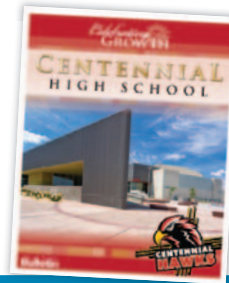




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Governor touts NM progress Martinez opens Domenici event

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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Targeted efforts are drawing new business opportunities to New Mexico, Gov. Susana Martinez said Wednesday, Sept. 19, on the opening day of the Pete Domenici Public Policy Conference at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Martinez, who was in route to Santa Teresa to announce new companies setting up shop there, pointed to a tax break given to draw Union Pacific to relocate its rail yard near the U.S.-Mexico commercial border crossing.

New Mexico then gave companies trucking goods across the border a six-mile allowance for overweight loads to allow them to transfer their cargo onto railroad lines. The tax break lured the railroad and the relaxed regulation is attracting businesses, she said, to make the border crossing more active.

Martinez acknowledged Domenici's successes during his six terms in the U.S. Senate, saying his most significant accomplishments came through bipartisan efforts. She said the efforts in Santa Teresa show how the state's leaders are putting aside partisan politics to achieve good results.

She said it took bipartisan effort for the state to avoid a budgetary shortfall, fund important needs and make cuts to less essential spending. The result is a healthy reserve fund instead of a deficit.

"On both sides of the aisle we need to put people over politics," Martinez said.

Martinez said she wished Domenici was still in Congress to provide leadership to accomplish similar goals.

In his opening remarks, Domenici bemoaned the dysfunctional Congress and the deficit. A sequester to make drastic cuts across the board was meant to scare lawmakers into taking action, he said, but instead it may result in devastating cuts — especially to military and national laboratory spending.

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HAWKS Lift off

Chellye Porter from Hawks Aloft of Albuquerque holds Augilla, a red-tailed Hawk, Saturday inside Wild Birds Unlimited on Lohman Avenue. Once a year, Hawks Aloft brings hawks and other birds of prey to the shop for people to get up close to them. See page A27 for more pictures.

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Zoning change OK'd for East Mesa store Compromise to close road to adjacent neighborhood

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

A new natural food grocer will come to Lohman Avenue after the Las Cruces City Council forged a compromise Monday, Sept. 17, with residents living nearby.

Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage asked for a zoning change on a 1.56-acre parcel at the corner of Indian Hollow Road and Lohman Avenue. Residents objected because of concerns about traffic and noise.

The property was zoned for

office spaces, not for commercial retail.

William Beerman, a resident in the housing development behind the future store, spoke on how the residents already deal with a lot of traffic from drivers seeking an alternative route from Lohman Avenue to Telshor Boulevard.

Agreeing to the store, which will bring more traffic to Indian Hollow Road, ran contrary to efforts in recent years to calm traffic on the street, Beerman said.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima suggested cutting off traffic access to

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Tours take a peek at national monument Supporters gather for a day full of outdoor explorations

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

David Chavez recently put in track lighting at his home and had a bare wall in need of something distinctly New Mexican.

The director of the Las Esperanzas neighborhood association found it Saturday, Sept. 15, on the rock walls of the Valles Canyon in the mountains above Corralitos Ranch west of Las Cruces. They were in the photos he took of centuries-old petroglyphs of strange animals, hands and spiral designs.

"I'm going to frame these and put them on my wall," he said. "It doesn't get any more New Mexican than this."

Chavez was one of a group that hiked more than two miles to get to the canyon as part of day of hikes and tours in the area organized by supporters of an effort to have the area declared a national monument, along with other areas in Doña Ana County.

Other tours went to scenic overlooks and to historic structures that can still be found along the remnants of the

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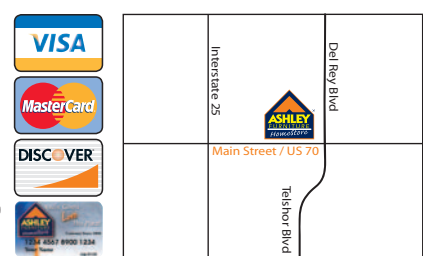
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From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

Who are the 'one percenters'?

Rich people are garnering lots of attention nowadays, but where is the dividing line between rich and not rich?

Lots of political conversation today seems to be centering on the gap between those who have money and those who don't.

The question is how much money does a person have to earn to be considered "rich"? And is wealth measured by annual earnings, or is it more appropriately determined by how much stuff a person has accumulated?

The answer is probably going to range widely, based on an individual's perspective. For example, there are likely to be many people who will see any business owner as obviously rich. Otherwise, they would not be able to own and manage a business.

The small business owner probably sees the mid-size business owners and managers as people who make lots of money. And, of course, everyone knows the top 1 percent of wage earners in America are in the category of "super-rich."

But are they?

The Occupy Wall Street movement claims that they represent 99 percent of Americans who are being manipulated by the wealthiest 1 percent of our population. However, let's look at the numbers. According to the numbers provided by the Tax Policy Center, the bottom 20 percent of Americans earned \$16,961 or less in 2010. People in the 21st to 40th percentile earned between \$16,962 and \$33,870. Middle America, the folks between the 40th and 60th percentile, earned between \$33,871 and \$59,154. This means that 40 percent of Americans earned more than \$59,154 in 2010.

In order for a person to have been included among the top 1 percent in 2010, he or she would have had to have earned at least \$516,633. Wow, it looks like that clearly dumps most of us into the lower 99 percent category. I would also guess that in Las Cruces, we, as a community, are probably in the less affluent 99.9 percent grouping.

The people whom I consider to be rich, as in obscenely wealthy, are at the top of the 1 percent of the top 1 percent. Forbes Magazine recently released their list of the 400 wealthiest individuals in America. To make that list, an individual had to have a net worth of at least \$1.1 billion. The Forbes 400 for 2012 possess a combined net worth in excess of \$1.7 trillion.

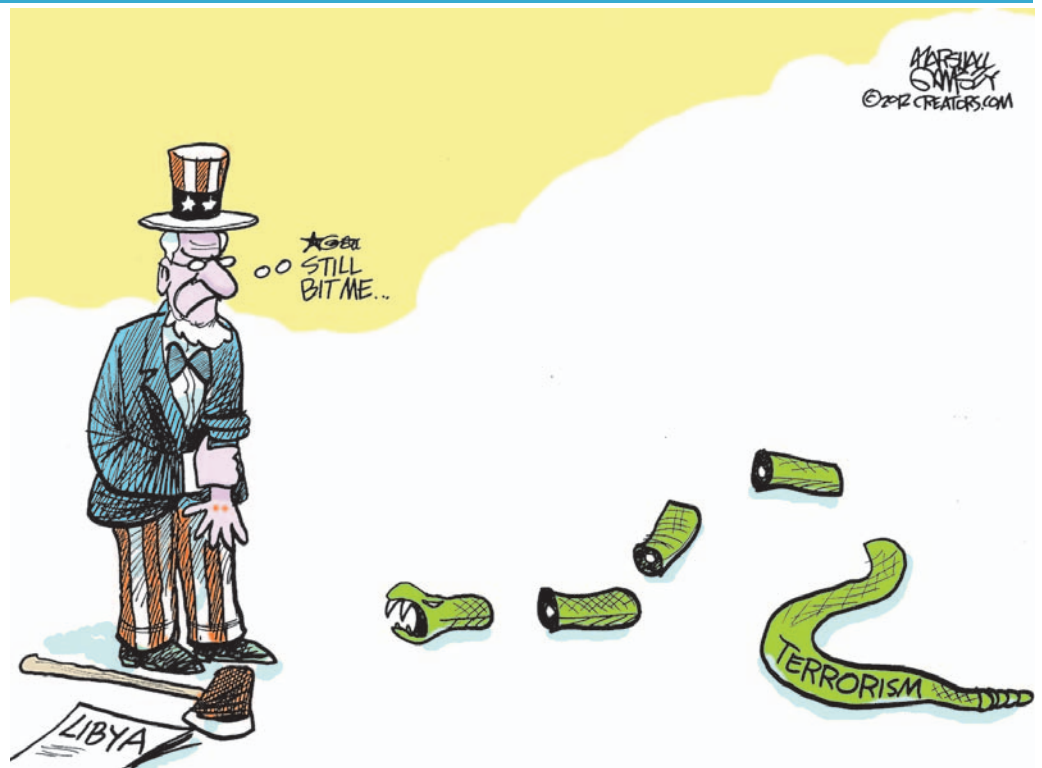
That, my friend, is a lot of money.

Meanwhile, the political arguments in the coffee shop trenches of America have become a class battle between the haves and havenots. The real question goes back to what determines whether a person is rich or not.

Most of the political diatribe has focused on the idea that a household earning \$250,000 per year is "rich." However, with today's two-wage-earner households, especially in the higher-paid metro areas of the country, this wage level is not as unique as it once was. And many households with earnings at this level are paying their fair share of taxes, as in 50 percent or more including state and federal income taxes along with Medicare and F.I.C.A. payroll taxes.

Politicians are wise about these things. This is why Democrats are redefining "rich." Instead of proposing to raise taxes on households earning \$250,000 or more, the revised strategy is to raise the "rich" target for tax increase to those earning \$1 million or more.

That \$1 million would be a "rich" tax target with which few could disagree.



Letters to the Editor

Support DACC

What began with the loss of the accreditation of the nursing program at Doña Ana Community College has transformed into an all-out attack on the school and its president.

As an adjunct faculty member for more than 20 years, I serve a diverse population of men and women from all walks of life. My students are the single moms improving their lives, retired men wanting to learn a new skill, teenagers just entering academia, middle-aged women who want a second chance at school, first generation Americans and thousands of others.

The loss of accreditation for the nursing program is a difficult situation and DACC President Margie Huerta must and will work to solve the problem. But before our community condemns DACC and its president, I invite all to take a moment to look at what has been accomplished. Not only has DACC grown in enrollment, but it has expanded to include satellite campuses in Anthony, Sunland Park and Hatch.

We are all saddened by the troubles faced by the nursing program, and I truly hope that those students will be able to pursue their goals in the field.

Rather than paint the entire school with the broad brush of condemnation and judgment, we need to offer our support, and work together to make education our top priority.

Barbara Avitia

Toys For Tots success

The fifth annual Toys For Tots Cactus Scramble Golf Tournament was held Aug. 25. Pat Campbell Insurance hosts the annual event, with all proceeds to benefit the Las Cruces Toys For Tots Chapter.

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Johnson battles for recognition

Libertarians slow to acknowledge Ron Paul's lack of relevance



Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol

Who knew it ever would be so difficult for Gary Johnson to run for president as a third party candidate?

New Mexico's former governor left the Republican Party many months ago to look for friendlier company in the Libertarian Party.

The Libertarians greeted him with open arms and chose him as their presidential candidate. One of the strengths of the Libertarian Party over other minor parties was that the party was on the ballot in all 50 states.

But it wasn't quite as advertised. All states make it difficult for minor parties to gain ballot access. About 10 states make it hard enough that Libertarians in those states hadn't gotten on the ballot yet when Johnson became the nominee.

So Johnson has spent considerable time in those states jumping through their hoops. The state GOP in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Oklahoma and Ohio is in court working to keep Johnson off the ballot.

Meanwhile, supporters of Texas Rep. Ron Paul, who was shut out of being placed in nomination at the Republican National Convention, have split into two camps – one wanting to throw its support to Johnson and the other wanting to remain true to Paul even though he won't be on any ballot.

Check out the Internet and see that it has developed into quite a battle with some calling Johnson too extreme and others saying Paul should face reality and throw his support to Johnson.

Some on both sides call it a war. It hardly leaves Johnson time to campaign, although he has picked up some ardent supporters from the group that has left Paul.

Neither Democrats nor Republicans like third parties. Both do everything they can to keep other candidates off the ballot. Former President George H.W. Bush said Ross Perot kept him from a second term in 1992. Al Gore thinks Ralph Nader kept him from winning Florida in 2000.

Johnson says he is taking about equally from both sides. He says polling shows him taking a little more from Democrats in New Mexico and a little more from Republicans in Virginia.

Paul managed to get delegate votes in Nevada, Minnesota, Maine, Iowa, Oregon, Alaska and the Virgin Islands. GOP convention rules require a petition signed by delegates from five states in order to be nominated from the floor. Rep. Paul's petition was signed by delegates from seven states, so the rules were quickly changed to require eight states.

It was after that happened that many Paul supporters headed toward Johnson, who was in the vicinity of the convention auditorium speaking with reporters.

The experts are split on what sort of a chance Johnson has. Polling shows that nearly

all Americans already have made up their mind on their presidential choice. President Barack Obama, Gov. Mitt Romney and Johnson are fighting over the sliver of voters that are left.

But Paul and Johnson supporters point to another survey revealing that only 16 percent of voters say they will be voting for someone they really like. They see the other 84 percent of voters still being in play if they can just get the message out.

Currently, Johnson is working at raising \$1 million on his website to make television

commercials. That won't go far, but Johnson isn't as flush as he was when he ran for governor.

Paul does a magnificent job raising money through the Internet and he has a lengthy mailing list of names. He has been unwilling to share the list with anyone except probably his son, Sen. Rand Paul of Tennessee.

In late breaking news, Michigan has denied ballot access to Johnson because he originally ran for president as a Republican. Michigan has a "sore loser" law, which says a candidate cannot switch parties after losing a race for nomination.

But did Johnson actually lose the GOP nomination? The Michigan Libertarian Party will take that question to court for Johnson.

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– Robert Heinlein

It is thought that what makes America great is that we are a nation of laws. Having

laws that are written down allows each of us to know what is expected of us and what we can expect of our government and fellow citizens. That is the good part. The bad part is we have millions upon millions of laws, rules and regulations.

Why do we have so many laws, rules and regulations? Because we do not always do what our fellow citizens think we should do. Consider this: if we would act in a certain way without being forced to, there would be no reason whatsoever for the government to get involved. And there is the rub with our freedom. Every day, in every way, some busy-body thinks of a new

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constraint on our actions.

Some rules and some laws make good sense while others seem a giant leap from our senses. For example, I firmly believe that seat belts and air bags have made our lives much safer. And, they would not have been adopted if our government had not led the charge.

On the other side of smart is the never-ending need of some people to make rules and regulation to keep us safe from ourselves. That is always a journey in the valley of stupid. Recently the New York City government put a ban on sugary drinks that exceed 16 ounces. You can have as many drinks as you want, but only in a 16-ounce cup. So that rule asks: Why not buy two drinks if I want 32 ounces of sugar poison? Why indeed.

This imposition of a size of drink is just the nose of the camel under the tent flap. Today the focus is on 16 ounces or less for drinks. Tomorrow, I suspect that sugar drinks will be deader than Elvis. I can see in the coming ages the adage, if it tastes good spit it out because it cannot be good for you.

We are a nation of abundance such that many of us, myself included, have stored up plenty of extra calories in case of a famine. I am good for several years. And while I do some gerbil on the wheel activity I am not so active that I go back to my high school nickname of "Slim." No, when someone calls me slim it is not said with respect.

The development of rules will always start with something that one person thinks another person should be compelled to do. Again, if we would just do it when someone asks us there would be no need for a rule. Alas, most of us are contrarians in that anything you want us to do, tell us to not do it. We do not always see how much we do based on other people wanting us to do things.

We are all criminals in our country because there are so many laws, rules and regulations that each of us is breaking something even right now. Which one? Who knows? They are as many as the stars and some are contradictory so that if you follow one law you may be breaking another.

“There are so many laws, rules and regulations that each of us is breaking something.”

This allows government to pick and choose when to sanction each of us in the form of a tax upon our liberty and bank account. In the last year were several laws that brought thousands upon thousands of new rules to Americans.

These laws with several thousand pages are full of ways we Americans must change our behaviors.

Can we walk back from the edge? I doubt it. There is a culture of doing what government tells us to do that is quite foreign to me. I believe we Americans can be trusted to handle much of our own lives or face the consequences ourselves. The government cannot protect us from ourselves and I wish they would stop. My choice of beverage size is really my own business.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Letter to HSUS supporter

Dear Mr. Black,

I've enjoyed your columns but I disagree with you about animal rights activists and the American Civil Liberties Union. I find it hard to find much fault with an organization that dedicates itself to ethical treatment of animals and one who protects our civil rights. I wish you the best.

David

My criticism of the Humane Society of the United States has grown as I have watched them over the past dozen years. I, innocently, thought they were a generous provider of care for abused or abandoned animals. You would think that was the case if you believed their ads showing lonely, orphaned dogs and cats.

But, I have watched local humane societies beg for assistance while regularly euthanizing millions of unwanted pets. Since the cessation of horse slaughter plants, I have watched the abuse and abandonment of the once valiant species reduced to the status of road kill in our country. I hear the pleas of horse-rescue people for more money because the travesty continues.

I look at feedlots full of unwanted, unadoptable wild horses that the government is paying land owners just to keep them fed.

Then I look at the richest animal rights group the world has seen, and their 2010 tax report shows their total revenue at \$148.7 million. Their declared contribution to "pet-shelter grants," according to the tax form, is \$528,676. That calculates out to be 0.418 percent of their budget.

"You mean," asked David, "less than

one-half of 1 percent of their budget actually goes to the care, housing, feeding and eventual euthanizing of unwanted pets? Where does the other 99.5 percent of their donations go?"

Other than salaries and benefits, which amounts to 25 percent of their budget, fundraising that eats up 37 percent and amassing \$14 million in their pension plan, they spend millions and millions to lobby politicians and fund endless litigation to achieve their fuzzy goals. That would buy a lot of cat food and horse hay.

In fact, I think the HSUS is just a big lumbering parasite that keeps turning up ways to keep their lawyers busy and their pensions safe. I find it necessary to switch the channel when I see them using injured, yearning pets to stuff their pockets. Humanewatch.org will give you my side of the story. Watch HSUS commercials for their side. Knowing the facts, you decide.

As for the ACLU, years ago I, too, thought them to be a legitimate unbiased defender of the Constitution. Today it has become just another lobby group for special interests.

I occasionally speak to the officers of these extremist special interest groups. We have civil conversations. As a given I have concluded that to try and find some middle ground one must exclude economic impact and common sense.

I appreciate zealots, shucksters and shysters; they can be entertaining. But they can create havoc in their wake, and you can bet they won't lift a finger or spend a pence to help clean it up.

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

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Guest Column

Powerful rituals symbolize High Holy Days

Jews mark season of forgiveness and repentance

By **Rabbi Lawrence Karol**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Forgiveness and repentance are major themes of the Jewish High Holy Day season, which began with Rosh Hashanah, the New Year (this year, it was from sundown Sunday, Sept. 16 to sundown Tuesday, Sept. 18) and ends with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, a day of communal prayer and fasting, which will be observed from sundown Tuesday, Sept. 25, until sundown Wednesday, Sept. 26.

One of the central rituals of the Rosh Hashanah observance is the sounding of the Shofar, the ram's horn, during our New Year worship.

The Shofar's calls remind us to do the work of t'shuvah, repentance or returning to the right path, and s'lichah, seeking forgiveness for what we have done wrong in the past year and resolving to do better.

Another highlight of Rosh Hashanah involves going to a local body of water to perform the ritual of tashlich. This ceremony of casting bread crumbs into water derives its name from Micah 7:19. In that verse, the prophet Micah, speaking to God, said, "You will cast (tashlich) all our sins into the depths of the sea."

When I teach children about tashlich, we talk about sin (defined as a wrong act) in relation to unwanted habits such as inappropriate expressions of anger, fighting with siblings or not attending to chores. I explain that tashlich reminds us we don't have to be bound by past mistakes and undesired habits. Throwing bread crumbs into the water visually and physically demonstrates we can truly separate ourselves from our sins of the past and start with a "clean slate" in the New Year.

Tashlich is a powerful ritual because it vividly illustrates the themes of the High Holy Days. It is one step in the process of

repentance as a return to the right path, because participating in tashlich is an admission that we do make mistakes in action and judgment. It shows our resolve not to repeat past sins.

Throwing the bread crumbs can be an act of self-forgiveness that reflects a sense of hope for improving ourselves in the future. We also gain a sense that we, as fallible human beings, have the possibility and the opportunity to try again to do the right thing when faced with the same situation in the future.

Jewish sages saw repentance as a multi-step process. In his book "Minyan: Ten Principles for Living a Life of Integrity," Rabbi Rami Shapiro explained the path toward repentance outlined by two important Jewish thinkers.

Saadiah Gaon (882-942) was an Egyptian Jew who became a leading Jewish philosopher of the 10th century. He believed that repentance required four steps:

1. Experience regret or remorse over the wrong act.
2. Admit to the act and renounce it as wrong.
3. Request forgiveness from those who were wronged.
4. Refrain from repeating the action in the future.

About 100 years later, Bahya Ibn Pakuda, a Jewish philosopher in Spain, asserted that repentance involved a seven-step process:

1. Be convinced that you are responsible for the action in question.
2. Realize that the act was a wrongful one.
3. Become aware that there is a consequence to your action.
4. Understand that your deed is not being ignored. Remember that even if no one else knows what you have done, you know, and so does God.
5. Realize that repentance alone will return you to the path of righteousness.
6. Realize that the joy you received from

doing the wrong thing is not as great as the joy of doing the right thing.

7. Sincerely resolve to break with the habits of evil to which you have grown accustomed.

The 12th century Jewish scholar Moses Maimonides offered a positive view of the healing that repentance can bring: "Repentance suffices for forgiveness of sins against God alone, but sins against human beings, such as violence or cursing or theft, are not forgiven until restitution is made and the injured person is satisfied, and restitution by itself is not enough. One must appease the injured person and ask forgiveness.

"By the same token, an injured person must not be cruel and unforgiving. We should be slow to anger and easily appeased. And when our forgiveness is requested, we should grant it with a whole heart and a willing spirit. We should not be vengeful or bear grudges even for a grave injury – this is the way of the upright."

There may be times when repentance is not enough to elicit forgiveness and engender reconciliation. However, it is still important to try to heal the wounds between people, especially when we believe that all human beings are all created in one spiritual image.

Hopefully, repentance and forgiveness can bring us together so that our unity will ultimately reflect the oneness that unites all creation.

Rabbi Lawrence P. Karol is the spiritual leader of the Temple Beth-El Jewish congregation in Las Cruces.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Steve MacIntyre
Diane Schneider throws bread into the Young Park pond Monday, Sept. 17, during a tashlich ceremony held as part of Rosh Hashanah. See page D12 for more photos.

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Coming Up

Safe Haven to hold open house

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, the only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in Doña Ana County, will hold its annual open house on from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23. The open house is an opportunity for the public to take a short drive and tour the nonprofit facility.

Complimentary hot dogs, salads and refreshments will be served. There will be a quilt raffle, dogs and cats will be available for adoption and adoption counselors will be on hand. All pets have current vaccinations, are spayed or neutered and have a clean bill of health. Micro-chipping is also included.

To get to Safe Haven, take U.S. Highway 70 east to Holman Road, drive north on Holman for two miles and then turn right on El Centro Boulevard. Follow the signs to 6890 Eagle Road. Parking is available on Eagle Road. Bring the kids, but please leave your dogs at home as this sends the resident pooches into a barking frenzy.

Visit www.safehavenanimalsanctuary.net or call 527-3544 for more information.

Chavez Elementary Move-A-Thon

The Cesar E. Chavez Elementary School Move-A-Thon will be from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at 5250 Holman Road. This year, the theme will be "Bring it, Don't Sing it!" All Cesar E. Chavez students, families, teachers, staff and community friends are invited to jog, run or walk as many laps as possible in 30 minutes. All money collected stays at Cesar E. Chavez to benefit the students.

Participants are encouraged to dress in the sports attire of their choice, whether it is a team jersey, cheerleader outfit or any individual sports attire.

Families are asked to join to cheer on their children, and volunteers and pledges are needed.

The classroom that collects the most pledges by Friday, Oct. 5, will win a pizza party. The opening ceremony will be at 8:30 a.m. with kindergartners running from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.; first-graders from 9:50 to 10:20 a.m.; and second-graders from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

For more information, call Cesar E. Chavez at 527-6022.

Fall swim lessons offered

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department is offering fall swim lessons.

Registration will be held at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic

Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays through Sept. 22. Telephone registrations are not accepted.

Parent/child and preschool classes are held at the Regional Aquatic Center from 9:30 to 10 a.m.; from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.; and from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Beginner 1 and 2 classes are from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and from 5:45 to 6 p.m. at the Regional Aquatic Center and at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive.

Intermediate 3 and 4 classes are from 5 to 5:30 p.m., and from 5:45 to 6 p.m. at Frenger Pool. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Oct. 2-25. Class space is limited.

Cost is \$45 per participant and full payment is due at time of registration. A copy of participant's birth certificate must be provided. Classes consist of eight 30-minute sessions.

For more information, call the Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782. The TTY number is 541-5032.

Youth triathlon in October

The Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will hold a youth triathlon for children ages 7 to 16 at 8 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14. Registration will be held through Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

The distances for the swimming, bike and running events vary according to age. T-shirts and trophies will be awarded to the first-place boy and girl in each of the five age groups.

Cost is \$25 per participant and full payment is due at time of registration. A copy of the participant's birth certificate must be provided. Telephone registrations are not accepted.

For more information, call the Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782. The TTY number is 541-5032.

Republican women set meeting

The Federated Republican Women of Doña Ana County will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The program will include Republican candidates for state senate, county clerk and county treasurer. Lunch is \$8.25 and reservations are required by noon Monday, Sept. 24.

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

Karaoke and dancing fundraiser

The Filipino-American Association of Las Cruces will host karaoke and dancing at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at VFW post No. 10124, 709 S. Valley Drive. Proceeds will benefit Jardín de Los Niños. Admission is \$15, and includes an enchilada plate, a night of karaoke and dancing and a chance to participate in a silent auction.

For more information, email jettydoki@yahoo.com.

Centennial High ribbon cutting

Centennial High School will hold public tours and a grand opening ceremony and ribbon cutting Friday, Sept. 21, at the school, 1950 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd., and a time capsule will be buried at the school Saturday, Sept. 22.

The schedule of events include:

- **2:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21:** Ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony, gymnasium
- **11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22:** Burying of the time capsule in the CHS courtyard

The grand opening ceremony will include remarks by Superintendent Stan Rounds, school board President Connie Phillips, CHS Principal Michael Montoya, CHS Student Body President Nicolette Young and New Mexico Public Schools Facility Authority Director Bob Gorrell, who oversaw funding of school construction.

The Conquistadores from the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will conduct the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Local and state government officials and educational lead-

ers also have been invited to participate, along with representatives of CHS Construction Manager at Risk Gerald Martin Construction, ASA Architects Studio and Dekker/Perich/Sabatini design firms and the New Mexico Construction Industries Division. All CHS students, teachers, administrators and other staff also will attend Friday's ceremonies.

NMSU observatory open house

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy will hold an Observatory Open House at the NMSU campus observatory at 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21. Astronomy personnel on hand will be professor Anatoly Klypin and graduate assistants Malynda Chizek, Nikki Nielsen and Diane Feuillet.

Visitors will be able to view the M57 Ring Nebula, M13 globular cluster, double star Albireo, the moon and a variety of constellations, such as Sagittarius. Admission is free and children are especially welcome to attend.

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

Scouting fair Saturday, Sept. 22

The Boys Scouts of America Yucca Council, which serves southern New Mexico and west Texas, will hold a recruitment fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave. Members and leaders of local Boy Scout troops and Cub Scout packs – as well as Adventure Scout teams – will be on hand to answer questions about scouting and accept applications.

Model A's on display

The Borderland A's Club will celebrate International Model A Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave.

Several Model A's will be on display for viewing, and free rides in an authentic Model A will be available.

The Ford Model A of 1928-31 was the second huge success for the Ford Motor Company after its predecessor, the all black Model T. The first Model A was produced on Oct. 20, 1927. The new Model A was designated as a 1928 model and was available in seven standard colors.

For more information, contact Marsha Rhodes at 521-4097 or rhodesrunner@comcast.net

Sky Safari set

A special Sky Safari moon observing night hosted by the Las Cruces Museum of Nature and Science will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Las Cruces City Hall, 200 N. Main St., on the parking structure on Campo Street.

The event is in observance of International Observe the Moon Night "Under the Same Moon."

Activities for all ages will include scale models of the moon and Earth, lunar phases, a video of the moon's surface and a short presentation of lunar features. Bring your questions and your own telescope and explore the moon.

The International Observe the Moon Night Team consists of scientists, educators and moon enthusiasts from government, nonprofit organizations and businesses throughout the United States and across the globe. This event has created the opportunity for people to take notice of the moon's beauty and share that experience with one another. Through International Observe the Moon Night, the museum hopes to instill in the public a sense of wonderment and curiosity about the moon.

Participants are required to provide their own transportation. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Sky Safari is funded by the Southern New Mexico Natural History Foundation (SNMNH).

For more information, call the museum at 522-3120.



— PUBLIC NOTICE —

Members sought for Las Cruces Utilities Board

Qualified applicants are being sought to fill a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners for the City of Las Cruces Utilities. The Utilities Board provides strategic policy direction to City-owned water, wastewater, gas and solid waste utility systems.

TO QUALIFY FOR APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, AN APPLICANT MUST:

Be a registered voter and a Las Cruces utilities customer for at least a year prior to appointment.

THE APPLICANT CANNOT BE:

- an elected official,
- have been appointed to public office,
- be a current City employee,
- be a contractor or consultant, or
- have a contractual relationship with the City for the benefit of the Las Cruces utilities.

Applicants must also have technical expertise in one or more of the following fields: banking and finance, business, economics, engineering and related utility management.

The objectives of the Board include providing greater public access and participation in utility issues; ensuring more independent oversight and accountability for utility policy decisions; allowing for more time to focus on utility matters and less political influence in business-decision making; setting City utility rates based on a utility cost-of-service methodology; setting water and wastewater development impact fees in compliance with City's Development Impact Fee ordinance; and developing long-range and strategic policy recommendations to the City Council.

People interested in applying for the Utilities Board should call the City Clerk's Office at (575) 541-2115.

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Motorists are advised that the eastbound lane of Hoagland Avenue between Carlyle Drive and Highland Avenue will be closed beginning at 7 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, while El Paso Electric Co. relocates several electric poles along the south side of Hoagland Road.

El Paso Electric will use flaggers to divert all traffic to the westbound lane through the construction zone. Motorists are asked to use caution while driving through the area and should expect temporary delays. If possible, motorists should seek alternate routes.

For more information, call Gary Skelton 541-2595.

VA staff at Legion Post No. 10

Congressman Steve Pearce will host a town hall meeting for veterans with the director of the El Paso Veterans Administration and staff at American Legion Post No. 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave., from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24. VA staff will be available at 1:30 p.m. to meet with any veterans who would like to visit with them personally. The American Legion phone number is 526-9139. Anyone needing a special communication accommodation, including but not limited to language translation or sign language translation, contact Congressman Pearce's office at 855-473-2723 to make arrangements.

For more information about the meeting, call 855-473-2723.

Model airplane club meets

The Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club (MVMAC) will hold its regular general meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, 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.

For more information, call Jim Caldwell, 680-8195.

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

Visit www.mvmac.org for membership, meeting, flying field and future event information. For AMA membership and additional model aeronautics information, visit www.modelaircraft.org.

Science Café at railroad museum

Sigma Xi's Science Café will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Las Cruces Railway Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St.

Technological advances being incorporated in the new Union Pacific classification yard will be discussed. Zoe Richmond, Union Pacific director of public affairs, will talk about tracking of cargo, automating safety checks and fuel-saving techniques that will be part of their Santa Teresa facility now under construction. Such new railroading technologies can impact shipments across North America. Attendees will learn how



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The Las Cruces Running Club will produce and sponsor The Whole Enchilada Fiesta 5K Road Race and 1 Mile FunRun Saturday, Sept. 29, before The Whole Enchilada Parade.

The 5K Road Race will start at Hadley Avenue and Hermosa Street at 8:30 a.m., going west on Hadley, then north on Solano Drive to East Madrid Avenue and then loop around Apodaca Park before returning south on Solano to the start/finish line. The 1 Mile FunRun will start at 9:30 a.m. and will go west on Hadley, north on Solano to the .5 mile mark and return. The 5K Road Race will have a one-hour time limit and the 1-Mile FunRun will have a 20 minute time limit. The course will be cleared after each race.

Runners can download a registration forms or register online at www.lascrucesrunningclub.com.

For more information, call Lawrence Joy at 521-9267 or visit www.enchiladafiesta.com.

Theater logo contest

American Southwest Theatre Company is seeking entries for their "Our Town's Our Town logo" contest. The winner will have their logo printed on more than 3,000 playbills, posters and newspaper ads and will win a cash award of \$100 and complimentary tickets to the production. The deadline to enter is Sunday, Sept. 30.

"Thornton Wilder's play 'Our Town' will open the new Center for the Arts in February," said Tom Smith, managing director. "What better way to celebrate Las Cruces than to feature a show logo designed by a local artist."

For more information, visit <http://theatre.nmsu.edu/astc/ourtown>.

Candidate forums on television

The City of Las Cruces, CLC-TV and the League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces are partnering to provide live televised forums with candidates running for the New Mexico Legislature and various other state and local public offices in southern New Mexico in the Nov. 6 general election. There will be three forums, each focusing on a specific set of offices.

The forums will be televised on CLC-TV, Comcast Cable channel 20 in Las Cruces and streamed live on the Internet on CLCTV.COM on the following dates:

- **6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2:** New Mexico state Senate
- **6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10:** New Mexico state House of Representatives
- **6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17:** Third Judicial District court justices, Doña Ana County district attorney and other county offices.

Stars-N-Parks announces events

Residents in Grant, Luna and Doña Ana counties will have four opportunities to learn about the fall night sky at Stars-N-Parks astronomy programs to be held at area state parks this fall. A special program will feature an Indian Sky Lore presentation of the winter night sky by Leasburg Dam State Park employee Paul Mares.

Four programs will be held: one at City of Rocks State Park, between Deming and Silver City; two at Rockhound State Park,

near Deming; and the Indian Sky Lore program at Leasburg Dam State Park, near Las Cruces. Stars-N-Parks astronomy programs are sponsored by the National Public Observatory.

Stars-N-Parks attendees should arrive at the park at sunset so they can become familiar with their surroundings before nightfall. This is also an excellent time for informal instruction by the presenter and to get acquainted with other attendees. A formal presentation on the night sky begins approximately an hour after sunset, followed by telescope observations.

Stars-N-Parks fall 2012 schedule:

- **8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6:** City of Rocks State Park, backup date Oct. 13. Presented by Matt Wilson. Sunset: 6:50 p.m., program start: 8 p.m., program end: 9:30 p.m. Observe the summer Milky Way, Andromeda Galaxy and Mars.
 - **7:40 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3:** Rockhound State Park, backup date Nov. 10. Presented by Sally Allen. Sunset: 6:30 p.m., program start: 7:40 p.m., program end: 9:10 p.m. Observe the Milky Way, Andromeda Galaxy and Jupiter.
 - **6:10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8:** Rockhound State Park, backup date Dec. 15. Presented by Matt Wilson. Sunset: 5 p.m., program start: 6:10 p.m., program end: 7:40 p.m. Observe winter sky with telescopes and binoculars, the planets Mars and Jupiter.
 - **6:10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8:** Leasburg Dam State Park, backup date Dec. 15. Presented by Nils Allen. Sunset: 5 p.m., program start: 6:10 p.m., program end: 7:40 p.m. Indian Sky Lore presentation by Paul Mares features the winter sky. Observe with telescopes and binoculars, including Mars and Jupiter.
- Pay the \$5 day-use fee at the gate when arriving at the park or you may purchase a State Park Annual Day Use (ADU) pass at any state park or online at www.nmparks.com. The \$40 passes are good for one year from the date of purchase and can be transferred to any vehicle.

The NPO is a nonprofit membership organization that sponsors astronomy programs for all. Suggested donations for the program are \$5 per couple, or \$3 per individual.

For more information, visit www.astro-npo.org.

City seeks applicants for veterans advisory board

The City of Las Cruces is seeking applicants to fill one at-large position on the Las Cruces Veterans Advisory Board to be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council.

Applicants must be veterans residing in Doña Ana County. The person appointed will serve a term ending Aug. 1, 2013. The board meets at 9 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Applications are accepted at the city clerk's office at City Hall, 700 N. Main St. For more information, call the city clerk's office at 541-2115.



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Bank supports North fundraiser for MVCS

Money raised to go to new campus

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

That Western Heritage Bank is able to provide a \$30,000 donation to the Mesilla Valley Christian Schools to bring in a former Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North for a fundraiser is a sign of the bank's strength and commitment to the local community, said Gary Coppedge, one of the bank's founding board members.

Western Heritage Bank was formed in 2008 from the purchase of the former Mesilla Valley Bank, Coppedge said. Forming a new bank just as the recession hit wasn't the best time, but the board saw a real need for a truly local bank run by local business people who understand this market, he said.

Because of that local knowledge and expertise, the bank has grown substantially, despite the economy, Coppedge said.

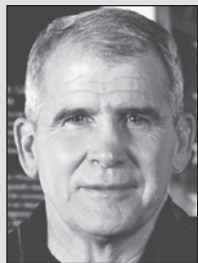
Many of the board members have close ties to Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, so helping MVCS raise money for its new 25-acre site was something the bank was ready to do, he said.

"We're giving back to the community because the community has helped us," Coppedge said.

Western Heritage Bank is growing physically, expanding at its current location at 230 S. Alameda Blvd. Coppedge

said the new construction was put on hold to straighten out some regulatory concerns, but will resume again soon.

Because MVCS is private, it has to raise money for its new campus and suggested bringing in North, Coppedge said.



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North is a combat-decorated Marine, No. 1 New York Times best-selling author, small business founder, inventor with multiple U.S. patents, columnist and the host of the award-winning documentary series War Stories on the Fox News Channel.

A former member of the National Security Council, North became a national news contributor through in-country reports on the work of U.S. Forces

during the early days of the war in Iraq. He translated that visibility into philanthropic work for military families through the Freedom Alliance, a nonprofit that provides college scholarships to children whose military parents were killed in action.

North's appearance for MVCS starts at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. A book signing of North's latest book, "American Heroes in Special Operations," is planned.

Tables for 10 people at the event are available for \$1,500. To reserve a table, or to learn more about the event, call MVCS at 525-8515.

Early aviation comparable to private space industry

Luncheon to feature retired NASA official

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

A former NASA engineer, will be the main speaker for the International Symposium for Personal and Commercial Spaceflight's Community Partnership Luncheon.

Wayne Hale Jr., who now works for the consulting company Special Aerospace Services, is a retired flight director and space shuttle program manager. Hale also served as NASA's deputy associate administrator for strategic partnership prior to his retirement in 2010.

Hale will be making comparisons to the early aviation industry as the private space industry begins to take shape. The history of aviation not only provides insights into how the new space industry will develop, but how it will also build on modern aviation's culture of safety and precision, he said.

There is currently debate in New Mexico over the expansion of liability protection for the manufacturers and suppliers of spaceflight operators, such as Virgin Galactic. The state has already passed legislation protecting operators such as Virgin from lawsuits – barring negligence – but that protection isn't extended to those in the company's supply chain, protections that other states competing for the space industry are offering.

Hale said the current New Mexico law falls in line with the Federal Aviation Administration requirement that passengers fully understand that they are taking a risky ride aboard a rocketship.

Those companies going into private aerospace aren't barn-storming and wing-walking like the early days of aviation. Because of the

risks, the cost of insurance is high, and the safety expectations of investors are also considerable, Hale said.

Hale's company consults with these spaceflight entrepreneurs to deal with the safety concerns. Hale is experienced with spaceflight safety, because his role at NASA included getting the shuttle program back in service after the Columbia accident.

Another difference from early spaceflight is that a company like Virgin isn't making all the parts of its spacecraft, Hale said, which is the main concern of those supporting the liability protection expansion.

For example, Sierra Nevada is the company developing the rocket engine for Virgin Galactic and The Spaceship Company that will be building the spaceliners is a partnership of Virgin and Burt Rutan's Scaled Composites, Hale said.

In the early days of aviation, Congress banned companies such as Boeing and Lockheed from owning airlines and manufacturing the aircraft, he said. That appears to be the kind of model that Virgin is following – to be the airline company, not the manufacturer, he said.

Born in Clovis, N.M., Hale earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Rice University in 1976, and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University in 1978.

The Community Partnership Luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Cost is \$65, which includes lunch, a guest speaker and opportunities to visit the ISPCS exhibits.

