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Many honor 9/11 sacrifices City ceremony sets resolved atmosphere

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

Although a 9/11 remembrance has become an annual event in Las Cruces, this year's ceremony was, of course, different because it marked the 10th anniversary of the worst terrorist attack suffered in the United States.

Whereas 10 years ago people were so shaken there were tears and faces full of anguish and confusion, the mood at this year's ceremony, held in front of the new City Hall Sunday, Sept. 11, was more solemn with mostly dry eyes and faces showing more resolve than sadness.

Though the first responders were well-represented at the ceremony, the most emotional moment came as White Sands Missile Range Garrison Commander Leo Puller spoke of the remarkable men and women who volunteered to fight in the two wars and other related conflicts far from home, often for long separations from family and loved ones.

"This is the first war since the Revolutionary War to be totally fought by volunteers," Puller said to citizens who filled the parking lot.

Despite the decade of fighting with repeated lengthy deployments, he said with a voice slightly cracking from emotion, these volunteer soldiers remain ready, willing and able to take on any mission given them.

"Your Army can meet any challenge," Puller said, "and keep America safe."

That kind of resolve was also reflected in statements by first responders who spoke.

Las Cruces Fire Chief Travis Brown said the anniversary reminded him of President George W. Bush's words after the attack: "We will not tire, we will not falter and we will not fail."

Brown said the terrorists wanted to make Americans fearful, but instead the attacks brought greater unity, noting the variety of people who came out to the ceremony that included prayers and thoughts by a bishop, pastor and rabbi.

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Ready for the rivalry



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Chris Mortenson

Pistol Pete was in the Associated Students of New Mexico State University office Wednesday, Sept. 14, to help the ASNMSU crew unload the new NMSU vs. UTEP rivalry shirts. The shirts will be free and can be picked up at the Pep Rally at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at the new Barnes & Noble university bookstore. The game with UTEP starts at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Aggie Memorial Stadium. For more on the game, see Sports on page A15.

Schools are failing Hispanic students Reformers say schools must adapt to changing population

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

One of every 24 students in public schools is Hispanic and getting that population to finish school and succeed in higher education is critical to the future of the country, according to a visiting White House official.

During a visit Monday, Sept. 12, to a leadership summit at New Mexico State University, Juan Sepulveda, director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic

Americans, said this new statistic makes children from the Latino community the largest minority group in the schools, but they also have a higher dropout rate – 50 percent – and higher unemployment rate – more than 11 percent.

"This is not just something that's coming down the road," Sepulveda said. "They are here right now."

The schools need to change to reach this population because they offer the greatest potential

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New dispatch center will cost \$9.7 million

MVRDA outgrowing
current location to
handle 911 requests

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The City of Las Cruces, along with all of Doña Ana County, may soon get the ball rolling on a new emergency dispatch center.

The Las Cruces City Council hired the engineering and architectural consulting firm Huitt-Zollars, from Albuquerque, to assess initial plans for building a new emergency police and fire dispatch call center.

"The current facility, as you know, is something that's rapidly become overused and undersized,"

City Manager Robert Garza said. The council took a closer look at blueprints of projected designs and costs Monday, Sept. 12, during a work session.

In a presentation to the council that would be repeated the next day before the Doña Ana County Commission, Huitt-Zollars detailed how the current building for the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority (MVRDA) – located near the old county courthouse off Lohman Avenue – is insufficient for the staff and technology needed to house its growing volume of emergency calls.

The building, which was constructed in 1961 as a bank, has already reached electrical capacity. See **MVRDA** on page A12

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Public housing efforts expand

Las Cruces Public Housing Authority merges with the Doña Ana County Housing Authority to form the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority



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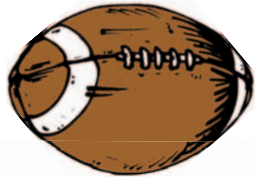
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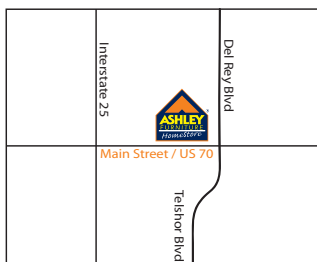
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Reliving the past at the Fort Selden Frontier Days

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Ken Dusenberry tells visitors about an early howitzer cannon that played a pivotal role in the Taos pueblo revolt of 1860.



Children in costume cover their ears as a crew fires off small field cannons.



Debby Hamus turns 30 pounds of pork shoulder tied on a dangle spit to roast over an open fire for eight hours as part of the Fort Selden Frontier Days activities Saturday, Sept. 10. Volunteers from the Friends of Fort Selden organization re-enact life during early pioneer and territorial days at the 146-year-old fort in Radium Springs. Its adobe ruins now are protected by its status as a state monument.

Taps for 9/11

Marcos Lara, 13, and Jacob Hammond, 12, play dueling taps across the Vista Middle School gymnasium as part of the school's commemoration of 9/11 Friday, Sept. 9.

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Opinions



From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

How about those Aggies?

Our Aggie athletic teams have had a very good week and are likely to shine throughout the 2011-12 year

Wow! In the past week, the New Mexico State University student athletes have compiled an impressive winning record.

The Aggie volleyballers dominated four teams in the Texas State University tournament as they won the tournament and placed three players on the all-tournament team – Jennah DeVries, Kelsey Brennan and Meredith Hays. DeVries was also named the tournament's MVP. DeVries, an All-American and three-time all-conference player was named Player of the Week by the Western Athletic Conference. They followed up the tournament title with an impressive 3-0 win over archrival UTEP Tuesday night, sweeping the Miners 26-24, 25-23 and 25-18.

The Aggie soccer team also had an undefeated week as they shut out Northern Colorado 1-0 and whipped up on Arkansas-Little Rock 3-0 as they rolled to their sixth consecutive victory.

With help from Aggie fans throughout southern New Mexico, NMSU also resoundingly beat UTEP in the Sonic "Battle of I-10" competition, where Sonic customers voted this past year for their favorite team. The victory trophy was presented to NMSU head football coach DeWayne Walker by Sonic Marketing Director Donna Volz Monday, Sept. 12, at ceremonies at the Foothills Road Sonic Drive-in in Las Cruces.



Without question, the biggest win of the week was earned by Pistol Pete's pride, the Aggie football team, as they played their best game of the DeWayne Walker era. For the first time ever, NMSU footballers defeated a Big Ten team, the Minnesota Golden Gophers, 28-21. In a game that was scheduled as a "money" game, the Aggies surprised a bunch of folks across the country as NMSU took home both the money and the victory.

Among the impressive highlights of the game were two incredible goal line stands where Minnesota's touted running game was unable to break through the Aggies' solid defensive line. Also, sophomore quarterback Andrew Manley completed his first 12 passes as the Aggies built a 21-7 lead in the first half.

And for only the second time during their tenure in the WAC, the Aggies picked up individual WAC player of the week honors for outstanding performance on both offense and defense. Manley was named the league's offensive player of the week, and senior defensive back Jonte Green earned the defensive recognition for his 10 tackles against Minnesota.

At 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, the Aggie footballers host the hated UTEP Miners. For the first time in a long while, there is buzz on the street throughout Las Cruces about Aggie football. There are even rumors about a potential sellout of the game. Many fans are planning to take advantage of the relaxed tailgating rules around the stadium and will begin their pre-game parties early in the day.

At about 4 p.m., families are invited to join Pistol Pete and Aggie cheerleaders in Pete's "Kids' Corral" just north of the stadium prior to the pregame activities inside Aggie Memorial Stadium that will last almost up to the 6 p.m. kickoff. And, of course, fans will be entertained at pre-game and halftime by the Pride of New Mexico marching band.

With the milder weather predicted for Saturday's contest, the Aggie-UTEP rivalry football game is certain to provide excitement and entertainment for all. Hope to see everyone there.

GO AGGIES!

After 9/11



Letters to the Editor

Ending social promotion

Ending social promotion at the end of the third-grade year has a lot of appeal to those who play politics with public education. People with no classroom experience – in New Mexico, Gov. Susana Martinez, perpetually interim Secretary of Education Hanna Skandera and Paul Gessing, executive director of the Rio Grande Foundation – advocate the idea to advance a reform that has successfully manipulated scores without improving education in Florida.

People knowledgeable about education know that students learn to read through grade four, not grade three, and read to learn thereafter. The question is why aficionados of everything Floridian prefer third grade. The answer is that holding back poor students in third grade limits testing to good students in fourth grade and thereby boosts tests scores. Whatever else might be said about social promotion, this proposal is a deceptive political stunt. This crowd wants to grab headlines by claiming that it has improved education when it has merely manipulated test data.

The proof that this proposal is not a serious educational one is the governor's claim that interventions for those held back will

be so effective that no Plan B is necessary – a presumed belief in its magical perfection. If the governor knows that such interventions will work, why does she not urge their adaptation in grades K-3 to ensure proficiency in the first place? Indeed, the way to end social promotion is to improve education in ways that make it unnecessary.

Worse, the governor lacks even a Plan A to deal with the estimated 12,000 students held back each year: no extra classroom space for the additional students, no additional funding, no specially trained personnel to intervene, no specially defined curriculum or instruction to improve reading – nada, nothing, zipo.

Of course, under these circumstances, it is likely some of these 12,000 students held back one year will still not achieve proficiency. The question is whether to continue to deny them social promotion (for some, for how many years?). And I have not until now even mentioned the effects of ending social promotion on graduation rates, future academic performance, student behavior, and truancy and dropout rates.

Talk about waste, fraud and abuse – this is it. Watch the positions and votes of your state senators and representatives on this one.

Michael Hays

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Special session taking shape

Redistricting likely will be wrapped up before Legislature takes on governor's agenda items



The master plan for this special session on redistricting seems to be falling into place. Although surprises always are possible in the give-and-take between the governor and lawmakers who aren't particularly fond of each other.

Gov. Susana Martinez says the session can easily be over in two weeks. The Legislature appropriated enough money for three weeks. The maximum length allowed by law is 30 days, but no one would benefit by it going that long.

The likely scenario is for lawmakers to wrap up redistricting in about two weeks and then turn their attention to the governor's agenda for several days.

By remaining in session, Gov.

Martinez will have to act on the redistricting bills within three days. That will give lawmakers an opportunity to override any vetoes. It also allows for all sorts of horse trading.

The governor will be very busy during those days analyzing the redistricting bills plus advocating for her own package of an expected 11 bills.

Of course, Martinez said before the session that she was planning to work hard and intimated that most lawmakers weren't anxious to work. Some legislative leaders during last winter's regular session charged that Martinez hadn't adequately prepared for the session.

But she did prepare for this session. Rep. Paul Bandy, R-San Juan, has introduced a 72-page bill to merge the Tourism and Cultural Affairs departments. Reportedly two more governmental-restructuring bills will be introduced soon.

A year ago, government

reorganization was a hot topic. A large committee of legislators and others met often during the interim and presented a major report to the 2011, but little was done with the report.

In Martinez's defense, the job of restructuring government takes a great amount of time and thought, which a new governor doesn't have. She did the one thing she could and it actually was the most important step. She told her top appointees restructure was possible and to be prepared to cooperate.

This didn't happen during the last year of the Bill Richardson administration. Former Gov. Richardson was amenable to reorganization, but his appointees had developed loyalties to the present organizational structure and fervently fought any change.

So reorganization has a chance under Martinez. It just won't happen during this session. It requires much more analysis and debate.

There are some items on the governor's agenda that lawmakers really want to see. They intended to pass the capital outlay bill in the regular session, but it got caught up in a political spat involving other legislation.

Bills strengthening preference for in-state bidders and clarifying tax credits for companies paying high wages should get through easily.

That could be about it. Both sides want to shore up the unemployment fund. The governor wants to take the money out of reserves. Lawmakers voted to hike employer premiums during the regular session. The courts said to agree on something. Compromise could be an answer, but that's a bad word.

Both sides know the state needs to increase highway-maintenance funding. Martinez has asked for \$41 million, which is the amount that was transferred for the Rail Runner. That complicates the matter.

The governor and a majority of the Legislature want fireworks restrictions but that can be handled just as well in January so Democratic leaders may postpone.

That leaves the tough stuff. Martinez wants to repeal the law granting driver's licenses to illegal aliens. The Senate proposed a compromise during the regular session, which it says meets all her objections. House Speaker Ben Lujan has introduced that Senate proposal in the House. Martinez says she'll veto.

The court has said to figure out the third-grade social promotion. As the battle continues, more good ideas

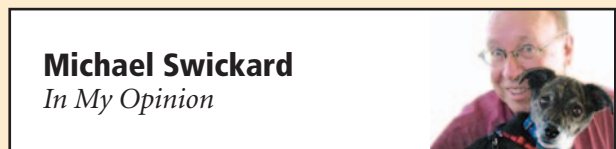
surface. Everyone wants better reading. This seems to be the Legislature taking another slap at Education Secretary Hanna Skandera. She deserves a chance.

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“ Both sides know the state needs to increase highway maintenance funding. ”

A nation with serious financial structural defects

Texas Gov. Rick Perry is right about Social Security



The presidential election heated up when Rick Perry correctly labeled the financial structure of Social Security to be the same as a Ponzi scheme. Other candidates cursed quietly to themselves that they had not told the folks back home the bad news because the folks back home might blame them for the problem.

Social Security became a Ponzi scheme in the late 1960s. The other presidential candidates were caught not telling the truth about Social Security. They, in mass, politically attacked him. Each crossed their fingers and shouted Social Security is as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. But their voices quivered and their eyes rolled wildly. Each knew it was a huge lie and a day of reckoning was coming, as they always do for Ponzi schemes.

The good news is that, little by little, some of the candidates are grudgingly admitting that Rick Perry is right about Social Security. As quick as a flash, though, out of the other side of their mouths, many say that people should not worry since full disclosure of the Ponzi scheme will not be made on their watch. So much for telling the truth.

Is it a Ponzi scheme? Yes, because the money paid by each person into Social Security is not put in an annuity account in their individual names; rather, the sum total of the money is entirely consumed each year, some on Social Security and

the rest in the general budget. None of their money is saved. Metaphorically, a piece of paper is put into the donor's account telling the next generation to tax themselves to pay this account since this person's money has already been spent.

Structurally, even the way government runs its budget is terrible. At the end of each year most public-sector departments spend all of the available money regardless of need. The thinking is if they do not spend all of the money, the difference will be subtracted from next year's budget. Add to that the issue of baseline budgeting where there is a built-in increase, regardless of need, to every department. Any cut to the increase is portrayed as a cut to the budget. Baseline budgeting guarantees the growth of government for no other reason than just to grow.

The "mother" of all bad structures is known by the term "log rolling," where legislators agree to vote for each other's "pork" legislation as a way of getting it through. At times this practice is referred to as earmarks, in that each legislator is given a certain amount of money to buy the votes of citizens back home.

The incumbency effect for re-election is about 97 percent, and it is no accident that the products of earmarks are in every newspaper almost every day. We see a new library, senior citizens center, highway and more projects. Integral with that is the practice of putting "pork" projects inside other unrelated

bills. Often, in the Defense Authorization Bill, there are several other spending authorizations for pet projects that fly under the radar. Tens of billions of dollars are spent each year for pet projects. The Obamacare legislation passed on Christmas Day 2009 without any legislator reading it completely is full of special projects unrelated to health.

None of these structural defects are sustainable over generations. Each will cause catastrophic effects at some point. Nothing will ever get better in our government if we do not

tell the truth about the effect of bad structures within our government. We cannot continue to have bad structures without bad outcomes. While it is not always easy to see, everything ultimately is in the open. The Social Security change to the structure of a Ponzi scheme was covered by the news media.

Young people today, the victims of this Ponzi scheme have the ability to see the truth. What they do with that ability to see the truth is up to them. Perhaps they will vote to cancel Social Security, that

is, outvote seniors who have known for decades that it was a Ponzi scheme that will provide no benefit to young people.

Who would blame them if they finally shut down that Ponzi scheme?

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The misery index

Economists have a mythical figure called the misery index. It is the total of the unemployment rate added to the inflation rate. This summer in the U.S., it's running about 13. The lower the better. In both the '90s and '00s it's been as low as 7.

To calculate indexes like this, the conclusion can be broadly accurate. But, to make it more personal, one can include more variables.

For instance, take one inch of rain as a factor. The misery index of an alfalfa farmer with hay on the ground would be 15.6. It would have been 16 except his prize pumpkin patch was getting parched.

Or say you were entered up in Cheyenne at the big rodeo and that one inch of rain fell the hour before you were to compete in the bull dogging. Your misery index could be as high as the weight of your hazer.

Another broad category would be the temperature. At the winter Olympics, the misery index would rise as the temperature did. But say Billy Bob went to the three-day tailgate party at the Oklahoma versus Kansas football game. The hotter it got in the parking lot, the more beer you could hold. So the misery index would decline.

To personalize the misery index even more – and remember lower is better, you could include factors such as:

- Years since you bought a new pair of boots plus unemployment plus inflation;
- Semesters till your daughter graduates from vet school plus;
- Months you have left on your truck payments;
- Age of the horse you are riding;
- Payments left on your alimony;
- Therapy sessions until your hip heals so you can get back on your horse;
- Time you have left wearing the court-ordered ankle bracelet.

I was at a livestock convention a while back and after the big show, a group of pretty salty cowmen were conversing. They got to comparing injuries and insults.

I mentioned the misery index. They loved it. They could compete in who was the worst off.

However, they began to get far afield in the categories to be counted as the evening went on: i.e., the number of missing teeth with no cavities you still have left; the number of times you've been bucked off lately; number of horses that have been dumped on your place; number of times you've been turned down by a barmaid until you met your wife; the number of times you lost your wallet, car keys and/or glasses in the last week.

Bud was finally judged the winner of the misery index by counting the number of times his old, incontinent dog peed in the pickup seat, plus inflation and unemployment. It nearly reached President Carter's old record of 21.9.

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Guest Columns

Litigation adversely affects farmers

Rio Grande Project has worked well for a century

By **Gary Esslinger**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico Attorney General Gary King has filed suit against the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) attacking the "Operating Agreement" negotiated among the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 and the BOR.

This is unfortunate because one of the key ingredients in this valid and well-thought-out compromise is it protects New Mexico farmers and their right to pump underground water during times of severe drought, just as we are currently experiencing. That is called conjunctive management.

If not for the Operating Agreement, you can be assured that your ability to pump and grow crops for food, feed, fiber and potentially fuel would be tied up in

litigation and many farmers would be out of business. In the case of litigation over water such as this, the U.S. Supreme Court will end up with the case and there's no telling what that body may do. Alleviating the unnecessary risk involved with such litigation is the very reason farmers in this valley took control of their own destiny and constructed the Operating Agreement.

Our Rio Grande Project and Compact have worked well recently and for 100 years without the interference of a politician who only has his sights on a higher office, instead of having any real basis for interfering with and dictating our way of life. The implications of King's philosophy in filing this recent lawsuit that southern New Mexico cannot adequately look out for our own interest is offensive and condescending.

The bottom line is that the way the BOR has operated the Rio Grande Project

does not reduce New Mexico's water. In fact, on Jan. 1, 2012, upstate New Mexico (above Elephant Butte Dam) will have more water than if BOR had accounted as New Mexico is insisting that they should. New Mexico is suing to have less water for its upstate constituents. This is just politicized hydrology.

It has long been said colloquially that "Whiskey is for drinking, and water is for fighting over." Our farm families and the thousands of businesses and consumers that benefit from agriculture in these green valleys will fight for their water and associated rights, and are perfectly capable of protecting themselves.

But they want a fair fight where one of our own state officials is not using our water to irrigate his political career.

Gary Esslinger is treasurer-manager of Elephant Butte Irrigation District.

King misrepresents water allocation

Attorney general would undo established agreement

By **Jesus Reyes**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico Attorney General Gary King's recent news release titled "Working to Save New Mexico's Water" contains many errors in fact and misleading statements.

I am disappointed that King, as New Mexico's lead attorney, has misrepresented the truth. Perhaps he is getting bad advice, or maybe he is trying to distract his constituents away from his other issues. Either way, by his own admission, he has started down a path that is going to be very expensive for New Mexico taxpayers. I address each of King's allegations as follows.

King stated, "You may have heard that I recently brought a lawsuit against the federal Bureau of Reclamation because the agency unilaterally reclassified 65,000 acre-feet of New Mexico water so that it could be made available for release to Texas."

The Bureau of Reclamation did not unilaterally or otherwise reclassify any water. Reclamation is and has always accounted for the amount of water that evaporates from water stored in Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs. King's claim regarding 65,000 acre-feet is in regard to the bureau's estimate of the amount of water that has evaporated from these reservoirs since Jan. 1. This is water that has physically evaporated from the reservoirs into the air.

King would have you believe that somehow this water

magically exists and is available to New Mexico. King needs to face reality – water evaporates. And water in a desert reservoir evaporates fast.

King stated, "A formal survey conducted by the federal government indicated approximately 88,000 acres were irrigated by Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID), or 57 percent of the total amount of irrigated lands. The remaining 67,000 acres (or 43 percent) were irrigated within the El Paso County Water Improvement District (EPCWID). The historic allocation of usable water in Rio Grande Project storage vessels, Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoirs, was allocated to the two districts using this 57/43 ratio."

King is correct that 57 percent of the irrigable land in the Rio Grande Project is within EBID and remaining 43 percent is within EPCWID. He is incorrect that the "historic allocation of usable water" was 57 percent to EBID and 43 percent to EPCWID. Historically, New Mexico water users had taken significantly more than 57 percent of the usable water.

EPCWID filed suit in federal court in 2007 to stop New Mexico from taking Texas' water. The settlement of that litigation (the Office of New Mexico Attorney General had an opportunity to participate in the settlement and elected not to) was embodied in the Rio Grande Project Operating Agreement. This agreement partitions the non-treaty amount of Rio Grande Project Water Supply approximately 57 percent to EBID and 43 percent to EPCWID, and promotes conservation of water.

Under the Operating Agreement, water was conserved by both EPCWID and EBID in previous years for use in drought (such as this year). Without the agreement, the amount of water in Elephant Butte Reservoir this year would have been significantly less.

New Mexico water users have drilled thousands of wells and pump more than 100,000 acre-feet of water each year. These wells deplete the flow of water in the Rio Grande to the expense of EBID and EPCWID. Proper accounting for these depletions was settled by the Operating Agreement, something King has sued to undo.

Jesus Reyes is general manager, El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1.

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Stafford had long career in the U.S. space program

Harvard dropout was first general in space



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

He was the first general "to make a space flight," in 1975 aboard the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Michael Cassutt wrote in "Who's Who In Space: The First 25 Years."

He piloted Gemini VI-A on NASA's first rendezvous flight and became the Gemini IX command pilot after prime crew Elliott See and Charles Bassett died in a T-38 jet crash. As commander of Apollo X, which Cassutt described as "the final, full-scale dress rehearsal for a manned lunar landing," Stafford flew "the lunar module (LM) Snoopy to within 50,000 feet of the lunar surface to test ... propulsion and navigation systems." Snoopy "was too heavy to survive a lunar landing and liftoff," otherwise Thomas Stafford, born Sept. 17, 1930, "might have become the first man to walk on the Moon."

Stafford entered Air Force pilot training after the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis graduated him in 1952. Seven years later, the Experimental Flight Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base graduated him, and he stayed on as an instructor. In September 1962, NASA chose him as a Gemini astronaut.

In an October 1997, NASA oral history, Stafford said his interest in becoming an astronaut began "when the Mercury Program got started," but at the time he was a student at Edwards. When President John Kennedy challenged America to land on the Moon on Sept. 12, 1962, however, Stafford made his choice.

He was in his third day of classes at Harvard Business School when he said Deke Slayton "called me and said,

"Are you still interested?"

Stafford said he had the notoriety of being the first dropout of the class of '64 at Harvard Business School.

His fellow astronaut-trainees included Neil Armstrong and Pete Conrad, the first and third men to walk on the Moon; See and Ed White, both killed, the latter in Apollo I; and Frank Borman who, in his autobiography "Countdown," pointed out Stafford had been his instructor at Edwards. Stafford, at 6 feet, was the tallest of the group.

"We knew in the seat of our pants and all the training we had, we hadn't lifted off."

THOMAS STAFFORD,
NASA astronaut

"Without Gemini," Stafford said, "we could have never gone to the Moon." Gemini tested rendezvous, docking, and spacewalks.

On Dec. 15, 1965, Stafford piloted the fifth manned Gemini flight, VI-A, which made "the first rendezvous in space," said his biography at the website www.jsc.nasa.gov. The mission was to have launched in late October to rendezvous with an Agena rocket, but engineering changes to the oxidizer fuel lead-in turned

disastrous.

"The (Agena) lit off and blew up and blew all over the Atlantic Ocean," Stafford said.

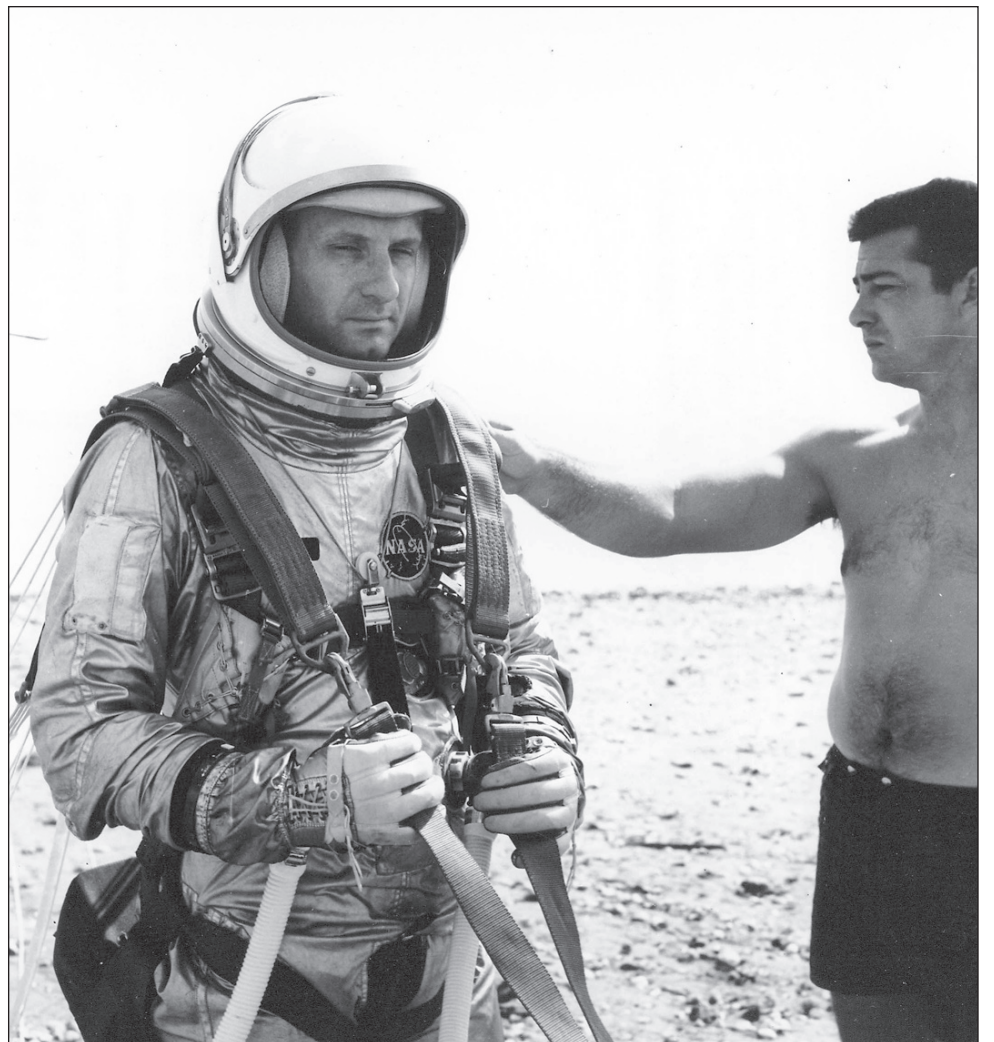
Gemini VI was renamed VI-A and rescheduled for Dec. 12. Stafford and Wally Schirra were perched atop the Titan booster when the Titan - which Alan Shepard and Deke Slayton said in "Moon Shot" (Turner/1994) was "modified from a second-generation intercontinental-range war missile" - suddenly shut off.

"All of Wally Schirra's training dictated immediate ejection," Borman wrote in "Countdown." "But in this emergency, his airman's instinct overrode his astronaut training. He hadn't felt lift-off, so in not much more time than it takes to blink an eye he made the decision to stay in the spacecraft."

"We knew in the seat of our pants and all the training we had, we hadn't lifted off," Stafford said. "Furthermore, the only one who can call lift-off is a fellow astronaut looking at the base of a booster, you know, on a TV screen, and when he sees first motion, he's the only one that can call liftoff. It was (Alan) Bean, and he didn't say a thing."

According to Stafford, ejecting from the capsule's oxygen-rich atmosphere into a situation where engines had already ignited, and the booster was still erect, would have set their suits on fire. The men "would have been two Roman candles going out" over Cape Canaveral, he said.

The astronauts finally launched three days later. Three hours into the flight, said the NASA publication "Project Gemini: A Chronology," the "first radar lock-on indicated 246 miles between the two spacecraft." Schirra made course corrections and, Stafford said post-flight in Life magazine, "We sighted them about 50 miles away."



NASA photo

Thomas Stafford "prepares to take part in parasail training" on Aug. 23, 1965, the documentation attached to this NASA photograph stated. He "was carried into the air by a deployed parachute and guided over (Galveston Bay, Texas) where his tow line was released, and floated to the water to test airdrop and water survival techniques."

"We have company tonight," said Borman, aboard Gemini VII, informed James Lovell after Borman spotted VI-A 10 miles distant. Before long the two capsules were "within a foot of each other more than 100 miles above the Earth," said "The Complete Idiot's Guide to NASA." The crews then engaged in a bit of rivalry. On Earth, Army was playing Navy, and "Annapolis graduates Schirra and Stafford held up a sign that said 'Beat Army.' Borman, a West Point grad, replied with a sign of his own, reading 'Beat Navy,'" said "The Complete Idiot's Guide to NASA." "As it turned out, none of them got their wish as the game ended in a 7-7 tie."

In June 1966, Stafford "commanded Gemini IX and performed a demonstration

of an early rendezvous that would be used in Apollo," his biography said. In May 1969, he commanded Apollo 10. The "first flight of the lunar module to the moon" was also the first capsule-LM rendezvous around the Moon. Subsequently, Stafford "was cited in the 'Guinness Book of World Records' for highest speed ever attained by man ... when the spacecraft attained 24,791 statute miles per hour" during re-entry.

From July 15-24, 1975, Stafford commanded the Apollo segment of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, which his biography described as "a joint space flight culminating in the historic first meeting in space between American Astronauts and Soviet Cosmonauts."

"As commander of the Apollo crew," cosmonaut

Col. Alexei Leonov wrote in "Two Sides of the Moon," "Tom was often referred to as 'Granddad.' This was not because he was old, and he did not then have grandchildren. Rather, it was because of his considerable experience of spaceflight."

Stafford retired from the Air Force in November 1979, the biography said. Before then, however, he "was personally involved in initiating the F-117A Stealth Fighter. In early 1979, he wrote the initial desired specifications on and started the advanced technology bomber development, now designated the B-2 Stealth Bomber."

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Coming Up

Library raffle

The Friends of Branigan Library are sponsoring a raffle to raise money in support of the new Southwest Room at Branigan Library. The basket theme is "Stepping Out in Downtown Las Cruces." Gifts and certificates donated from Downtown merchants are included in the basket with a value of more than \$400. The drawing will be held Sunday, Sept. 18, during the annual Authors Luncheon at Picacho Hills Country Club. Tickets are \$1 each and may be purchased at the Books & More store in the Branigan Library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The winner need not be present to win.

For raffle tickets or more information about the Authors Luncheon, call Maryellen at 528-9891.

Diabetes raffle is canceled

The Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach has announced that its car raffle has been canceled. The organization has promised to make refunds to all that have purchased tickets. The Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach Board of Directors expressed regret for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

For more information,

visit www.snmdo.org or call 522-0289.

Rep. Pearce hosts coffee

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce will host a "Congressional Coffee" at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at It's Burger Time Restaurant, 2320 S. Locust St.

Pearce plans to speak with constituents about job growth, the economy and other issues of importance. He will also answer questions from attendees.

For more information, call 855-473-2723 or visit www.pearce.house.gov.

ALR lecture series Sept. 19

Monday, Sept. 19, will be the final lecture in the Academy for Learning in Retirement's series on the 19th century monsters that haunted the British imagination. Harriet Linkin, professor of English at New Mexico State University, will conclude her discussion of such authors and monsters as Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein," Bram Stoker's "Dracula" and Robert Louis Stevenson's "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" by explaining how these authors and their works relate to the society and its issues in the 19th-century British Empire.

The lecture is open to the

public and begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Good Samaritan Society auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. There is a \$5 fee, and no advance registration is required. Complimentary refreshments are available prior to each presentation.

For more information, contact board member Don Finke at 522-6512 or visit www.dacc.nmsu.edu/comed/ALR.

GOP women meet Sept. 23

The Federated Republican Women of Doña Ana County, will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Capt. Arlis Rhodes and Bud Lulich of the Doña Ana Sheriff's Department will speak on "Operation Lifesaver," as well as the Sheriff's Mounted Patrol volunteer organization. The lunch costs \$8.25. Reservations are accepted until Monday, Sept. 19, by calling 635-9174 or 527-5574.

Historical society event

The Doña Ana County Historical Society's monthly program will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium. New Mexico

State University historian Rick Hendricks will present a program on how Fabian Garcia and Roy Nakayama developed the most famous green chile in the world. The two NMSU researchers are responsible for much of New Mexico's chile success today. The public is welcome to attend the free presentation.

Oktoberfest set at WSMR

The annual Oktoberfest at White Sands Missile Range will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at Volunteer Park on the missile range. The entrance fee is \$15 in advance for adults and includes a stein (while available) and a chance to win a \$1,000 travel voucher. The fee is \$20 at the gate. Children under 16 will be admitted free. Authentic beer and food will be available for sale. Entertainment will be provided by an original German band and dancers from Bavaria. For more information, call the WSMR Community Center at 678-7991.

Girl Scouts recruiting

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest invites the community to their annual recruitment fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Camp Apodaca, 801 E. Madrid

Ave. Anyone interested in volunteering, becoming a leader or a registering as a Girl Scout, can join the fun. The annual registration fee is \$12 per person. For more information, call 526-2532 or email mjaso@gdsdw.org.

Antique and collectible show

The American Legion will be holding its ninth annual Antique and Collectible Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at the American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. More than 60 tables of antiques and collectibles will be on display. The snack bar will be open and there will be free appraisals, so bring your treasures to see what they are worth or to sell to our many dealers. Admission is \$2 for 12 and older, which is good for both days, 11 and younger are free. This is an American Legion fundraiser to help veterans, families and the community. For more information, call Clint at 642-3725.

Citizenship, classes offered

The Small World Friendship Center offers free, ongoing English and citizenship classes to help non-English speakers improve conversational, reading and writing

abilities. Classes are from 9 to 11:15 a.m. each Thursday at First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St. Students are enrolled when they come to the center. Free child care is provided for children 5 and under while students attend class. For more information, call Mary Mullins at 526-9635.

English classes

The International Friendship and Learning Center is offering free English classes for all levels from 9 to 11 a.m. each Thursday at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor Blvd. Free childcare is available to students with pre-school aged children. Refreshments are served. For more information, call Gayla at 526-9535.

Banned Books Week at NMSU

The New Mexico State University Library will host several free public events in recognition of Banned Books Week, Sept. 24-Oct. 1. The celebration, expanded this year, and includes a Read Out Wednesday, Sept. 28, in front of Zuhl Library, and a speakers series on censorship throughout October. Campus celebrities reading from banned books at the Read Out will include Tom Smith of the Theatre Arts Department and his students, KRWG-FM radio personality

White Sands Missile Range, Volunteer Park, 6PM

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SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION PROJECT PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Southline Transmission Project is a proposed 355-mile electric transmission line that will include both the development of new lines and improvements to existing lines in southern New Mexico and southern Arizona.

The project sponsor will be hosting meetings in the coming weeks to gather public input prior to the formal Federal environmental review process that will begin later this fall. Once the official Federal process begins, the Bureau of Land Management and the Western Area Power Administration will host scoping meetings as part of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review.

In September, please visit with our project team to:

- Learn about the proposed project and its purpose and schedule
- Review potential route alternatives using an interactive map station
- Share information about your interests, as well as land and resource issues
- Learn about the upcoming environmental review processes
- Learn about current and future public engagement opportunities
- Learn about technical aspects of transmission

Please stop by anytime **between 5pm-8pm** at one of the meetings listed below. Please note there will not be a formal presentation at these meetings.

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September 21
Lordsburg High School Cafeteria
501 W. 4th Street
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Coming Up

Carrie Hamblen, Robert Nabisch of the College of Health and Social Services and Library Dean Elizabeth A. Titus. Refreshments will be served.

The speakers series kicks off Monday, Oct. 3, with a presentation on censorship of art by NMSU art professor Stephanie Taylor at 10 a.m. on the fourth floor of Branson Library. Also featured in the speakers series are award-winning activist Molly Molloy (Oct. 10) and El Paso poet Lee Byrd (Oct. 17). Wrapping up the series will be a talk Oct. 24 by Alex Sanchez, nationally known author of the Rainbow Boys series.

National Banned Books Week is an annual event sponsored by the Office of Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association. It celebrates the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment, highlighting the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to censorship. Banned Books Week stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints for all who wish to read and access them.

For more information, visit <http://lib.nmsu.edu> or contact Ingrid Schneider at 646-4707 or ingschne@lib.nmsu.edu.

Bridge club has anniversary

Welcome Stranger Bridge Club will have its 50th anniversary luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at the Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building. Cost is \$6.50. Reservations are requested by Tuesday, Oct. 4. Guests will receive a gift.

For more information or to make a reservation, call Bernie at 522-2723, Donovan at 522-5450 or Edie at 523-0509.

Dinosaurs of a Feather

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum and Las Cruces Museum of Natural History are partnering to bring dinosaurs to the museums. The Dinosaur Train program is designed for children ages 3 to 5 and their parents. It meets every month at each museum and will explore a new topic related to dinosaurs and trains. This program is based on the PBS television show, "Dinosaur Train."

In October, the program will explore the relationship between dinosaurs and birds. Every participant will have a chance to see a replica fossil of Archaeopteryx, a feathered dinosaur, and make a dinosaur sun-catcher to take home. Each class runs approximately 30 minutes and includes a short lesson and hands-on activity.

The Dinosaur Train program will be at 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Railroad

Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., and at 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Museum of Natural History, located in Mesilla Valley Mall.

For more information, call Joanne Beer at the Railroad Museum at 647-4480 or Kimberly Hanson at the Museum of Natural History at 522-3120.

