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## Ruidoso Downs restructures for future

## City departments to be reorganized

deanna Cheney

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rogressives in Ruidoso Downs are rogressives in Ruidoso Downs are a city on the verge
This week plans for a reorganization of personnel and departments, repre senting the tip of the iceberg, was approved at a city council meeting with administrators agreeing a reposition ing is needed.

Changes include a doubling up on the city's licensing and inspection capa binties as well as an expansion of the lined definition of departments includ ing the creation of a planning depart ment, also is in the works . Over the next five years the city wil be realizing not only solid infrastruc ture projects but will see a rapid growth in commercial development, John

Waters, city administrator, said of the changes.
Waters Waters said four major announcements are in the near.future for the city. Already, Ruidoso Downs is seeing a permits and a renewed interest by national groups taking a second look.".

## Dunigan promoted, 3 A

Waters said much of the new prospects can be attributed to the new four larie highway running from Roswell to Juarez, "which makes Ruidoso Downs an important trade cor-
ridor. But a lot of it has to do with Walridor: But a lot of it has to do with Wal-
Mart. National chains see that not only Mart. National chains see that not only
can this community sustain a Super Wal-Mart, but that that Wal-Mart is one of the more successful in the state,"

See DOWNS, page 8A

## Council may give P\&Z more authority

Deanna Cheney

If Susan Garrett, Ruidoso Down city councilor, has her way, the council will serve strictly as an appeals board on matters of planning andizoning On Monday, Garrett asked that th question of authority be placed on an upcoming agenda for discussion by fel low councilors and members of the com mittee.
"Right now everything comes to us People don't go to the Planning and Zoning Commission," she said. "I would ke to see them make decisions and u e an appeals board.
John Waters, city manager, said a hange of authority would need to bo written as an ordinance to which Dan Bryant, city attorney, offered, '"We can certainly put some language togethe and let the council look at it for possible

## action at a later date."

Tuesday, members of P\&Z followed up, discussing whether or not language could be inserted into each zoning ord those on the near horizon rather than written as one blanket ordinance
"It seems to us that this is certainly doable," Paul Van Gulick, chairman of the commission, said. "We would build them in as we go, send them out for public hearing, then let the council vote on them."

Van Gulick said the issue of authority has come up in the city many times during the six years in which he has served as P\&Z chairman
A0s, then it dissolved, and so in the 60s, then it dissolved, and so in some
cases, we either don't have ordinances or we have ancient ordinances that

HORNS OF PLENTY


This majestic bull elk was captured on film July 7 in a Ruidoso neighborhood.

## Village council retreat

## The 10 habits of effective governance

Dianne Stallings
They came seeking a more harmonious and They came seeking a more harmonious and productive environment on the Ruidoso Village

The
was conducted in a small meeting councilor warm decor and windows that only allowed indirect light, keeping the atmosphere cozy and protected.
Facilitator Carl Neu, who is based in Denver, was paid $\$ 5,000$ for his services and a questionnaire he compiled to prepare for the sesision. He ran councilors through several psychological
them to express their visions for the village's future. But he also offered advice and recommendations.
He listed the 10 habits of effective governing bodies, accentuated with one word in bold capi tal letters, "HUMOR."

- Think and act strategically. That's not an inherent trait and requires some effort and practice, he said. One councilor may receive a cal about a pothole and relay the message to considers the pothole to fill it, while another considers the pothole an indication of a break
down of the syystem and looks at the broader pic

See Retreat, page 9A

## County rescinds fire regs

- Recent rains allow residents to conduct open burning activities

Dianne Stallings
During a special meeting Tuesday, Lincoln County commissioners rescinded fire restrictions for unincorporated areas of the county.

Recent wet weather provided sumficient improvement in the fire danger rating that restrictions were
longer necessary.
Individuals and groups wanting to conduct open burning activities, including the burning of vegetation and allowable refuse, may proceed
if they comply with existing if they comply with existing
county requirements. These county requairements
requirements include;
Sheriff:s Office must be notified Sheriff:s Office must be notified
within 12 hours of any intended within 12 hours of any intended
open burning activity, for each

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## ( <br> Controlled burn scheduled

- Lucas RX burn to take place southeast of Downs


## Dianne Stallings

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The Lincoln National Forest received sufficient moisture for Sire management officials of the to conduct a prescribed burn project beginning Saturday.
Smoke may be visible east of Ruidoso Downs and possibly will be noticeable in other parts of Lincoln County.
The Lucas RX burn will be a series of 14 project units located anywhere from one to six miles Hale Lake Road; starting at the Hale Lake Road, starting at the shooting range to Hale Lake on Forest Road 443.
The projects would include forest land at the end of Stetson Road near the City of Ruidoso Downs.
The units consist of bulldozed push piles within piñon/jumiper woodland stands. The purpose of the burn is to
day burning is planned. - Open burning must be done with an aduit in attendance at al times; away from structures; with a sustainable water supply in close proximity; and should never be left unattended until completely out. - Open burning should be avoided any time high wind conditions are forecast, or if high winds.arise