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Young lifts off seven times

Astronaut racked up numerous 'firsts' during storied career



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

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

He was the luncheon's keynote speaker at MagiCon, the 50th World Science Fiction Convention in Orlando, in 1992. But "when work related conflicts caused Astronaut John Young to miss his commercial flight to Orlando, he commandeered an F-14 fighter so he could 'get the flight time,'" the webpage fanac.org said. "He got to the luncheon on time, too."

At the time, Young was "the world's most experienced space traveler," according to "Who's Who In Space: The First 25 Years." He'd flown first in the Gemini program, walked on the moon, and commanded the first space shuttle mission.

"He is the first person to fly in space six times from earth, and seven times counting his lunar liftoff," said jsc.nasa.gov.

Young was born on Sept. 24, 1930. He earned "a bachelor of science degree in aeronautical engineering with highest honors from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1952" then entered the Navy. After serving on a destroyer during Korea, Young completed flight training and, subsequently in 1959, test pilot training. "In 1962 he set world time-to-climb records to 3,000-meter and 25,000-meter altitudes in the Phantom." That same year, NASA chose him as an astronaut, and in 1965, he lifted



Courtesy Chris Orwoll

This photograph, published in a California newspaper on June 29, 1972, shows John Young greeting well-wishers. The young blond-haired boy glancing in Young's direction is, today, the director of the New Mexico Museum of Space History, Chris Orwoll.

off aboard Gemini 3 alongside Gus Grissom.

"This was a complete end-to-end test of the Gemini spacecraft," jsc.nasa.gov said. "Gus accomplished the first manual change of orbit altitude and plane ... and Young operated the first computer on a manned spacecraft."

"Young and Grissom became the first astronauts to steer their spacecraft in flight," a biography in the New Mexico Museum of Space History Archives said. "By firing their forward and aft thrusters, they controlled speed and changed translational capability, much like a car's ability to change lanes."

During the Gemini 10 mission, July 18-21, 1966, in which Young was commander and Michael Collins the pilot, they "completed a dual rendezvous with two separate Agena target vehicles. While Young flew close formation on the second Agena, Mike Collins did an extravehicular transfer to retrieve a micro meteorite detector from that Agena," jsc.nasa.gov said.

Young was command module pilot on Apollo 10, on May 18-26, 1969. The astronauts were en route to the moon when Young and Commander Thomas Stafford performed for more than a billion TV viewers.

"Young was upside down. (He) appeared entirely at ease in his inverted position," the July 17, 1969, NASA "Mission Report" described. "Stafford demonstrated the strange effect of weightlessness by moving Young up and down with little more than a touch of the hand. Young quipped, 'I do everything he tells me.'"

The mission was "a full dress rehearsal for a moon landing by Apollo 11," Robin Kerrod said in "Apollo" (Multimedia books, Mallard Press/1989). "It was a near-flawless and spectacular mission that gave TV viewers back on Earth views of the Earth and Moon in color for the first time."

"One new item on the ... flight was a color camera, and these guys gave it a workout," Deke Slayton wrote in "Deke!" (Forge/1994).

NASA staff had hotly debated whether to even feature broadcasts. Those against argued a camera was additional weight, according to Chris Kraft in "Flight: My Life In Mission Control" (Plume/2002).

"We've been looking forward to this flight - not just us, but the American taxpayers and, in fact, the whole world - since Kennedy put the challenge to us," Kraft said he argued. "Now you're willing to exclude the people of Earth from witnessing man's first steps on the moon?"

On the second day of orbiting the moon, Stafford and Cernan entered the lunar module Snoopy, which the astronauts had nicknamed from the Charles Schultz cartoon. Not surprisingly, the command module was Charlie Brown. The crew discovered the LM and CM mating latches were bent. Their fear was "the pins might shear off when they separated the two spacecraft, and it would then been impossible to redock," said "Men From Earth" (Bantam/1989).

"Would we damage the latches by undocking? Nobody knew for sure," Slayton said.

NASA decided to proceed. "At that point the two spacecraft swung around the moon, out of communication with us. When they reappeared 30 minutes later, they had separated," Slayton wrote.

"At separation Tom was supposed to give a little burst on the RCS (reaction control system) motors to make sure he got away from the stage," Slayton said. "Right at that point, the ascent stage went into a spin and even pitched up and down ...



NASA photo

This January 1964 photograph states John Young is showing the "mobility of a Gemini Suit."

It turned out the crew had left the switch for the abort guidance system (AGS) in 'automatic' rather than 'altitude hold.' As soon as the AGS realized that the descent stage was gone, it automatically began flipping the ascent stage around looking for the command module so it could lock on the rendezvous radar. A couple of seconds later, Tom had it under control."

"It had been an exciting moment. But it was never dangerous, though Cernan and Stafford surely got their adrenaline jolt for the day on that one," Kraft said.

Young remained in Charlie Brown as Stafford and Cernan descended as close as 47,000 feet above the lunar surface. "One of the crew's jobs," Slayton said, "was to do an eyeball survey of some of the proposed landing sites for upcoming missions - including the one chosen for 11."

"What they saw appeared to stretch their vocabularies," the "Mission Report" said.

"One thing that got a good wringing out was the communications setup," Slayton said. "All during these maneuvers we kept finding we had antennas pointing the wrong way. You could hear Tom and Gene trying to talk to John, John having to ask us what they were saying," Slayton wrote.

The astronauts orbited for nearly eight hours, then fired their ascent engine. When the LM and CM redocked, completing the first-ever lunar orbit rendezvous, Mission Control broke out a "Snoopy" cartoon showing the legendary beagle kissing his master, Charlie Brown, "Mission Report" said. "The accompanying balloon read, 'Smack. You're right on target, Charlie Brown.'"

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In the news

NMSU ranks high in graduating Hispanics

New Mexico State University continues to be recognized among the top universities for granting degrees to Hispanic students.

Diverse: Issues in Higher Education has long produced rankings of the top 100 producers of associate, bachelor's and graduate degrees awarded to minority students. The publication's Sept. 13 issue focused on the top 50 Hispanic bachelor's and master's degree-granting schools.

NMSU's highest rank on this specific group of rankings is eighth in education bachelor's degrees granted to Hispanics. Other Hispanic bachelor's degree rankings include 33rd in business management, marketing and related support service and 17th in engineering degrees granted.

In Hispanic master's degrees granted, NMSU is 32nd in business management, marketing and related support service; 24th in education; 17th in engineering; and 18th in social sciences.

The information for this report is collected through the National Center for Education Statistics' Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Set (IPEDS). Analysis is based on degrees conferred during the 2010-11 academic year.

For a complete list of the rankings, along with the methodology used, visit <http://diverseeducation.com/top100>.

DACC announces candidacy eligibility for NLNAC accreditation

The nursing program at Doña Ana Community College has received notice from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission Inc. (NLNAC) that it has been deemed eligible to participate in the candidacy process for NLNAC accreditation.

"We continue to support the efforts of our program director, faculty and staff who are working expeditiously to regain our program's accreditation," said DACC President Margie Huerta. "Being eligible to participate in the NLNAC candidacy process is a positive step forward for our program. We are dedicated to successfully acquiring program accreditation for the benefit of our students and our community."

Huerta said the nursing program has been recognized for its quality curriculum and student resources.

"Our faculty and staff have been consistent for the past three years and pass rates on the national licensure exam as well as employer placement rates remain high," she said.

DACC has been assigned a mentor from the NLNAC to assist with site visit preparations including a candidacy presentation, which DACC anticipates making by the spring of 2013 with the goal of a site visit from the NLNAC by the fall of 2013.

Additionally, DACC is actively interviewing and hiring master's level nursing faculty.

"We are pleased with the nursing faculty candidates," said Division Dean for Health and Public Services Evelyn Hobbs. "Our recruitment and hiring efforts are not

only enhancing our nursing program, but these efforts are also ensuring we are meeting the NLNAC criteria for program accreditation."

Huerta said interest in the nursing program remains high and DACC is currently admitting students into the January 2013 program.

Gas rate case finalized

Beginning with the October utility bill, customers of Las Cruces Utilities (LCU) may notice an increase in cost of service billing rates for natural gas. However, the amount customers will actually pay is dropping, thanks to less expensive natural gas commodity prices.

In November 2011, for the first time in eight years, LCU filed an application with the Las Cruces Utilities Board of Commissioners, which governs LCU, seeking approval of a rate increase in residential and commercial service gas rates.

At that time, LCU estimated the proposed residential rate increase, if approved, would add \$1.89 to the average monthly household bill.

However, following the rate hearing process, a rate increase of slightly more than 2 percent was agreed to. As the Ratepayer Advisory Committee (RAC) and the board of commissioners worked through the process, the overall wholesale cost of natural gas dropped due to the development of new sources of natural gas.

"In spite of the slight rate increase, the commodity cost of natural gas fell. The overall effect to our customers is that the total amount they will be paying for gas service is a bit less," said Jose Provencio, administrative services administrator for LCU.

Barring an unforeseen increase in natural gas commodity prices, Provencio estimates the natural gas billing for the typical LCU residential customer, averaged over the course of a year, will go down to about \$31.48 per month. The last rate increase, adopted in 2003, was phased in over three years. Since then, the cost of labor, materials, upgrading gas infrastructure and new construction projects to provide gas services has increased.

The gas rate case followed guidelines similar to those established by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission in Santa Fe. Under those guidelines, the Las Cruces City Council established the RAC to represent the interests of residential and small commercial customers in rate cases. RAC hosted meetings for the public to present any concerns about the rate increase. The RAC then presented testimony to the Las Cruces Utilities Board of Commissioners.

Harry Johnson, chair of RAC and one of the Las Cruces residents serving on the committee, said ratepayer opinions were very valuable for working out a settlement that included a smaller increase for residents and small commercial customers than was originally requested.

"The process worked," he said.

The gas section of LCU operates and manages a system consisting of more than 1,000 miles of gas mains and services lines, and provides natural gas service to approximately 40,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers.

LCU can be called at 528-3511 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. LCU provides gas, water, wastewater and solid waste services to approximately 100,000 Las Cruces residents.

New commander makes WSMR history



White Sands Missile Range photo
Incoming White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Gwendolyn Bingham accepts the WSMR guidon from Army Test and Evaluation Commander Maj. Gen. Genaro Dellarocco during a change of command ceremony held Thursday, Sept. 13. In the process, Bingham makes her mark in WSMR history as the base's first female commander.

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Retired U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, top, talks about his concerns regarding the national deficit and politics Wednesday, Sept. 19, kicking off the two-day public policy conference named after him. Middle, Garrey Carruthers, New Mexico State University Business College dean and former governor, emcees the opening session. NMSU President Barbara Couture tells how the conference has raised the university's national stature. Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Todd Dickson

Domenici

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U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, who is retiring next year, sent a videotaped message to the conference, talking about how he and Domenici passed significant energy legislation through bipartisan efforts.

Martinez also talked about how educational reforms are starting to make a difference, especially the state's new grading system for schools. She pointed to Anthony Elementary School that is made up of all minority, low-income students and how the school still earned an A grade. She credited the school's educators for making a commitment to make every child succeed in their studies.

"They did not make excuses for those children," she said. "They made sure those students could perform, and that's important to me."

Unlike recent federal educational reform efforts, Martinez said the state's new school grading system includes funding to help failing schools improve performance.

The governor said she and lawmakers are continuing to find common ground on other problems, such as changing the way state capital outlay money is distributed. She said the change would distribute the money based on regional and statewide priorities, instead of piecemeal allocations. The idea, she said, is to get the biggest bang for the buck and greatest return on investment.

Sponsored by New Mexico State University, the two-day conference attracts national leaders and draws attention to the university's Domenici Public Policy Institute, NMSU President Barbara Couture said.

Hosted by Garrey Carruthers, the NMSU Business College dean and former governor, said the Domenici institute's future \$5 million building will be in the renovated Hershel Zohn Theater, once the theater program transfers to the new arts center currently being built.

Introducing Domenici at the conference was Breeana Sylvas, NMSU student government president.

Other conference speakers include Democratic campaign strategist James Carville, former President George W. Bush adviser Karen Hughes, Colorado Rockies co-owner Linda Alvarado, former 9/11 Commission member Michael Hurley and Las Cruces native Myrtle Potter. The themes for this year's conference are the 2012 elections, national security and entrepreneurship.

Students from NMSU, the University of New Mexico and Northern New Mexico College are the only conference attendees scheduled to ask questions of the Domenici Conference speakers, though the retired senator is known to ask questions and provide commentary throughout the conference's panel discussions.



Council

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the neighborhood from Lohman Avenue, which City Manager Robert Garza said could be done by closing Indian Hollow to through-traffic, but still allowing the store and other businesses access.

The council agreed to make the road closure a condition to the zone change after Fire Chief Travis Brown said he didn't believe it would impede access for fire trucks.

Armena Taylor, whose home will be directly behind the store, said she is still concerned about the noise of delivery trucks at the store.

"The banks and offices are quiet and only open on regular weekday hours," she said. "A landscape buffer is not going to stop the noise."

Tom Whatley, a Las Cruces Realtor representing the store, said the store's focus on natural, fresh foods will mean mostly small deliveries. The city's garbage trucks will probably be a greater source of noise than deliveries, he said.

In response to criticism of earlier statements about how the store could be a first step in making Lohman more pedestrian friendly, Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas defended her focus on making more walkable neighborhoods in the city. She said such neighborhoods have been shown to improve people's

health and property values.

"I think it can actually increase the value of your properties," she said.

Councillor Greg Smith, who voted against the zone change, said the concerns of residents already living there were his first priority because they decided to live there based on existing zoning.

Councillors Olga Pedroza and Nathan Small agreed closing off the street would adequately address the traffic situation.

"I think this is a pretty good compromise in my opinion," Miyagishima said.

In other business, the council approved the sale of the now unused and vacant Club Fusion to Union Avenue LLC. The 2-acre parcel with a 12,000-square-foot building once used for teen activities was sold for \$850,000. There are no immediate plans for the building's future use.


Many of the club's former activities have been relocated to other facilities. Proceeds from the sale will be placed in the city's Vehicle Acquisition Fund.

The council also indefinitely tabled a resolution to sell the Life Center, a facility that provides programs and services for developmentally disabled residents. Miyagishima asked the council to indefinitely table that resolution for revisions to the proposed agreement to have a nonprofit take ownership of the building.

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Monument

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Butterfield Stage Trail.

The day of hiking and site-seeing was meant to show how people could enjoy the historic and cultural sites being cited as reasons for adding greater protections on the federal land, according to Nathan Small of the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance.

The Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks national monument proposal calls for the status to be granted to 600,000 acres around Doña Ana County, which includes more than 22 miles of the Butterfield Trail, many archeological sites, Kilbourne Hole—a volcanic crater used by NASA for manned moon training, historic ranches, sites of conflicts with American Indians by early

settlers, aerial World War II markers, a cave allegedly used by Geronimo, a hideout allegedly used by Billy the Kid, called Outlaw Rock, and the site of a Civil War surrender.

Along the trail during Saturday's tours were roaming cattle, which reflects the opposition to the national monument effort that was an outgrowth of the effort to get much of the same area declared wilderness by Congress.

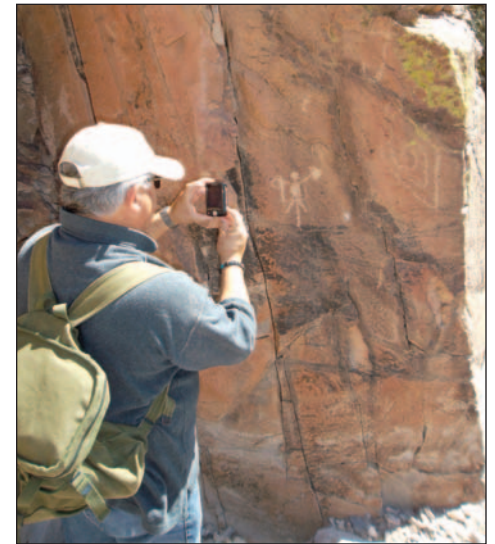
Ranchers, off-roaders and conservatives have opposed the efforts, saying the added federal protections would making traditional uses — such as ranching, hunting and off-roading — more difficult. They also raise national security concerns for the area of the Portillo Mountains near the U.S.-Mexico border, saying protections would make it difficult for law enforcement and Border Patrol to control illegal crossings.

The opponents support Republican

Congressman Steve Pearce's bill to grant national monument status to only the Organ Mountains.

Before the start of Saturday's tours, Wayne Suggs showed a book a natural scenery he used to promote the home built by his company, Classic New Mexico Homes. Pointing to the canyon below, he said the location would be ideal for building homes should it be released by the Bureau of Land Management for development.

"But, as a lifelong resident, I'm saying why would you?" he said. "It's about protecting our culture and our heritage."



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Todd Dickson
David Chavez photographs petroglyphs in Valles Canyon.



Kyle Underwood, 15, checks out a chiseled rock and stone used for grinding seeds by ancient people during a hike Saturday, Sept. 15, to Valles Canyon.



Chavez points out where it appears someone has tried to chip away at a section of petroglyphs.

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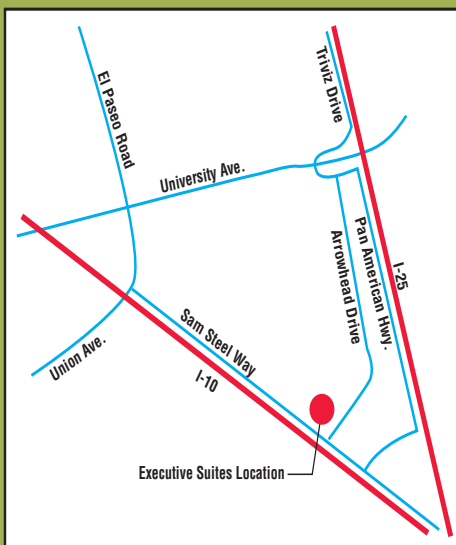
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Bring on the Lobos



Jim Hilley
Deflections

Rivalries are fun. The game between the New Mexico State Aggies and the University of New Mexico Lobos Saturday, Sept. 22, is loaded with extra drama for the two teams from the Land of Enchantment, which is celebrating its centennial this year.

Aggie Desmond Anaya, a defensive end from Roswell Goddard High School, may face his younger brother, David, a running back for UNM, during the game.

"He is just a freshman and he gets carries every once in a while," Desmond Anaya said. "It's just a fun thing between me and him. I know that both of us are taking a lot of pride in this game and I really want to win it."

First year Lobo coach Bob Davie seems fascinated the fact the rivalry goes back to territorial days.

"It's my first time being a part of this rivalry, and it's kind of interesting when I look at (when it started in) 1893, 104th meeting, played a bunch of times before New Mexico was even a state, which is kind of amazing," he said.

The fact that it's a rivalry isn't lost on the players.

"I've always followed it," Desmond Anaya said. "From when I was little, it always seemed like the Lobos were winning. I just want to make sure I get a win against the Lobos playing this game."

"This is one of the games we look forward to every year," said Aggie tight end Trevor Walls. "The whole state looks forward to it."

According to Walls, the rivalry catches the attention of people who aren't necessarily football fans.

"People who don't even like football come up to me and talk about this game, and how much it means to them. That shows the emphasis this whole state puts on that game," Walls said.

"Let's see who takes over the state and has bragging rights till next season," said NMSU defensive end Donte Savage. "Every year, they compete. Every year we've played them, they gave their heart and we are going to have to go out here and do the same."

For Aggie quarterback Andrew Manley, the Lobo game brings up special memories.

"It's important to me, too, because the first time I ever played – stepped on the field for college football – was against New Mexico," Manley said. "I am just excited to play them again, on the home field and it's a big game for us."

"Things worked out for you in that game, didn't they?" sportscaster Jack Nixon reminded Manley.

"Yes they did," the quarterback replied. "Two for two. I remember it clearly, Marcus Allen on the corner route and Darrius Preston on the flat route – I got him."

No doubt, more memories will be made Saturday.

Two hungry teams collide

Aggies, Lobos hope to get seasons on track Saturday

By **Jim Hilley**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Two teams hungry for a win will take to the field at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Aggie Memorial Stadium for the 104th meeting between the University of New Mexico Lobos and the New Mexico State Aggies.

Both teams come in with 1-2 records, having won their first games of the season against Football Championship Subdivision teams, but struggling on the road against some quality football teams.

"We need a 'W' and we need it bad," said NMSU coach DeWayne Walker.

"The rivalry part of it is understood, but we need to win a football game."

On Sept. 15, at the University of Texas at El Paso, NMSU got off to a slow start, falling behind 20-0 in the first quarter, and despite playing well in the second half, could never catch up to the Miners. This week, the Aggies are concentrating on playing a whole game.

"I know I sound like a scratched record," Walker said, "but when we get to play four quarters – and that's what we will adjust this week in practice – I think we are going to have a better football team."

Aggie quarterback Andrew Manley said it is an emphasis in practice.

"What we are going to emphasize this week is all four quarters of the game," he said. "Last week, we emphasized the third quarter and we had a good third quarter. This week, we just have to go out there with a game-like mentality for the whole practice and practice just like it's a game and hopefully it will transfer to the game."

On paper, the Aggies should be able to exploit a Lobo secondary that is depleted by injuries.

Lobo coach Bob Davie talked about his secondary at a press conference in Albuquerque on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

"As we stand here now today, Freddy Young is out, Destry Berry is out, Cranston Jones is out and Matt Raymer is out," Davie said. "Julian Lewis was out before the season started for the season. Zoey Williams has been kicked off the team. Zach Dancel left last year. So it's getting enough guys out there, but we've got enough guys."

With the Lobos' M*A*S*H unit secondary,



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Steve MacIntyre
Aggie running back Germi Morrison drives with the ball Saturday, Sept. 15, as New Mexico State took on the UTEP miners in El Paso, falling 41-28.

it should open up the field for the Aggies' deep passing attack, but Manley said the Aggies will try to exploit it, but will stick with their usual game plan.

"It's not going to change our whole game plan just because they have a couple of DBs

that are banged up, we are still going to go in there with the same game plan," Manley said.

"It's the same every week, we are going to run the ball, and if the pass opens it opens. I feel like I keep repeating myself but that's the

See **Hungry** on page A19

Trojans come home to face Carlsbad

Mayfield remains confident after losses to good El Paso teams

By **Craig Massey**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

As an inexperienced Mayfield football team scratched and clawed its way through two difficult road games to start the season, there was no letting up.

And when the Trojans lost those two games, there was no panic.

"It's not easy ever losing a football game," Mayfield coach Michael Bradley said. "But it's like life. If you have a strong foundation, you're more likely to overcome obstacles."

"We haven't lost too many games here. We've had some good seasons."

Those many wins and many good seasons over the years are the result of a program built

on a solid foundation. Bradley said the coaches and players leaned on their history and their proven way of doing things to get past that 0-2 start.

"We're looking at this as a learning experience," Bradley said. "Everything is a learning experience with these guys. We knew going in the type of teams we were playing. We're just trying to get better every week."

After opening on the road with losses at El Dorado and Franklin – two of El Paso's top teams – the Trojans bounced back in their home opener last week with a 27-7 win over Carlsbad.

"It was nice being back in New Mexico," Bradley said. "Carlsbad is a good football team. It was a big win. Any win is big when

you're 0-2."

Bradley said the Trojans played extremely well on defense, but mental mistakes are holding back the offense. He estimated the team has 51 penalties in three games.

"We probably lost 200 yards on plays called back," he said. "We had two touchdowns called back and had a couple of turnovers deep in our own territory. Our defense made two goal-line stands. Hopefully this is a turning point for our defense."

Bradley said he was especially pleased with the consistent play of the special teams, including sophomore Jesse Jimenez, who is the team's kicker and punter.

The Trojans will try to even their record
 See **Mayfield** on page A23

Sports Briefs

Coaches luncheon

The first Comcast Coaches Luncheon of the fall season will be at noon Friday, Sept. 21, at The Game Sports Bar & Grill, 2606 S. Espina St. New Mexico State University football coach DeWayne Walker will talk about the Aggies game against the University of New Mexico Lobos at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

For more information, call 524-4263.

Equestrians in Waco

The New Mexico State University equestrian team will open its 2012-13 campaign this weekend at the Willis Invitational, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21-22, hosted by Baylor in Waco, Texas. The Aggies will face Miami-Ohio (Hunter Seat) and Ohio State (Western) on day one then compete against Baylor and Delaware State on day two. The Aggies will finish out the trip with a head-to-head match-up

against TCU in Hudson Oaks, Texas, on Sunday, Sept. 23.

Representing the Hunter Seat team this weekend will be Laura Bostwick, Shannon Dooley, Julie Frey, Emily McConnell, Hannah Swarouth, Samantha Stephens, Amber Tassel and Elizabeth Solomon.

The Western team will include Lauren DeVoe, Clarissa Edgerton, Megan Gould, Brynn Larson, Rianna Storey, Jessica Woolsey, Marissa Bartmann, Haley Newkirk, Stefanie Story and Tara Wilson.

Results will be available following each day of competition at www.nmstatesports.com.

Ladies take first place in Kachina Classic

The New Mexico State University men's and women's cross country team wrapped up the annual Kachina Classic on Saturday, Sept. 15, with a first-place finish in the women's 5K and a close second-place finish in the men's 8K.

The women's team finished with an overall score of 32 points, an impressive 16 points ahead of New Mexico's second place total of 48 points. UTEP finished third with 53 points and El Paso Community College finished fourth with 96 points.

NMSU finished the event with two of the top-five runners and four of the top 10. All top-seven runners for NMSU finished in the top 15.

Senior sisters Courtney and Camille Schultz finished their last Kachina Classic as Aggies by finishing second and third overall respectively. Courtney finished first for NMSU with a time of 17:28 and Camille finished second for NMSU with a time of 17:59. Kimaiyo Risper from UTEP finished first overall with a time of 17:18.

Junior Jenna Padilla helped solidify her status as a top-five runner by finishing seventh overall and third for NMSU with a time of 18:50. Sophomore Diana Hawk finished close

behind Padilla with a placing of ninth overall and fourth for NMSU with a time of 18:56.

"The women's team is progressing quite well, especially with where our top runners are falling into place," Huff said.

The men's squad placed second to UTEP with only one point separating the two teams. UTEP finished with a score of 29 points and the Aggies finished with 30. UNM finished third with a score of 30 and EPCC finished with 89.

The Aggies have the next week off before traveling to Lawrence, Kan., for the Rim Rock Collegiate Invite Saturday, Sept. 29.

Coach Rocky Ward signs contract extension

New Mexico State Athletics Director McKinley Boston has announced that head baseball coach Rocky Ward has signed a contract extension with NMSU.



ROCKY WARD

The contract is a three-year extension and goes through 2015. Ward has led the program for 16 seasons and has tallied 403 wins during his time with the Aggies.

Along with Ward's contract extension, assistant coach Nate Shaver has been promoted from volunteer coach to the hitting coach. Shaver

replaces Gary Ward as a full-time assistant. Shaver will take over the duties of training the offense, working with outfield and could likely take over for Rocky Ward as the third base coach during the 2013 season.

Assistant coach and Hall-of-Famer Gary Ward has moved to the volunteer position in order to spend more time with his wife, who is recovering from an illness.

Knights edged by champs



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Eli Moore

Rhyan Araiza waits on a pass from Oñate High School quarterback Curtis Hynes that put the Knights at first and goal against Cleveland Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Field of Dreams. The Knights were edged by the defending champs 19-18.

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Aggies ready for WAC play

NMSU volleyball team to host Louisiana Tech

By **Jeff Neptune**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University volleyball team returns home for two Western Athletic Conference matches after picking up two tough wins on the road to open WAC play.

The Aggies picked up their first conference win defeating Seattle University in five sets Thursday, Sept. 13. Desiree Scott, who marked a career-high 12 total blocks, led the come-from-behind victory along with Meredith



LOERCH

Hays, who tallied a match-high 18 kills.

“Both girls were clutch for us over the weekend,” coach Mike Jordan said. “Desiree really brought us momentum when we were trailing Seattle.”

Junior outside hitter Lauren Loerch also helped the Aggies complete the comeback with 13 kills, three total blocks and an ace. Freshman Taylor Livoti posted 19 assists and split setting duties with junior

Ciara Brown, who posted 18 assists. Setting a match and career high digs at 22, junior libero Hannah Walker stepped up big for the Aggies in Seattle.

“Seattle came out aggressive and punched us right in the mouth,” Jordan said. “I was proud of the way our girls stepped up and overcame adversity.”

After success in Seattle, the Aggies brought momentum into Moscow, Idaho, defeating the Vandals in five sets Saturday, Sept. 15. Led by Hays making a match-high 22 kills and Loerch adding 13 more, the Aggies posted 62 kills as a team – a season high.

“I feel like we had a good weekend, but I feel like we still have a lot more to improve on,” Hays said.

Brown and Livoti combined for 50 assists for the Aggies on Saturday as Walker ended the night with a match-high 16 digs. Hays led the way with four blocks.

Wrapping up the weekend, the Aggies now rank first in the WAC in overall hitting percentage at .232 and dropped to third in kills per set at 12.98. A huge accomplishment for the team was moving up to second in blocks per set at an average of 2.66.

“Our biggest accomplishment of the weekend was understanding the importance of consistent play and preparation, not only between sets but matches as well,” Jordan said.

This week, the Aggies look to focus on defense and passing during practice as well as putting an emphasis on the importance of preparation.

“These two wins were great for us,” Hays said. “Now it’s time to put them in the past, improve on what we need to work on and focus on our upcoming matches.”

The Aggies entered the match against Louisiana Tech Thursday, Sept. 20, with an 8-3 record and 2-0 in conference play. The Aggies play at noon Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Pan Am Center against the University of Texas-Arlington Mavericks, before playing at UTEP at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26.

Hungry

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game plan that we have and we are not going to change it.”

Though the Lobos’ Young, a Mayfield High School product, is not likely to play, the Aggies may face another defensive back with local roots – Dante Caro from Las Cruces High School.

On the defensive side, the Aggies have to stop the Lobos’ triple option offense, something they have not seen this season.

“They can give it on the dive or they can pitch it or the quarterback can keep it,” Walker said. “It creates a little bit more drama for you. You got make sure everybody is where they are supposed to be.”

The game will also be televised on ESPN3.com, and fans can listen to the action with the “Voice of the Aggies” Jack Nixon and color analyst Jason Scott beginning at 5 p.m. on KGRT-FM 104, or catch the action in Spanish with Martin Cortez and Bob Sherman on Vista-FM 98.7.



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New Mexico State fans enjoy the atmosphere before the Aggie game Saturday, Sept. 15, in El Paso.

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LCHA season underway

Riding events offer a great family activity

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Horseman Association provides competition and education during its events, but most of all, it offers great family activities, promoters say.

"LCHA events are a great place for good, clean fun," said Lydia Mabry, LCHA president. "Well, not so clean when you're around horses, goats, steers and lots of New Mexico dirt."

"The focus of LCHA is to provide a learning opportunity to kids of all ages in a setting that is competitive, but not stressful. We have events of all disciplines and for all age groups, from lead-line to older than 40. And we encourage families to participate together."

The LCHA conducts activities in four divisions; gymkhanas, western, eventing including dressage and hunter-jumper.

Gymkhanas, which are conducted at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds, are the most popular event.

"We get 75 to 90 participants with each event," Casey Roberts, gymkhana chairman, said.

The contests are barrels, poles, flags, steer-dubbing – in which the rider marks a running steer with a mop – break-away roping, team roping and straight eight pattern.

Roberts said he does not participate in gymkhanas, but he and his wife, Chancie, have two small daughters who ride in the contests. Caydence, 4, competes in barrels, poles, goat tying and flags.

"She rides alone, and she does all right," Casey Roberts said.

Cylee, 2, rides in barrels, poles and flags. Casey Roberts or his wife work with her handling the lead line, which is allowed for children 6 and younger and children with no riding experience.

"We don't compete, we do it for the kids," Casey Roberts said. "We feel it's a stepping stone to prepare them for equine competition at other levels."

Anthony and Jennifer Parra also have two daughters who are active in gymkhanas – Emily, 13, and Kailee, 10. Both compete in barrels,

poles, goat tying and break-away roping.

"It's a great activity for our children, they learn responsibility by participating in the events," Jennifer Parra said. "It teaches them to try harder in future gymkhanas."

The gymkhana division held its first event Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16.

Another popular division is western pleasure riding. The activities include western pleasure, western horsemanship and obstacle trail rides. The events are held at the fairgrounds arena or at the Isaacks Ranch east of Las Cruces, Mabry said.

"Western pleasure is a good activity for families that want to ride together and for individuals who want to ride with a group," she said.

The eventing division provides riders a chance to show what they can do with their horses. They will compete Nov. 17 in dressage and stadium jumping and Nov. 18 in cross-country riding at the Isaacks Ranch, Mary Alba said.

In dressage performance, the horse responds to predetermined commands by the rider. The rider guides the horse by reins, legs, hand and body movement, but without the rider showing any effort, Alba said.

The dressage event is expected to draw riders from across New Mexico, Texas, Colorado and Arizona. The riders are affiliated with the U.S. Eventing Association.

Alba participates as an organizer. "It's a lot of work getting things ready for eventing programs," she said. "But it's fun, getting things ready together for these activities with other families."

The jumper-hunter division has two categories in its next event scheduled Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Isaacks Ranch, co-chair Yvonne Kroft said.

In the hunter category, horses will jump over obstacles and be judged on style and how well they respond to the rider's handling.

The jumper category puts more emphasis on jumping ability. The horses are timed and judged on how well they clear obstacles, and if they knock any over, Kroft said.

Proceeds raised by these events will be donated to the Cowboys for Cancer Research fund, she said.

Aggie strength: defense

Soccer coach pledges support for local youth

By **Jeff Neptune**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State soccer team's defense continues to hold strong, leading the team to four extra time contests this season.

The Aggies' last two games have been double overtime contests, tying Montana 0-0 Friday, Sept. 1, and losing at in-state rival New Mexico 1-0 Sunday, Sept. 16.

The Aggies sit at 1-6-2 as they enter their game at Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas, at noon Sunday, Sept. 23. In their first meeting last season, the Aggies fell at Texas Tech, 1-0.

"The girls have been giving great effort so far this season and we are certainly better than our numbers say," coach Blair Quinn said. "We just haven't been catching any breaks."

Coming off five games in 10 days, senior defender Courtney Irwin and junior goalkeeper Mikaela Bitner have led the Aggies' defense this season. Bitner has 34 saves in five games played with an average of 0.72 goals allowed per game.

"Bitner has stepped up huge for us in the goal this season," Quinn said. "Irwin is one of those players you can always rely on and they are both a huge component to our defense."

Yolanda McMillion has seen limited playing time so



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jeff Neptune

New Mexico State University soccer coach Blair Quinn speaks to children at the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces Tuesday, Sept. 18.

far this season due to a knee injury. She was a huge part of the Aggies offensive success last season. Sophomore Layla Todd has two of the Aggies four goals, with seven shots on goal, and senior Elise Nordin with a goal and six shots on goal to lead the Aggies offensively.

"We obviously have struggled offensively this season, it is definitely something we need to work on," Quinn said. "We need to prepare better and work harder on getting our minds right."

Quinn has agreed to partner with the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces and will be donating \$10 for every goal the Aggies score

this season. He created the slogan "Kicks for Kids" to help promote a healthy, active lifestyle for young kids. Quinn said he created this program in hopes the community would match his donation or make an "amount per goal" pledge.

"Not only will this help the Boys & Girls Club, but hopefully will encourage our girls to not only play this game for themselves and each other but for the community as well," Quinn said.

Coming off two great defensive stands, the Aggies look to upset Texas Tech (7-2-0) and raise some money for the Boys & Girls Club this weekend.

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There's no question that golf can be addicting. A portion of my professional work has involved consulting with drug and alcohol treatment centers, so believe me, I recognize symptoms of addiction. I worry about myself as a golfaholic. But then, a famous shrink wrote a book a few years ago titled "Positive Addiction," so I let myself off the hook. That's until I feel like slashing my wrists. Or until I find myself on the golf course in conditions so nasty that the weather channel would call it an "event."

Maybe you also worry about golfing too much. As a public service (and a bit of entertainment) here is a short quiz for you to take. It should indicate to qualified technicians the level of possible golf addiction you might be suffering from. It's a problem; it's not your fault. Bear in mind, most of all, it's a joke. Enjoy.

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More than one new putter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A collection of putters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you changed putters because they call out to you from your garage "Pick me, pick me?"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you spend more than three hours a week fantasizing about golf?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you often shopped for clubs on eBay or other websites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you shop for shoes, accessories, training aids and golf clothing weekly on eBay?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you own a collection of vintage colorful golf shoes that you bought online?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a workbench setup and other stuff to assemble your own clubs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you own any antique clubs with hickory shafts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A lot of golf antiques?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In your garage full of golf balls you have picked up or hunted for over the years?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you played in more than two tournaments or scrambles in a year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you looking forward to every scramble you can possibly play in?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you play fantasy golf? Do you fantasize about golf?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you get in every PGA tournament money pool that folks are offering?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Yes	No
Are Calcuttas flat-out exciting to you when you play member-guest tournaments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your significant other ever ask, "Don't you have a game today?"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you quickly change plans to accommodate a game on short notice?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever forsaken romance in favor of more sleep before a game?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can you remember certain shots or entire rounds from 18 months ago or more?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you play golf with total disregard to the weather outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you tend to get depressed and sleep restlessly after a lousy round?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you dream about golf?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dream about cart girls?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

My friend, if you answered 10 or more "yes" responses to the above highly accurate, scientific, golfer's clinical assessment, you may suffer from golf addiction. You're not alone. There is help. I'll provide referral information for Golfers Anonymous in a later column.

There is no known cause of golf addiction, and there is no known cure as yet. But researchers are busy at work as you read this column. Understand that those researchers are not at CBS Sports or Callaway Golf or Titleist. Meanwhile, I recommend that you do what I do. Carry a coin with the serenity prayer in your pocket and use it for your ball marker.

Not to worry. There are a lot worse activities than golf that you could be addicted to. If you are sometimes genuinely concerned about overdoing something, and it frequently conflicts with other things and people you prize in your life, allow yourself to take stock of your true priorities.

I recently found myself in the awkward position when work took priority over golf. It happened to be a clinical emergency, where a patient was thought to be suicidal; I was needed quickly. I had to forfeit a golf match that I badly wanted to play.

In the greater realm of things, I calmly knew what I needed to do and what was important. It wasn't even a decision I had to think about. I urge you to check your priorities and attend to what's really important in your life. After all, golf is just a game.

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Kicks for Kids

Soccer coach reaches out to youth at the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

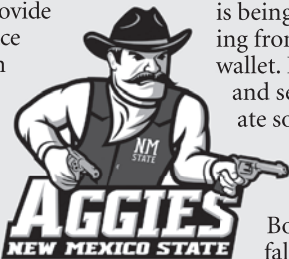
Some local kids will have some more “kicks” thanks to a program created through the generosity of Aggie soccer coach Blair Quinn.

The Las Cruces Boys & Girls Club will receive at least \$10 for each goal the Aggies score this season. I say at least, because Quinn has challenged others to join him in the “Kicks for Kids” program (more on that later). April Anaya with the club said there were a lot of benefits to this involvement with the Aggies.

“Our kids benefit from more than the donations,” she said. “The team members provide mentorship as well as teaching the game of soccer.”

The club headquarters is located in a more than 100-year-old building that has no playing pitch, but NM State has shared that with the children as well. The need for kids to learn and play safely is exactly why Quinn got the idea started.

“I wanted to provide kids with a safe place to play and learn in a good environment,” he said. “I always had that as a kid and felt it was important to grow up that way.”



The funding is part of the Boys & Girls Club’s “Lend a Hand for Hope” fundraising effort. The club is not a sports organization, but a program that provides a structured environment for learning and fun with a computer lab for schoolwork and other educational projects.

Kelli Burchell, a member of the Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors, said “Kicks for Kids” is a valuable addition to the overall program.

“Coach Quinn has worked with our kids, hosted them at practice and games and has generously started this funding program,” she said.

If you would like to help, you can match Quinn’s pledge of \$10, but any amount per goal will be welcome.

This is just the latest program involving NM State athletes and our community’s youth. Free clinics to teach the sport, visits to schools to read or talk about staying on the right path and now a financial boost for the boys and girls program expand the Aggie giving programs.

This is not state money that is being diverted; it is coming from coach Quinn’s wallet. Look in your heart and see if you can create some space in your wallet to team up with Quinn and the Las Cruces Boys & Girls Club this fall.

Work will pay off

NMSU soccer team is keeping their heads high during difficult stretch



Blair Quinn
Soccer Head Coach

They say a team is a reflection of its coach in the way it plays, behaves, interacts with others, etc.

