wood detailing, granite countertops, 16-foot ceiling in the living room and within walking distance to the Mesilla Plaza

Contact

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Burke said the property also includes a well, which he uses to water the various plants on the property and save on his water bill.



Tile and glass blocks surround the Jacuzzi bathtub.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	1	4	1
Homes Sold Existing	15	11	10
Pending Home Sales (All)	140	134	151

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$128,940	\$138,981	\$129,000
Median Price Existing	\$147,199	\$179,900	\$159,200

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	347	411	138

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,112	1,108	1,028
Real Estate Agents	386	408	406

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 01/09/12 -01/15/12
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Featured kitchen gadget: Portion control utensils

Sizing up your meals

Gadgets make portion control simpler on you

By **Amanda Green**
Las Cruces Bulletin

A new year means a new start to all of the goals you set for yourself in the past.

For many, the goals can seem impossible – stop smoking, stop drinking, stop eating junk food. There's help out there, and many innovative gadgets on the market can help you take small steps in the right direction.

For those concerned about their waistlines, there are shelves full of pills and shakes promising results. When it comes down to it, only two things will slim you down, diet and exercise.

Fitness is a personal choice and requires quite a bit of dedication and motivation to avoid falling off the wagon. But once you start using the treadmill that sat in a box in your garage last year, you also have to adjust what you're eating.

Think of food like putting fuel in your car. Too much of the wrong stuff, isn't going to make your motor very happy, and driving on fumes isn't recommended. The trick to filling up your tank, enough to keep it running, is portion control.

There are a whole variety of plates, bowls and glasses designed to keep dieters conscientious about what is going into their mouths. One of these helpful tools, especially when preparing a meal, is a PortionPals cutting board cover.

They are flat, polyurethane discs that are useable over cutting boards, and are marked with the serving size recommended for each type of food. The discs include measurements for poultry, fish, sides and desserts. When preparing a chicken breast, or a filet of fish, you simply trim the item to fit into the square on the disk. If it fits within the lines, you can be sure that you're only cooking a single portion. This gives the consumer control over how much is going into a pan or onto a plate.

PortionPals are available online at www.amazon.com, or in specialty kitchen supply stores including Bed, Bath & Beyond. A pack of five costs under \$20, with shipping.

Another portion control device, which is just as much fun for kids as it is for the weight-watching adults, are the many



Laptop Lunches helps dieters portion their meals while creating endless tasty combinations.







varieties of Laptop Lunches.

These neat, compact lunch boxes have redefined the mid-day meal. Say goodbye to soggy bologna sandwiches, warm pudding snacks and rubbery string cheese. Laptop Lunches use colorful containers of varying shapes and sizes to create endless menu combinations that are portioned out beforehand to prevent over eating.

These lunch containers range in a variety of patterns, from silly aliens and flowers to more sophisticated color themes for the office professional. The concept originally started with Japanese Bento boxes, a popular lunchtime option, that combine small amounts of different dishes to create a meal resembling a sample platter. When you order the Laptop Lunchbox, from www.laptoplunches.com, a sample menu book is included, with a whole bunch of ideas to get you started. They also offer updated seasonal menus on their website for free.

The really wonderful thing about these boxes, besides being eco-friendly and BPA free, is the endless possibilities. The different containers allow consumers to not only be creative with their meals, but to rethink what they are putting into their lunch boxes, giving them ultimate control over portion sizes.

Understanding serving size

Hand Symbol	Equivalent	Foods	Calories
	Fist 1 cup	rice, pasta, fruit, veggies	200 200 75 40
	Palm 3 ounces	meat, fish, poultry	160 160 160
	Handful 1 ounce	nuts, raisins	170 85
	2 handfuls 1 ounce	chips, popcorn, pretzles	150 120 100
	Thumb 1 ounce	peanut butter, hard cheese	170 100
	Thumb tip 1 teaspoon	cooking oil, mayonnaise, butter, sugar	40 35 35 15

A basic lunch set, including the box, colored containers, utensils and menu book costs around \$27.