- Campfires and other open + ing activities beyond the burning of vegetation or refuse accepted safety practices.
Questions regarding open burning, the ending of fire restrictions in unincorporated areas of Lincoln County, or other matters associated with fire safety should be referred to the office of the County Fire Marshal in Ruidoso at 258 105 Kansas City Rd.
ithin the area with the additional benefit of creating openings for wildlife and range forage enhancement.
The burn will be conducted by district personnel who will follow strict guidelines for burning conditions, generation of smoke and consideration As with all prescribed fire weather and environmental conditions will play a key role in the timing and accomplishment of these projects.
Just the beginning
The Smokey Bear Ranger District plans: to conduct a number of prescribed burns throughout the district over the next few months
ducted, the public will be conducted, the public will be noti-
fied in advance as to when and where the burns are to take place.
For additional information, concerns or questions, contact the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office at 505-257-4095, between 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.


## COLLARED



Annie O'Gonnell, Furr Ball Committee member Janie McGuire and Humane Society of Lincoln County board chairman Marilyn Wood wear dog collars at the 3rd annual Furr Ball Saturday at Alto Country Club. Also pictured, at right, is Michelle Q'Brien. The Ball is an anrual fundraiser arranged by the Humane Society of Lincoln County and its Furr Ball Committee to support the animal shelter operations. About 300 people attended the event, sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank. Dinner was prepared by chef J.R. of the Alto Country Club, with Wilmon Vineyard wines. A fashion show featured shelter dogs (of which some were adopted on site), Live and silent auctions raised money. Dancing followed with the music of The Brenda Brewer \& Clay Mack Trio.


#### Abstract

"The only things you can count on are Death and Taxes"...how true It is. But planning now can make the loss easler on your loved ones when you go and assure your wishes are followed, and your estate protected. Don't procrastinate, talk to an altorney you can trust and has the knowledge and experience


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## Today's Weather



## Solid Waste Authority hikes recycling goal

## CORRECTION

- An article published Wednesday, July 12, on the passing of Avon Wilson, a passing Representative for District 59, neglected to note that Dr. Ellen Wedum of Cloudcroft, a Democrat, is in the running against Nora Espinoza, a Roswell based Republican
 Authority Operational Super nor Deora ngle. Re the inte grated waste management sys em designed to 'keep Lincoln Cointy beautiful.
The Authority currently accepts and has out-of-county narkets for cardboard, news paper, clean post-consume plastic, and aluminum collected at drop-off collection points at a growing number of location across Lincoln County. Als tion in Ruidoso Downs are white goods (appliances and old water heaters), construction

Linicoln County residents presently recycle as much as 17 . percent of their used cardboand, plastic and aluminum accord ing to a new brochure released rocently by,the Lincoln Counts cish a ts recicling to 25 percent f) the 13070 -ton per-year vaste streate coming out of the county.
The national average for recycling is 28 percent, accord ing to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
The recycling program up grade includes achieying in creased waster apror recycing rate through home and business recycling effort among the more than 25,000 residents in the south-centira mountain region. Up to $\mathbf{4 0 , 0 0 0}$ tourists visit the area each week, also using the solid wast system. Many tourists to the Lincoin/Otero county region are already familiar with both programs back home recyd look to racycle trash and garbage tems during their visit to the mountains. Last year, nearl an additional 930,000 visitor mpacted Lincoln County soli waste and waste recycling sys tems (source: Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce).
"It takes all of us," said
waste, carpet padding, tixes, metal and discarded furniture Hazardous waste such as old paint and used oil can also be yisposed of at the Authotity yard. Discarded a/or reused are redistributed to those needing them. A modest fee is charged at drop-off for some items to partially cover processing costs. New to the recycling program are electronics such as unwanted TV sets, computer equipment and cell phones, These items can now be dropped off for recycling at the
yard in Ruidoso Downs. Biatyard in Kuidoso Downs. Batteries of all sizes and types are
also accepted as part of this also accepten as
expanded program.

Recycling electronics will divert hazardous. material including lead out of the regional landfill for reuse through urban recycling facilities. Diversion of material saves landfill and hauling fees for Lincoin County and reduces port as well as extending the pore of the landfill.

Items accepted for recycling by the Authority, can be deposited in green, blue or tan recycling containers across Village of Ruidoso. Items can also be dropped off at the Authority yard in Ruidoso Downs from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m.-noon on the. second
Saturday of each month.
The Authority conducts recycling for all of Lincoln County including the Village of Ruidoso. Further expansion of the Lincoln County recycling program will extend into rural Otero County. Otero County residents currently recycle approximately 3 percent of their solid waste stream.
The Authority recently acti- $\pm$ vated a toll free phone number, ier for Lincoln or Otero County ier for Lincoln or Otero County from locations outside of the local calling area.
For more information about the recycling program in Lincoln County, contact Opera tional Supervisor Debra Ingle at 378-4697 or via email at leswa ${ }^{\text {cur valornet.com. The most }}$ waste disposal brochure for waste disposal brochure for also available via email by request at leswa@valornet.com


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## Dunigan promoted to Downs planning and personnel services director

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Steve Dunigan, a five-year veteran with the City of third promotion with the city with one goal in mind: optinism.
Dunigan, who was promoted Payroll Manager fors the City to Planning and Personnel Services Director, said he believes a pragmatic outlook and positive attitude make all Ine difierence.
community and feel very posihive about where the city is going and where it came from," the 51-year old said. II ask myself how can we do the most we can with the resources we have, and what is my part in that?