I hope that the opposite is true as well. I hope people see me as a reflection of my team. That would make me proud. These young women are some of the hardest working, most relentless, “never-say-die” players I’ve ever been around.

It is no secret that we are struggling to score goals and find wins right now, but it is in no way from lack of effort. We just finished a very difficult stretch of five games in 10 days, the last two of which were on the road against 2011 NCAA Tournament participants. We played 218 minutes out of a possible 220 in the those last two games, and never at any time did anyone on the team not give her all or think that we weren’t going to win.

There is a level of mental toughness and perseverance to this team that I hope all of my future teams have.

There are a lot of excuses available when you’re 1-6-2, a lot of other people and places to lay blame. But you won’t hear any of that from me, and you certainly won’t hear it from our team.

With the exception of one game this season, we have defended very well as a team. Some players have had good days and bad, most have been consistently good. But we do this together, coaching staff included, and we know that brighter days are ahead if we can continue to improve our team attacking, and continue to play

relentless defense.

Our goal of winning our first-ever conference championship in soccer has not changed, nor do I expect it to. That is the team’s goal and has been since day one.

Coaches tend to have cautiously optimistic expectations in an effort to be “realistic.” But I don’t understand that, and I know my team wouldn’t. It seems that the only reason to do that is to lessen the blow of failure, from which one could imply that failure is likely or even expected. Again, no one in this program knows how to view failure as likely, we’re not built that way, and I couldn’t be happier about it.

And now we have an even bigger reason – bigger than any one of us or our soccer program as a whole – to find a way to score as many goals as possible. We have announced our “Kicks for Kids” partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces, something that we are very excited about.

I will be donating \$10 to the club for every goal we score this season, and I encourage all of our fans and supporters out there, and anyone else who has an interest in the positive growth and development of Las Cruces youth to join us in donating per goal.

You can match me, or come up with your own donation amount that suits your budget. Every dollar helps, and it all goes straight to the Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces.

Trust me, we will find our way to score, it’s coming, and when we do we will be helping more than just ourselves, we’ll be helping our community.

This team will not quit, it will not lie down for any opponent, and a WAC Championship remains the goal.

Thank you for your support of NM State women’s soccer. Go Aggies!

This Week

Friday, Sept. 21

Equestrian
Willis Invitational
Waco, Texas
All day

Men’s Tennis
Aggie Invitational
Las Cruces
All day

Saturday, Sept. 22

Equestrian
Willis Invitational
Waco, Texas
All day

Men’s Tennis
Aggie Invitational
Las Cruces
All day

Football
New Mexico
Las Cruces
6 p.m.

Volleyball
UT-Arlington
Las Cruces
Noon

Sunday, Sept. 23

Soccer
Texas Tech
Lubbock, Texas
Noon

Men’s Tennis
Aggie Invitational
Las Cruces
All day

Equestrian
TCU
Hudson Oaks, Texas
All day

Monday, Sept. 24

Women’s Golf
Marilynn Smith Sunflower
Invitational
Lawrence, Kan.
All day

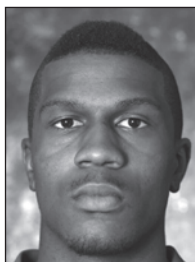
Tuesday, Sept. 25

Women’s Golf
Marilynn Smith Sunflower
Invitational
Lawrence, Kan.
All day

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Volleyball
UTEP
El Paso
7 p.m.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Austin Franklin
Sophomore
Football

Sophomore wide receiver Austin Franklin recorded his second 100-yard game of the season in a 41-28 loss to UTEP Saturday, Sept. 15. He also grabbed two touchdown passes for his

second multi-touchdown game of the season. Franklin ended the game with seven catches for 107 yards and two touchdowns.



Meredith Hays
Sophomore
Volleyball

Sophomore outside hitter Meredith Hays started the WAC season with a double-double as she tallied a match-high 18 kills with 13 digs in a five-set, come-from-behind

win at Seattle Thursday, Sept. 13. Hays followed that with a 22-kill performance and .383 hitting percentage in a win at Idaho Saturday, Sept. 15.



Courtney Schultz
Senior
Cross country

Senior Courtney Schultz paced the Aggie cross country team with a runner-up finish at the Kachina Classic Saturday, Sept. 15, in Las Cruces. She ran the 5k race in 17:28.

Schultz’ performance helped the Aggies score a team total of 32 points to secure a first-place finish in the event.

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A surprise welcome

Leticia Martinez, 17, answers questions from reporters after getting a surprise, red-carpet welcome back to Las Cruces High School Monday, Sept. 17. It was the first day back in school since the blind swimmer traveled to London to compete in the Paralympic Games, in which she put in some of her best times, but didn't medal. Martinez said she wants to represent the United States again in four years at the next Paralympic Games.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dixon



Mayfield

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when they take on another good team – Manzano – at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at the Field of Dreams. The third-ranked Monarchs are 3-0 on the season after a blowout win over West Mesa and close wins over Volcano Vista and Clovis.

“Manzano has good size on offense and defense,” Bradley said. “We don’t match up with them real well. We’ve got to use our speed and quickness. They have a quality quarterback, big receivers and they’re pretty balanced on offense.”

Bradley said the key to the game will be how well the Trojans stop the Manzano running

game. He said the Monarchs’ offensive line is comparable to Franklin’s, which he said was probably the best offensive line he has coached against.

“On offense, we’ll have to stop the mental mistakes,” he said. “This game is a big challenge for us.”

The 3-0 Las Cruces Bulldawgs, ranked No. 1, rolled over Cibola last week, 48-8, and will head north again this week to play at Rio Rancho at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21.

Oñate, 1-2, will play at Hobbs Friday at 7 p.m. The Knights are coming off of a heartbreaking 19-18 loss to Cleveland last week.

Centennial had a home game against Fabens on Thursday, Sept. 20. Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, 1-1, is coming off a bye week and plays Mountain View at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21.

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

Centennial High School

Friday, Sept. 21	Boys Soccer Manzano High School	5 p.m.
	Girls Soccer..... Manzano High School	5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22	Cross Country (coed)..... at Socorro (N.M.) Meet	10 a.m.
	Boys Soccer Atrisco Heritage Academy	11 a.m.
	Girls Soccer..... Atrisco Heritage Academy	11 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 27	Volleyball..... at Hatch Valley High School	5 p.m.



Las Cruces High School

Friday, Sept. 21	Boys Soccer at Eldorado High School.....	6:30 p.m.
	Girls Soccer..... at Eldorado High School.....	6:30 p.m.
	Boys Football at Rio Rancho High School.....	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22	Cross Country (coed)..... at Cobre Meet	10 a.m.
	Boys Soccer at Cibola High School	10:30 a.m.
	Girls Soccer..... at Cibola High School	10:30 a.m.
	Volleyball..... at Rio Rancho High School.....	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 25	Boys Soccer at Mayfield High School	5 p.m.
	Girls Soccer..... at Mayfield High School	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 28	Football La Cueva High School	7 p.m.



Mayfield High School

Friday, Sept. 21	Girls Soccer..... at Cibola High School	4:30 p.m.
	Boys Soccer at Cibola High School	6:30 p.m.
	Football Manzano High School	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22	Cross Country (coed) at Socorro (N.M.) Meet	10 a.m.
	Boys Soccer at Eldorado High School.....	10 a.m.
	Girls Soccer..... at Eldorado High School.....	10 a.m.
	Volleyball..... at Rio Rancho High School.....	Noon, 3 p.m.
	Volleyball..... Cleveland High School (at RRHS).....	1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 25	Boys Soccer Las Cruces High School.....	5 p.m.
	Girls Soccer..... Las Cruces High School.....	7 p.m.



Oñate High School

Friday, Sept. 21	Boys Soccer Atrisco Heritage Academy	5 p.m.
	Girls Soccer..... Atrisco Heritage Academy	5 p.m.
	Football at Hobbs High School	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 22	Cross Country (coed)..... at Cobre Meet	10 a.m.
	Boys Soccer Manzano High School	1 p.m.
	Girls Soccer..... Manzano High School	1 p.m.
	Volleyball..... at Carlsbad High School	2 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 25	Girls Soccer..... Santa Teresa High School.....	5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 28	Football at Volcano Vista High School.....	7 p.m.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Friday, Sept. 21	Football Mountain View High School (at Gadsden)	7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 27	Volleyball..... Mescalero	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 28	Football NM Military Institute (at Gadsden)	7 p.m.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

High School Athletes of the Week

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Emily Biad



Emily Biad is a senior outside hitter on the Mesilla Valley Lady SonBlazer volleyball team. Emily is a three year letter winner in volleyball. She also participates in other activities such as National Honor Society, Students Leading by Service, and sings on the Chapel Praise Team. Her leisure time is spent with her friends and swimming. She is currently exploring her educational options at Creighton University of Dallas and NMSU. She attends Saint Genevieve's Catholic Church. Emily is the daughter of Donald and Lisa Biad.

Christian Jimenez



Christian Jimenez is a senior wide receiver/defensive back for the SonBlazers. Christian is leading the team in receptions, receiving yardage and touchdowns. He is a three-year letterman in football and basketball. English is his favorite subject, with Mrs. O'Hara his favorite teacher. He plans to attend the University of New Mexico and major in sports medicine. He enjoys all sports and lifting weights. He attends Las Cruces First Assembly of God Church. Christian is the son of Roman and Neoma Jimenez.



ATHLETE of the WEEK



Annemieke Witte

Junior, Women's Tennis

Junior Annemieke Witte advanced to an Aggie Invitational singles final in the White Bracket at the NM State Tennis Center, Sept. 16. The Aggie won three matches in two days to advance to the first championship match of her career at NM State. Witte dropped a hard-fought match for the championship, 7-6, 6-4.



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Election 2012: House of Representatives District 36

Name: Andy Nuñez

Party: Independent

Age: 76

Political experience:

Completing his sixth term in the Legislature, mayor pro tem on the Hatch Board of Trustees

Professional background:

Lobbyist for New Mexico State University and New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau, lifelong farming and ranching

Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees in agriculture from New Mexico State University

Family: Married with five grown daughters, 18 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren

Organizations, affiliations: Former member of the Democratic Party

Original hometown or where born:

Born in Lincoln County on a ranch near Roswell

Amount of time lived in Hatch: Since 1985

Hobbies: Spending time with grandchildren, used to rodeo as a younger man

What do you believe are the key issues?

- Water
- Education
- Agriculture

How will you approach solving these issues?

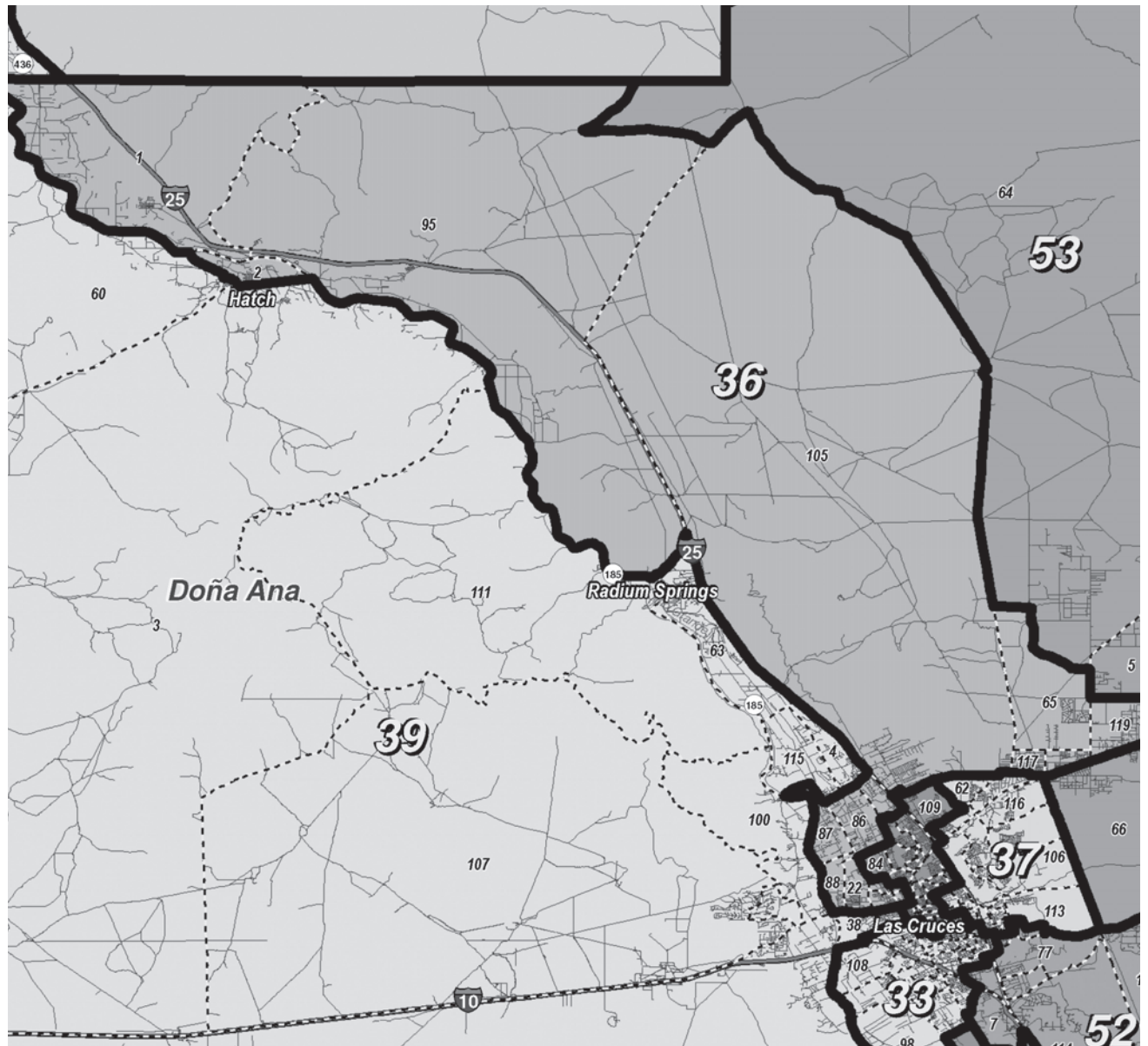
We are taking care of education with the A-F grading system of schools and getting third-graders to read is important to that progress. I am only one of eight legislators with a background in agriculture, that's why I keep running – to make sure there's a voice for agriculture in the Legislature. Water adjudication is still unresolved. We have no idea of the total amount of water we have or who owns it.

Why are you the best candidate?

I'm not a single-issue lawmaker. I'm independent and I'm for more transparency in the process.



NUÑEZ



These are the new boundaries for District 36 in the New Mexico House of Representatives. Andy Nuñez is the incumbent, as an independent. There are three candidates on the ballot. District 36 did change greatly, according to Nuñez, though it no longer has Picacho Hills, parts of Downtown Las Cruces and the communities of Rodey and Placitas.

Name: Phillip M. Archuleta

Party: Democrat

Age: 63

Political experience:

Active in the League of United Latin American Citizens Council 120, also I have been active in many local and state races

Professional background: Retired labor law adjudication judge and office manager at New Mexico Workforce Solutions

Education: Certified in adjudicative law from National Judicial College in Reno, Nev., attended Northern New Mexico Community College, took law classes at University of New Mexico

Family: Married with four grown children

Organizations, affiliations: Member of Holy Cross Catholic Church and the NAACP

Current residence: Las Cruces for 16 years

Original hometown or where born: Taos



ARCHULETA

Hobbies: Spending time with my children and family, especially during holidays, and watching football

What do you believe are the key issues?

- We have got to keep the jobs we have
- Create more jobs
- Assure fair wages for every worker

How will you approach solving these issues?

We have a lot of infrastructure in New Mexico that needs repair and maintenance. Improving that infrastructure is one way to put people back to work. We need to provide incentives for businesses that win state jobs to hire local employees and contractors. We also need to provide incentives to current employers to help them hold onto the employees they currently have. Our labor laws in New Mexico are very weak and need to be rewritten. They haven't been updated for ages and need to be brought up to date and respect collective bargaining.

Why are you the best candidate?

I'm an advocate for the people, especially senior citizens, veterans and young people. I will work to make sure their needs are met by the state. I am supported by labor, not oil companies.

Name: Mike Tellez

Party: Republican

Age: 55

Political experience:

Previously ran for this legislative seat

Professional background:

Restaurant consultant, president of Character Kids Inc., which operates the Dream Center in Las Cruces, former owner of the International House of Pancakes in Las Cruces

Education: Currently in third year of earning a bachelor's degree in communications with a minor in economics at New Mexico State University

Family: Wife with four grown children

Organizations, affiliations: Working at the Dream Center and Character Kids to improve the community and people's lives

Current residence: Las Cruces for 15 years

Original hometown or where born: Born in Roswell



TELLEZ

Hobbies: Classic cars and inventing

What do you believe are the key issues?

- Good jobs
- Education
- Securing our border

How will you approach solving these issues?

We can't let any opportunity to bring jobs and economic development slip by. I will fight to make sure we get good jobs in this area. New Mexico needs to be more business-friendly so companies will move here and once they are here we need to do everything we can to make sure they stay. In terms of education, I think it's shameful that the Legislature has not confirmed the current secretary of education who is doing a good job. We must end social promotion and issuing driver's licenses to non-citizens.

Why are you the best candidate?

I've spent the past 12 years traveling all over Doña Ana County. If I'm elected, I want to represent the whole county, not just one district. In order for the county to get its fair share from the Legislature, the delegation needs to be a united effort and I will work with the other local lawmakers to make Doña Ana County a nicer place to live.

Election 2012: House of Representatives District 53

Name: Rick Little
Party: Republican
Age: 57



LITTLE

Political experience: Completing first two-year term representing District 53
Professional background: Small business owner
Education: Some college courses taken at Howard Payne University
Family: Seven grown children
Organizations, affiliations: Church
Original hometown or where born: Graduate Andress High School in El Paso
Current residence: Chaparral for more than 25 years
Hobbies: Spending time with family
What do you believe are the key issues?

- Economy and jobs
- Education
- Taxation, regulation and the size of government

How will you approach solving these issues?
 New Mexico has to become a more business-friendly state in order to compete with neighboring states, such as Texas. The regulations and size of government all adds up. We need more people working and that will improve revenues – not increasing taxes – and then the state will have more money to work with. In education, we're not helping teachers do the best they can. Based on sound child development criteria, making sure children are reading by the third grade will increase their chances of succeeding. Let's help them and take them to the place they need to go.

Why are you the best candidate?
 With my background as a businessman, I have had to interact with the public and governmental entities. I'm not part of the government system so I look at it from the outside.

Name: Nathan "Nate" Cote
Party: Democrat
Age: 65



COTE

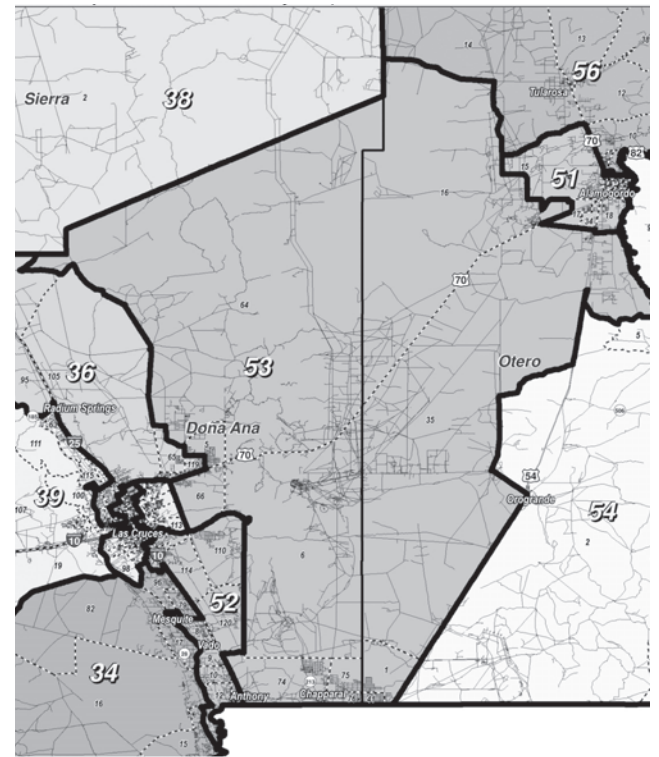
Political experience: Previously served two terms as state representative in this district
Professional background: Small business owner, farming, human resources, college-level instructor
Education: Master's degrees in human relations, public administration and human resources management
Family: Married with one grown daughter
Organizations, affiliations: Member of numerous veteran organizations and former humane society board member
Original hometown or where born: Born in Caribou, Maine
Current residence: East Mesa at the foot of the Organ Mountains for eight years
Hobbies: Backpacking and hiking with my dogs

What do you believe are the key issues?

- Fight corruption in government
- Jobs and economic development
- Veterans, military and family issues

How will you approach solving these issues?
 It's hard to legislate oversight of ethics, but we can set better requirements for government service and stricter penalties for violations. I'm a strong supporter of the state's community college system. From my work at White Sands Missile Range and Holloman Air Force Base, I am familiar with the issues of veterans and military families.

Why are you the best candidate?
 I have a proven track record of successfully passing legislation. I do not support any legislation that is somehow self-serving. I can make things happen.



These are the new boundaries for District 53 in the New Mexico House of Representatives, which aren't drastically different than the previous boundaries, though all of Chaparral is now included.

Barela: Housing needs Romney



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 Steve Chavira, managing director of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, greets state Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela Thursday, Sept. 13, for an appearance in support of Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney. Barela said the campaign is trying to bring attention to the problems of obtaining loans to buy homes and bank foreclosures of homes. Democrats and the Obama administration have over-corrected in the regulation of the banking industry, he said, while not doing enough to stop needless foreclosures.

Candidates meet Prime Timers

State Sen. Mary Kay Papen is greeted by fellow Democrat Marci Beyer, candidate for Third Judicial District Judge Division II, Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. They were among some 30 candidates – Democrats and Republicans – who introduced themselves to the Prime Timers group of the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau.

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Jim Hilley
Reflections

100 years ago

1912

• The Mesilla Valley Fair presented by the local Order of Elks kicked off with a parade from the Las Cruces train station upon the arrival of a special train carrying passengers from El Paso. After a welcome ceremony at the station, the parade marched east on Las Cruces to Main Street, south on Main to Convent Street and then north on Main to the Elks Home.

• Plans for a new engineering building at the agricultural college included a tower over the entrance to the three story, "L" shaped building. Large steps would lead to the main entrance on the second floor. The first floor would be a semi-basement. The new structure would have classrooms, laboratories and room for a 25-horsepower Corliss engine and universal grinding machine waiting in storage due to a lack of space.



Two unidentified gentlemen pause with a truckload of dirt and rock near Organ, in this undated photograph by Organ merchant Louis B. Bentley.

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75 years ago

1937

• Jack Harden of El Paso won the Las Cruces Invitational Golf Championship at the Las Cruces Country Club over 79 other golfers in the match format tournament. Harden defeated New Mexico Champion Carl Jones to reach the finals and topped Spec Howard of Albuquerque in the championship match.

• The first annual meeting of the Doña Ana County Livestock Bureau held at the L.F. Burris Ranch near Chambray was attended by more than 400 people. Ranchers, family members and friends from Doña Ana and Luna counties enjoyed a barbecue as well as roping and riding events.

• The Rio Grande Theatre was showing Pearl Buck's "The Good Earth" with Paul Muni and Luise Rainer and "Super Sleuth" with Jack Oakie and Ann Sothern.

50 years ago

1962

• The 100-piece Aggie Marching Band under the direction of Gene Lewis was planning to treat fans at the upcoming New Mexico State University versus Pacific football game to "One Thousand and One Nights." The season-opening show would depict the fabled "Arabian Nights." The band planned to form a "flying carpet" formation to open the show.

• The Rio Grande Theatre was showing "The Count of Monte Cristo" starring Louis Jourdan and "The Phantom of the Opera," with Nelson Eddy and Claude Rains.

• Tickets were on sale for Count Basie and his "internationally famous" orchestra at Alameda Junior High School as part of the Jazz Artist Concert Series.

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• Maj. Gen. Thomas J.P. Jones was set to assume command of White Sands Missile Range on the retirement of Maj. Gen. Joe S. Owens at a ceremony on the base scheduled for Oct. 31.

• After upsetting the University of New Mexico Lobos 17-14, the New Mexico State Aggie football team was putting their one-game win streak on the line to host Angelo State, a team that beat the NMSU in 1986.

• Fourteen candidates filed for three available seats of the Las Cruces City Council.

Information gathered from New Mexico State University Library's Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections. Edited by Jim Hilley.

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Photos by Steve MacIntyre

Chellye Porter from Hawks Aloft out of Albuquerque holds Augilla, a red-tailed Hawk inside Wild Birds Unlimited Saturday, Sept. 15, during the store's anniversary.



Gina Esposito from Hawks Aloft of Albuquerque holds Aztec, a 4-year-old great horned owl. In the foreground is Miss Tori, an American kestrel.

Esposito and Chuck Brandt from Hawks Aloft stand together inside Wild Birds Unlimited as they talk to customers about various types of hawks in the area.



Porter and Augilla



Brandt holds Miss Tori, an American Kestrel.

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CrimeStoppers

Shots fired

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for firing rounds into a home.

Shortly after 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, Las Cruces Police responded to a report of shots fired at a home on the 1600 block of Dogwood Street in the Mesa Heights neighborhood. The house was occupied by four adults and a child but no injuries were reported. Police discovered three rounds that were lodged in the interior walls of the home.

Detectives believe that the shots were fired from someone who was standing near the roadway in front of the



home. In addition to the shooting, the suspect is believed to have thrown cinder blocks through windows of two vehicles parked outside.

Anyone with information on who may be responsible for this incident is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

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

New mobile cop shop deployed

Las Colinas gets visit by state-of-the-art center

The Las Cruces Police Department will deploy its new, state-of-the-art, \$170,000 Mobile Operations Command (MOC) center to the Las Colinas neighborhood through Saturday, Sept. 22, where residents can share concerns with officers.

The MOC was stationed Thursday, Sept. 20, at Las Colinas Park, near Galina Drive and Las Colinas Drive, and will be staffed continuously until 10 p.m. Saturday.

Las Cruces Police officers will conduct a free Ident-A-Child program Saturday during a neighborhood picnic at the park. The picnic, sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Las Cruces, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Other organizations scheduled to be on hand during the picnic include the Child Crisis Center of Southern New Mexico, the CareNet Teen Pregnancy Center, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office DARE and GREAT programs, and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. All activities are free.

The Las Cruces Police Department's new MOC is a 42-foot-long travel trailer with two slide-outs, seven work stations and a briefing room. The MOC is equipped with a satellite dish with two receivers, telescopic lights, a video camera system and communications equipment to communicate with other law enforcement agencies and amateur radio operators.

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Victoria Fisk, Sgt. Maj. William Fisk, Carolyn Fisk, Nathan Pinchbeck and Lynda Davis bag chiles at the Chile Willie benefit for local wounded and homeless veterans Saturday, Sept. 8, at Ump 88.

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

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

For registration information, call 528-3000.

STRENGTHEN ABDOMINALS

Strengthen Abdominals class is from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Las Cruces Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Classes are drop in.

Registration with Senior Programs is required. Suggested donation is 50 cents for seniors, \$2 fee for those under 60.

60+ SENIOR ACQUATICS CLASS

Senior Aquatics classes for seniors age 60 and older are from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Aquatics Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Participants are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration with senior programs is required. Suggested donation is \$1.

THE VOYAGERS TRAVEL CLUB

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

Trips currently being booked include:

- **Trinity Site Day Trip:** Saturday, Oct. 6. Cost \$50, includes lunch at Sparky's in Hatch.
- **Big Bend National Park:** Oct. 29-Nov. 1. Cost \$430 double, \$520 single.
- **New Orleans:** Nov. 10-18. Motor coach, nine days and eight nights. Cost: \$1,080 single, \$810 double.
- **Canada/New England cruise:** Oct. 10-20, 11 days and 10 nights. Cost: Inside cabin \$2,250, outside cabin \$2,420, balcony cabin \$2,700.
- **Australia/New Zealand cruise:** March 4, 2013, 13 days, 12 nights, inquire at Voyagers office.
- **San Antonio, Texas:** May 5-11, 2013. Cost: \$620 double, \$800 single.
- **Niagara Falls/Toronto:** Sept. 23-26, 2013, four days, three nights. Cost: \$1,647 double.
- **Mississippi Steamboat Cruise:** Nine days, eight nights Nov. 8-16, 2013. Inquire at Voyagers office. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

60+ T'AI CHI CLASSES AT MUNSON CENTER

T'ai chi classes for seniors age 60 and older are from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Classes are drop in.

Registration with Senior Programs is required. Suggested donation \$1.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

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

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

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

The next available class is from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

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

50+ SINGLES BREAKFAST CLUB

The 50+ Singles Saturday Morning Club meets at 9 a.m. the first and third Saturday of the month at Furr's Family Dining, 2340 E. Griggs Ave. Cost of the breakfast buffet is \$6.69.

The club is intended as a way for singles age 50 and older to meet new people.

GOING SOLO 50+ SINGLES

Singles age 50 and older are welcome to join Going Solo Singles. The group is a way to meet new friends and enjoy dining out, monthly potlucks and game nights.

For more information, call Judy at 522-6543.

AARP MEETS EACH MONTH

AARP meetings are held at 2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month, except July and August, at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Meetings offer people age 50 and older interesting guest speakers, light refreshments and a chance to socialize. For more information, call Sue Lundgren at 382-0733, or email galileo915@centurylink.net.

50+ BINGO

The Parks & Recreation Department is offering free bingo from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays for individuals age 50 and older who are registered members of Senior Programs, at the following date and location:

- **Oct. 3:** Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.
- **Oct. 10:** East Side Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.
- **Oct. 17:** Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.
- **Oct. 24:** Benavidez Community Center, 1046 W. McClure Road
- **Oct. 31:** Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.

In addition, Sagecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 2029 Sagecrest Court, will be offering bingo from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

Seniors must present their Senior Programs ID cards.

For more information, call 541-2550 or 541-2553. The TTY number is 541-2772.

THE NETWORK VOLUNTEER CENTER

The Network Volunteer Center connects individuals 18 or older to volunteer positions at more than 25 Las Cruces agencies and organizations.

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For more information, contact 528-3035 or thenetwork@las-cruces.org.

MEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

An 8-ball tournament for men age 50 and older is held the last Wednesday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up is from 8 to 9 a.m. and play begins at 9:15 a.m. Cost is \$3 per person.

For more information, call 541-2550.

WOMEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

An 8-ball tournament for women ages 50 and older is held the first Monday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up is at 8 a.m. and play begins from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Gift cards are awarded to first- and second-place winners.

For more information, call 541-2550.

SOCIAL DANCERS

Smokin' Mirrors will perform classic country, rock and Spanish music from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The dance is sponsored by the Las Cruces Social Dancers. Cost is \$6 per person.

For more information, call 541-5982.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

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

- **11:30 a.m. each Thursday** at Garduños in the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. For more information, call Jan at 522-7133.
- **6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month** at Arbors of Del Rey, 3731 Del Rey Blvd. Respite care

available during meeting. For more information, call Faith at 382-5200.

- **6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month** at the Village at Northrise, 2884 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Desert Willow Building. For more information, call Bonnie at 556-6117.

The Alzheimer's Association – New Mexico Chapter has offices in the Richardson Building, 101 N. Alameda Blvd., Suite 7.

For more information, call the organization's 24-hour hotline at 800-272-3900, or the Southwest Regional Office at 647-3868.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Each month a selected artist displays his or her work at City Hall. A ceremony with the mayor is at 12:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month to recognize that month's artist. For more information, call 528-3000.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Resource Center staff provides a free information and referral service to those ages 50 and over on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, housing, food stamp and more at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

For more information, call 528-3301.

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notice of Public advisory meeting

El Paso Electric (EPE) invites interested parties to participate in one of two workshops to obtain your input on the proposed new and revised energy-efficiency programs for New Mexico-service-territory customers.

El Paso Electric implemented residential and commercial energy-efficiency programs in 2012 that need modifications to ensure participation. New programs are also being considered for implementation to provide wider participation. Your input is important to EPE and we encourage you to attend. EPE will be hosting these workshops at the following locations on the indicated dates and times:

Tues., Sept. 25, 2012 9–11 a.m. El Paso Electric Company 555 S. Compress Road Las Cruces, N.M. 88005	Wed., Sept. 26, 2012 9–11 a.m. PERA Building, 4th Floor Hearing Room 1120 Paseo de Peralta Santa Fe, N.M. 87501
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If you are unable to attend, you may call in for a teleconference using the following numbers:
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Presentation available online: epesaver.com
Click on "Training and Presentations" and then "Forum."

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Celebrating Mexico's independence at the Diez y Seis de Septiembre Fiesta

Photos by Beth Sitzler

The historic Mesilla Plaza was filled with carnival rides, vendors, games and community members during the Diez y Seis de Septiembre Fiesta Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15-16. The fiesta honors Mexico's independence from Spain.

Mariachis perform for the crowd Sunday, Sept. 16, near the gazebo. The fiesta also included a parade that had a New Mexico state centennial theme.



Nathan Meza concentrates on lifting a painted bottle with a fishing rod. The goal was to get the bottle to stand straight without falling over. The game booth was one of many that lined the plaza.

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OBITUARY

ARNULFO VALENZUEA MARTINEZ

May 27, 1927 - September 16, 2012

Arnulfo Valenzuela Martinez, 85, of Brazito, New Mexico, entered eternal life Sunday, September 16, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. He was born May 27, 1927 in the Old Village of Picacho, New Mexico to Simon and Francisca Valenzuela Martinez. Arnulfo received his certification as a dispatcher for the Railroad and retired after forty years of service. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine and Parish.



Visitation for Mr. Martinez will begin at 6 p.m., Thursday, September 20, 2012 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine and Parish, 3600 Parroquia Street in Tortugas where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 7 p.m. Family and friends will join together to celebrate the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m., Friday, September 21, 2012 in the same church with Reverend Vincent Petersen, Celebrant. The Rite of Committal and Interment will

follow in the Tortugas Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.

Serving as casket bearers will be Nicholas Montoya, Adam and Alfonso Martinez, Phillip and Arnold Ortega, and Reina Martinez-Trujillo.

The Martinez family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, NM. 575-527-2222 For online condolences log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruc.com



Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife of sixty years, Eusebia Ramirez Martinez of the family home; two sons, Arthur Martinez and wife Dolores Apodaca, and Gabriel Martinez all of Albuquerque, New Mexico; three daughters, Rita Martinez of Belen, New Mexico, Theresa Ortega of Albuquerque, and Anita Montoya and husband, Nick of Brazito; a brother, Abel Martinez and wife Carmen also of Brazito. Other survivors include eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister.

DEATH NOTICES

REYES

Gregorio V. Reyes, 64, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on September 7, 2012. A memorial service for Gregorio has been held. Arrangements by La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

CARRERAS

Louie Carreras, 52, of Hatch, New Mexico, passed away on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 in El Paso, Texas. Services are pending with Getz Funeral Home. 575-526-2419

RICHARDSON

Helen Bunting (Bunty) Richardson passed away September 16, 2012 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, September 29, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in the Carrizozo Country Club, 14 Country Club Drive in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Helen B. Richardson's memory to the Canyon Cowbells Scholarship Fund, PO Box 578, Carrizozo, NM 88301.

Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, NM. 575-527-2222

SAENZ

Edelia Saenz, age 86 of La Mesa, New Mexico, entered eternal life Friday, September 14, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center.

Calling hours will begin at 6 p.m., Thursday, September 20, 2012 in San Jose Catholic Church, 353 Josephine St. in La Mesa, where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 7 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m., Friday, September 21, 2012 in the same church with the Reverend Rogelio Martinez, Celebrant. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in San Jose Cemetery where she will be laid to rest.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005 575-527-2222. For online condolences log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruc.com

BENNETT

Fern Bennett, 77, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and formerly of Deming, New Mexico, died Sunday, September 16, 2012 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending at Baca's Funeral Chapels. 575-527-2222

GOICK

Rose H. Goick, 76, of Tularosa, New Mexico, died Monday, September 17, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center. Services are pending at Baca's Funeral Chapels. 575-527-2222

GLIDWELL

Mary G. Glidwell, 92, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Monday, September 17, 2012 at The Village at Northrise. Services are pending at Baca's Funeral Chapels. 575-527-2222

GILLIS

Donald R. Gillis, 80, of Hatch, New Mexico, passed away in Las Cruces, New Mexico on Monday, September 17, 2012. Arrangements are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891.

CHAIRES

Abbie Jolee Chaires, infant, passed away Wednesday, September 19, 2012. Funeral services are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

DURAN

Christine Duran, 54, passed away Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at Sagecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891.

CHAAPEL

Robert R. Chaapel, 89, of Longmont, Colorado, died Thursday, September 13, 2012 at Applewood Living Center. Cremation entrusted to Carroll-Lewellen Funeral & Cremation Services. Memorial Services will be held at a later date in Las Cruces, New Mexico at La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Friday, September 21st**
Mesilla Valley Christian School Football PINK Game
Time: 7:00pm Place: Gadsden High School Contact: Mesilla Valley Christian School
- Tuesday, September 25th**
NM State Taos Cafeteria Student Dinner
Time: 6:00pm Place: NMSU Corbett Center Contact: (575) 646-3202
- Wednesday, September 26th**
NM State Luminaria Ceremony
Time: Dusk Place: NMSU Pan American Center (north end near ticket office)
Cost: Luminaries may be purchased for \$10/Bag Contact: (575) 646-3202
- TETWP "VIPink" Sponsor Party & Silent Auction Sponsored by Jennifer & Clay Bush
Time: 6:30pm Place: NMSU Pan American Center (inside north lobby)
Cost: By Invitation Only
- Thursday, September 27th**
TETWP Shop for the Cure Shopping & Boutiques
Time: 10:30am-2:30pm Place: NMSU Pan American Center (east / southeast concourse)
Cost: Open to the Public Contact: (575) 644-4780
- Sodexo Ladies Luncheon & Emerald Isle Fashion Show
Time: 11:30am Place: NMSU Pan American Center (floor)
Cost: \$40/Individual Ticket or \$45/Table Ticket
Contact: (575) 649-2547
- Saturday, September 29th**
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Time: 3pm
Place: NMSU Fulton Center (southeast parking lot)
Contact: By invitation only |
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- NM State Aggie Football vs Texas San Antonio with Price's Creameries Halftime Check Presentation
Time: 6:00pm Place: NMSU Aggie Memorial Stadium
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- Friday, October 5th**
Deming Public Schools "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" Deming Wildcats vs. Silver City Fighting Colts High School Football Game
Time: 6:00pm Place: Deming High School
Contact: Deming Public Schools
- Friday, October 12th**
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| Cowboys for Cancer Research Dinner Dance & Silent Auction
Time: 6:30pm
Place: Las Cruces Convention Center
Cost: Open seating \$100
Reserved (table of 10) \$120
Contact: (575) 524-0475 | Las Cruces Public Schools "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" Las Cruces Bulldawgs vs. Ocate Knights High School Football Game
Time: 7:00pm
Place: Field of Dreams
Contact: Las Cruces Public Schools |
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Time: Saturday and Sunday Place: Sproul Arena (Formerly Calhoun Arena)
Cost: Contact Us for Details Contact: (575) 524-0475
<http://www.cowboysforcancerresearch.org/>
- Saturday, October 27th**
Cowboys for Cancer Research Rib Cook-Off
Contact: (575) 524-0475 <http://www.cowboysforcancerresearch.org/>
- Friday, November 9th**
Gadsden Independent School District "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" Chaparral vs. Santa Teresa High School Football Game
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Recession? Still here?



Richard Coltharp
That's the Way of the World

If you're looking for work in Doña Ana County, you don't have to look far. Several area businesses are looking to fill jobs right now.

L&M Radiator – which, by the way, is not a local automotive radiator shop but a big factory that makes cooling systems for giant engines – celebrated this week one year and 170 jobs in Las Cruces and is hiring more.

Allstate is looking to hire people starting at \$11.35 an hour. Dick's Sporting Goods will open next month and has already hired a few dozen people. Convergys is ready to hire more than 100 people. Sitel is ready to hire as many as 250 people between now and the end of the year.

Many small local businesses that, a couple of years ago, were holding steady or cutting positions are now looking at adding a person or two.

It appears, as Sitel Site Director John Muñoz has said on more than one occasion: "Las Cruces is open for business."

On top of that, Gov. Susana Martinez announced this week three new companies relocating to Santa Teresa, in the southern part of the county, and a fourth company already there is planning to expand.

