

BNSL News 2010

December, 2010: "With SBI.net In Limbo, Border Technology Is Anyone's Game." Authorities have closed public recreation areas here and peppered the harsh desert landscape with foreboding messages about threats rising from the Mexican border. "DANGER — PUBLIC TRAVEL NOT RECOMMENDED. Active Drug and Human Smuggling Area," reads one sign at a destination popular for its towering saguaro cacti, Indian relics and wildlife. "Visitors May Encounter Armed Criminals and Smuggling Vehicles Traveling At High Rates. Stay Away From Cash, Clothing, Backpacks and Abandoned Vehicles. If You See Suspicious Activity, Do Not Confront!" Click [here](#) for the complete article.

November 23, 2010: "Larry Peterson: At closer look, El Paso masking weakness". With El Paso making its way onto a number of national lists for our economic progress, it would seem we are on the right track. However, as Bill Gilmer, vice president with the El Paso branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, noted in a recent El Paso Times article, "We have performed better recently, but there's not a fundamental change in the (El Paso) economy." Temporary good news is masking long-term weaknesses, which will become apparent in future years. Find the complete article [here](#)

November 21, 2010: "Jorge Ramos: OECD report focuses on border". Our region is moving toward becoming an innovative and entrepreneurial region. Several initiatives have begun in recent months to shape the path for a fast-growing "wealth creation" economy. These initiatives include the development of a community entrepreneurship "gap analysis," the creation of a new technology incubator and the publication of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development report for the Paso del Norte region. For the complete article click [here](#)

November 20, 2010: "Gary Williams: UTEP center takes lead in development". Universities, including UTEP, are the hubs of healthy economies, creating breakthrough technologies, training entrepreneurs and catalyzing the development of new companies. This has been a very busy year for entrepreneurship at the University of Texas at El Paso. The Center for Research Entrepreneurship and Innovative Enterprises, or CREIE, created through a grant from Kauffman Foundation, is rapidly increasing its role in the Paso del Norte region. Click [here](#) for the complete article.

November 19, 2010: "Eli Velasquez: A new breed is coming to El Paso". El Paso is writing a new chapter in its history book, a chapter about a city known for creating and commercializing new technologies from both within and outside of the community. Unlikely terms including "technology transfer," "venture capital" and

"technology incubators" are becoming part of the everyday vocabulary of community leaders, universities and service providers. Find the complete article [here](#)

November 17, 2010: "Paul Maxwell: Region technology incubator to help add jobs in El Paso". How does a region like El Paso rapidly improve its standard of living? A review of regions that have done just that reveals a few common themes: a focus on knowledge workers and innovation strategies; strong research, education and workforce development systems; and the establishment of infrastructure that accelerates the creation of new high-growth technology companies. For the complete article click [here](#)

November 16, 2010: "Ernesto Gamboa: El Paso needs gazelle companies". Dell, Apple, Motorola and Chico's Tacos. Four businesses not often thought of in the same conversation, but all of which share one common trait: vision. More specifically, entrepreneurial vision. This week, people in El Paso -- along with millions across six continents -- will come together to celebrate Global Entrepreneurship Week. This initiative seeks to inspire people to embrace innovation, imagination and creativity. As the primary drivers of job creation, entrepreneurship and innovation have a particularly important meaning for our region. For the complete article click [here](#)

October 31, 2010: El Paso's first technology incubator – the Paso del Norte Regional Technology Incubator. The incubator's developers say it is the inauguration of a larger vision that includes the development of a technology park in El Paso similar to Northern California's Silicon Valley. The BNSL is taking the lead on the project, along with a whole host of partners. The core group includes the Paso del Norte Group, the Medical Center of the Americas Foundation, the University of Texas at El Paso, the U.S.-Mexico Foundation for Science, El Paso's Economic Development office and Innovate El Paso, also known as the TransPecos/El Paso Regional Center for Innovation and Commercialization. For the complete article click [here](#)