When it comes to dieting, it's just as important to watch what's going in, as it is to remember what you're sweating out. Planning and preparing ahead of time can help to stop those impulse grabs in the candy bar aisle.

Those pennies add up

US Bank kicks off Habitat's 'Nickels for Nails' campaign

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

About 12,000 to 14,000 nails are hammered into place by hand on each Habitat for Humanity home constructed, making the tiny tool an important asset to every potential homeowner and organization volunteer.

This simple building necessity is the focus of a new Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity (MVHFH) fundraising campaign, "Nickels for Nails."

"The idea is that pennies makes dollars," said Marie Schwartz, MVHFH development officer, explaining that the nonprofit will collect change from community members. "It's an easy way to donate money."

To help kick-start the program, US Bank donated \$1,000 to MVHFH Wednesday, Jan. 11.

"This means a lot to us, it's starting the pot for our campaign," Schwartz said. "We're thankful that US Bank supports affordable

housing and Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity."

US Bank Commercial Banking Relationship Manager Scotty Hendricks is a MVHFH board member, and said he and others at the bank were eager to help the local affiliate with its new campaign.

"I feel that Habitat is a very worthwhile nonprofit organization helping those who are willing to help themselves," he said. "They're not giving a hand out, but rather a hand up. This donation is a long-term investment in our community."

"We thank US Bank for kicking off our campaign and for supporting affordable housing in our community," Executive Director of MVHFH Ed Johnson said. "US Bank has helped us in so many ways and for this we are grateful."

This is the first contribution US Bank has made to MVHFH, although First Community Bank – which was taken over by US Bank in January 2011 – was a supporter of the organization, which partners with local organizations and businesses to develop communities for people in need by building affordable homes in the area.

"US Bank tries to be a good supporter of the community and help with needs like this," he said. "It's a very worthwhile project."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler

Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity Development Officer Marie Schwartz, second from left, accepts a \$1,000 donation from US Bank Commercial Banking Relationship Manager Scotty Hendricks, Vice President Karen Bailey and Las Cruces Market President Craig Buchanan Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Schwartz said MVHFH is asking the community for spare change that will add up to big dollars to buy boxes of nails – which cost \$10 per box or more.

"You can't build a house without nails," she said. "This is going to be an ongoing fundraiser

because it's so easy."

Churches, youth groups, civic organizations, businesses and the general public are asked to drop their change off at the MVHFH office or mail a check to the office at 720 N. Santa Fe St., Las Cruces, NM 88001.

'Mirror, mirror on the wall'

A simple way to enhance a room



Maureen Villmer
Practical Design

"Mirror, mirror on the wall ..." Remember that one?

Or have you ever heard the saying "house of mirrors"? You probably know that it suggests someone or some group is being deceptive. It's a label that is usually mentioned as a warning whenever the facts are a bit cloudy.

When people are referring to a less-than-honest speech or presentation, they often say that the speaker was presenting them with nothing more than "smoke and mirrors."

While the house of mirrors is not a place you'd like to accidentally wander into, that doesn't mean all mirrors are terrible things. They can really be a help around the home.

You can't really dispute that mirrors do fool your eye, but they can be used for such positive purposes, too. Use them as a room enhancer, especially in places that are cramped and don't get much light. Because mirrors reflect light, they are a great way to brighten a dark hallway. To make a room seem taller, have a floor-to-ceiling mirror, or lean a large mirror against the wall so you get full-length effect.

It doesn't take a lot of money to change the look of your home. An easy and inexpensive way to add a new design element to your room is to decorate with wall mirrors. Mirrors are both practical and decorative.

If you have ever thought of adding a window in a room, try hanging a mirror. It gives a space the illusion of depth because when you look into the mirror, you are not looking at a flat static surface, but one that is full of movement.

Another trick is placing a mirror on the opposite wall of a window to help offset darkness in the room. The natural light coming through the window will be reflected in the mirror and make the entire room feel lighter. Using mirrors this way is particularly helpful if the room is cramped or painted in a dark color.