NMSU's Arrowhead Center, an incubator that offers all kinds of business support for fledgling entrepreneurs, got a huge shot in the arm this week with a \$1 million grant from the Economic Development Administration.

I realize it may be a little frivolous to say, "What recession?" We all know there are industries and segments of the economy that are still hurting. There are many people in our community facing foreclosure of their homes and other difficult situations. Some have lost jobs or are underemployed.

People who may not be in those dire circumstances have nonetheless cut back, focusing on debt, eating out less often, scaling down some of the extras.

There is, however, a lot of activity going on not only in our backyard, but right in our front yard as well.

Much of that activity appears to be long term.

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Business bump in Santa Teresa

130 new jobs announced

Wednesday, Sept. 19, with the sounds of train whistles and road construction as a backdrop, Gov. Susana Martinez announced the arrival of three new companies coming to Santa Teresa.

Those noises were appropriate, because the companies' arrival is all about transportation and infrastructure.

A fourth company, JH Rose Logistics, which was already in the area, announced it was expanding and taking over an existing vacant building in the area.

"These four companies bring more than 130 jobs," Martinez said.

Kacy Robinson, vice president of operations for JH Rose, said the 20 jobs his company is adding will start in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year range.

The other companies coming are Bizlink Technology, a cable manufacturing solutions company from Taiwan; Santa Teresa Southern Railroad Inc., which will provide rail service to the Santa Teresa Intermodal Park; and Ferza Group, an El Paso company that transports consumable goods such as liquid sweeteners, from rail to truck to customers.



Gov. Susana Martinez greets Daniel Liang, Jeff Baskett and James Robinson, officials from three of the four companies that announced significant business plans in Santa Teresa. Their plans could mean as many as 130 additional jobs in the county in the next 12 to 18 months.

125th anniversary looks to future

Mesilla Park history the key

By **Alta LeCompte**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

When the crowd disbursed after a day of events celebrating the 125th anniversary of Mesilla Park Saturday, Sept. 15, a small group interested in charting the community's future pulled folding chairs into a circle in the all-purpose room of the Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center.

The group included local leaders from varied backgrounds – veteran New Mexico Sen. Mary Kay Papen, New Mexico State University history department head Jon Hunner, retired executives Dave and Janet Clements and

Las Cruces City Councillor Greg Smith.

While they prepared to start their meeting, residents who had attended the celebration circulated around the buffet table. At another table they poured over old maps. They gathered in small groups to share stories of who lived where back when in Mesilla Park.

Missing from the gathering were representatives of the business community, whom the group felt must be involved going forward with establishing a historic district and revitalizing Mesilla Park.

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

The Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center may become the first building in Mesilla Park to receive a historic designation.

US Bank names Silva branch manager

New location to open in December

After a four-month hiatus from work, Jeffrey Silva was OK with trading in the shorts and flip-flops for a suit and tie.

When he got to his new job at US Bank, though, he was told, "If you want to lose the tie, go ahead."

"That's the first thing that's coming off," Silva said.

And while he won't be wearing the flip-flops to the office, Silva does appreciate the casual atmosphere at US Bank, where he has been hired as branch manager of its soon-to-open 3790 E. Lohman Ave. office.

"I will be running the sales and operations running a team of bankers, tellers at the new location



SILVA

up on Lohman and Foothills (Drive)," Silva said. "It's a very visible location and the bank is very committed to building a great team and being successful in this community."

Craig Buchanan, market president for US Bank in Las Cruces, said Silva will be a good

match.

"We're glad to have him join our team," Buchanan said. "Jeffrey has got some skills we'll be able to put to good use. We think he'll fit in well here. He's obviously very active in the community. We think his banking expertise plus his visibility in the community will do well at US Bank."

Silva's list of community

activities reads like a beefy resume:

- Board chair for the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces
 - Board chair for the March of Dimes of Southern New Mexico
 - Board of directors, Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance
 - Committee member, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico
 - Town-Gown Commission for New Mexico State University
 - Rio Grande Rotary Club
- More comfortable, and more important, to Silva than the tie policy was the ability to stay in Las Cruces.

After leaving BANK'34 earlier this year, Silva had also looked at jobs in Colorado, nearer to where his parents live.

"It came down to an offer in Denver and this offer with US Bank," Silva said. "With everything I had started with the March of Dimes and the Hispano Chamber, it just made sense to stay here."

"This is home."

"The bank is very supportive of my community involvement and supportive of this community as well. With the things I'm involved in, it's nice to have their support. They're very pleased I'm so involved in this community."

"US Bank is really doing well. We have a wide range of products and services, to meet not only the needs of the business community but for the consumer as well."

Silva started at the Downtown US Bank office at 277 E. Amador Ave. Friday, Sept. 14, and will move to the new location when it opens, which is Buchanan said will likely be mid-December.

Forum to review employment laws

HR event to cover re-employment of veterans

The Southern New Mexico Society for Human Resource Management (SNM SHRM) will host the 28th annual Employment Law Update Friday, Sept. 28, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

The event begins at 7:30 a.m. and will last until 5 p.m.

Attorneys from Kemp Smith will speak on employment law topics as well as offer a Q & A session during which human resources

professionals and business leaders will have the opportunity to ask legal questions.

In addition, military advisers will speak on re-employment of veterans and PTSD and National SHRM speaker Scott Ferrin will discuss "The Future of HR, What's Next for the Profession."

In between sessions and during breaks, attendees will have the opportunity to bid on silent auction items to benefit the SHRM

Foundation as well as visit vendor booths and contribute to two charities, the Roadrunner Food Bank and the Wounded Warrior Project. Canned foods will be collected for the food bank and monetary donations for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Canned food donations to the Roadrunner Food Bank and monetary donations to the Wounded Warrior Project.

The cost is \$188 for SHRM national members, \$248 for the public and \$78 for students.

Registration and payment will be taken online at www.snmshrm.org. A downloadable form is also available on the website and may be mailed with payment to P.O. Box 1028, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. Representing more than 250,000 members in more than 140 countries, the society serves the needs of HR professionals and advances the interests of the profession. Founded in 1948, SHRM has more than 575 affiliated chapters within the United States and subsidiary offices in China and India.



Las Cruces City Councillor Greg Smith and historian Jon Hunner listen to suggestions by Mesilla Park Branding Committee Chairman Dave Clements.

Mesilla Park

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Janet Clements noted that she had circulated flyers about the meeting to businesses and a number of owners are interested in participating.

Community celebrates its past

Mesilla Park was established in 1887 and grew into a neighborhood with a thriving business and warehouse district along Main Street south of University Avenue. A railroad depot anchored the community. Homes sprung up on Bowman Avenue and nearby streets.

The City of Las Cruces in 1964 annexed most of the Mesilla Park, an unincorporated community. Residents of a portion of the west end of the neighborhood agreed to be taken in by Mesilla. Southern Mesilla Park remained an unincorporated area of Doña Ana County.

In spite of the fracturing of Mesilla Park, a sense of community lingered and was celebrated Saturday at the former school, now the Frank O'Brien Papan Community Center.

Committee notes progress

At the far end of the room where the informal committee huddled, Smith announced he had asked Las Cruces City Manager Robert Garza to pursue historic designation for the Papan building through the city's planning department.

"I think it would be a nice starting place," he said.

Hunner also brought good news.

He reported he had toured the area with an official from the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division, who confirmed Mesilla Park "could easily be a historic district."

"We would have to come up with boundaries and survey every structure," Hunner said.

He suggested using as a reference point the 1930 census in which Mesilla Park had "a pretty big footprint."

A survey would determine whether or not each structure in the proposed district is contributing, supporting or non-contributing to a historic district.

"We could work with the state office, and – if we work well with them – they will probably approve it and send it to national for consideration," he said.

Hunner said he would check on the availability of National Park grants through the Historic Preservation Division for doing a survey.

He noted there are several ways of tackling the task. Options include hiring an architectural firm, working with NMSU



State Sen. Mary Kay Papan compares notes on Mesilla Park history as residents socialize during the community birthday event.

faculty and students or training and mobilizing community volunteers.

"It's a lot of field work," he cautioned, adding he would inquire with Historic Preservation about the availability of volunteer training.

"It takes good sized groups or a lot of money," Dave Clements, chairman of the Mesilla Park Branding Committee, said. "And we don't have any money."

Onward to a survey?

The group discussed whether a historic designation would restrict the ability of property owners to alter the exterior of their buildings.

"I live in a 100-year-old property and I could tear it down tomorrow if I wanted," Hunner said.

Several attendees noted that the local standards adopted in historic districts vary and can be more stringent than Mesilla Park would want.

"It's finding out what makes sense to us in connecting the past with the future," Smith said. "It has to be organic and what the people really want."

He said community education would be important to the success of the project.

"You have to find ways to communicate that you don't have to fit into a tiny box, but that we're willing to work with you," he said.

Dave Clements said guidelines would specify "what you want the place to look like."

He said McDonald's has put up buildings in a number of historic communities that look nothing like the stereotypical golden arches.

"It's best to work with companies," he added.

Clements said one of the goals of branding Mesilla Park would be to enhance existing businesses and attract businesses that can be successful in the community.

The committee also discussed the vacant rail depot in the heart of the business district.

Janet Clements said Burlington Northern had indicated a willingness to donate the property if a nonprofit agreed to take responsibility for it.



Margie Rankin visits with Geri Rosenburgh at the Mesilla Park birthday celebration Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Frank O'Brien Papan Community Center.



Janet and Dave Clements at the branding meeting following Mesilla Park's birthday celebration

She said Mesilla Valley Preservation Inc. is interested in taking on stewardship of historic buildings.

Smith suggested doing a "mental exercise" to determine what the purpose of having that building would be.

Mesilla Park looks ahead

As they explored alternative visions for Mesilla Park, attendees threw out a number of suggestions.

Among the suggestions were:

- Signage such as the Mesquite District has developed
- Enhancing the warehouse section, which remains viable, by attracting more businesses and also creating a community arts complex in warehouse buildings
- Attracting businesses that meet everyday needs, such as a grocery store.

Hunner suggested the formation of a group of business owners interested in revitalizing the South Main Street corridor.

Janet Clements said a number of businesses she had spoken with were very interested in being a part of the branding project.

She also gathered signatures of those who are willing to attend a next steps meeting, share ideas and possibly volunteer to help with a survey of Mesilla Park.

Dave Clements said Saturday's discussion was a continuation of a dialogue and research that has been ongoing for about two years. Dolores Connor started the conversation with Smith and Hunner, he said.

By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



Ben Archer Health Center

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Courtney

Ben Archer Health Center will open its ninth location in spring 2013 at 1998 N. Motel Blvd. The new center will, like the others, offer medical, dental, pharmaceutical and behavioral health services.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Sept. 14	Baseball Complex	Tashiro Road Near Mayfield High School	527-5811
Sept. 7	Robledo Ridge	Near Tashiro and Valley drives	528-8055
Aug. 31	Downtown Main Street construction	South of Griggs Avenue	541-2000
Aug. 24	Vista College	840 and 850 N. Telshor Blvd.	993-5246
Aug. 17	US Bank branch	Corner of Lohman Avenue and Foothills Drive	524-0033

Our numbers

New Mexico counties

33 counties in New Mexico

3,804 square miles in Doña Ana County

209,233 Doña Ana County population in 2010

12,893 Doña Ana County population in 1910

800 plus Doña Ana County employees

Sources: www.co.dona-ana.nm.us, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dona_Ana_County,_New_Mexico

Gas update

Monday, Sept. 17

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **risen 2.0 cents** per gallon in the past week, **averaging \$3.65** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **increased 2.3 cents** per gallon in the last week and stands at **\$3.86** per gallon.

New Mexico prices **Monday, Sept. 17**, were **21.6 cents** per gallon **higher** than the same day one year ago and are **19.9 cents** per gallon **higher** than a month ago. The national average has **increased 15.8 cents** per gallon during the last month and stands **24.9 cents** per gallon **higher** than this day one year ago.

1. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$3.45
2. Sam's Club	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$3.50
3. Bradley's	920 El Paseo Road	\$3.55
4. Circle K	801 E. Thorpe Road	\$3.55
5. Shorty's	1025 Spruce Ave.	\$3.58

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com, as of Monday, Sept. 17

Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE	CARRIER
Albuquerque	\$127.80	Southwest
Atlanta	\$217.60	US Airways
Austin	\$130.10	US Airways
Chicago	\$237.60	US Airways
Dallas-Love	\$188	Southwest
Houston	\$183.30	Southwest
Las Vegas	\$112.10	United
Los Angeles	\$151.80	American
Phoenix	\$92.80	Southwest
San Antonio	\$107.10	United
New York City	\$203.60	American
Washington, D.C.	\$181.60	American
San Diego	\$123.60	US Airways
London	\$1,395	United
Paris	\$1,768.90	British Air
Rome	\$1,642.30	KLM

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective through Sep.26-Oct 03 *Restrictions apply

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

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\$1.31079 in U.S. dollars
0.76290 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso
\$0.07818 in U.S. dollars
12.791 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen
\$0.01270 in U.S. dollars
78.72999 per U.S. dollar

Canadian Dollar
\$1.02614 in U.S. dollars
0.97453 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com, as of Sept. 17



Market snapshot

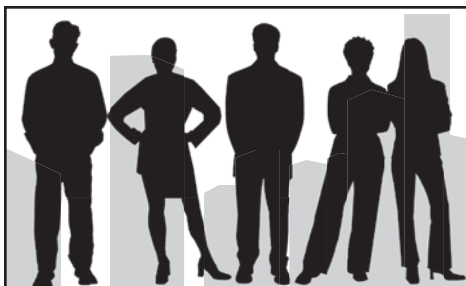
For the week of Sept. 10-14, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	13,306.64	13,593.37	286.73	2.2	11.3
Nasdaq	3136.42	3183.95	47.53	1.5	22.2

Strong: Health care, consumer staples

Weak: Materials, consumer discretionary, financials, utilities, industrials

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Profile

M. Sue Padilla: Padilla assumes new role

Assistant county manager steps up to interim post

By **Alta LeCompte**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

M. Sue Padilla, recently named interim Doña Ana County manager, has always been managing something.

"This is just bigger," said Padilla, who began her public sector career as manager for the 4,000-population community of Bosque Farms near Albuquerque.

Town management was not the career she had planned.

Thinking she wanted to be an extension agent, Padilla majored in agriculture at New Mexico State University.

Her path took a turn when she married shortly before graduation and moved with her husband, Elfiso Padilla, to the Albuquerque area where Bosque Farms is located.

She discovered she really loved working in local government.

"I especially like the aspect of starting a project and seeing it come to fruition for the people of the community," she said.

In the small town setting, she learned all aspects of local government, from planning and zoning to finance.

Padilla remained in the post 15 years, tackling a number of major projects. The work ranged from water purification to cleanup and beautification projects to widening the major thoroughfare and expanding economic development.

Padilla joins utilities department

The Padillas relocated to Las Cruces in 2002.

"My husband grew up here," she said. "We had always talked about returning here when we retired."

They made the move sooner to be closer to his parents.

In addition, their daughter, who was born after they had

been married 17 years, was getting ready to start school, Padilla said.

"Life changes when you have children," she said.

Padilla started with Doña Ana County in 2003 as a financial specialist in the utilities department.

At the time, the department was evolving and Padilla took on the responsibility of managing more than \$20 million in grants for the construction of wastewater treatment facilities.

"We have built three treatment plants and collection lines in several communities," she said.

She was promoted to utilities administrator less than two months after coming on board and was named department director when Jerry Leyendecker left.

In early 2006, Padilla assumed the duties of assistant county manager when that position became vacant.

Administrator broadens responsibilities

"They gave me some weird title," she said, as she pulled a file from her credenza to look up the exact moniker.

It was "executive county facilitator," she said.

In August 2006, she officially became assistant county manager.

Due to budget constraints during the recent recession, the county government was reorganized and two unfilled department head positions – public utilities and public works – were eliminated, she said.

As assistant county manager, she had six department directors reporting to her and she had direct oversight of public works and public utilities.

Padilla said since January she's been transitioning out of utilities, "which is getting to where it will run on its own."

As interim county manager, she continues to hold the responsibilities of assistant manager while assuming a broader role in the indefinite absence of county manager Brian Haines, who stepped aside earlier this month for health reasons.

Padilla said the biggest project on her plate is completion of the strategic plan, in conjunction with development of a budget for the coming year.

She said she is hoping to have a draft of the strategic plan by December and have the document finalized in February 2013.

Mom manages in multiple arenas

Because she's always managing something, she's always taken work home on evenings and weekends.

"I'm an early riser, so I get here early," Padilla said, noting she values the quiet time before others start arriving at the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd.

The organizing skills Padilla honed as a local administrator prepared her well for the logistical challenges of doing the county's business while traveling to American Quarter Horse Association competitions with her daughter, Hallie.

The young horsewoman earned a superior rating in showmanship in the finals of the world show this summer in Oklahoma City, Padilla said.

"This summer we were in Georgia, Oklahoma City and Dallas," she said. "Right now we're getting ready for Nashville and Columbus, Ohio, in October."

The trick to keeping the county and the family on track is to fly to events and limit the travel to times when Hallie, an honors student, doesn't have classes.

Padilla coordinates Hallie's schedule with her own and that of her husband, who travels extensively in his current position as a Land O' Lakes Inc. feed company distribution manager.

"I especially like the aspect of starting a project and seeing it come to fruition."

SUE PADILLA,
interim county manager

Details

M. Sue Padilla

Interim manager, Doña Ana County

Education

Bachelor's degree in agricultural extension and education, New Mexico State University

Family

- Husband Elfiso
- Daughter Hallie

Organizations

- Southwest Quarter Horse Association
- American Quarter Horse Association
- St. Albert the Great Newman Center
- Keep New Mexico Beautiful past president
- FFA Alumni Association of NMSU

Honors

U.S. Department of Agriculture recognition for contributions to clean water in New Mexico



Fortunately, the horse is based in Houston and the trainer is responsible for its timely arrival at competitions.

"The challenge is to get it all to come together when you need it. You can't be late and you've got to have everything there," Padilla said of the competitions. "It's just like work, where we make sure everything happens on schedule as we provide services to our customers and meet the board's goals and objectives."

Work flies along

Padilla described herself as "the show mom, the person that gets this or that at the shows."

Work, however, follows her into the arena.

"I always have my computer – with the Internet it's like you're here at work – and I'm always on the phone," she said. "I tell people I'm talking with not to worry if they hear weird noises that sound like neighing."

When the family is at home, they farm.

Agriculture has always been an important part of their life, said Padilla, who was born in Oklahoma, attended the Osage Indian School and later graduated from Grants High School in New Mexico. She received a scholarship from the Osage Agency to study agriculture at NMSU.

She met her future husband, fellow ag student Elfiso Padilla, at the university.

The family has 11 acres of pecan groves and plants 30 acres of alfalfa.

"We do a little of everything," she said.

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Breakdown	30-yr. fixed	1st-time buyers	15-yr. fixed	5/1 ARM	1-yr ARM
Average Rates	3.55%	3.50%	2.85%	2.72%	2.61%
Fees & Points	0.6%	2%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
Margin	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.74	2.76

Source: Freddie Mac / MFA

Will home sales rise following Fed purchase?

Central bank makes stimulus effort buying home mortgages

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In an effort to drive down interest rates and hasten the recovery of the nation's housing market, the Federal Reserve announced it has made an open ended commitment to spend \$40 billion per month to purchase residential mortgages. The central bank said it "will continue with the purchase program until the economy shows greater improvement, particularly with unemployment."

The National Association of Realtors (NAR) isn't sure the Fed's plan will work. NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun said recently the Fed's action "isn't expected to have a significant impact on housing, since it's no longer lower rates that stimulate home sales" (more on that later).

Yun went on to say it's possible that mortgage rates could actually rise if inflation-fearful private investors sell their mortgage-backed securities faster than the Fed is able to buy them.

Others in the investment industry also share NAR's view. One portfolio manager was quoted as saying that, by implementing this third round of Quantitative Easing (QE), the Fed is admitting that QE1 and QE2 didn't really get the job done. If the first two rounds worked as planned, said the analyst, there would be no need for round three.

Some locals familiar with our Las Cruces area economy tend to agree with NAR's outlook.

Joe Bullock, president of First American Bank, said there's "not much room to go further down," referring to mortgage rates.

During an appearance on my Monday radio show, New Mexico State University economist Chris Erickson said if mortgage rates do decline, borrowers won't see much of a reduction.

So if mortgage interest rates are not the force holding back the housing recovery, what is blocking the path?

According to numerous surveys, obstacles to achieving home ownership include the lack of a down payment, overly stringent loan underwriting guidelines, unemployment, job instability, an uncertain economic outlook and fear of making a bad investment.

It's interesting to note interest rates were nowhere to be found on the list.

The Fed was quick to point out that "the economy still has a long way to go toward recovery," and further predicted the unemployment rate will remain above 7 percent well into 2014.

Still, this is a opportune time for buyers who think long term, and investors looking for high returns, to take advantage of today's historically low mortgage rates and greatly reduced prices.

See you at closing.

Gary Sandler is the president of Gary Sandler Inc., Realtors in Las Cruces and the host of Gary Sandler's Real Estate Connection, broadcast each Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. on KSNM-AM 570. Sandler is the 2007 and 2010 recipient of the New Mexico Broadcasters Association's Talk Show Host of the Year award. Questions or comments may be directed to Sandler at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@garysandler.com.

Barela talks state's economy

Las Cruces builders hear the good and bad of things to come

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela spoke to a group of local builders about the good and bad their industry is facing during the September luncheon held by the Las Cruces Home Builders Association Thursday, Sept. 13.

Barela, a Las Cruces native, began his discussion by saying he understood what those in the industry are facing, explaining he started out in and is invested in the development industry.

"I understand exactly what the environment is like," he said, adding that the home building industry is dependent on the economy recovering to prosper and vice versa.

"The good news is, in New Mexico, things have started to turn. However, we still have a ways to go."

After inheriting a half-a-billion-dollar deficit, Gov. Susana Martinez was able to keep her campaign promise of not raising taxes, said Barela, adding that this year, there is a \$270 million surplus.

"We did it without raising taxes on small businesses and job creators," Barela said. "Not raising taxes created certainty and an air of predictability."

By creating this air of predictability, New Mexico has become more appealing to industries and job creators, Barela said, adding that this has influenced the state's unemployment rate, which has dropped from 8.8 percent to 6.6 percent.

Barela said for the past 13 straight months, there has been job growth in the private sector, with manufacturing and trade leading the pack, especially in Doña Ana County. New Mexico is currently second in the nation for export growth, following behind Washington, D.C.

"Trade with Mexico is up 50 percent since we've taken office," he said, adding that according to a survey conducted by Moody Analytics, New Mexico is sixth in the country in private sector projected job growth.

This growth has affected the housing industry throughout the state, which is up 10 percent, Barela said.

"In parts of the state, like Lea County, Eddy County and Chavez County, there is a housing shortage," he said. "Look at these parts of the state. There is opportunity there."

Another plus to the housing industry was the passing of a gross receipt tax bill signed into law by Martinez that eliminated pyramiding of construction.

"That will level the playing field a little bit," Barela said.

Despite these positives, there are "some clouds developing on the horizon," Barela said, the biggest of which is that the state can no longer depend on government – state and federal – as an engine of growth.

"For so long, we have been so reliant on money coming from Washington, D.C.," Barela said. "We have to understand that New Mexico's reliance on federal government job subsidies is coming to a quick end."

"The reality is we need to diversify New Mexico's economy or we will have difficult times ahead."

Barela said the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Energy are major contributors to New Mexico's economy. There is a possibility of these departments, especially the Department of Defense, receiving funding cuts, which would result in job losses in the state.

"We have to be diligent in New Mexico," Barela said. "We can't sit on our laurels and wait for federal government jobs to bail us out."

A challenge – as well as an opportunity – is to diversify the state's economy, which starts, No. 1, with the state becoming more competitive, Barela said.

"The tax structure at a state level, as well as a federal level, is a mess," he said.

Barela said New Mexico has 350 tax credits/deductions/exemptions, with less than 10 percent – \$35 million – going to businesses.

"(Also) our corporate income tax rate is 7.8 percent," he said. "That's one of the highest in the country."

Barela said the state needs to simplify, broaden and maybe eliminate current tax rates to make New Mexico more competitive in bringing in new businesses and industries.

"We have to compete to fight for these jobs," he said. "There are also companies in New Mexico that we might possibly lose because of our tax structure."

"I love to compete, love to compete, but I hate to lose."

Barela said issues such as the state's GRT are complex and filled with holes. While the GRT makes up 13 percent of the state's budget, it has become outdated, he said.

"There are only two states that have a form of GRT, and

we're one of them," he said.

One way New Mexico can diversify its economy is through its manufacturing and export industries. Barela said the state has been working hand in hand with the Republic of Mexico and State of Chihuahua, which has been greatly seen in Doña Ana County.



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"About 25,000 jobs were created in Chihuahua in manufacturing. That influences job growth in Doña Ana County," he said. "Sometimes, competition and cooperation can come together. That's what were doing with Chihuahua."

Barela said this partnership will create a slipover affect that will benefit Las Cruces in sectors such as the building industry.

"Manufacturing leads to housing," he said. "There is a multi-family, 100-unit development on our side of the border. That will kick start residential growth."

Barela said he understands that the private sector is the backbone of the state's, and country's, economy.

"My commitment to you, and the governor's commitment to you, is that we will continue to fight to have fiscal responsibility," he said. "We will continue to keep and know the philosophy that the private sector creates jobs, not the government sector."

Barela said the sectors he will focus on that pertain mostly to the residents of Doña Ana County are:

- Warehouses, logistics and transportation
- Aerospace
- Value-added food production, mainly through the exportation of pecans, chile and cattle
- Back-office operations, such as IT support and call centers.

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Scientific investigation not that easy

Care should be taken when consuming results



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

It's become cliché that each new scientific result contradicts the previous one. One study finds that starvation diets extend life, the next finds that they don't. One study says eggs cause heart disease; the next find that eggs protect against heart disease.

In economics, one study finds that the Obama stimulus prevented a depression; the next study finds no effect.

What accounts for these seeming contradictions? Why is it scientists can't agree?

At least one cause of the problem is the pressure to publish. To do so, one must find unique and interesting results.

Among results that are guaranteed to be interesting are those that contradict the results of your colleagues. Even better is to find a result that puts a previously cherished theory in doubt. Thus there is a bias toward publishing results that contradict other scientists.

Then there is the "top drawer" syndrome. Scientists, when presented with a non-result, tend to waste no more time on that project, filing the paper away in a proverbial top drawer without finishing it up. Meanwhile, other scientists are working on the same problem.

Experiments are always subject to chance that can cause spurious results. That is, by random chance, the experiment can seem to indicate a relationship when none exists.

When a high profile but spurious result is published, suddenly the "top drawers" fly open and papers contradicting the original result appear.

Consider the following: One hundred scientists all investigating a different drug hypothesized to cure ovarian cancer, each in their own lab. Each scientist runs a test that involves 100 patients,

half receiving the drug, half a placebo. The scientists are all dedicated and seek to advance the fight against cancer. None of them falsify their results.

Then there is confirmation bias. People tend to ignore the items that contradict their beliefs while giving full credence to items confirming those beliefs. This is as true of scientists as it is of everyday people, although scientists' training is supposed to help overcome this.

When we move to the realm of the non-experimental sciences, including economics, the situation becomes worse. Because of the many potential confounding factors it is harder to tease out critical relationships among potential variables. Is a theory being confirmed or is some confounding factor at work? There are techniques for overcoming these problems, but the scope for spurious results is significant.

“ Is a theory being confirmed or is some confounding factor at work? ”

Take an issue of current interest – the

effectiveness of fiscal stimulus. The Obama administration claims that fiscal stimulus like that enacted in 2009 prevented the recession from becoming a depression. Republicans claim the stimulus was ineffective.

Different economists have investigated this issue on numerous occasions.

Each estimated a different model of the economy. Some found government spending stimulates the private sectors; others found government spending crowds out private investment.

The estimates are all over the board. In either case, what is clear is that the stimulus, if it benefited the private sector at all, had a small effect. Whether such a small benefit is worth the large run-up in public debt is a political question, but the answer to this question is not a slamdunk on either side.

All this can be frustrating. An important public issue and the economics profession can't provide definitive answers.

I'm tempted to make some comment about how life isn't fair, but I think I'll have a beer instead.

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Civil War Era to be relived in Mesilla

Commemoration of 150th set for Oct. 19-21

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) is helping bring Mesilla's 150th Civil War Commemoration to town.

Mesilla's 150th Civil War Commemoration committee is planning a military ball on the plaza, speakers, guest lecturers, a candlelight procession and a concert that will feature Civil War-era music during the Oct. 19-21 event.

Tancy Bird, operator of the Gadsden Museum and chairperson of the committee, approached the CFSNM to serve as the fiscal adviser of a special fund created for the event. Fields surrounding the Gadsden Museum are generously provided for the free event open to the public and many activities are provided by the local community, but Bird wanted to help the re-enactment groups offset their travel costs, which include the transportation of horses and period items.

There are four levels of sponsorships: Gold for \$1,000, silver for \$750, bronze for \$500 and patron for \$200.

"The foundation acts as our 'second' set of eyes as they keep track of the contributions and donations that are received, as well as the checks which are paid out," Bird said. "This way, we have dual control of our funds and a way to manage, monitor and report the status of our accounting to the committee or anyone that might be interested in seeing where our funds are being spent. This affords our committee the assurance that everything we do is transparent and reconciled at the end of the event."

With the CFSNM serving as the fiscal adviser of the special fund, Bird and the committee can rely on the foundation to take care of taxes, nonprofit rules and regulations and business expenses associated with funds, a freedom that allows the committee to focus entirely on the event. By giving through the foundation, donors and sponsors can count their donations as tax-deductible gifts. The foundation also takes care of the smaller details that are extremely important.

"The foundation sends out the thank you letters for each of the donations and

contributions that we receive," Bird said. "Our committee is small and this helps the committee members since we all have time constraints that seem to get in the way of doing the small, but imperative and essential, details such as a thank you letter."

Mesilla's 150th Civil War Commemoration will transform Mesilla into a Civil War camp for a commemoration event that teaches about the War Between the States, which reached into southern New Mexico territory 150 years ago.

Bird said the emphasis of the event is to teach about history, and there will be encampments of both Union and Confederate units, allowing attendees to see demonstrations of authentic activities from the era with docents in period costumes. Attendees will also learn important facts, including the fact that Mesilla had a Confederate hospital in the Fountain Theatre during the Civil War, the Confederates had their encampment on the farm fields that surround the Gadsden Museum and the Confederate Grand Plaza used to be right outside of the front door of the museum where San Andres High School is now located.

For more information, Bird can be contacted at the Gadsden Museum, located at 1875 Boutz Road, by calling 526-6293.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the Southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the Community Foundation offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the Foundation is that you need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people throughout our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds you can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to your heart. Through our planned giving programs, you can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of

Southern New Mexico for generations to come. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico can advise you on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information see our website at www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn, Ph.D., at 521-4794. To donate, mail your check to CFSNM, 301 South Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.



Reviewing investing in the 'good old days'

1980s mortgage rates, government bonds in double-digit numbers

Jim Spence

Business Matters



Last week we reminisced about the good old days. Strangely enough, the 16-year stock market funk that began in 1966 and ended in August 1982 is not unlike the 13-year funk we find ourselves in right now.

As late as mid-1982, the Dow Jones Industrial Average had been trading back and forth between about 600 and 1,000 many times since 1966. It was a very long time for the Dow to go nowhere ... too.

Of course, the Dow was a bit misleading then just as it is now.

In the early 1980s the performance of the high-profile Dow Jones Industrial Average was not necessarily a true representation of the performance enjoyed by all investors in common stocks. In fact, the lower profile Value Line Index, which included the performance of hundreds of mid-sized companies, instead of just 30 very large companies, had outperformed the Dow by a very significant margin between 1966 and 1982.

Regardless of the performance of the indices, "active" traders came into our offices back in the mid-1980s and watched the stock market ticker. When they placed trades, they paid stiff commissions. Commissions were regulated in those days and kept artificially high. There was no such thing as an \$8.95 commission on a stock trade.

Not only were commissions higher, but so were money market rates. Money market funds had been in existence for a few years by the early 1980s. Clients kept their liquid assets in those accounts and got paid around 8 or 9 percent to do so.

If you wanted to borrow money to buy a house, the rate you paid on your mortgage was about 13 percent. If you wanted to buy

high quality government bonds you could earn double digit rates of return – returns impossible to replicate in today's Federal Reserve-manipulated low interest rate environment.

Despite the challenges today's investing environment presents, for our part, virtually instant access to virtually all of the information we want has been a godsend. The information revolution has lowered our costs and given us phenomenal new tools. In many ways the playing field has been leveled, and living in a location 2,000 miles from Wall Street is not at all a disadvantage. This is good, as we have no plans to move to New York.

Data on many companies based in China or in Brazil is now accessible. And our ability to take advantage of the information now readily available – including their competitive landscapes, demand trends, supply availability, demographics and government regulation – is helping us to make better investment decisions about the companies we follow.

Web streaming and conference calls provide us with a much higher level understanding of the management teams we analyze.

In short, lower costs, more information faster, and a leveled playing field all help us realize while reflecting on the investment industry of 30 years ago is fun, in the words of singer Carly Simon, "These are the good old days."

Amazingly, renowned quality control expert Peter Drucker said just a few years ago we are only in the early stages of the information revolution.

If this is true, it may be just as fun to ponder what life will be like in 2042 as it is to reflect on life in 1982. I hope I'm around in 30 years. Based on all the changes we have witnessed since 1982 it is likely to be very interesting to watch what happens between now and then.

Jim Spence is the portfolio manager at federally registered investment advisory firm Spence Asset Management Inc. Based in Las Cruces, the firm was named national Midcap Manager of the Year by Emerging Manager Monthly for 2011.

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Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20125132	Ridgetop Construction	Alice J. Richardson	Reroof	2012 Rose Lane	\$10,000	\$86.67
501251374	Iron Cross Construction	Charles W. & Barbara P. O'Donnell	Reroof	2817 Diamond Springs Drive	\$15,521	\$119.19
20125136	GS Roofing	Georgia Magoffe	Reroof	1238 S. Triviz Drive	\$3,442	\$48.04
20125139	Richard Molenaar III	Richard Molenaar III	Reroof	676 Stone Canyon Drive	\$2,500	\$42.49
20125153	B and L Roofing Inc.	Judy L. Baker	Reroof	2130 Sugar Pine Way	\$8,000	\$74.89
20125157	Gilbert & Sons Roofing & Plastering	Jose L. & Brisa Simental	Reroof	1224 Lees Drive	\$8,389	\$77.18
20125169	Clayton Donnelly Roofing	Neil & Marjorie Stueven	Reroof	1802 Las Tunas Drive	\$12,477	\$101.26
20125178	Triple J Excavation	Resources For Children & Youth	Reroof	1320 S. Solano Drive	\$6,100	\$63.70
20125187	Desert Hills Roofing	James O. Vigerust	Reroof	705 Chestnut Ave.	\$9,976	\$86,053
20125188	G Bishop Roofing LLC	Michael R. and Stacey Hyman	Reroof	1522 Parker Road	\$10,326	\$88.59
20125217	Commercial Roofing Systems Inc.	Joan M. Rawson, Trustee	Reroof	1050 N. Santa Fe St.	\$14,500	\$113.17
20125195	Flair Homes Inc.	DW Development	New/Res	1656 Neleigh Loop	\$172,200	\$4,711
20125140	Dunivan Custom Homes LLC	Gregory R. & Beth G. Fant	Res/Add	5900 Moonrise Vista	\$100,000	\$63.14
20125176	John Corkran	John Corkran	Res/Add	4477 Calle De Nubes	\$3,000	\$45.44
20125185	R Builders Inc.	DW Development	Rockwall	1656 Neleigh Loop	\$2,000	\$100
20125203	E and R Contractors	Tierra Del Sol Housing Corp.	Rockwall	4417 Valle De Luz	\$1,960	\$98
20125204	E and R Contractors	Mission Santa Clara LLC	Rockwall	1936 Calle De Fuerte	\$3,920	\$196

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In Good Company: *Las Cruces Small Business Development Center*

Plan to succeed

SBDC coaches start-ups and growth companies

By **Alta LeCompte**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

You've got a great idea – you'd like to manufacture solar panels in Las Cruces to supply residential and commercial installers.

You know you've got a problem – no money.

But you may have an even bigger problem you haven't identified: You haven't the vaguest idea how to start a business.

Your second problem can be solved with expert consulting – for free – at the Las Cruces Small Business Development Center, located in the Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave.

"We get a lot of kickback from the banks," said center director Fred Owensby, who has a banking and economic development background and is working for his economic development doctorate at New Mexico State University.

By kickback, he means banks sending clients to SBDC because they applied for a loan before figuring out where they wanted to take their business and how to get there.

Clients weigh options

The staff of four business advisers with a wide range of expertise can give you an overview of what you'll need to get started:

- Define your business
- Research potential markets
- Write a business plan
- Decide whether to incorporate
- Obtain necessary business registrations
- Finance your venture

Once you have a plan, and have taken the necessary steps to organize your business, SBDC advisers can work with you to solve problem No. 1 – obtaining financing.

"If you come to us with an idea for a business – you may want to open a restaurant or a car wash – at the initial interview we'll advise you on the first steps: a business plan, researching the market, determining the total amount of capital you'll need, so you're not intimidated to start a business, that it's doable," Owensby said.

How SBDC helps

After your initial session, you may decide you'd like SBDC to work with you as you define your goals and write your plan. Although you'll take the steps yourself, your adviser will be there to inform you of what you need to do and give you feedback as you proceed.

"We try to work through the process so you can make a go or no-go decision on your own," Owensby said. "It may be success for you is not to start a business at this time. You may not be ready."

He said only about two out of 20 who seek input from center advisers follow through and establish a business.

"A lot of people that come in are just 'kicking the tires,'" he said. "Maybe they've lost their jobs and they decide to go back to school or look for another job."

Those who proceed to market a product or service may want to work with business adviser Claudia Hadley, who holds an MBA and joined SBDC eight years ago after a career in marketing. She coaches clients in how marketing is done, the steps needed to start the business and how to write a press release or brochure.

Hadley also assists with market research for both start-up and established companies that want to grow their business.

She said SBDC even helps evaluate a product as a prerequisite to marketing.

Early this year, the SBDC advisers held seminars at which people evaluated a product for a client, she said.

After getting feedback "they did some revisions and were set to go," she said.

Adviser visions for success

Business adviser Michael Levine's favorite client is a start-up home health care company that has grown to the point of needing to add three staff.

The owner stops by every week to do visioning for her business with Levine.

"Planners say you should start by looking five years out. I don't know anybody who does that," he said. "I'm happy with someone who know where they want to be in one year."

Levine said some SBDC clients are looking to buy an existing business.

They need to know the steps to form a limited liability corporation or other business entity, file for a federal and state ID number and apply for a local business license.

"If they are going to buy (a business), they need to know what they want to turn it into, how big they want it to grow, the geographical territory they want to cover and how many people they will employ," he said.

Levine said he sees more than 100 continuing clients and 100 new ones each year and he feels as though he's contributing something to them.

He started with SBDC in Texas before joining the SBDC in Las Cruces. He had prior experience in the insurance, computer and real estate industries, but his vocational tests always told him he should be a social worker because he likes to help people.

"I couldn't be a traditional social worker," he said. "What I like best is every single client who comes in here wants to do better."

How the center operates

Because SBDC is funded by the federal and state governments, the advisers can stick



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William Dobricky, adviser for the SBDC's Procurement Technical Assistance Program, with SBDC adviser Claudia Hadley, center director Fred Owensby, administrative secretary Pavla Paiz and adviser Michael Levine in the conference room

with a client as long as they're needed and not charge them a dime.

The local SBDC is part of network of 20 centers across New Mexico that was founded in 1990, Owensby said. It serves Doña Ana and Sierra counties.

In addition to consulting, the center offers frequent workshops.

There will be five in October, covering marketing, financing, starting a business, and writing a business plan. All the workshops are free.

The local SBDC sees some 400 to 450 clients a year, Owensby said.

Its strategic plan for the year starting Jan. 1, 2013, calls for a 20 percent increase in the number of clients served, as well as a 30 percent increase in the number of jobs created by those clients, and a 25 percent increase in workshops.

"We're going to get a little more aggressive this year," Owensby said, because the economy is slowly improving. A 30 percent increase in job creation is the highest goal we've ever set, but that should be achievable. Local bankers all are saying they're open for business and lending money. We're seeing that happen."

Owensby said in his 10 years with the center, the profile of startups has remained about 60 percent service and 40 percent product.