October 19, 2010: Larry Peterson, Executive Director of the Texas Foundation for Innovative Communities, the state cluster initiative for development of Texas clean tech industry, joins the BNSL as a member of the Board of Directors. Mr Peterson has also been a serial entrepreneur and investor, previously building two of the largest IT companies in west Texas and New Mexico, selling the first for seven figures at age 27. He is currently chair of the Mayor's economic development council, the Texas Lyceum Economic Growth Policy Advisory Council, and is a past-chair of the Texas Lyceum, the statewide political leadership organization. He is a cofounder for numerous technology related efforts in Texas and New Mexico, including the Camino Real Angels, the Software and Information Technology Organization (SITO), the Rio Bravo Entrepreneurs Council (RBTEC) and the Camino Real Venture Competition. His complete bio can be found [here](#)

May 16, 2010: NMSU research park progresses as same envisioned for UTEP. New Mexico State University in Las Cruces has stepped up development of its 257-acre research park at the edge of the campus. Meanwhile, some El Paso leaders want to see the University of Texas at El Paso tied to its own research park. Click [here](#) for the complete story.

March 29, 2010: Pablo Rudomin, Emeritus Investigator at the National System of Investigators and Center for Advanced Studies at the National Polytechnic Institute (CINVESTAV), joins the BNSL as a member of the Board of Directors. He is a respected neuroscientist who has promoted scientific development in Mexico and Latin America. He is a Member of the National Academy of Sciences, Mexico and as Chair of the National Scientific Advisory Committee (1995-2003) he was Presidential Science Advisor to Presidents Zedillo and Fox. His complete bio can be found [here](#)

February 4, 2010: FYI: The AIP Bulletin of Science Policy News - FY 2011 National Institute of Standards and Technology Request. Funding for the National Institute of Standards and Technology would increase by 7.3 percent or \$62.3 million under the Obama Administration's request sent to Congress on Monday. Click [here](#) for the complete article.

February 4, 2010: FYI: The AIP Bulletin of Science Policy News - FY 2011 National Science Foundation Request. The Obama Administration has requested an 8.0 percent increase for the National Science Foundation in FY 2011. The requested increase of \$551.9 million to \$7,424.4 million is notable at a time when most of the request for discretionary spending is flat. Click [here](#) for the complete article.

February 3, 2010: FYI: The AIP Bulletin of Science Policy News - FY 2011 Department of Energy Office of Science Request. The Department of Energy has requested a 6.8 percent increase in its total budget for FY 2011. Within this request, funding would increase by 4.4 percent for the Office of Science. Click [here](#) for the complete article.

February 2, 2010: FYI: The AIP Bulletin of Science Policy News - Obama Administration Requests Significant Increases in S&T Funding. "The Obama Administration is committed to scientific discovery and continued American leadership in innovation." - Office of Science and Technology Policy. Click [here](#) for the complete article

January 28, 2010: FYI: The AIP Bulletin of Science Policy News - State of the Union: Innovation, Energy, Climate Change, Spending, Education, and Nuclear Policy. Last night President Barack Obama touched on many matters of considerable interest to the physics and science education communities in his State of the Union address:

innovation, basic research funding, clean energy production, climate change, education, and nuclear weapons policy. For complete article click [here](#)

January 20, 2010: Antonio O. Garza: Mexico's march toward prosperity is also ours. Be it an earthquake in Haiti or the violent drug war fought in Mexico today, the United States can ill afford to turn a blind eye to our neighbors in this hemisphere. The hope of a strong recovery in 2010 is vital for the region, as is the need to understand how our neighbors' actions can affect the U.S. economy and our security. For complete article click [here](#)

Is Mexico the New China? By Keith Fitz-Gerald, Chief Investment Strategist, Money Morning. When it comes to global manufacturing, Mexico is quickly emerging as the “new” China. According to corporate consultant AlixPartners, Mexico has leapfrogged China to be ranked as the cheapest country in the world for companies looking to manufacture products for the U.S. market. To view the full article click [here](#)

January 6, 2010: About 75 El Pasoans, including business owners and community leaders, took part in an economic forum Tuesday to give their input on how President Barack Obama's administration could help this area's economy grow. For complete article click [here](#)