International Observe the Moon Night

Join the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History at a special Sky Safari moon observing night on Saturday, Oct. 8. The event will be held at the Tombaugh Observatory on the NMSU campus in Las Cruces and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Join the Museum and the NMSU Astronomy Department in celebrating the second annual Observe the Moon Night with activities for all ages, including scale models of the moon and Earth, lunar phases, moon observation journals and a short presentation of lunar features that will be seen. Bring your questions or your own telescope and join us as we 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. We believe in the inspirational power of the moon – a celestial body that has influenced human lives since the dawn of time. International Observe the Moon Night 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 organizers hope to instill in the public a sense of wonderment and curiosity about our moon. Our partnerships enable us to stay up to date with the latest and greatest scientific discoveries about Earth's nearest neighbor. Participants are required to provide their own transportation. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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

Silent auction fundraiser

The Lighter Fluid/Morale Support Silent Auction will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Golden Mesa retirement community, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Artwork, kachina dolls, Native American jewelry, restaurant coupons and a variety of other items. Gold and silver buyers will be on hand. Proceeds will go to AUSA-WSMR.

For more information, call

Lori English at 373-9322.

Learn all about Fur N Feathers

The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History presents three Saturday classes on birds and mammals. The classes for children 4 years of age and older are from 11 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Oct. 8, 15 and 22. Each session includes a craft activity. Registration is required and the program is free.

Birds are the subject of the class on Oct. 8. How do they fly? What keeps them gliding in the air? Meet a green-cheeked conure parrot and his handler.

On Oct. 15, the class concentrates on mammals, warm-blooded animals, focusing on mammals that lay eggs, marsupials and plant-eating or herbivorous mammals.

The series concludes Oct. 22, when meat-eating or carnivorous animals, such as lions, tigers and whales are studied, as well as apes, who dine primarily on fruit. As part of this class, children will discuss the place of people in the animal kingdom and will also meet a handler of exotic cats.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Funded by the City of Las Cruces, the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History is located at 700 S. Telshor Blvd. in Mesilla Valley Mall. For more information, call 522-3120 or visit <http://museums.las-cruces.org>. If you need accommodation for a disability in this event, contact the museum 48 hours before the event at 522-3120.

The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History is dedicated to broadening the understanding of natural history, science and the environment of New Mexico and the Chihuahuan Desert.

Earth Science Week

Ever wonder what geology has done for you lately? Stop by the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History to celebrate earth science and see just what it has to offer. The museum's 25th anniversary celebration continues from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, with special activities, including making your own toothpaste from scratch, exploring relative dating and fossils.

The Museum of Natural History and the Bureau of Land Management team up to present the earth sciences at this special event. We use minerals everyday without even noticing them. They are processed into our cosmetics, cleaning supplies and building materials. Rarely do we have the opportunity to see them

in their natural form. See how the sciences work together to create every day products and make your own toothpaste. Be sure to visit the museum's prehistoric trackways exhibit and learn about fossils with the BLM.

Earth Science Week is Oct. 9-15, and is sponsored by the American Geological Institute.

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Toy discussion at museum

Can you remember your favorite childhood toy? Join us at The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History for an open discussion of the progression and development of toys through the ages at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18.

The discussion will be held at the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History in Mesilla Valley Mall. Glen Hales, a local toy, car and mineral enthusiast will present The Progression of Toys: A Collector's Thoughts, at the museum's October Lecture Series.

Over the last 100 years, toys have changed the way we play. From simple, homemade wooden toys we have launched into the digital age with handheld video gaming systems and multi-component machines. During this discussion get a blast from the past with toys

from Hales' personal collection of historic toys and share your experiences and memories of learning through play.

Hales is a local business owner with a passion for collecting that has grown since his childhood. He has an avid interest in cars and memorabilia and participates in local clubs.

If you need accommodation for a disability to enable you to fully participate in this event, call the museum 48 hours before the event at 522-3120.

Climatology of New Mexico

The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History hosts its monthly roundtable discussion, Science Café, at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27. The discussion will be held at the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History.

"Could Tsunamis impact New Mexico?" Tim Lawton, professor of geological sciences at NMSU, will answer that question and reveal historic geologic data that may surprise those who think we are adequately remote from Japan's trauma. Lawton, Manasse chair, will lead a discussion of how distant geological events impact our life here in New Mexico.

Science Café is presented by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society in cooperation with the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History. Café discussions present explanations of current research to advance a greater public understanding and use of available science.

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Audubon presentation

The Mesilla Valley Audubon Society will present a free program on birds of northern Ecuador at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Village at Northrise, 2882 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building. Bill West, bird guide for WingsWest Birding, will introduce the group to birds from a wide variety of Ecuadorian habitats, including the cloud forest, mountain foothills, paramo (elevated Andean grasslands) and the Amazon Basin. The presentation will include an account of his experiences, close encounters and bird sightings.

For more information, call Katie McLane at 639-3814.

Camera Club has meeting

Alan Solomon, a veteran New York photojournalist, will present a retrospective of photos from his career at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, at a meeting of the Doña Ana Camera Club at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. In addition to New York City newspapers, Solomon's photos have appeared in Life, Newsweek, Time and People magazines. The monthly photo assignment is "straight lines." The camera club was formed to improve photographers' skills at all levels and meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Visitors and members are encouraged to bring their own photos to the meetings for display and discussion.

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Hispanic

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for the country to compete in the global economy, he said.

"Our kids are trilingual," Sepulveda said. "They speak Spanish, English and computers."

Hispanic entrepreneurs are also some of the most creative business creators and often more capable of understanding how to succeed in a non-U.S. marketplace, he said.

The United States has fallen behind in education and its ability to compete in the global marketplace, Sepulveda said, especially in the fields involving biology, health and engineering.

Sepulveda said the White House is taking the challenge seriously by starting a series of community conversations to change policies and spend money where it can make a difference. One of those community education summits could be coming to Las Cruces as early as next month, he said.

The Obama Administration sees New Mexico as a state that is trying to meet these challenges, he said, and Sepulveda acknowledged the new early college high school on the NMSU campus.

In an interview with media following his keynote address to the NMSU summit for Hispanic faculty and staff, Sepulveda told of a superintendent in Texas who has reshaped his school system so Hispanic students can better succeed.

Danny King, superintendent of the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo school district, reclassified school counselors as college coaches. He even placed half of them on the college



Juan Sepulveda, director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, talks to the press after speaking at a leadership summit for New Mexico State University's faculty and staff Monday, Sept. 12, at Corbett Center Student Union.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

campuses that most of his graduates would attend to help them through those first critical years in higher education.

The national picture, Sepulveda said, is to form broad policies to support such innovations and supporting proven targeted programs, such as bilingual and migrant programs. These targeted programs should be limited, he said, because expectations by teachers are often low for these students and ignore their true talents and abilities.

While not all students are destined for college studies, Sepulveda said, vocational education shouldn't become "tracks" that keep students from going on to college. Even those taking Adult Basic Education courses in community colleges with

the goal to improve their English, he said, should also be encouraged to take advantage of the college's other classes and training.

If the problem with Hispanic dropouts in the public schools is acute, it is worse in higher education, Sepulveda said. Those who do achieve a bachelor's degree rarely return to earn master's or doctoral degrees, he said.

Many Hispanic students have more daunting challenges from work and family than those in other ethnic groups, Sepulveda said.

The need for higher education is to help them reach the goal of obtaining a degree, he said, despite the pressures from state officials to get students through their courses of studies in a shorter – and thus more

cost-effective – time frame.

Many of Sepulveda's themes were echoed at the day's panel discussions at the summit, which was titled "Fomenting Change."

Fernando Valle, a former high school counselor now teaching at Texas Tech University, said educators need to stop blaming the students and their families. Instead, educators need to look at themselves to find out how they made the school experience unwelcome or even untenable, he said.

"It's been my experience that many of these students didn't drop out, but were pushed out by the schools," Valle said. "We've all worked in schools that are really dropout factories."

Educators should be focusing on those parents who don't come to the school to find why they feel they don't belong, he said. Some systems make silly mistakes, he said, such as holding open houses all on the same night, as if the parents only had children in one school. And why should a parent go to the schools when the only time they've had a home visit was when their child was in trouble, he asked.

Christina Chavez Kelley, assistant vice president for Student Diversity and Outreach at NMSU and chair of the Hispanic Faculty/Staff Caucus committee that organized the event, said she works with the higher education system to get faculty and administration to understand realities in minority populations. For example, distance education – classes taught over Internet – isn't a very viable option for American Indian students who live on reservations lacking Internet access.

Institutionally, higher education is

still paying lower salaries to women and minority faculty members than their male Anglo colleagues, she said.

NMSU English professor Monica Torres, a native Las Crucean who earned two of her three degrees at NMSU, said despite growing achievement, Hispanics are not keeping pace with the population or other population groups.

"We're in better shape than we've been, but we're not in particularly good shape," she said.

Torres said negative educational myths about Hispanics – such as parents not caring about their children getting a good education – creates predisposed limitations in teacher expectations for Hispanic students. They forget, she said, they come from families whose talents and strong work ethic brought them to this country.

"Hispanics are living and navigating in this world," she said. "They are able to survive and thrive in 21st century United States. We need to recognize the assets they bring to campus. ... We must go from seeing our students as problems to be solved to focusing on the talents and abilities they bring."

Also, limited progress for Hispanic students is divisive politics, according to Sepulveda. For example, he said President Barack Obama's American Jobs Act includes \$24 billion to rehabilitate 35,000 crumbling schools. These are not just "make-work" jobs, but money targeted to address priority needs, he said.

"Almost every single one of the ideas proposed has already been proposed by Republicans," Sepulveda said. "This is not new crazy leftist stuff. This is where the two parties can come together."

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The people at the ceremony were not huddled in fear, but standing in defiance, Brown said, and that show of strength was the best way to honor those killed in the attacks and those who lost their lives since the global War on Terror began.

Las Cruces Police Chief Richard Williams said terrorists have underestimated the resiliency of the United States. A beautiful memorial now fills the space where the World Trade Center once stood, and the Pentagon has been repaired. Meanwhile, the terrorists responsible for the attacks have been captured, killed or forced to run and hide, he said.

Williams recounted the story of a New Mexican – Sgt. Leroy Petry, the recent Medal of Honor recipient who saved the lives of his fellow soldiers in Afghanistan by lobbing back grenades thrown at them by insurgents. Though wounded himself, he continued to fend off the attack with one of the grenades exploding in his right hand.

At the start of the ceremony, Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima honored two local wounded warriors, Army Sgt. Matt Zajac and Spc. Will Grumet – both had been wounded during tours in Iraq and Afghanistan – by presenting them with medals during the ceremony.

The ceremony included moving performances by the New Mexico State University Aggie Pride Band and Doña Ana County Youth Choir, as well as a bagpipe player. Along with the adults were children – including Boy and Girl Scouts – many of whom were infants or not even born yet when the 9/11 attacks were committed. The scouts took part raising an American flag to half-staff a City Hall flagpole.

But overlooking the event was the new garrison American flag made possible by the donation of Zia Engineering's President/CEO Ed Martinez. The 20-foot-by-38-foot nylon flag draped off the end of the Las Cruces Fire Department's highest truck ladder.



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Las Cruces Police Chief Richard Williams co-hosted the city's 9/11 Commemoration ceremony with Fire Chief Travis Brown. The ceremony was held in front of City Hall Sunday, Sept. 11.

MVRDA

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ity, according to Huitt-Zollars architect John Girard, and is non-conducive for repairs or growth since surrounding properties are already owned.

"All of these are issues and factors that really prevent it from being an adequate dispatch center," Girard said.

Girard concluded by listing the projected staff need over the next 15 years to handle expected growth in call volume, a blueprint of a 30,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art building and its cost.

A rough floor plan was provided to give councillors a visual idea of how space would be used. The blueprint included a layout for a training area, a main dispatch center, emergency dispatch areas, a dorm room, a locker room and a fitness center.

The estimated cost of the building reached a total of \$9.7 million.

"The equipment (dispatchers) rely on in every emergency has just got to be top of the line, because they have lives on their hands, literally, as they talk someone through an emergency," said City Councillor Dolores Connor, who also sits on MVRDA's board.

Connor said she is looking forward to putting the plan into a motion and "fitting all the puzzle pieces together" in order to figure out how the city will manage the total cost.

Las Cruces and Doña Ana County are collaborating on the project, and have received letters of support from the mayors of Hatch, Mesilla and Sunland Park in favor of the building relocation.

An exact location for the new building has not yet been determined, although city officials have speculated an area off of East Lohman Avenue and Sonoma Ranch Boulevard. Councillors are considering the possibility of having MVRDA share a building with a police substation and firehouse.

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Veterans volunteer



Lawrence Orvis of the American Legion Post 10 and Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 43, and Walt Baker, also of the American Legion Post 10, are joined by Las Cruces Public School employee Felipe Parra in volunteering to help serve lunch Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Gospel Rescue Mission. Orvis challenged other veterans to volunteer in the local community.

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Realtors flock to Las Cruces



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Chris Mortenson

Realtors Association of New Mexico Executive Vice President Steve Anaya and Las Cruces Association of Realtors CEO Isaac Chavez come together during the opening party of the RANM Fall Conference Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. Realtors from throughout the state came to the three-day conference held in Las Cruces.

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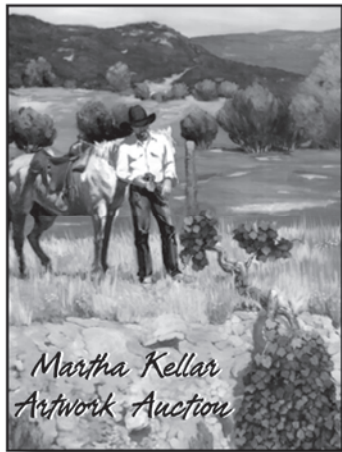
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Sgt. Jacob Stevens

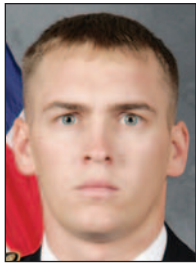
Army Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year

Stevens was born on Jan. 29, 1985, in Seymour, Texas. He has two younger siblings; one brother and one sister. Stevens graduated from Sam Houston High School in 2003.

On March 29, 2006, Stevens joined the Army as a combat engineer and after training was assigned 2nd Platoon of Alpha Company, 70th Engineer Battalion at Fort Riley, Kan. He served as the squads M240B gunner.

In 2007, 70th Engineers was deployed to Afghanistan, where they conducted Route Clearance missions. While deployed, he received the Purple Heart and the Army Commendation Medal. Shortly after returning from a 15-month deployment, Stevens was then assigned to 3rd Platoon, 573rd Clearance Company, 2nd Engineer Battalion of White Sands Missile Range. While serving in 3rd platoon, Stevens was assigned the position of team leader.

In 2009, the 573rd Clearance Company was deployed to Iraq, where they cross-trained on heavy equipment operation and conducted numerous culvert denial missions. While in Iraq, Stevens also served as a Squad Leader for eight months. At the end of the nine month deployment, he volunteered to assist the remainder of the 2nd Engineer Battalion for three months in Afghanistan. After returning from the deployment, he married Alyssa and had a son named Jayden. Currently, he is assigned as a squad leader in 2nd platoon.



STEVENS

Be-On-The-Look-Out (BOLO) reports to all 2nd Engineer Battalion combat patrols ensuring they were informed of the most recent activities and threats. Low redeployed from Afghanistan with the 2nd Engineer Battalion on Aug. 1. Upon redeployment, Low was reassigned to 1st Platoon, 595th Engineer Company (Sapper), where he is currently serving as an M240B Gunner.

Staff Sgt. Christopher Davis

Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year

Davis is from Colorado Springs, Colo. He joined the Air Force in January 2004. Upon completion of Basic Military Training he attended Air Traffic Control School at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. Davis' assignments include Cannon AFB, two tours to Osan Air Base, South Korea and WSMR, where he currently serves as an Air Traffic Controller. Davis' awards include the Air Force Commendation Medal with one device. He is currently engaged to Devin Martinez of Las Cruces.



DAVIS

Sr. Airman Jan Watts

Air Force Airman of the Year

Watts is from Columbia, S.C. He joined the Air Force in April 2009. Upon completion of Basic Military Training, he attended Air Traffic Control School at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. Watts was then assigned to WSMR, where he currently serves as an Air Traffic Controller. Watts was selected for early promotion to E4 based on his superior performance earlier this year.



WATTS

FC1 Rogelio Ramirez Jr.

Navy Sailor of the Year

Born on June 1, 1974, in San Antonio, Texas, FC1 Ramirez is the oldest of three children born to Rojelio and Beatriz Ramirez. He grew up in Magnolia, Texas, where he attended Magnolia High School. He reported to Navy Basic Training on July 14, 1992, at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla.



RAMIREZ

After Basic Training, he attended Basic Electronics School in Orlando, Fla., and Advanced Electronics School in Great Lakes, Ill. He arrived at his first ship, the Guided Missile Cruiser USS Hue City (CG-63), in October 1993, where he worked as a deck seaman. After three years onboard Hue City, he was accepted to attend Fire Controlman "A" School in Great

Lakes Ill., and Aegis Training and Readiness Center in Dahlgren Va. Upon graduation, he was promoted to the rank of E-4, and accepted orders to Yokosuka, Japan, where he would be stationed aboard the Guided Missile Cruiser USS Mobile Bay (CG-63) as an Aegis Weapons System AN/UYK-7 Computer Technician.

As a Navy Recruiter in Houston, he met his wife, Amy Renee Layman, and was promoted to the rank of E-6. He returned to ATRC Dahlgren to attend the Aegis Weapons System Supervisor Course. Upon graduation, he reported back to Yokosuka to serve onboard the Guided Missile Cruiser USS Cowpens (CG-63), where he acquired many qualifications, including Combat Systems Officer of the Watch (underway), Combat System Coordinator, and was the Team Leader/Boarding Officer for the ship's Visit, Boarding, Search and Seizure (VBSS) Team.

In 2008, he chose orders to White Sands Missile Range, and arrived on Oct. 20, 2008. He currently serves as the Force Protection Officer, 1st Lieutenant and Assistant Security Manager for Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Division, Detachment White Sands.

He and Amy have three children: Christian, age 9, Rogelio III, 7, and Ruben, 4.

His awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, three Navy Achievement Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and various other medals, unit awards and campaign awards.

FC1 Dominique Sanchez

Navy Junior Sailor of the Year

Born on April 20, 1982, in El Paso, FC1 Dominique Sanchez is the middle of five children. He reported for active duty on June 7, 2000, and became a member of the Navy Ceremonial Guard under two presidents.

He was promoted to Leading Seaman of Drill Team before moving on to Advanced Electronics Computer Field School for Fire Controlman back in Great Lakes.

In August 2003, he received orders to San Diego to serve on the fastest frigate on the waterfront – the USS Curts (FFG-38). There, he married Rachel Lorraine Chupp on May 15, 2004.

While onboard USS Curts, he was advanced to FC2 and was deployed on two South Pacific cruises, on one of which he was the assistant boarding officer for the ship's Visit, Boarding, Search and Seizure (VBSS) Team. It was this team that conducted an interdiction that resulted in the largest maritime cocaine seizure on record at the time, weighing in at 13.3 metric tons.

He was deployed on a West Pacific cruise to the Extreme Northern Arabian Gulf (XNAG). During this deployment, he filled the role of Scene of Action Commander (SAC) while protecting the Khawr Al'amaya and Al Basrah Oil Terminals, a position typically performed by E-7 and above personnel. In 2009, he received the Arleigh Burke Surface Warfare Operational Excellence Award for his role as SAC.

He reported to Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme Detachment White Sands on Dec. 10, 2008, and is assigned to the Desert Ship.

He and Rachel have two children – Ileana KaRynne, 5, and DJ, 4. During his time at WSMR, he was named the WSMR Karaoke Champion for 2009 and 2011, was named Junior Sailor of the Year for 2010 and awarded the Army Commendation Medal and has been advanced to the rank of E-6.



SANCHEZ

Spc. Alexander Branch Low

Army Soldier of the Year

Low was born in Portsmouth, N.H. on May 4, 1989. His father was a Medic in the Air Force and, as a result, traveled a lot. He lived in many locations to include Nevada, Florida and Portugal. Low attended Polk State College for a year before deciding to enlist as a Combat Engineer in November 2009. Low completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in March 2010 with a follow-on assignment to White Sands Missile Range with the 2d Engineer Battalion.

In April 2010, Low deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) as an Intelligence Analyst. As an Intelligence Analyst, Low tracked and disseminated SIGACTS, threat reports and



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An Aggie storm brewing?



Richard Coltharp
That's the Way of the World

The last time the University of Texas at El Paso Miners came to Aggie Memorial Stadium, they brought a storm.

On that September evening in 2009, fans had barely settled in their seats when one of those beautiful New Mexico lightning shows lit up the sky. Nice to look at, but not good for running around on open fields.

Officials evacuated the stadium. A monster downpour ensued, and about three hours later, the teams re-took the field in front of a few hardy, soaked-to-the-bone fans. The final gun sounded near midnight, and the Miners headed south on I-10 with a 38-12 victory.

At 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, there will be another storm in Aggie Memorial, and it will be wearing Crimson and White.

Bolstered by last week's landmark victory over Minnesota, every Aggie player, every Aggie coach and every Aggie fan is as energized as that 2009 electrical storm.

NMSU Athletics Director McKinley Boston played college football for Minnesota, and the 28-21 victory against his alma mater was sweet.

"Not bittersweet – it was totally sweet," he said. "It was a really special weekend. A couple of former teammates hosted a party for me and we got to have some quality time. It added something extra."

The victory was great, but the Aggies still have 11 games left on the schedule, starting with the Miners.

"You create a special win, and you create a belief in yourself that you can compete," Boston said. "But you've got to follow that up with a quality performance."

How do you define quality performance?

"The biggest thing was we played four quarters on all three phases of the game (offense, defense, special teams)," Boston said. "We were dictating the play on the field and were not constantly in long-yardage situations. And on defense, we just made plays."

One of those making plays was senior safety Donyae Coleman. He's also the only person I know who openly predicted victory over the Gophers.

A lot of people, including me, had an inkling of optimism about the Minnesota game, but none of us were as bold as Coleman.

At a practice last week, here's what Coleman told me: "We're going to go to Minnesota and take it to 'em."

I don't know what Coleman said in practice this week. A whole lot of victory-hungry NMSU fans, however, are sure interested in what Coleman and his teammates do in the game this weekend against UTEP.

Here's hoping lightning can strike twice for the Aggies.

Ags focused on Miners



New Mexico State University photo
New Mexico State University quarterback Andrew Manley tossed a career-high three touchdown passes in the Aggies' upset 28-21 win over Minnesota Saturday, Sept. 10. Manley was named the WAC Offensive Player of the Week for his performance against the Golden Gophers.

NMSU hopes to build on huge upset win over Golden Gophers

By **Jim Hilley**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State Aggies' 28-21 win over the Minnesota Golden Gophers was big. Often, after such a big win, a team will have difficulty focusing on their next opponent.

With the University of Texas at El Paso Miners coming to Aggie Memorial Stadium at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, it won't be a problem for the "Goph' Busters."

"I'm going into that game remembering that we got our butts kicked two years in a row," coach DeWayne Walker said.

Jonte Green, who was named WAC Defensive Player of the Week, isn't having any problem remembering UTEP either.

"This is going to be the biggest game of my career," defensive back Jonte Green said. "UNM is a big rivalry, too, but they (UTEP) beat us the last two years."

Chances look good for the Aggies to turn the tables on their rivals from El Paso. The Miners' starting quarterback Nick Lamaison is out with an injury, and he will be replaced by freshman Jay Hall.

In addition, the Miners have yet to find success running the football. They have been held to less than 40 yards rushing in the first two games of the season and are averaging just 1.3 yards per carry.

Do the Aggies plan to blitz?

Coach Walker was tight-lipped when asked.

"I'd rather not say," he said with an impish grin. "That's a little bit of the game plan."

"We are going to have to be aggressive. I know that's one thing coach Mike Price had mentioned in his press conference."

"I'm very fond of him. He's a good coach and a good man, and that's one thing that we noticed on tape is that this team is very aggressive, so we want to continue to be aggressive as a whole team."

Last year, the Aggies only blitzed the Miners

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Mike Dirks hired as Aggie golf coach

NMSU President Couture: 'Icing on the cake'

By **Jim Hilley**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

When Scott Lieberwirth accepted the job as golf coach at the University of Texas at El Paso in July, it looked like New Mexico State University's golf program was in the deep rough. After all, Lieberwirth had guided NMSU to six conference championships and six NCAA appearances in eight years as head coach. Talent like that isn't just lying around in



DIRKS

every fairway bunker.

With the hiring of Mike Dirks as the Aggies' new coach, however, it looks like they have played a tough lie into an eagle.

Though Lieberwirth's résumé is impressive, Dirks' may be even better.

While Dirks was coaching the University of Houston from 1994-2003, he led the program to Conference USA men's team championships in 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001. Houston was the NCAA Central Regional champion in 1997. Dirks was named the NCAA District VI Men's Golf Coach of the Year in 1998 and 1999 and was selected to coach the USA Junior National Golf Team in Japan in 2001.

In 2005, Dirks was named Conference USA Men's Golf Coach of the Decade. He was a three-time C-USA Coach of the Year (1997, 1998, 1999) and coached 10 All-Americans, four league individual medalists, 14 first-team All-Conference USA selections, three C-USA Freshmen of the Year and the 2003 NCAA Central Regional individual medalist. Dirks also coached six C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal recipients and nine members of the C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll.

Prior to coaching at Houston, Dirks had been coach at Tulane University from 1990-94.

A Fort Worth, Texas, native, Dirks was a four-year golf letterman at Lamar University from 1982 to 1985. He won the Southland

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twice in a 42-10 loss. In 2009, NMSU blitzed 30 times against the Miners in Las Cruces. The Aggies lost that one 38-12.

"They've beat us pretty good the last couple of years, so I don't think we could overlook this game," Walker said. "That's crazy for us to keep talking about Minnesota."

Much like UTEP, the Aggies had difficulty running the ball in their first game, but unlike UTEP, the NMSU running game showed considerable improvement at Minnesota. After gaining only 23 yards on the ground in a disappointing loss at home to Ohio, the Aggies bounced back with 181 yards against the Golden Gophers. In that game, the Aggies were led by running back Robert Clay, who had 97 yards on 20 carries.

"We just made some adjustments," Walker said. "We didn't run the ball very well against Ohio. It was good to see those adjustments help us win."

UTEP coach Mike Price was complimentary about this

year's Aggie team.

"This is the best Aggie team I've seen since I've been here," Price said. "They have done a great job in recruiting and they play hard."

"They're real aggressive. They made big plays against Minnesota. Taveon Rogers made two touchdowns against Minnesota that were tremendous catches. These are as fast and good of wide receivers as I've seen at NMSU."

"They have the best running back we've faced this season in Robert Clay. He's fast and quick and hard-nosed. The Aggie quarterback (Andrew Manley) spread it around to about 10 receivers against Minnesota. He was 12-for-12 at one point."

"They rushed poorly against Ohio, but they really improved that. Walker is a scheming coach who isn't afraid to change things up. He will try to find your weakness and exploit it, so I don't know what they're going to do on defense."

"With DeWayne, there's nothing he hasn't seen and he could adopt any of the blitzes SMU did with his unit."

Walker said the Aggies have to seize the opportunity to build momentum.

"We got to really be hungry and try to hold on to what we're trying to establish in this program," he said. "When you're building a program, if you get a big win you follow it up by getting another big win. That's how you build programs."

"We had a meeting at 3 p.m. yesterday and I told them I don't want to hear anything else about Minnesota. It's all about UTEP now."

Fans may want to arrive early for this year's I-10 rivalry game. There have been 12 games at Aggie Memorial Stadium with attendance more than 30,000. All but two have been against UTEP.



New Mexico State University photo

The Aggies' Jonte Green, shown here in last year's Pink game against UNM, earned WAC Defensive Player of the Week honors for his performance against Minnesota on Sept. 10.

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Aggie domination at the UTEP volleyball match

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Michelle Kuester serves the ball against UTEP at the Pan American Center Tuesday, Sept. 13. The Aggies swept the Miners 26-24, 25-23 and 25-18.



An Aggie fan keeps his head in the game at the match against UTEP.



NMSU's Jocelyn Leichner puts some heat on UTEP.



Desiree Scott gets a kill against the UTEP defense. See more about Aggie volleyball on page A21.

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	Boys Soccer ..Highland High School	5 p.m.
	Girls Soccer ..Highland High School	5 p.m.
	Football ..Hobbs High School	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17	Boys Soccer ..La Cueva High School	Noon
	Girls Soccer ..La Cueva High School	Noon
	Volleyball ..at Eldorado High School	2 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 20	Girls Soccer ..Mayfield High School	5 p.m.
	Boys Soccer ..Mayfield High School	7 p.m.



Mayfield High School

Friday, Sept. 16	Boys Soccer ..at La Cueva High School	5 p.m.
	Girls Soccer ..at La Cueva High School	5 p.m.
	Football ..at Eldorado High School	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17	Cross Country (Coed) ..Belen Cross Country Meet	9 a.m.
	Boys Soccer ..Highland High School	Noon
	Girls Soccer ..Highland High School	Noon
Tuesday, Sept. 20	Girls Soccer ..at Las Cruces High School	5 p.m.
	Boys Soccer ..at Las Cruces High School	7 p.m.



Oñate High School

Friday, Sept. 16	Boys Soccer ..at Deming High School	3 p.m.
	Girls Soccer ..at Deming High School	5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17	Boys Cross Country ..at Belen Cross Country Meet	9 a.m.
	Football ..Rio Rancho High School	1 p.m.
	Boys Soccer ..Cleveland High School	2 p.m.
	Girls Soccer ..Cleveland High School	2 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 20	Girls Soccer ..at Santa Teresa High School	3 p.m.
	Boys Soccer ..at Santa Teresa High School	5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 23	Football ..West Mesa High School	7 p.m.



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Friday, Sept. 16	Football ..Eunice (At Gadsden HS)	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17	Cross Country (Coed) ..at Cobre Invitational	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 20	Volleyball ..at Hot Springs	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22	Volleyball ..Mesalero	6:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 23	Football ..at New Mexico Military Institute	7 p.m.



'Every victory helps'

Bennett sets the bar high for Oñate volleyball

By **Craig Massey**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Oñate High School volleyball practice is all business.

There is no joking around. Players run from station to station. They listen intently as coach Marian Bennett delivers specific instructions. Are they having fun? It's hard to tell, but winning certainly is fun.

Oñate goes into this weekend with a 6-4 record under Bennett, the El Paso Sports Hall of Fame coach who took the job last summer. Bennett's record of success speaks for itself and it has been a good fit for a program that needed steady leadership and discipline.

"It's great how she coaches," said libero Alexis Villegas. "It's a lot different, but a good different."

Villegas, who is in her fourth year on OHS varsity, has played for previous coaches Jennifer Jordan as a freshman and sophomore, and for Alice Borden last year as a junior. Adjusting again to a new coach hasn't been easy, but she believes it's what the Knights needed.

"It's hard because you're adjusting to new techniques and how she wants to do things, but once you get the hang of it, it's pretty good," Villegas said. "Over the last four years, this is the best yet."

Bennett, who coached at Santa Teresa High School the past two years, didn't arrive in Las Cruces until late in the summer. She is still getting acquainted with her new players.

"They're learning a lot about me, and I'm learning a lot about them," Bennett said. "I set the bar high and we're teaching them not to settle. It's still a new thing to them."

Bennett said she likes "gamers" and has found a few in players such as Villegas, Maisha Grant and Rynne Medore.

"But we have to have some more," Bennett said. "They've all come a long way. We have very hard workers. They're very dedicated."

Bennett's practices have a classroom feel to them, but more intense. She is constantly shouting instructions, occasionally halting the flow of activity to make a point. She said she has spent some time breaking the players



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Craig Massey
Marian Bennett comes to Oñate with a record on coaching successful volleyball.

of bad habits and teaching them basic things such as how to hustle and call for the ball.

"I try to make every drill game-like because I want it to become a habit instead of them having to think about it," she said. "We've made some progress."

Villegas said the players are learning what their new coach wants, and in return, their new coach is giving them direction and stability.

"It takes heart, dedication and effort," Villegas said. "We have a coach that is always there for us."

Among the six wins was a triumph over a tough Carlsbad team. The Knights also won the Loretto Academy Tournament in El Paso and played in the championship side of the Las Cruces Sweet 16 bracket for the first time in 10 years, winning their pool.

They play in arguably the toughest district in the state with perennial state championship contenders Gadsden, Mayfield and Las Cruces High School.

"Each victory helps," Bennett said. "Winning helps you get over a lot of stuff."

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Aggie Insider



Riding the momentum Aggies, Walker poised for more



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

It's rivalry time again and round one is this weekend. The NM State football team hosts UTEP in the Sonic I-10 Rivalry series at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, and momentum is wearing Crimson and White.

The Aggies' victory over Minnesota was no fluke. They put together their most complete game since they joined the WAC. The signature win shows that coach DeWayne Walker and his staff are building something that is blooming in the desert.

The offensive line was re-adjusted with quantifiable results as the team rushed for 133 yards, which provided a counterpunch to the high-powered passing game. Senior center Mike Grady's return added experience, which proved to be the rock of stability that enabled freshman Valerian Ume-Ezeoke to relax and play like an upperclassman rather than a frosh playing his first varsity game. The line play and offensive coordinator Doug Martin's kaleidoscope of offensive plays sprung Robert Clay for 97 yards and upped the Aggies' execution to a 40 percent conversion rate on the critical third downs that sustained drives all day.

It was the defensive side of the ball where the game was settled. The Golden Gophers converted

only twice on third down and were thwarted by a turnover claimed by NM State on a scoring drive and by the stifling defense after Minnesota recovered an onside kick. The "piece de resistance" was the stand between the 1-yard and goal line that showed these Aggies believe in themselves and those that are teaching them.

Martin has brought back the excitement to the passing game with Taveon Rogers operating in the jet stream with his speed. The air game is balanced around a variety of tight ends, with clutch receiver Todd Lee a reliable target and Clay coming out of the backfield. One thing the Aggies haven't shown is a lack of concentration, which can lead to breakdowns in discipline. Penalties have been relatively scarce, and the team has been unflappable thus far in pressure situations that have presented themselves in both games.

I feel the Aggies have improved to a point where they can beat a higher-level opponent than in the previous WAC campaigns. It will take the type of play exhibited against Minnesota every time out, which is something Walker can deliver since the foundation of fundamentals and belief in the plan and the team is there.

Rebuilding a college football program is a process that takes patience as well as hard work. I feel the Aggies have the potential to put together an early season win streak with this belief system in place. They believe and so do I; show them you do in person on Saturday night.

Volleyballers start strong Five seniors provide Aggie leadership



Mike Jordan
*Volleyball
Head Coach*

We are a month into the season, and what a ride it's been so far.

We are fortunate to have five great seniors to help carry us, and they're all good players and great people.

Jannah DeVries and Brynja Rodgers give us two really good setters with a lot of experience. It's great to get Brynja back after her redshirt season of a year ago.

Now, we have the ability to play in the 5-1 or 6-2, and we're very confident in their ability to do well in both systems. There is nothing better than having experience, especially at setter and libero.

Kelsi Phillips gives us a great senior libero with a lot of experience as well. Phillips has a great competitive personality and has become one of the leaders of this team.

That group of upperclassmen has played well so far and our young players are getting better each time out. We started the season playing fifth-ranked Nebraska, and we had them on the ropes winning the first two games.

Unfortunately, Bradley Nash, one of our outstanding young outside hitters, went down with a knee injury early in the third game. She will have surgery this week, and we are hopeful she will be back in time for spring practice. It's a terrible loss for our team as she is a very good all-around player and not someone you can replace easily.

We've been experimenting with different lineups and feel

comfortable that we can win in any of them. Fortunately, we have a few players that are versatile enough to play multiple positions. Kelsey Brennan, who has been a middle hitter her entire career, is playing on the right side some now, and Deirdre Pajares can play the left or right. Hopefully, the improvement of some of our young players will help make up for the loss of Nash but it will take some time.

The great news is we are currently 8-2 overall, with both of our losses coming to great teams in Nebraska and LSU, and we had our chances to win both. We just beat a good and athletic Texas State team at their place, and we head to Big Ten country this weekend and play Northwestern. Later in the season, New Mexico and Colorado State will be coming to the Pan American Center for non-conference matches, and of course, WAC play is drawing near.

This team plays hard and has a really good chemistry about it. We are going to get better each day and contend for a WAC title and NCAA Tournament berth. This team is certainly fun to watch, and we're asking all of you to come out to each and every home match and go crazy cheering us on.

For those of you that don't know this, NM State volleyball has a great group of tailgaters that are outside the Pan Am before every home match. If you haven't been to a volleyball tailgate, everyone is welcome and you have to experience it.

Make sure you come out and support Aggie volleyball. You'll love the environment, the pace of the game, and you'll be helping us reach our goals. Thanks to all of you who do support us and go Aggies.

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In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Sept. 16

Women's Tennis
Aggie Invitational
Las Cruces
All day

Soccer
Idaho State
Pocatello, Idaho
4 p.m.

Volleyball
Colgate
Evanston, Ill.
3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 17

Cross Country
Kachina Classic
Las Cruces
8:30 a.m.

Women's Tennis
Aggie Invitational
Las Cruces
All day

Volleyball
Duquesne
Evanston, Ill.
9 a.m.

Volleyball
Duquesne
Evanston, Ill.
6 p.m.

Football
UTEP
Las Cruces
6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 18

Women's Tennis
Aggie Invitational
Las Cruces
All day

Soccer
Weber State
Ogden, Utah
1 p.m.

Equestrian
West Texas A&M
Las Cruces
TBA

Monday, Sept. 19

Women's Golf
Golfweek's Conference
Challenge
Vail, Colo.
All day

Tuesday, Sept. 20

Women's Golf
Golfweek's Conference
Challenge
Vail, Colo.
All day

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Women's Golf
Golfweek's Conference
Challenge
Vail, Colo.
All day

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Jonte Green
Senior
Football

Senior defensive back Jonte Green was named WAC Defensive Player of the Week Sept. 12. He led the Aggie defense with 10 tackles, all solo efforts, including a forced fumble

and a pass break-up in the win at Minnesota, 28-21, Sept. 10. This was Green's second double-digit tackle game of his career.



Megan Hendler
Junior
Soccer

Junior defender Megan Hendler collected WAC Defensive Player of the Week honors Sept. 12. She guided the Aggies to a pair of shutouts and anchored the defense that

only allowed six shots on goal in two games. The Aggies have won a school-record six consecutive games and three straight shutouts.



Michelle Kuester
Senior
Volleyball

Senior middle hitter Michelle Kuester tallied a career-high eight kills while adding eight block assists to help the New Mexico State volleyball defeat Northwestern State, 3-1, in

the CenturyLink Premier, Sept. 10. She also finished with a career-high 12 points.