"In Doña Ana County we have primarily a government-driven economy, between the university the school districts, the military and White Sands," Owensby said. "A lot of government people are purchasing stuff, which makes a stable market for our business people."

Adviser assists with government contracts

William Dobricky, an adviser who is housed in the same office suite but affiliated with the SBDC's Procurement Technical As-

sistance Program, teaches companies how to do business with all levels of government.

Like Owensby, he prefers to see clients sooner rather than later.

"We would rather they come to us in a time of need rather than in a panic of 'Oh my God, I won a government contract – what do I do now?'" he said.

"We want people to understand doing business with the government is a reasonable opportunity as long as you're prepared."

Dobricky said applying for a government contract makes a company better, because financial accountability and product quality standards are stringent.

Dobricky, who has worked in government contracting for 30 years in settings such as Argonne National Laboratory, Northrup Grumman Corp. and Rockwell, said the government buys "a little of everything," both technical and non-technical goods and services of all kinds.

His 120 clients range from one-person shops where an engineer or scientist wants to undertake a government research contract to a janitorial sub contractor, a family-owned hardware store or a sizable manufacturing company.

He walks clients through the steps of registering at websites, obtaining necessary certifications and understanding the bid matching process.

"We create a client profile based on key words and numeric classification codes," he said. "Then clients are sent information on federal, state, local and even some international opportunities."

He frequently may be seen out in the community giving presentations to let businesses know the services are available.

Dobricky said he collaborates with his counterparts in Alamogordo and El Paso to provide a broader spectrum of service. The three offices also co-sponsor events to build community awareness of their services.

“Local bankers all are saying they're pen for business and lending money.”

FRED OWENSBY,
director

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To learn more

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Briefs

Lorenzo's introduces Pasta Express

Lorenzo and Ali Liberto of Lorenzo's Mesilla are opening Pasta Express to Go and Friday Night Pizza at their catering facility, 3000 Harrelson St.

The location is one block south of the University Avenue and South Main Street intersection.

Pasta Express to Go is open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Family packs are available for family meals, as are bulk orders of pastas, bread and salad for catered events.

Pizza will be available 5 to 8 p.m. Fridays.

For more information, visit www.las-cruces-catering-services.com or call Pasta Express to Go at 522-5522 or catering at 496-6329.

Network to meet

The Las Cruces Business Network will meet at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at Furr's Fresh Buffet, 2340 E. Griggs Ave. Attendees are welcome to bring promotional materials to share. For more information, call George Pintar at 680-6515.

Associates join Farm Bureau

Charles Nike, husband of agent Carol Nike, has been named sales associate at Farm Bureau Financial Services, 2220 N. Telshor Blvd.

In addition, long-time Las Cruces resident Denise Simmons has joined the agency as a service associate. For more information, call 532-4830.

MVPHA announces board appointments

The Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority (MVPHA) announces the appointment of five Commissioners to the Board of Commissioners.

When the Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces and the Doña Ana County Housing Authority were merged to become the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority in January, new commissioners were appointed by Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and the Doña Ana Board of County Commissioners.

Chairman Art Jirón was appointed to the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces in 2009. His community service includes relational counseling, elderly support of the Trails West Retirement Community and church programs for the needy and homeless.

Vice Chairman Ralph Chaffee has been a resident of Las Cruces for more than 30 years. His professional background includes experience in business and agribusiness and banking services. He also has international experience in Zambia, Uganda, Kosovo, Mongolia, Bosnia,

Ukraine, Grenada, Barbados, Afghanistan, Iraq, Poland and India.

Felix Cordero is currently the facilities manager at Sitel. He served in the Marine Corps and is currently with the Marine Corps League, El Perro Diablo.

Arturo Marrujo has 19 years of experience in the housing industry, ranging from financing to development of affordable housing. He is currently the homeownership director at Tierra Del Sol Housing Corporation.

J. Steve Pandak is employed as the case/residential resources manager at Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. He is committed to helping the veterans obtain safe and affordable housing.



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FRI. 9/21
2:30 p.m. **Ribbon cutting**, Centennial High School, 1950 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. For more information, call 524-1968.

WED. 9/26
1 to 3 p.m. **Economic Update Forum** at KRWG-TV Studio in Milton Hall on the New Mexico

State University campus. For more information, call 524-1968.

THU. 9/27
5:30 to 7:30 p.m., **Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**, Red Hawk Golf Club, 7502 Red Hawk Golf Road. Members welcome. For more information, call 524-1968.

FRI. 9/28
Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic Tournament NMSU Golf Course, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. For more information, call 524-1968.

TUE. 10/2
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. **MVEDA Business in the Borderplex**

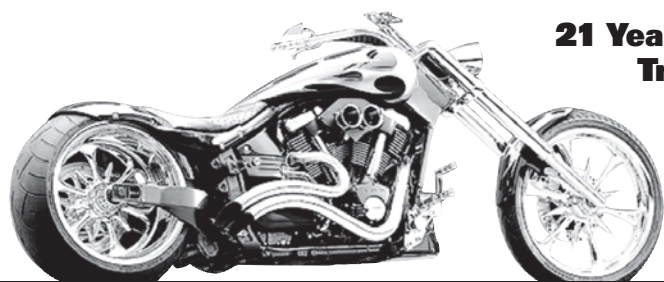
luncheon Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Reservations by Thursday, Sept. 27. Email rsvp@mveda.com or call 525-2852.

THU. 10/4
4 to 7 p.m. **Decorating Den Interiors**, 151 S. Walnut St., Suite C14. Grand opening event. For information, call 521-8326.

6 to 7:30 p.m. **Grant Writing Basics for Nonprofit Organizations** Room DAEM 113 Main Building, Doña Ana Community College East Mesa Campus, 2800 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Free. Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce members RSVP at 524-1968 or liz@lascruces.org.

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NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink Co-chairs Pat Sisbarro, Mary Henson and Laura Conniff Thursday, Sept. 13, at Wright Jewelers, which donated portions of jewelry sales as part of TETWP's campaign for breast cancer awareness



Jill Smith of ASA Architects and Rebecca O'Brien



Wright Jewelers co-owner Chuck Saari and customer Laurie Welty



Rebecca O'Brien and Nancy Wright show a necklace to a young girl.



Kathy Dahlin and Sisbarro check out the items at Wright Jewelers.



Dani Forbes helps Nora Lancaster try on a bracelet.



Robert Frick, Roberta O'Brien and Debbie Tellez of Wright Jewelers



Dani Forbes of Wright Jewelers prepares a package for TETWP.

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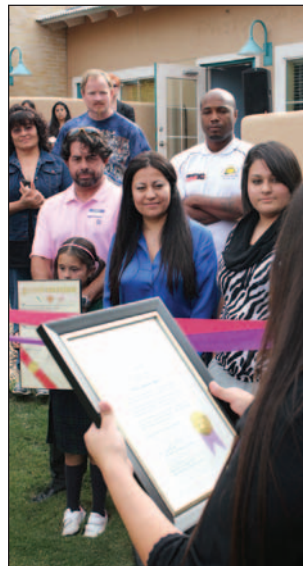


Casa de Peregrinos Executive Director Lorenzo Alba addresses the assembled crowd Tuesday, Sept. 18, discussing the concerns of poverty and hunger both nationally and locally.



The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces held a joint ribbon cutting for the Casa de Peregrinos Food Program.

Nora Lancaster cuts the ribbon on her insurance agency at the corner of El Paseo Road and University Avenue. Representatives from both the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces read proclamations.




Eldelisa Nava of the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces reads a proclamation at the ribbon cutting for the Nora Lancaster Allstate Insurance Agency.



Casa de Peregrinos Board Member Lynda Edwards visits with Alba at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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DACC to give online GED

College is first in New Mexico

New Mexico's Public Department of Education, in partnership with GED Testing, is launching computer-based testing at four sites in the state.

The Testing Center at Doña Ana Community College Aug. 14 became the first in the state to administer the GED exam on computer.

Online testing also is available at Roswell, Santa Fe and Central New Mexico community colleges.

"We have had a great experience testing for GED CBT," said DACC Testing Coordinator Natalie Salazar. "The most exciting part is how easy it is and the instant score reports that students get. We ... are thrilled to see more students interested."

Salazar said computer-based testing (CBT) offers several advantages to students:

- Immediate access to test scores
- Online registration at any time
- Expanded dates for online testing.

There also are advantages for the testing staff, she said. These include:

- Test takers can be monitored



DACC Testing Coordinator Natalie Salazar explains how to log on to the new computer-based GED testing system.

remotely.

- Rosters and answer sheets need not be produced.
- Payments are processed online.

New Mexico is one of 23 states now offering the computerized GED testing.

GED Testing Service is a joint venture between the American Council on Education and Pearson VUE, a company specializing in test development, data management and exam delivery through a secure network of test centers in 175 countries.

Kicks for Kids



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Richard Coltharp

New Mexico State University women's soccer coach Blair Quinn visited the Las Cruces Boys & Girls Club Monday, Sept. 17, to talk about the team's "Kicks for Kids" program. During the 2012 season, Quinn will donate \$10 for every Aggies goal to the Boys & Girls Club fundraiser. He is encouraging local individuals, organizations and business to do the same. "We think what you guys are doing here is great," Quinn told club members. "And we're going to try to help you guys keep doing it." To learn more about the project and the club, call 642-9556.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2011-01657

BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING LP FKA
COUNTRYWIDE HOME
LOANS SERVICING, LP,
Plaintiff,

v.

MARCOS PORRAS, THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
MARCOS PORRAS, UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA BY
AND THROUGH THE
INTERNAL REVENUE
SERVICE AND ARIZONA
TITLE, LLC, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on September 25, 2012 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named

defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 3 in Block numbered 2 of Sleepy Farms Subdivision, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Sleepy Farms Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on August 27, 1975 in Plat Book 12, Folio 20.

The address of the real property is 761 Palomino Road, Vado, NM 88072. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 16, 2012 in the above entitled and

numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$441,102.15 plus interest from April 19, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the

Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake

Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM00-03378_FC01

Pub # 12263
Dates 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21,
2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-00140

FINANCIAL FREEDOM
ACQUISITION, LLC,
Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEWISEES OR LEGATEES OF
CHARLES H. MARGOLIUS,
DECEASED, LINNEY
MARGOLIUS, UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA
BY AND THROUGH
THE SECRETARY OF
HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
LINNEY MARGOLIUS, IF
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Lot 3, Block B, EL RANCHO GRANDE, CORRECTION PLAT, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 3153 thereof, filed for record in the Office of the

County Clerk of said county on October 8, 1998, and recorded in Book 19, Pages 178-180, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1700 Rincon de Amigos, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 10, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$173,337.05 plus interest from March 31, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.560% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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Special Master
Southwest Support Group
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM11-02414_FC01

Pub # 12264
Dates 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, 9/21,
2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201102304

U.S. NATIONAL

ASSOCIATION, AS
SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
TO BANK OF AMERICA,
N.A., AS SUCCESSOR TO
LASALLE BANK, N.A.
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
MERRILL LYNCH FIRST
FRANKLIN MORTGAGE
LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE
LOAN ASSET-BACKED
CERTIFICATES, SERIES
2007-H1, Plaintiff,

v.

MARGARET HECHTER,
JOHN D. WEST AND
ANETTE WEST AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
MARGARET HECHTER, IF
ANY, Defendant(s).

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Lot 20, Block 5, MAJESTIC HILLS SUBDIVISION, NUMBER TWO, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 784 thereof, filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on August 13, 1973, and recorded in Book 11, Pages 55-61, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 3112 Risner St., Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above,

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Pub # 11609
Dates 2/24 - 12/28, 2012

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Pub # 11912
Dates 5/4 - 11/2, 2012

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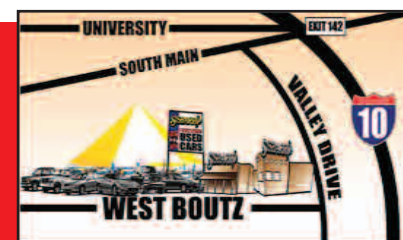


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Oktoberfest comes to WSMR

Annual German festival set for this weekend

By **Zak Hansen**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

On Friday, Sept. 21, Las Cruces craving a traditional knackwurst or knödel and a tall stein of Löwenbräu will have to look no further than just over the Organ Mountains.

The 28th annual White Sands Missile Range Oktoberfest celebration will take place at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at Volunteer Park. The annual event will feature authentic German food, dancers, music and, of course, beer.

There's much more than just food, drink and dancing at this year's Oktoberfest, though. Children and families will receive free admission to the Fun Zone, sponsored by FirstLight Federal Credit Union. The Fun Zone will feature bouncing houses, slides, a bungee jump and much more.

Everyone who purchases admission will also be entered in a drawing for a variety of great prizes, including a German goodie basket, a weekend in Las Cruces, a seven-night vacation sponsored by the Armed Forces Vacation Club

and, the grand prize, a \$1,000 travel voucher to be redeemed at WSMR Leisure & Travel Services.

Additional drawing tickets will also be available for \$1 each or 12 for \$10, with a maximum of 750 tickets available.

WSMR is also delighted to host for the first time the Goassl Schnazler group, a band of German musicians who perform with whips, wooden spoons, accordions and more.

Oktoberfest, the annual 16-day festival held in Munich, Bavaria, Germany, was first celebrated in 1810 to commemorate the Oct. 12 wedding of Crown Prince Ludwig to Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen.

The citizens of Munich were invited to the royal event, and in short time it became an annual celebration of Bavaria. Later, the event was lengthened and moved back to the end of September to allow for better weather.

The modern festival, still held in Munich, welcomes more than 5 million people each year, making it the largest fair in the world by a considerable margin. Last year's Bavaria festival drew 6.9 million visitors, setting a new attendance record, and more than 2 million gallons of beer was consumed, another record.

Oktoberfest celebrations can now be found in many countries across the globe including Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, India, the United States and Canada, which holds the second-largest festival with around 1 million in attendance.

In the U.S., hundreds of large and small Oktoberfest celebrations take place across the country at the end of September.

So what else do you need to know about this weekend's festival at WSMR? Attendees without a military ID must have valid driver's license and proof of insurance and registration.

All adult passengers must also have a valid ID with them. All vehicles entering WSMR are subject to search. IHG Army Hotel will offer a rate of \$68 per night, for attendees who want to stay on post after the event. A free shuttle service will transport those staying at their hotel to and from the event.

Oktoberfest tickets are available for sale at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of

Details

Oktoberfest

When
6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21

Where
White Sands Missile Range,
Volunteer Park

Cost
\$10, \$18, \$25 at the door

Website
www.wsmrwmr.com/event/oktoberfest
678-7991



Commerce, 760 W. Picacho Ave, or at the WSMR Community Center.

For \$10, patrons will receive admission and will be entered in the raffle; for \$18, guests receive admission, raffle ticket, as well as an authentic beer stein (300 available). Tickets will also be sold at the gate for \$25 each. All children 16 and under are free.

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Featured artist: *David D. Sorensen*

Painter welcomed into community

Shows to feature new arrival's span of work

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

Those who regularly check out local art exhibitions are beginning to see works by a new artist to the Las Cruces area, David D. Sorensen.

Some of his works – such as a scene of an onion field in Mesilla – will be familiar, but many of the others will take the viewer to far away places such as Caribbean beaches or the Australian Outback.

While some of the works experiment with abstract and indigenous aboriginal effects, many of them are very representational landscapes. But even the more traditional landscapes reveal careful composition to create striking effects that pull the viewer into the watercolor paintings, where his techniques for recreating the effects of water and light can be seen and marveled.

For Sorensen, finding a community as welcoming to a new artist as Las Cruces, is giving him a chance to bring his life back full-circle to living as an artist.

"This is a town that is collaborative and friendly to the artists," he said.

Sorensen said he has found his new home in Las Cruces, a landing that seemed unlikely considering his previous travels around the world.

Born in 1955 in Oxford, England, Sorensen grew up on the island of Aruba, until his parents moved to work in New York City. His mother, Dee, was a nurse with an eye for art, buying a print by Paul Gauguin at a bargain price in post-World War II Paris, where she was honeymooning. It also helped that they lived



The watercolor "Savonet Steps" was painted from the island of Curacao, and is a part of David Sorensen's Caribbean art that will be on display during the November Downtown Art Ramble beginning Nov. 2.

in Bronxville, N.Y., which was founded as an artist colony.

Besides being surrounded by art, Sorensen recalled always having a knack of making art that had some extra quality to it. A teacher would give him some clay to make a coil basket and he would create a circus menagerie. A painting he made as an eighth-grader would win the high school art show.

"The teachers spotted this in me and left me almost to myself," he said.

Attending the University of Pennsylvania, Sorensen tried taking art classes, but it was a frustrating experience, he said. The teachers wanted their students to produce art only in a certain way that was restricting to Sorensen's creativity. The breaking point happened when a teacher misplaced and lost a self-portrait oil painting that he knew was good.

"When it comes to your artwork, if they get lost, they're lost forever," Sorensen said.

He gave up art for awhile, but a year-long adventure in the mid-1970s rekindled his art as he sketched and painted in watercolors as he and a friend traveled Australia in a van. Much of his art from that period features Ayers Rock because he spent five weeks there when the van blew its engine. There he came to also appreciate Aboriginal art.

When he went back to school, Sorensen studied science, which led to his 26-year defense-related career as a Marine helicopter pilot, intelligence officer, and systems analyst/project manager with Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC).

When he retired in 2008, an Australian art critic and others urged him to pursue art as a career. His work resulted in his quick induction as a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and his paintings found their way into numerous exhibitions, including at the national level. Sorensen has had three solo exhibitions since 2010, and the most recent exhibition was selected by Veer Magazine as one of the "Top Ten Visual Arts" events of 2011.

While he was looking for a place that was affordable for his renewed pursuit as a full-time artist, a friend suggested Las Cruces. From that first day he came to stay at a home in Mesilla, Sorensen said he has found an inviting community of artists. He soon will be permanently located Downtown to be part of the revitalization effort there.

"The people here are real and not snooty," Sorensen said. "This is the kind of people I want to have around me."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Eli Moore

Details

David D. Sorensen Painter

David D. Sorensen is participating in the following shows or exhibitions:

- Two watercolors – "Ayers Rock ala Klee" and "Lava Remnants" – on display at the New American School, 207 S. Main St., through October.
- The watercolor painting "Onion Fields, Mesilla" will be included in the Adobe Patio Gallery's special theme exhibition "Down in the Valley." The gallery is located at 1765 Calle De Mercado in Mesilla.
- Solo exhibition featuring Sorensen's Caribbean art at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Opening reception is from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, as part of the November Downtown Art Ramble.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI. SEPT 21	10:30 A.M.
Rhythm Roundup: Music, Song & Dance ages 2-5	Branigan Library
FRI. SEPT 21	11:15 A.M.
People & Stories	Branigan Library
FRI. SEPT 21	3 P.M.
Fantastic Fridays	Branigan Library
FRI.-SUN. SEPT 21-22 (SUN. 2 PM)	8 P.M.
When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?	LC Community Theatre
FRI.-SUN. SEPT 21-22 (SUN. 2 PM)	8 P.M.
Bells of Old Mesilla	Rio Grande Theatre
SAT. SEPT 22	8 A.M.
Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market	Downtown Main Street
SAT. SEPT 22	10:30 A.M.
Storytellers of Las Cruces	COAS Bookstores
SAT. SEPT 22	11:30 A.M.
Story & Craft Time	Branigan Cultural Center
SAT. SEPT 22	8 P.M.
Sky Safari Moon Observing	City Hall Parking Structure
SUN. SEPT 22	2 P.M.
4th Sunday Movie: The Human Resources Manager	Branigan Library
TUE. SEPT 25	10:30 A.M.
Read to Me - stories for ages 3-5	Branigan Library
TUE. SEPT 25	2 P.M.
Computer Class-Know your PC	Branigan Library
WED. SEPT 26	8 A.M.
Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market	Downtown Main Street
WED. & THU. SEPT 26+27	10 A.M.
Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3	Branigan Library
WED. SEPT 26	11 A.M.
Mother Goose Time! Stories for birth - 13 mos	Branigan Library
WED. SEPT 26	2 P.M.
Computer Class: MS Word 2007	Branigan Library
THU. SEPT 27	7 P.M.
Reel Rock Film Tour	Rio Grande Theatre
THU. SEPT 27	8 P.M.
Big Band Dance Club	Court Youth Center



ONGOING EVENTS:

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David Salcido
Art Happens

A lot can happen in a month. Here at the Rio Grande Theatre and the offices of the Doña Ana Arts Council, events transpire at such a heightened pace that sometimes it's hard to keep up with them all.

The coming month is a shining example of this phenomenon. I'll try to cover everything, but you'll want to sit back and buckle your seatbelts for this wild cultural ride.

To begin with, Friday, Sept. 21, and running Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Sunday, Sept. 30, Driftwood Productions will unveil the historic Southwest operetta "Bells Of Old Mesilla" on the Rio Grande Theatre stage.

Written by Ruth Thurman Myra, a former professor at Western New Mexico University, and presented as part of the official Centennial celebration surrounding Mesilla in 1954, the production features a lush orchestration by the late Oscar Butler, and has not been presented for more than 50 years. What better way to celebrate the state of New Mexico's Centennial, than by bringing this local chestnut back to the area that spawned it?

Set against the backdrop of Old Mesilla during the time of the Gadsden Purchase in 1854, the play focuses on two young women — one American, one Mexican — who have

been promised in marriage to officers of their fathers' respective armies. Unfortunately, they are both in love with financially challenged young men who will do anything to save their loves, even if it means braving the wilds of the Organ Mountains in search of a lost treasure that will improve their financial standings and win the approval of the girls' fathers.

Making appearances throughout the run will be such local luminaries as musician Randy Granger, County Commissioner Billy Garrett, City Councillors Nathan Small and Greg Smith and more yet to be announced. Also making an appearance will be one of the founders of the Las Cruces Community Theatre and a former actor on television's "All My Children," Michael Graves, who played the part of David Marsh in the Silver City staging of the play in 1955. Having played the same part in the Las Cruces production in 1954, former state Representative J. Paul Taylor will be in attendance on opening night. The event promises to be a Centennial event worth catching, if only to say, "I was there." Tickets are only \$12 in advance and can be purchased via www.riograndetheatre.com. Be aware, however, that the price goes up to \$15 at the door the day of the event, so

don't procrastinate.

Another fun first for the Rio Grande Theatre will be the Manhattan Short Film Festival on Sunday, Oct. 7. Billed as a global film festival that will take place in over 300 cities, across six continents, over the course of one week, Las Cruces is one of three cities in New Mexico chosen to take part in this event.

Even better, those attending will be given the opportunity to vote on their favorite film and have their votes tallied with those of audience members around the world to determine the grand prize, which will be announced at 10 p.m. that evening. Tickets are only \$5 for this unique event. Get more information at the Rio Grande Theatre website.

Then, on Friday, Oct. 12, the Doña Ana Arts Council's 2012/2013 Performance Series will continue with one of the foremost gypsy Jazz bands in the country, The Hot Club of San Francisco. Celebrating the timeless music of Django Rein-

hardt and Stephane Grapelli's pioneering Hot Club de France, this versatile and accomplished ensemble will take listeners back in time to the 1930s, with its smoky Parisian Jazz clubs and European gypsy caravans. After last year's overwhelming success of Le Chat Lunatique, it was only natural that we would attempt to raise the bar. It was the members of that band, themselves, who put us on the

right track by citing Hot Club of San Francisco as their greatest influence. We hope to see all of you jazz aficionados in attendance at this hot musical celebration.

Among the other highlights of the coming month here at the Rio Grande Theatre will be the New Mexico State University Outdoor Recreation's Adventure Art Series kickoff with the always riveting Reel Rock Tour on Thursday, Sept. 27 and Boba Cabaret's "Play Me: The Music Of Neil Diamond" on Saturday, Oct. 6. And you absolutely won't want to miss the October exhibit in the El Paso Electric Gallery, off the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre: "Fire and Fiber, A True Collaboration," presented by the Potter's Guild of Las Cruces and featuring artworks produced collaboratively between fiber and ceramic artists. The reception for that show will take place during the October Downtown ArtRamble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5.

All this and more will be taking place within one short month at your Rio Grande Theatre. I never even got to the ongoing preparations for the biggest Zombie Walk ever to hit the Southwest in late October or the granddaddy of local festivals, the Renaissance ArtsFaire, in early November. Stay tuned for more information on these events, or go to the website at www.riograndetheatre.com to get the latest updates as they develop. Thank you, again, for your wonderful patronage and we'll see you at the theater!

David Salcido is the manager of the Rio Grande Theatre. His column appears the second Friday of every month. Contact Salcido at theatregr@daarts.org or 523-6403.

“ ... the production features a lush orchestration by the late Oscar Butler ... ”

Call to Artists

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

The Calavera Coalition partners with Joyce Zimmer at the Café de Mesilla in La Plaza for a monthlong show of Dia De Los Muertos art, with a portion of all art sales donated to the Niños de Mesilla headstone project.

The Calaveras are working on replacing markers of children who passed in the 1930s from scarlet fever, whose markers were lost to time, weather and no heirs to care for their plots. The call for artists ends on Friday, Sept. 21. Artwork will hang the entire month of October. Email Café de Mesilla

at coffee@cafedemesilla.com for more information.

LAS CRUCES GLORIOUS GOULD CELEBRATION

Participants are sought for The Glorious Gourd Celebration Oct. 5-7 in the Greenworks Building, 125

N. Main St. The Celebration exhibit will run in conjunction with the October Downtown Art Ramble on Friday evening and the Las Cruces Farmers & Craft Market on Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon and Sunday are reserved for a variety of classes filled on a first come, first registered basis. For more information or to register, email kstarnm@comcast.net or sviasgourds@gmail.com.

CELESTIAL SOUNDS

Celestial Sounds, a women's singing group with members from 16 to 60 and older, seeks new members for a repertoire of three-, four- and six-part choral music. This session includes John Rutter, Holst, Chilcott, Handel for this year's Christmas program of classical and contemporary choral music. For more information, contact Carol Nike at 202-9646 or carol_nike@hotmail.com.

RAILROAD MUSEUM DISPLAY

As part of the Old Fashioned Holiday Display at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum in December, an exhibit of American Flyer trains is being planned and artifacts are needed for loan. Items of interest include model trains, posters, catalogs and toys produced by the A.C. Gilbert Co., makers of American Flyer trains.

These items would be on display at the museum from late November through the end of the year, and would be returned to the owners in January 2013. Community

members who have items they would be willing to loan to the museum are encouraged to contact museum manager Garland Courts at 647-4480.

MUSEUM OF ART

The Las Cruces Museum of Art seeks proposals for solo and group exhibitions to be presented at the museum of art in 2013. Artists living and working in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas are eligible to submit. Exhibition jurors are Stephanie Taylor, director of the New Mexico State University Art Gallery, and studio artist Diane McGregor. The submission deadline is Oct. 19. Visit www.las-cruces.org/museums for complete prospectus.

LOGO CONTEST

American Southwest Theater Company is seeking entries for the "Our Town's Our Town logo" contest. The winner will have his or her logo printed on more than 3,000 playbills, posters and newspaper ads and win a cash award of \$100 and complimentary tickets to the production.

For details about entering the contest which has a deadline of Sunday, Sept. 30, visit <http://theatre.nmsu.edu/astc/ourtown>.

'THE FANTASTICKS' AUDITIONS

Auditions for "The Fantasticks" will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 1-2, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Callbacks will be held Oct. 3. Actors wishing to audition

should come with a prepared song to sing a cappella. There will be cold readings from the script and a dance segment. There is a perusal script on reserve at the Branigan Library at the Research Help Desk.

"The Fantasticks" is a musical story about two fathers who want to trick their children, Matt and Luisa into falling in love. The fathers are completely unaware that their children are already in love. For more information, email Karen Caroe at kcaroe@comcast.net

LAS CRUCES COMMUNITY THEATRE AUDITIONS

LCCT's auditions for Irving Berlin's "White Christmas: The Musical" will be held at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28-29 at the Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St.

Performers are asked to be prepared to sing a song of choice with sheet music or CD accompaniment. A short tap dance audition will be pre-choreographed and taught following the singing audition.

Directed by Patrick Payne, performance dates are Dec. 7-23.

Needed are 11 strong adult singers/actors/dancers, one strong singing female nine to 11 years old, 12 adult singing/dancing/chorus for smaller speaking roles and three to four children.

For more information, email secretary@lccnm.org.

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When: Thursday, September 27 • 7 p.m.
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Tickets can be purchased at the NMSU Outdoor Center or at the Rio Grande Theatre

Contact Information

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Galleries & Openings

OPENING

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART opens "Latino Folktales: Cuentos Populares - Art by Latino Artists" and "Artist/Illustrator" Friday, Sept. 21, through Nov. 24. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, during the monthly Downtown Art Ramble.

"Latino Folktales: Cuentos Populares - Art by Latino Artists," an exhibition of the works of 12 award-winning illustrators, is comprised of illustration art published in children's picture books.

"Artist/Illustrator" features the work of three local artists, Gaspar Enriquez, Gloria Osuna-Perez and Antonio Castro L.

Numerous public programs are scheduled throughout the run of the exhibits.

The museum is located at 491 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137.

ONGOING

CUTTER GALLERY hosts Nancy Frost Begin's display of a large variety of hand-colored wood cut with images of animals, florals and saints. Her show is titled "Affectionately Observed" Woodcuts.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

ADOBE PATIO GALLERY

Fall Exhibition features 24 invited artists portraying the Mesilla Valley with all of its colors, faces and facets. Artists include Nancy Begin, Carolyn Bunch, Marie Dwyer, Tom Gerend, Linda Giesen, Holly Goettelmann, Winfrey Hearst, Kelley S. Hestir, Annetta Hoover, Jim Hunter, Joyce Macrorie, Bonnie Mandoe, Virginia Ness, Julie Ford Oliver, Tony Pennock, Virginia Roach, David Shaw, Marie Siegrist, Penny Simpson, David Sorensen, Phil Yost, Laurel Weathersbee, Scott Weaver and Daphne Wirthlin.

The gallery is located at 1765 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, call 532-9310.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

displays its fall 2012 exhibits. Refreshments will be served. The University Museum is located in Kent Hall on the NMSU campus, at the corner of University Avenue and Solano Drive. For more

Coming Soon

Artoberfest by Penny Thomas Simpson
Branigan Cultural Center
501 N. Main St.
541-2154
Opens Friday, Oct. 5

Fire & Fiber by the Potters' Guild
Rio Grande Theatre
211 N. Main St.
523-6403
Opens Friday, Oct. 5

American Pie by Gabriel Perez
Unsettled Gallery
905 N. Mesquite St.
635-2285
Opens Saturday, Oct. 6

information, call 646-1419.

MAIN STREET GALLERY features an exhibition of Southwestern artworks by accomplished New Mexico artists Victoria Mauldin, Rory Combs, Misha Malpica and Roy Brown.

This exhibit includes large scale oils that evoke both the Southwestern and Native American cultures, limited edition bronze sculptures that capture the essence of Native American forefathers, metal work hand forged to unite with distinctive ceramic designs and haunting mixed-media sculptures and masks that portray the dignity and proud traditions of the "Ancient Ones." The exhibit runs through the month of October.

The gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY features "Centuries of Sacred Art." The centerpiece of the show will be a new acquisition of stained glass showing the birth of Jesus (140 by 48 inches). Marble and bronze statuary as well as paintings, a fairly large, elaborately carved prie-dieu with an altar from the estate of psychic Jeane Dixon, and many other fascinating objects. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367.

UNSETTLED GALLERY features the exhibit "Out of Place," by Jean Reese Wilkey and Jenni Higginbotham. "Out of Place" takes its name from what might describe the artists' work, which is at once both highly realistic yet imaginative, surrealistic or

fantastical. Your perceptions, based on first impressions when viewing the work, may collide with the unexpected. The exhibit runs through Saturday, Sept. 29.

Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 to 4 p.m. Sunday and by appointment. For more information, call 635-2285 or visit www.unsettledgallery.com.

MOUNTAIN GALLERY & STUDIOS presents "Changing Seasons," the Las Cruces Arts Association opener. "Changing Seasons" is a part of the LCAA's 50th year of promoting art in Las Cruces, the fourth to date in its newly established cooperative gallery in a sophisticatedly renovated craftsman style cottage. The gallery is located at 138 W. Mountain St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. For more information, call 532-6293.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER features "This Enchanted Land," consisting of more than 20 photographers from the Doña Ana Camera Club. The exhibit runs through Saturday, Sept. 29. The gallery also features the Artamants membership show through Sept. 29. Loosely translated from Latin, Artamants means "lovers of art." A collaborative of local artists, Artamants have been gathering weekly for over a decade to paint, share techniques and camaraderie. Members include Nabuko Bassett, Beverly Denny, Flo Hosa Dougherty, Sheila Duffy, Marie Dwyer, Tom Gerend, Jennifer Goude, Mayanna Howard, Betty Hummer, Darlene Hungate, Janet Jackson, Jo Ledbetter, Sally March, Burt Rawlings, Susan Rivera, Virginia Roach and Kathy Squires.

The Branigan Cultural

Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

THE NEW AMERICA SCHOOL LAS CRUCES features City of Artists Promotional Association. The exhibit will run through the month of October. The school is located at 207 S. Main St. and should be entered on the Church Street side of the building due to construction. For more information, visit www.cityofartists.org.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE exhibits the global photographic works of Peter Goodman in the El Paso Electric Gallery, south of the Rio Grande Theatre lobby, for the month of September. A native of New York, Goodman started taking pictures while working as a cab driver and capturing the juxtapositions of people and urban environments. Upon moving to New Mexico, he shifted from black and white to color, shooting in wilderness areas where nature was on display. Most recently, in his travels throughout Asia, he has rediscovered his interest in photographing people and finds himself incorporating both urban and nature themes into his evolving work.

The Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-6403.

MVS STUDIOS features encaustic art by Sherry Ikeda and John Schaeffer of Santa Fe. Also featured will be works by Las Cruces artist Joyce Macrorie. The exhibits will run through September. MVS Studios is located at 535 N. Main St., north of the Branigan Cultural Center. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday or by appointment. For more information, call 524-3637.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY features the works of Nanci Bisell and Hetty Smith for the month of September.

In addition, the artists of the gallery offer art in many media, including original paintings, fused-glass art jewelry, wood-turning objects, stained glass, photography, pen and ink, mixed media, affordable prints, cards and miniature paintings.

The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY presents "Gourdgeous" an exhibit of fine craft decorated gourds. This show runs

through Friday, Sept. 28.

The exhibition consists of the work of artists who participate in a monthly gourd group in Las Cruces and meet to share their passion and techniques for working with gourds. Each artist has a unique style. Artists include Sylvia Hendrickson, Marie Hughy, Wanda Sparks, Judy Folkman, Barb DeRungs, Joanna Bradley and Kathe Stark from Las Cruces and Judy Crawford from Deming.

The Tombaugh Gallery is located in the Unitarian Universalist Church at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and by appointment. For more information, call 522-7281.

GALERIE ACCENTS FINE CUSTOM FRAMING features the work of renowned local artists Robert Highsmith. Shufelt is known for his Western graphite drawings, which depict the essence of the cowboy lifestyle. Highsmith is known for his watercolor paintings showcasing Southwest scenery and landscapes.

The gallery is located at 344 S. San Pedro St., Suite. 3. For more information, call 522-3567 or email galerieaccents@yahoo.com.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY features the works of Las Cruces artist Lois Smith - mostly watercolor and monotypes with some early Asian-influenced work thrown in as a bonus. The exhibit runs through Saturday, Sept. 29. The gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 640-3502.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM features "The Art of the Cotton Gin," by Las Cruces photographer Storm Sermay. Her exhibit gives a fresh, new look to old structures in the Mesilla Valley. Cotton gins are the subjects of her photography. The exhibit includes 20 black-and-white photographs.

The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 522-4100.

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features "Cowboys, Indians and Apple Pie," an exhibit representing the many different settlers and cultures as well as the growth of the nation in order to celebrate the American Southwest. Come view historic photographs and depictions of the Southwest.

The gallery is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Hours are 3 to 7 p.m. Friday and noon to

3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 650-5690.

ARALIA GALLERY

displays the photographic art of Troy Brajkovich and Ali Keyes, as well as paintings by Wendy Robin Weir, Marj Leininger and Rob Crombie.

The gallery is located at 224 N. Campo St. Hours are from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 to 5 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 650-7543.

DENNIS BELL DISABILITY ARTS, CULTURE & CITIZENSHIP hosts "Belonging Through the Arts" sponsored by Progressive Residential Services (PRS).

The "Risk" chandelier and "The Beloved Community" mural were created by local artist Dorothy Zitzler, who incorporated the individual artwork of people served by PRS and fellow community members. The "Risk" and "Beloved Community" projects were co-sponsored by New Heights Faith Community and the Devasthali Family Foundation.

The center is located at 250 S. Main St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 523-8431.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER displays more than 100 pieces of original student art from the Las Cruces and Gadsden public schools.

The gallery is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 525-5801.

THE LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS annual Staff and Faculty Show is on exhibit through Nov. 1, in the gallery lobby of the administration building. Media include oil and watercolor paintings, drawings, jewelry, wood-working, calligraphy, quilting, photography, pottery-making, gourd-painting and more. Some of the pieces are for sale.

The building is located at 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call Kathy Silva at 527-6690.

PAISANO CAFÉ AND GALLERY features paintings by Linda Hagen and Mary Zawacki.

The gallery is located at 1740 Calle de Mercado in Mesilla. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 524-0211.

EventsCalendar

FRI. 9/21

8 p.m. "Bells of Old Mesilla," Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. An operetta set against the backdrop of the Organ Mountains. Call 523-6403.

6 to 8 p.m. Open Mic Night, Barnes & Noble at NMSU, 1400 E. University Ave. The public is invited to enjoy the performances or to sign up to take the stage. Free. Call 646-4431.

7 p.m. An evening of tango, Rentfrow Gym, New Mexico State University. Each of NMSU's three dance companies will perform the tango in its own unique fashion. Cost \$8-10. Call 646-2070.

7:30 p.m. Michelle Schumann concert, Atkinson Recital Hall, New Mexico State University. Schumann is a pianist and fixture in the Austin, Texas, music scene. Free. Call 646-2421.

7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Contra Dance featuring The Muletones, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Presented by the Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society. Cost \$6. Call 522-1691.

8 p.m. "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" Las Cruces Community Theatre, 311 N. Main St. Mark Medoff directs his 1973 production about a man who taunts and bullies a group of people in a New Mexico diner. Costs \$7-10. Call 523-1200.

SAT. 9/22

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

10 a.m. to noon, National Gymnastics Day, Gym Magic Sports Center & Preschool, 2341 Entrada del Sol. The facility invites the public to celebrate National Gymnastics Day by building awareness and support for children's health and fitness through gymnastics and active movement. Visit www.gymmagic.com.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. The storytellers at the Downtown location will be Gloria Hacker, and Loni Todoroki will be the storyteller at the Solano store. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 526-8377.

11 a.m. Woodcut demonstration, Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road. Artist Nancy Frost Begin will demonstrate the complete woodcut process as well as printing on the press. Free. Call 541-0658.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Story and craft time, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

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8 p.m. Sky Safari moon observing, City Hall parking structure, 700 N. Main St. Museum of Nature and Science and New Mexico State University Astronomy Department celebrate International Observe the Moon Night. Free. Call 522-3120.

SUN. 9/23

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Growers' Market, Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Accepts SNAP and WIC benefits. Free. Call 523-0436.

2 p.m. "The Human Resources Manager," Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Free. The HR manager of Jerusalem's largest bakery is in trouble. When one of his employees is killed in a suicide bombing, he's sent to Romania to make amends. In

Hebrew with English subtitles. Free. Call 528-4073.

5 p.m. Live music featuring Rio Grande Ramblers, Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5700 Calle del Norte. Free. Contact larrystocker@fastmail.fm.

6 to 8 p.m. Live music featuring Rio Grande Ramblers, Renoo's Thai Delight, 16140 Old Organ Main St. Free. Call 373-3000.

7 p.m. An evening of Tango, Rentfrow Gym, New Mexico State University campus. Sol Y Arena, DanceSport and Contemporary Dance Theater will perform tango in their own unique fashion. Cost \$8-\$10. Call 646-2070.

TUE. 9/25

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

WED. 9/26

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and more. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

6 to 8 p.m. Open mic night, Barnes & Noble at NMSU, 1400 E. University Ave. The public is invited to enjoy the performances or sign up and take the stage. Free. Call 646-4431.

6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation are shared. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625.