Varieties of sizes, shapes and framing can all add detail to the decorating you do with the wall mirrors you install. Today, you will find every shape and size imaginable to fill your space. Round wall mirrors can be especially effective because they are attractive and offer a contrast to regular rectangular or square shaped mirrors. Of course, don't rule out traditional squared-off mirrors, which can also make the room feel more airy and pleasant to be in.

When hanging a mirror over a mantle or fireplace, tilt it so as to reflect the

room and not the ceiling. You may need a block of wood placed between the wall and the mirror and a longer hanging wire to achieve a proper angle.

With all the variety of decorative mirrors you could find, it's best to ensure the one you select matches the room in which you want to place it. You should consider the size and design. It's best to have a theme in your mind to see how the mirror will mix in the room before your purchase it.

“An easy and inexpensive way to add a new design element to your room is to decorate with all mirrors.”

Frames can be made of bamboo, finished wood, steel, tile, stone, jewels and colorful glass, stained glass or so many more; the list goes on. The one you choose should fit both the room and you should love looking into it.

Electricians seem to set the electric for a vanity light at a 7-foot height to fit in an 8-foot ceiling. Most homes I walk in today, however, are not 8-foot ceiling homes; they are usually higher. This makes a bathroom vanity look squatty and low for the space. I usually set the electric at least 96 inches high to be able to have space for a mirror to hang appropriately. With most vanities now being 36 inches high, and if you take into consideration a 4-inch backsplash, you should set your vanity light at around 96 to 98 inches. You have room for at least a 40-inch high mirror. This fits the scale of the space accordingly. If your ceilings are taller than 9 to 10 feet, take it up another 6 inches for a dramatic effect. You can't go much higher or your light will be too far away from what you're trying to see. Be sure your mirror is not wider than your vanity.

When used correctly, mirrors can add magic to a space. The larger the mirror, the more dramatic the effect.

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Featured business: *Zia Natural Gas*

An abundant alternative

Zia Natural Gas provides utility, gas products

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Almost one year ago, Las Cruces businesses on Picacho Avenue got a new neighbor – Zia Natural Gas.

The natural gas company is the culmination of several acquisitions and major investments and expansions throughout New Mexico over the past 20 years.

“(Natural Gas Processing Co. NGP) is our mother company,” said Division Public Relations Manager Angel Shaw.

NRG started in 1967 and purchased Ruidoso Gas in 1988, creating Zia Natural Gas Co.

From there, the company acquired Jal Gas in 1992, Hobbs Gas in 1996, the Maxwell natural gas system in 1998, the Springer natural gas system and Capitan Carrizozo Natural Gas in 2006.

Most recently, Zia purchased the Rio Grande Natural Gas Association utility system and the gas distribution system of the Village of Hatch. The company opened its Las Cruces branch in March 2011, expanding its services to four counties – Colfax, Doña Ana, Lea and Lincoln.

“We chose to open a branch in Las Cruces because obviously we want to continue growing as a company,” Shaw said. “Growth is our goal. I have worked for the company for 10 years, and this has been the easiest product to sell because it sells itself.”

However, Shaw said the company is more than just a combination of utility mergers.

“We actually serve in these communities,” she said. “We are great partners in a community and believe in our product and



Zia Natural Gas staff members Rocio Gamboa, Margarita Lopez, Nancy Bernal, Crystal Enoch, Valerie Spencer, Teresa Muñoz, Stephanie Bullington and Brissa Torres enjoy the snowy weather in Las Cruces.

being able to serve in the community.

“The employees that work at Zia are each integrated in their respective community and are investing their time and money. Why not follow and lead by their example and also invest in the community? That is our business practice at Zia.”

In Doña Ana County, Zia employs 20 to 22 people, depending on what’s going on, Shaw said. The natural gas supplier has about 55 employees total.

“For the most part, people stay at Zia,” she said about employee longevity. “We also try to hire locally.”

Additionally, Zia is an active giver to local nonprofits.

“We value giving back to the communities and investing in the schools and nonprofits in the communities we are involved in,” Shaw said. “If you qualify for nonprofit status, which many companies do, I will put your businesses events in our natural gas newsletter to remind people that an event is going on. Hopefully, this helps gives a nonprofit free advertisement that they can benefit from. And, in turn, the community benefits.”