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New Mexico State University President Barbara Couture and Athletics Director McKinley Boston introduce new Aggie men's golf coach Mike Dirks at a press conference Tuesday, Sept. 13, at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jim Hilley



Dirks

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Conference Championship in 1982 and received both all-conference and honorable mention All-America honors.

Two weeks after graduating from Lamar in 1985, Dirks found himself the university's golf coach.

"I guess I was just in the right place at the right time," Dirks said. "The good thing about it was, the players on the team, we were there for the right reasons, they were good people and they could distinguish now that somebody has to make the decisions and they were good with that."

A year later, Dirks directed Lamar to a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Championships in 1986.

After Lamar, Dirks became coach at Tulane in 1990-94, and was named Metro Conference Coach of the Year in 1994.

"Mike Dirks has certainly had a history of coaching success at several schools including one of the premier programs in the country at the University of Houston," NMSU Athletics Director McKinley Boston said. "I am very excited that he has chosen to lead our golf program. The search committee was unanimous in support of Coach Dirks and all have pledged to help him with his transition and supporting the golf program."

NMSU President Barbara Couture was also impressed with Dirks' success.

"I was one of the first after the search committee to see Dirks' résumé and I have to say, my eyes lit up right away," Couture said. "Coach of the decade – need I say more?"

"We are very proud of having a quality athletics program here at New Mexico State University. We are building towards excellence and we've had a great week all around. This is the icing on the cake."

At a press conference announcing Dirks as the new Aggie coach on Tuesday, Sept. 13, Dirks expressed his excitement and enthusiasm for his new position. He said he was especially impressed by the commitment the community has for a successful program.

"The commitment from everyone here – a lot of programs don't have that. They've got a commitment from a golf coach," he said. "New Mexico State wants to succeed, from the president to the athletic director, everybody I've talked to has said 'What can we do to help?'"

"That's all you can ask for," he said. One ace for Dirks was the New Mexico State University Golf Course.

"We've got a university golf course, which I have never had before. I've had to travel forever for practice facilities and here we've got a great facility close to campus," he said.

"The kids can do all the things they need to do from practice to academics, all the things we want our young people to excel in we have here at New Mexico State."

Ag golfers open seasons Shin leads men's team to fifth place

The New Mexico State men's golf team wrapped up its first competition of the 2011-12 season with a fifth-place team finish of 3-over-par 867, at the Mark Simpson Colorado Invitational held at the Colorado National Golf Club, a 7,741 yard championship layout. The Aggies carded a team score of 1-over-par 289 in the final round.

Junior Justin Shin led the Aggies from start to finish in the tournament, finishing fourth overall with a three-round score of 8-under-par 208. Shin carded a final round score of 1-under-par 71. Senior Zachery Fullerton tied for seventh overall with a three-round score of 5-under-par 211. His final round score of 3-under-par 69 was the low on the day for any Aggie golfer.

Senior Gaston De La Torre fell back a little in the final round with a 3-over-par 75, placing him in a tie for 24th overall with a

three-round score of 2-over-par 218. Freshman Simon Miller had his best round of the tournament on the final day, with a 2-over-par 74. He finished tied for 73rd overall at 15-over-par 231.

Redshirt junior Miko Alejandro rounded out the Aggie competitors with a final round score of 5-over-par 77, also his best round of the tournament. Alejandro finished 80th overall with a three-round score of 19-over-par 235.

Colorado took the team title with a score of 24-under-par, followed by New Mexico (-19), Oklahoma (-8), San Diego (-7) and NMSU (+3). Beau Schoolcraft of Colorado and Alex Ching of San Diego both finished at 11-under-par with Schoolcraft winning the playoff for the individual title.

The Aggies will be back on the course for the Golfweek Conference Challenge Sept. 25-27 in Burlington, Iowa.



SHIN

Ashley Elias leads NMSU women's team

The New Mexico State women's golf team finished 15th at the Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic, Tuesday, Sept. 13, coming in with a 309 in the final round of play.

NMSU finished ahead of WAC foe Nevada, while UC-Davis took home the Ram Fall Classic Title, finishing with a three-round score of 873. Illinois and Colorado tied for second place in the 19-team field with an 875.

"There were some tough pins on this course this year and yesterday we struggled a bit," coach Jackie Booth said. "It's early in the season and we are learning some valuable lessons."

Senior Ashley Elias led the way for NMSU on the par-72, Ptarmigan Country Club in Fort Collins, Colo. She finished the

tournament with a 226 (72-79-75) to tie for 33rd. Elias carded 31 pars and eight birdies during the three rounds of play.

Sophomore Demi Mak, who tallied an ace on hole No. 6, Monday, Sept. 12, finished tied for 38th with a 227 (73-77-77). Overall, Mak played consistently with 34 pars, and five birdies.

Sophomore Mieke Canan came in tied for 64th with a 235 (81-76-78) and junior Aileen Meredith was two strokes behind with a 237 (80-78-79) to finish 73rd. Sophomore Lindsay Reeve rounded out the Aggie lineup with a 259 (86-87-86) to finish 93rd.

The Aggies next tournament will be Sept. 19-21 at the Golfweek's Conference Challenge in Vail, Colo.



ELIAS

Equestrian season starts Aggies have tailgate party, host West Texas

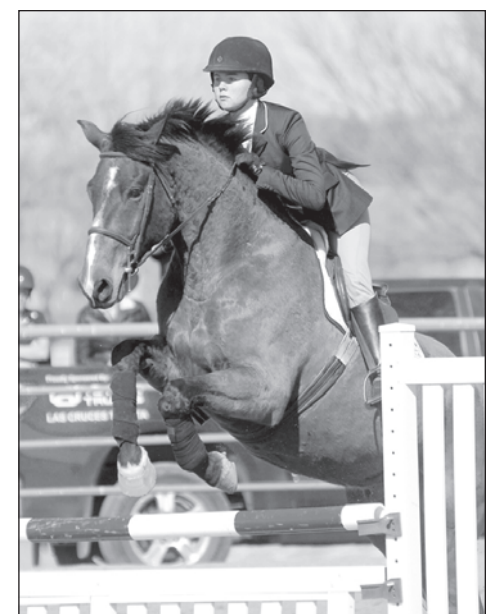
The New Mexico State equestrian team opens its 2011-12 season at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, against West Texas A&M at the NMSU Equestrian Center. Last season, the Aggies defeated West Texas A&M 12-8 at home.

The Hunter Seat team will be represented by Julie Frey, Sam Stephens, Sydney Morse, Erica Daniels, Hannah Swarthout, Brianna Raab, and Stephanie Gershon in Equitation on the Flat, while the Equitation over Fences team will be Gershon, Beth Solomon, Amy Lang, Laura Bostwick, Emily McConnell, Ruby Jenkins, and Amber Tassel.

The Western team will be represented by Marissa Bartmann, Chelsea Campbell, Christina Keyes, Stefanie Story and Tara Wilson in Reining, while the Horsemanship team will consist of Chelsea Campbell, Lauren DeVoe, Megan Gould, Stefanie Story and Jessica Woolsey.

The Equestrian Team will also be hosting an arena tailgating party at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, to help kick off the 2011-12 season at the equestrian center. The Aggie equestrian team is opening the gates to the public in an effort to promote the sport and educate people on the team, what they do, and where they hope to go.

Food will be provided and attendees will be able to meet the team and coaching staff. Additional activities include pony rides, paint a pony, games and poster signing.



Amy Lang returns for another season riding for the Aggie equestrian team.

The equestrian team will also provide information on how their competitions work and will be demonstrating rides in all four equestrian events (Reining, Western Horsemanship, Equitation over Fences and on the Flat).

NM STATE UNIVERSITY

ATHLETE of the WEEK



Andrew Manley
Sophomore, Football

Sophomore quarterback Andrew Manley earned WAC Offensive Player of the Week honors, Monday Sept. 12, after he threw for 288 yards and three touchdowns on 20-of-31 passing in the Aggies' win over Minnesota, 28-21, Saturday Sept. 10. His three touchdown passes in the game are a career high. To start the game, Manley completed his first 12 passing attempts. He now has thrown five touchdown passes on the season. The win against Minnesota is the Aggies' first-ever win against a Big Ten team and the first win over a BCS team since 1999 (Arizona State).



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Aggies sweep UTEP

NMSU owns 14-match streak

The New Mexico State volleyball team improved to 9-2 after sweeping UTEP 26-24, 25-23 and 25-18 in the Pan American Center, Tuesday Sept. 13.

NMSU has not dropped a match to the Miners since Nov. 21, 2004, when UTEP won 3-1 in El Paso. The Aggies are now on a 14-match winning streak against UTEP.

Senior Kelsey Brennan and freshman Meredith Hays powered the offense with 12 and 13 kills respectively, with Hays earning the fourth double-double of her career as she added 10 digs. Senior libero Kelsi Phillips also tallied 10 digs and senior setter Jennah DeVries tallied a match-high 34 assists.

Although NMSU committed more attack errors than the Miners, the Aggies found a way to come out with the victory. The Aggies had 40 kills compared to UTEP's 35 and out-blocked the Miners 10-8. NMSU also posted four service aces with sophomore Stephanie Ziegler serving two of them.

"We made a lot of silly errors, and I think we can go back and learn a lot from our mistakes," coach Mike Jordan said. "Sometimes you win ugly, but we were still able to come up with the win."

NMSU took an early 5-2 lead in set No. 1 after Hays got the 1,830 fans in attendance on their feet with a monstrous kill. After a ser-

vice error by the Miners that took the score to 11-6, the Miners would win seven of the next nine points to tie it at 13 all. A huge block by senior Michelle Kuester and Brennan made the score 21-17, but the Miners used a six-point rally to take a late 23-22 lead. The set would be tied for the fourth time at 24-all before the Aggies took the next two points to win 26-24.

The second set saw 12 ties and seven lead changes, with the final tie coming at 20-20 when Brennan slammed down her eighth kill of the match. The Miners cut the lead to one at 23-22, but another hard hit ball by Hays gave NMSU a 24-22 cushion. After a point by UTEP, DeVries scored her only kill of the match to help her team to a 25-23 victory.

NMSU put its offense together in set three, tallying a .333 hitting percentage with only three attack errors in the set. The Aggies forced UTEP to make seven attack errors and three service errors to win their ninth victory of the year. A late rally gave NMSU some separation at 20-14 and the Aggies finished off their I-10 rivals, scoring the final two points of the match.

NMSU heads to Evanston, Ill., for the Wildcat Classic hosted by Northwestern Sept. 16-17. NMSU faces Colgate at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16. Fans can listen on KSNM-AM 570 with Kyle Doperalski giving the play-by-play.

DeVries' voice is being heard

Aggie setter takes more vocal role for Aggie volleyball

By **Kyle Doperalski**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State senior setter Jennah DeVries received another award Monday, Sept. 12, the latest on a sturdy mantel full of plaques, certificates and trophies.

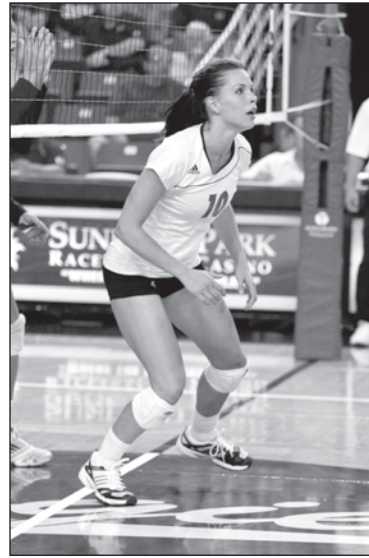
She was named Western Athletic Conference Volleyball Player of the Week after garnering Tournament MVP honors at the tournament hosted by Texas State University last weekend. Ironically for the two-time All-American, it was the first time she has earned WAC Volleyball Player of the Week.

"Jennah is playing well, like the player we know she is," said NMSU coach Mike Jordan. "She is able to make a lot of plays that most setters can't make because of her athletic ability. Jennah is a very good athlete."

DeVries certainly makes a tremendous difference with her athletic ability on the court, but perhaps her greatest contribution this season is her leadership. Now in her senior year, DeVries feels the pressure to lead the team to a WAC Championship and a return to the NCAA Tournament after a two year absence.

"My leadership has progressed," said the Sedalia, Colo. native. "I've always thought of myself as a leader by example. This year I'm being more of a vocal leader. I want this team to win the WAC and go further in the NCAA Tournament than ever before."

Jordan is happy to see his floor general take a more vocal role on his team.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Chris Mortenson
Aggie setter Jennah DeVries is showing new leadership skills in her senior season.

"We need voices out there that people are willing to follow," he said. "She has done the best job of being a leader this year compared in past seasons. She has been more vocal when things aren't going well in a certain match or drill in practice, and that is when it counts most."

A team develops in practice when there are no fans in the stands and the lights aren't quite as bright. DeVries has always been as great a player in practice as she is in matches.

"Jennah has always been motivated to improve and has always worked hard in practice," Jordan said. "She

has been very consistent in training, and we've never had to worry about her in practice."

The role of the setter is similar to a quarterback in football, which comes with the demand of success. If the setter has a good match, the team usually wins and vice versa. The setter touches the ball on almost every single rally and distributes it to the hitters. DeVries continues to climb the career-assist chart, a clear sign she has mastered that part of the game.

"From a setting standpoint, she is as good as we've had," Jordan said. "Her ability to locate the ball and make the tough set is very good. That is only part of it though. She has to make the call on who is the best option on every play, and that is based on a lot of things like who is performing well, the matchup between the hitter and blocker."

Jordan is often seen communicating with the setters during a match and calling a play. Playing for a coach who wears his heart on his sleeve is something DeVries has adjusted to.

"It is a challenge for me every day," DeVries said of Jordan's coaching style. "He is tough on me in practice, but that makes game day easier."

As the non-conference schedule winds its way into the start of conference play, the challenges will continue to increase but if DeVries' senior season ends the way she envisions it, she'll have to build another mantel to hold another WAC Championship trophy.



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Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor



Note to the Biads, owners of Picacho Hills Country Club:

Keep doing what you've been doing. The golf course looks like a new place from what it was a couple of years ago. The fairway grass is healthy, but be careful of the weeds, as they proliferate and are hard to control once they've taken over.

The updated (and expensive) sprinkling system (with some 1,000 new sprinkler heads) was an awesome improvement. If your bunker re-building project will make them fairer, more power to you.

Congratulations on hiring a new club manager with Tony Cosgrove, all the way from Mayfield Country Club in Lyndhurst, Ohio – a golf course just a short bike ride from my boyhood home, and where I caddied briefly as a 10-year-old. Also, you made the right move giving Paul Hinde a chance to work himself into the head pro job permanently.

My only advice, at this point, with the golf course is to have the superintendent cut the rough a little more often so we can actually find the golf balls down in there. And find a new process for programming the hole locations, so that they are varied from week to week, and aren't boring. But the greens seem to be rolling true and the crew has nicely all but eliminated to poa-annua, making

them look professional.

Note to Guy Wimberly, PGA golf professional and director of golf at Sierra Del Rio in Elephant Butte:

I love to play the golf course and like the welcome you all give us when we travel the one hour north to play your awesome layout. I understand that a new golf management company, Escalante Golf out of Fort Worth, Texas, has gotten the contract to run the golf course, which will create a challenge for all concerned. You mentioned that your staff has been cut back a bit, but the golf course is still in great condition and doing well. Everyone appreciates that businesses have to do more with less these days, and that is no more real than in the golf industry.

I will continue to do all that I can to encourage folks from Doña Ana County to play occasionally at Sierra Del Rio because I believe that the course ought to be in the top 10 in New Mexico.

Note to fellow golfers who really need to speed it up a bit:

Slow play hurts everybody. A slow pace of play irritates a lot of golfers, and leads to fewer rounds played on individual golf courses, eventually causing them to up their green fees. People who would consider playing golf, but don't, say that "golf just takes too long."

It takes too long because too many golfers don't adhere to the "max-four hours" norm for playing an 18-hole round of golf. Don't follow the routine of the tour professionals that you see on television, because they play way too slow (the

announcers say "deliberately").

There's a huge amount of money at stake, so I can understand it to some extent. But slow play on tour influences slow play with recreational golfers, and all the tours need to find ways to speed it up, just like college football needs to find a way to speed up "plays under-review" rulings on the field.

We need to play "ready golf," which means being ready to hit when you are able to. Play a provisional ball when you fear your ball may be lost; and please follow the five-minute max rule for looking for a ball.

In an article I wrote earlier this year, I urged management to come up with policies to identify "notorious groups" of slow players, who tend to engage in ego-driven betting games and bog down the golf course. They don't care who they inconvenience, and those groups need to be put on the clock and relegated to starting times that don't get in the way of others.

Note to Tiger Woods:

It's been nearly two years since your world caved in on you when you ran your SUV into that unfortunate fire hydrant in the middle of the night at your Florida mansion. I, for one, think you've paid your dues with your lost endorsements, disruption of your family and a reputation that has left you one of the most unpopular athletes in the entire world of entertainment. I hope you find a swing that leaves your knees and hips in one piece, and hope you find your winning ways again.

New stars are emerging practically weekly on the world tours, but it's not too late for you to return to the form that once was the envy of everyone in golf. When you finally find your game, the other studs on

the tour are not going to fear you like they did before. The new stars don't fear anybody, let's face it. But that's all right.

You might have to learn to win as an underdog, which would be an alien sensation I realize, but it might be necessary. Jack Nicklaus suffered a two-year winless drought in the middle of his career, and then came back to win several more majors, including the last at age 46. If I were your sport shrink (do you even have one?), the advice I would give you is to discover a brand new belief in yourself, dedicate yourself to being a nicer person (not be so dismissive to the media and everyone), and don't always try so darn hard. Overstriving is sometimes a hindrance to someone who is an over-achiever.

Note to Justin Dahrling, head PGA pro, and Peter Raitt, club manager, at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course:

Thank you for hosting the upcoming New Mexico North-South Senior Challenge golf tournament at Sonoma Ranch, to be held Sept. 25-27. This is the sixth annual North-South Senior and we will be up to 20 golfers on each team.

The play is similar to a Ryder Cup format, with three rounds, including a four-ball, an alternate shot and individual match play. Anyone is welcome to come out and be a spectator, because these golfers are good. Players on the North team are from northern New Mexico (Albuquerque and north), while players from the South team are from all over the southern half on the state. All participants are lower handicap, accomplished golfers, with the age cut-off at 50 years old or higher. Super-seniors (five per team) are 65 and older.

I am pleased to tell my faithful readers that I have played in all five

pervious North-South competitions, and will be playing this year. Early this past spring, I thought that playing serious golf was out for the rest of this year, but I have made substantial recovery, and was invited to play. I'm still missing about 15 pounds of body weight (any donors?), and my driving distance is down, but short irons and putting are better than ever.

As country singer Toby Keith says, "I ain't as good as I once was, but I'm as good once as I ever was."

Note to the execs and employees at Ping golf:

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All I have to say is God bless America and the game of golf.

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

Las Cruces High School

High School Athlete of the Week



Photo by Dominic Silva

Xavier Hall

Xavier Hall is a 17-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. He is running back for the 'Dawgs' football team. Against Cibola in Albuquerque this past Sunday, Hall had 17 carries, 212 yards and three touchdowns. Last season he had 49 carries, 364 yards, four touchdowns, four receptions and 25 yards.

Hall is the type of player anyone would want on their team. He is an outstanding leader and leads by example both on the field and in the classroom; he is well liked by his teachers and his peers. Hall is a terrific example of a student athlete with a 3.5 GPA. Outside of football and school, Hall enjoys spending his extra time with family and friends.

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Looking Back



This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

Marvin Tessneer's
Out of the Past



100yearsago

1911

Las Cruces schools tried to cope with 92 more students enrolled than the previous year, an increase of 20 percent. The total enrollment in Las Cruces totaled 542.

Housing was also a problem in Las Cruces 100 years ago. The Doña Ana Republican noted, "There are a few houses for rent, and rent is out of proportion with ordinary incomes. Every day there are people looking for rooms, light housekeeping apartments or good sized residences."

Forrest McKinley, secretary for the chamber of commerce, said he was getting inquiries daily from people looking for information on Las Cruces and the Mesilla Valley.

The Republican reported several land buyers were in the valley making investments and prices for land down river from Elephant Butte Dam, and land prices were going up each month.

75yearsago

1936

Crops around New Mexico were suffering the effects of a drought, but yields were expected to be somewhat better than 1935.

An informal poll of veterans in Doña Ana County showed Alf Landon leading President Franklin Roosevelt 63 to 37 percent.

A record 41 students showed up for the first workout for the Aggie football team.

The Junior W.I.A. club met in the City Park as the W.I.A. Building was undergoing renovations. On the agenda was preparing for the State Federation of Women's Clubs, which was set to convene in Las Cruces in October.

50yearsago

1961

George W. Gardiner retired from two directorships at New Mexico State University. Gardiner had been director of basic research and director of Physical Science Laboratory (PSL). The retiring educator was credited with growing the university physics department from two employees to a \$5 million a year research program.

The new academic year began at NMSU on Sept. 7. New programs included a new four-year police science course and a name change for the Department of Geography and Geology, which would become the Earth Sciences Department. The department had added a new research astronomer Clyde Tombaugh, the discoverer of the planet Pluto.

Ron Logback of Antonito, Colo., was named as starting quarterback for the Aggies after Charley Johnson graduated. The Aggies were set to host the Arizona State College Lumberjacks in the season opener.

The Las Cruces High School Bulldogs routed El Paso Cathedral 48-12. Scatback Alvin Wright scored three touchdowns and had one touchdown called back on a penalty.

25yearsago

1986

The Las Cruces Board of Education unanimously approved the middle school concept for the Las Cruces Public Schools.



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When both the Doña Ana County Farm Bureau and the Elephant Butte Irrigation District were housed in the same building, it was labeled the "Temple of Agriculture," as seen in this photograph from around 1920.

A 17-year-old was charged with aggravated assault after shots were fired at Mayfield High School. Police reported the juvenile walked into the main office lobby and began firing a 20-gauge shotgun. The youth arrested was not a student at the school, and police said he appeared to be emotionally disturbed and had left a suicide note.

Penalties and turnovers led to a 47-33 loss to UTEP at Aggie Memorial Stadium. A crowd of 32,904 watched the game. (Still the second largest crowd in stadium history.) The Aggies battled back from a 33-17 deficit to tie the score on two Jim Miller touchdown passes and a pair of two-point conversions, but two interference calls in the final minutes allowed Miner Sammy Garza an opportunity to score the go-ahead touchdown on a 6-yard keeper with 47 seconds left in the game. The Miners scored again after intercepting a Miller pass and returning the ball to the 1-yard line.

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



— PUBLIC NOTICE — Members Sought For Capital Improvements Advisory Committee

The City of Las Cruces is currently accepting applications for an opening on the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee. Interested applicants must be representatives of the real estate, development or building industries, including businesses that finance, underwrote or lend money for real estate, development or building purposes, but cannot be an employee or official of the city, county or other governmental entity.

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

- Advise and assist the city in adopting land use assumptions, which include a description of the service area and projection of changes and land uses, densities, intensities and population in the service area over at least a five-year period;
- Review the capital improvements plan that identifies capital improvements or facility expansion for which impact fees may be assessed, and file written comments;
- Monitor and evaluate implementation of the capital improvements plan;
- File annual reports with respect to the progress of the capital improvements plan and report to the city through its city manager any perceived inequities in implementing the plan or imposing impact fees;
- Advise the city of the need to update or revise the land use assumptions, capital improvements plan and impact fees; and
- Advise the city regarding growth management strategies.

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

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

AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Pre-registration is required. Donation suggested.

AEROBICS CLASS

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

CORE EXERCISE CLASS

Core exercise classes are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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

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

Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.

HATHA YOGA

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

T'AI CHI CLASSES

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

BINGO MANIA

Bingo Mania is from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. There is no cost to play.

STAINED GLASS

Beginning and advanced stained-glass classes meet at 8:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Intermediate stained-glass class meets at 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center. Registration is required.

DAY TRIPS

Day trips depart from and return to Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

- **Grandparent/Grandchild Fishing Trip, Lake Grindstone in Ruidoso:** Sunday, Sept. 18. Check in at 6:30 a.m., departure at 7 a.m., return at approximately 6 p.m. Cost is \$8. Pack a sack lunch. For more information, call 528-3005.

THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Golden Corral, 601 S. Telshor Blvd. Anyone who plays bridge is welcome.

For more information, call Judy at 373-9309, Ann at 522-7240 or Bev at 523-6106.

QUILTERS MEET

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

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome. Entertainment will be provided by Jim Corrons. Couples, singles and guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dancing begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 528-3000.

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:

- **Albuquerque Balloon Festival:** Oct. 7-8, two days/one night. \$210 double, \$255 single.
 - **Panama Canal Cruise:** April 15-29, 2012, 15 days/14 nights. Call for details.
 - **Savannah/Jekyll Island:** April 13-23, 2012. Motor coach. Call for details.
 - **New Orleans:** Nov. 10-18, 2012. Motor coach. Call for details.
- For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

NEW CRAFT CLASSES OFFERED

New Craft classes are available from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month. For information, call Dolores at 528-3005.

LINE DANCING

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

CREATIVE WRITING

Creative writing class for anyone over age 50 is taught by volunteer instructors from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. There is no charge to participate. For more information, call 528-3000.

MONTHLY POTLUCK

A potluck is held from noon to 2 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Anyone age 50 or over are invited to bring a covered dish along with eating utensils. For more information, call 528-3000.

CITY RECREATION SCHEDULE

- The City of Las Cruces offers recreation and fitness classes at city recreation and community centers.
- The following classes are held at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.:
- Aerobics: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
 - Yoga: 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - Pilates: 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - Core/Floor Exercises: 10:30

to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

- Pickleball: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Fridays. Paddles may be rented for \$1.
 - Indoor Cycling: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- The following class is held at Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road:
- Zumba: 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
- For more information, call 541-5185.

The following class is held at Club Fusion Teen Center, 101 E. Union Ave.:

- The following class are held at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.:
- Aquatic Fitness: 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
 - Safe Strength Gentle Cardio Water Workout: 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays.
 - Water Fitness for Non-Swimmer: 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.
 - Seniors Aquatics Class: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Classes are drop in.
 - Aqua Fit: 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays.
 - Aqua Zumba: 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays.
 - Relax and Stretch: 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays.
- For more information, call 541-2782.

The following classes are held at the East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Drive:

- Zumba: 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- For more information, call 382-1662.
- All classes are \$2. For more information, call the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department at 541-2550.

SATURDAY 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 over 50 to meet new people.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

A Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group is held from 10 a.m. to noon the second Tuesday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Grandparents raising grandchildren on a full-time basis are asked to join. There is no cost to participate.

For more information, call 528-3301.

HEALTH INFORMATION BENEFITS COUNSELING

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

For more information, call 528-3301.

MEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

An 8-ball tournament for men ages 50 and over 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. Gift cards are awarded to first- and second-place winners.

For more information, call Dan Carrillo at 528-3111.

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Armed robbery

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the suspects involved in an armed robbery.

Shortly after 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19, Las Cruces police were called to the Whataburger restaurant, 190 E. University Ave., after a man walked in, displayed a handgun and demanded cash from the register.

The suspect left the restaurant with an undisclosed amount of cash and entered the passenger seat of a four-door vehicle, possibly a Ford Taurus, which was waiting at the nearby Teakwood Motel. The vehicle left the area heading northbound from the motel parking lot. The vehicle was described as either light tan or brown in color with tinted windows.

The suspect who



committed the armed robbery was described as around 6 feet tall and thin. He was wearing a camouflage ski mask, a long-sleeved shirt and baggy pants. The driver of the vehicle was wearing a blue and white baseball cap with an "A" on the front.

If you have any information on who may have committed this armed robbery, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

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

Small announces re-election bid

Las Cruces city councillor seeks second term

Nathan Small has announced that he will seek re-election to represent District 4 on the Las Cruces City Council.

"We have made real progress in Las Cruces over the past four years," Small said, "especially when it comes to quality of life in our existing neighborhoods. We've returned accountability and control to the people of Las Cruces."

Small pointed to fiscal responsibility as key to the city's progress.

"In spite of difficult economic times for our state and nation, the City of Las Cruces is in excellent financial shape. We maintain twice the required reserves in our General Fund, and in the last two years have cut over \$7 million



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from the city budget while keeping services strong. With businesses opening or expanding along Picacho (Avenue), El Paseo (Road) and on the West Mesa and street work going on across District 4, I am excited to continue our work of moving Las Cruces forward."

Small emphasized his close communication with the residents, improved public safety and economic development that focuses on supporting current businesses as well as attracting new jobs. He was a leader in the creation of a sustainability plan that is expected to save the city energy costs.

Small has organized dozens of neighborhood meetings to establish Neighborhood Watch programs, hear concerns and engage residents in city decision-making.



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Members of local police and fire departments stand at attention during the raising of the flag at the 9/11 commemoration ceremony in front of Las Cruces City Hall Sunday, Sept. 11.



The new City of Las Cruces garrison American flag waves in the breeze above the sea of citizens who attended the 9/11 Commemoration ceremony in front of Las Cruces City Hall.

Boy and Girl Scouts raise the flag to half-staff.

The Doña Ana Children's Choir sings "America the Beautiful."



The New Mexico State University Aggie Pride Band stands at attention during the ceremony.



Emergency medical technician Rocky Burrows observes the proceedings.



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Neighbors We've Lost

PRISCILLA S. DURAN

December 3, 1924 – September 8, 2011

Priscilla S. Duran, 86 of Las Cruces entered eternal life Thursday, September 8, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center. She was born December 3, 1924 in Rincon, New Mexico to Pedro and Eugenia Soto Duran. Ms. Duran was an inspector by trade and a member of the Apostolic Church.



Survivors include four sisters, Lorenza Salcido of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Mary Romero of Phoenix, Arizona, Estella Lopez of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Anita Garcia of Santa Maria, California. Other survivors include numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother,

David Duran and a sister, Amelia Buenrostro.

An Evening Service was held Monday, September 12, 2011 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road, where the Funeral Service was held Tuesday, September 13, 2011 with Pastor Eli Diaz officiating. Concluding Service and Interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery where she was

laid to rest.

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SAMMY 'JAMES BROWN' C. SAENZ

July 7, 1951 - September 9, 2011

Sammy "James Brown" C. Saenz, 60, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Friday, September 9, 2011. He was born July 7, 1951 in Mesilla, New Mexico to David and Lucia Carmona Saenz. "James Brown" as he was fondly known to his family and friends enjoyed tending to his chickens and roosters and was a member of the Catholic Church.



Survivors include his father, David R. Saenz; four brothers, Jose T. Carmona of Bell, California; Juan David, Salvador "Sal", and Manuel Saenz, all of Las Cruces; five sisters, Carmen Kinney of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Bertha Rodriguez, Virginia Guerra, Wilma Aguirre and Emilia Gomez all also of Las Cruces. Other survivors include thirty nieces and nephews; forty-five great nieces and nephews; one great-great niece and other

extended family. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lucia Saenz; two nephews, Benjamin Guerra and Jesse Saenz; a great niece, Abigail Mellon and a great nephew, Joshua Renteria.

A Prayer Vigil was held Wednesday, September 14, 2011 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer. The Funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, September 15, 2011 in St.

Genevieve's Catholic Church with Reverend Ricardo Bauza officiating. Cremation will follow and inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date.

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DEATH NOTICES

MORALES

Donald L. Morales, 49, of Chatsworth, California died on September 7, 2011 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California. Services were held on September 9, 2011 in Chatsworth. He is survived by his parents, Dorothy Morales of San Diego, California, Mannie and Barbara Morales of Las Cruces; grandmother, Isabel Hernandez; sister, Susan Lovering and husband Brett and their children, Makada and Hastin. Donald is also survived by his longtime companion, Kevin George of Chatsworth, California and many aunts and uncles. Cremains are being brought to Las Cruces, New Mexico. Local services will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral at a later date.

SALAS-GARDNER

Marilyn Salas-Gardner, 73, passed away on Saturday, September 11, 2011 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

RENDON

Kasey Alexis Rendon, infant daughter of Jacqueline and Omar Rendon, born August 23, 2011, went to Heaven to be an angel on Thursday, September 8, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center surrounded by her loving family.

Those left to mourn her passing include her parents; two sisters, Casiedy Marie Rendon and Milli Angel Rendon; four step-sisters, Maria Lucy Rendon, Amanda Denise Rendon, Angel Rain Rendon, and Jasmine Guerrero all of Las Cruces, New Mexico. Other Survivors include her maternal and paternal grandparents, as well as numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by an uncle, Avelino Guerrero, Jr. and paternal great-grandmother, Maria Gayton.

A Funeral Service was held Monday, September 12, 2011 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer with Pastor Nathan Gonzalez officiating. Interment followed at Missionary Ridge Cemetery in Mesquite, New Mexico where she was laid to rest.

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

REYES

Gregorio C. Reyes, 76, passed away on Monday, September 12, 2011 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Memorial service with Military Honors is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2011 at La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home Chapel, 555 W. Amador Avenue, 526-6891.

DAVIDSON

Donna Marlene Davidson passed peacefully from this life, surrounded by the love of family and friends, on September 13, 2011. She was the daughter of the late Bill and Rosella Hiskey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Edward Davidson. Marlene is survived by her daughter, Reme Renfro and daughter-in-law, Mary Kay Hewitt of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mrs. Davidson is also survived by her loving brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Eleanor Hiskey of Berryton, Kansas and sister-in-law, Mary Beth Mohrman of Mount Carmel, Illinois. Her passing is also mourned by cousins, nieces and nephews, their families and a host of friends, including special friends at Trails West in Las Cruces.

At her request, no services are planned.

Marlene requests that anyone wishing to make a donation in her memory may do so to the charity of their choice.

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JOHNSON

Delia D. Johnson passed away on September 7, 2011. She was born August 15, 1918 in Mississippi and attended Mississippi School for the Deaf. Delia was an active member of various associations for the deaf at National, State and local levels.

She leaves behind her spouse of 71 years, Vannie L. Johnson; one daughter, BJ Thrash; two beloved grandchildren, Cynthia Randall and husband Jack and their children, Alessandra and Benjamin, Brian Thrash and wife Rachel and their son, Alexander.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service for our beloved mother and grandmother to be announced at a later date.

She was our rock and anchor and will be missed terribly.

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

Go to www.lascrucesbulletin.com and click on the Daily Bulletin and Obituaries for current information.

SHEPHARD

Ramona Shephard, 83 of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Friday, September 9, 2011. Visitation and prayer vigil were held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at Getz Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at Getz Funeral Home on Thursday, September 15, 2011. Burial followed at Tortugas Cemetery. Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home 575-526-2419

LOZOYA

Guadalupe Lozoya, 59, of El Paso, Texas passed away on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Visitation is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2011, from 10 - 11 am at La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home with the funeral service to begin at 11:00 am. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

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Samantha Roberts
Business Editor

Does your job consist of flying thousands of miles above the Earth with hundreds of people on board, while the fate of their survival lies in your hands? What about shooting photos in the middle of a war zone or saving people's lives at the scene of an incident?

It is easy to say you have a stressful job, but I might think twice before letting out my next I-am-so-stressed complaint, especially after learning about the "10 Most Stressful Jobs in America," according to CareerCast.com.

Coming in at No. 10 on this poll and on many similar polls is a real estate agent.

"Well you hit the nail on the head," said Elsie Bonafantini, a Realtor with Steinborn & Associates Real Estate. "We have no control over the market, and once we have a property under contract, there are many other influences from contract to closing that can keep the deal from closing."

Bonafantini said there is also no guarantee of an income.

"It is an expensive job to be in, and there are a lot of upfront costs," she said.

Scheduling interviews and a little writer's block is looking better and better. However, in my defense, newscaster is No. 5 on the list. A reporter/writer/editor does many of the same things.

On that same note, photojournalists fall in at No. 4. A special "thank you" to all the photojournalists out there.

But juggling closing costs, bankers, clients and potential buyers sounds a lot more difficult than the No. 1 most stressful job in America, which consists of steering a machine that is made to fly itself. Yes, the No. 1 most stressful job in America is a commercial pilot.

But don't judge someone until you've walked a mile in their shoes, right?

The rest of the list is as follows:

1. Commercial pilot
2. Public relations officer
3. Senior corporate executive
4. Photojournalist
5. Newscaster
6. Advertising account executive
7. Architect
8. Stockbroker
9. Emergency medical technician
10. Real estate agent

Is your job on the list? Email me at samantha@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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Finding relief at the gas pump

Biofuels, winter blends could cushion finances when filling up the car

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In 2004, motorists paid \$1.80 for a gallon of gas, on average. Today, New Mexicans pay an average of \$3.42 per gallon, down from last month and below the national average.

Higher gas prices are typically found in the summer months and some believe it's because oil tycoons are business savvy. "People travel more during the summer, so let's charge them more" is a common saying during the summer.

"Summer is always peak driving season, and we see the highest gas prices of the year," said Gregg Laskoski, senior petroleum analyst with Gasbuddy.com. "At the same time, we notice a decline in prices around Labor Day."

While filling up her car at Sam's Club, Erika Albidrez, a commuter from El Paso, takes note of the gas prices. She said lower prices could provide her some much-needed relief.

"I buy my gas from Sam's Club because it is the cheapest I can find," said Albidrez, adding that she has seen gas as high as \$3.48 per gallon recently. "It is \$3.42 at Sam's and that is not bad, but lower prices would be very cool, especially since I fill up a truck."

Another factor that causes the highs and lows – winter and summer gasoline blends.

These versions of gasoline are not a new concept. In fact, they have been around since 1995, as a specification to the Clean Air Act's amendments.

"The summer blend burns cleaner," Laskoski said. "And since there are more cars on the road ... you get the picture. The summer blend



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

For Erika Albidrez, commuting to Las Cruces from El Paso every day has created a game of, trying to find the cheapest gas. However, expected relief at the pump could be just what she needs to ease the burden of the daily drive. Albidrez said the cheapest gas she saw lately was \$3.38 per gallon.

is made available May 1 to Sept. 30."

The term summer blend is a nickname for a specific recipe designed to cut down on smog emissions.

"The gasoline we use is always refined from an intricate blend of ingredients; the process combines coffee-dark crude oil with various additives that increase performance or make fuel burn more cleanly," said Sam Schechner, a writer for Slate. "Because overlapping federal and local requirements call for different

recipes in different locales and seasons, there are approximately 20 distinct 'boutique blends' of gasoline sold in the United States."

According to Schechner, refineries brew their summer blends by removing hydrocarbons that are more prone to evaporate in hot weather.

Unfortunately, switching production from one to another requires more than turning a knob.

"Oil refineries literally have to shut down
See **Summer blend** on page B2

Drought takes no prisoners

Lack of rainfall breaks records, hurts farmers

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The current drought is posting records, and climate patterns indicate the lack of rainfall and above-average temperatures are expected to continue in the Lower Rio Grande Basin, according to the Drought Watch on the Rio Grande.

The Drought Watch is published by Texas AgriLife Research Center and Texas Water Research Center, Texas A&M University.