THU. 9/27

7 p.m. Reel Rock Film Tour, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. New Mexico State University Outdoor Rec's Adventure Arts Series continues with an all-new season, showcasing documentaries and guest lecturers ranging from environmental issues to extreme outdoor sports. Cost \$8-10. Call 523-6403.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Beginner's, singles and couples welcome to dance to ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. Cost \$7. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 9/28

8 p.m. "The Importance of Being Earnest," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Directed by Dale Pawley, the comedy of manners and errors

focuses on Jack Worthing and Algernon Moncrieff, a pair of 20-something bachelors who take on the same assumed identity to court the women they desire. Cost \$7-\$10. Call 523-1223.

SAT. 9/29

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. The storytellers at the Downtown location will be Douglas Jackson and Nancy Jenkins will be the storyteller at the Solano store. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 526-8377.

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'Rome' offers postcard view of delightful city

Four couples find adventure and mischief in Europe

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Although not nearly as interesting or well written as his last three European postcard movies, Woody Allen has brought us a pretty, fun and confident picture in "To Rome With Love," which follows four different story threads of some couples in Rome.

None of the stories are intertwined, but all stand on their own.

Allen also reprises his own role in one of the stories – Woody "playing" Woody, if you will – the neurotic, slightly dimwitted but intelligent outsider.

The stories follow Jack, a young architectural student, played by Jesse Eisenberg, who is living with a smart and kind partner, Sally, played by Greta Gerwig. Her best friend, Monica, is coming for a visit after losing her beau and striking out on several acting gigs.

Sally warns Jack that Monica is a unique woman, highly adventurous, capable and quite seductive. Monica is played by Ellen Page, who is somewhat miscast in the role.

Jack's guide through all this is Alec Baldwin, who plays a

famous architect he meets by accident, much to his delight since he is a fan of his work, even though it has devolved to designing shopping malls.

Baldwin's role as John is by far the best written and acted in the entire film, and really helps to keep this particular story going, as he shadows Jack and offers advice from experience and observation.

Woody (as Jerry, a retired opera director) and his wife (Judy Davis) have come to Rome to meet their daughter's fiancé, Michelangelo, an Italian gentleman who has swept her off her feet. This meeting will also include the first meeting of the in-laws to be.

Michelangelo's father is an undertaker. His mom is a bit typecast as a somewhat 'typical' Italian mother, but Dad has a unique talent that catches Jerry's ear, allowing him to revive his operatic career.

Then there are the newlyweds, fresh in from the countryside. The young actor playing Antonio (Alessandro Tiberi) is certainly a younger Italian version of Woody himself – nervous, neurotic, sometimes annoying. His beautiful wife, Milly, a teacher, has rarely left her small hometown and is enamored with Rome, until she becomes hopelessly lost while seeking a hair salon.

Mistaken identity brings Penelope Cruz into the picture, whose "services" have been paid for by an anonymous donor, but she ends up in the wrong room. Aunts and uncles arrive to find them in a compromising position. Meanwhile,



Jesse Eisenberg plays Jack, who is warned of Monica (Ellen Page) and her seductive ways in one of the mini stories in "To Rome With Love."

Milly finds herself in the middle of a movie set where her favorite actor, who, of course, is made out to be Italy's biggest movie star, tries to seduce her.

The last story, and the one most interesting to me, even though its lightness almost allows it to float away, stars Roberto Benigni as Leopoldo, an everyday guy who the media inexplicably descend on, making him a star by chronicling all the details of his life from how he shaves to what he has for breakfast. All the attention is given without reason, and in the best line of the movie, someone points out that "not everyone who is famous deserves to be famous." Nonetheless, after adjusting to reporters in his bathroom, Leopoldo begins to think he deserves the attention, but fame can be fleeting.

Each story offers a moral dilemma of sorts, none of which is particularly new or fresh. But in Allen's capable hands, they work for the most part, with each one wrapping up in its own unique fashion, while allotting enough room to ponder what would happen next.

Allen's tour of Rome is very delightful, as we are treated to a number of the sights of the city, known and unknown, much like his previous films, which took the audience to London, Barcelona and Paris.

He is back in New York for his next film, but for now, this somewhat slight and pleasurable piece will keep his fans and new viewers gently amused until then.

Jeff Berg is passing his time in Santa Fe, not Rome, nowadays ... jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com

FILM REVIEW
"To Rome with Love" opens Friday, Sept. 21, at the Fountain Theatre. It is a bit too long at 110 minutes, and is mostly in English. There is a bit of subtitled Italian.
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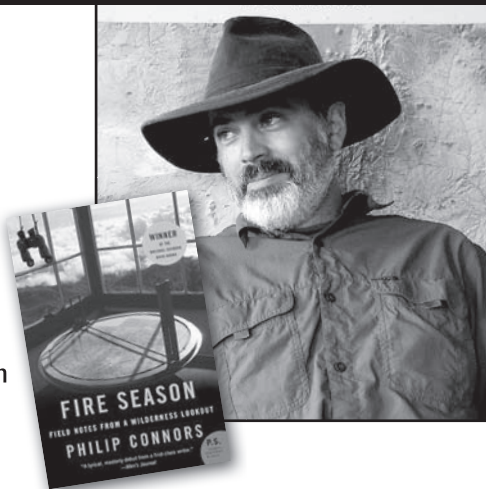
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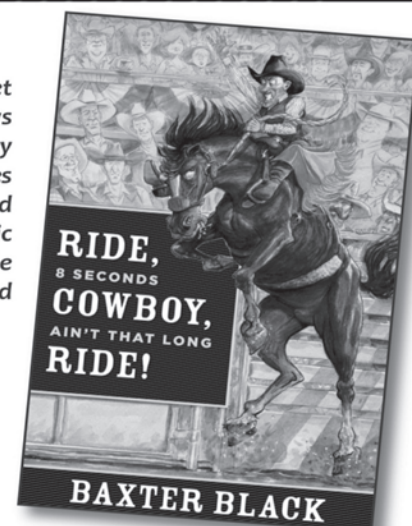
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'When You Comin' Back Red Ryder?'

A brilliant rendition by one of Las Cruces' famous playwrights

Review by **Gerald M. Kane**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

In his articulate, extensive playwright/director's notes in the program booklet of Las Cruces Community Theatre's current production of "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" Tony award-winning playwright Mark Medoff states that in the totality of his work, he tries to "entertain intelligently."

Suffice to say that in this outstanding production he succeeds brilliantly.

Kicking off LCCT's 50th anniversary season with this revelatory masterpiece is a stroke of genius on the part of the leadership of LCCT and the tremendous generosity on the part of the esteemed Medoff, one of the brightest jewels in our community's and state's cultural crown.

Medoff has assembled a cast and production team, which can hold its own against any regional, or, dare I say, actors equity company in the country.

In my rabbinic thesis written 42 years ago, dealing with the image of the Jew on the Broadway stage, one of my advisers taught me that throughout the history of the world, the theater has frequently served as the most sensitive barometer in the prediction of future cultural themes and areas of world social concern. This observation reiterated itself to me while watching this riveting production.

Written more than 40 years ago, "When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder?" sets us in a Southern New Mexico diner in 1969. This was a wild and rebellious time in the history of our world, still reeling from the ramifications of the Vietnam war, the Space Race and "sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll" epitomized by the Woodstock generation.

The words "post traumatic stress disorder" and "wounded warriors" didn't trip off our tongues as easily as they do today, having been steeled by far too many wars. That he had the vision of writing this masterpiece when he did is testimony to Medoff's artistic vision and genius.

Medoff cleverly introduces us to the time frame of his play as we enter the theater and see the slideshow on the theater walls with iconic news photographs etched in many of our minds.

We also witness the random activities of wispy character Stephen (aka, in his mind, "Red Ryder," the legendary Western comic strip hero of the 1930s), biding his time until the start of the action. Bob Diven's 'spot-on' set is right out of "Antiques Roadshow," and there is no doubt where we find ourselves.

As the characters enter and populate the plot, we slowly sense the tension building. Quite by design, we don't know the direction in which the play is headed.

The dialogue is appropriately salty, and the characters know who they are and provide us with nuanced, carefully honed performances.

When Vietnam vet Teddy – powerfully played by Patrick Payne – makes his entrance, with a drugged-out Cheryl (perfectly cast by the winsome Tiffany Schroer) on his arm, an electrical charge bolts into the theater, and we



Amy Lanasa, Patrick Payne and Charles LeCocq are featured in Mark Medoff's "When You Comin' Back Red Ryder?" now playing at the Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. Medoff, a Las Cruces and Tony Award-winning playwright, is directing the performance during the 40th anniversary of the play and the 50th anniversary of the theater company. Shows are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through Sept. 23. Tickets are \$7-10. For more information, call 523-2100.

know we are in for some emotional fireworks.

Over the course of two hours, we are drawn into a sometimes frightening, sometimes violent world, which must leave the entire cast emotionally and physically drained by the final curtain.

To a one, the ensemble cast is superb. I list their names so as not to minimize the strength of their performances: Charles LeCocq, Amy Lanassa, David Edwards, David Reyes, Debra Medoff Marks, Ross Marks, Tiffany Schroer and Patrick Payne.

The pacing is taut. The direction is exceptional.

In sum, this is certainly one of the most impressive productions I have seen in our community. If it is any indication as to how the rest of the LCCT golden anniversary season will play out, the bar has been raised quite high.

I urge you to get tickets to see this significant production before the end of its run.

Bravo to all!

"When You Comin' Back Red Ryder?" runs through Sunday, Sept. 23, at the Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main Street. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10 regular admission, \$9 students, seniors and military, \$8 each for groups of 10 or more, \$7 for children six and younger. For reservations, call 523-1200 or visit www.lcctnm.org.

Gerald Kane has reviewed theater, music, opera, film and books for NPR stations and newspapers in New Orleans, Phoenix and Kansas City as well as for the Las Cruces Bulletin. A former member of the American Theatre Critics Association, he is the rabbi emeritus of Temple Beth-El in Las Cruces and teaches "Jews on Screen" at NMSU.



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TheMusicScene

Featured musician: *Mark Klett*

Young rock star is classically trained

Local guitarist offers studio time to locals

By **Suzanna Lester**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Mark Klett began his classical training on piano at the tender age of 5. Now, having celebrated his still-youthful 22nd birthday earlier this month, Klett has devoted his life to making music.

"Classical music is the foundation for all music, so it gives you a deeper understanding of what music is and how it's constructed," Klett said.

Klett credits local music instructor Sylvie Peale for having molded the foundation of his musical talent.

"It definitely helped that I loved classical music so much and was constantly listening to it," Klett said.

"I can safely say that classical music is the hardest kind of music to play. The great thing about it is if you can do it, then everything else seems much easier."

By "everything else," he means his face-melting lead guitarist skills that he now wows audiences with.

Perhaps 17 years of intensive drills on form, technique, posture – and maybe his perfectionist Virgo tendencies – have attributed to this vision of a pristine artist and the upright, keen-minded individual that Klett is today.

"I play music probably about three or four hours a day on average," Klett said.

In addition to working on his own personal music, Klett has begun working with other artists to help perfect their sound out of his home studio.

His projects have included everything from heavy metal band Janet Ann to folk musician

Mick Harris.

Klett's eclectic range of interests is immense. He plays as a solo act in weddings, local coffee shops and wineries, as well as recording his own music and starring in more than 50 YouTube videos – at www.youtube.com/user/MarkKlett.

He has also been a member of bands ranging from heavy metal to soft rock.

"I've played in several metal bands where we played shows for literally one person," Klett said.

Yet, no change in scenery nor style seems to bamboozle this jukebox of a player when he's on stage.

Obviously, there have been much better turnouts – such as with The Daniel Park Band, in which he had his first professional gig.

"It was great because even after Dan (Park) left to pursue other musical endeavors, the rest of the guys liked me enough to recruit me into their new projects, and that's where we are today," Klett said.

The latest project is an '80s and '90s rock cover band called The Players, which includes Chris Churchill on bass, Matt Dynek on drums, and the new addition, front man Dustin Vendrely.

"At one point I was playing in four bands at the same time," Klett said. "I'm still always on the lookout for talented musicians to team up with."

Another band Klett is involved in is The Rein Garcia Band, playing popular hits that range from Lady Gaga to Garth Brooks and again featuring Churchill and Dynek, along with Kyla Hollister on vocals and, of course, animated front man Rein Garcia.

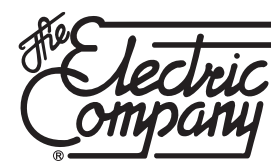
"(Park has) given me some opportunities

Klett has also been very busy teaching music for almost three years now.

"I teach mostly to kids, ages 6 to 10," Klett said. "I love it when one my students make real progress, because it reminds me of how exciting it was to go from a state of not being able to play something, to suddenly knowing how to do it."

It's obvious where Klett's passions lie. From classical to classic rock and everything else in between that one can think of (insert "Mario" videogame theme songs here) Klett hits every note necessary to please even the most discriminating Las Cruces eardrums.

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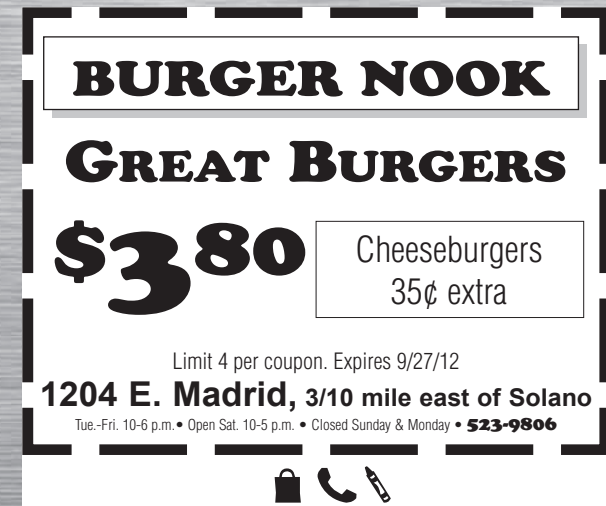
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Diamond in the rough

Habanero's Fresh Mex offers a one-of-a-kind local dining experience

By Zak Hansen
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Tucked into a nondescript former drive-in on Solano Drive, Las Cruces with a keen eye can find a truly unique and wonderful dining experience at Habaneros Fresh Mex, a different kind of Mexican restaurant. Located at 1275 S. Solano Drive, Habanero's Fresh Mex offers diners an especially unique kind of Mexican cuisine, thanks to the equally unique owner, operator and chef, Alfredo Felix. Now in its sixth year, Habanero's offers the standard fare one would expect from a Mexican restaurant – enchiladas, tacos, burritos – as well as some not-so-familiar options, all of which are made from Felix's own recipes. His dishes are not area specific, but are rather inspired by the chef's travels around his home country of Mexico.

"When I travel, I try new dishes, always," said Felix, his passion for food nearly spilling out of him. "That dish makes me come back and create a new dish." Throughout Habanero's expansive menu, which features more than 70 items, diners will find something they've never tried before – and possibly haven't even heard of before. From the pipian enchiladas, served with a sauce made from green chile and roasted pumpkin seeds, to the mole, with three different chiles and chocolate, to the surprising seafood options, to the expanding vegetarian

Owner and chef Alfredo Felix hands over a plate of green chile chicken enchiladas made following his own special recipe and prepared with the freshest ingredients.



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Zak Hansen

menu, diners have a variety of options not available at other restaurants. All entrées are served with a delicious and deceptively simple "Welcome Soup" made with chile, fideos and whole beans. In addition to the unique and varied menu, Habaneros offers quality fare made with fresh ingredients and cooked in nothing but vegetable oil – no lard. The reason? "I never liked lard when I was a little boy, and I don't now," laughs Felix. "Everything I have here is my own." This love of quality in his craft has inspired the restaurant's motto: "Because good food shouldn't be bad for you."

More unique than the food he lovingly prepares is Felix's own story. Born in Valparaiso, Zacatecas, Mexico, Felix inherited his love of hard work from his father, a farmer. In 1979, at age 15, Felix began to work as a dishwasher in the San Diego area. By 19, he was an assistant chef with El Torito, a California-based restaurant chain. At 21, Felix became a head chef, and in 1991, he was voted Chef of the Year of El Torito Restaurants.

That same year, Felix left the company and opened his own restaurant, for \$5,000, under the condition that he pay the rest of the \$12,000 asking price within two months. After a small deduction for a broken ice machine, Felix sold his car to pay off the balance and

Details

Habanero's Fresh Mex

Address
1275 S. Solano Drive

Phone
524-1829

Hours
• 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday
• 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday
• Closed Sunday

opened the doors of his first restaurant, El Rancho in Vista, Calif. Opening day, the restaurant made \$60. Felix took that money and bought \$60 worth of groceries for the next day of business. Little by little, \$60, \$80, then \$100 at a time, Felix made the restaurant work. He worked from six in the morning until 10 at night, seven days a week, for the entire first year of business. Felix recalls the first anniversary of opening day, remembering the first, \$60 day as he gazed out from the kitchen at a line of patrons that now stretched out the door. Not long after, Felix was successful enough to open a second restaurant.

Six years ago, Felix left his businesses in California and opened his restaurant here with his wife Massiel, who manages the business and works in the restaurant alongside her husband. Last year saw a complete remodel of Habanero's interior, which is almost too small to hold all of its daily patrons. In the next few years, Felix plans to take some time to travel throughout Mexico, finding inspiration in the best dishes the country has to offer, and making them his own. The vegetarian and seafood menus are soon to be expanded. Just this month, he and his wife traveled to Albuquerque to pick up their license to make, jar and sell their own salsas. Felix has been working with a university tutor to get his diploma, the one thing he says he never did and always wanted to.

This same passion for improvement, innovation and hard work is exactly what makes Habanero's Fresh Mex one of Las Cruces' best-kept secrets, one undoubtedly worth discovering.



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Art in Mesilla at the Mercado Arts Walk

Photos by Eli Moore



Observers wander Las Cruces Academy Friday, Sept. 14, for the opening of the Mercado Arts Walk with Rokoko Gallery and Adobe Patio Gallery.



"Big Bend Canyon" oil on canvas by Jim Hunter



"The Gathering" oil on canvas by Carolyn Bunch

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Untitled still life oil on canvas by Daniel Sprick



"Head Sculpture" cottonwood by Troy Williams

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Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

BEGINNER

9x9 grid for Beginner Sudoku puzzle.

CHALLENGER

9x9 grid for Challenger Sudoku puzzle.

EXPERT

9x9 grid for Expert Sudoku puzzle.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

9x9 grid showing solutions for Beginner puzzles.

9x9 grid showing solutions for Challenger puzzles.

9x9 grid showing solutions for Expert puzzles.



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.

FRIENDLY AND KIND

ENGLISH

- AMIABLE
- AMICABLE
- CIVIL
- CONGENIAL
- CORDIAL
- HELPFUL
- KINDLY
- NEIGHBORLY
- PLEASANT
- POLITE
- SOCIABLE
- SOCIAL

SPANISH

- AMABLE
- AMIGABLE
- CIVIL
- AGRADABLE
- CORDIAL
- SERVICIAL
- BONDADOSO
- BUEN VECINO
- GRATO
- CORTÉS
- SOCIABLE
- SOCIAL

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Crossword Puzzles

Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

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|---|------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 High muck-a-muck | 1 British train's diner |
| 7 Argentine port | 2 Kept back |
| 13 Opened, as shoes | 3 Sports coat choice |
| 15 Bonkers | 4 Pallid |
| 16 Wildly excited | 5 Rink material |
| 18 Construction workers | 6 Fetch |
| 19 Boggy lowland | 7 Golfer's norm |
| 20 Siesta | 8 Plus |
| 22 Hack | 9 Cheerleader's cry |
| 23 That girl | 10 Bergman classic |
| 24 Psychic's gift | 11 Writer Hawthorne |
| 25 Periods of time | 12 Those in agreement |
| 27 Gumshoe's lead | 14 Consumes supper |
| 28 Khaki shade | 15 Tangle of tongues |
| 29 Rolodex info | 17 Leslie of "Gigi" |
| 30 Photovoltaic device | 18 Drags forcibly |
| 32 Colony critter | 21 Loses color |
| 33 Cargo cases | 22 Unclouded |
| 37 Supernova remnants | 26 Cavalry weapon |
| 38 Rick Springfield's guy with a "girl" | 27 Musical staff sign |
| 41 Flew | 31 Unmannerly |
| 43 Jewish feast | 34 Greek letter |
| 44 More doughy | 35 & the rest |
| 45 Dieters | 36 Visualize |
| 47 Ump's colleague | 38 Cookie container |
| 48 Orderly displays | 39 NASA's ISS partner |
| 49 Play division | 40 Pigpen |
| 51 First lady? | 42 Loose covering |
| 52 "The Raven" poet | 44 Munchy snack |
| 53 Flying mammal | 46 Twenty |
| 54 Writer Levin | 48 Be of use |
| 55 Movie industry, casually | 50 Brew in a bag |
| 56 Final stroke | 51 Flow out |
| 62 CIA foe, once | 56 Without stop |
| 65 Strict conformity to the law | 57 Kid's salary |
| 72 Marrying in haste | 58 Holder |
| 73 Diner offerings | 59 Relaxing resort |
| 75 Pummel | 60 Facial twitch |
| 76 Region of France | 61 Washington bill |
| 77 Cassava dish | 62 French army caps |
| 79 Deadly | 63 Way of walking |
| 80 Distress signal | 64 Discoloring stains |
| 81 Orchard unit | 66 Guy's date |
| 83 Pique | 67 Yeoman's yup |
| 84 Meadow mama | 68 Coll. course |
| 85 Helps out | 69 Stopper |
| 86 Aries or Taurus | 70 Right-hand side of a ship |
| 87 Eng. channel | 71 Small particles |
| 88 ___ Cruces, NM | 73 Bea Arthur sitcom |
| 89 Sandra or Ruby | 74 Emergency paper money |
| 90 ATM input | 77 Made an attempt |
| 91 Gambler's marker | 78 Sponsorship |
| 92 Caught | 81 Dimmed |
| 96 Whole amount | 82 Utter boredom |
| 100 Outmaneuvered | 93 Election mo. |
| 101 Mesabi Range product | 94 Orangutan or gibbon |
| 102 Waited on | 95 Wine choice |
| 103 Rapiers and foils | 97 "___ Robinson" |
| | 98 Drag |
| | 99 John's Yoko |

FROM THE WORD GO

- ACROSS**
- Charged toward
 - Buster of Flash Gordon fame
 - Lynx or ocelot
 - Peet or Plummer
 - Hard stuff
 - Landlocked country in the Pyrenees
 - GO hard
 - Off-the-neck hairdo
 - Lauder of cosmetics
 - Georgia of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
 - Window frame
 - Thurmond or Archibald
 - Take along
 - Opposite of 'neath
 - Comment from the fold
 - Roman way
 - Yellow pod vegetable
 - GO under
 - Sinn Fein's land
 - Medieval tales in verse
 - "The Matrix" role
 - Biblical suffix
 - Kind of fingerprint
 - Catch phrase
 - Photo finish
 - Ride shotgun
 - New look
 - Lyon's river
 - Spumante source
 - George Beverly or John
 - "At Seventeen" singer Janis
 - Laziness
 - Carousing
 - GO again
 - Words before a raise
 - Trooper whooper
 - "Over There" cont.
 - Hillary's hubby
 - Monastery leaders
 - "Othello" plotter
 - Novelist Jaffe
 - Ties the knot
 - "___ Misbehavior"
 - Medical shot?
 - Peter of "My Favorite Year"
 - Pickled cheese
 - ___ not my job!
 - Private supply
 - Heavily fleshed
 - Prosody
 - School near Windsor Castle
 - Actress Vidal
 - Shoulder

- DOWN**
- Down for the count, briefly
 - Sea swallows
 - King of comedy
 - Pro shop giveaway
 - Serena's sister
 - Eucalyptus lover
 - Japanese stringed instrument
 - GO away
 - Still going
 - Move backward
 - Biblical mount
 - Page layout setting
 - Subordinate's affirmative
 - Reading decks
 - Bistro
 - Book after Joel
 - Trading center
 - Ugandan raid site
 - Stick fast
 - ___ kwon do
 - Held fast
 - Diana of "The Avengers"
 - Watery
 - Metal projectile
 - Flapper accessory
 - Flubs
 - Wisconsin city
 - Synchronized
 - Mormon abbr.
 - GO on
 - Come up with
 - Craggy ridges
 - Trims to a point
 - Small Spanish saddle horses
 - In-home digital entertainment syst.
 - From the heart
 - "Come Back, Little Sheba" dramatist
 - "___ kleine Nachtmusik"
 - Risked a ticket
 - Peebles or Long
 - Coldcock
 - Decant
 - "Twelve Step" group for young people
 - Early morning arrivals
 - To such an extent
 - Cow's third stomach
 - Singer Lola
 - Burning blaze
 - Demons
 - '50s comic Ernie
 - Capital of Turkey
 - Piano technician
 - Light-footed
 - Spiders' nests
 - Natural do
 - Carrier to the Caribbean
 - Makes a move
 - Star Wars
 - Iacocca of Detroit
 - Pied Piper follower

- 55 Play area
57 GO fast
59 Silent affirmatives
61 "Come Back, Little Sheba" dramatist
64 Cozy corner
66 Fabled also-ran
68 Borders on
69 Chest protectors
70 Largest continent
71 Gael or Welshman
72 Albacore
73 Freed from a habit
74 Picture in a picture
80 Eaves dripper
81 In-home digital entertainment syst.
83 From the heart
85 Fast-food magnate Ray
86 "___ kleine Nachtmusik"
87 Risked a ticket
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

Diagramless

Where Not to Be

CRYPTOGRAM

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V W P. "Y K E R P," Y R J R D C S R Z, "S N ' O S E F

T C F O Y K X S N O K H E."

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
"A man who was buying a brand-new house was irritated with his title company. His complaint: 'You deed me wrong!'"



AtTheMovies

'Retribution' thrills, even for us non-gamers

Undead series continues with some zombies, lots of girl power

Review by **Isabel A. Rodriguez**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

I have to admit that I wasn't too excited to go watch "Resident Evil: Retribution" last week.

All I knew about the "Resident Evil" movies was that they were based on the violent, grisly video game my nephew used to play when we were kids.

I'd planned to watch another film, and then realized that I'd either gotten the release date wrong, or the film simply wasn't showing in Las Cruces.

Whatever the case, I wasn't looking forward to the sixth installment of the "Resident Evil" film series.

Despite the franchise's popularity, I had never seen the previous films.

Now, I can't wait to go back and see what I missed.

The visually stunning horror/sci-fi/action movie quickly sucked me in, despite my having little background of the earlier plots.

As I was leaving work to go see the movie, one of my co-workers (and a fan of the franchise) tried explaining the plot to me.

It felt like a lot to follow (five previous films, after all), but despite his best efforts to fill me in, he needn't have worried.

"Retribution" opens with a briefing on the previous films, making the film easy to follow, even for new fans.

Alice (Milla Jovovich), the protagonist, is once again trying to escape the wrath of the Red Queen, a computer database set up by the



Milla Jovovich leads a predominantly female cast in the sixth rendition of the "Resident Evil" series.

Umbrella Corporation. Her former ally, Jill, is now under the control of the Red Queen, and Alice finds herself trying to escape the Umbrella Corporation's underground testing site.

At the site, she is confronted by Ada, who informs her that she is no longer allied with the Umbrella Corporation and help is on the way.

only odd thing about Becky is that she seems more afraid when she realizes the Alice she's with isn't her real mother than she is when she's consumed by a giant, slimy, disgusting monster.

Despite dying in the original "Resident Evil," Michelle Rodriguez reprises her role as Rain, only this time, she's playing "good" and "evil" versions of the character.

One of the things I enjoyed most about this movie is its array of strong female lead characters – both the protagonists and antagonists.

These females weren't taking orders or playing second in command to any males, and I think that's rare in films.

The sci-fi setting also allows these women to kick butt with martial arts and ammunition, which is completely appropriate for such a movie.

Before watching the film, I'd heard it referred to as a "zombie" movie, but I don't think that's actually the case. There are a couple of opening scenes in which Alice is being chased by the undead, but the plot really centers on her escaping the Umbrella Corporation site.

The final scene sets up another potential sequel, which, from the looks of it, will likely focus more on the zombie aspect.

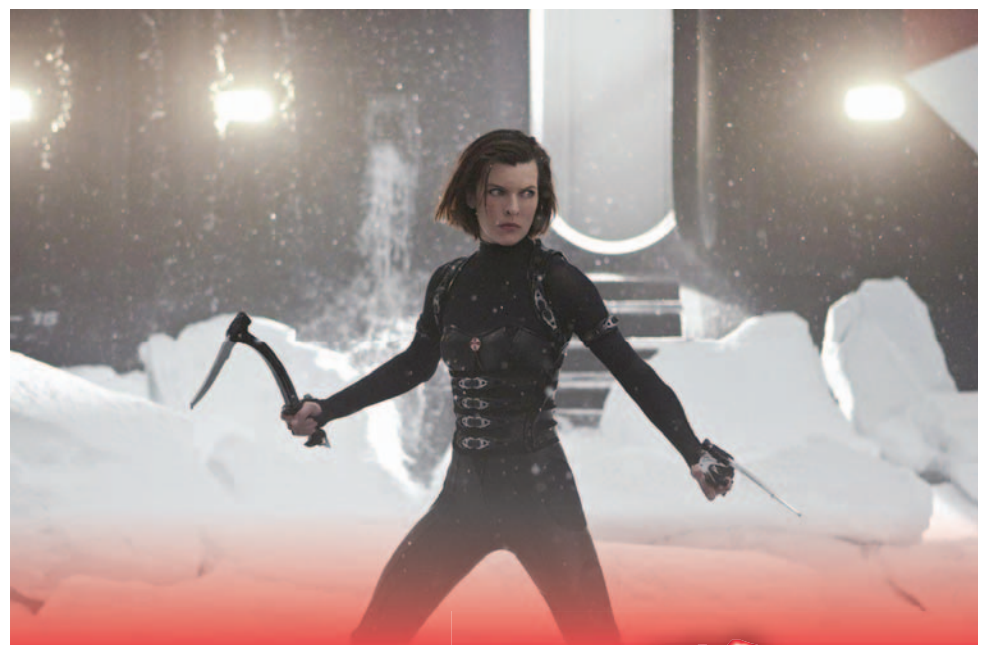
Oddly, I found a lot of similarities between "Resident Evil: Retribution" and "Underworld: Awakening," which was released earlier this year. In both films, the female lead is trying to escape a former alliance, and discovers she has a young'un she's unfamiliar with who is relying on her. In addition, both women don similar leather jumpsuits.

Both movies also felt like they were much too short. With some movies now running more than two hours, "Retribution" should have taken advantage, and either extended the action shots, or added more material.

I found it slightly ridiculous that Ada was scampering around in a thigh-high slit, red dress and heels while trying to fight off bad guys.

As Alice searches for the group of operatives that's been sent to help her, she discovers Becky, a deaf little girl who was apparently the "daughter" of Alice's clone.

Aryana Engineer, who starred in "The Orphan," delivers a good and almost completely believable performance as Becky. She's cute, without being babied or spoiled. The



RESIDENT EVIL: RETRIBUTION

Starring: Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez, Sienna Guillory

Rated: R

Running time: 95 minutes

Director: Paul W.S. Anderson

Film Review
I can't say whether this version is better or worse than the others, but it was certainly enjoyable. **Grade B+**

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AtTheMovies

Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

The Dark Knight Rises

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A new terrorist leader, Bane, overwhelms Gotham's finest, and the Dark Knight resurfaces.
Starring: Christian Bale, Tom Hardy, Michael Caine
Director: Christopher Nolan



Hit and Run

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A couple is on the run from the feds and a gang after compromising their Witness Protection Plan identities.
Starring: Dax Shepard, Kristen Bell
Directors: David Palmer, Dax Shepard



The Odd Life of Timothy Green

Rated: PG **Plot Overview:** A childless couple bury a box in their backyard, containing all of their wishes for an infant. Soon, a child is born. **Starring:** Jennifer Garner, Joel Edgerton, CJ Adams
Director: Peter Hedges



Last Ounce of Courage

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: This heartwarming movie tells the story of a local war hero whose son goes off to war.
Starring: Marshall R. Teague, Jennifer O'Neill
Director: Darrel Campbell, Kevin McAfee



2016: Obama's America

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A documentary that examines the question, "If Barack Obama wins a second term, where will we be in 2016?"
Starring: Dinesh D'Souza, Barack Obama
Director: Dinesh D'Souza, John Sullivan



Lawless

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Set in the Depression era, a bootlegging gang is threatened by a new deputy and other authorities who want a cut of their profits.
Starring: Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf **Director:** John Hillcoat



The Words

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A writer at the peak of his literary success discovers the steep price he must pay for stealing another man's work.
Starring: Bradley Cooper, Dennis Quaid
Directors: Brian Klugman, Lee Sternthal



Resident Evil: Retribution

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Alice fights alongside a resistance movement in the continuing battle against the Umbrella Corporation and the undead.
Starring: Milla Jovovich, Sienna Guillory
Director: Paul W.S. Anderson



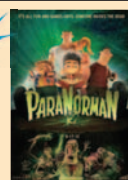
The Campaign

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Two CEOs seize an opportunity to oust a long-term congressman by putting up a rival candidate.
Starring: Will Ferrell, Zach Galifianakis
Director: Jay Roach



ParaNorman

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: A boy takes on the paranormal to save his town.
Starring: Kodi Smit-McPhee, Anna Kendrick, Christopher Mintz-Plasse
Directors: Chris Butler, Sam Fell



The Possession

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A young girl buys an antique box at a yard sale, unaware that inside the collectible lives a malicious ancient spirit.
Starring: Natasha Calis, Jeffrey Dean Morgan
Director: Ole Bornedal



Finding Nemo 3D

Rated: G
Plot Overview: After his son is captured in the Great Barrier Reef and taken to Sydney, a timid clownfish sets out on a journey to bring him home. **Starring:** Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres
Directors: Andrew Stanton, Lee Unkrich



Trouble with the Curve

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: An ailing baseball scout in his twilight years takes his daughter along for one last recruiting trip.
Starring: Clint Eastwood, Amy Adams
Director: Robert Lorenz
OPENS FRIDAY, SEPT. 21



End of Watch

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Two young officers are marked for death after confiscating a small cache of money and firearms from the members of a notorious cartel.
Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Michael Peña **Director:** David Ayer
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House at the End of the Street

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A mother and daughter move to a new town and find themselves living next door to a house where a young girl murdered her parents.
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Elizabeth Shue **Director:** Mark Tonderai
OPENS FRIDAY, SEPT. 21



Dredd 3D

Rated: R
Plot Overview: In a violent, futuristic city where the police have the authority to act as judge, jury and executioner, a cop teams with a trainee to take down a gang that deals the reality-altering drug.
Starring: Karl Urban, Olivia Thirlby **Director:** Pete Travis
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New this week on DVD

- The Letter**
Rated: R
Genre: Suspense
Starring: Winona Ryder, James Franco
Director: Jay Anania
- Marvel's The Avengers**
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action
Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Jeremy Renner, Mark Ruffalo
Director: Joss Whedon
- Damsels in Distress**
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Greta Gerwig, Adam Brody, Anaaleigh Tipton
Director: Whit Stillman
- The Samaritan**
Rated: R
Genre: Suspense
Starring: Samuel L. Jackson, Tom Wilkinson, Luke Kirby
Director: David Weaver

Top Grossing Sept. 14-16

- 1 Resident Evil: Retribution** (Week No. 1) **\$21,100,000**
- 2 Finding Nemo** (Week No. 1) **\$17,500,000**
- 3 The Possession** (Week No. 3) **\$5,800,000**
- 4 Lawless** (Week No. 3) **\$4,200,000**
- 5 ParaNorman** (Week No. 5) **\$3,000,000**
- 6 The Expendables 2** (Week No. 5) **\$3,000,000**
- 7 The Words** (Week No. 2) **\$2,800,000**
- 8 The Bourne Legacy** (Week No. 6) **\$2,800,000**
- 9 The Odd Life of Timothy Green** (Week No. 5) **\$2,500,000**
- 10 The Campaign** (Week No. 6) **\$2,400,000**

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- Hispanic Heritage Day

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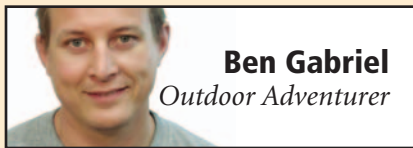


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Adventure series sets schedule



Ben Gabriel
Outdoor Adventurer

The third annual Adventure Arts Series kicks off at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 Main St.

The series presented by New Mexico State University Rec Sport's Outdoor Program is a collection of films, speakers, writers, music and art that highlight the natural world and our place in it. These events will enhance your appreciation of the environment, culture, adventure and lifestyle from New Mexico to the far reaches of the globe.

Reel Rock Tour 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27

The Reel Rock Tour is made up of several exciting events in which climbers and outdoor enthusiasts come together to celebrate the ultimate in adventure filmmaking.

Prize giveaways, appearances by top climbers and fundraising for non-profit organizations are just some of the ways that Reel Rock events are more than just film screenings.

For our seventh year, Sender Films and Big UP Productions are combining the biggest names in the sport with stories of pushing the limits like never before. From battling Himalayan peaks to a battle on Spanish limestone to establish the world's first 5.15c. From the non-conformist world of offwidth climbing to the newfound fame of the boundary-pushing sport of free soloing.

This year's films are nothing short of intrepid tales that will get your palms sweating from beginning to end.

Philip Connors 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11

Philip Connors was born in Ames, Iowa, and grew up on a farm in southern Minnesota. After seeing his family forced off their land during the farm crisis of the 1980s, he went to college and received a bachelor's degree in print journalism from the University of Montana.

He graduated as print journalism was

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Advances in hearing care

Program aids deaf, hard of hearing behavioral services

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In New Mexico, there is a great need for behavioral health services, which includes substance abuse and mental health issues.

Areas most in need include rural areas, where residents have limited resources and access to care, and for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, these types of resources can seem few or far between.

According to the New Mexico Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NMCDHH), 261,257 people suffer some form of hearing loss, which is 13 percent of the population. Almost 5,000 people across the state use American Sign Language (ASL) to communicate. The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that at least 13 percent of ASL users will seek assistance for behavioral health-related problems.

To meet the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing in New Mexico, Community Outreach for the Deaf and OptumHealth New Mexico, are launching a pilot program that provides behavioral health counseling and services via video technology.

"Part of the issues are in the rural areas where a live sign language interpreter is not available," said Mila Mansaram, program director for Community Outreach Program for the Deaf. "The rural areas are already isolated. Language deprivation can cause a variety of mental health issues and challenges."

Mansaram describes the technology as a Video Relay Interpreting (VRI) program that will provide telebehavioral health services to the deaf or hard of hearing.



OptumHealth photo

Elizabeth Martin, CEO of OptumHealth New Mexico; Mila Mansaram, program director for Community Outreach Program for the Deaf; and Wendy Corry, director of program development for OptumHealth New Mexico stand with the video technology for a project that links someone with a mental health or substance abuse issue who is also deaf or hard of hearing with an interpreter via video technology to receive telebehavioral health services.

"The deaf or hard of hearing individual signs through the equipment, which interprets to the behavioral health provider," Mansaram said. "It's opening the doors and providing access to ASL services, which is the third most used language in the world."

The pilot program will be launched in Las Cruces in October through Families & Youth, Inc.

Las Cruces was chosen to launch this program because there was a need for the service.

New Mexico Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons's office in Las Cruces

identifies that there are about 300 people in the area who are either oral deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or culturally deaf with 120 of those requiring behavioral health care.

"Our goal is to help people with mental health and substance abuse (by providing resources)," said Elizabeth Martin, CEO of OptumHealth New Mexico. "It's all about access, access, access. We try to come up with innovative approaches."

Together, OptumHealth, Community Outreach for the Deaf and other organizations

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Battling year-round allergies

Choosing shots as a long-term solution

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As most allergy sufferers know, the battle can be long and exhausting.

Although I have suffered from allergies all my life, it wasn't until a couple of years ago that it started interfering more with my health. I had begun to develop frequent migraines and sinus infections. It seemed like every time I went to see the doctor, I would come out with a diagnosis of "sinus infection."

After talking with my mom, I decided to see an allergist.

For a while, I got along fine taking a couple of nose sprays, a more frequent dose of my allergy medicine and some other over-the-counter medicine to help with the acid reflux I developed due to post nasal drip. But eventually, I tired of taking so many medications and wanted a long-term solution.

Every time I would go in to see my allergist, Dr. Todd Funkhouser would suggest I consider immunotherapy, a "fancy word," the nurse said, for allergy shots.