Shaw said Zia has also invested in major system expansions,

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bringing gas to more remote residents in Cimarron, Ruidoso Downs, Alto and surrounding areas.

“We are committed to growth, and continue to grow in New Mexico,” said Shaw, adding that Zia also has a sister company in Wyoming. “We have about 35,000 customers in New Mexico.”

In addition to helping communities, Zia’s main product – natural gas – also benefits the environment since it burns cleaner than its alternatives.

“Natural gas is the most clean, efficient and abundant supply of gas that can get,” Shaw said. “We understand that our customers have choices and we appreciate it when they choose natural gas.”

Other products sold by Zia include natural gas logs, gas lamps, patio heaters and built-in barbecue units.

Peterson Real-Frye Natural Gas log sets come in a variety of sizes, including 18 inches, 24 inches and 30 inches. Other products, such as an outdoor barbecue grill, can be customized to fit any backyard.

In the future, Shaw said safety will remain a high priority.

“This is one of the best companies to work for in regards to safety because Zia constantly trains its employees,” she said. “Zia also certifies their employees to make sure they know how to make a system stick.”

As a bonus to its customers, Zia will extend the service to new construction or a conversion spot for free as long as the company has gas service within 250 feet, minimum. However, if a home is further than that, the staff can work to provide service at a minimal cost.

The company strives to operate and maintain its natural gas system to a higher standard and work to implement the best and most effective technology available, Shaw said.

What’s that smell?

Zia adds a harmless odorant to natural gas because it is odorless and colorless so customers will know when their house may have a potential leak. If you smell “rotten eggs,” check your pilots, make sure appliances are turned off, open your doors and windows and call Zia at 526-4427.

Zia is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays. Its staff is constantly training and acquiring certifications that ensure customers receive the needed services.



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Time to get crackin' January is National Egg Month

Sunny Conley
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January is National Egg Month. Despite an intense Internet search as to "why," I was unable to discover the answer. Nevertheless, it gives me the opportunity to share some egg tips and factoids, and some staggering egg recipes.

Eggs in a nutshell:

The following information is gleaned from various cyber sites, including www.whatscookingamerica.net, www.helpwithcooking.com, Wikipedia and AP.

- To test if an egg is fresh, fill a deep bowl with water. Carefully lower the egg into the bowl with tongs. If the egg sinks to the bottom and lies flat, it's fresh.
- Do not store eggs in the egg trays on the inside of the refrigerator door. The temperature of the door is higher than other parts of the fridge and fluctuates with frequent door opening. Keep eggs in their original carton and place on the top shelf.
- Fresh eggs in the shell last three to four weeks in the refrigerator.
- Fresh egg whites last two to four days in the refrigerator.
- Unbroken fresh yolks covered in water last two to four days in the refrigerator.
- Hard-boiled eggs last one week in the refrigerator.
- Leftover egg dishes can be stored in the refrigerator for one week.
- How to identify a raw egg from a hard-boiled egg: Spin them carefully on a countertop. The hard-boiled one spins and the raw one doesn't.
- An egg yolk contains all the fat, saturated fat and cholesterol in an egg. If you're "fat conscious," use one egg and two egg whites to "beef up" an omelet.
- Eggs contain one of the highest-quality proteins of any food.
- Most eggs are laid between 7 and 11 a.m.
- What's a "dippy egg"? It's Southern slang for runny yolks (often sunny side up or over easy) for dipping toast.
- A chef's hat is said to have a pleat for each of the many ways you can cook eggs.
- Egg waste: Last week, Apple said in a statement that it had temporarily suspended sales of all iPhones at its five Mainland China stores out of concern for the safety of customers and employees. A frustrated crowd reacted by pelting the store's gleaming glass walls with eggs. (New York Times, Jan. 12.)

Dippy Huevos Rancheros

- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon dried cilantro flakes
- Habanero (or other favorite) hot sauce
- 2 green onions, chopped
- Handful shredded Cheddar cheese
- 2 (10- to 12-inch) flour tortillas

- 4 poached eggs
- 1/4 cup of your favorite green chile, roasted, stemmed and seeded
- Cilantro for garnish

Place the black beans in a bowl and mash. Add the garlic powder, chili powder, onion powder, cumin, cilantro flakes and a generous dash of hot sauce. Add salt if necessary. Mix well.