The first six months of 2011 in the Lower Rio Grande were the driest on record with 118 days of no rain and 49 days above 100 degrees. August was also the hottest month on record, according to Dave Novlan, El Paso climatologist with the National Weather Service (NWS).

The NWS forecast for the Lower Rio Grande Basin during the next few months is 40 percent less than average, and the average rainfall for those months are 1.31 inches in September, 1.88 in October and 1.45 in November, the

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Courtney

Despite a few small showers, southern New Mexico and west Texas are still hurting for more water.

Summer blend

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operations in March, April and that does tighten the supply of gasoline," said Laskoski, adding that this is why most people see a spike in prices around May 1.

"Memorial Day to July 4 is the peak," he said.

So it's not so much that the summer blend is more expensive, although it does cost a few cents more to make, but rather that refineries are manipulating the supply to get the biggest bang for their buck.

Since the winter blend is cheaper, refineries try to sell this gas the longest, cramping the production of summer blends and therefore creating a shortage.

"Refineries are manipulating the supply," Laskoski said. "Other factors have also influenced this supply-and-demand chain."

The unstable economy has created extreme highs and lows in the Dow Jones, and crude oil has suffered, with a series of steady losses, Laskoski said.

The high unemployment rate is also causing negative repercussions on the industry, Laskoski said.

"There is a really weak demand for gasoline, the lowest level in nine years," Laskoski said. "People are more aware of the costs and don't drive as much. Also, the high national unemployment level means fewer people are commuting. Without work, people aren't going anywhere."

Many people are coming up with alternatives to soften the burden of high

gasoline prices, especially during a down economy. U.S. Sen. Tom Udall supports algal biofuel and Sapphire Energy, which has pond structures eight miles west of Columbus, N.M., in Luna County is working to make that happen. Sapphire produces algae for what is known in the industry as green crude that can be refined into fuel.

"We have got to have some good long-range perspectives," Laskoski said about alternative fuel sources. "More corn is being used for ethanol than consumed by four-legged animals. We don't have enough to put corn on tables."

"There is a very sensitive balance. How can an economy use these products where ethanol needs so much corn and is so disruptive to many other elements and not ask, 'Is this really

worth it?'"

Laskoski said he is also concerned about the effects ethanol could have on automobiles.

"We know that vehicles without ethanol get better gas mileage, but what else do we know?" he asked. "How is ethanol affecting how our cars run?"

Though implementing the summer blend year-round seems like a viable solution, petroleum experts say the cold weather could be troublesome.

Summer blend's low-evaporation rate makes engines less likely to stall in hot weather but can make them difficult to start in the cold, Laskoski said.

For more information, visit www.gasbuddy.com or www.fuel-testers.com/ethanol_fuel_history.html.

Drought

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NWS reported.

The problem is blamed on the South Pacific's La Niña, which is expected to persist into winter. La Niña is directing the storm track into northern New Mexico and southern Colorado.

The basin started out with a poor mountain snow pack runoff, about 15 percent of its average of 573,000 acre-feet, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

A visual indicator of the water status was the water level on Labor Day weekend at Elephant Butte, which was 96 feet below the dam spillway. Last year at the same time, the water level was 77 feet below the spillway.

The combined storage in Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs is about 200,000 acre-feet, or 9.6 percent of their capacity. Of this amount, 189,000 acre-feet are Rio Grande Compact "credit water," which cannot be used for southern New Mexico or Texas irrigation districts.

The credit water had been collected in previous years by over delivery to the irrigation districts and belongs to the State of New Mexico. The compact will decide the water delivery by following recommendations by the Office of the State Engineer, according to the Drought Watch.

Steve Wilmeth, who grazes Beefmaster crossbred cattle near the Doña Ana-Luna

county lines, summed up the range conditions as "terrible." He reported his range hasn't received any rain since October 2010, about 1.5 inches.

"Without the rain, the ranges are deteriorating," he said. "It's very difficult for the cattle. If we don't get some rain in a couple of weeks, we'll likely start cutting back on herd numbers."

West of Wilmeth, Ken Treadwell sees a cow herd reduction that will hurt the beef industry. Treadwell runs Angus crossbred cows in Luna, Sierra and Grant counties, but his headquarters are near Deming.

Rain has been erratic on his ranges. Some spots have not received any rain since September 2010, and in other spots small rains were recorded a couple of weeks ago.

"And it's a long distance between green spots," Treadwell said. "A lot of cattle will be leaving the country, probably to slaughter plants. Right now, there's a backlog at meat plants, and the supply and demand will begin to affect prices. What's going to happen is we're going to have to sell calves for slaughter for about \$500, but we'll have to buy replacement cows that will probably bring up to \$1.50 a pound to rebuild herds."

The lack of rainfall in the eastern part of the state is forcing many cattlemen to reduce their cow herds.

"A large portion of cow-calf operators in eastern New Mexico and west Texas are selling off their cows," said Rustin Rowley of Clovis Livestock Auction. "We get a little sprinkle occasionally, but not enough to grow grass."

“ We get a little sprinkle occasionally, but not enough to grow grass. ”

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photo by Niki Rhynes

By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

The gas station that used to occupy the corner of Elks Drive and Main Street is being torn down to make room for the first CVS in Las Cruces. The old Sonic on Main Street that set next door to the gas station will also be demolished for the pharmacy.

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Gas update

For the week of Sept. 12

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **fallen 3 cents** per gallon in the past week, averaging **\$3.49** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **fallen 0.1 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.66** per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in New Mexico during the past week, prices **Monday, Sept. 12**, were **78.8 cents** per gallon **higher** than the same day one year ago and are 5.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has **increased 5.1 cents** per gallon during the last month and stands **93.3 cents** per gallon **higher** than one year ago.

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Albuquerque	\$99.70	Southwest Airlines
Atlanta	\$229.40	United Airlines
Austin	\$106.90	United Airlines
Chicago	\$209.40	US Airways
Dallas/Fort Worth	\$136.90	United Airlines
Houston	\$158.70	Southwest Airlines
Las Vegas	\$146.40	US Airways
Los Angeles	\$110.40	US Airways
Phoenix	\$69.70	US Airways
San Antonio	\$110.90	United Airlines
San Diego	\$110.40	US Airways
London	\$835.88	US Airways
Paris	\$806.70	US Airways
Rome	\$859.40	Delta/Alitalia

Source: Adventure Travel * Prices effective through Sept. 13-20 * Restrictions apply

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

Euro
\$1.41004 in U.S. dollars
0.7092 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso
\$0.803 in U.S. dollars
12.454 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen
\$0.01294 in U.S. dollars
77.29003 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com



Market Snapshot

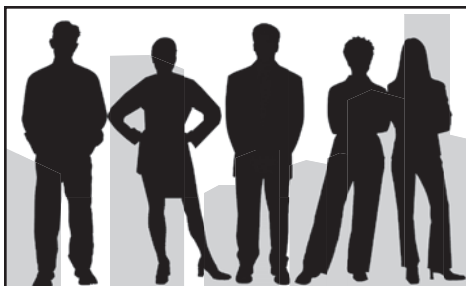
As of Wednesday, Sept. 7, the market reports:

Dow	11214.64	+108.79	0.98%
Nasdaq	2560.31	+28.16	1.11%

Strong: Education services, tobacco, specialty stores, home improvement retailers

Weak: Health care facilities, diversified metals and miners, oil and gas equipment, railroads, trucking, construction and farming machinery, residential REITs, retail REITs

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Showcasing talents, services at the Chamber of Commerce Member Showcase

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Cheryl Hertan and Veronica Hernandez of Memorial Medical Center at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Member Showcase Friday, Sept. 9, at Mesilla Valley Mall.

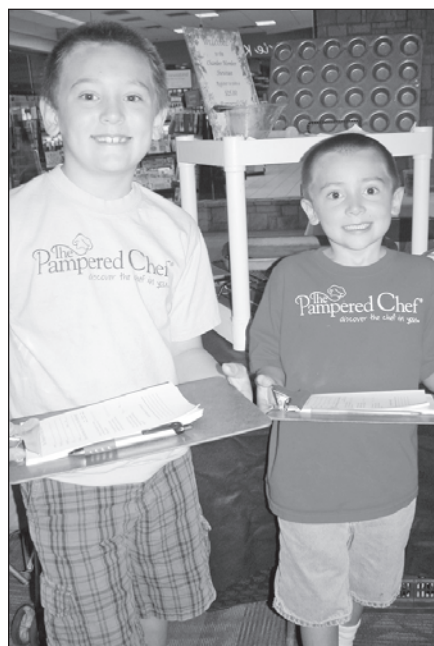


Joy and Jeff Giffing, owners of Cruces Trophy

Chamber President/CEO Bill Allen (center) stops to talk with Adrian Velarde and Donny Grooms, both with New Mexico State University's KRWG TV/FM.



Brandon Rawlings of Advanced Hearing Care sets up his booth in front of Hallmark. More than 70 vendors showcased their businesses in the aisles of the mall.



Devon Lindley, 9, and Darian Lindley, 6, hand out clipboards with smiles, helping their mom at her Pampered Chef booth.



Tony Lujan and Kevin Reed with Sisbarro Dealerships



Al Puentes and Manny Garcia with Sunspot Solar Energy push solar panels to their booth.

Profile

Anthony Cosgrove: Bringing in big-city expertise

Local country club welcomes new general manager

By **Samantha Roberts**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The search for a new general manager of Picacho Hills Country Club (PHCC) has been extensive, but the owners could have found the perfect fit.

Anthony "Tony" Cosgrove brings a wide range of experience and said he hopes to apply some of the things he has learned to the club on the hill.

Cosgrove was born in a small town outside of St. Louis – Belleville, Ill. – Cosgrove and his family did an extensive amount of traveling due to his father's career in the Air Force.

"I lived in Germany from kindergarten through third grade," Cosgrove said. "I had a unique perspective of living – growing up. There weren't any fast food places or theaters to go to."

Cosgrove said he and his siblings – two brothers and one sister – grew up playing outside in the forest.

When the family moved back to the United States, they settled in northern San Antonio, Texas.

Cosgrove attended the University of Texas and graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry.

"The intent was to be in medicine because I wanted to provide that personal touch. I wanted to help people," said Cosgrove, adding that he is amazed how much his current profession, managing country clubs, fulfills that initial desire.

In 1997, Cosgrove married his fiancée Carla and said the prospects of medical school weren't looking bright.

"I didn't like the thought of my wife supporting our family while I went through school," he said.

So Cosgrove settled for a career in restaurant management, unbeknown to the passion he would develop for the line of work.

"When we hold a wedding and are part of something so special, we have the ability to provide a level of happiness to people," he said about his job. "It is a fun atmosphere, and I enjoy interacting with people."

Cosgrove said his first restaurant job in San Antonio was centered on a group of regulars.

"This was my debut to the club industry," he said. "But my big break came in 2000 when I was offered a management position at the Sanctuary Golf Club in Florida."

Cosgrove said a man he now considers to be his mentor – Steve Ernst – recruited him for his personality.

"The country club scene was never on my radar," he said, "until Steve brought me in. He was a regular at the restaurant and had experience with the City Club, a large international company."

Cosgrove said the transition from restaurant to country club was night and day – in a good way.

"The restaurant business is cutthroat and profit driven," he said. "Every service has to be justified with profitability and measured. At a country club, things are done just because they are fun. The event may have intangible results, but fits the mission of the club."

Though Cosgrove agrees the bottom line is another factor in country club success, he said he also sees the establishment as an extension of someone's home.

"People go to a restaurant to eat and drink, but people go to a country club to do more," he said. "If it's golf, tennis or something social, there is an industry here that works to connect with one another."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

Picacho Hills Country Club general manager Anthony Cosgrove said he hopes to bring some of his skills in other country club arenas to Las Cruces.

Cosgrove was in Florida for eight years when he left his position as the food and beverage director to become the assistant general manager for the Mayfield Sand Ridge Club in Cleveland, a difference in weather and club climate, he said.

While economies in 2008 were still in the slumps, Cosgrove said he saw a lot of changes to the clubs in Ohio.

"The economy was down and the club industry suffered," he said. "It is run on disposable income."

To combat the hardships, Cosgrove said clubs began to merge, eliminating the saturation of clubs and increasing memberships.

"Mayfield merged with Sand Ridge," he said, adding this occurrence allowed him to get experience with a high-end golf club as well as a family oriented atmosphere. "We realized we had to provide more incentives to members and weave that fabric of membership, making incentives for each member

Details

Anthony "Tony" Cosgrove

General manager

Company

Picacho Hills Country Club

Family

- Wife Carla
- Daughters Mason, 14, and Kaitlyn, 11
- Son Anthony, 8

Education

Bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry, University of Texas

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of the family to participate and connect members with each other."

After a few years in the north, Cosgrove said he was ready to come "home."

"I just wanted to be in the south," he said.

When the general manager position became available at PHCC, Cosgrove said he jumped at the opportunity.

Moving to Las Cruces in August and taking the reigns just a few weeks later, Cosgrove said he is diving into the deep end.

"I want to utilize what I have learned at other clubs and elevate Picacho," he said. "We are the only private club in Las Cruces. We are a small town, but I know some people feel like they have to cross state lines just to get out here. I want to make that drive worth it."

"I hope people ask, 'What's going on on top of the hill?' And see this for more than just a golf course."

Cosgrove said his personal and professional goals run parallel.

"I want to raise the bar," he said. "Las Cruces has a lot of potential and it is one of the greatest cities to retire in. Nothing would make me happier than to make this club nationally relevant."

As for Cosgrove's family, he said his two daughters and son are adjusting well.

"One of my daughters was nervous," he said about the move. "But we have met so many friendly people in Las Cruces, and the girls have been accepted and welcomed to the community. She is a big soccer player. If everyone is like that, then I think we will be just fine in Las Cruces."

"And seeing those smiles on their faces makes it all worthwhile."

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A new generation of donors

Young Philanthropists rise out of demographic, economic circumstances

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

There is a new trend in the world of philanthropy and charitable organizations, and communities are reaping the benefits.

Emerging demographics and economic circumstances are leading to a new generation of financially savvy donors who are well learned in taxes and business as well as philanthropy. With that new generation of giving comes a desire for change as well as charity.

"Philanthropy goes far beyond placing a dollar in the hand of someone who needs it," said Leonard Jimenez, owner of Studio 037 Salon and one of the founding members of the Young Philanthropists, an organization within the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM). "Philanthropy is about changing the way we think about charity. It is about making a difference now and in the future."

According to the Planned Giving Design Center, most young adults who donate hope

for control of their financial and philanthropic assets while also creating and managing change within society. To do that, they create partnerships for charity, teach family members the importance of philanthropy and integrate philanthropy into their personal financial and estate planning needs.

"The difference I make today should have a long-term effect," said Jimenez, who, like many younger donors, also expects accountability from charitable organizations. "I want my money to change the world."

Changing the world is happening because today's donors such as Jimenez are younger, financially focused, control and planning oriented and full of expectations from their charity. Change is also inevitable because today's donors have a longer life, meaning a longer income stream as well as additional income for retirement years. Organizations such as the CFSNM have a longer relationship with the donor and the donor's family after the gift is made. They also have the ability to assist donors with various planned

giving tools to enhance the donor's retirement income needs as well as other personal estate and tax planning objectives.

While a new generation of giving is the trend, the Planned Giving Design Center does point out younger donors expect something different than the older generation, including professionalism, stewardship, accountability and giving options.

"Being a part of the Young Philanthropists and the Community Foundation allows me to be a vital part of giving," Jimenez said. "I am able to both participate in and change the way philanthropy impacts our community."

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



Leonard Jimenez is the owner of Studio 037 Salon and a Young Philanthropists steering committee member.

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 at 521-4794. To donate, mail your check to CFSNM, 301 S. Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

NMSU's steer project educates

Local youths learn about beef industry

By **Jane Moorman**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

For several youths exhibiting steers at the Union County Fair in northeastern New Mexico, their projects entailed more than simply

displaying their animals in front of a judge and the local crowd.

In last three years, youths enrolled in the junior market steer project in Union County have had the option of entering their steers in an additional competition that emphasizes

production and marketing parameters commonly used in the mainstream feedlot industry.

"Unlike other counties in New Mexico, most of the youths and steers exhibited in Union County come directly off the family ranch," said Manny Encinias, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service beef specialist, one of the organizers of this competition. "Because these families and the community are embedded in the beef business, the program was an easy sell from the very beginning."

Encinias, Grenville rancher Kathy Roberts and retired Union County Extension Service agricultural agent David Graham proposed the program in 2008 to add an educational dimension for youth and families interested in the economically important aspects of the junior market steer project. The program's goals also included attracting more local producers to the fair, and promoting careers in production agriculture in the areas of nutrition, genetics, meat science and feedlot management.

Eighteen youths participated in this year's program, which involved measuring the average daily weight gain over a 180-day period beginning in early February. Once at the fair, Encinias and fellow technician Raymond Rivale utilized real-time ultrasound to estimate the composition of each steer's carcass by measuring the ribeye area, backfat and marbling.

This information on each steer, combined with a ranking in the show ring by a three-member panel of local feedlot managers, and the results from a written exam taken by each participant are used to compute an overall champion for the competition. The top five places in the

competition are awarded cash premiums.

All steers participating in the production competition remain eligible for the traditional market steer show later in the day and a sale position in the junior livestock sale.

"One of the biggest reasons our local ranching families wanted this expanded program was to give their kids more education," Encinias said. "Through this program, the youth understand that they have a responsibility and standards to uphold as young beef producers, because their market steers will eventually end up on someone's dinner plate."

As a requisite of the program, every participant and at least one of their parents must complete a formal training in Beef Quality Assurance, which provides the framework of best management practices to produce safe, wholesome and quality beef.

The fair competition also introduces the youth and their families to the technology of real-time ultrasound as it is commonly used throughout the nation's beef industry.

"Ultrasound is used by seedstock producers to predict economically important traits in growing bulls and females tied to carcass composition," Encinias said. "Feedlots also use the technology to sort cattle into uniform lots and determine feeding end dates based on carcass size and quality."

Marketing is another component of the beef industry that participants learn.

"This program gives our kids an idea of a real world marketing situation," said Mike Barnes, agriculture education teacher at Clayton High School and sponsor of the Clayton FFA chapter. "Most of our steers are home-raised cattle, so using the ultrasound gives some data to the parents to see how it is used as a marketing strategy. The competition is helping open parents' eyes to the change that is happening in the beef industry."

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Social promotion to be eliminated if Governor's education reform adopted



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

When it comes to flunking, I have a more personal interest in the subject than most observers. You see, I flunked the second grade. This was one of the worst experiences of my life. So when Gov. Susana Martinez proposes to end social promotion for third graders, I take notice.

Being held back is a traumatic experience for a child. It means friends and playmates will continue into the next grade while the child is left behind. Both former and current classmates will be aware of the circumstances, and the result likely will be taunts and teasing. And make no mistake, children can be cruel.

Martinez's proposal would cause students not reading at grade level by the end of the third grade to be ineligible for social

promotion to the fourth grade. An estimated 12,000 third graders each year would be affected at a cost of \$30 million.

Still, the cost is chump change if the policy works, which it might. A recent study by New Mexico Coalition for Literacy reports 700,000 New Mexican adults are illiterate. If the plan can prevent today's children from becoming tomorrow's illiterate adults, the benefits will far exceed the costs.

The proposal would require intensive intervention to help deficient readers. The plan calls for screening kindergarten through third-grade students for reading deficiency, then developing an individualized plan to help those students found deficient to catch up. The cost of this is borne by the schools through eighth grade and by the student's parents in ninth through 12th grade.

There is nothing like a hanging in the morning to concentrate the mind, as they say. Faced with real possibility of flunking, many students and their parents might well become

more open to intensive interventions, such as extended school hours or summer school.

Still, flunking a grade is a devastating event for a child. When it happened to me, I didn't benefit. I suffer from dyslexia. Like most dyslexics, I ultimately learned to read. But flunking is not the reason why. For me, it was a matter of maturation. About 10 years old, a neuron must have connected because like a light bulb switches on, I learned to skim read. I simply learned to ignore all the things my teachers had been telling me to pay attention to. I stopped worrying about each word, but read for content only and quickly became a strong reader. But don't ask me to proofread.

Of course, each student's circumstance is different. My experience may not be typical; indeed, probably isn't. Early intervention can be helpful for many problem readers, but flunking every slow-reading third-grader isn't the solution either.

And indeed, the governor's reforms have a

number of exceptions for students with special circumstances. Students who are English learners, but are proficient readers in their native language or who have been determined to have a learning disability, are exempt.

Still most students will be subject to retention at the end of third grade if they aren't reading proficiently. Flunking is not to be taken lightly. Looking back on it after nearly 50 years, I still view my parents' decision to hold me back as a mistake.

If reading all this, you come away with the feeling that I have mixed feelings about the Governor's proposal, you are correct. Flunking third-graders may, on net, improve educational outcomes. If it does, the effect will be worth it. But I think a lot of misery will be inflicted on a lot of students in the process.

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Bank owned, short sales are the best deals

Before you pay full price, research other options



Gary Sandler's
Real Estate Connection

Looking for a good deal on a house, town home or condominium? Opt for a bank-owned or short sale offering. Why? Because distressed properties are selling for almost 20 percent less than problem-free homes,

according to statistics from the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR).

Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 10, a total of 742 new and existing homes, town homes and condominiums were sold in the greater Las Cruces area. Five hundred fifty-one of those sales were of problem-free properties that were sold under "normal" circumstances. The remaining 191 homes were either owned by banks or sold for less than what was owed on them (a short sale).

As the accompanying table shows, the average sales price of the 191 bank-owned and short sale properties was \$154,335, which is more than \$36,000 – or 19 percent – less than

the \$190,578 average price paid by buyers of problem-free homes. The median sales price, where half sold for more and half sold for less, produced a similar result.

Buyers of distressed properties also got more home for their buying dollars. On average, distressed homes contained more than 1,900 square feet of heated and cooled living space. Problem-free homes were more than 3 percent smaller, averaging about 1,850 square feet each.

When it comes to price-per-square-foot, distressed properties sold for an average of \$80.51 per square foot, which is almost 22 percent less than the \$103 per square foot buyers paid for problem-free properties. Distressed properties also sold much more quickly than problem-free homes, shaving

almost two-months off the time required to close a "normal" sale.

There's little doubt that sales of distressed properties will continue to account for upwards of 26 percent of all Las Cruces area sales, and about 30 percent of existing-home sales for the foreseeable future. So if you're shopping for a new place to live, seek out the problem properties first. Doing so will significantly increase the chances that I'll soon ...

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, which broadcasts from 4 to 6 p.m. each Monday on KSNM-AM 570. Sandler is the 2007 and 2010 recipient of the New Mexico Broadcaster's Associations Talk Show Host of the Year award. Questions or comments may be directed to Sandler at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@garysandler.com.

Closed Sales Jan. 1-Sept. 10

New & Existing Homes, Townhomes & Condos	Normal Sales	Bank Owned & Short Sales	Difference	Percent
Average Price	\$190,578	\$154,335	-\$36,243	-19.0%
Median Price	\$162,584	\$131,950	-\$29,584	-18.2%
Average Size (square feet)	1,851	1,917	+66	+3.4%
Average Per (square feet)	\$102.96	\$80.51	-\$22.45	-21.8%
Number \$ Closed	551	190	N/A	N/A
Days on Market	145	91	-54	-37.2%

Source: Las Cruces Association of Realtors

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First birthday for the Green Chamber of Commerce

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Rachel Morningstar and Aaron Sharratt of La Semilla Food Center join Paul Heiberger of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce at the chamber's first birthday party Friday, Sept. 9, at its new office space at 125 N. Main St.



Russell Larcher of Sun Energy and Tiffany Baugh of Sun & Earth



Allen McBrayer and Green Chamber of Commerce board member Renee Frank



Vince Gutschick of Las Cruces Academy and Jim Graham of Sun & Earth visit at the Green Chamber of Commerce birthday Networking Night.



Nicolas Bañales and Gabriel Vasquez



Connie Falk of New Mexico State University, Las Cruces City Councillor Miguel Silva and Rosanne Camuñez



City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report Sept. 2-9

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20114821	A.B.R. Construction Inc.	True Nature Homes LLC	Res/Alt	517 Tornillo St.	\$60,000	\$318
20114843	Genuine Contractor Corp.	Corina Valdespino	Reroof	3514 Rinconada Blvd.	\$5,000	\$57
20114807	GS Roofing	Kenneth R. and Sherrill K. Freadhoff	Reroof	1100 N. Main St.	\$8,500	\$78
20114859	Progreen Superior Coating and Roofing Inc.	Abalos Guadalupe	Reroof	640 Esperanza St.	\$11,000	\$93
20114855	Desert Hills Roofing	Collins J. and Carol A. Reynolds	Reroof	2048 Pine Needle Way	\$8,362	\$77
20114851	Highland Enterprises	Lynar LLC	Comm/Alt	318 N. Main St.	\$30,000	\$188
20114931	Judith A. and James B. Furr	Judith A. and James B. Furr	Res/New	1913 Santa Ines St.	\$237,390	\$3,770
20114951	Progreen Superior Coating and Roofing Inc.	Leo and Yuan Hung Cheng	Reroof	1701 Imperial Ridge	\$12,000	\$98
20114885	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	3913 Sombra Morada Road	\$169,740	\$4,068
20114835	A & A Roofing Inc.	David G. and Mary Jane Smead	Reroof	1845 Altura Ave.	\$7,400	\$71
20114833	Diaz Virginia	Virginia A. Marrujo	Res/Add	930 Jasmine Drive	\$1,055	\$72
20114840	Planet Development Inc.	Chris M. and Elizabeth E. Hoxworth	Res/Add	3105 Sundown Road	\$45,000	\$265
20114844	JC Roofing Inc.	Dan M. and Rosario V. Estrada	Reroof	1101 Espanola St.	\$7,091	\$70
20114875	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	5834 Organ Peak Drive	\$186,960	\$3,297
20114870	Quin Craft Construction	Ramiro Alcalá	Comm/Alt	1008 S. Solano Drive	\$900	\$34
20114883	Barraza's Enchantment Construction	Rebecca M. Haynie	Res/Add	1412 Fountain Loop	\$400	\$30
20114890	DRF Construction and Property Development	Tierra Del Sol Housing Corp.	Res/New	4414 Paseo del Oro Circle	\$89,544	\$2,057
20114891	DRF Construction and Property Development	Tierra Del Sol Housing Corp.	Res/New	4410 Paseo del Oro Circle	\$89,544	\$2,057
20114893	DRF Construction and Property Development	City of Las Cruces	Res/New	4805 Calle Bella Ave.	\$151,536	\$4,037
20114900	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	4231 Cymbaline Court	\$240,014	\$4,188
20114910	Carlos and Ana Granados	Carlos and Ana Granados	Res/Add	3973 Monte Lindo Court	\$2,000	\$46
20114892	Gilbert & Sons Roofing & Plastering	Mary A. and Myron E. Mangum	Reroof	3253 Highridge St.	\$6,820	\$68
20114917	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Sonoma Ranch East II LLC	Res/New	4351 Calle Amarilla Arc	\$152,274	\$4,038
20114934	American Eagle Construction Co.	Carl T. and Linda A. Gleasman	Res/Add	4607 Camino Dos Vidas	\$24,735	\$173

* Information from BIA-SNM is provided by City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County permit offices



Doña Ana County Building Permit Report Sept. 2-9

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Permit
36844	Self	Mario and Marino Torres	Res/New	2668 Sandhill Road	\$1,300
36845	Self	Christopher and Mary Ann Holsapple	Reroof	5771 Ridge Drive	\$90
36851	Self	Jose Candela and Susana Tores	Res/New	20 Tranquillo Lane	\$352
36852	Self	Elva Larazon	Res/Add	2106 Alvaraz Road	\$100
36853	Self	Peter and Jeanette Main	Reroof	5846 Quail Drive	\$90
36856	Self	Grady and Aida Gentzler	Reroof	50 Rosebud Lane	\$130
36857	A & A Roofing Inc.	Thomas and Cynthia Stack	N/A	3856 Stoney Brook Circle	\$130

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Agenda

HTC luncheon on BEST competition

Patricia Sullivan, assistant dean in the New Mexico State University College of Engineering and New Mexico Boosting Engineering Science and Technology (BEST) coordinator, along with the New Mexico BEST Technical Director Bob Hull, will describe this year's BEST competition at the upcoming High Technology Consortium of Southern New Mexico luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at the Sunset Grill at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, 1274 Golf Club Road.

For more information, contact Richard Majestic at rmajestic@msn.com or 521-0018.

Date: Friday, Sept. 16

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Sunset Grill at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course
1274 Golf Club Road

Contact: 521-0018

Las Cruces Business Network meeting

On Friday, Sept. 16, the Las Cruces Business Network will meet at Furr's Family Dining, 2340 E. Griggs Ave., for the monthly meeting. Participants are encouraged to arrive at 11:45 a.m. The topic for its session is "Building Trust in your Business."

For more information, call George Pintar at 680-6515.

Date: Friday, Sept. 16

Time: 11:45 a.m.

Location: Furr's Family Dining
2340 E. Griggs Ave.

Contact: 680-6515

Barnes & Noble pep rally, grand opening

Barnes & Noble at New Mexico State University invites the community to participate in the Rivalry Pep Rally and Grand Opening Celebration from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at the NMSU Barnes & Noble, 1400 E. University Ave. A ribbon cutting will be held at 5 p.m. The pep rally will take place at 5:15 p.m. across from the bookstore immediately following the ribbon cutting. Vocal performances, book signings and specials will also be held throughout the day.

Date: Friday, Sept. 16

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: NMSU Barnes & Noble
1400 E. University Ave.

Congressional coffee with Pearce

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce will host a "Congressional Coffee" at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Burger Time, 2320 S. Locust St.

Pearce plans to speak with constituents about job growth, the economy and other issues of importance. He will also answer questions from attendees.

For more information, call 855-473-2723 or visit www.pearce.house.gov.

Date: Saturday, Sept. 17

Time: 8 a.m.

Location: Burger Time
2320 S. Locust St.

Contact: 855-473-2723 or
www.pearce.house.gov

Business Beyond Borders conference

The Small Business Development Center

is promoting Business Beyond Borders held from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Holiday Inn-Airport, 6655 Gateway West in El Paso. Early registration – ends Friday, Sept. 16 – is \$40. Registration after is \$50. Vendor booths are \$70.

For more information, call 915-831-7742.

Date: Thursday, Sept. 22

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn-Airport
6655 Gateway West in El Paso

Contact: 915-831-7742

ICT annual Technology Day is Sept. 27

ICT's annual Technology Day will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, on the first floor of Corbett Center Student Union on the New Mexico State University campus. This event is open to all NMSU students, faculty and staff. Recently implemented and emerging technologies will be showcased and there will be hourly prize drawings, with a grand prize drawing at 2 p.m.

For more information, contact it-talk@nmsu.edu or 646-2661.

Date: Tuesday, Sept. 27

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Corbett Center Student Union
NMSU campus

Contact: 646-2661 or it-talk@nmsu.edu

Las Cruces Mayoral Forum

The High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico will sponsor the Las Cruces Mayoral Forum at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The topic will be attracting and supporting high technology industries in Las Cruces.

For more information, call 521-0018.

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 28

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: New Mexico Farm &
Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road

Contact: 521-0018

Student research conference

The statewide New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation will hold its annual Student Research Conference at New Mexico State University's Corbett Center Student Union Friday, Sept. 30. The conference is for students and faculty in science, technology, engineering and mathematics degree programs. Pre- and post-conference activities will be held Thursday, Sept. 29, and Saturday, Oct. 1, for community college students.

For more information or to register for the New Mexico AMP Student Research Conference, visit www.nmsu.edu/~nmamp or call 646-3211.

Date: Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1

Location: New Mexico State University's
Corbett Center
On the NMSU campus

Contact: www.nmsu.edu/~nmamp
or 646-3211

Energy and technology conference

The New Mexico Green Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the first statewide renewable energy and clean technology conference from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, in Down-

town Las Cruces. At the conference, "Expanding Opportunities in New Mexico," the U.S. Secretary of the Interior is invited to give the keynote speech. For Green Chamber members interested in having a free booth at the Green Business Expo, email info@nmgreenchamber.com.

For those interested in becoming a sponsor, email ecundiff@lascruces.com.

Date: Friday, Sept. 30

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Downtown Las Cruces

Contact: ecundiff@lascruces.com

Chamber kick-off campaign

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Heritage Foundation will host a "Our Future is Our History" campaign kickoff from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the Armijo House, on the corner of Lohman Avenue and Main Street. Desserts and refreshments will be served. A tour will begin at 6 p.m.

For more information or to RSVP, call Alyssa at 524-1968.

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 4

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Location: Armijo House, corner of
Lohman Avenue and
Main Street

Contact: 524-1968

SCORE hosts free business seminar

SCORE will host a business seminar "The Pros and Cons of Running a Franchise" from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at MountainView Regional Medical Center, CER Room on the first floor. This informal seminar will be useful for anyone considering buying a franchise business of any kind. The presenter will be Bob Worthington, business owner, retired university professor and SCORE counselor.

For more information or to RSVP, call 523-5627.

Date: Thursday, Oct. 13

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Location: MountainView Regional
Medical Center

CER Room on the first floor

Contact: 523-5627

Young Philanthropists luncheon

The Young Philanthropists will be hosting its second "Second Monday Luncheon" from noon to 12:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant, 1753 E. University Ave., in the Saratoga Room, next to Snap Fitness. The topic will be "Get 'er Done" by Keith Burns. Burns will discuss how to balance work with other important aspects of life. The cost of the luncheon is \$10 for YP members and \$12 for guests. Note the change of date due to the second Monday falling on Columbus Day.

For more information, call 817-880-5400.

Date: Monday, Oct. 17

Time: Noon to 12:45 p.m.

Location: Lorenzo's Italian Restaurant
1753 E. University Ave., in the
Saratoga Room

Contact: 817-880-5400

Investing in workers with disabilities job fair

The New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will host a job fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. For more information or to purchase a booth, call Chad Jackson at 524-6135, ext. 117, or Jose Armendariz at 524-6135, ext. 118.

Date: Tuesday, Oct. 25

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Contact: 524-6135, ext. 117, or
524-6135, ext. 118

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People on the Move

NewTec president/CEO selected for ITEA 2011 Board of Directors



GARCIA

NewTec CEO and President Charles Garcia was named to the International Test and Evaluation Association (ITEA) 2011 Board of Directors after an intense selection process from the ITEA Elections Committee.

As founder, past president and current member of the White Sands

Chapter of ITEA, Garcia joins the national board after 45 years of experience in Testing and Evaluation processes in both Government and private industry support services. Garcia serves as program manager for White Sands Missile Range contracting company NewTec, a TRAX International company, and vice president for Range and Engineering Services with TRAX International.

Century Bank welcomes Henry Apodaca

Century Bank welcomes Henry Apodaca to its Las Cruces mortgage team. Apodaca joins Century Bank as the mortgage branch

manager for the Las Cruces Office. With more than 25 years of banking and mortgage lending experience, Apodaca will use his expertise to help first-time buyers and repeat buyers and will ensure that any transaction will be processed smoothly and professionally. Century Bank's Mortgage division is located at 141 S. Roadrunner Parkway and specializes in FHA, NMFA, VA, Jumbo and conventional mortgages. Apodaca can be reached at 521-2412.

NMSU students earn internship with luxury retailer

Sarah Kesler, Maria Rodriguez and Torre Stobb competed with students from across the country for the internship opportunity at Neiman Marcus in Las Vegas. All three graduates said they are happy not only have earned degrees from New Mexico State University in clothing, textiles and fashion merchandising, but to also have an opportunity to apply what they've learned in an internship with a famous luxury retailer.

"There was a national search and they picked me," Rodriguez said. "I'm from Hatch, which is pretty small, and I came through NMSU's College Assistance Migrant Program. I would have never gone to college if it wasn't for CAMP, and I'm so excited because so many doors have opened for me."

Stobb of Portales was energized by the news. "I am so honored to have been given the opportunity to work for Neiman Marcus," she said.

After working in fragrance and cosmetics, Kesler of Silver City is looking forward to learning about different aspects of the fashion industry.

NMSU student wins education fund contest

Jamila Hull, a senior majoring in German and museum conservation at New Mexico State University, won first place in an ¡Adelante! U.S. Education Leadership Fund contest with a three-minute video showcasing five reasons to visit Brazil.

"From the beautiful shores of Ipanema to the heartland of the Amazon, Brazil captivates and welcomes its visitors," Hull said. "Brazil's vibrant culture, traditions and rich history provide visitors an incredibly diverse experience."

Participants had to submit a two- to three-minute video highlighting five reasons to visit one of the 23 Latin American or Caribbean countries where United flies. A panel of judges from United, Adelante and MarketVision, United's public relations agency for the Latino market, selected the winning video. Hull won four tickets for travel to any United destination in the continental U.S., Mexico, Central America or the Caribbean.

"Jamila really captured the excitement and beauty of Brazil," said María Cristina Osorio, director of public relations for Latin America and the U.S. Latino market for United. "The judges were impressed by the creativity of the

students' Destino entries and how well they portrayed the tremendous diversity of the Latin American region."

The ¡Adelante! U.S. Education Leadership Fund, a national nonprofit organization based in San Antonio, Texas.

Tourism Department hires Jodi Vevoda

Jodi Vevoda, a publishing executive with long experience and proven success in sales and management at top national media companies, has been appointed publisher of New Mexico Magazine.

In the last decade, Vevoda has held senior positions at Condé Nast, Time Inc. and USA Today. She brings to New Mexico Magazine a proven track record of creating productive relationships with industry partners, developing brands, and generating revenues.

"Becoming the publisher of New Mexico Magazine represents a rare opportunity to live in a community I love while helping to develop a brand I believe in," Vevoda said.

Send us your People on the Move briefs

Local organizations and businesses are encouraged to send news of employee promotions, hirings, awards and distinctions to the Business section of the Las Cruces Bulletin. Send general information and a photo to **business@lascrucesbulletin.com**.

Snippin' for success

Upcoming ribbon cuttings

New Mexico State University Barnes & Noble College No. 688

When: 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16
Location: 1400 E. University Ave.

Sagecrest Rehabilitation & Nursing Center

When: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21
Location: 2029 Sagecrest Court

Las Cruces Catholic School

When: 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22
Location: 1331 N. Miranda Ave.

Monkey Bar Storage Solutions of Southern New Mexico

When: 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23
Location: 3217 El Camino Real

Briefs

Tutti Bambini to open Oct. 4

Tutti Bambini, a children's store, is now accepting tenderly used and new items. Drop off donations from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, 300 El Molino Blvd. Proceeds from the store will help benefit the Child Crisis Center. For more information, call Bernadine Dallago, Child Crisis Center coordinator, at 525-1277.

NMSA awards general services contract for Spaceport America

The New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA) announced Enterprise Advisory Service Inc. (EASI) has been awarded a contract to provide general services for Spaceport America. EASI has nine operating locations. As part of its operations to fulfill the contract, EASI will have nine New Mexico resident staff members at the spaceport, while 29 local sub-contractors – 22 from Las Cruces, five from Albuquerque and two from El Paso – will be available to support surge activities.