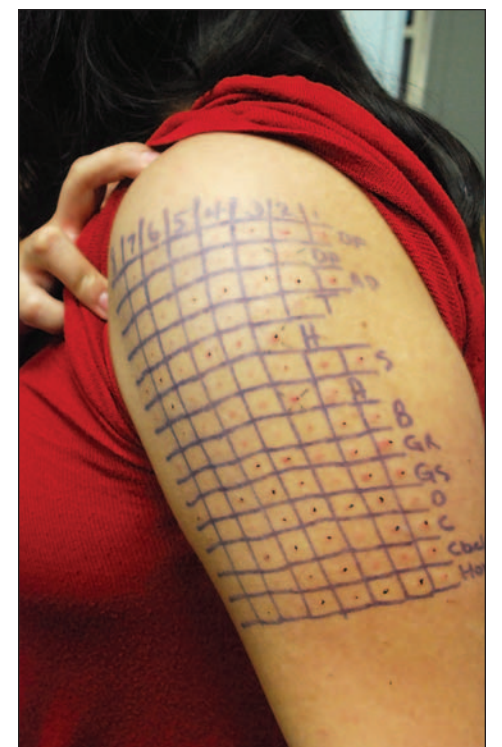
Immunotherapy uses the allergens to help your body build up a tolerance. According to the pamphlet I received from the clinic, the process

is described as a series of weekly shots for two to five years (sometimes more, depending on the severity) to block the allergy antibodies that cause allergic reactions, which varies from person to person, and "stimulate production of protective antibodies, thereby eliminating your allergies."

When I was a kid, I became familiar with allergy shots. My older brother couldn't breathe through his nose, so my mom took him to the Allergy and Asthma Clinic of Southern New Mexico to get tested. He had severe reactions to everything – weeds, grass, animals, dust, mold and trees. After a couple of months of immunotherapy, my mom noticed a difference in my brother. Now, my brother, who was allergic to everything, is able to work outdoors for his job, something he wouldn't have been able to do had he not gotten the shots.

Although I had declined to get shots when I was younger (something I'm regretting now), my allergy symptoms were never as bad as they are now. So, I signed up for testing. In order to receive immunotherapy, you have to go through a series of shots to gauge the severity of your reaction to each allergen. Prior to testing, it's required that a person be off their antihistamines for a week prior and the duration of the testing. It was one of the roughest weeks of my life, because in addition to being off my allergy meds, I had a sinus infection and

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler

The second day of allergy shots gauged reactions to molds, dusts, dogs, cats, horses and cockroaches.

Granting a simple wish



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales
Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Mexico recipient Wyatt shows off his new skateboard presented by Shane Lurette, Zumiez Mesilla Valley store manager. Wyatt from Truth or Consequences had his shopping spree wish granted Saturday, Aug. 25, for a game room with a big screen TV, Xbox, games, a skateboard, new clothing for school and a computer for his online classes. Included was a stay at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, a limousine ride for the day from LM Limousine and lunch with dessert at Red Lobster for Wyatt and his family. GameStop and Zumiez also contributed to his wish.

Impressive internship for NMSU grad

Substance abuse and mental health issues explored

New Mexico State University dual master's degree graduate Rose Nava began a 15-week internship Sept. 10 with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in Washington, D.C.

Nava earned a Master of Social Work and a Master of Public Health degrees in May from the College of Health and Social Services. She currently is an Albuquerque area program coordinator for the Southwest Institute for Family and Child Advocacy, which is housed in NMSU's School of Social Work.

In Washington, D.C., Nava will work for SAMHSA's policy office where she will focus on various projects that deal with tribal affairs, health care reform, legislation, behavior health, trauma and women and children's issues.

"This is an excellent opportunity to see what happens on the national level," said the Santa Fe native. "I want to gain knowledge that I can bring back to New Mexico communities."

SAMHSA was established in 1992 by Congress to target effective substance abuse and mental health services to the people most in need and to translate research in these areas more effectively and more rapidly into the general health care system.

Over the years, SAMHSA has demonstrated that prevention works, treatment is effective and people recover from mental health and substance use disorders.

Nava, a former U.S. Peace Corps volunteer and an NMSU Peace Corps Fellow, was among the 5 percent of the 75 applicants to be interviewed. She received one of two internships in the office of policy and regulations. She applied for the internship after learning about it from Sue Forster-Cox, who was her advisor and mentor while working on her master's degrees.

Nava earned a Bachelor of Science in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management from NMSU in 1994. She held various business positions prior to serving in the Peace Corps from 2006-08.

She served in the Peace Corps in the Kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific as a micro-business developer and as a community educator.

"Midway through my service, riots occurred in Tonga, which affected the area where I was living, so I switched from a



NMSU Photo

New Mexico State University graduate Rose Nava has begun an internship in Washington, D.C., to further her education in substance abuse and mental health services.

business developer to a community educator, where I focused on health issues, such as basic sanitation, exercise programs for women, and after-school programs for children," she said.

Nava discovered she enjoys working with communities to improve the quality of life for the citizens.

"I've always enjoyed volunteering in my community," she said. "When I came back from the Peace Corps, I wanted to switch my career focus in order to expand on the volunteer work I had been doing with homeless families and at-risk youth. So I went back to school to earn my master's degree."

Nava said she has "on the ground experience" through her clinical work while obtaining her master's degrees, and now the SAMHSA internship will allow her to "see the policy process that has a direct effect on New Mexico communities."

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make up a disability advisory committee to come up with solutions to challenges that make it difficult for people to get the care they need.

"It takes a village of very passionate people to provide access to care and innovative technology," Martin said. "This is the

first pilot of its kind to focus on Las Cruces and the 120 people who need this service."

The goal, Mansaram said, is to move this program to other areas of the state once the pilot launch has proven success over the span of the six-month to one-year trial.

"Personally, I believe that everyone has a right to the care they need and deserve," Martin said. "We are all touched by mental health and substance abuse in the community."

The goal of OptumHealth and other care providers, Martin said, is to provide those individuals with behavioral issues with the resources they require.

"We are all very excited about this project in Las Cruces," Martin said.

For more information on receiving the service, call FYI Director Mickey Curtis at 522-4004.

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TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the main room. For more information, call 523-6240.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 219

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 219 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. This support group assists members in achieving and maintaining healthy weight loss goals. For location information, call Doris Fields at 524-7461.

ART OF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Art of Recovery, a support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St. The group matches those in need of support with volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment. For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity of

Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door. Overeaters Anonymous is also offered at noon each Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 105 Saint James St. For more information, call Wayne at 647-5684.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A family caregiver support group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Garduños in the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Co-facilitators with years of experience in senior-care issues will be on hand.

GLBTQ CENTER OFFERS SUPPORT

The Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St., provides a variety of groups and services for Las Cruces' gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning community.

For more information, call 635-4902, email info@newmexicoglbtccenters.org or visit www.newmexicoglbtccenters.org.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Co-Dependents Anonymous meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The one-hour meetings are intended to help those raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional family situations deal with their issues and move on to a healthier, happier life through a 12-step program. For more information, call 647-5684.

HIV SUPPORT GROUP

A Las Cruces HIV Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Las

Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. The group offers advocacy and support for those infected with or affected by the HIV virus, and focuses on the rebuilding of community, outreach, education, self-advocacy and wellness. For more information, call Seth at 621-0681.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, 926 S. San Pedro St. Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation. For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

NEEDLE EXCHANGE

The Families & Youth Inc. Needle Exchange Program, located at 1320 S. Solano Drive, seeks to reduce HIV and hepatitis C by decreasing the circulation of unclean syringes, and helps drug users overcome addiction by providing information on available drug-treatment services. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The service is confidential and no appointments are needed. For more information, call Stefano at 556-1549.

T'AI CHI CHIH AT MOUNTAINVIEW

MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., offers T'ai Chi Chih sessions taught by Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays. Sessions are taught in the

Women's Resource Room, and are free to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members, or a \$2 donation is requested. For more information, call 505-359-5256 or 312-8320, or email rositaad4@gmail.com.

YOGA CLASSES BY BETH LEBLANC

Gentle yoga sessions for men and women taught by Beth LeBlanc are from 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Women's Resource Room 404.

Laughter Yoga Exercise, taught by LeBlanc, is from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursdays at Curves, 3291 Del Rey Blvd.

Sessions are free to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members, or a \$2 donation for others. For more information, call 522-0011 or 640-7614.

YOGA CLASSES AT UU METHODIST

Olivia Solomon is offering yoga classes for all levels from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Thursdays at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. For more information, contact Solomon at 522-5350 or wildyoga@yahoo.com.

YOGA CLASSES

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place Jewel, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardín de los Niños. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience.

For more information, email Nichols at karen_f_n@yahoo.com or leave a message at 882-4943.

HATHA YOGA

Hatha Yoga classes for beginners are held at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and noon Fridays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Classes are taught by Shoshana, a certified instructor. The class is gentle and non-competitive. Donations are accepted. Attendees are asked to bring a mat or blanket. For more information, call 522-7119.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

UStoo of Southern New Mexico, a prostate cancer support group, will have a general meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Memorial Medical Center Annex, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. Information will be given on CyberKnife cancer treatment, a non-invasive alternative to surgery or an adjunct to surgery. For more information, call 525-3294.

STROKE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

A stroke survivors support group meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The facilitator is Dolores Hendricks. For more information, call 528-3000.

T'AI CHI CHIH AT YOUNG PARK

Certified Instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado will teach T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. every second and fourth Thursday of each month at Young Park begin-

ning Thursday, Sept. 27. Classes are by the pond, and are free to the public. For more information, contact Rose at 312-8320 or rositaad4@gmail.com.

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

The Southern New Mexico Aphasia Support Group is a community group for 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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If you drink, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking and can't, that's ours. For more information, call 527-1803.

ADA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS

The Doña Ana County Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, in multi-purpose Room 1-111 at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

The advisory board will focus its efforts on planning and executing a self-evaluation of Doña Ana County's programs, activities and services in accordance with the requirements of the ADA for the purpose of identifying barriers to accessibility and establishing a plan to remove such barriers.

The full agenda for the meeting can be viewed at www.donaanacounty.org under "Agendas." For more information, call 525-5801.

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entering its own period of crisis. He worked for several years at the Wall Street Journal, mostly as an editor for the Leisure & Arts page. In 2002, he left the canyons of Manhattan for a job even more anachronistic than print journalist: wilderness fire lookout in New Mexico's Gila National Forest, where he has spent every summer since. That experience became the subject of his first book, "Fire Season: Field Notes From a Wilderness Lookout," published by Ecco in 2011. It was named the best nature book of the year by Amazon.com, and won the National Outdoor Book Award and the Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award. He lives in Grant County with his wife and their dog.

Warren Miller 7 p.m. Nov. 15

This fall, immerse yourself in the "Flow State" with Warren Miller Entertainment and experience the ultimate winter from a lens of absolute clarity.

Warren Miller's Flow State is a place of such singular focus and connection with the environment that, in this place, the faster you ride, the slower time passes. The "Flow State" exists anywhere crisp winter air shocks your lungs and sunlight refracts off snowflakes, allowing you to emerge from this state improved – happier, more confident and more aware of your surroundings.

So buckle up, because Warren Miller's 63rd annual ski and snowboard film will take you into the zone ... the moment ... the groove ... the center ... the "Flow State."

MountainFilm in Telluride 7 p.m. Feb. 7, 2013

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For more info

For more information on the series, visit <http://www.riograndetheatre.com> or contact 646-4252 or outdoor@nmsu.edu.

Sarah Reinertsen 7 p.m. March 14, 2013

Sarah Reinertsen stepped on the world stage after making sports history in one of the toughest endurance events in the world – the Hawaii Ironman. This legendary race includes a 2.4-mile swim (3.8km), 112-mile bike (180km), and a 26.2-mile run (42.2km). Reinertsen is the first woman on a prosthetic leg to finish the Ironman World Championships in Kona. Reinertsen's story has been covered in many national newspapers and she has graced the covers of Runner's World, Triathlete, Competitor and ESPN magazine. In 2009, GPP Life published her book, titled "In Single Bound."

Majka Burhardt 7 p.m. April 11, 2013

Majka Burhardt has a passion for creating unusual connections. As an author, professional climber, filmmaker and entrepreneur, Burhardt has spent two decades exploring the globe – usually by hand and foot – and her stories of challenge, humanity and the fine line between extreme and acceptable risk continue to inspire audiences around the world. Burhardt is the author of "Coffee Story: Ethiopia" and "Vertical Ethiopia," and executive producer of the 2010 film, "Waypoint Namibia" and the forthcoming "Lost Mountain" about Mozambique. She champions "Additive Adventure" – when adventure goes beyond exploration to cultural and environmental connections that create a larger conversation of singular and collective human meaning.

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Allergies

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bronchitis. It delayed my testing, and I had to wait another week until I was well before I could begin testing.

Day 1

I'm not particularly afraid of needles, so the process wasn't daunting. As I walked in for my first series of shots, the nurse said the first day tends to be the shortest.

I was being tested for trees. There were tree categories, which meant six rows drawn on to my arm and a series of shots every 10 minutes until there was a reaction.

The shots are given with a fairly small needle and placed just under the skin so at most it just feels like a pinch and or a small sting.

They start with a small dose of the allergen and increase it every 10 minutes. "Plan on being here for three hours," the nurse told me when I first made my appointments. I made the mistake of taking a lot to do, since you have to get up every 10 minutes. I had about 40 shots that first day, before I got reactions from each tree category. When you have a reaction, a bump forms and the nurse measures the diameter and the size and dose determine the severity of the reaction.

My first reaction was to Trees No. 5, which includes pecan trees, not a pleasant thing to hear when you live in the valley and are essentially surrounded by pecan orchards. After the first reaction, the nurse said the rest tend to follow – and she was right.

When I was finished, the marker was washed off and Benadryl applied.

The appointments are spread out with at least 48 hours in between testing to allow the body to recover.

Day 2

When I arrived on day two, I was all set – I brought one magazine to glance through and my headphones to listen to music or watch videos on my phone. My reactions weren't too bad the first time around, mild to moderate in most categories, so I thought, "This is going to be a breeze."

This had to be the worst of the three days. I was tested for molds, dusts, dogs, cats, horses and cockroaches.

I received around 100 shots, according to my calculation. There were 14 different categories and eight series of shots. I pretty much got them all, but that wasn't the rough part.

The nurse told me it would take up to two days for a reaction to develop I would have to come in the next day for them to check my arm and I couldn't get my arm wet for 48 hours or cover it with plastic to prevent it from getting wet.

The first night I did OK, some itching and there were reactions in the mold categories. My reactions had grown from fairly small to 11 millimeter diameter within the first 24 hours.

I was grossed out by it, so I decided to wear a long-sleeve shirt and sweater for next couple of days, because if I didn't want to see it neither did anyone else.

My reactions grew quickly from then on in two categories especially, Mold Mix A and Mold Mix B, which is a mix of several different mold spores. I even woke up that night because it was itching so badly.

Day 3

Day three, I walked in ready for the Benadryl. This was the day I was sure I would get out early. I already knew from the chart hanging in the waiting area and posted on the clinics website that when weed and grass pollen was high, my allergies were bad.

The allergy symptoms hit harder with these shots and the shots will sting more because the fibers are larger, the nurse warned. A patient always knows, the nurse said.

I had been telling them for the past three appointments that this was going to be my least favorite day – I was right.

If I remember correctly, there were 11 categories. When I started with the first four shots, the nurse said they looked angry, but no reaction.

Then after the next round, every grass category reacted, with a vengeance, from nothing to 11 millimeter and 13 millimeter diameters. Weeds followed quickly after. I was finished.

I received my results right away. My severe reaction to grass pollens, the mold category and the sticker/thistle weed category places me in the five-year shot category. I have to come in twice a week for four shots, but most patients see a difference in symptoms in the first three months, the nurse explained.

The testing is the hardest part, after that it's not too bad.

One misconception is that cutting down the trees, taking the grass out of the yard and getting rid of the weeds will help, but when the pollen and mold spores are already in the air, there really is not much you can do. Also, the mold isn't the type that people find in their homes, which is a toxin, they are spores that come from various different things and become airborne.

All in all, it wasn't a terrible experience. I learned a lot about my allergies, why I feel so terrible this month (September and October are when grass pollens are highest). The staff was incredibly knowledgeable and answered all my questions, and everyone in the waiting room told me how much the process has helped them, which reassured me I had made the right decision.

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Honoring a fellow cyclist at the Michael Ray Vega Silent Ride Dedication

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Sean Bond heads a group of silent-ride bicyclists on Las Cruces Avenue Friday, Sept. 21, in honor of bike-accident victim Michael Ray Vega, who was killed on his bike in California. The ride went from Pioneer Park to Mountain View Market Co-op, where Vega worked.



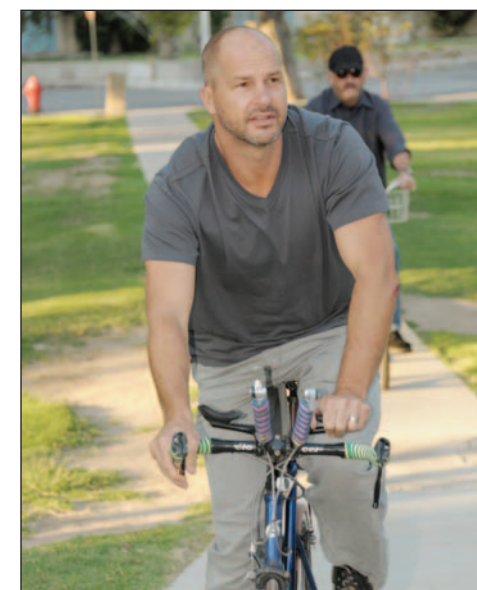
Carrisa Owen gets prepared at Pioneer Park before the silent ride.



George Pearson, chairman of Bicycle Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee, prepares for the silent ride in honor of Vega.



Alexa Seibel, Mo Valko and Caitlin Ka talk to Pearson before the silent ride.



Derek Fisher prepares for the silent ride. Fisher was Vega's adviser at New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute.

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Pets and People



Getting to 'no kill' isn't easy

Fostering strays is one step closer to Zero In 7



Jake Sims
Pet Connection

Early this year, after weeks of talking, a number of animal advocate nonprofits got together with city and county officials, including the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley and Animal Control, to form the Coalition for Pets and People. The coalition adopted as their goal Zero In 7, which means that they are committed to making Doña Ana County and Las Cruces a no-kill community for companion animals in seven years or less.

Does this mean that 100 percent of the animals coming into contact with Animal Control or entering the shelter will survive? No, but all healthy or treatable animals with illnesses, and all with resolvable behavior issues will.

In the communities that have successfully implemented this strategy, 90 percent or more

of the companion animals are saved. This is true even in places where as many as 80 percent of cats and between 70 and 75 percent of dogs were previously put to death.

No one is saying it is easy to achieve this goal. It takes a powerful commitment to value every animal's life, and the will to preserve that life against all odds.

The two kittens pictured brought this lesson home to me in a very real way. As a member of Animal Welfare and Responsibility Education (AWARE), I learned of an elderly man's plea for help let's call him Howard. Howard had several cats and kittens, which he was no longer able to care for due to deteriorating health. He had contacted all the animal societies and rescues he knew and been promised they would check into it, which they did.

The shelter, along with an AWARE fosterer, was preparing to visit Howard when it was learned he was on the way to the shelter to surrender his five cats even though it was almost certain that they may all be killed. It was immediately decided by the shelter director that, if deemed adoptable, the fosterer would take them into AWARE's care until they could be adopted. Four were considered adoptable – two kittens, a Siamese mother and her older kitten. The fifth was deemed unadoptable due to behavioral issue. The four are now under AWARE's care and are available for adoption. For more information, call 644-5692.

Bottom line, from the beginning I was hoping one of the other organizations would help. When it became obvious that we had run out of time, I had to do some real soul



Photo by Ann Markman

These two kittens were taken into the care of a foster home and are now up for adoption. They were surrendered after the owner's deteriorating health prevented him from caring for them.

searching. My conclusion was that if I really believed in the no-kill paradigm, I could not let those cats die – no matter how inconvenient, how much work or how much it cost. Howard and his cats made me realize what "no kill" actually means.

The no-kill equation describes 10 programs that are mandatory to reach this standard. You can play an important role in bringing this life-saving strategy to fruition with:

- **Spay and Neuter-** Make sure all your pets are spayed and neutered. Urge all your family and friends to do the same. Help end all the myths that cause thousands of deaths every year.
- **Become a foster-** The shelter and several of the rescue and humane societies need volunteers to care for animals while they are awaiting adoption. In most cases, there

is no cost to you and you get the pleasure of having a variety of pets to enjoy at different times. Usually, the pets are with you for a few weeks before adoption.

- **Be a volunteer-** The shelter has an extensive list of activities to choose from. A number of the nonprofits also have volunteer opportunities and needs.

To learn more about the Coalition for Pets and People, visit www.zeroin7.org

Jake Sims is the facilitator for Animal Welfare And Responsibility Education (AWARE). He is passionate about educating the public on animal welfare and lowering euthanization rates in Doña Ana County. Sims is a volunteer with the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley and part of the center's strategic planning committee. He is also part of the county's animal ordinances review committee. Sims can be reached at info@awaredac.com.

Guinea Pig cost care and responsibility

Deciding to care for a pet is a big responsibility; it is not a decision that should be made lightly.

Annual costs	
Food	\$105
Recurring medical ¹	\$70
Litter	\$415
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Annual total	\$635
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Capital total	\$70
**First year total	\$705

[1] Exam, vaccinations, heartworm preventative & topical flea/tick preventative
 ** According to Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, director of the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, expenses gradually decline after the first year. Expenses rise when pets reach senior ages. Expense varies depending on type and size of the animal.
 Source: www.aspc.org

Lost dogs and cats

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) announced that a telephone survey was conducted to gather new data regarding how many pets have been lost, how many ultimately made it home and how their guardians found them.

There were 1,015 households that cared for a dog or cat within the past five years, and of those pet guardians surveyed:

- Fifteen percent had lost a dog or a cat in the past five years – a lower number than had been anecdotally reported.
- Eighty-five percent of those lost dogs and cats were recovered.
- The percentage of lost dogs compared to lost cats was quite similar – 14 percent for dogs and 15 percent for cats.

- Cat guardians were less likely to find their cat – only 74 percent of lost cats were recovered, while 93 percent of lost dogs were recovered.
- Forty-nine percent of dog guardians found their dog by searching the neighborhood, and 15 percent of the dogs were recovered because they were wearing an ID tag or had a micro-chip.
- Fifty-nine percent of cat guardians found their cat because it returned home on its own and 30 percent found their cat by searching the neighborhood.
- Only 6 percent of dog guardians and 2 percent of cat guardians found their lost pets at a shelter.

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Pets and People



Doña Ana Pets Alive! works overtime

Campaign aims to save as many pets as possible

By **Michel Meunier**

APA's President/Founder
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

At ACTION Programs for Animals (APA), we started our no-kill programming efforts in May.

Called the Doña Ana Pets Alive! (DAPA!) Campaign, it is similar to other efforts across the nation. DAPA! pulls at-risk dogs and cats from the municipal shelter, puts them into foster homes and finds them new homes via weekend adoption events, online promotion, etc.

The overall goal is to grow the program quickly to include more of the programs and services of the "no-kill equation," which is the only national model that has helped more than 50 communities across the U.S. reach a point of saving more than 90 percent of their shelter animals' lives.

Since May, DAPA! has saved more than 100 cats and dogs from the municipal shelter. The program and campaign rely heavily on foster homes at this time, but we hope to grow into obtaining and running a facility or multiple facilities by next year.

We won't lie; saving lives is hard work, and DAPA! often overtaxes our dedicated board, volunteers, foster families and ourselves because we usually don't rest between pulling



ACTION Programs for Animals photo
Angie is a blue-nosed AMSTAF mix still looking for a home; here, she is with Bronwyn Olsen, one of APA's dedicated foster moms and offsite volunteers.

the animals out. The campaign is truly committed to reducing our community's kill rate as quickly as possible.

As DAPA! gains more support and momentum community-wide, the program and campaign will be able to save many more

lives. As it is, the campaign! is only scratching the surface at this time because 8,000 animals are still put to death each year in the community.

The good news is that American Veterinary Medical Association demographic data shows that in Doña Ana County, an average of 13,000 homes take in new animals each year in our area (animals 1 year old or less). What DAPA! recognizes is a market share problem. We want to do a better job of competing for these homes.

Despite our push to save lives, the campaign doesn't compromise on support and customer service to those who adopt animals from us. Though the program and campaign often adopt out an average of five animals per weekend, our return rate is relatively low – about 5 percent.

The greatest need at the moment is for more foster homes for cats and dogs. The average stay in a temporary home for animals DAPA! pull from the shelter is a few weeks. You can foster for as long as you like, and it is an ideal way for those who can't make lifetime commitments to animals at this time to still enjoy their companionship. If you have room in your home and heart to help us save more lives, contact us at 575-644-0505 or actionprogramsforanimals@yahoo.com.

For more information about the DAPA! Campaign, visit www.actionprogramsforanimals.org, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/APALasCruces or [DonaAnaPetsAlive.com](http://www.DonaAnaPetsAlive.com).

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Pet Briefs

Cruisin' for Critters

The third annual Cruisin' for Critters Charity Motorcycle Run will take place Saturday, Sept. 29. The run benefits ACTION Programs for Animals. Registration is from 10 a.m. to noon at Barnett's Las Cruces Harley Davidson, 2600 Lakeside Drive. The cost is \$10 per rider, which includes lunch at the after-party at the Blue Moon Bar in Radium Springs. The event at the Blue Moon runs from 3 to 6 p.m. and will feature live music by Triple Jack, dancing, prizes, raffles and other activities. Non-riders can attend the after-party for an \$8 entrance fee at the door.

ACTION Programs for Animals is an animal-welfare nonprofit organization helping companion animals in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County.

For more information, call 621-4942.

PITS for Peace Walk

ACTION Programs for Animals (APA) invites the public and area businesses to participate in the PITS for Peace Walk Oct. 6, at Pioneer Park. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The walk/parade will take place at 11:30 a.m. and go through Downtown Main Street.

The event is for Pit Bull Awareness Month, but it is also an event that celebrates the good nature of all dogs. It promotes the idea that all dogs should be judged as individuals and not by breed or stereotypes.

APA invites all animal organizations, pet-related businesses and any other businesses (including food vendors) to have a booth at the event. Nonprofit booths are \$10, and for-profit booths are \$20. Animal-welfare nonprofits/dog rescues are welcome to bring their adoptable animals.

The standard spaces will be 10 by 10 square feet, but we will try to accommodate adoptable animals by providing more space to those groups bringing adoptable animals.

For more information, call 644-0505 or visit www.actionprogramsforanimals.org.

Safe Haven open house

Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary, the only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in Doña Ana County, will hold its annual open house from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23. The open house is an opportunity for the public to take a short drive and tour the nonprofit facility.

Complimentary hot dogs, salads and refreshments will be served. There will be a quilt raffle, dogs and cats will be available for

adoption and adoption counselors will be on hand. All pets have current vaccinations, are spayed or neutered and have a clean bill of health. Micro-chipping is also included.

To get to Safe Haven, take U.S. Highway 70 east to Holman Road, drive north on Holman for two miles and then turn right on El Centro Boulevard. Follow the signs to 6890 Eagle Road. Parking is available on Eagle Road. Bring the kids, but please leave your dogs at home as this sends the resident pooches into a barking frenzy.

For more information, visit www.safehavenanimalsanctuary.net or call 527-3544.

Yard sale to benefit shelter

Volunteers from the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley have organized a large-scale yard sale to raise money for shelter operations and animal care.

The event will be held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at 2292 Divot Ave. Early birds will not be permitted.

To donate items for the yard sale, call 644-5692.

For more information, call 382-0018 or visit www.ascmv.org. People who are hearing impaired can call 541-2182.

Send us your pet briefs

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Preventing illness and loss at the APA pet vaccination clinic

Photos by Lorena Sanchez



Pet owners were greeted by a group of ACTION Programs for Animals volunteers who took down information on what each pet needed during the ACTION Programs for Animals' low-cost dog/cat vaccination clinic Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Blue Moon Bar Patio, in Radium Springs. Rabies vaccines, dog (DAPP) and cat (FVRCP) combo vaccines and microchips were available. Free deworming was also offered for puppies and kittens.

This 8-week-old kitten, Iroh, was at the clinic to receive the feline combo shot. The clinic was held for dogs and cats, but the majority of animals seen were dogs.



Volunteers Anita and Jaime Rodriguez and Linda Guillen bathe Dakota, a service offered at the clinic after the vaccines and/or microchipping was completed.



Janna Miller holds Degradi in her lap, and Azul and Jäger by the leash while their caretaker signs in. Degradi and Azul are shelter dogs and Jäger is a stray Miller found days earlier. Miller had brought her own dogs that morning. "You can't beat these clinics," she said. "If you live out here it's more convenient and a better price."



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Ten-month-old Rottweiler Goliath sits calmly as he receives a microchip during the clinic.

Veterinary tech Wendy Baldwin holds Bear as Veterinarian Dr. Laura Henckel administers the rabies vaccine. Henckel said animals are generally good when the shots are given, but smaller dogs can require a bit more attention when shots are given because they can get scared.



Rehab means a second chance

Physical, occupational therapy goes a long way

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As Rehabilitation Week, Sept 16-22, winds down, it's more of a celebration to some than others.

A retired educator, counselor and long-time Las Cruces resident, Carlene Wimberly's firsthand experience with physical and occupational therapy is just one of many triumphs that come from working hard to regain some sense of normalcy.

In May, Wimberly suffered a stroke during a stay in the emergency room when she was battling an illness from a kidney stone that had "blown up."

Wimberly said she soon realized that if she was going to have a stroke, the best place to have one was the emergency room. She was quickly treated and entered therapy at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico.

"I have come a long a lot faster than I thought I would," she said. "I didn't lose all my memory or long-term memory, just my some of my short-term."

Wimberly and her husband, Herb, were told to go to a facility in Scottsdale, Ariz., but chose to stay at in Las Cruces near their home, friends and family.

"Herb was there before 7 a.m. with morning coffee and a newspaper," Wimberly said. "He was there for me. I was lucky. Not everyone had a support system and it really is important."

During her time at the rehab hospital, Wimberly received physical and occupational therapy, which included speech therapy. During her time in rehabilitation she said she didn't set specific goals.

"I just wanted my life back," she said.

After three week, Wimberly was able to return home with her husband, but would continue with outpatient rehab at the facility.

"My goal was to walk out of there," Wimberly said. "On the day you go home all the staff meet in a hall and they do a kind of send off and take a picture. Everyone knows by the time you go home that you've worked hard."

Wimberly still uses cane for support, but said she continues to regain her strength every day and looks forward to driving again.

"Therapy is hard," Wimberly said. "Some people don't want to do it. You have to work hard at it."

"I am very pleased for her," Herb Wimberly said. "She really has made tremendous headway. I remember on the first day when she couldn't move or open her hand."

Health Briefs

National Gymnastics Day

Gym Magic Sports Center and Preschool will celebrate National Gymnastics Day by inviting the public for free tours, demonstrations and gymnastics lessons from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 22, at 2341 Entrada Del Sol. The objective is to build awareness and support for children's health and fitness through gymnastics and being active. For more information, call 523-6162.

Walk Like MADD & MADD Dash 5K

The New Mexico Department of Transportation District 1 office is partnering with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Doña Ana County for the Walk Like MADD & MADD Dash walk/run.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at La Llorna Park Trail. Opening ceremonies will be held at 8:30 a.m. and the walk/run will start at 9 a.m. Registration for adults 21 and older is \$20, anyone younger than 21 and virtual walkers are \$15.

For more information, visit www.walklikemadd.org or call Cristina Rivera at 505-255-2955, ext. 3551.

La Casa domestic violence free awareness dinner

La Casa, Inc. will be host its annual, free dinner and candlelight vigil in honor of those lost as a result of domestic violence, survivors and to promote awareness of the on-going issue. The event will take place Monday, Oct. 1, at St. Paul's Church 225 W. Griggs Ave. and is open to the public. The featured speaker at the event will be Johanna Orozco, who survived a dating relationship that ended in a horrific way. The dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. with the program and vigil immediately following. For more information, call 526-2819.

Whole Enchilada 5K/Fun Run

The Las Cruces Running Club will produce and sponsor The Whole Enchilada Fiesta 5K Road Race and 1 mile Fun Run before the parade along the parade route. The 5K Road Race will begin at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 29, with a one-hour time limit. The 1-mile Fun Run starts at 9:30 a.m. with a 20-minute time limit. The course will be cleared after each race.

The club will provide a secure Road Race course starting on Hadley Avenue at Hermosa Street going west then north on Solano Drive for a loop around Apodaca Park then back to the start/finish line on Hadley Avenue. The 1-mile Fun Run will share the start/finish line going west on Hadley Avenue, then north on Solano Drive, turning around at the 5 mile mark.

Runners can download a registration form or register online at <http://lascrucesrunningclub.com> and find more details at www.enchiladafiesta.com.

Buddy Walk needs walkers and volunteers

The Southern New Mexico Down Syndrome Families (SNMDSF) will hold its annual Buddy Walk Fundraiser at 10 a.m. Oct. 27. The walk will be part of the New Mexico State University

Donations help Rescue Mission in a big way



Bright Star Dental photo

Dr. Brian Gilbert of Bright Star Dental presents a check representing the cash donations made during their food drive to Bob Jeska, executive director of Gospel Rescue Mission. A total of \$2,865 in cash and 294 pounds of food, along with 21 pounds in non-food donations. David Stedman, the cook for the mission, said some of the food will go into food baskets, but the majority will be used for the 200 meals served daily. The mission provides three hot meals a day and Stedman said the kitchen is always in need of staples such as dried beans and rice.

Homecoming Parade. Participants will meet on the east side of the Pan American Center and can also register prior to the walk.

Individuals with Down syndrome and children ages 6 and younger are free. Children 7 to 12 years old are \$6 and adults are \$12. A T-shirt, gift bag and lunch are part of the registration fee.

In addition to corporate and small business sponsors of this event, SNMDSF is seeking volunteers to assist with the Buddy Walk.

SNMDSF is a nonprofit organization of families and others working to increase public awareness, support families and improve opportunities for those touched by Down syndrome.

For more information or to register, visit www.snmdsf.org, call 636-3643 or 636-3644 (Español) or email snmdsf07@yahoo.com.

Coyote Challenge tests participants endurance

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Sept. 21 is a time for meditation

United Nations International Peace Celebration returns

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Since 1982, countries and faith-based organizations throughout the world have come together in honor of the United Nations International Peace Celebration.

For the past five years, local churches around the area have joined in that celebration.

"Every year, the United Nations International Peace Celebration is held on Sept. 21," said Rev. Terry Lund of Unity of Las Cruces, who is involved in the local event. "We hold our celebration the Sunday closest to Sept. 21."

This year, the local celebration will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. This is the

third year the event will be held at Peace Lutheran Church, said Lund, adding that it has also been held at Temple Beth-El and First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces.

"(The celebration) is a time for a lot of us to come together and visualize peace," she said.

Lund said the event centers around the Maharishi effect, which claims that with a number of people meditating together in harmony on the same topic, they can make a difference with that issue.

"I believe it," Lund said. "I think we can make a difference in the community."

The theme this year is "Lifting Las Cruces and Surrounding Borderlands in Prayer" and the event will feature music, readings and talks presented by guest speakers of various faith-based organizations, including Sabri Agachen,

El Paso/Las Cruces representative of The Institute of Interfaith Dialog.

"It fits into what we're doing because of the inclusiveness of all religions," said Jerry Lund, who joined his wife in helping to plan the event.

There are seven churches involved with the planning committee of this year's International Peace Celebration.

Terry Lund said a love offering will be collected to benefit the local Peace Village Camp, which is a day camp for area youth that promotes non-violence conflict resolution, and Creativity for Peace, a Santa Fe camp that brings together Palestinian and Israeli adolescent girls.

"We've asked all faith-based organizations to form prayer groups throughout September

to pray for Las Cruces and the borderland," she said.

She explained that during the peace celebration, pens and paper will be handed out so participants can write a prayer or affirmation for Las Cruces or the borderland. They will be placed in a basket and the basket will travel among local churches.

"The churches will read the prayers, or just hold them or bless them, whatever they want," Terry Lund said.

With 250 people participating in the first local peace celebration five years ago, the event has grown in participation, with more than 350 expected to show up this year.

"What our focus is, is not growing the event bigger, but providing a higher quality of music and speakers," Lund said.

For more information, visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

Church News

ECKANKAR EVENT

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free event from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 22, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The topic will be "Embracing your spiritual lessons with grace."

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

First Baptist Church of Las Cruces will sponsor a neighborhood block party from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday,

Sept. 22, at the park in the Las Colinas neighborhood on Las Colinas Avenue. The block party will provide neighborhood families with free food, games, prizes and more. Several nonprofit organizations related to helping families will be there.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Knights of Columbus Council No. 1226 and the Father Finnegan Assembly 0684 will sponsor a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to 2

p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at the hall, 2755 E. Idaho Ave., to benefit Catholic Charities. Cost is \$6 per person and will include pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice.

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., will hold the following Yom Kippur services. Kol Nidre services begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25. On Wednesday, Sept. 26, the Yom Kippur family service

begins at 9 a.m. and is followed by the morning service at 10 a.m. A time for sharing starts at 1 p.m., and a meditation service follows at 2 p.m. Study with Rabbi Karol and Rabbi Kane is at 3 p.m., the afternoon service is at 4:30 p.m., Yizkor and Neilah are at 5:45 p.m. and Break-the-fast is at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

FESTIVAL OF TENTS

The 2012 Festival of Tents, hosted by Tree of Life Messianic Congregation, will

be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at Apodaca Park, on the corner of Solano Drive and East Madrid Avenue. The event will feature live music, circle dancing lessons and more, all geared toward illuminating the Exodus of the Bible. Attendees will find out how biblical events are still relevant today. For more information, call 680-8183 or visit <http://festivaloftents.com>.

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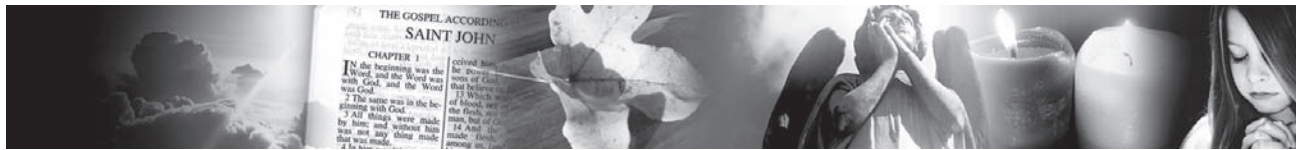
The Stephen Ministry Team of Morning Star Church invites the public to a presentation by Rev. Margaret Short, chaplain of Memorial Medical Center, on the dos and don'ts of hospital visits at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, at the church, 2941 Morning State Drive. For more information, call 521-3770.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, will celebrate World Communion Day at its 10:30 a.m. worship service Sunday, Oct. 7. The community is invited. For more information, call 526-5559.

BIBLE INTERPRETATION

Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, will host a study on metaphysical interpretation of the Old Testament from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Oct. 4. There is no fee, but love offerings will be accepted. The class is available for credit to anyone considering becoming a Unity Licensed Teacher. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.



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Yom Kippur Schedule
Temple Beth-El
Erev Yom Kippur
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Kol Nidre/Evening Service, 8:00 p.m.
Yom Kippur
Wednesday, September 26
Family Service, 9:00 a.m.
Morning Service, 10:00 a.m.
A Time for Sharing, 1:00 p.m.
Meditation Service (led by David Fishman), 2:00 p.m.
Study with Rabbi Karol & Rabbi Kane, 3:00 p.m.
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Starting anew at the Tashlich ceremony

Photos by Steve MacIntyre

Members of Temple Beth-El, along with other members of the Jewish community, gather at the Young Park pond for the Rosh Hashanah Tashlich ceremony Monday, Sept. 17.



Rabbi Larry Karol from Temple Beth-El reads the Tashlich ceremony at Young Park as part of Rosh Hashanah. The ceremony is meant to cast away sins by the symbolic action of throwing bread into a body of water.

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Temple Beth-El member Tana Hemingway, 81, photographs the pond during the Rosh Hashanah Tashlich ceremony.



Marieka Brown and her daughter Kaila participate in the ceremony.



Ben Fiszbein, 16, throws bread into the pond during the Tashlich ceremony as part of the Jewish new year Rosh Hashanah.