In a small pot, heat water to boiling. Then lower to simmering. Crack egg in a small bowl, and then gently slip the egg into the water. Simmer for 3 to 5 minutes, or until it has whitened, then carefully remove from water and let drain on a paper towel.

Meanwhile, heat black beans and green chile either on the stove or in the microwave.

In a pan, over medium heat, place a tortilla. Top the tortilla with beans and cheese. Heat until the cheese has begun to melt and the bottom of the tortilla has browned.

Remove the tortilla from the pan. Top with 1/8-plus cup of green chile. Then add the poached eggs. Garnish with chopped green onions, hot sauce and cilantro. Makes 2 servings.

Mesilla Migas Casserole

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded and diced
- 1/2 orange bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 small onion, diced
- 1/2 jalapeño, seeded and minced
- 2 tomatillos, husked and chopped
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 3/4 cup tortilla chip strips
- 9 eggs
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1 1/2 cups grated Mexican cheese

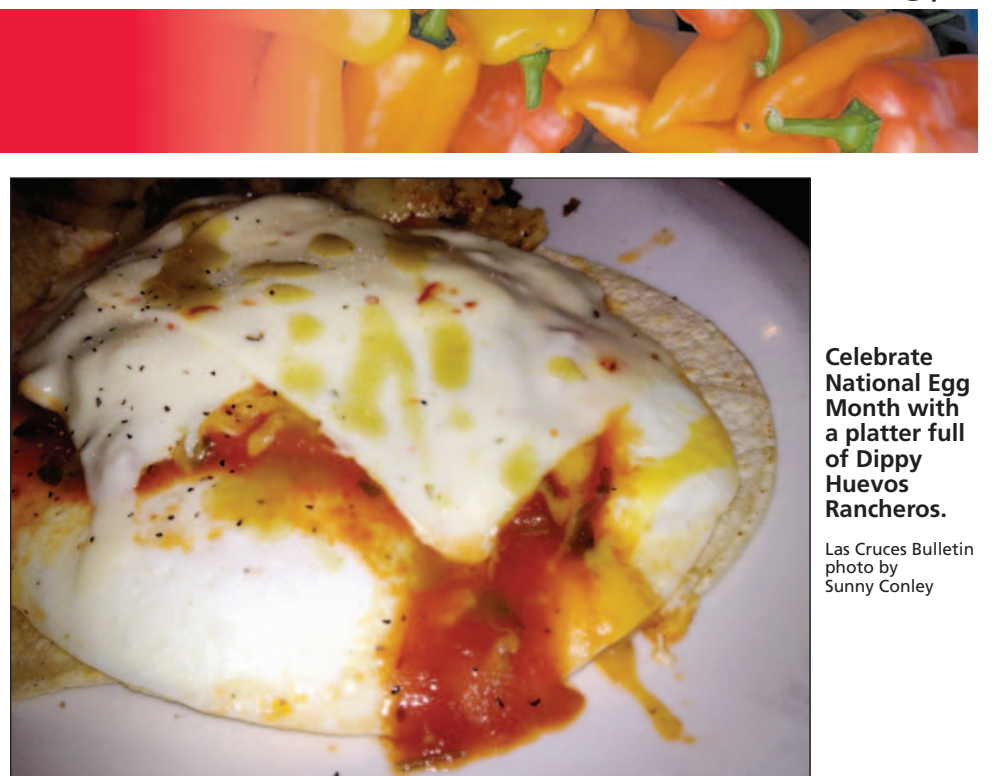
Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a sauté pan, heat oil over medium heat. Sauté the bell peppers, onion and jalapeño for 3 minutes, until soft. Grease a 9-by-9-inch glass baking dish. Add the sautéed vegetables, tomatoes and tortilla chips to the prepared dish. Whisk the eggs, cream and 3/4 cup of the cheese in a separate bowl. Pour the egg mixture in the prepared dish. Top with the remaining cheese.

Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, until eggs are set. Serve with warm tortillas and fresh salsa. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Skillet Ole!

- Oil for frying
- 4 corn tortillas cut into strips
- 1/2 medium onion, diced
- 4 jalapeño chiles, seeded, stemmed and diced
- 8 eggs
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese, jack cheese or a combo

In a large skillet, heat about 1/2 inch of oil over a medium-high heat. Put the tortilla strips in the hot oil and let cook until nice and crispy for about 3 minutes. Remove and drain



Celebrate National Egg Month with a platter full of Dippy Huevos Rancheros.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Sunny Conley

on a paper towel-lined plate.

Drain the oil from the skillet, leaving about 2 tablespoons. Reduce heat and add the onions and jalapeños. Cook, stirring occasionally until the onion is translucent. In the meantime, whisk together the egg, milk, salt, pepper, cumin and cilantro in a bowl.

Once the onions are translucent, add the garlic and cook for about 30 seconds.

Add the egg mixture to the skillet along with the tortilla strips. Let the egg cook for a minute so until the bottom sets a bit. Stir gently and then add the cheese, gently stirring until the cheese has melted. Add additional salt and pepper, if desired. Serve with warm tortillas and your favorite salsa. Makes 4 servings.

Crustless Green Chile Cheese Quiche

- 5 large eggs
- 1 cup fat-free cottage cheese, drained in a strainer for 1 hour
- 2 cups reduced-fat Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

- 1 cup chile pepper, roasted, stemmed, seeded and chopped
- 1/2 cup red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded and diced
- 1/2 cup mushrooms, chopped
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine eggs, drained cottage cheese, shredded cheese, chiles, peppers, mushrooms, flour and baking powder and beat until smooth with a wire whisk. Pour into a well-greased quiche pan. Bake for 10 minutes.

Remove from oven and garnish with 8 small tomato slices placed evenly around quiche. Return to oven and reduce temperature to 350 degrees and bake 20 minutes longer. Cut into wedges and serve at once. Garnish with a dollop of low fat sour cream or low fat yogurt. Makes 6 servings.

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Keeping 'Charlotte's Web' out of your home

Tips to help beneficial spiders stay outside of your house



Scott Svenheim
ACE Pest Detective

If the mere sight of a spider lurking around your house is enough to cause you to run away screeching, you're like most people.

Sadly, these eight-legged intruders don't deserve their scary, dark reputation. In fact, most spiders are not dangerous whatsoever; they're actually quite beneficial due to their diet of other critters.

But, even with their hidden advantages, there's a strong possibility most of you would rather not deal with these unwanted tenants altogether.

With that in mind, take heed of the following tips to send Charlotte and her web packing:

Zap moisture: Spiders thrive in a humid environment. A dehumidifier is a great investment that will discourage spiders from nesting in your house.

Airtight seal: Can you see daylight around your door? If yes, it's not an effective seal. Remember, these sly suckers frequently gain access through a door or the gaps around one.

Strive for a squeaky clean household: Spiders are not keen on wide open spaces. Rather, they prefer to take refuge in nooks

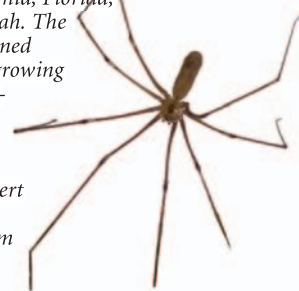
and crannies. The point is to eliminate as much debris and clutter as possible to prevent setting up apartment complexes in your home for spiders.

Stay fit and trim: Landscaping indeed goes a long way. Be sure to trim all shrubbery that borders your house so it denies those pesky critters easy access indoors.

Avoid a feeding frenzy: In order for spiders to survive in your home, it is essential that they have insects to prey on. If you have any sort of infestation problem, you can surely bet spiders will follow wherever their source of food is heading. Make sure all exterior lights are yellow "bug lights" to cut down the attraction of insects.

The fundamental point is to be less inviting by making your house less hospitable for a spider – which will remain your best method of defense.

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