EASI was awarded the two-year base contract for \$630,125 as a firm-fixed price for key personnel and a not-to-exceed value of

\$1,198,297 that is managed through task authorizations by the NMSA. As its primary function, EASI will develop policy and procedures for Spaceport America's general services requirements, which will include: maintenance of buildings, utilities, roads and airfield; grounds keeping, waste management, janitorial services, fuel storage operations and maintenance; and the fueling of motor and air vehicles.

Wellcare Options earns accreditation

Wellcare Options has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for accreditation by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety in home care. The accreditation award recognizes Wellcare Option's dedication to continuous compliance with The Joint Commission's state of the art standards.

Wellcare Options underwent a rigorous unannounced on-site, three-day survey. A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors evaluated Wellcare Options for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

Wellcare Options is the only independently

owned Home Health Agency in Las Cruces to carry The Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval.

NM Restaurant Association to participate in education month

The New Mexico Restaurant Association has announced it will participate in the National Restaurant Association's annual National Food Safety Education Month (NFSEM) in September to showcase its commitment to food safety education and training. This annual food safety campaign strives to build awareness of the restaurant and foodservice industry's commitment to excellence in food safety education and training.

"We are excited about participating in National Food Safety Education Month this September," said Victoria Martinez, development director. "Food safety is, and always has been, our highest priority. We take food safety education and training very seriously to ensure that restaurants serve the highest quality meals to guests every day. While we are committed to excellence in food safety year-round, we are taking the opportunity to share and highlight our commitment during this campaign."

As a part of NFSEM, the New Mexico Restaurant Association is offering ServSafe food safety management certification courses and employee food handler courses in both English and Spanish during the month of September.

For a complete list of classes or for more information, visit the NMRA website at www.nmrestaurants.org or call 800-432-0740.

Teams still available for chamber golf

There are still a limited number of teams available for the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Classic Golf Tournament Friday, Oct. 7, at the New Mexico State University Golf Course, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. The four-person scramble tournament will feature a morning and afternoon flight. The morning flight will open with registration at 7 a.m. and will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The afternoon flight registration will open at 11:30 a.m. and will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Each team of four will receive green fees, a golf cart, a souvenir polo shirt and the opportunity to win prizes for only \$450 for a foursome.

For more information, call 524-1968, email relo@lascruces.org or register online at www.lascruces.org.

In Good Company: Wright Jewelers

Chuck Saari and Nancy Wright, owners of Wright Jewelers, specialize in fashion jewelry, quality diamonds and high-end jewelry as well as jewelry repair and design.

Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Samantha Roberts



Second time is a charm

Jewelry store owner returns to Las Cruces, finds success

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Southwest is her home, and jewelry is her passion.

Wright Jewelers owner Nancy Wright has been in the jewelry business for a long time, but recently ventured into entrepreneurship with partner Chuck Saari. The duo owns and operates Wright Jewelers, which previously was Jones & Co., located at 1300 El Paseo Road.

Wright was in Denver before moving to Las Cruces where her mom owned the Palms Hotel on Picacho Avenue in the 1970s. After selling the business, Wright and her family moved to California.

"I missed Las Cruces," she said about her move west. "I wanted to stay, and I was upset that we were leaving."

With the Land of Enchantment tugging at her heart, Wright moved back to the City of the Crosses in the '90s and started working for Jones & Co., a Las Cruces-based jewelry store.

"The Joneses groomed and trained me," Wright said about her new sales position. "I developed my passion from them. They taught me a lot."

As Wright's passion grew, so did her drive to be a business owner, and she opened Wright Jewelers Feb. 1, 2010, buying the former Jones & Co. and transforming the store into an all-encompassing jewelry store, including fashion jewelry, antique jewelry, high-end jewelry and even some pieces from overseas.

"I wanted (the store) to be a little more youthful and modern," Wright said. "But we still carry a lot of diamonds."

Wright said the change in merchandise followed the change

in the economy.

"People are not looking to spend \$10,000 right now because the economy is so bad," she said. "We have a huge selection with a wide range in prices. I think our least expensive item is \$12 and prices go all the way to \$10,000. We will keep moving with the times and also change the fashion pieces as trends change. But we will always carry the traditional pieces, and have high-quality diamonds."

When entering the jewelry store, Wright said clients are greeted by qualified professionals who are interested in learning their needs.

"I value experience in my employees," she said. "I want them to be able to help the customers as much as possible."

Wright said the customers are her favorite part of the business.

"If anyone has a problem with their jewelry, we want them to know they can come here," he said. "We have a jeweler on staff, and learn our customers' needs. We want to know their preferences, major holidays, sizes."

When leaving the jewelry store, Wright said she wants people to say, "We'll be back."

"Most of them say it," she said. "They will say, 'See you soon' or something similar. And we hope they do come back and tell their friends."

In addition to the jewelry, Wright Jewelers also specializes in bridal gifts for bridesmaids, flower girls, groomsmen, ring bearers, the bride, groom and everyone else involved.

"We have hundreds of ideas," Wright said. "And the ability to

Details

Wright Jewelers

Address

1300 El Paseo Road

Phone

526-2809

Hours

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday



"I would like to think we can provide more than ordering online. The customer service sets us apart."

NANCY WRIGHT,
owner of Wright Jewelers

order so many more items."

In a small town, Wright said her biggest competitor is the Internet.

"I would like to think we can provide more than ordering online," she said. "The customer service sets us apart. We know people's history, and if we don't have it here, we will find a way to get it."

While some people can only dream of a perfect career, Wright said hers fell in her lap.

"I had no plan to buy this store, but when the Joneses retired, the opportunity was here and I realized it was meant to be," she said. "I never thought jewelry would be my passion, but I have switched my love of shoes to my love of diamonds."

"At Wright Jewelers, you will get gorgeous diamonds at a great price. We have the best quality."

Another passion for Wright is to keep her jewelry company involved in the community by supporting various organizations, such as Cowboys for Cancer Research, Race for the Cure, Relay for Life and the New Mexico State University Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign.

"Our store will be full of pink in October," she said. "But we also carry specials year-round."

Wright said another upcoming event includes a Halloween party with a '50s theme.

"The employees are going to dress in poodle skirts and everything will be 50 percent off," she said. "We are also fully stocked for the holidays and offer layaway plans."



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In Good Company: *Wright Jewelers*

Q&A

Talking business with owner Nancy Wright

What is your business philosophy?

It is our philosophy that offering the finest quality and service available, our customers will continue to rely on our store for all of their jewelry and jewelry repair needs.

What do you look for in an employee?

Our employees are friendly, helpful, knowledgeable and provide excellent customer service.

What is the best business decision you've made so far?

To become more active in the community, which allows us to stay in touch with our customers' needs

What is the best part of your job?

Our customer's smiles, laughter and satisfaction. That feeling we get with excitement and happiness we see as our customers pick up their jewelry repairs. We have had a few marriage proposals happen right there in our store as well. We are suckers for romance.

What advice would you give to others starting a business?

Be patient and stay in touch with customers' needs

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?

We have invested in several new lines of fashion,

sterling silver merchandise in addition to our fine diamond jewelry in order to broaden our selection.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?

Chuck and I were both raised by entrepreneurial parents and ourselves have served our community, in several different businesses.

What items do you carry, in brief, and their price ranges?

We have local art, local jewelry artists, exclusive jewelry lines and a full-service repair and design department

What are your business goals?

We are committed to offering our customers with the

finest quality and service and will stay consistent in that promise.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?

Currently, we feel the business climate is good in our community and we remain positive as the growth of Las Cruces continues.

What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?

With any new business, becoming a household name takes time but we are confident in our reputation and we will continue to grow with Las Cruces.

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Details

David LeBlanc

Wright Jewelers jeweler

Originally from Evergreen, Colo., LeBlanc has a bachelor's degree in metal design from the University of Washington in Seattle. LeBlanc has worked throughout the West in the industry and in the studio. In the mid-'90s, he worked in Taos, N.M., showing in several prominent galleries. Has also worked in Eugene, Ore., and Portland, Ore., and spent several years doing repair and custom work in Reno, Nev. In 1999, he opened his own studio and gallery, LeBlanc Design in Denver. Most recently, he worked in Boulder, Colo., and Colorado Springs, Colo. LeBlanc brings his experience and skill for repair and custom design to Wright Jewelers. LeBlanc is able to produce beautiful, durable work in many styles and materials, including but not limited to gold, silver, brass, turquoise, stone, ivory, wood, amber and shell. LeBlanc's diamond setting, wax carving and casting skills allow for endless possibilities.



Jeweler David LeBlanc specializes in jewelry repair and design in a variety of materials.

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If any member of the public is unable to attend the public hearing, they may submit written comments concerning the 2010 CAPER to the City of Las Cruces during the 15-day public comment period between September 12 and 27, 2011.

Public comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2011.

Written comments may be submitted via any of the following methods:

By Mail: Community Development Department - Neighborhood Services Section, ATTN: 2009 CAPER, P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004

By e-mail: ddollahon@las-cruces.org

By phone: 505-528-3060 (voice) or 505-528-3157 (TTY)

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinances at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on October 3, 2011:

1. Council Bill No. 12-012; Ordinance No. 2634: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement and Intercept Agreement by and Between the City of Las Cruces (The "Governmental Unit") and the New Mexico Finance Authority, Evidencing a Special, Limited Obligation of the City to Pay a Principal Amount of \$950,000, with Interest Thereon, for the Purpose of Purchasing Two Fire Pumps for Use by the Governmental Unit and Paying a Loan Processing Fee; Providing for the Payment of the Principal and Interest Due under the Loan Agreement Solely from the Pledged State Shared Gross Receipts Tax Revenues Distributed to the City; Providing for the Contingent Distribution

of the Pledged Revenues to Be Redirected to the New Mexico Finance Authority or its Assigns for the Payment of Principal and Interest Due on the Loan Agreement Pursuant to an Intercept Agreement; Setting the Maximum Rate of the Loan; Approving the Form and Terms of the Loan Agreement and Intercept Agreement; Ratifying Actions Heretofore Taken; Repealing All Action Inconsistent with this Ordinance; and Authorizing the Taking of Other Actions in Connection with the Execution and Delivery of the Loan Agreement and Intercept Agreement.

2. Council Bill No. 12-013; Ordinance No. 2635: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From R-2 (Multi-Dwelling Low Density) to C-2C (Commercial Medium Intensity-Conditional) for 0.17 + Acres of Land Located at 132 W. Willoughby Avenue. The Zone Change Request Includes One Variance for a Numerical Reduction of 10-Foot to Minimum Required 10-Foot Opaque Bufferyard. Submitted by Susan Frary, Property Owner (Z2840).

3. Council Bill No. 12-014; Ordinance No. 2636: An Ordinance Approving a Concept Plan and Final Site Plan for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Known as Dave McTimski Inc. The Subject Property Encompasses 15.503 + Acres and is Located on the Southwest Corner of Northrise Drive and Roadrunner Parkway; Parcel ID# 02-41024. Submitted by Quantum Engineering Consultants on Behalf of Lord William S & ETAL C/O Randy McMillan, Property Owner (PUD-10-02 & PUD-10-03).

4. Council Bill No. 12-015; Ordinance No. 2637: An Ordinance Approving a Concept Plan for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Known as the Good Samaritan Society Village II. The Subject Property Encompasses 13.223 + Acres and is Located on the Southwest Corner of Northrise Drive and Roadrunner Parkway; Parcel ID# 02-41025. Submitted by Quantum Engineering Consultants on Behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, Property Owner (PUD-10-06).

5. Council Bill No. 12-016; Ordinance No. 2638: An Ordinance Approving a Concept Plan and Final Site Plan for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Known as Metro Verde Amendment No. 1. The Subject Properties Encompass 695 + Acres and Are Located in the Sierra Norte Area North of the Future Expansion of Arroyo Road and South of the City Limits; Parcel ID#s 02-36419, 02-36420, 02-36421, 02-36422, 02-37650, 02-38810, 02-38811. Submitted by DVI on Behalf of Sierra Norte Land Holdings, LLC & Barbara W. Johnson, Property Owner (PUD-11-01 & PUD-11-02).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 13th day of September 2011.

Esther Martinez, CMC City Clerk

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New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold bids at 4 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

Bid Invitation: I0108105-T Time-Resolved PIV System

Bid Opening Date: 09/30/2011 @ 4:00PM (local time)

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at https://sciquest.ionwave.net/nmsu to obtain a copy of this bid electronically and be registered for future bids for this commodity.

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New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold bids at 4 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

Bid Invitation: I0109424-F Police Vehicles for NMSU Police Department

Bid Opening Date: 10/04/2011 @ 4:00PM (local time)

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New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold bids at 4 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

Bid Invitation: I0109033-F Kaydon Bearings for PSL-NMSU

Bid Opening Date: 10/04/2011 @ 4:00PM (local time)

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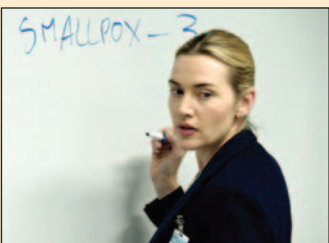
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The Whole Enchilada
Las Cruces is getting ready to celebrate 31st annual fiesta

It's big, it's cheesy and we love it

Whole Enchilada Fiesta brings great entertainment and food

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When the hot days of summer are finally behind us, and the chile is roasted and safely put away in the freezer, Las Cruces know it is time for the City of the Crosses' biggest party – The Whole Enchilada Fiesta.

Karaoke stages, food booths, craft vendors, a car and truck show and carnival rides are all part of the fun during the huge three-day celebration of Las Cruces' favorite food.

The 31st annual Whole Enchilada Fiesta will take place Friday through Sunday, Sept. 23-25, at the Hadley Complex on Hadley Avenue. Tickets to the family-oriented festival are \$4 for attendees age 7 or older and available at local Pic Quik stores, www.holdmyticket.com or at the gate.

The fiesta kicks off at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, continues from 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 24, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25.

For the kids, Enchilada Land will be set up with games, activities and other events to keep the little ones happy. Enchilada Land booths are set up to raise funds for nonprofit organizations. No activity will cost more than \$2, and the kids are guaranteed not to walk away empty handed.

Everyone loves a parade, and this year's Whole Enchilada Fiesta Parade will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. Also on Saturday are a 1-Mile Fun Run at 7:30 a.m. and a 5K Run at 8 a.m. Awards will be given at 9 a.m.

For those looking for a little competition, don't forget the horseshoes and huachas

tournaments. The double-elimination huachas tournament will be at noon Saturday at the horseshoes courts just east of Unidad Park. Cost is \$20 per team. Registration will take place from 10 a.m. to noon the day of the tournament.

A little later, attendees can take part in a horseshoes tournament beginning at 4 p.m. Also a double-elimination tournament, the cost to enter is \$15 and registration will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the site.

Two stages are set up to provide entertainment during the fiesta. On Friday, the Main Stage will feature Tequila Nights from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.; Fandango USA from 7 to 8:15 p.m.; and Ruben Ramos and the Mexican Revolution from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Roberto's Stage will feature Fastlane from 5 to 6 p.m.; The Yarbrough Band from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.; Mr. Black from 7:45 to 9 p.m.

Saturday's entertainment on the main stage will feature blues artist C.W. Ayon from 4 to 5 p.m.; Triple Jack from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; The James Douglas Show from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; and the Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards from 9:30 to 11 p.m. On the Roberto's stage Saturday, fiestagoers will enjoy Steppin Up from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; From the Valley from 12:30 to 2 p.m.; Zumba with Ryan from 2 to 2:30 p.m.; C.W. Ayon from 2:30 to 3:20 p.m.; New 22 from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.; Feral Root from 4:30 to 6 p.m.; The Phuzz from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Crooked Beaver Creek from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

Of course, the biggest show of all is the making of the world's largest enchilada at 11 a.m. Sunday on the west side of the Meerscheid

Recreation Center. Roberto Estrada will once again put together the enchilada, using 750 pounds of corn flour, 175 gallons of vegetable oil, 75 gallons of red chile sauce, 175 pounds of grated cheese and 50 pounds of onions. Bring your appetite!

Also on Sunday is the 4x4 Truck and Car Show, all trucks, cars and lowrider bikes are welcome to enter. Entry fee for cars or trucks is \$20 in advance or \$25 the day of the show, while the entry fee for lowrider bids is \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of the show. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place for both automobiles and bikes. Awards will be announced from 3 to 3:45 p.m. on the Roberto's stage.

The final day of the fiesta will see Genie and the Starliners from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Saturday on the Main Stage, followed by the Algo Nuevo Band from 2:30 to 4 p.m.; Tierra from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sunday's entertainment on the Roberto's Stage will be Mariachi Los Toritos from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; Sunny Padilla & the Allstar Band from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.; Blues Messiah from 1:45 to 3 p.m.; the Silver Bullet Band from 3:45 to 5 p.m.; and Radio La Chusma from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.

Admission to the Whole Enchilada Beer Garden is \$5. The beer garden is open from 4 to 11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

In order to keep the fiesta a safe and family-oriented event, certain rules will be enforced during the fiesta. Outside food or drink, weapons, gang attire, gang members or pets – other than service animals – will not be allowed in the fiesta. Anyone entering the fiesta area is subject to search. Refunds will not be given.

For more information about The Whole Enchilada Fiesta, call 526-1938 or visit www.enchiladafiesta.com for the most up-to-date information.

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Featured artist: *David Edwards*

Taking the next step

Local actor follows a 40-year dream

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Growing up, most children are encouraged to follow their dreams – singer, dancer, rocket scientist or actor. But when those children get to adulthood and life has gotten in the way, those dreams are often never realized.

Local actor David Edwards, however, is still following his dream of becoming a professional actor, a goal for the past 40 years.

“I’ve wanted to be an actor since I was 19,” Edwards said, “and I put that aside for almost 40 years. But you have to – at some point – follow your dream.”

Edwards will be taking the next step in his acting career by moving to Los Angeles in the coming weeks. Obviously, it wasn’t an overnight decision, although he said he has enjoyed acting since being cast in a sixth-grade operetta or playing an insurance-selling, mambo dancing baseball player in his high school’s production of “Damn Yankees.”

Raised to make more “practical” decisions, Edwards majored in elementary education at New Mexico State University, but took an introduction to theater class with Arlene Belkin as an elective. He was hooked.

“She was so charismatic and interesting,” Edwards said, “I signed up for another class the next semester. I wanted to change my major to theater, but I had practical parents.”

Staying on the practical path, but still pursuing his newfound passion, Edwards changed his major to secondary education so he could teach theater at the high school level.

“I guess you could say I settled, but it was the practical thing to do,” he said.

Edwards taught drama, speech and English at Mayfield High School for five years before his dream of pursuing an acting career resurfaced.

He decided to enter the Master of Fine Arts program at the Dallas Theater Center. Instead of becoming the actor he wanted to be, Edwards said his time earning his master’s degree was a scene of “tremendous personal and professional failure.”

Edwards not only endured a divorce and entered parenthood, but the graduate program he was in dissolved, leaving him 18 months to finish his thesis. Although he submitted his thesis – even submitting work from his ventures in Australia and Hawaii – he was told he missed the deadline.

“It didn’t upset me too much,” he said. “I had gained the recognition by my peers in graduate school as being a good actor, but I didn’t get cast a lot, hardly at all, actually.”

Edwards carried that easygoing attitude with him back to Mayfield High School. He taught for a little more than seven years before he decided to get out of teaching.

From there, he dabbled in other professions, including writing for local publications. While he worked in various positions, there was one constant in his life – acting.

Since 1973, Edwards has been active in community theater, starting with the Las Cruces Community Theatre.

His first role in the community was a Puerto Rican delivery boy in Neil Simon’s “The Gingerbread Lady.” Mark Medoff was directing “Gingerbread Lady” until his play, “When You Comin’ Back, Red Ryder?” got its break on Broadway.

From there, Edwards played numerous characters – most recently a distinguished English gentleman in “An Inspector Calls,” and an easygoing guy from Oklahoma in “August: Osage County.”

Whatever the role, Edwards said he is ready for it, from his hair down to his socks.

“I do a lot of hair acting. My hair is one of my best features,” he joked. “But I don’t take my characters home with me, unless they drink a lot. It gives me a good excuse.”

His longtime acting career in Las Cruces has flourished, and many who know him have grown to love him and his sharp sense of humor. Edwards has acted, directed and been involved in performances of the Las Cruces Community Theatre, Black Box Theatre, Doña Ana Lyric Opera, lo-fi Productions and others. He acted with his girlfriend, Cindy Murrell. He worked on locally made films, such as “Boom,” “Refuge” and “100mpg” and made lifelong friends along the way.

But that dream of acting resurfaced yet again.

“I heard that everyone goes through an uncastable age during their lives,” Edwards said. “For whatever reason, you just

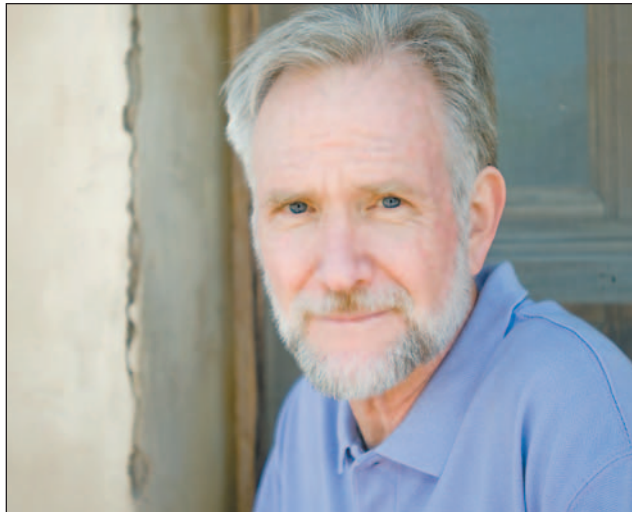


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For a generation, David Edwards has been a familiar face in nearly every artistic circle in Las Cruces. Now, he’s taking his talents – and his hair – to Southern California in pursuit of his lifelong dream of acting.

don’t fit whatever they’re looking for. So I thought, I’ll just keep doing this till I get to a castable age. I’ve been mulling it over for quite a while.”

Before heading west, Edwards turned to his longtime friend and mentor, Medoff, for opinions on heading West.

“I started working with Dave when he was a teenager, and he’s not only a good actor, which I recognized immediately, I recognized his potential when he was very young,” Medoff said. “He’s the single actor I have worked most with in 43 years as a playwright and director, and some of that is I know I can always depend on him as an actor, and equally important is the generosity of the spirit people bring to a collaborative endeavor, which is what theater and moviemaking is. There’s nobody I know any more generous in that collaborative enterprise than David.”

It’s true, Edwards confessed. In fact, he didn’t finalize the decision to move to Los Angeles until he followed through on his commitments with local productions. But now, he said, he’s finally at a point where he can take the next step.

Never mind that he is nearly 60, Medoff said. “I joke that I find it hard to find really good character actors in middle age who are sane and sober,” Medoff said. “The dependability of people is so crucial.”

“I’ve encouraged (Dave) for a long time to spread his wings a little bit to find out what he can do. A lot of people end up saying, ‘I should have, would have and could have,’ and there’s always a but, so I respect his courage in going out to L.A. now and seeing if he can work as a character actor.”

Murrell, his girlfriend of 12 years, also encouraged him to go, Edwards said.

“It’s important to have my life partner to support me in this,” he said.

Details

David Edwards

Family

- Life partner Cindy Murrell
- Son Jordan

Education

- Bachelor’s degree in secondary education, New Mexico State University
- Graduate studies, Dallas Theater Center master’s degree program



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The Music Scene

Big Chocolate event benefits Casa de Peregrinos

Dance against hunger comes to Hotel Encanto

Vans Warped Tour performer Big Chocolate will take the stage at the Hotel Encanto ballroom, 705 S. Telshor Blvd., Friday, Sept. 16, in a benefit concert and dance for Casa de Peregrinos.

Musicclones, a Las Cruces music production company, is bringing Big Chocolate to Las Cruces for the event.

"We at Casa de Peregrinos are humbled for the kindness and

generosity of the Musicclones, their sponsors and the dance music fans," said Lorenzo Alba Jr., executive director of Casa de Peregrinos, a local food bank. "There are many people in this community experiencing hunger; together we can fight that hunger."

"We're equally excited to give back to this community that has embraced us," said Javier Guzman Jr. of Musicclones. "We understand the need and are excited to bring music and charity

together for this important cause."

The electronic dance music charity event will feature in addition to Big Chocolate, local performers Gene-E-Ous and Josh Ziel.

Cameron Argon, better known as Big Chocolate, is a music veteran producer and musician from Los Angeles. Prior to his entry into the electronic dance music industry, he was the founding member of a heavy metal band, Disfiguring the Goddess. He's coming off his summer tour with the Vans Warped Tour.

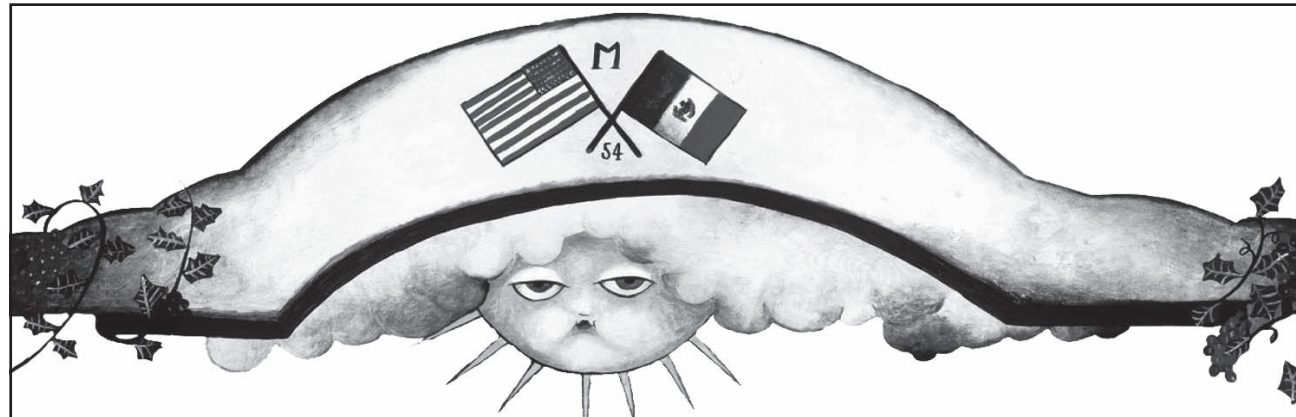
Big Chocolate is best known for exciting dance floors with his unique style that features dubstep, drum and bass, house and electronica.

Earlier in the day Friday, Sept. 16, Big Chocolate is scheduled to tour the Casa de Peregrinos facility at 999 W. Amador Ave.

The concert will also feature a food drive. People can bring non-perishable items, such as canned fruits, vegetables, soups and more, as well as dry goods such as flour, beans, sugar, rice, cereals, oatmeal and peanut butter.

"Join us as we 'dance against hunger,'" said Robert Alex Valenzuela of Musicclones. "We wanted to do something for this cause and bringing youth, community service and charity together in Las Cruces."

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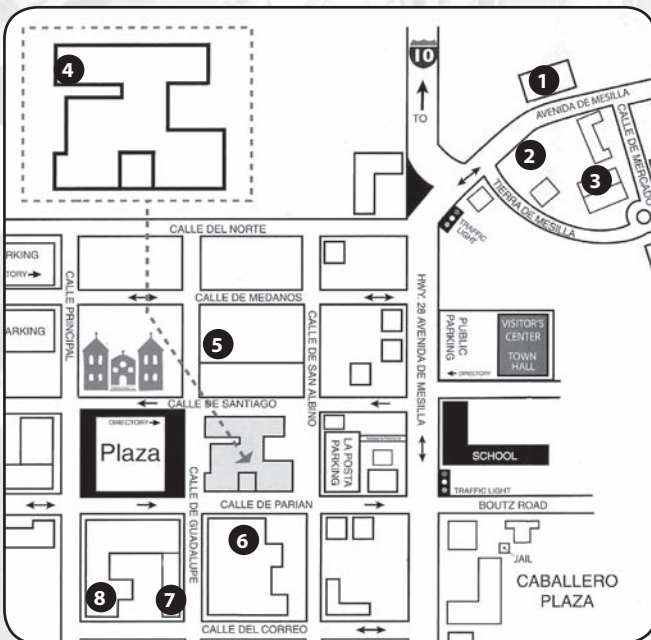
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Galleries & Openings

OPENING

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY opens "Toys: The Inside Story" with an event from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17. The exhibit includes 12 different hands-on stations illustrating the simple mechanisms commonly found in toys and lets visitors create their own toy-like combinations of gears, pulleys, linkages, cams and circuits. The exhibit runs through Jan. 8, 2012.

The museum is located at 700 S. Telshor Blvd., inside Mesilla Valley Mall. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-3120.

GALERÍA TEPIN invites the public to view the juried photography exhibition "Mexico Lindo y Querido/Beautiful and Beloved Mexico." The current theme explores varied visions of Mexico – a country of history, tradition, culture, food, language and beauty – a people loving and generous, hardworking and spirit-filled. The exhibition is a celebratory look at what Mexico means to each of the photographers.

The gallery is located at 2220 Calle de Parian. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday during the annual Diez y Seis de Septiembre fiesta in Mesilla. Call 523-3988.

ONGOING

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS showcases the work of LCPS staff during the annual LCPS Staff and Faculty Show on display in the gallery lobby of the administration building through Oct. 28. The building is located at 505 S. Main St., Suite 249. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Email mreynold@lcps.k12.nm.us.

CUTTER GALLERY launches the fall art season with "Intertwined," the art work and jewelry of Jo-an Smith, featuring new watercolors, oils, drawings, gold jewelry and cloisonné jewelry. Smith has been honored often in her career as an artist and jewelry designer. She is listed in "Who's Who in American Art" and in "Who's Who of American Women," a distinguished member of the Society of North American Goldsmiths and signature member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. This show will have a special purpose for the Doña Ana Arts Council Career Art Path Program for middle school students. "Saturdays with Jo-an" will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday in September and Oct. 1 in the gallery with special jewelry design days, illustrated talks of "Layers of Color," and the Paleozoic Trackways – its history and influence on art.

Cutter Gallery is located

at 2460 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-0658.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER displays its Fall 2011 exhibition through Saturday, Dec. 17. Action and color highlight the exhibition featuring works by painters Carla Falb and Julie Rofman and sculptors Bill Burgess and Willie Ray Parish.

The gallery is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 523-8713.

ADOBE PATIO GALLERY hosts the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter Fall Membership Show in September. Approximately 60 entries from 35 artists were submitted for consideration. Works range from photo-realistic to expressive-abstract, including figurative, still-life, florals and landscapes, with highly expressive, intense colors and very soft traditional colors. A wide variety of styles, sizes and subject matter will be represented. The show runs through Oct. 5.

The gallery is located at 1765 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Call 523-9310.

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA hosts the new show of the Las Cruces Art Association, "Enchanted Landscapes." The galería is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Hours are 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-0003.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES display the multi-textured works of the Society of Layerists in Multi Media (SLMM) during September. Founded in 1982 by Mary Carroll Nelson, SLMM is a network of artists who express an interest in a holistic worldview characterized by dynamic relationships of energy, thought and image. Artists represented in the exhibition will be Barbara Armstrong, Rochelle Barda, Lynda Burch, Sylvia Bowers, Peggy Brown, Christina Campbell, June Decker, Flo Hosa Dougherty, Susan Fray, Sharon Gaskill, Jeanne Gehringer, Tomi La Pierre, Susan Long, Gerie Muchnikoff, John Northcutt, Pat Walke and Deborah Welch.

The galleries are located in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-6403.

M. PHILLIPS GALLERY hosts a one-man show for romantic impressionist artist Eric Wallis in September. Wallis is also a featured artist in the September issue of Art Collector Magazine. M. Phillips is also showing new works by local artist Julie Ford Oliver, who was chosen by the publi-

cation TOSCA as the representative artist of New Mexico.

M. Phillips is located at 221 N. Main St. Call 525-1367.

MVS STUDIOS presents an encaustic art show. The artists represented are Sherry Ikeda, John Schaeffer, Sherry Doil-Carter, Debra Blair and Joyce Macrorie. MVS Studios is located at 535 N. Main St. Call 524-3636.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY features Hetty Smith and Ray Baird during September.

The gallery is located at 2460-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933.

NMSU ART GALLERY hosts "Looking Back/Looking Forward" ceramics show by Amanda Jaffe, who taught ceramics at NMSU for 23 years, retiring in May. This career retrospective celebrates her work over a quarter-century. The exhibit runs through Oct. 15.

The gallery is located in D.W. Williams Art Center on the NMSU campus, 1390 E. University Ave. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays. Call 646-2545.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM presents "Art of the Plains: The 27th American Plains Artists Annual Juried Exhibit and Sale." The 2011 show features 118 works of art in various media. The artwork focuses on the American Plains as a source of artistic expression in traditional, realistic and representational fine art paintings, drawings and sculpture. It features landscapes, Native Americans, cowboys, horses, wildlife and more. The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Cost \$2-\$5. Call 522-4100.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "Living in Two Worlds," the works of renowned artist Tonio LeFebre through Oct. 29. LeFebre creates works in numerous materials including acrylics, oils, graphite and cotton wood root.

The cultural center also displays "5,000 Flowers," an art show to commemorate those lost on 9/11, through Oct. 1. Art has been received art from 14 states, Canada and 24 communities in New Mexico. Miniature paintings and poetry have been applied to two towers representing the Twin Towers lost on 9/11.

The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2154.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY features the abstractive oils of

Massachusetts artist Kate Nelson in September. Nelson is drawn to and moved by the outdoor life. The exuberance of her life (skiing, hiking, sailing) and its contemplative aspect (gardening, yoga, poetry) are both mirrored in her lyrical abstract paintings.

The Mesquite Art Gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Call 640-3502.

MAIN STREET GALLERY displays its first-ever Sizzling Chili Pepper juried exhibition. Twenty-four artists have cooked up their visual recipes for chile peppers in several art media. The Main Street 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 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508.

UNSETTLED GALLERY hosts "In a Funky Squint," an exhibit by Terry Wolfe. Wolfe's collages are created by disassembling her own prints and reassembling them into new compositions. These compositions incorporate patterns from nature, color and a bit of wicked humor. Wolfe's exhibit continues through Saturday, Oct. 1. Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Call 635-2285.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY presents its fifth annual juried all-media show during September. This year's theme was "Critters," and regional artists were asked to create real or imagined animals



"Fall" by Ruth Rose, a faculty member at Sunrise Elementary School, is on display in the Las Cruces Public School Administration Building.

incorporating found objects. Juror Rachel Stevens, New Mexico State University sculpture professor, selected the highly varied submissions that appear in the exhibit. The exhibit runs through Sept. 30.

The Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Call 522-7281.

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Our 29th annual Team Roping and Dinner is Friday, Oct. 7-9. Call 526-2887 or 642-5696 for tickets or more info.

Todd Dickson
Las Cruces Bulletin

EventsCalendar

FRI. 9/16

10 a.m. Story time, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Featuring Dr. Seuss favorites. Free. Call 522-4499.

6 to 7:30 p.m. The Great Conversation, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. A community dialogue series addressing matters that affect all. Free. Call 523-0436.

7 p.m. "9/11 and a Decade of Change" panel discussion, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Panelists include economics professor Jim Peach, associate history professor Andrea Orzoff and retired AP photographer Alan Solomon. Free. Call 541-2154.

7 p.m. Reel Rock Tour, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Part of New Mexico State University Outdoor Rec's Adventure Art Series. Cost \$8-\$10. Call 646-4746.

7 to 9 p.m. Pride Cinema, Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. Free. Call 635-4902.

7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Community Contra Dance, Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Dance features the Deming Fusiliers playing old-time acoustic music. Cost \$5-\$6. Call 522-1691.

SAT. 9/17

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.

8:30 a.m. to noon, Pet adoptions, Downtown Main Street. Available are dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. Cost \$50-\$75. Call 382-0018.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Douglas Jackson will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Gloria Hacker will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 526-8377.

11 a.m. to noon, Story Time featuring Thomas the Tank Engine, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. free. Call 647-4480.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

2 p.m. "Speaking of Art" featuring Suzanne Kane, Las Cruces Museum of Art. Free. Call 541-2137.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 p.m. Las Cruces Symphony Association Big Band Bash, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. An evening of

dinner, dancing and auctioning while supporting the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra. Cost \$80. Call 646-3709.

7 p.m. Book signing and reading, Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla. Authors Ysella Ayn Fulton and David Lee Summers will read from their current works. Free. Call 524-1886.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center, Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, singles and guests are welcome to dance to the music of Jim Corrons. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

SUN. 9/18

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Growers Market, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road. Featuring local vendors. Free. Call 523-0436.

11 a.m. to noon, Kids' Crafts, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Parents required to attend with kids. Free. Call 523-0436.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fourth annual Art in the Garden Tour, Picacho Hills. There will be six gardens to tour with displays by 19 artists. Free. Visit www.artistsofpicachohills.com.

Noon to 4 p.m. Uptown Craft and Growers Market, inside Mesilla Valley Mall near movie theater entrance, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Shop for local arts, crafts and produce. Free. Call 650-7414.

1 p.m. Bingo, Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open one hour before the games begin, with early-bird sessions. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Arts Association meeting, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Janice Cook of the Potters' Guild will supply 20 bowls for members to paint for Empty Bowls. Free.

2 to 4 p.m. Bluegrass and folk music jam, Doña Ana Community College commons area, 3400 S. Espina St. Free. Call 526-5174.

2 and 7 p.m. Keeping it Riehl Comedy Troupe performances, Saratoga Room, 1763 E. University Ave. Mature themes. Cost \$10. Call 312-8760.

7 p.m. Remember Then concert, Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Cost \$10. Call 523-1223.

7 p.m. Border Jazz Quartet concert, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Cost \$1-\$8. Call 373-2188.

MON. 9/19

10 a.m. Yarn Junkies meeting, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Meet to exchange knitting ideas. Free. Call 522-4499.

1:30 p.m. Bingo, Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open one hour before the games begin, with early-bird sessions. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

6 to 7 p.m. Nutritional Education Series, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Learn how to combat common cold-weather ailments through herbal and homeopathic remedies. Free. Call 523-0436.

TUE. 9/20

10 a.m. Mesilla Valley Weavers Guild meeting, the home of Sharon Rooney. The program "Finishing Techniques for Weaving" will be presented. Free. Call 527-0196.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 to 7:30 p.m. The Great

Conversation, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road. A community dialogue series addressing matters that affect all. Free. Call 523-0436.

6:30 p.m. Every Other Tuesday presents C.W. Ayon, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Free. Call 523-6403.

7 p.m. Doña Ana Camera Club meeting, Southwest Environment Center, 275 N. Main St. Alan Solomon, veteran New York photojournalist will present a retrospective of photos from his career. Free. Call 532-1919.