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Featured home: 2112 Salida Del Sol

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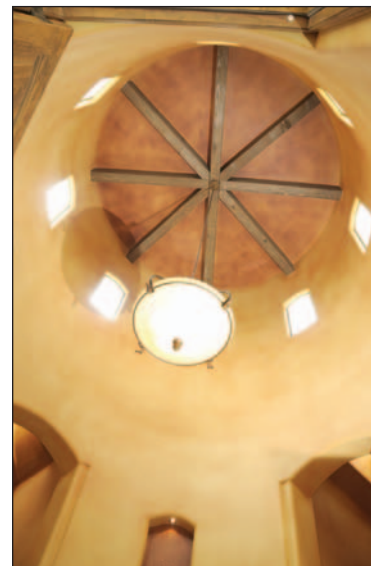
The home at 2112 Salida Del Sol, located off Union Avenue, was built in 2007.



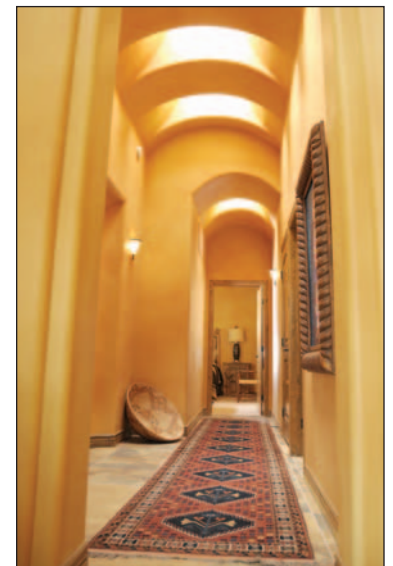
Granite and slate fill the kitchen, which was designed to open up to the living room and dining room to create one large great room.



Curves are used throughout the home, including in the dining room.



A wagon-wheel pattern accents the rotunda.



Barrel ceilings with skylights line the halls of the home.



Bricks line a patio located off the hobby room of the home.



The great room is a typical feature of a GL Green & Associates home.

Home radiates warmth

Stylish home a hop, skip from Mesilla

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Located a short drive down Union Avenue, among the trees and vegetation, is a hidden subdivision that offers a unique home tucked away, almost unnoticed.

The home at 2112 Salida Del Sol, built in 2007 by GL Green & Associates, is located on 1 acre in the Puerta de la Mesilla neighborhood. Stephen and Linda McCormick purchased the Tuscan home shortly after it was constructed.

"We were interested in that area, so we were doing research online and looking at homes," said Linda McCormick, adding that the couple was looking for a southern New Mexico retreat from the cold Colorado winters.

"We explored what was in southern New Mexico and found Las Cruces. It was such a great find. We loved the Southwestern culture."

When exploring the area, the

couple came upon Mesilla and became infatuated with its quaint surroundings and vibrant atmosphere.

"We wanted to be close to Mesilla after we saw it," McCormick said. "We loved the feel of Mesilla."

The couple's Internet research brought them to the Puerta de la Mesilla subdivision, where GL Green & Associates had several homes for sale.

"We went and shopped around," McCormick said. "We saw this home (at 2112 Salida Del Sol) and it had everything that we were interested in."

McCormick said she and her husband were drawn to the 2,703-square-foot home because of it provided easy access to the long drainage ditch, on top of which the couple could walk their dog, and it had a large yard, another plus for their four-legged friend.

More importantly, it was the style and look of the home that attracted the couple.

"To me, the home looks Tuscan

with some Spanish elements mixed in," McCormick said. "I love the colors. The flooring, the granite, the slate tile, that brownish-gold on the walls – it's so warm. It just all went together so well for my eye."

After moving into the home, the McCormicks added their own touches here and there, starting with the entry.

A concrete path leads from the gravel driveway around to the front of the home, which is covered in brightly colored plants, such as crape myrtle and butterfly bushes.

"We did everything in the front entry," McCormick said. "We wanted the home to have a cozy feeling when you walk up to the front."

The way the home was situated on the lot, what would be the backyard – a well-manicured area that mixes rock and grass – is placed on the side of the home. The lush area can be enjoyed from the circular front patio, which is accessed to from flagstone steps.

The 8-foot front door leads to a unique entry – a rotunda standing approximately 22 feet tall. Large beams set in a wagon wheel formation decorate the ceiling as a large chandelier hangs down. Square windows surround the top, bringing in a large amount of natural light.

Neutral tile in shades of cream and tan line the floor and lead out of the rotunda to two hallways, each of which features barrel ceilings speckled in skylights.

Down the hall to the left is an at-home office enclosed by French doors. Originally a bedroom, the space was converted to better suit their needs. To ensure that it would follow the home's look, the couple hired the carpenter who created the cabinets in the residence. A Jack and Jill bathroom is attached to the office and weaves into a guest bedroom.

Also down the hall is the laundry room, which features access to the finished, three-car garage.

The hallway to the right of the rotunda guides guests past a half bathroom and into the great room area.

The half bathroom features a curved copper countertop with a copper sink bowl as well as a signature material of GL Green & Associates: slate. Slate tile lines a wall of the bathroom and can be seen detailing various architectural elements throughout the home, such as along the kitchen bar, fireplace and backsplash.

Rather than being a box, the great room – which is composed of the living room, dining room and kitchen – showcases curves and circles along the walls and ceiling.

"I love the kitchen and to have all of that space in the great room," McCormick said. "That is where we spend most of our time."

Beyond the great room is the master suite. French doors open to the bedroom of the master suite. The room features a tray ceiling as well as a faux-finished recess in the wall for a bed. Shelves were placed on the inside of the recess for convenience and to eliminate the need for bedside tables.

The bathroom is accessed from two entry points. His and her sinks set in granite countertops line the top of custom cabinetry. Near the sinks is a jetted bathtub encased in tile. A snail shower completes the area. Windows line the shower, which is tiled from floor to ceiling.

At the center of the home is a hobby room, originally an outdoor

Details

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Custom cabinetry and granite countertops can be found throughout the 2,703-square-foot residence.



A copper countertop and sink bowl are located in a half bathroom near the abode's entrance.



A lush yard is set beside the home on the 1-acre lot.

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By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

A crisp chill has filled the air in the Las Cruces mornings and evenings, making it a great time to enjoy the outdoors.

While gardening might be on the forefront of your mind, you don't have to limit yourself to outside endeavors. Several plants can be grown indoors, year-round. While herbs are likely to be your first indoor-gardening option, don't count out sprouts.

Sprouts are germinating seeds that can be eaten raw or cooked. There are several types of seeds acceptable for "sprouting" – the practice of germinating seeds. These include alfalfa, clover, lentil, pea, chickpea, soybean, sesame, sunflower, wheat, buckwheat, fennel and almond seeds, to name a few.

WheatGrassKits.com, a company devoted to organic living and whole foods and products, lists a variety of reasons to grow and eat sprouts, which include:

- **High yield:** A 4-ounce packet will yield several pounds of sprouts.
- **Simple and easy:** Growing sprouts can be done in any room of the house, during any season.
- **Fast growing:** The "garden" takes only three to seven days to grow and can grow in any kind of weather, without any digging, planting, weeding, pests or chemicals.
- **Versatile:** Sprouts can be enjoyed in numerous dishes including salads, sandwiches and stir-fries. They can even be baked in breads.
- **Nutritious:** All sprouts are rich in vitamins, minerals, trace elements, enzymes and fiber. They are also low in calories, making them a great add-on to any meal.

While there are several methods to growing your own sprouts at home, a novice can get help from the various commercially sold sprouter kits.

What is it?

A sprouter kit makes the task of growing sprouts easy. Kits include "the essentials" to growing your own sprouts at home in as little as three to seven days.

Most kits will come with a bag or two of seeds to get you started with the sprouting process. Don't be afraid, however, to venture out and find your own seeds to grow. After all, you're growing these to eat, so you want them to fit your tastes.

A key element to the sprouter kit is its trays. With from two to four trays, these small containers allow you to grow multiple varieties of sprouts at the same time in any quantity desirable. The trays are usually plastic, but the wood variety does exist.

When looking for the right set of trays for you, consider how much sprouting you plan to do and how easy the trays are to maneuver. If the lid slips off or the water-collection tray isn't large enough, it might hinder your sprout growing enjoyment. Also, think about how easily you can add more trays to the system.

Because growing sprouts takes very little space – and even less with a stackable sprouter kit – it's ideal for campers and RVs. Plus, growing sprouts is a great project for kids and might even encourage them to eat more nutritious offerings.

How does it work?

The sprouter kit is easy to use. Each will come with its own set of directions, but in general, to use the kit, simply spread the seeds in the bottom of the tray and water. The seeds will need to be soaked for about eight hours before they are transferred to the sprouting tray. Make sure to distribute the seeds so they're even. You will usually need to rinse the seeds twice a day for about three days – depending on how mature you like your sprouts.

To harvest your sprouts, thoroughly rinse them in cold water before eating. Leftover mature sprouts should be completely dried before placing in a plastic container or zip lock bag and stored in the refrigerator.

When your sprouts have sprouted, and your trays are empty, clean them with warm, soapy water. Some trays are dishwasher safe, however, be sure to follow the manufacturer's



Featured gadget:
Sprouter kit

instructions for cleaning and care to ensure your system lasts.

After the trays have been cleaned, they are ready for another round of seed sprouting.

Where can it be found?

The sprouter kit can be found online at websites including www.williams-sonoma.com

and www.wheatgrasskits.com. Also check out your local nursery for their sprouter kit and sprouting seed selections.

How much does it cost?

Depending on the brand and number of tiers, a sprouter kit can cost between \$12 and \$20.

La Semilla needs community's help

Nonprofit could earn \$50,000 grant for its youth farm

La Semilla Food Center has been selected as the only finalist from New Mexico in the Tom's of Maine "50 States for Good" program and now has a chance to win up to \$50,000 in support of La Semilla Youth Farm.

The farm will increase access to fresh and locally grown produce for families, provide access to sustainable agriculture training opportunities, demonstrate the viability of small and sustainable agriculture and inspire a new generation of farmers, food activists and engaged community members in the Paso del Norte region of southern New Mexico and El Paso. Through a public vote at www.facebook.com/TomsOfMaine that will conclude Oct. 9, local residents can help bring the funding to La Semilla Food Center with the simple click of a mouse.

"Tom's of Maine will help us grow our programs to educate and feed our region," said Aaron Sharratt, La Semilla Food Center

co-director. "The funding will play a valuable role in helping us get our irrigation well and provide other resources needed to begin youth programming on the farm next spring."

The public vote will determine six winning organizations to share \$150,000 in funding. The organization with the most public support will receive \$50,000 in sponsorship funding, while five additional organizations will each receive \$20,000.

La Semilla Food Center's mission is to build a healthy, self-reliant, fair and sustainable food system in the Paso del Norte region of southern New Mexico and El Paso. La Semilla works with children, youth and families to build awareness around food issues, provide informed analysis and create alternatives for healthier environments and communities. The organization helps develop viable local food markets, innovative programming that attracts young people to agriculture and robust community partnerships that can jointly realize systemic change.

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Plant color for autumn

Get some seasonal brilliance this fall

Gary Guzman
Gardening Guru



Fall is just around the corner – in fact, it begins tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 22. Although we still have some warm, or even hot, days ahead of us, now is a great time to plant something that will give you some autumn interest.

Trees such as Chinese pistache, flame leaf sumac, red oak, golden desert ash, raywood ash and crape myrtle will help provide some seasonal brilliance to just about any landscape in the area.

The Chinese pistache may take a few years to take “shape” as younger trees are often misshapen and awkward in appearance, but patience with these trees will bring beautiful benefits with not only size but also color. Hues ranging from yellow, orange, red, burgundy, or any combination of the aforementioned are proudly displayed during the pre winter season.

The flame leaf sumac resembles a smaller Chinese pistache and is often multi-trunked. A bright orange to red color is what you should expect from this drought tolerant tree. This

one is the smallest tree on this short list, which may be ideal for smaller lots.

The red oak has an odd shape such as the pistache when young, but each year this tree takes on a beautiful and grand traditional shade tree appearance. These deep-rooted trees are also drought tolerant once established, but may need a soil acidifier to help keep its leaves green in the summer and red in the fall.

The golden desert ash has light green almost yellow leaves during the spring season, turning a bit darker green in the summer months, only to return to a bright golden yellow at the end of the growing season. It also has a light golden bark that adds interest even when leafless. This tree has a mature size of around 25 to 30 tall and wide, which should fit in most landscapes small or large.

The raywood ash has deep green leaves during summer months, which change to a rich burgundy color. This tree tends to stay narrow when young, but does expand to a much broader canopy with age. Give it room to grow do not let its young narrow size fool you.

Crape myrtles are not often thought of for fall color, but the fact is they do provide quite a show. Of course their main show is a late spring through late summer flower frenzy, if properly fertilized and watered. The second bonus is

the mix of orange, reds and yellows this tree or shrub produces, if fertilized and watered as mentioned above.

If you can maintain healthy “green” foliage during the summer to the items listed above you should be able to reap the benefits of a second show of fall color. Remember to reduce your watering schedule as the days shorten, as this may help your trees prepare for the winter months.

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Come fall, the flame leaf sumac will have fiery red leaves, a perfect autumn color.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler



High Range Neighborhood Association: Yard of the Month



The home of John and Carol Schmidt, 2368 Cheyenne Drive, was selected as the High Range Neighborhood Association Yard of the Month for September. The association selected this yard because the Schmidts’ yard was well cared for and the couple recently added new plantings, which will add color to the xeriscaped space.

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Admiring beauty of the outdoors at the Art in the Garden tour

Photos by Beth Sitzler



Artist Marilyn Payne stands with her jewelry at a stop on San Marcos Court during the fifth annual Art in the Garden tour Sunday, Sept. 16, in Picacho Hills.



Colorful flowers fill Sherry Gara's backyard. The home, located on Vista Del Cerro, was one of six stops on the Art in the Garden tour.



A box created from mesquite and turquoise by Gregg Tracy is on display during the tour.



A New Mexico agave is one of several plants used in the landscaping of the home of artist Steve Bailey. In addition, the residence features an array of cacti, a sunken garden and a trellis covered in greenery.

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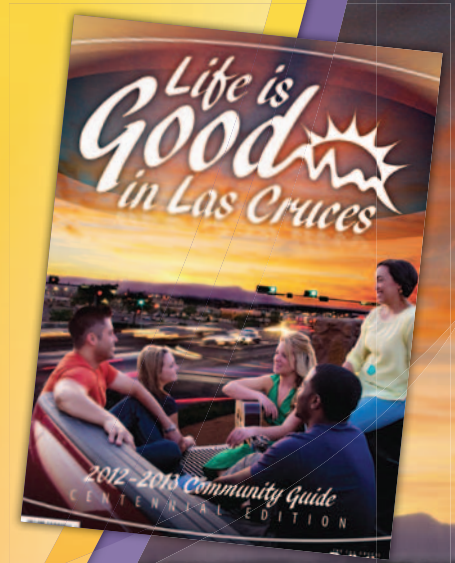
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Homeowner Jim Hayhoe shows off the tiered he has done in his backyard on San Marcos Court. On year two of a five year project, Hayhoe is creating pathways and adding more native plants to what used to be just raw desert.



The Switzer home on Regency Court includes a decorative fireplace.



Quilter Sharon Cunningham discusses her work with Carol Vennes and Donna Jensen.



The pool at a tour stop on Constitution Road features a view of the Organ Mountains.



An ocotillo sprouts from the ground at the home of Greg and Kathy Switzer.



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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	3	1	3
Homes Sold Existing	19	18	11
Pending Home Sales (All)	213	220	154
Average Days on Market (All)	94	117	182

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	151,950	211,199	149,300
Median Price Existing	132,000	142,950	137,900

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,126	1,128	1,167
Real Estate Agents	386	386	486

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 09/10/12-09/16/12
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New life in the garden

Everyday items get repurposed in some plant-friendly ways

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When you look at that box of cereal, what do you see? Do you see beyond the cartoon creature to the endless craft possibilities?

That glass jar isn't just a glass jar. With a little ingenuity, it is a frosted holder for your decorative candles or much-needed organizer for your spare change and office supplies.

Take a look around and just about everything you encounter can be modified, beautified and reutilized in countless ways to improve your daily routine and activities.

Typically, the "Around the House Item" stories look at how a single, everyday item can be reused to make your life easier. This installment, however, will instead look at how numerous household items can benefit and be repurposed in one location – your garden.

For many, the garden is a sanctuary – a getaway to retreat to when a break from the surrounding hustle and chaos is needed. For all that it does for you, why not give it some extra-special TLC with a variety of everyday household items. Here are a few suggestions from the University of Florida.

Cereal boxes

Coco Puffs aren't the only things you should be crazy about when it comes to cereal – that cardboard box can make a great addition to your garden. Shred the box into pieces and mix them into your mulch. The pieces will break down over time as well as help suppress weeds in your garden.

But that's not all – if invading grass is a problem, cereal boxes can help. Keep the grass out of your garden beds by burying flat cereal boxes under the mulch. It will act as a barrier and won't harm the plants growing in the area.

Wine bottles and corks

Glass bottles, such as wine bottles, can make a great functional and decorative addition to your garden. Turn that old wine bottle into a butterfly watering station by burying it neck down into the ground. Place water into the shallow depression on the bottom. This is the perfect amount for the winged creatures. The water will need to be refilled every two to three days.

The corks of the wine bottles are also useful in the garden. Use them as labels to identify your plants. Simply write the name of the plant along a side of the cork and attach it to a long stick or wooden skewer. Insert it into soil beside the plant.

Milk jugs

Because it is made from non-biodegradable plastic, you might think the milk jug has no place in the garden. Au contraire, my dear reader. The milk jug actually has a hodgepodge of useful applications – you just need a pair of scissors.

Cut off the bottom of the milk jug and place it over the top of young plants to protect them from a late frost. Be sure to remove the plastic barrier after the frost has passed to avoid heat stress on your plants.

If weeds make their way into your garden bed, you can get rid of them without worrying about damaging your other plants with a milk jug. Remove the bottom of the jug and cut a hole in the side. Place it over the weed and spray your herbicide through the hole. Leave the jug in place until the herbicide is dry so it doesn't get on the neighboring foliage.

A milk jug can be placed in the bottom of a large piece of pottery to save on the amount of soil needed to fill it. Just be sure not to block any drainage holes.

Paper products

Paper products, such as newspapers, letters, envelopes, junk mail and even your bills, can be put to work in the garden. Shred these items and mix them into your soil. Remove any plastic from your envelopes before putting it into the soil. If the strips of paper are buried during the fall, they will have decomposed by springtime, just in time for another planting season.

As with old cereal boxes, sheets of newspapers can be used to suppress unwanted plant guests in your garden. Lay the newspapers flat in between your vegetable rows to prevent weeds from sprouting up.

Plastic forks, spoons and knives

That plastic flatware that comes with your to-go meal is usually useless after you eat with them. Often times, rather than washing those forks and spoons to be reused again someday, they are tossed out, destined to live out their days in the landfill. Give them new purpose by turning them into plant markers in the garden. Simply write on them with a permanent marker and stick them into the ground beside your plants.

Aluminum kitchen items

Is your favorite saucepan from college on its last legs? While it might be difficult to retire your old cookware, you don't have to send it to the dump. Rather, reuse it in the garden. Your metal cookware – from pots and pans to cake pans and aluminum molds – can be used as unique planters for inside your home or porch. Choose a seedling the appropriate size for your container and plant as you would with a normal planter.

Coffee can

Whether metal or plastic, that old, empty coffee can is the perfect size to be reused in a multitude of ways. One option for repurposing that can is by turning it into an organizer for your small garden supplies. Decorate it as you see fit and attach a handle to the can and you'll have an easy-to-carry tote for your clippers, plant labels, string and other hand-held garden tools.

Dryer lint

How often do you empty your lint trap? Usually a forgotten step of the laundry process, the lint trap should be emptied every time you use your dryer to make the machine more efficient as well as prevent a fire from starting. If you are diligent about emptying your lint trap, keep a container next to your dryer to collect those fabric particles. Seemingly useless, dryer lint can be added to your compost to add moisture or placed at the bottom of your flowerpot to prevent the soil from leaking out.

Dishes

While those chipped or cracked dishes may not be suitable to dine with anymore, that doesn't mean they are useless. Instead of throwing them out, give them new life in the garden. Plates

can make attractive plant saucers and shallow baking dishes or bowls can be a new birdbath. Those shattered pieces also can be glued to an existing pot to make an interesting mosaic design.

PVC pipe

Created from polyvinyl chloride, PVC pipe is a lightweight and durable product used in a variety of construction applications – and even some non-construction functions. For example, that leftover PVC pipe can be used in your garden as a sanctuary for frogs. Using a 3-foot-long piece, preferably 1 or 2 inches in diameter, paint the outside green to blend in with its surroundings. Nestle it into your garden bed and nearby frogs will use it as shelter. In return, the frogs will help control the insect population in your garden.

Curtains and linens

Old linens and outdated curtains can be given a second home in your yard. Use the linens as a shade cloth to protect your lettuce and other delicate produce from the harsh New Mexico sun. Those unwanted sheets and blankets can also be draped over emerging perennials to protect them from falling temperatures.

Also, don't forget that old shower curtain. The plastic material can be used as a floating row cover. Set it over your garden rows and it will act as a barrier, keeping annoying insects away from eating your plants.

Plastic grocery bags

According to the Wall Street Journal, 100 billion plastic shopping bags are used in the United States each year. With the average American family taking home approximately 1,500 plastic shopping bags each year, estimated by the Natural Resources Defense Council, it's no wonder those things can pile up in your cabinets or storage compartments. Rather than saving them for a rainy day or, even worse, sending them to the landfill, reuse them. One way you can reuse the plastic bags is by tying them around your knees when you're working in the garden. This will keep your pants free from grass stains.

Pantyhose

When installing your trellis, string might be the material you naturally reach for to secure your climbing plants. Instead of using string, which can cut into the stems of the plants, recycle old pantyhose. Cut the hosiery into strips and use them to tie the plants. They won't cut into the growing stalk.

That old pantyhose can be used in other ways in the garden, as well. Heavy fruits and vegetables can damage their stems. Give them some support by creating a sling from pantyhose. Creating a cradle from two stakes and a length of pantyhose will take the strain off the stem.

Pantyhose can also be used to apply powdered, organic insecticides. Cut off the foot end of your pantyhose, fill it with the insecticide and use it as a shaker to distribute the powder throughout your garden.



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The dangers of mosquitoes

West Nile cases increase



Scott Svenheim
ACE Pest Detective

West Nile virus cases are steadily rising in certain parts of the country and with the holidays just around the corner, travelers should be aware of how to prevent getting bitten by mosquitoes when in areas where the virus is most common.

The virus is spread when a mosquito bites an infected bird and then bites a person. Although it's not unusual for mosquitoes to carry a higher amount of the virus during the fall, this year the virus has been especially active with almost half of the cases coming out of Texas, which has already hit more than 780 cases and reached 31 deaths this year.

Other areas of the country that are experiencing a higher number of cases than usual are South Dakota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Michigan. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, the last time the virus was so widespread was in 2004.

Approximately only 80 percent of those infected see symptoms, but in some cases people experience mild symptoms including:

- Headaches
- High fever
- Tiredness and body aches
- A skin rash and swollen lymph glands

As of yet, there is no treatment for the virus, but symptoms will go away on their own and tend to only last from a couple days to a few weeks.

In rare cases, symptoms can be more severe and lead to permanent neurological damage. People age 50 and older and children are most at risk to develop symptoms such as:

- Severe headaches
- High fever
- Stiff neck
- Disorientation
- Tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness
- Paralysis

Those that experience these symptoms should head directly to the hospital for treatment.

There are several things you can do to make yourself less appetizing to the little buggers. Nothing turns a mosquito off like insect repellent. Make sure you carry this around with you whenever outdoors.

When traveling, don't forget to pack long-sleeve shirts and pants to wear around dawn and dusk, the time when they're most active. Finally, mosquitoes love to hang out in standing water so make sure to empty out pet bowls and buckets.

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Celebrate flaky bread

Honor National Biscuit Month in September

Bulletin Staff Report

Although thoughts of warm, flaky, fresh-out-of-the-oven biscuits may be associated with November's Thanksgiving holiday, September is actually known as National Biscuit Month.

The biscuit has been enjoyed for centuries. Today, the bread can be served either savory or sweet, depending on the type of biscuit.

In the United States, as well as Canada, the biscuit is a soft, leavened bread. It's similar to a scone, except that it is softer and fluffier. Overseas, the biscuit is a small, sweet baked product that would most likely fall into cookie category in America.

In America, the biscuit – a long-time staple of Southern cuisine – is traditionally served as a side dish of a meal. However, it is often served at breakfast with either savory gravy or sweet condiments, such as molasses, light sugarcane syrup, honey, jelly and jam.

The flaky layers have also become a frequent component of fast food breakfast sandwiches. Thanks to its compact, cylinder shape, it's the perfect handheld meal on the go.

Whether you eat your biscuits for breakfast with gravy or during dinner as a mop for those delectable juices, celebrate National Biscuit Month by making a batch of your own.

Buttermilk Biscuits

- 2 cups all-purpose flour**
- 2 teaspoons baking powder**
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda**
- 1 teaspoon salt**
- 7 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into thin slices, chilled in freezer**
- 3/4 cup very cold buttermilk**

In a mixing bowl, whisk together the dry ingredients to thoroughly combine. Cut in the ice-cold butter slices using a wire pastry blender, until the mixture has the texture of coarse crumbs.

Make a well in the center and pour in the cold buttermilk. Stir the dry ingredients into the buttermilk with a fork until a loose, sticky dough is formed. Stop as soon as the mixture comes together. Form into a ball and turn the dough out onto a floured work surface.

With floured hands, pat the dough into a rectangle (about 8-by-4-inch-thick). Fold dough in thirds (like folding a letter-sized piece of paper). Repeat this process twice more.

On a lightly floured surface, roll or pat the dough out about 1/2-inch thick. Cut with a round biscuit cutter, and place on a parchment or silicon mat-lined baking sheet, a few inches apart. You can gather up any extra dough after cutting, and repeat to get a few more biscuits, although the texture may suffer from the extra working.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Make a slight depression in the center of each biscuit with your thumb (to help them rise evenly). Brush the tops lightly with buttermilk. Bake for about 15 minutes, or until risen and golden brown. Cool on a rack for 10 minutes before serving. (Recipe adapted from <http://americanfood.about.com>.)

LCHBA introduces new show

Renovate & Decorate comes this weekend

Bulletin Staff Report

The public will get a chance to see the latest and greatest the building and interior design industries have to offer during the inaugural Renovate & Decorate Show Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22-23, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

The show, presented by the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, will combine the association's two most popular events – the Home & Garden Show and the Spring Showcase of Homes.

"The event will be set up as if you're touring a home," said LCHBA Managing Director Steve Chavira. "We're going to showcase the vendors in an even more

vendor-friendly type of environment. This will showcase them even better than a typical trade show."

The display areas will be set up like an actual room in a home, allowing different elements and vendors to cohabit in the same space.

In addition, the event will include a demonstration stage that will hold presentations by vendors every 30 minutes. From how to properly do a faux finish to grouting, the demonstrations will also look at the importance of home repairs and upgrades – making it not only DIY but also FYI.

Another activity that will take place is the construction of a casita. What will start out as a white box will be



transformed over the two days into a fully built and decorated living space.

With about 30 vendors already signed up, many are excited about the Renovate & Decorate Show and it's unique set up.

The show will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5 and children age 10 and younger are admitted for free.

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Getting to know: *Everardo Carbajal*

Creative expression through landscaping

Carbajal uses imagination with all his hands-on projects

By **Beth Sitzler**
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Creative types come in all different forms – from the sculptor who relies on their hands to the musician whose expert ears hear each finite note and even the builder who pictures a masterpiece before it comes into creation.

Everardo Carbajal of Majestic Views Construction & Landscaping falls into this creative category.

"I like to be able to create things," he said. "Building and landscaping allows me to see a finished product come to formation quickly. I get to use my imagination and work with my hands."

Originally from California, Carbajal's family moved to Las Cruces in 1990 for its slower pace of life. Although his father was a contractor, Carbajal said he wasn't interested in the world of building when he was younger.

"I had no clue what type of business I wanted to start," he said.

Positive that he wanted to own his own business, Carbajal attended New Mexico State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in business management. While at the university,



This rock ledge is an example of work done by Majestic View Construction & Landscaping.

he replied to an ad placed by Ed Emerick seeking someone to do site cleanup.

"Mr. Emerick was a good influence on me," Carbajal said. "I loved the homes he built. I'd love to go in and see what he would create."

"When I worked with Ed, I fell in love with home construction."

After nearly a year and a half of working for the luxury home company, and gaining new responsibilities along the way, Carbajal joined local builder Paul Curry at Emerick's recommendation.

"I started to do different things and got more and more responsibility," he said, adding that he became project superintendent of Curry's business.

In 2004, after more than five years of working under Curry, Carbajal decided it was time to venture out on his own.

"I opened the business to be able to take on different jobs," he said.

Carbajal said it wasn't difficult to get Majestic View Construction & Landscaping off the ground, adding that most of his work came from remodeling and landscaping projects.

"(Landscaping allowed me) to create something that was pretty and fun as well as quick and easy," he said. "(Landscaping) helped me produce revenue to do other things, like home building and swimming pools."

Enjoying being able to "design anything," Carbajal said he remained busy for several years after establishing the business – that is until the housing market took a hit in 2008.

With business beginning to slow down, Carbajal took it as an opportunity to expand his services. He hired a knowledgeable salesman and expert in the concrete pool and spa industry and learned everything he could from him.

"We built 12 pools that first year (we offered the service)," he said. "Pool construction helped us stay afloat, and I enjoyed it."

Now, Majestic View Construction & Landscaping offered numerous services, including custom home construction, commercial construction, swimming pool construction, landscaping, water features, concrete and shotcrete pumping, concrete foundations, metal and wood framing, insulation and drywall installation, new roof installation and window and door installation and replacement.

"I'm always busy, but I'm not one to take on more than four projects at once," he said, adding that he makes daily visits to each project site. "I'm a 'hands-on owner,' I like to lead and be involved. That way I'm sure the job is finished exactly as I want it to be and that the customer is happy."

While most of his work comes from local landscaping and pool projects, Carbajal has stepped outside the box.

A few weeks ago, the Majestic View Construction & Landscaping pool team ventured to Roswell where they assisted a New Jersey-based company conduct earth fracturing, a process of extracting natural gas from the ground.

"This company called me. They got my name from the dealership of my high-pressure concrete pump," he said. "They needed help pumping aggregate – ceramic beads – into the earth."

Lugging the concrete pump – which is used to shotcrete, or spray, concrete onto the walls of a pool – the more than 184 miles, the crew was able to help by filling the 500 feet deep openings in the ground with the ceramic beads, which prevented the walls of the hole from collapsing while allowing the gas to come out and be filtered.

The unique jobs don't stop there. Currently, Majestic View Construction & Landscaping is working on covering a solar field in Santa Teresa with aggregate to prevent the loose sand along the topsoil from blowing.

"It's in an enormous field and we have to work our equipment around these huge glass panels," Carbajal said. "There is about 10 feet between each panel for us to get our equipment in."

Eager to take on just about any job, Carbajal and his team have journeyed as far away as Kent, Texas, for a project. In Kent, he worked with his former boss, Curry, on a luxury home. Carbajal said his team created a water fountain centered around a bronze sculpture of a woman bathing.

"Any challenge, I'll take it on," he said.

As business continues to grow, Carbajal said he has big plans. In addition to building more homes, he wants to get into creating unique lighting fixtures.

"I'm always dreaming of products and things I think will be cool to have in a home," he said.

Carbajal, who plans to pursue a master's degree in the future, said he also would like to further his involvement in the housing industry by getting into real estate investments and possibly creating his own small development.

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ChileKnights

Spice up leftovers

Add green or red to these easy meals

Sunny Conley
Chile Knights



In loving memory of my feline Tunie, who enjoyed an occasional chile jerky chew.

"Starving" one evening but too lazy to whip up a serious meal, I opted for leftovers.

I opened the fridge, dug in deep and discovered brown rice, a wee bit of grilled seasoned chicken breast with pineapple and chopped onion. Maybe a quick stir-fry? Even that sounded too arduous. I chose a microwave meal instead.

I tossed the leftovers in a container, but sadly the contents appeared bland and "parched." That's when I contemplated the sizzling red chile sauce that I hadn't polished off when I made a burrito days earlier. It would definitely add pizzazz. I heated it up and drizzled the creamy, thick hot stuff to the leftovers. It smoked! Simple, sassy and scrumptious. Green chile sauce could have easily been substituted.

Ah, the versatility of our favorite sauces. They can be added to oodles of recipes to create toothsome and zesty entrées. It got me thinking: Other than conventional recipes that call for red or green, what other ways are diehard chileheads using the sauce?

A Bing search revealed, hands down, pizza, pasta and burgers. Home chefs slathered red or green sauce on pizzas, and preferred pasta tossed in red. Also, rather than Worcestershire or steak sauce, burgers were kneaded with red or green chile sauce and sometimes both. I selected some of my favorite "sauced-up" recipes to share in this week's column.

Snappy Simple and Lite Pizza Pie

3/4 pound ground beef
1 cup favorite red chile sauce
1 (10-ounce) package refrigerated, reduced-fat crescent rolls
1 cup shredded Mexican blend cheese
Green onions, sliced

Preheat oven per crescent roll package directions. Pat dough into a 10-inch pizza pan making a 1/4-inch rim. Bake as directed on package or until golden.

Meanwhile, brown ground beef in a large skillet. Drain. Add red sauce. Heat to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer uncovered 2 to 3 minutes. Spoon beef and sauce mixture onto the baked crust and top with cheese and green onions. Cut and serve. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Green Sauce Pizza

Each pizza may be served using 12- to 14-inch ready-to-serve pizza crust or make your own.

Crust:
2 packages dry yeast
2 cups warm water (105 to 115 degrees)
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons olive oil
5 to 7 cups unbleached flour

Dissolve yeast in water in a large bowl. Add salt, olive oil and flour gradually.

Knead until smooth and satiny on a floured board. Place in a greased bowl, cover with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk. Punch down dough and knead again lightly. Divide into 2 pieces, roll out dough and fit into two 14-inch pizza pans or shape on baking sheets.

Pizza toppers:

1 cup green chile sauce
2 cups cooked pork sausage
2 cups sharp white cheddar cheese, shredded
4 jalapeño chile peppers, seeded and sliced
4 Roma tomatoes, sliced
Sliced black olives
Sliced green olives

Spread each crust with 1/2 cup of green chile sauce. Scatter one half of each of the remaining ingredients on each pizza crust. Bake at 450 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. To test for doneness, lift up a corner of the crust. It should be evenly browned on the bottom.

Southwest Pizza

Each pizza may be served using 12- to 14-inch, ready-to-serve pizza crust or make your own. (See the previous crust recipe.)

Pizza toppers:

1 cup favorite green chile sauce
2 cups grilled chicken breast, sliced
2 cups sharp white cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 cup frozen corn, thawed
1/2 cup canned black beans, rinsed and drained
4 jalapeño chile peppers, seeded and sliced
4 Roma tomatoes, seeded and chopped
Sliced black olives
Chopped chives

Spread each pizza dough crust with 1/2 cup of green chile sauce. Add half of each of the listed ingredients to each pizza, ending with black olives. Bake at 450 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. To test for doneness, lift up corner of the crust. It should be browned on the bottom. Makes two 14-inch pizzas.

South of the Border Pasta with Tilapia

2 cups rigatoni noodles
4 small tilapia filets (or other white fish)
Garlic salt and pepper to taste
Vegetable oil
3/4 cup favorite red chile sauce
1/4 cup feta cheese
Dash of hot sauce
1 jalapeño pepper, stemmed, seeded and diced

Season white fish with garlic salt and pepper to taste. Add enough vegetable oil to coat bottom of a large iron skillet. Turn heat to high and cook fish about 1 minute on each side. Reduce heat to medium and cover. Cook 10 minutes, or until fish is cooked through and is flaky.

Meanwhile, boil noodles to desired firmness or according to package instructions. Drain. In a small mixing bowl, combine red chile sauce, feta cheese and dash of hot sauce. Mix sauce with pasta. Serve white fish over pasta and sprinkle with diced jalapeño.

Stuffed Turkey Burgers

The mix:
1 pound ground turkey (or substitute hamburger)
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning



Instead of traditional pizza sauce, slather sizzling hot red chile sauce on your next pizza.

1/4 cup bread crumbs
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/4 cup favorite green or red chile sauce
Buns for serving
Sliced avocado for topping

To a large bowl, ground turkey, cumin, Cajun seasoning, bread crumbs, olive oil and chile sauce. Mix thoroughly. Form into 4 large burger patties and set aside.

Filling:

2 ounces cream cheese
2 serrano peppers, stemmed, seeded and chopped
1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning

Prepare filling by combining cream cheese, serrano peppers and Cajun seasoning. Mix well. Divide the mixture between 2 burger patties. Form the remaining patties over the tops of the mixture and hand form the burger patties closed. Heat a grill to medium-high heat and cook the burgers about 6 minutes per side, or until the meat is cooked thoroughly through. Top each burger with avocado and serve sandwiched between buns. Makes 4 servings.

Spaghetti with Smoky Rich Red Chile Sauce

8 ounces spaghetti
1/2 cup melted butter
1/2 cup evaporated milk or heavy cream
1 garlic clove, mashed
2 cups favorite red chile sauce
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup grated Monterey jack cheese
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon Mexican oregano

Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain. Add melted butter and evaporated milk or heavy cream mixed with garlic. Toss with red chile sauce. Add salt and pepper to taste. Spoon into a 13-to-9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with mixed cheeses and oregano. Bake, covered, at 325 degrees, until bubbling, about 15 minutes. Check often, as red sauce tends to scorch easily.

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Cheyenne Peña works on a floral arrangement during the West Texas New Mexico Florist Association annual convention. Pena took home first-place prizes for the Dorsey Cup and Silver Cup categories in the competition.



NMSU's flower power

Floral Team makes clean sweep at regional competition

New Mexico State University's Floral Team recently swept through a regional floral design competition, bringing home first-place awards in all the major categories.

The students competed against floral designers in four different categories at the West Texas New Mexico Florist Association annual convention.

"Last year, as we left the regional competition, someone commented, 'Sabine, I predict next year your team will take first place in all the categories. A clean sweep,'" said Sabine Green, coordinator of the Floriculture Program in the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences. "I thought to myself it was a lofty but worthy goal, so we (the floral team) set out to

accomplish just that. And, I am very proud that they did it. Competition was stiff this year, so I am doubly proud of my team."

Florists competed in two timed competitions, the Dorsey Cup and Silver Cup.

Cheyenne Peña placed first in both categories, receiving a \$150 scholarship for her winning bridal bouquet in the Dorsey Cup competition and a \$500 cash prize and the \$500 Cliff Hickman scholarship for the Silver Cup. In that competition, florists were required to create a recognition piece and a matching arrangement for a donor to the local arts.

Other winners in the Dorsey Cup competition were: Micah Ward, second place; Mahonri Telles, fifth place; Jessica Hancock, eighth place; Monica David, 10th place; Carolyn Lauritzen, 11th place; and Lindsey Keller, 12th place.

In the Silver Cup competition, Lauritzen received a \$250 cash prize for her second-place finish. Other winners of the Silver Cup competition were: David, fourth place; Telles, fifth place; Rorie Measure, seventh place; Keller, eighth place; and Ward, 10th place.

Competitors also participated in "fun contests" to test their creativity. One fun contest challenged the florists to create a Brazilian carnival mask. Green won first place and a \$75 cash prize for her design. Telles received \$50 for his second-place winning design, and Measure received \$25 for her third-place win.

At the convention, Green was voted as director for the New Mexico District to the West Texas New Mexico Florist Association board. She was also appointed co-chair for the 2013 WTNM annual convention and competition in August 2013 in Ruidoso, N.M. The theme for the 2013 convention is Green Magick.

"We want to give a special thank you to Hi Hopes Garden Club, Dr. and Mrs. Fran Cotter, Dr. Emroy Shannon, Dr. Geno Picchioni, Dov E. Kupfer with the American Institute of Floral Designers, and the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences for their sponsorship to facilitate our trip," said Green. "The NMSU Floral team appreciates the support."



New Mexico State University's Floral Team took first in all the major categories at the recent West Texas New Mexico Florist Association annual convention. Front row are Mahonri Telles and Dov E. Kupfer. Back row are Sabine Green, Lindsay Keller, Cheyenne Peña, Micah Ward, Carolyn Lauritzen, Monica David, Rorie Measure and Jessica Hancock.

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