7 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango Group, Las Cruces Country Club, 2350 N. Main St. Beginners, singles and couples over 21 are welcome to join the Big Band Dance Club. Cost \$5-10. Call 642-1699.

7:30 p.m. Literary open mic, Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. Bring up to three poems or five minutes of prose to read. Free. Call 521-7311.

WED. 9/21

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.

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, email meadows@zianet.com or visit <http://lascrucesstitches.multiply.com>.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Balanced Living Book Club with Siddeeq Shabazz, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. The group will continue its discussion of "The Four Agreements" by Don Miguel Ruiz. Free. Call 510-459-2671.

THU. 9/22

9 a.m. to noon, Fiber Club, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

7 p.m. Bingo, Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open one hour before the games begin, with early-bird sessions beginning before the regular games start. There is a snack bar available. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

7 to 8 p.m. Stress Relief 101 with Mary Marsh, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Learn where stress comes from and ways to handle it. Free. Email marys_naturallyhealthy@yahoo.com.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Dance ballroom, swing and Latin style. Beginners, singles and couples are welcome. Must be 21 years or older. Dress code. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 9/23

10 a.m. Story time, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Cookie Mouse is a special guest. Free. Call 522-4499.

6 p.m. Oktoberfest, White Sands Missile Range Volunteer Park. Cost \$15-\$20. Call 678-7991.

SAT. 9/24

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.

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5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509

7 p.m. Bruce Nehring Consort, Peace Lutheran Church, 1791 E. Missouri Ave. Consort singers will be joined by organist Lester Ackerman and trumpet soloist Nancy Taylor for "Out of Heart and Voice Comes Music." Cost \$5-\$15. Call 523-7714.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center, Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, singles and guests are welcome to dance to the music of Mark Coker. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

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AtTheMovies

On the road, traveling buddies make an impression

English duo keeps things lively in 'The Trip'

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Drive, check-in, eat, tell bad jokes, do impersonations. That's about the sum of the plot of "The Trip," a droll, but mildly amusing road trip movie, starring English comedians Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon and based on a British television show, which is mostly improvised.

Coogan lucks onto a great writing gig, assigned to write a half dozen or so reviews of the snootiest restaurants in northern England, and he invites Brydon to go along. They hit the road and "My Dinner with Andre" takes a new twist.

Ah, good food, good conversation, and a road trip. Life doesn't get much better. Or does it?

Well, maybe.

Coogan and Brydon are OK as traveling companions, but as one might expect, things venture into areas that guys are wont to talk about, that being most anything. They spar back and forth, and according to both of them, their performances in the film are close to who they are in real life. This is not a gross-out comedy by any means, but more of a friendship-at-odds piece about two gents who clearly have affection for each other but don't know how to speak of it.

Besides the quaint inns, up-pity waiters, and quiet



In "The Trip," Rob Brydon and Steve Coogan keep each other constantly entertained, as well as annoyed.

roads, relationships come into play. Coogan, who may be in a committed relationship, talks his way into the boudoir of several lasses while on the trip, while Brydon exchanges passionate and kinky cell phone calls with his ultra busy wife who could not accompany him on the journey.

The film follows the same recipe as mentioned in the opening of this review. It is an interesting and fun way to meet the characters and learn about them. Director Michael Winterbottom has a long and

varied résumé of films, covering everything from comedy to documentary to heavy drama to pure sex, and he touches on many of those subjects in this droll little piece.

And no one is safe from the silly impersonations done by these two noted comedians... Woody Allen, Richard Burton, and Michaels Sheen and Caine all fall victim to their vocal whimsy. They also spar about noted English authors such as Wordsworth, who is represented fully at one of the bed-and-breakfasts where they stay.

"The Trip" is a small and clever film, but expect a touching surprise ending.

I want to go on a long road trip so bad, that I'd even buy a big SUV with shiny wheels. jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com. These reviews are his own opinions and do not reflect those of the film society.



Steve Coogan plays a restaurant reviewer traveling the English countryside with his friend, played by Rob Brydon, in "The Trip." The film is screening at the Fountain Theatre through Thursday, Sept. 22.

FILM REVIEW

"The Trip" starts at the Fountain Theatre Sept. 16 and stops a week later. Not rated, a good idea to leave the kids at home.

GRADE

B+

A robber who runs, or a runner who robs?

Minimal 'Robber' keeps moving

The Mesilla Valley Film Society CineMatinee for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, is "The Robber" (2011, 90 minutes, in German with English subtitles, rated R).

"The Robber" concerns a man who robs banks. He also runs.

One is a compulsion, the other a vocation. The two may be indistinguishable. But we're left to decide for ourselves, because the robber who runs (or the runner who robs) doesn't say much about anything – whether he's having sex, jacking cars or bounding down the streets of Vienna with bags of cash on his shoulder. The point of the film isn't our understanding of this man, who remains a cipher from beginning to end, or even his own understanding of himself and his "life" – a notion he flatly rejects.

The point is in the running.

And as he runs, we follow.

Directed by German filmmaker Benjamin Heisenberg and co-written by Heisenberg and Martin Prinz from Prinz's novel, "The Robber" stars Andreas Lust as Johann Rettenberger, a fictionalized version of infamous 1980s bank robber Johann Kastenberger.

Lust has the spare physiognomy and granite face of a marathoner – or maybe a monk – and he boasts, as well, the ability to transmit no emotion of any kind for long periods of time. Johann barely talks. What he thinks remains a mystery until he acts on it. The actions can be inconsequential (watch him unstrap his heart monitor after a workout or a heist) or downright shocking, but they're performed with a graceful precision.

There's no extraneous padding on any level, either visually

or narratively. Two essential supporting characters, one a love interest, the other a nosy parole officer play their very specific roles in some very specific scenes that don't waste a single word or glance or gesture.

In an era of wobbly cinematography and blathery scripts, Heisenberg has created a spare and firm-handed portrait of a restless loner. As Rettenberger hoofs it through city and suburb and forest, on bank jobs and races and training runs, Reinhold Vorscheiner's steady camera keeps the pace – accompanying him step for step with long, smooth tracking shots that whoosh along to a frenzied drumbeat.

These jogs begin in the prison yard, where Johann is finishing up six years for attempted robbery, and end in an "ultrathon" through the rolling hills outside Vienna. As a runner, the robber is dogged; as

a robber, the runner is efficient, explosive and fast.

CineMatinee is a unique blend of movies presented by the Mesilla Valley Film Society that showcases unique films, past and present, often with an emphasis on life in the West and "movies that missed us" – films that are notable but never had a lot of publicity.

The series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art and education as well as entertainment. At least one film a month for this series has a New Mexico "connection," drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state (nearly 500) or perhaps featuring a star/story from New Mexico talent.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m., and admission is \$4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$1. The theater is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287 and leave a message.

Playbill

Opening

The 39 Steps
No Strings Theatre Company
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Main St.
523-1223
\$7-\$10
Opens Friday, Sept. 16

USO Tribute fundraiser

Las Cruces Community Theatre
313 N. Main St.
523-1200
\$10
Opens Sunday, Sept. 18

Coming Soon

Miss Julie
American Southwest Theatre Company
Hershel Zohn Theatre
New Mexico State University
646-4515
\$10-\$15
Opens Friday, Sept. 23

Celebrating American music with the New Desert Harmony Singers

Dave Kinkaid, director of the New Desert Harmony Singers, belts out a solo during the chorus' "Celebrating America in Music" concert Saturday, Sept. 10, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The concert included two medleys of American music, from Dixie to Broadway and rock 'n' roll.

Photos by Christopher Belarde

The New Desert Harmony Singers and New Mexico State University Contemporary Dance Theater finish a Broadway number with style during the "Celebrating American Music" concert Saturday, Sept. 10. Chorus members don't read music during performances so they can incorporate choreography.



NMSU dance students hoedown to a Dixie tune.



Megan Griffiths performs a solo of "Send in the Clowns."



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Raising funds for art at the 'Project: Postcard' reception

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More than 300 pieces were submitted by 195 New Mexico State University Art Department alumni, faculty, students and regional artists for "Project: Postcard," a fundraiser for the NMSU art department on display Sept. 9-10. Each original piece submitted conformed to the size of a postcard.



Interested buyers look over the work during a reception and exhibition Friday, Sept. 9, at D.W. Williams Hall.

Call to Artists

FOR THE LOVE OF ART MONTH

Registration is now open for artists to participate in the For Love of Art Month Exhibit and Sale Feb. 10-12, 2012, at the Las Cruces Convention Center. This is a new event for the annual For the Love of Art Month, hosted annually by ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico. Both ArtForms members and non-members may participate in the exhibit and sale. For an application, visit www.artformsnm.org or email a request to artformsfloa@gmail.com. Applications are due Nov. 30.

LA CASA HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Applications are now being accepted for the 2011 La Casa Holiday Bazaar, which will be held Dec. 2-4 at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Artists working in any of the following categories are eligible: 2-D fine artwork, graphic/printmaking, sculpture/metalwork, hand-made jewelry (limited booth available for jewelry), handcrafted toys, wood crafts, textiles, ceramics, photography, glass, leather and other (including food products). Work must be original and executed by the displaying vendor who must be present during the show. No imports, kits or commercial objects will be accepted. Please note that all food products must be produced and packaged by the vendors, be packaged for sale and may not be prepared on site. Unique entries may be admitted at the discretion of the Vendor Review Committee.

Booth prices range from \$250 to \$425, depending on size. Electricity is available for an additional fee. Application

receipt deadline is Oct. 1. Applications are available by calling 526-2819, emailing contact@lacasainc.org or visiting www.lacasainc.org.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS

Nopalito's Galeria, 326 S. Mesquite St., will have a Día de los Muertos show again this year. The gallery is looking for artists to display their work. The fee is \$10 for a single entry and \$20 for up to four entries. If you have more than four entries, the fee will be negotiated. There will be no commission for this show.

Entries are due by Oct. 1. Send pictures of your entries, or if not completed, a description of what you intend to have for the show. Email jpegs to nopalitosgaleria@hotmail.com or mail a CD with pictures to Nopalito Restaurant, 310 S. Mesquite St., Las Cruces, NM 88001. You can also bring your CD to the restaurant in person. The show runs from Nov. 1-20. For more information, call Victor Gallegos at 520-6600.

MESILLA VALLEY TEEN SINGERS

Teens who love to sing have the opportunity to be part of a community choir that performs several times a year. The Mesilla Valley Teen Singers doesn't require auditions, but participants aged 14 through 19 will have the opportunity to stretch their talents, learn to read music and perform choral music, all while having fun and meeting new people.

Terry Kay Gilbert is the director of this group, which is kicking off its sixth season. They meet at 4:15 p.m. Tuesdays at Calvary Baptist Church, 1800 S. Locust St. The

theme for the fall semester is "O Magnum Mysterium (O Great Mystery)." Singers will be preparing for several performances for the Christmas season. New members are always welcome to join.

For more information, visit www.mvteensingers.blogspot.com or call Gilbert at 621-8128. The cost for participation in the MVTS is \$35 per semester.

FALL STUDIO TOUR

The fifth annual Fall Studio Tour along the Picacho Corridor is seeking visual artists who have a functioning studio that is accessible to the public, and artwork to sell. Artists whose studios are located near the Picacho Corridor, between Las Cruces Avenue to the south and Hoagland Road to the north, are welcome to apply.

The tour will be held Nov. 26-27. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 1. For more information or an application, contact Ouida Touchon at 635-7899 or fallstudiotour@gmail.com.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, has openings for fine artists and photographers to display their artwork. For more information, call 522-2933, come by the gallery and pick up an application or visit www.mesillavalleyfineart.com.

AMATEUR COMEDIANS NEEDED

The Keeping it Riehl Comedy Troupe is about to get a regular gig in Las Cruces and needs amateur comedians. Those

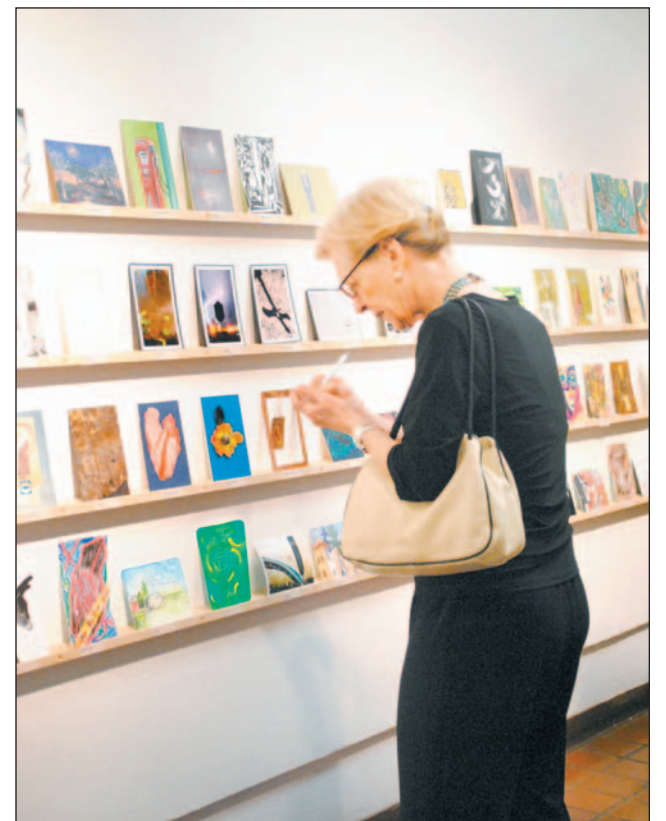
interested should be able to prepare their own material; talk in front of large crowds; be part of stand-up, improv and/or skits; and make a commitment to the troupe. For more information, email Alan Riehl at alanriehl@hotmail.com.

TULAROSA BASIN WINE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 2011 Tularosa Basin Wine and Music Festival is accepting vendors. This festival is a two-day event to benefit the Rotary clubs of Alamogordo, Tularosa and White Sands. The festival will be held from noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 16-17 at the Alameda Park in Alamogordo. With wine tasting, arts and crafts and food vendors and live music, there is something for everyone. Profits from the festival go right back to the community through the Rotary clubs. For more information, call 522-1232.

FARM & RANCH EXHIBITS

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is taking submissions from both individual artists and artist groups for its rotating Artist's Corridor. Artwork themes should correlate with the Museum's mission and should relate to farming, ranching or rural life. Show dates to be filled are April 11, 2014, to Aug. 3, 2014; Dec. 12, 2014, to April 5, 2015; April 10, 2015, to Aug. 2, 2015; Aug. 14, 2015, to Nov. 29, 2015; and Dec. 11, 2015, to April 3, 2016. For more information, call the museum at 522-4100 or email Megan Walker at megan.walker@state.nm.us.



Laura Auzenne makes a note of the work she is interested in purchasing. The art was on display Sept. 9 and 10, but was not available for sale until 3 p.m. Sept. 10. More than 150 pieces of art were sold.

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Roll me or flatten me

Enchiladas are the bomb

By David Edwards
Las Cruces Bulletin

Need to talk enchiladas a bit. They're comfort food. Nothing picks me up on a down day or is the perfect evening meal on a good day like Mom's red enchiladas. I know. There's likely no one less Latina than mi madre, but she's always done a great job with the Mexican food. Ask me about her chile rellenos sometime.

But Mom's red enchiladas are so significant that we included a plate of them on the altar we made at last year's Día de los Muertos celebration in honor of my late father. (Dad passed away three years ago next week on his 83rd birthday.)

Mom usually uses a pint of Roberto's frozen red chile, which obviously contributes to the goodness. She dilutes it a bit with water and then adds about a tablespoon of oil, a touch of garlic and salt as it heats in a small saucepan. Corn tortillas are skillet heated in a bit of oil.

A little of the heated sauce is spooned on a plate, then the tortilla and more sauce goes on top. Sprinkle on the grated cheese - no onions on mine - and then two more layers. Microwaving for about 30 seconds makes sure everything is melty, and I always top mine with an over-medium fried egg, which Mom finds disgusting. If she didn't feel like cooking eggs, she would push for green.

Green enchiladas use cream of mushroom soup, green chile and onions (OK if they're sautéed with the chile) and the sauce smothers the same three tortilla arrangement.

Before my family came to Las Cruces, the only enchiladas we had experience with were the rolled kind. Flat enchiladas were a revelation and are now my preference. I started thinking about memorable enchiladas I had had in my life. One that stands out was during a trip to Los Angeles in 1979 to see the Mark Taper Forum production of Mark Medoff's "Children of a Lesser God."

Several of us were cruising around in the rented van and ended up in some little place in Hollywood. I think it might have been somewhere off of Alvarado Street as Warren Zevon's "Carmelita" kept running through my head.

"I pawned my Smith-Corona and I went to meet my man. He hangs out down on Alvarado Street by the Pioneer Chicken stand."

Whether it was the occasion, circumstances or thrill of being in LA, the crabmeat enchiladas were outstanding. The peach margaritas probably didn't hurt, either. Kiki's in El Paso serves a crab (as in imitation crab) mole enchilada. Mole sauce is primarily a mixture of red chile and chocolate that dates back to the Aztecs. Very good, but would be better with real crab - easier done in California, I bet.

In the past, I have even created a Spam enchilada. Pork, cheese and red chile always works for me. Try the Spam burger at El Patrón Café sometime.

Red enchiladas are normally the first dish I try when I go to a new Mexican food restaurant. They are the establishment's signature dish in my opinion, although one could argue for burritos or tacos, but if a restaurant can make decent red enchiladas, then chances are the rest of the menu will be up to snuff.

I have discovered most local Mexican restaurants are up to the challenge and a recent blitz of enchilada sampling - six restaurants during a five-day period with a repeat visit to one of them and a stop at Mom's - revealed a fairly consistent quality. Some were spicier, some had a better texture, some were cheesier or had fresher tasting chile, but all were good enough to meet my stringent standards. In other words, I ate them with no complaint.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Edwards
Sammie Edwards prepares red enchiladas for her columnist son David Edwards.

While I have my favorite restaurants with my favorite enchiladas - green chile/chicken at La Nueva Casita and Andele's green enchilada with "liquid gold" cheese sauce for example - what I found was that a few eateries had some special choices I really enjoyed.

On the surface, The Shed seems an unlikely place for Mexican food, but their red sauce is thick and has a unique sweet/hot flavor that is really delicious. One of the few places that offer a choice of yellow or blue corn tortillas, its southern New Mexico-style enchiladas come in the traditional flat form - either green or red - and you can add chicken, ground beef, brisket or shrimp.

Calabacitas is a Mexican squash dish made with zucchini, yellow and Mexican squash, green chile, corn and mushrooms. Try that between two blue corn tortillas with cheese and topped with creamy sauce and you may forget about traditional enchilada fillings.

The Shed serves breakfast and lunch all day and that includes the breakfast enchiladas - two blue corn tortillas with a choice of pork, turkey sausage or brisket, onions and cheese with red or green chile sauce. And you can add an egg.

Habaneros restaurant offers an amazing spinach and artichoke enchilada with a very tasty green sauce, a traditional molé and chicken enchilada and a pipián and chicken enchilada. Pipián, or pipián verde, is a sauce made of pumpkin or squash seeds and spices. It doesn't have the heat of their green sauce, but has great flavor.

Paisano Café has four very unique mole enchiladas, or emoladas, as they call them. The mole negro is made with chichilo peppers and tomatillo mole sauce. Mole poblano is more traditional with ajillo pepper and Oaxaca chocolate. The molé verde makes use of the pipián sauce with a touch of the hoja santa or root beer plant. Pineapple, red apples, fried plantain and spices are used to create the mancha manteles molé.

Especially in this "enchilada time" of year, you can go traditional, go specialty or even try the world's largest. Or, if you are really lucky, you can stop by Mom's for some comfort.

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DA Arts Council announces Color Las Cruces winners

On Friday, Sept. 9, more than 30 artists from throughout the Southwest gathered up their paints and easels and set out to capture the subtle beauties of Las Cruces in a timed painting competition during the second annual Color Las Cruces Plein Air Competition and Community Arts Festival.

The resulting paintings were exhibited Sept. 10 and 11 at 201 N. Main St., where guest judge Preston Thayer, the director of the New Mexico State University Art Galleries, did the honors.

The winners of the 2011 Color Las Cruces Plein Air Competition were: Meg Freyermuth – first place; Beth Ray – second place; and Judy Licht – third place. Honorable Mentions went to Arlene J. Tugel and Ouida Touchon.

An interesting fact about this competition is that first-place winner Meg Freyermuth was last year's second-place winner, while this year's second-place winner was last year's first-place winner.

Winners of the quick draw competition, held Sunday, Sept. 11, were: Krystyna Robbins – first place; Beth Ray – second place; and Lois Griffel – third place. In the 15-and-Under category, the winners were: Reyna Andazola – first place; Santana Andazola – second place; and Alyssa Garnett – honorable mention.



Community members and artists gathered outside the Rio Grande Theatre for a VIP reception Saturday, Sept. 10. Winners of the plein air competition were announced during the event.

Reyna Andazola won first place in the quick-draw competition 15-and-under category. The event was held Sunday, Sept. 11.



New Mexico State University students created a sculpture from donated mugs during the second annual Color Las Cruces Plein Air Competition and Community Arts Festival held Sept. 9-11.



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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

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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	2	3	5	8	6	9	7	4	1
	7	8	4	3	2	1	9	6	5
	1	6	9	7	5	4	8	3	2
	4	7	3	2	9	5	6	1	8
	6	9	2	1	4	8	3	5	7
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	7	6	2	3	5	4	1	9	8
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	1	8	3	7	9	6	2	4	5
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	4	5	6	8	2	3	7	1	9
EXPERT	3	1	7	4	9	5	8	6	2
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	9	4	8	6	2	1	3	7	5
	5	2	3	8	1	9	7	4	6
	4	6	9	2	7	3	5	8	1
	8	7	1	5	4	6	2	3	9
	6	8	4	7	5	2	9	1	3
	7	9	5	1	3	4	6	2	8
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BrainGames



Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

TREES OF LIFE

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CYPRESS	CIPRÉS
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Crossword Puzzles

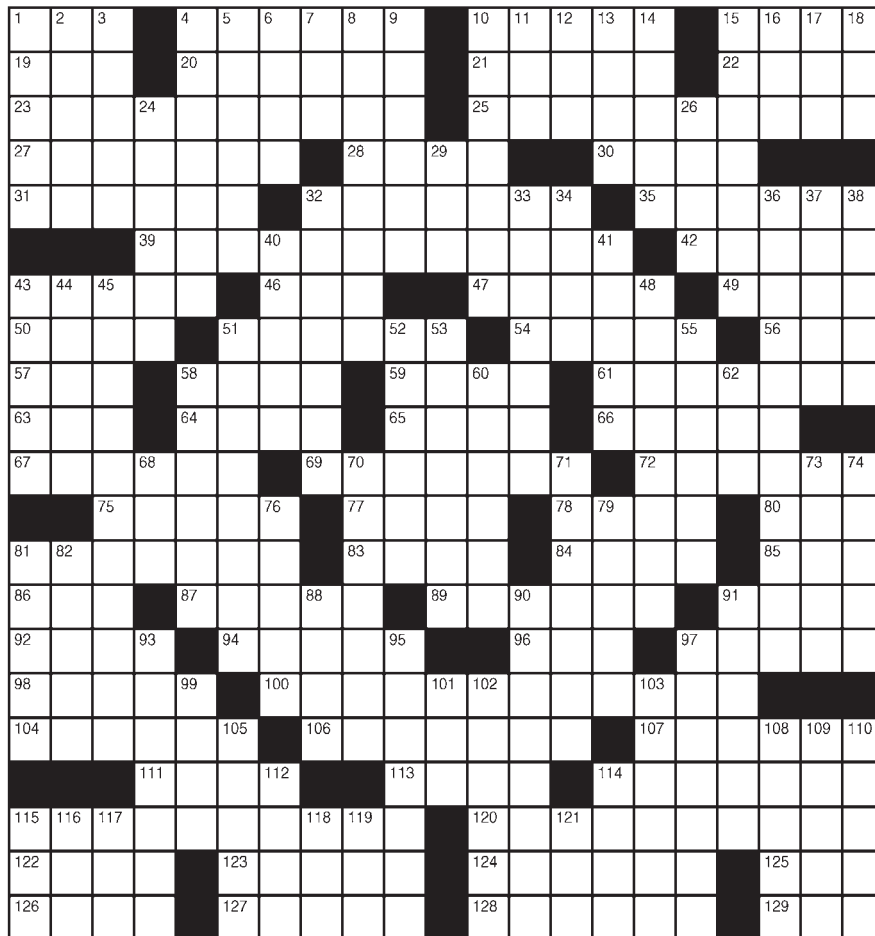
Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Take time in the jacuzzi
 - 6 Shopping markets
 - 8 Where wagon wheels roll
 - 10 Door hanger
 - 11 Person who endures hardship
 - 13 African fox
 - 14 Backyard retreat
 - 16 Buenos follower
 - 17 Sharp attack of emotion
 - 19 Go off track
 - 20 Way back when
 - 22 Salad ingredients, perhaps
 - 29 Famous movie sub
 - 36 Down-under bird
 - 37 Warm up again
 - 38 Clara Bow hat
 - 39 Recline
 - 40 Sherlock or Perry, e.g.
 - 41 Meager
 - 42 Star of Aquila
 - 43 Beer purchases
 - 44 Irish group
 - 45 Purchased
 - 46 Bird
 - 47 Conveyed real estate
 - 53 Air chamber
 - 59 Mobile state (abbr.)
 - 60 Wreath
 - 61 Reach
 - 62 Expedition
 - 63 Rocky pinnacle
 - 64 Gullet related
 - 66 True meaning, in law
 - 68 Zip
 - 69 Succor
 - 70 Duck or down
 - 74 Purple flower
 - 77 Port city of Denmark
 - 80 Hot water fountain
 - 82 Time will tell
 - 83 Dan Wheldon, for one
 - 84 Suffocated
 - 86 Food
 - 87 Rough-skinned sharks
- DOWN**
- 1 Transport vessel
 - 2 Sun god worshipper
 - 3 Body mark, for short
 - 4 Grating
 - 5 Poetry muse
 - 6 Marriage announcement
 - 7 Patton actor
 - 8 Motion picture
 - 9 Your friends
 - 10 HRH part
 - 12 Mutt
 - 13 Trump and his "Apprentice" judges
 - 15 Yachtsman
 - 16 French artist
 - 18 Braggadocio's strong point
 - 19 Election issue
 - 21 Required
 - 22 Change the name of a book
 - 23 Hard abrasive powders
 - 24 Fido or Tabby
 - 25 Greek letter
 - 26 Hallow ending
 - 27 Music with a synchoped melody
 - 28 Dump
 - 29 TV maker
 - 30 Right angled letter
 - 31 Polka or micro
 - 32 Andes tuber
 - 33 Chinese life force
 - 34 Phantom
 - 35 Boot up
 - 47 Flower
 - 48 Pitching measure
 - 49 Energy unit
 - 50 Perish
 - 51 Actress, Mendez
 - 52 Pa. neighbor
 - 53 Beatles song '___ Love You' (2 wds)
 - 54 Computer network
 - 55 Amphibian
 - 56 Glaswegian rejection
 - 57 Amphora
 - 58 Above ground level
 - 65 Eskimo or Tweety?
 - 67 Mork's gal (abbr.)
 - 71 Beaver's bailiwick
 - 72 Geologic times
 - 73 Poet's challenge
 - 74 French school
 - 75 Up for resale
 - 76 A pop
 - 78 Submersible warship
 - 79 Brief, sharp argument
 - 80 Loon-related diving bird
 - 81 Noblemen
 - 85 One's luck

ICKY STUFF

- ACROSS**
- 1 Limelight hog
 - 4 Part of SSA
 - 10 Donkey cries
 - 15 Middle of Roman months
 - 19 Altar constellation
 - 20 Strongly opposed
 - 21 Violinist's move
 - 22 Stout's stout sleuth
 - 23 Of ill health
 - 25 Knockout drink
 - 27 Minimally
 - 28 Swan genus
 - 30 Bigfoot's shoe size
 - 31 "___ and Louise"
 - 32 Load ahead of time
 - 35 Trattoria offerings
 - 39 Quick as a wink
 - 42 Controlled entrance
 - 43 Coolidge's VP
 - 46 Daisy of Dogpatch
 - 47 Psalm ending
 - 49 Flip through
 - 50 Kuwait's leader
 - 51 Polyester fabric
 - 54 Anchor position
 - 56 Frontier scout Carson
 - 57 Muscle spasm
 - 58 Neophyte: var.
 - 59 Undecided
 - 61 Musical sweet potato
 - 63 Inuit: abbr.
 - 64 80-year-old prefix
 - 65 Poetic works
 - 66 Old Scottish dagger
 - 67 African antelope
 - 69 Of pants
 - 72 Affixed a label to
 - 75 Available buyer
 - 77 Macpherson of "Sirens"
 - 78 On top of
 - 80 Lennon's Yoko
 - 81 Italian gentleman
 - 83 Honey drink
 - 84 Captured GIs
 - 85 Kilmer of "The Doors"
 - 86 Alfonso's queen
 - 87 Pagliacci's beloved
 - 89 Alloted amount
 - 91 Offshoot group
 - 92 Takes a chair
 - 94 Loam, loess, etc.
 - 96 Adjective-forming suffix
 - 97 Distresses
 - 98 Christmas carols
 - 100 Treat
 - 104 Going cheap
 - 106 Barnum's first name
 - 107 Attack of painful spasms
 - 111 Outlay
 - 113 Ken. neighbor
 - 114 Sharp-cornered
 - 115 Superlatively dilapidated
 - 120 Assigning monikers
 - 122 Big name in sound systems
 - 123 Deliver a keynote speech
 - 124 Paler and grayer
 - 125 One to Juan
 - 126 Munich's river
 - 127 Duchin or Nero
 - 128 Improves by editing
 - 129 Kettle and Barker
- DOWN**
- 1 Attacks
 - 2 Math subj.
 - 3 Twinned crystal
 - 4 Seasoned sausages
 - 5 Egg receptacle
 - 6 Dollar fraction
 - 7 Wrath
 - 8 Classifier
 - 9 Ballerina Collier
 - 10 False accusations
 - 11 Upstate NY school
 - 12 Opening letters
 - 13 Oxen connector
 - 14 Use a broom
 - 15 Congregates too much
 - 16 "Agnus ___"
 - 17 Osprey's cousin
 - 18 Word in sequels
 - 24 Annie Sullivan's pupil
 - 26 Words from pros?
 - 29 Goddess of the harvest
 - 32 Mariner's jacket
 - 33 Sanitize
 - 34 Tartan wrap
 - 36 Running smoothly
 - 37 French actor Delon
 - 38 "The Flying Dutchman" girl
 - 40 S.S. Kresge's discount chain
 - 41 Poi sources
 - 43 Try to prevent
 - 44 "Witness" sect
 - 45 Doors in doors
 - 48 Whistle stop
 - 51 Battled for bargains
 - 52 Peter of "My Favorite Year"
 - 53 Like knobby clusters
 - 55 Songs of praise
 - 58 Adopted
 - 60 Mignonette
 - 62 Tattered cloth
 - 68 Proscribe
 - 70 Chance to get even
 - 71 Indonesian currency
 - 73 Perform
 - 74 Dunderheads
 - 76 Load more salsa on one's chip
 - 79 Bay on the English Channel
 - 81 Newsman Frank
 - 82 Bulge at the back of the head
 - 88 Tap trickle
 - 90 Revolt against conventions
 - 91 Chinese dish
 - 93 Goldbrick
 - 95 Skip like a stone
 - 97 Airport buildings
 - 99 Blackthorn fruit
 - 101 Nice one?
 - 102 Bird feathers
 - 103 Browned
 - 105 Legally bar
 - 108 Pelvic bone
 - 109 Granny
 - 110 Rival of Sparta and Athens
 - 112 Run out of gas
 - 114 Related (to)
 - 115 Slugger's stat
 - 116 Greek island
 - 117 Dixie letters
 - 118 What to do at Joe's
 - 119 Sault __ Marie
 - 121 Cohort of Fidel



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 One catchy song was popular with many of the creatures on Noah's ark: "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head."

AtTheMovies

Please pass the sanitizer 'Contagion' is feel-good movie of the year

Review by **David Edwards**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Call me a jaded elitist, but when I see a virus movie, I expect the people who catch it to – at the very least – kill and maybe eat people who haven't caught the disease. It wouldn't hurt for cries of "Brains!" to fill the air, either.

Some of the brains involved with the new film "Contagion" were the ones behind the creation of the trailer that leads one to believe it is both scary and suspenseful. It is neither. But the trailer makes sure to get your hopes up.

I know I warn against the evils of having expectations when you go to a movie but, dang it, the preview for "Contagion" just makes that little germ (or fomite as we learn it's called when passed via touch from person to person) of anticipation leap off the screen and infect us with the hope of being creeped out of our seats.

And "Contagion" is a little creepy and scary, but in the sense of "Could this really

happen?" and the answer is in the affirmative. We have, after all, had to deal with pod people, crab monsters and Mechagodzilla just in my lifetime. But this virus thing is much more probable – probably – and the speed it travels is pretty scary even if passing it along doesn't involve anyone getting bitten by anyone else (darn it!).

"Contagion" reminded me a little of those '70s disaster movies in which an A-list group of actors must survive a weak script as well as burning buildings, capsized ocean liners or earthquakes (complete with "Sensurround"). Or maybe some B-list performers have to fight off killer bees, rats or some other nature-gone-haywire phenomenon. "Contagion" is fortunately better than that.

It does have an all-star cast – Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Kate Winslet, Marion Cotillard, Jude Law, Laurence Fishburne and, one of my current faves, Bryan Cranston. (If you haven't seen "Breaking Bad" on AMC, you are missing something special.)

That's a bunch of

Oscars, Oscar nominees, Emmy winners and that cussing guy from "Snakes on a Plane." (Just kidding, it's really that Morpheus guy from "The Matrix.") Director Steven Soderbergh won an Oscar for "Traffic," was nominated for "Erin Brockovich" and directed the new versions of "Oceans 11," ... and "12" ... and "13." So no shortage of talent here.

As the story unfolds, we see a woman (Paltrow) in a Chicago airport bar on her way to Minneapolis. Beth Emhoff, it appears, has just had a sexual assignation with a man who isn't Mr. (Matt Damon) Emhoff. She coughs, rushes to catch her plane and by the time she gets home is pretty sick – actually really sick. From there, as you can imagine, things get a lot worse.

The film is structured so we see the progression of the virus at various day "markers." When after just a few days, people start dying in the U.S. and Asia, the CDC and the World Health Organization start to take notice. Beth was in Hong Kong for the groundbreaking of a new factory and she may be the infamous "patient zero," or the first infected.

A video of a Chinese man having a seizure and dying on a train goes viral – as it were – thanks to blogger Alan Krumwiede (Law) who fans the conspiracy theory flames. Could the CDC and WHO be in cahoots with the pharmaceutical companies? Is there a homeopathic cure they aren't telling us about?

While scientists scramble to isolate and identify the virus (Thank God Elliott Gould agreed to do an uncredited cameo!), Dr. Leonora Orantes (Cotillard) is dispatched to Hong Kong to trace the origins of the virus while Dr. Erin Mears (Winslet) does the same in Minnesota. Dr. Ellis Cheever (Jackson, I mean Fishburne) tries to manage much of the operation while dealing with all the government agencies (including the Department of Homeland Security, which has biological weapon concerns) and the media. (Remember how you over-hyped the swine flu?)

While the filmmakers and performers are highly skilled, the overall tone of the film reminded me more of a PSA or PBS look at how disease is spread. We learn, for example, that the average person touches their face three to

five times every minute.

Other than Damon and his teenage daughter Jory (Anna Jacoby-Heron), and perhaps Winslet's dedicated epidemic intelligence officer, I wasn't too emotionally involved with any of the characters. It could be that I was numbed by the potential deaths of a billion people and the potential loss of some of the main characters lacked some personal impact. There wasn't much in the dramatic tension department either. The only thing "scary" was the simple cause of the outbreak and its complete randomness.

I'm not sure the filmmakers achieved their desired goal – scaring everyone into thinking about how vulnerable we are. Seeing a well-known actress staring blankly as a saw cuts a flap of her scalp which then folds over her dead eyes shouldn't elicit laughter, but that was the case.

Steven Spielberg convinced me a long time ago not to swim in the ocean, and I almost never approach a big guy with a machete wearing a hockey mask. (At least until there are girls taking a shower.) But scaring me into getting a flu shot that became available this week – Coincidence? – I don't know.



Kate Winslet as Dr. Erin Mears in the thriller "Contagion," now playing in theaters.

CONTAGION

Starring: Matt Damon, Laurence Fishburne

Rated: PG-13

Running time: 105 minutes

Director: Steven Soderbergh

I hope there are still latex gloves and facemasks when I get to Los Angeles.

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AtTheMovies

Picking the Flicks




Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

Rise of Planet of the Apes
 Rating: PG-13
 Plot Overview: Man's own experiments with genetic engineering lead to the development of intelligence in apes and the onset of a war for supremacy.
 Starring: James Franco, Andy Serkis Director: Rupert Wyatt



Sarah's Key
 Rating: PG-13
 Plot Overview: In modern-day Paris, a journalist finds her life becoming entwined with a young girl whose family was torn apart during the notorious Vel' d'Hiv Roundup in 1942.
 Starring: Kristin Scott Thomas, Méluine Mayance
 Director: Gilles Paquet-Brenner



Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D
 Rating: PG
 Plot Overview: Retired agent Marissa Cortez Wilson gets back into action to stop a supervillain from taking over the planet.
 Starring: Jessica Alba, Jeremy Piven Director: Robert Rodriguez




Don't be Afraid of the Dark
 Rating: R
 Plot Overview: A young girl sent to live with her father and his new girlfriend discovers creatures in her new home who want to claim her as one of their own.
 Starring: Katie Holmes, Guy Pearce Director: Troy Nixey



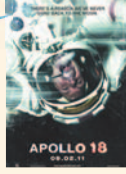
Bucky Larson: Born to be a Star
 Rating: R
 Plot Overview: A kid from the Midwest moves to Hollywood in order to follow in his parents footsteps – and become a porn star.
 Starring: Nick Swardson, Don Johnson
 Director: Tom Brady




Warrior
 Rating: PG-13
 Plot Overview: The youngest son of an alcoholic former boxer returns home, where he's trained by his father for competition.
 Starring: Tom Hardy, Nick Nolte
 Director: Gavin O'Connor




Apollo 18
 Rating: PG-13
 Plot Overview: Decades-old found footage from NASA's abandoned Apollo 18 mission reveals the reason the U.S. has never returned to the moon.
 Starring: N/A
 Director: Gonzalo López-Gallego




Shark Night 3D
 Rating: PG-13
 Plot Overview: A weekend at a lake house turns into a nightmare for seven vacationers as they are subjected to fresh-water shark attacks.
 Starring: Sara Paxton, Dustin Milligan
 Director: David Ellis




The Debt
 Rating: R
 Plot Overview: An espionage thriller about a trio that tracks down a Nazi war criminal.
 Starring: Helen Mirren, Sam Worthington
 Director: John Madden




Contagion
 Rating: PG-13
 Plot Overview: An action-thriller centered on the threat posed by a deadly disease and an international team of doctors contracted by the CDC to deal with the outbreak.
 Starring: Matt Damon, Kate Winslet
 Director: Steve Soderbergh




Colombiana
 Rating: PG-13
 Plot Overview: A young woman, after witnessing her parents' murder as a child in Bogota, grows up to be a stone-cold assassin.
 Starring: Zoe Saldana, Michael Vartan
 Director: Olivier Megaton




The Help
 Rating: PG-13
 Plot Overview: A look at what happens when a Southern town's unspoken code of rules and behavior is shattered by three women who strike up an unlikely friendship.
 Starring: Emma Stone, Viola Davis
 Director: Tate Taylor




Straw Dogs
 Rating: R
 Plot Overview: L.A. screenwriter relocates with his wife to her hometown in the deep South, and while tensions build between them, a brewing conflict with locals becomes a threat to them both.
 Starring: James Marsden, Kate Bosworth
 Director: Rod Lurie
OPENING FRIDAY, SEPT. 16




Drive
 Rating: R
 Plot Overview: A Hollywood stunt performer who moonlights as a wheelman discovers that a contract has been put on him after a heist gone wrong.
 Starring: Ryan Gosling, Carey Mulligan
 Director: Nicolas Winding Refn
OPENING FRIDAY, SEPT. 16



I Don't Know How She Does It
 Rating:
 Plot Overview: A comedy centered on the life of a finance executive who is the breadwinner for her husband and two kids.
 Starring: Sarah Jessica Parker, Pierce Brosnan
 Director: Douglas McGrath
OPENING FRIDAY, SEPT. 16



Lion King 3D
 Rating: G
 Plot Overview: One of Disney's most popular musicals comes back to the theater – this time in 3-D.
 Starring: Matthew Broderick, Jeremy Irons
 Director: Roger Allers, Rob Minkoff
OPENING FRIDAY, SEPT. 16



New this week on DVD Tuesday, Sept. 20

Bridesmaids
 Rating: R
 Genre: Comedy
 Starring: Kristen Wig, Maya Rudolph
 Director: Paul Feig

Bride Flight
 Rating: R
 Genre: Drama, Romance
 Starring: Karina Smulders, Waldemar Torenstra
 Director: Ben Sombogaart

Today's Special
 Rating: R
 Genre: Comedy
 Starring: Dean Winters, Aarti Majmudar
 Director: David Kaplan

Breaking the Press
 Rating: PG
 Genre: Family, Drama
 Starring: Drew Waters, Farah White
 Director: Andrew Stevens

Spooky Buddies
 Rating: G
 Genre: Family, Comedy
 Starring: Harland Williams, Elisa Donovan
 Director: Robert Vince

Top Grossing Sept. 9-11

- 1 **Contagion** (Week No. 1) \$23,135,000
- 2 **The Help** (Week No. 5) \$8,691,000
- 3 **Warrior** (Week No. 1) \$5,607,000
- 4 **The Debt** (Week No. 2) \$4,905,000
- 5 **Colombiana** (Week No. 3) \$4,000,000
- 6 **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (Week No. 6) \$3,875,000
- 7 **Shark Night 3D** (Week No. 2) \$3,533,000
- 8 **Apollo 18** (Week No. 2) \$2,913,000
- 9 **Our Idiot Brother** (Week No. 3) \$2,761,000
- 10 **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World** (Week No. 4) \$2,506,000

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ArtsBriefs

Author luncheon recognizes local writer

A tribute to the late Keith Wilson, the presentation of the 2011 Author Award, recognition of Life Members, and a raffle basket of gifts will be among the features at the 28th annual Authors Luncheon of the Friends of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre.

The luncheon is designed to spotlight local authors. Special recognition will be given to Life Members of the Friends for their commitment to the public library. More than 50 Life Members still live in Las Cruces and its environs.

The 2011 Author Award, given by the friends for a recent work by a local author, will be presented to Margaret Walters, who, with assistance from her son Mark, wrote "When the Lights Go On Again: A Young Person's View of Life on the Home Front During WWII."

Other local authors whose books were submitted include Charles Bowden ("Dreamland: The Way Out of Juarez"), Rus Bradburd ("Forty Minutes of Hell: The Extraordinary Life of Nolan Richardson"), Jennifer Cervantes ("Tortilla Sun"), Cherry Jamison and Virginia Hanley ("Two Ways of Seeing: Two Sisters"), Darlis A. Miller ("Open Range: The Life of Agnes Morley Cleveland"), Alan Riehl ("The Treasure of Akkad"), Robin Romm ("The Mercy Papers: A Memoir of Three Weeks"), Ann C. Sallemi ("Confusing My Tenses") and Keith Wilson (posthumously for "Shaman of the Desert: The Collected Poems 1965-2001").

A tribute to the internationally renowned poet Wilson will include brief remarks by his wife Heloise Wilson and a talk by Doña Ana County Commissioner Billy Garrett on Wilson's many contributions to Las Cruces.

Remember when?



Remember Then, a '50s tribute band, will present a concert at the Black Box Theatre at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Specializing in top hits from the '50s and '60s, this group pleases all age groups with a high-energy performance. Amazing audiences with outstanding vocal ability, the show features five members singing in harmony. For more information, call 523-1223.

Reservations to the luncheon are required. Tickets may be purchased for \$25 per person. For more information, call Eileen at 496-0264.

Mesilla Jazz Happening raffle

The Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society is holding a raffle to support the musicians scheduled to perform at the Mesilla Jazz Happening Oct. 1-2 on the Mesilla Plaza.

The merchants of Las Cruces and Mesilla have donated more than 40 prizes that will be awarded at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. The cost for tickets are \$2 or three for \$5. For more information or to purchase tickets, call James Helder at 373-2188 or Bob Burns at 525-9333.

Fundraiser benefits LCCT

The Las Cruces Community Theatre enters its 50th season in 2012, and would like to return the theater the look it had in 1940 when it first opened as the State Theatre. Members are planning to replace the current marquee with one that will resemble the old and are looking to underwrite the cost with two back-to-back fundraisers at the theater, 313 N. Main St.

At 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, the Big Band

on the Rio Grande will entertain people with smooth jazz and swing music as it has for the past 20 years. Tickets are \$6.

The second show will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, and is a 1940s USO tribute, which recently sold out several performances. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 523-1200.

SumArt Fest at Mikey's Place

An all-ages community arts party sponsored by Mountain View Market, SumArt and Mikey's Place – A Workshop for the Arts, will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at Mikey's Place, 3100 Harrelson St. Dozens of local artists and crafts vendors will be on hand as well as live entertainment. The cost is \$3 at the door.

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Reasons to live by



Bob Nosbisch
Getting the Word Out

I believe things happen for a reason. Sometimes we may not know what those reasons are, but that does not mean the reasons do not exist.

A prospective interviewee for this column informed me late last week that he needed to reschedule. With other pressing responsibilities on Friday, there was no time to find a replacement interviewee.

That was probably a good thing, because perhaps the underlying reason for the cancellation was to give me the opportunity to write about something else.

You see, just like many others around the world, I also watched the memorial ceremonies on the 10th anniversary of the horrific attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, hereafter referred to as "9/11."

Some people thought the news coverage was overkill.

One guy posted on Facebook that he would stay off the social site until "all the flag-waving died down." (Ironically, he was back on a few hours later, "needing" a game piece for something or other.)

Others said the news coverage was cathartic.

In the political science class I teach on Saturday mornings at the Doña Ana Community College East Mesa campus, I asked my students to recall what they were doing on that sad day 10 years ago, how they felt about the increased level of security now in the U.S. as a result of 9/11 and if they felt the past 10 years have united or divided us as Americans.

One of the students in the class was working in Washington, D.C., at the time the Pentagon was attacked.

Two other students said the events of that day were the impetus for them to join the military. Their papers were amazing.

And that brings me to the crux of this article.

The events of 9/11 not only reflect the importance of our nation's military and law enforcement, but also spotlight the importance of having trained professionals in the growing arena of health care.

The need to have trained doctors, nurses and other medical personnel was evident.

As plumes of smoke billowed into the sky from the World Trade Center creating environmental health problems, the need for trained public health specialists was underscored.

As individuals and families dealt with loss, grief, hurt and heartache, the spotlight shone on the need for trained social workers, too.

Social workers, public health specialists and nurses have had a long history of responding to other emergencies as well.

A few years after 9/11, these experts arrived in New Orleans by plane, train, bus and car, ready to help the people whose homes and livelihoods were

See **Reasons** on page D4

High Heels for High Hopes

Local volunteers rock the runway for a cause

By **Charlotte Tallman**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Seven continents of style will be making an impact for the March of Dimes during the fifth Annual High Heels for High Hopes Runway Style Show.

This year, four salons, 21 fashionable women with big hearts and host Steve Chavira will take the stage Friday, Nov. 18, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., to bring hope to babies born prematurely, like Nathon Lerma, this year's March of Dimes New Mexico Ambassador.

Nathon's mom, Melissa Pacheco, was only 28 weeks along in her pregnancy with twins, and on Nov. 1, 2006, "I moved over in bed and my water broke," Pacheco said.

"Contractions started and they tried really hard to stop them. On Nov. 5, the contractions started again and this time they wouldn't stop."

At 7 a.m. Nov. 6, 2006, Anthony Lerma was born by cesarean section, and one hour later, his twin, Nathon, was brought into the world the same way.

"Both were breathing and crying normally," Pacheco said, but soon doctors realized something was wrong. "I had no idea what was going on until I was in recovery, and instead of the doctor coming in to give me the news that my boys were amazingly well, he told me of my son's life-threatening condition."

Both boys were in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), and Pacheco could not see them.

Nathon was born with a diaphragmatic hernia and had surgery at 4 days old. Throughout his young life, he has experienced medical technology, treatment and preventive measures including NICU technology, intravenous feeding, medication and multiple surgeries – many

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Photo by Becky Horner

High Heels for High Hopes volunteers and March of Dimes board members toured the MountainView Regional Medical Center nursery on Aug. 31 to learn more about the neonatal services offered.

Details

Salon and model participants

Studio 037 Salon

Cori Johnson
Dianne Silva
Jana Ward
Janet Acosta-Clifton
Michelle McClure
Renaye Charlet

The Fixx

Gricel Mendoza Chavez

Holly Jones
Patricia Bolliger
Kathleen Upp
Mandy Leatherwood
Terra Van Winter

Salon Allure

Amber Soberon
Parisa Mansouri-Rad
Kerri Rodriguez

Audralee Scofield
Krystal Parra
Krista Roman

The Mint

Pauline Wills
Lisa Ortega
Krisha DeLong

Old medicine in a new world

Using acupuncture to restore your 'chi'

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Anytime the word "needles" is mentioned, more than likely someone in the room will cringe.

Those who are used to the modern, Western medicinal traditions are conditioned at an early age to fear those doctor visits where shots are involved. Anyone who has had a rough time getting the kids to the doctor's office for routine shots could tell you this is true.

Needles are not all bad, however, and not all of them cause pain.

On the contrary, acupuncture is a practice actively sought throughout the world to cure hundreds of different pains and illnesses, using – yes – needles.

Acupuncture is an ancient form of Chinese medicine that focuses on energy channels throughout the body called meridians to restore one's chi (pronounced "chee").

Chi is considered the vital living force that

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Christiansen

Dr. Masaaki Nakano, licensed acupuncturist of the Oriental Medicine Clinic, inserts tiny needles at specific acupoints for Alia Cornelius' scheduled treatment Wednesday, Sept. 14.

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devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

This year, they have responded to problems caused by hurricanes, tornadoes, drought and other natural disasters, as well as the everyday needs of people and families.

And as new medicine helps people live longer, the need for nurses, public health professionals and social workers continues to grow.

Fortunately, New Mexico State University is helping to meet the needs of our various populations.

In the College of Health and Social Services, a student can earn an undergraduate or graduate degree in the fields of nursing, community and public health and social work.

As someone who has worked in this college for only a few short years, I am grateful for the opportunity to work with and know many dynamic people in each of these fields.

I also am grateful for the support and assistance provided to this college by the upper administration at NMSU as well as by many community organizations and individuals. Thanksgiving may be two months away, but I'm proud to say "Thank you" now.

And that is the reason for this article.

Bob Nosbisch is a senior program specialist in the NMSU College of Health and Social Services. The views expressed here are his own and may not reflect the views of the Regents or administration of NMSU.

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things that were possible thanks to March of Dimes research.

"Nathon has had so many treatments and technologies used in order to survive, and the majority have been researched by the March of Dimes," Pacheco said. "The March of Dimes provides so many new ideas, some of which saved my son's life."

Nathon, now 4 years old, loves playing T-ball, swimming, playing video games and spending time with his family.

In August, Pacheco and Nathon shared their story with High Heels for High Hopes models and salon owners at MountainView Regional Medical Center, where they toured the labor and delivery unit and the special care nursery.

"Babies born at 32 weeks can now receive care at both MountainView Regional Medical Center and Memorial Medical Center, instead of going to El Paso or Albuquerque," said March of Dimes Division Director Becky Horner.

Horner said the community is also working toward its own Level III neonatal intensive care services to keep more babies who need intensive care "close to home."

Premature birth can happen to any woman, and about half of all early births happen for unknown reasons.

Many of these babies are so small, their

lives hang in the balance, and many don't survive. Babies born even just a few weeks early are three times more likely to die before their first birthday than full-term babies. Others suffer lifelong consequences, like mental retardation, chronic lung disease and blindness.

Which is why March of Dimes is dedicated to the fight against premature birth, and through the High Heels for High Hopes campaign, community members can help.

Leading up to the Nov. 18 event – presented by MountainView Regional Medical Center, the Las Cruces Bulletin and Radio of Las Cruces – an elite group of outstanding women in Doña Ana County nominated for their active community service and leadership within the community and salons dedicated to ending premature birth, will raise funds that will ultimately support research, education and community service opportunities through the March of Dimes, an organization whose mission focuses on preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant death.

Community members can help by donating to one of the High Heels for High Hopes women, becoming a sponsor for the Nov. 18 runway show or purchasing tickets for the event.

For more information, to donate online or reserve tickets or tables, visit www.highheelsforhighhopes.kintera.org/lascruces.

Details

High Heels for High Hopes

When

6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18

Where

Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Cost

VIP table (seats 6): \$1,000

VIP seat single: \$100

VIP seat couple: \$175

General admission: \$50

After party: \$10

Website

www.highheelsforhighhopes.kintera.org/lascruces



Acupuncture

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separates the living from the dead.

According to the Chinese doctrine, there are 14 meridians, or energy channels, coursing through the head, arms, hands, legs, feet, torso and internal organs, which directly affect a person's chi.

Any imbalance within the meridians can cause a disruption to one's chi, and acupuncturists use specific "acupoints" to stimulate healing.

Many acupuncturists choose to focus on techniques that give them a specific expertise on certain areas of the body.

John Gibson, doctor of oriental medicine

at Las Cruces Acupuncture & Herbs, said he mostly sees patients seeking treatment for pain in the back, neck and shoulders.

Gibson said most of his patients are surprised by how relaxed they are after a session.

"It's all about helping the body help itself by bringing it back to harmony and balance naturally," Gibson said.

Different from modern injection needles, which are thick and stiff, acupuncture needles are about as thick as a piece of thread and flexible, producing little to no sensation when used.

For New Mexico State University sophomore Alia Cornelius, acupuncture has been her only relief since a car accident earlier this year left her with multiple injuries to her knee and ribs.

"I went to physical therapy for around two

months with having no signs of relief," Cornelius said.

Cornelius said she has only had six acupuncture appointments and isn't "100 percent better" yet, but has already seen immense improvement.

"I'm scared to death of needles, but it's not bad at all. You don't feel them being put in or taken out," Cornelius said. "I've even fallen asleep during visits before."

Typically acupuncturists try to make the patient as comfortable as possible through playing peaceful music and creating an overall calm environment.

In addition to pain and discomfort, acupuncture is sought for a wide variety of ailments, including women's health, stress, anger, insomnia, alcohol and drug addictions

and more.

Cornelius said once she has completed her current therapy, she plans to continue acupuncture treatment to try and alleviate her allergy symptoms.

Her advice to those who might be nervous about the needles?

"I would tell them it isn't as bad as it seems. I never thought you would catch me getting acupuncture, but now I have no problem with it," Cornelius said.

Gibson began studying acupuncture since 2001 at the National Institute of Chinese Medicine in Albuquerque, and has been practicing as a licensed practitioner in 2005.

For more information on the benefits of acupuncture or for a free consultation, call Gibson at 202-1625.

Health Brief

Deming Winefest 2011 uncorks breast cancer awareness

Along with a wide selection of reds and whites, the 17th annual St. Clair Winefest will also have pink this year.

Benefiting cancer support of Deming and Luna counties with a new "pink" theme on Oct. 8 and 9 at St. Clair Winery, 1325 DeBeca Road SE in Deming, N.M.

"We're really excited to be supporting breast cancer awareness with our annual event," said St. Clair Manager Jennifer Emery. "We've come up with a whole bunch of new things this year, like a Pink Pageant and a fireworks display."

The Winefest will also feature the traditional bottle-opening contest and a grape-stomp event, along with a wine recipe contest.

The event will offer winery tours throughout both days,

giving attendees a chance to see the inside of New Mexico's largest winery operation.

There will be live music all weekend long, including sets by Rhythm Mystic, the Buzz Tones, Chain of Fools and the Garcia Family Band.

For more information about St. Clair or the festival, call toll free at 866-336-7357.

Regular admission to the festival is \$5 for adults and includes a souvenir wine glass and wine sampling. All wines will be available for sampling and for sale by the glass or the bottle. Persons under 21 will be admitted for \$2 if accompanied by a parent, spouse or legal guardian. Children 12 and under are free.

Massage Envy Las Cruces hosts benefit for arthritis

Massage Envy has joined forces with the Arthritis Foundation to host Healing Hands for Arthritis, a one-day national event to build awareness and raise funds to fight arthritis.

On World Arthritis Day, Oct. 12, Massage Envy Las Cruces will donate \$10 from every one-hour massage and facial to the Arthritis Foundation.

"We strongly encourage the Las Cruces community to come out on Oct. 12, to help fight a disease that affects 50 million Americans and is actually our nation's leading cause of disability," said Rod Reyes, Massage Envy Las Cruces owner.

To make an appointment for the Healing Hands for Arthritis event, contact the Massage Envy Las Cruces at 525-3689. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

All proceeds donated during Healing Hands for Arthritis

will support the Arthritis Foundation's nationwide efforts to prevent, control and cure arthritis.

Mesilla Valley Hospital celebrates national recovery month

Mesilla Valley Hospital of Las Cruces is celebrating National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery month with a special reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the south building of Mesilla Valley Hospital, 3751 Del Rey Blvd.

The reception will honor individuals in recovery, family and friends of those in recovery and professionals who provide care to those in recovery.

"We are proud to celebrate recovery month since we have the pleasure to work with so many individuals struggling with substance abuse, the theme of recovery is definitely something to be celebrated," said Brian Hemmert, Mesilla Valley Hospital CEO.

Scheduled to speak are Terry Hamilton and Robin McClain, both of Mesilla Valley's Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), and a special guest, who has achieved long-term recovery, will discuss his personal recovery story.

The event is open to anyone, including individuals in recovery, along with their family and friends, behavioral health providers and community members. Refreshments will be served.

"This year's recovery month theme is very fitting and something we take to heart at Mesilla Valley because we know substance abuse not only affects the person dealing with the condition, but the community, friends and family that surround that person, too," Hemmert said.

Healthy Happenings



TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which starts 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.

CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, an activity support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

The group matches those in need of support with volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment. For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door.

Overeaters Anonymous is also offered at noon each Wednesday at the Saint James Episcopal Church, 105 Saint James St., in the library. For more information, call Wayne at 647-5684.

The group also has a big-book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Co-Dependents Anonymous meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The one-hour meetings are intended to help those who have been raised in an 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.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A family caregiver support group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Café España in the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Co-facilitators with many years of experience in senior-care issues will be on hand.

HIV SUPPORT GROUP

A Las Cruces HIV Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. The group offers advocacy and support for both those infected with or affected by the HIV virus, and focuses on the rebuilding of community, outreach, education, self-advocacy and wellness. For more information, call Seth at 621-0681.

WATER AEROBICS CLASSES

Water aerobics classes will be held at 1 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday in a shaded outdoor pool at The Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Cost is \$3 per session or \$35 monthly. For more information or to register, contact Pam at 382-8218 or sfurandfeathers@aol.com.

STRENGTHENING HIV+ INDIVIDUALS

The support group Strengthening HIV+ Individuals thru Never-ending Enlightenment & Encouragement (SHINE) meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive, in the Red Room. Cold refreshments are provided. The support group is open to all men and women, regardless of their sexual orientation. The support group is held in a confidential, safe and welcoming atmosphere where participants can come together to support one another. For more information, call 652-9100.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Housing Authority of Las Cruces, 926 S. San Pedro St. Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee

and conversation. For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

DITCH RUNNERS MEET SUNDAYS

The Las Cruces Ditch Runners hold group runs every Sunday morning from the Jason Jiron Park on Three Crosses Avenue. For more information, call Lynn at 373-0982, John at 532-8151 or email jleroy@q.com.

LOW-VISION SUPPORT GROUP

A low-vision support group meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., and from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Facilitator is psychologist Cheryl Black.

For more information, call 528-3000.

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, call Solomon at 522-5350 or email wildyoga@yahoo.com.

YOGA CLASSES BY KAREN NICHOLS

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 Jardin 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.

TAIJI QIGONG DANCE

Mei Ling Po McKay is offering a slow and relaxed moving meditation exercise with gentle elements of dance from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays at My Place Jewel, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donation is \$2. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience. For more information, email McKay at harmeizianet.com or call 382-8978.

BELLY DANCE YOGA

Suhaila offers a new yoga experience geared to stretching and toning muscles. Suitable for all levels of experience from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays at My Place Jewel, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost is \$5. For more information, call 621-2746.

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.

T'AI CHI CHIH CLASSES

Instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado will T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement classes from 9 to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Young Park,

1905 E. Nevada Ave.

For more information, call 505-359-5256 and leave a short message or email rositaad@aol.com.

ZUMBA EXERCISE

Zumba exercise classes are available at 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 for one hour. For more information, call 680-6515.

ULTIMATE DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

The Ultimate Diabetic, a support group for a type 1 and type 2 diabetics will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, in the Piñon Conference Room at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. The topic will be summer nutrition. For more information, call the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach at 522-0289.

MONTHLY CICLOVÍA

Las Cruces looking for a fun way to get healthy and active can participate in monthly Ciclovía health events from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, at Young Park, 1955 E. Nevada Ave. Ciclovía is free and offers bike riding, horse-shoes, walking, jogging, dancing, aerobics, jumping balloon, yoga, Zumba and more. These fun physical activity events will be held each month through October at Young Park.

Ciclovía is sponsored by the Doña Ana Diabetes Action Coalition and the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach, a nonprofit organization is fiscal sponsor.

For more information, call June Donohue at 522-0289 or for information in Spanish call

Beatriz Favela at 202-2376.

MEDITATION CLASS

A class titled "Medicine For the Mind: The Healing Power of Meditation" is being offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5, at the Saratoga Room, 1763 E. University Ave. The class is suitable for beginners as well as those with some meditation experience. Cost is \$10 per person.

YOGA CLASSES AT METHODIST CHURCH

Olivia Solomon is offering yoga classes for all levels from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Thursdays at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. For more information, call Solomon at 522-5350 or email wildyoga@yahoo.com.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Las Cruces Chapter Parkinson's Support Group meets at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call Kay Laurel Fischer at 522-4047 or Bill Wallace at 680-2520.

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Aphasia Support Group is a community group for social conversation, support and education about aphasia. The group meets at 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call 521-6400.

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Local woman joins the "Centenarian" club



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Pam Rossi

A "Happy Birthday" is well deserved for Las Cruces resident Estel Ackey, who turns 100 years old Friday, Sept. 16. Born in 1911 in Sweet Ridge, Ohio, Ackey has seen quite an amazing, ever-changing world throughout her life and within her travels to Europe, Israel, Hawaii, Alaska and Mexico. She has two daughters, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Ackey has lived at the Good Samaritan Assisted Living since 1998, where she said she has "good friends, good food and the care that I need."

The benefits of eating a plant-based diet

Which one's best for you?

Could we be turning the corner to becoming a healthier nation?

As obesity rates continue to rise across the country and health-related issues take center stage, everyone from health experts and government officials to the American public are becoming more conscious of the role diet plays – healthy or otherwise – in a person's overall well-being and how the effects of poor nutrition impact our nation's burgeoning health care costs.

Vegetarian versus vegan versus raw

As some Americans are making strides in eating healthier, a growing number of individuals are becoming increasingly aware of the health benefits of a plant-based diet and are changing the way they think about food and how they eat.

In another era, they may have been called vegetarians, but today's plant-based diets come with a number of options.

There's the vegetarian diet – which can be broken down into a variation of sub-categories, depending upon the specific foods consumed – the vegan diet and the raw food diet.

They all offer different food options, but all are rooted in plant-based foods, including fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds and legumes.

The vegetarian diet omits the consumption of meat and sometimes dairy products, eggs, fish and seafood depending upon the individual's own preference and personal beliefs.

The vegan diet takes the vegetarian diet a few steps further, cutting out all forms of meat, fish, seafood, eggs and dairy.

Becoming increasingly popular in recent years, especially with the endorsement of Hollywood celebrities is the raw foods diet, which concentrates on the consumption of uncooked, unprocessed and often organic foods.

Foods are either unheated or cooked to a

temperature below 104 degrees, with the belief that foods cooked at higher temperature lose much of their nutritional value. Although some raw foodies include raw meat products in their diets, the raw vegan diet is most common.

Health benefits of plant-based diets

All plant-based diets are believed to share a number of health benefits, including a healthier heart, reduced risk of certain cancers and chronic disease, glowing skin, a leaner body mass and increased energy.

Since individuals consuming plant-based diets generally eat more nuts, heart health is often increased.

The "good" fats found in nuts – monosaturated and polyunsaturated – help lower LDL or "bad" cholesterol levels, keeping arteries clear. Nuts also are a good source of omega-3 fatty acids, fiber and vitamin E, all found to be beneficial to a healthy heart.

Fruits and vegetables are high in fiber, which is not only good for your heart but also helps to flush toxins from the body, contributing to healthy skin.

Plus, fruits and vegetables are rich in vitamins A and E, also considered to be good for glowing skin.

Antioxidants – which destroy free radicals and help prevent certain diseases – are another health benefit to the plant-based diet.

Consuming fruits and vegetables provides added vitamin C and vitamin E, two strong antioxidants.

"There are so many health benefits achieved by incorporating more fruits and vegetables into your diet," says Anne Thacker, a registered dietician and recipe development manager at Vita-Mix Corporation, the nutritionally focused manufacturer of high-performance blenders.

"Whether you plan to focus on a plant-based diet or simply aim to make a few healthy changes, adding more fruits and vegetables to your list will reap many healthy rewards in the long term," Thacker said.

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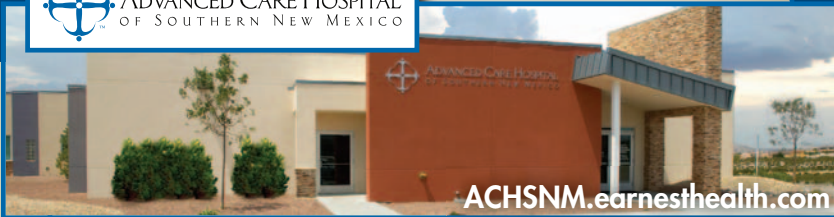
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ThePetReview

'Strut Your Mutt Across America' comes to town

Local animal programs benefit from dog walk

By Rachel Christiansen
Las Cruces Bulletin

Whether waiting at the door with a leash in its mouth or just giving that sad, forlorn look, chances are your pup makes sure you know – and feel guilty – about putting off that walk.

Alas, a chance to redeem yourself in the eyes of your furry friend is here, with the inaugural Strut Your Mutt event from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave.

The Best Friends Animal Society, a "no-kill" sanctuary in Kenab, Utah, started "Strut Your Mutt Across America" as a way for animal programs throughout the country to fundraise for their cause.

All proceeds of the event go to benefit the Spay/Neuter Action Program (SNAP) and the Doña Ana County Humane Society (DACHS) emergency vet relief fund.

SNAP board member Shannon Murray said dogwalks have been very successful in cities throughout the country, including Albuquerque, and it is time for Las Cruces to step up to the plate.

"You know it's just such a fun day, hopefully we will see more of these to come," Murray said.

The day's lineup includes food, face painting, a jumping balloon, dog adoptions and "Poochie Cones" from Caliche's.

SNAP aims to control animal overpopulation and the number of homeless animals within Doña Ana County by offering low-

cost spays and neuters to those who would otherwise be unable to afford such vet costs.

According to the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, in 2010, the intake of homeless animals in Doña Ana was more than 14,000, and of those, more than 8,000 were euthanized.

"It's a serious problem," Murray said.

Since the beginning of the year, SNAP has facilitated 803 spay/neuter surgeries, and the DACHS emergency vet relief fund has helped 50 animals recover at a cost that owners would otherwise not have been able to afford.

For those who don't have a dog but would like to keep one company for the day, dogs of all shapes and sizes in need of a good stroll will be available to "rent" for \$5.

Murray said she hopes there will be some good "bonding" resulting from the rental program, and if that be the case, the rental fee will be taken off the adoption fee.

Cat people are also encouraged to attend, Murray said, as the proceeds benefit causes that help both cats and dogs.

"If people want to wear a button with a picture of their cat on it and rent a dog to walk, that's fine with us," Murray said.

Adoption fees are \$75 and include the first set of vaccinations, a spay/neuter and a microchip. Microchipping will also be available during the event.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under and \$50 for a team of five. The first 75 people through the gates will also receive a free T-shirt.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Christiansen
Jordan Kelley and her dog Bailey stop for a rest at the Las Cruces Dog Park Tuesday, Sept. 13, to chat about the upcoming Strut Your Mutt event.

Modern-day orthopedics for animals

Keeping them in shape is best method of prevention

Strong bones, joints, ligaments and muscles are vital to healthy movement and a healthy lifestyle in animals.

When these functions go awry in a pet due to unhealthy habits or unfortunate circumstances, a pet's quality of life can still be sustained due to the modern-day procedures of orthopedics in veterinary medicine.

Dr. Sharon Kerwin, professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM) and a specialist in orthopedics and neurosurgery, said orthopedic procedures in animals are much more advanced than most people are aware.

"We perform many of the same types of procedures that are available for treatment of similar problems in humans, with the goal of getting the injured animal back to normal activities as quickly and comfortably as possible," Kerwin explains. "Advances in anesthesia, implant technology, pain control and physical rehabilitation have made this a great time to access top quality care for animals with injury or disease of the bones and joints."

Kerwin said two of the most common problems she sees in dogs and cats are cranial cruciate ligament disease (similar to an ACL tear in humans) and hip dysplasia.

Twenty years ago, affected patients of these problems would have resulted in cases of crippling osteoarthritis.

Fortunately, with today's modern conveniences and knowledgeable specialists, these patients may enjoy full recoveries.

Preventive measures are always important for owners to keep in mind, and there are many that may help alleviate future orthopedic diseases.

Kerwin suggests the best thing pet owners can do to prevent many diseases is to keep your pet healthy and in shape.

This will not only help ease orthopedic diseases, but it will help in all aspects of a pet's livelihood.

"Research in dogs indicates that dogs kept in an appropriate body condition will live two years longer than their overweight counterparts, which is a very long time in dog years," Kerwin said. "In addition, their risk for osteoarthritis is much lower."

Kerwin also pointed out the necessary environmental precautions an owner can take on a daily basis.

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Temple Beth-El welcomes new rabbi

Karol bring years of leadership, music background to congregation

By **Beth Sitzler**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The congregation of Temple Beth-El received a new spiritual leader when Rabbi Lawrence Karol joined in July, taking over for Rabbi Paul Citrin, who retired earlier in the year.

Originally from Kansas City, Mo., Karol said as a child, his family was very active in his home temple, adding that his parents even taught.

"I was in temple a lot," he said. "It made me feel very comfortable."

"When I was in high school, my temple youth group would go to different churches and speak on Judaism. I did that for three years."

He attended the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, where he earned a bachelor's degree with a major in sociology and minor in religious studies. Becoming active in the Jewish community at the university, he said he even directed a choir. By his senior year, he decided to apply at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

Becoming ordained in 1981, his first job was as an assistant rabbi in Dayton, Ohio.

"There were a lot of names to learn, thousands of names," he said. "It was a good experience. I started doing music, and I got involved in religious school teaching ninth and 10th grades."

It was also during this time that he met his future wife Rhonda. After three years, he

Rabbi Lawrence Karol, originally from Kansas City, Mo., joined Temple Beth-El in July.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler



moved to Temple Beth Shalom in Topeka, Kan., where he served as the rabbi.

In Topeka, Karol said he continued to be involved in interfaith activities within the community and also began to explore music more in depth, using it as another way to reach his congregation and express himself.

"I started composing and doing my own Jewish songwriting," he said, adding that he has two CDs out and several more songs. "When doing my own music, I get to know

better how I think and feel as a person and a Jewish individual."

Karol said one of the most joyous moments of being a rabbi was officiating his son Adam's bar mitzvah. Along with tutoring his son for the service, the experience also showed him "the other side" of the event.

"I have a new appreciation (for the parents). There is so much to do," he said. "It was a moment when being a rabbi and a dad came together."

Another monumental moment in his career was serving on the Brown Foundation of Educational Excellence, Equality and Research in Topeka. Through his involvement, he said he was able to meet several people, including Rosa Parks and various governors, including future President Barack Obama.

Karol said he remembers Obama being asked who his foreign policy role models were, and he replied the Truman team that worked to rebuild the world after World War II.

"He said that we were working with allies and former enemies," Karol said. "I still see that statement in what he does."

After 22 years in Topeka, he relocated once again to Temple Israel in Dover, N.H. With the congregation for five years, the Karols once again found a new home, this time in a place a little sunnier – Las Cruces.

Having only been to the Southwest once as a child, Karol said he and his wife were drawn to the City of the Crosses mostly because of the people.

"We like the people we met and the values they talked about in terms of community," he said.

Since joining Temple Beth-El, Karol said he has "hit the ground running," taking on his many new pastoral duties, including leading worship, officiating at life events and directing religious school and education of all ages.

"It was good to jump right in," he said. "It was a good chance to meet people and develop a mutual rapport with the congregation."

Karol said he hopes to become active in the interfaith community – he has already become involved in the Interfaith Council at New Mexico State University – as well as build a solid partnership with the congregation on all levels.

Church News

ECKANKAR EVENT

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free discussion from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 17, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The topic will be "Discovering the Secret Language of Dreams." For more information, call 524-2580 or visit www.eckankar-nm.org.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Calvary Chapel Three Crosses, 4301 Bataan Memorial West, will hold men's Bible study from 8 to 10 a.m. the third Sunday of each month Sept. 17-Dec. 15. For more information, call 642-8077.

INTERFAITH MUSICAL CELEBRATION FOR PEACE

The fourth annual Peace Celebration Concert will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18, at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Featured are Devotion, Lori Sandstrom and Robert Anderson, Musical Ambassadors for Peace; plus the 2011 Interfaith Choir; and Lucia Veronica Carmona. The Las Cruces Interfaith Celebration is in conjunction with the U.N. International Day of Peace, with celebrations all over the world. For more information, email minister@unityoflascruces.org.

TEMPLE BETH-EL HIGH HOLY DAY

Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., will

celebrate the High Holy Day with a Rosh Hashanah service at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, which will be followed by a reception. Rosh Hashanah services will continue at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, and 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 30. Yom Kippur will be honored with Kol Nidre services at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. Also on Saturday, there will be a time for sharing at 1 and 3 p.m., afternoon services at 4:30 p.m. and a concluding service at 5:45 p.m. A breakfast will follow at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call 524-3380.

ETZ CHAYIM HIGH HOLY DAY

The community is invited to join Etz Chayim-Tree of Life Messianic Congregation, 134 S. Main St., during the fall holidays of Yom Teruah (Rosh Hashanah), Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) and Sukkot (Tabernacles). Service for Yom Teruah will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29. This will be followed by a potluck meal. Yom Kippur service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. No food will be served as this is a Biblical fast day. Thursday, Oct. 13, through Thursday, Oct. 20, will be Sukkot and will include gatherings with teachings, food and fellowship. For more information, contact 866-874-7250 or treelife@etz-chayim.org.

AUTUMN BAZAAR

Western Hills United Methodist Women are looking for vendors for its Autumn Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Stewart Family Life Center, 524-A Thunderbird Drive. The cost is \$50 per space and tables are limited. For more information, call 584-2326.

HARVEST FEST

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EASTERN STAR INSTALLATION

Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold an open installation at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Aztec Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. This is an opportunity for the public to visit. Kathy and Wayne Walker

will be installed as the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron for the upcoming year. Other line officers to be installed include Peggy and Bill Dettmer as Associate Matron and Associate Patron, Trish Keefer-Higdon, Conductress, Karen Ross, Associate Conductress and Tom Higdon, Sentinel. A total of 18 officers will be installed.



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Bring out the cowboy boots and hats for a good cause

C4CR fundraising events kicks off October

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

This year, Cowboys for Cancer Research will hold its dinner, dance and silent auction Friday, Oct. 7, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., to celebrate the 29th anniversary of the fundraiser.

The C4CR fundraiser was started by Rawley Jackson and the U.S. West Telephone-Sunshine Club, to honor the memory of Alma Cohorn, who died of cancer in 1981.

The dance will feature the Delk Band of the Gully Jumpers tradition, which was organized by Joe Delk's father, the late Forrest Delk.

The fundraiser also will feature the second annual "Stewards of the Saddle" traveling trophy to the highest bidder at a live auction, which will allow the winner to display the saddle and have "bragging rights," for one year, said co-executive directors Denny and Geraldine Calhoun.

Each year, the saddle is returned to C4CR in exchange for a custom-made trophy belt buckle.

Last year's winners were Brett and Dena Parkey who won with a \$5,000 contribution.

The hand-tooled miniature saddle was made by David Porter of The Tanned Calf. Also being offered at live auction will be an original "Shoofly"

pencil drawing.

The annual team roping will be conducted at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, and 8 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at the Sproul Arena north of Las Cruces on Harvey Farm Road.

The C4CR team roping is the largest cancer fundraiser roping event in New Mexico, and all of the money is kept in New Mexico for cancer research.

Teams from across the country compete for cash from entry fees and donated prizes.

Team roping requires strong coordination of the header and heeler ropers as well as the horses.

After the steer is released from the chute, the header ropes and turns the running steer, allowing the heeler to rope the rear legs.

Once this is accomplished, the flag is dropped, and the clock is stopped. The action is timed in decimals of seconds.

The fastest time on four heads is the winner. A trophy trailer will be given to the highpoint draw pot winner of the roping.

Money contributed by C4CR is placed in the Alma Cohorn Memorial/Cowboys for Cancer Research Endowment at the University of New Mexico Cancer Center and the recently established Cowboys for Cancer Research Endowed Fund at New

Mexico State University.

The UNM endowment has reached \$1.7 million in the past 12 years, and only the spendable portion of the interest is used to fund cancer research. The NMSU endowment is currently \$275,000, with a pledge of \$1.5 million over the next seven years.

The UNM Cancer Center's symbol El Oso Sanador, the healing bear, is an Indian symbol meaning "to serve those whose lives have been touched by cancer with strength, courage, grace and great ability," Denny Calhoun said.

Last year, the UNM Cancer Center, which is a National Cancer Institute-Designated Center, saw more than 15,000 patients for clinical trials, technology and examinations by oncologists.

Funding is also marked for research at NMSU where Jeffrey Arterburn is conducting studies on what is identified as a protein receptor, which shows how cancer cells grow and can be used in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

This event is enjoyed by all with a weekend of family fun, fellowship and support of a good cause.

The New Mexico State Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink partners with C4CR to support these endowments.

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Denny Calhoun rides his horse before the start of the 2010 Cowboys for Cancer Research team roping at the Sproul Arena on Harvey Farm Road.

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Featured home: 8175 Constitution Road

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The home at 8175 Constitution Road features a Southwest style mixed with Mediterranean elements.



Swimmers can enjoy the view from the pool and spa.



Wood columns separate the dining and living rooms.



Faux stacked-stone elements are found throughout.



A soaking bathtub in the master suite is encased in tile.



The open living room is an ideal location to entertain party guests and visitors.



Custom cabinets line the kitchen, as do soapstone countertops.

Relaxed living in Picacho Hills

Southwest-styled home takes advantage of area's attractions

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Whether hosting family dinners during the holidays or backyard barbecues in the summer, a home should be a welcoming place to gather friends and loved ones.

This inviting feeling of entertainment was one of the characteristics Fernando and Kelly Lopez have captured in their home at 8175 Constitution Road.

"It's a great entertainment house," Kelly Lopez said. "We're both very social people, and this house has a lot of open space. ... We've been able to fit a jazz band in here."

Built in 2005 in the gated Coronado Ridge Subdivision, the 3,168-square-foot home combines a Southwest style with Mediterranean elements, creating a unique location atop Picacho Hills Drive.

Rock landscaping sprinkled in native plants around a stone-lined natural arroyo decorate the front of the home. Crosshatched double wood doors enclose the front courtyard. Slate tile encases the path and leads to a covered patio. A fountain resides on one side of the path as do several small plants.

Inside, a mosaic of ceramic tile accents the entrance. To the right of the welcoming area is a hall that leads to two guest bedrooms. Each containing a walk-in closet, the two rooms are joined by a Jack and Jill bathroom. The bathroom includes bright red sink bowls imported from Mexico and deep blue lights, all of which complement the colorfully speckled solid surface countertop.

One of the bedrooms includes access to a private patio located behind a tall wall. Realtor C.J. Pierce of Steinborn & Associates Real Estate, who represents the listing, said the patio is a great place to escape for a moment of peace.

At the center of the home is the living room. With three points of entry, which are decorated in carved spiral columns, Pierce said the space is a comfortable gathering place for party guests.

The room features a 12-foot-high ceiling covered in vigas and planks laid in a tongue-and-groove pattern, as well as a large,

custom-made, built-in entertainment center. The gem of the area, however, is the fireplace. Drenched in faux stacked-stone detailing, the fireplace is nestled against a brightly colored wall of deep red and goldish orange.

"All of the colors were the same, so I thought it would be fun to experiment with paint," said Lopez, adding that she is constantly repainting the nichos and accent walls to give them new flair. "It's our own unique touch."

“It’s a great entertainment house. We’re both very social people, and this house has a lot of open space.”

KELLY LOPEZ,
homeowner

Beside the living room are the kitchen and dining area. Soapstone countertops can be found in the kitchen. A creamy tile backsplash contrasts the darkly colored stone. Underneath the skylight, adorned with a checkered pattern, is the oversized island. Designed for function in addition to style, the island is covered in wood, like a chopping block.

A hall from the kitchen leads to the at-home office – which is also accessed from the entrance – and continues to the three-car garage.

Back at the shared living space, the dining

room overlooks the spacious backyard and view of the Organ Mountains. The space also includes a wet bar. Perfect for those nights of entertaining, Pierce said the bar includes the same soapstone countertop found in the kitchen.

Past the dining room is the master suite. The large space includes a built-in entertainment center with a small fireplace. The room, which has a door to the back patio, transitions into the relaxing bathroom. Copper sinks encased in soapstone countertops are nestled beside custom-made stacked cabinets. A jetted bathtub finishes the room.

The living space of the home continues outside to the covered patio and backyard – the couple's favorite space, Lopez said.

"We spend almost every night out here, enjoying the view and the peace and quiet," she said, adding that in addition to admiring the Organ Mountains, they can also take in the city lights.

Made up of several seating areas, the covered patio features a built-in grill recently covered in faux-stacked stone, surround-sound speakers, slate tile and a fireplace.

"In the winter, we'll sit out here around the fire," Lopez said.

Beside the fireplace is the entrance to the private casita with bathroom.

"It's nice to have this for guests," Lopez said. "It's like they have their own villa."

Outside of the casita is an outdoor shower, great for washing off after a dip in the lagoon-shaped swimming pool. Measuring 6 feet at its deepest end, the pool includes an attached spa.

While the home offers plenty of amenities, Lopez said the location in the Coronado Ridge subdivision is also ideal.

"It's actually a little community," she said. "People get together, and we have street parties. We're neighbors who take care of each other. Whenever someone new moves in, we throw them a party."

In addition to the friendly atmosphere, Lopez said the home is close to the Picacho Hills Country Club, which offers social interaction, golfing and "the best restaurant in town."

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What's that?

Misconceptions surround centipedes and millipedes



Scott Svenheim
ACE Pest Detective

Centipedes and millipedes always seem to get lumped together into one group of critters, however, they each belong to their own class within the Subphylum Myriapoda – they are not insects.

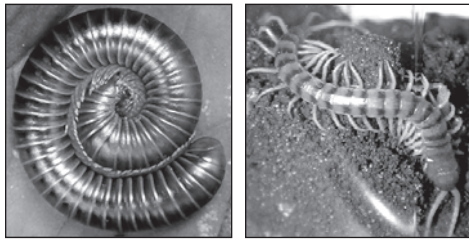
When you think of these creatures, you may think of the caterpillar in Alice in Wonderland or thousands of fast-moving legs. Some people think millipedes have 1,000 legs and that centipedes are slow-moving garden eaters, but those misconceptions couldn't be further from the truth.

While there is a millipede species called the Illacme Plenipes, which is known to have up to 750 legs, this is rare. A millipede can have anywhere from 36 to about 460 legs, while a centipede is similar with about 20 to 300 legs. The big difference between the two groups is that a millipede has two pairs of legs per body segment while a centipede has a single pair of legs per segment.

Centipedes can range from 3/8 inch to 10.5 inches (worldwide), and they're fast movers. Centipedes are really beneficial, in that they eat other insects that are more of a nuisance to us. Still, their venomous claws can deliver a sting or a pinch, which can cause swelling. For most people, that's the extent of it. This "bite" can be more dangerous for children and those who are allergic to the venom.

The slow-moving millipede ranges from a 1/8 inch to the largest in the U.S., 6 1/4 inches. They're usually the bug curled in a tight little ball as it protects itself in the moist soil of a garden. They feed on slightly decayed vegetation and are essentially harmless since they will rarely bite.

Both critters are seen in and around gardens. As temperatures start to drop in the upcoming weeks, they may look for a warm,



Left, despite its name, the millipede has between 36 and 420 legs. Right, the pesky centipede can sting humans and leave them red and puffy.

moist spot in your home and or garage. Millipedes seldom need to be controlled since they don't cause any damage indoors and don't pose a health hazard. Those that stray indoors can be swept out or picked up with a vacuum cleaner.

On the other hand, centipedes can become a nuisance in the home because of their bite or sting. They're also hard to catch and get rid of because they're so quick. Tips to help keep them outside include:

- Relocate firewood, compost, boards, rock piles, landscaping materials and other attractive centipede hideaways if they are stored near the walls and foundations of your home.
- Check your foundations, walls, windows and doorways for cracks, crevices or other openings that might serve as a point of entry for centipedes.
- Block passageways with caulk, weatherstripping or other filling materials.

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Economist examines state of the economy

BIA-SNM members listen to the ups and downs to be expected

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As many Las Cruces wonder where the local, state and national economies are headed, New Mexico State University economics professor Chris Erickson outlined what could be expected during the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico luncheon Thursday, Sept. 8.

Erickson began the presentation by explaining that a natural business cycle sees dips and peaks. The type of recession the nation recently dealt with, which lasted 20 months, has been experienced around the world about 40 times, he said.

"It's twice as long and twice as deep as a typical recession," he said, adding that the United States hasn't experienced one like this since the Great Depression.

While some areas were hit drastically, Erickson said New Mexico was slow getting into the recession and has been choppy coming out of it.

"Las Cruces has been doing better than the state as a whole, and the state has been doing better than the nation," he said.

He said this is because the city has a small goods-production sector, which is more sensitive to the economy, and has a large government sector, thanks to NMSU, the school district and White Sand Missile Range.

Erickson said it has been difficult for the state to recover because the national laboratories have been hit and may not receive their planned budget increases. Also, military projects in the state – which included

bringing in more troops and civilian employees to Fort Bliss – are now done.

"It was estimated that the expansion added 1 percent to the economy per year for five years," he said.

A sector hit throughout the nation, including in New Mexico and Las Cruces, is real estate, which has seen a steep decline in housing prices and is currently at a historic low. Once again, he said the city is doing better than the state and the state is doing better than the nation, especially when it comes to foreclosures.

"One in 611 homes in the nation are foreclosed upon, while one in 1,000 homes in Doña Ana County are and one in 1,488 in Las Cruces are," he said, adding that Santa Teresa has been hit harder with one in about 720 homes being foreclosed upon.

There are some good signs for things to come, however. One plus, Erickson told BIA-SNM members, is that the state budget is doing well, and there won't have to be drastic cuts as there were in the last few years.

Also, he said statistics have shown that citizens are spending more than they have in recent years.

"The economy is better than it was right off the recession, but it still isn't doing as well as it was prior to the recession," he said.

Erickson said the city, state and nation will see a few problems as things move forward. He predicts that there will be a "shift down" of 1 to 2 percent below output levels prior to the economic crisis. This will make job creation difficult, he said, and can cause inflation.

Another possible problem is policy uncertainty. Outcomes from things such as health care reform and high debt in Greece, other parts of Europe and the U.S. could drastically affect the state of the economy.

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Taking on the dark at the BIA-SNM Night Golf Scramble

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Sylvia Lauer of Doña Ana Title Co., Amanda Marron and Kathryn Blessington of Helping Hands Event Planning take a moment to breathe during the 2011 Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico Night Golf Scramble Friday, Sept. 9, at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course.



Glow-in-the-dark golf balls were needed to play the last nine holes of the scramble held in the dark.



Ryan Burkett of GL Green & Associates, Jacob Lovas of Homes of the Southwest, Jacob Garland of Steinborn & Associates Real Estate and Daniel Kolson of Homes of the Southwest took first place overall.

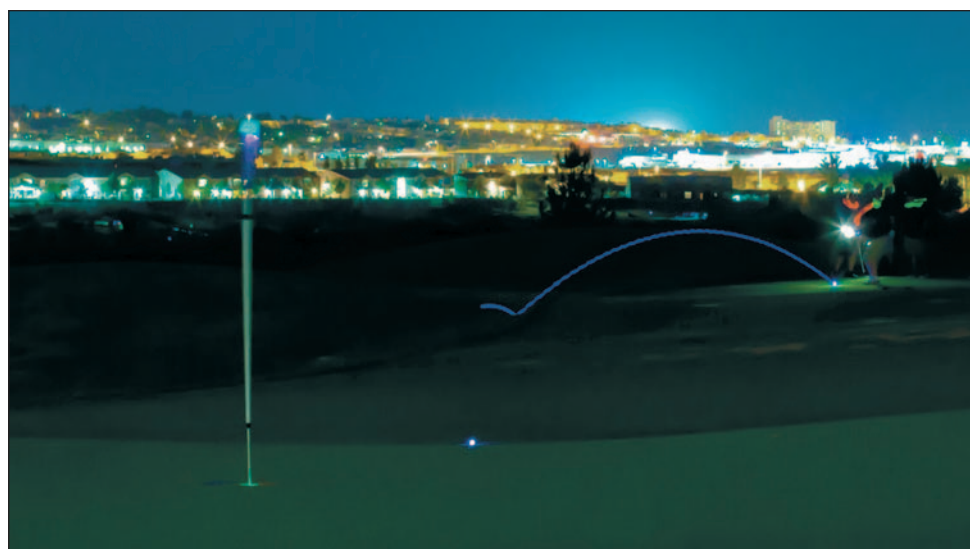


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Cooper McDaniel and Dusty Anderson get ready to tee off in the dark.



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Shuffle your space

As needs change, so too should your rooms



Maureen Villmer
Practical Design

Have you ever thought about changing how you use the space in your home?

Recently, I worked with a client who no longer needed a guest room. All the family lived in town, and guests just weren't staying. At the same time, the needs for their children were growing. As their life cycle was changing, so was their need in how the rooms were being used (or not used). This started a "chain reaction" in which we changed the use of several spaces in the home.

A toy room/playroom

was made out of what had been a guestroom; an office was turned into a children's bedroom; a home office was put into an alcove in a master bedroom; a den has been made out of the old children's bedroom.

Remember, it is just space. How you use it and arrange furniture in it makes for improved living and increased usable space in your home. I have only had compliments on how much better life is with the changes. All we did is reshuffle the space. Try it – you may like it. All it takes is a little imagination, good floor plans and the insight to see the future of how your home and its space can be used.

As your life cycle changes, so do your needs in a home. Parents with young children have different needs than empty nesters or retirees. Analyze your space with your

lifestyle. Ask yourself, how often is this room used? If your answer is very seldom, perhaps you should analyze what additional space you need and how you can use the space in your home appropriately.

Whatever the changes, they may simply require moving furniture and perhaps a little painting. In some cases, it may require more work such as changing flooring or electrical outlets to accommodate the movement of televisions, etc.

A new trend is the "man cave." Space can be shuffled in a garage to make into a sports-themed area with a game table for cards, darts, flat screen TV, pinball games or whatever you need in your man cave. You may lose a garage, but you can gain a lot of fun and family activity in your home. Don't skimp on flooring, bar area or kitchen space in this man cave.

HGTV can give us some unrealistic expectations of how long a project will take and how much it will cost. In a half-hour show, we see it from beginning to end, and it really doesn't show the time and work that has to be put into it.

As I always share with my clients, the most important part of any project is the planning stage. On TV we see decorator meeting with a new client one time, and a week later the designer shows up with a complete plan. They often give the appearance that the actual work is done in a matter of a couple of days. Of course that's the way it

happens ... it's television.

If you work through your decision-making process properly and establish an overall plan of how to use your space, you will no doubt be pleased with the outcome in the long run. In real life, planning and designing even one room can take months or more. Why? Because good design takes time. It may take weeks or longer to really solidify plans for your room or rooms. New furniture may need to be ordered, recovered or re-painted. Custom or special-ordered furniture can take up to eight weeks to be delivered. Custom drapery can take four to six weeks for completion.

In the meantime, there are other workers who must be scheduled, including flooring installers, painters, carpenters and/or electricians.

Have fun in shuffling your space or adding new space to your home without adding on. I think you will find it very satisfying and you will find new space within your "old" home.

Maureen Villmer is an interior designer in Las Cruces with 35 years of experience. If you have questions you would like answered in her column, email her at maureenvillmer@hotmail.com, visit *Environs Interior Design* on Facebook or call 496-7605.

“ Whatever the changes, they may simply require moving furniture and perhaps a little paint. ”



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Volunteers pre-build materials to save time

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

For Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity (MVHFH) volunteers Jimmie Williams and Theodore Jones, their work begins well before the October start of the build season.

That's because for the last five years the duo has worked to pre-build important items of the homes, such as door and window frames, trim and beams.

"It saves a lot of lumber and time," Jones said.

"We just want to make it as easy as possible for them," Williams said.

A Durham, N.C., native, Williams came to southern New Mexico and Las Cruces for White Sands Missile Range, where he worked for the Department of Defense, the Army and the Air Force in logistics and security as well as intelligence.

"It was a fun job, for the most part – that is until they sent me to the Sahara Desert," he laughed.

Retiring after working with WSMR for "41 years and six months," Williams said he wanted to spend his time helping those around him.

"Life has been good," he said. "In April 1993, instead of becoming a couch potato, I said that I was going to help my community."

Coming from a family of master carpenters, Williams said since the age of 4, he has helped his grandfather at his workbench. At 14 years old he worked with his father building houses for returning World War II veterans. When looking for an organization to help, he decided to use this knowledge to help MVHFH.

Originally from St. Louis, Jones said he has lived in southern New Mexico for 50 years. After a spell in Deming, his wife's hometown, he moved to California shortly before returning to New Mexico and this time Las Cruces.

Working for the Las Cruces Fire Department for 10 years and as a customer service representative for Truck Stops of America for

18 years, Jones said he also had some experience in homebuilding. When he was younger, his stepfather was into home construction and remodeling and showed him "a thing or two." These skills would come in handy after retirement, when he began to look for a new way to pass the time.

"I wanted something to do," he said. "I went down (to the MVHFH office) and asked about volunteering."

Joining the MVHFH network of volunteers in 2000, Jones met Williams and the two struck up a friendship. Although both would spend hours climbing ladders, tiling floors, hanging mirrors and doing whatever other task was asked of them, they said they wanted to do more.

"We were sitting around talking, and we figured we could save those Care-a-Vanners and those who worked on the houses time if we did some of this work upfront," Williams said.

Taking on the task of pre-building, Williams said they save MVHFH volunteers about two days of work that would otherwise have to be completed onsite. It's not as simple as cutting and nailing pieces of wood together, however.

Beginning about a month before construction on a home is kicked off, Williams and Jones review its floor plan and make a shopping list for everything they will need for each door, window and other structural elements.

When they have their materials in hand, the duo works five to six hours Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays measuring, cutting and assembling the pieces.

"One home takes us about three days – four with shopping," said Jones, adding that they pre-built materials for six homes the last build season.

This year, Williams said all of the elements must be completed before the Oct. 10 framing date. Everything must be built perfectly squared with the blue prints and labeled accordingly so the volunteers can easily match up everything.

While Jones and Williams are currently

“ We don't do this for any sort of pay, we do this for the children ... ”

JIMMIE WILLIAMS,
MVHFH volunteer



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Jimmie Williams watches as friend and fellow Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity volunteer Theodore Jones cuts wood to pre-build window and door frames.

pre-building only one home, which will be located on Calle Bella in the Mesa Grande Drive area, they said they hope to do five more for the 2011-12 build season.

Even when the pre-building is completed, their work will not be done.

"After we're finished, we'll ask the construction supervisor if they need any help onsite," Williams said. "We're just available to help."

"They are such an integral part of what we do," said MVHFH Executive Director Ed Johnson. "Their quality and their craftsmanship, they save us so much time. They do so much and they do anything to help us."

The long hours in the workshop and on the construction site are worth it, the duo said, because it helps children who have no control

over their living situations.

"When you have a child come up to you and you're in the process of building their home and the child says, 'This is going to be my bedroom,' that's my payment," Jones said. "For a young child, it's outstanding to have their own bedroom."

"We don't do this for any sort of pay, we do this for the children – and we have a whole lot of fun while we do it," Williams said.

In addition to helping the community and a nonprofit dear to their hearts, pre-building allows the two friends to spend time together, enjoying one another's company and creating things as a team.

"There is nobody else I'd like to work with than Jimmie," Jones said. "We just click."

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An important part of the pre-building process is reviewing the floor plans, as Williams is doing. The duo have pre-built MVHFH homes for the last five years, saving volunteers about two days of work per home.

Feature company: *Antix*

Antix celebrates 35 years

Focus on relationships, not just cabinets and countertops

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In April 1977, after coming to the City of the Crosses, Tony Harris began Antix, a cabinet, casework and countertop company.

While he may not have known it at the time, that one-man operation in Mesilla Park would someday grow into a community staple celebrating 35 years of business.

"I always wanted to feel that my business was an integral part of the community," he said. "Being accepted – that to me is the most satisfying thing."

Harris said when he first began Antix, he had dreams of making handcrafted furniture.

"But I realized that I needed to be in Santa Fe for that to be viable," he said. "So I shifted to residential cabinets."

Harris said he found his niche focusing on three elements – cabinets for residences; casework, which is industry-strength cabinetry for commercial operations; and countertops, which range from Formica to solid surfaces, such as quartz and other engineered stones.

Within five years, he said the company expanded and outgrew its location. He moved the business in 1982 to 717 W. Organ Ave. and created a showroom in the front area of the building.

"It's a nice, cozy showroom," he said. "People say it feels warm and welcoming."



Antix designs kitchens that are stylish, functional and, most importantly, fit the homeowner's wants and needs.



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The staff of Antix has contributed to the business' success, including Marty Peña, Rick Hernandez and Gilbert Sanchez. Not pictured are Oscar Segobia and Jesus Sanchez.

Harris also hired a staff, which now comprises of office manager Joyce DeLanoy, countertop and commercial casework specialist Luis Mendez and a crew of five installers.

"If we had a slogan, it would be to do it right the first time," Harris said. "We don't cut corners, which will only create problems in the future."

Focusing on customer service, Harris said his team has also been able to keep up to date on the changing times throughout the several years of business.

"Customers are much more cost-conscious," Harris said. "With all of the prices and providers out there, it's harder to maintain brand loyalty. Price is such a sensitive thing."

In addition to being more aware of price, he said homeowners are becoming more educated on what is available, thanks to the Internet, which has opened up the industry.

"Over the years, there has been an explosion of so many choices," said Harris, adding that this includes material, finish and style. "People get way overloaded with so much information, we try to narrow it down and try to help fit the person's likes and budget."

Doing the complete design of a space, Harris said they have seen several changes over the years, especially to kitchens. While 15 to 20 years ago, there was more emphasis on function, modern-day kitchens must also be stylish.

"There are a lot more elements to it," he said. "You can have staggered cabinets, some can be deeper and have molding. Appliance manufacturers have changed, too. You can get a dishwasher in a drawer now."

With such endless possibilities, Harris said it can be easy for a homeowner to get bogged down with options – which is where the staff at Antix come in.

"You're kind of a kitchen counselor," said Harris, explaining that his team uses the homeowner's ideas, wants and style to create a functional and unique space to fit them. "We take the things they want and integrate them into a design that works

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Celebrating 35 years of business are Antix countertop and commercial casework specialist Luis Mendez, office manager Joyce DeLanoy and President Tony Harris.

best for them. As professionals, we want to work with them to make a kitchen that is functional."

Harris said by being a local business, he and his team are able to offer more one-on-one services – including manufacturing items at its location – than larger, out-of-state corporations.

"A lot of big-box companies can offer what we offer, but the end result is different," DeLanoy said.

"The biggest problem is getting a hold of people at those places," Harris said. "They have high turnover and lack product knowledge. We have knowledge and experience – we've been doing this a long time."

"We're here for the long haul. We're here because we've earned a reputation of quality."

Working in both the residential and commercial sectors, Harris said since the economic decline, they have managed to receive contract to several commercial projects, including the magistrate courthouse, New Mexico State University and its branch campuses, The Power Center, Holloman Air Force Base and the White Sands Federal Credit Union branches on Lohman Avenue and Main Street.

"We've done quite a range – minor projects to some major remodels," he said.

"With all of our employees, we have more than 100 years of combined experience," DeLanoy said.

To thank the community for its contribution to the success of the company, DeLanoy said they will hold an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29.

"We're having it to reintroduce ourselves," she said. "We want to show how things have changed. Our showroom has been revamped and we have new product lines."

Not looking to slow down anytime soon, Harris said he and his team are constantly looking to expand what they offer, which includes new products, such as Showplace Renew, a line that provides cabinet refacing options.

"In business, you constantly have to make sure you're giving people what they want with both the products and price you offer," he said. "The need out there for what we are won't change. People need that more one-on-one treatment."

“We’re here for the long haul. We’re here because we’ve earned a reputation of quality.”

TONY HARRIS,
Antix owner



A scoop all around

Ice cream utensil serves up more than cold treats

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Whether you prefer chocolate, vanilla or strawberry, most people will agree on one thing – nothing beats a bowl of ice cream on a hot day.

Despite the rough economy and the nation's shift to healthier eating habits, the ice cream industry still produced \$9.7 million in 2010, with bulk and novelty ice creams being the most popular, followed by low- or nonfat ice cream and frozen yogurt, according to IBISWorld.com.

Along with a carton of your favorite flavor comes the challenge of serving it up. The hard, frozen food can be hard to penetrate, leaving you with a draw full of bent spoons. Luckily, in 1897, Alfred Cralle of Virginia created the ice cream scoop.

Thick in design, the ice cream scoop can cut through heavy, stiff materials. Modern-day ice cream scoops come in a variety of sizes and styles, including electric.

Although ice cream is considered a more suitable summertime treat, you can still get use out of the ice cream scoop during the winter off-season.

1. Scoop a perfect portion: When baking a batch of cookies or plateful of meatballs, recipes will call for the items to be uniform in size to allow for even cooking. A great way to ensure that you get the same-size ball every time is to use an ice cream scoop. The scoop will allow you to plop a perfectly portioned ball of meat or dough every time. Not only will this allow them to cook evenly, no one will argue about getting the bigger one.

2. Make butter balls: Placing a stick of margarine on a glass dish might be enough to please your family during dinner, but for those special occasions, why not fancy up your tabletop with butter balls? Using a small ice cream scoop or a melon baller, dig out individual portions of the condiment.

3. Get creative with sand: Although a tool typically used in the kitchen, the ice cream scoop can also be handy in the sandbox. Give it to the kids to dig in the dirt or create unique sand castles. This diverse tool will also be useful during that next family vacation to the beach.

4. Plant seeds: Getting the seeds in the ground can be half the battle of creating a vibrant garden. If planting a large number of items, make the job go by quicker with an ice cream scoop. Use the scoop to dig our perfectly sized holes in your plot of dirt. Not only will it help the process go faster, the ice cream scoop will also make the holes equal in size.

5. Repot a plant: The ice cream scoop can be beneficial to your houseplants as well. Repotting your plants can be a messy task that results in dirt scattered throughout your countertops and floors. Shovel potting soil into the container in a more controlled fashion with an ice cream scoop. When you're done, the scoop can be washed with soap and water and, hopefully, your work area will only need a quick wipe down.

6. Pre-scoop ice cream: As enjoyable as ice cream is, scooping it out of the container can be a pain. Straight out of the freezer, the hard dessert can be difficult to penetrate, leaving you with bent spoons and whining children. Avoid this by having pre-scooped ice cream on hand. Setting the ice cream on the countertop long enough to soften, grab your trusted ice cream scoop and ladle out the balled dessert onto a cookie sheet lined with wax paper. Be sure to leave space between each sphere. Place the sheet in the freezer to harden, then remove them from the paper and store in a sealed plastic bag. Now, whenever anyone wants a scoop or two, they can just pop them out of the bag.

7. Fill a muffin pan: The scent of Mom's blueberry muffins wafting through the home is probably a fond memory many people share. Cleaning the pan and the spills and drips that cover its surface probably isn't. Reduce the burnt-on mess by plopping the batter into each cup with an ice cream scoop.

This trick will make the task go by quicker and help you get uniform portions.

8. Frost cupcakes: Someone you know wins an award – give them a cupcake. Your child had a bad day at school – give them a cupcake. Your best friend gets a job out of state – give them a cupcake. With so many reasons to share a batch of cupcakes, you could spend hours in the kitchen baking and decorating them. Save yourself some time with an ice cream scoop. Use the scoop to plop on the right amount of frosting every time. A quick swipe of your frosting knife and they will be beautifully decorated in no time. This technique also works on regular-sized cakes, you just may need a few more scoops.

9. Serve proper portions: According to a recent article published by MSN.com, portion sizes in America have grown almost double since the 1940s. This increase has had several impacts, especially on our waists. A good way to monitor how much you eat is by dishing up your meals using an ice cream scoop. A 4-ounce ice cream scoop is the right size for side dishes and is easy to use.

Easy Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream

- 2 cups 2 percent milk
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 3 drops green food coloring (optional)
- 1 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips

In a large bowl, stir together the milk, cream, sugar, salt, vanilla extract and peppermint extract until the sugar has dissolved. Color to your liking with the green food coloring.

Pour the mixture into an ice cream maker, and freeze according to the manufacturer's instructions. After about 10 minutes into the freezing, add the chocolate chips. After the ice cream has thickened, about 30 minutes later, spoon into a container and freeze for 2 hours.



*Around-the-house item:
Ice cream scoop*

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Get in the action, photographers

Be in front of the lens with the bottle cap tripod

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Blurry, out-of-focus photographs can be an artistic choice – or the result of not having a tripod.

Used for both still and motion photography, a tripod prevents the camera from moving. This is important during a long exposure when the slightest amount of shaking can affect the sharpness of an image.

A tripod is also useful when

taking group photos – just think about how many times the poor photographer was left out because someone had to hold the camera and click the button.

While there are various commercial-sold tripods available to fit any need – be it height or strength – resourceful photographers can turn just about anything into a tripod. Now, they have one more tool in their arsenal, the bottle cap tripod.

What is it?

The bottle cap tripod is just as it sounds – a tripod that fits over the cap of your bottle. To be more exact, this pint-sized gadget has the capabilities to transform any regular bottle – whether it is of the plastic or glass variety – into a handy tripod.

Created from a soft rubber, the “cap” of the gadget stretches over any standard-sized bottle top while the hard plastic top can hold a point-and-shoot camera. The hard plastic also pivots 15 degrees in any angle.

Great for travel or everyday use, the bottle cap tripod will allow photographers of any skill level to take clear photos. No longer will you have to awkwardly stretch out your arm to fit in the photo or sit behind the lens, missing out on the action. Thanks to the gadget and the self-timer, you can be in on the action.

How does it work?

The bottle cap tripod is easy to use. Simply screw any compact digital camera onto the universal mount and slip the rubber black cap over the bottle top.

Depending on the size and weight of the bottle and your camera, you may need to fill the liquid container. This will help weigh it down so it won't tip over and potentially damage your camera.

If you're using the tripod to take a group picture, set the timer according to the camera's instructions and get in front of the lens. If using it to take a long exposure, just press the shutter button and stand back.

When done, remove the bottle cap tripod and toss it into your bag or pocket.



*Featured gadget:
Bottle cap tripod*

Where can it be found?

The bottle cap tripod can be purchased from camera specialty stores and online at websites including www.dynomighty.com and <http://photojojo.com>.

How much does it cost?

This pocket-sized gadget costs around \$10. If you choose to purchase the item from the Internet, be sure to factor in the cost of shipping and handling as well as tax.

Details

How to clean a point-and-shoot camera

A shaky hand isn't the only thing that can ruin your photographs – dirt and grime can also play a disastrous role. Cleaning your camera, however, isn't as easy as rubbing a little spit over the lens. To ensure that you don't scratch or damage anything, follow these tips provided by www.cnet.com.

Cleaning the lens

- Use a small blower brush to remove dust and debris from the lens. Do not blow on the lens with your mouth. Not only do you run the risk of accidentally spraying the lens with saliva, but there are acids in our breath that can actually damage the lens coating.
- Put one or two drops of a lens-cleaning solution onto a lens tissue and wipe the lens in a circular motion starting from the center and moving out. Do not put the cleaning solution directly onto your lens. If you don't have lens tissue available, use a soft, lint-free cloth, such as a microfiber cloth.
- Carbon-based lens pens can also be used for cleaning the lens. They are very convenient because they have a soft brush on one end and a cleaning tip on the other end.

Cleaning the LCD display and camera body

- Wipe away dust and smudges with a dry microfiber cloth. Don't use your T-shirt or blow on it.
- For more stubborn spots, gently wipe the display or body with a lightly dampened microfiber cloth.
- Do not use alcohol or other abrasive solvents to clean any part of your camera.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	3	2	5

Closed Sales Existing Homes	8	24	13
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Pending Home Sales (All)	155	148	165
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	61	150	154

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$114,000	\$157,500	\$137,000

Median Price Existing	\$106,100	\$142,675	\$148,000
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,130	1,125	1,208

Real Estate Agents	407	407	454
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*Homes include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 9/5/11 -9/11/11
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Some tailgate temptations

Football season never tasted better

Sunny Conley

Chile Knights



Now that college football season is officially under way, it's time to unearth tailgate party recipes – and I've discovered several palate-pleasers that are easy to prepare and share. Some are tried and true; others are new.

Curry lovers will go for the All Red Dip prepared with red lentils and red chile whipped with sweet coconut milk. And what's a party without poppers? Give Pistol Pete's a try – each grilled "canoe" is loaded with three velvety cheeses: goat, cream and Parmesan. But there's more: Ham and Cheese Chipotle Deviled Eggs, Chipotle Spicy Wings, Suds and Cheese Dip and the Best BLT Chile Bites. Each offering is touchdown quality.

All Red Dip

1 cup red lentils
2 1/2 cups water
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 cup onions, diced
1 1/2 cups apples, peeled, cored and diced
3 garlic cloves, minced
1/4 cup raisins
1 teaspoon curry powder
1 chile de arbol, crushed
1 teaspoon garam masala
1/4 cup coconut milk
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon salt

In a medium saucepan, bring the lentils and water to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer until the lentils are soft and most of the water is absorbed, about 20 minutes. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a skillet and sauté the onions, apples and garlic with a dash of salt for about 5 minutes on medium heat.

Add the raisins, curry powder, crushed chiles de arbol and the garam masala and continue to sauté for 10 minutes, or until tender. In a food processor or blender, purée the cooked lentils and sautéed onion mix with the coconut milk and lemon juice. Add the salt and adjust to taste. Can be served warm or chilled with rice crackers, bagel chips or fresh pineapple chunks. Makes 2 cups.

Pistol Pete's Poppers

1/2 cup (4 ounces) soft goat cheese
1/2 cup (4 ounces) low-fat cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup (2 ounces) grated fresh Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, finely chopped and seeded
2 tablespoons green onions, thinly sliced
2 tablespoons fresh sage, chopped
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
16 jalapeño peppers, halved lengthwise and seeded
Cooking spray
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped

Prepare grill to medium-high heat. Combine first seven ingredients in a bowl, stirring well. Spoon about 2 teaspoons cheese mixture into each pepper half. Place pepper halves, cheese side up, on grill rack coated with cooking spray. Grill peppers 5 minutes or until bottoms of peppers are charred and cheese mixture is lightly browned. Carefully place peppers on a serving platter. Sprinkle with cilantro. (Recipe adapted from Cooking Light magazine, June 2009.)

Ham and Cheese Chipotle Deviled Eggs

12 hard-cooked eggs
1/4 cup mayonnaise
3 tablespoons chipotle pepper sauce
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
1 cup smoked ham, diced
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
Pinch paprika

Slice eggs in half lengthwise; remove yolks and set whites

aside. In a small bowl, mash yolks. Stir in the mayonnaise, hot pepper sauce, ham, Cheddar, mustard and chipotle pepper sauce. Spoon mixture into egg whites. Sprinkle with paprika. Refrigerate until serving.

Suds and Cheese Dip

1 (12-ounce) bottle beer
8 ounces Cheddar cheese, shredded (2 cups)
3/4 cup mayonnaise
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/8 ground New Mexico red chile powder

In a medium pot on high heat, boil the beer about 5 minutes, or until reduced to 2 tablespoons. Add cheese, mayonnaise, chili powder and red pepper.

Reduce heat to medium low. Stir until cheese is melted and all ingredients are combined. Cool. Serve with tortilla chips, chilled veggies or baked potato fries. Makes about 2 cups.

Sweet-and-Spicy Chipotle Chicken Wings

1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup chipotle-flavored hot sauce
1 tablespoon grated lime rind (about 3 limes)
3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
4 to 5 pounds chicken wings
1 tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 cup all-purpose flour
Peanut or vegetable oil

Heat tomato sauce and butter in a small saucepan over medium heat, stirring until butter melts. Stir in honey and next four ingredients, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer, stirring often, for 5 minutes. Set tomato sauce mixture aside.

Cut off wingtips, and discard. Cut wings in half at joint, if desired. Sprinkle wings evenly with salt and pepper; dredge lightly in flour, shaking off excess. Pour oil to a depth of 1 1/2 inches into a large, deep skillet or Dutch oven; heat oil to 375 degrees.

Fry the wings, in three batches for 8 minutes per batch or until golden and crispy. Remove wings from oil using a slotted



All Red Dip adds spirit and plenty of pizzazz to tailgate parties.

spoon; drain on layers of paper towels. (Allow oil to return to 375 degrees before adding next batch of wings.)

Place wings in a large bowl. Drizzle with tomato sauce mixture, tossing well to coat. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Makes 4 to 6 servings. (Recipe adapted from Southern Living magazine, August 2004.)

BLT Chile Bites

1 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup dried tomatoes in oil, drained and chopped
1 serrano pepper, stemmed and minced
8 (10-inch) flour tortillas
1 large head iceberg lettuce, chopped
1 medium onion, thinly sliced (optional)
16 bacon slices, cooked and crumbled
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper

Combine mayonnaise, tomatoes and serrano in a small bowl. Spread evenly over one side of each tortilla, leaving a 1/2-inch border.

Layer lettuce, onions and bacon evenly over tortillas; sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Roll up tortillas; cut in half diagonally, and secure with wooden pick. Makes 8 to 16 servings.

Sunny Conley, a former Las Cruces, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Conley at sunny.conley@gmail.com.

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Meeting your neighbors at the High Range Neighborhood Association picnic

Photos by Beth Sitzler



For the eighth year, the High Range Neighborhood Association held a picnic for members and neighbors to meet one another on Saturday, Sept. 10, at Veterans Memorial Park.

Members of the Las Cruces Police Department explain how dogs like Yoshi are trained to sniff out bags with narcotics in them.



Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas talks to the group about city issues. Residents in the High Range area can participate in a mayoral forum held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Morning Star United Methodist.

LCAR election results released

Camacho, Carlona named to board

The Las Cruces Association of Realtors held board elections for new members Friday, Sept. 9, which resulted in the appointment of Teresa Camacho of Coldwell Banker de Wetter Hovious as 2012 LCAR president-elect and Janina Carlona of Steinborn & Associates Real Estate to 2012 LCAR Treasurer.

Camacho and Carlona will take over these roles in January 2012. For more information, visit www.lcar.biz.

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