Dunigan said Ruidoso Downs is working feverishly to ead the way in planned growth on the area.
ourts with we have growth resources impacting things what makes sense today may not make senise tomorrow - but to the extent that we can look down the road and plan responsibly, that is what we are going to do.


Now Planning and Personnel Services Director Steve Dunigan feels positive about the direction in the Downs.
Dunigan's career with the when he was hired as parks maintenance caretaker. Two City began in September 2001 and recreation and building years later he moved into the
finance department as personnel and payroll manager and as manager of loss control.
He acknowledges that with a background in retail management and construction he may not seem to fit the bill for the
jobs he's held with the city but nonetheless has made his contributions and intends to stay
"It is exciting being a part of
a city that is growing and taking shape, he said of the town John Waters, city manager said he views Dunigan as qualified and sharing the same commitment Mayor Bob Miller and members of the Ruidoso Downs City Council have

Dunigan and his wife DAnn and their two children moved to Ruidoso from Carlsbad in 2000 to be closer to family who reside in Alamogordo.
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We were passing throug Ruidoso Downs on our way back to Carlsbad from Alamo gardo one day and said Now wait a minute, isn't this where ve'd rather be?'
Dunigan holds an associates in Business from Yuba College in Marysville, Calif. fe con ness at Chico State University ness at Chico
n Chico, Calif
From April 16 until July 5 he served as interim Public Works Director for the City of Ruidoso Downs when that position was vacated by Dan Gens
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## Ruidoso News

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## OUR OPINION

## Links lease should have been resolved long ago <br> Village must accept responsibility for incomplete data

t's now obvious that the
state auditor and the Las State auditor and the Las Fierro \& Fierro lacked complete information in compiling their interpretations of the golf course lease between the Village of Ruidoso and Allhub nvestments, Inc.

Hindsight can lay the blame upon circumstances along the way.
or example, a 1998 letter of ing Allhub's position drafted by then-Village Attorney H. John Underwood was never adopted by Council.
But the buck has to stop somewhere, and responsibility must rest with Village management.
Imagine, for a moment, if staff had, during this protractaround for the musty docu-
ments that Allhub's Bruce himbo tracked down in a warehouse and furnished to a spe-
cial session Monday regarding the lease for The Links. We would have been spared this ceaseless wrangling over terms of the lease. We would have spared the integrity of Allhub, whom Ed Fierro all but suggested was cooking the raised false expectations about raised false expectations about a sudde
Providing documentation to the state auditor was an arduous task. The village manager, herself, early in the process, complained of the workload on her staff.
But it's information in/information out. Apparently, when the auditor criticized the arriving data, he was serious.


## Growth is inevitable but also manageable <br> Council retreat illuminated individual preferences

I$t$ is in the nature of all organisms to grow. Cells and die.
It is also in the nature of humans to shut the gates after discovering and entering paradise in order to freeze-frame that first charming moment.
The future of a vibrant prosperous and, yes, charming Ruidoso is tied to the kind of nevitable growth that scen It is now up to the citi. It is now up to the citizens, tatives and Village plannersenqualify and quantify their desires on growth in a manne that avoids a culture of back lash against all developmen and developers, against al Realtors and financiers, against those "carpetbagging" outsiders who, truth be told see the same panorama and opportunity that has already of Southern New Mexico. of Southern New Mexico.
Newcomers, per se the villains. Newcomers provide the incremental influx of ideas, wealth, vision, culture, experience, wisdom, energy and spirit of volunteerism that elevate a community. The challenge is to provide a growing population with both the infrastructure and architectural standards that preserve the unique character of a town and maintain a sense of place. weekend was instructive in
how councilors and staff envision this scenario. Councilors Stoddard $(25,000$ residents)
and Shaw $(22,000)$ foresee the biggest population gains by the year 2020. We might deduce they are the more "pro-development" members of the council. On the low side are Councilors Rebstock (10,000) and Hardeman (12,000). Council ors Cory and Williams, Village Manager McKnight and Mayor Nunley are in the lower-middle range, but even their projecpopulation of 8,700 .
popuation of 8,700 . appears to be widespread sentiment among officials for a village blessed by a healthy river, a top-notch hospital, bilcing and hiking trails, mixed-use centers, recreational opportunities, green space and a university.

Thus, quality-of-life issues can be an accessory to growth and a robust economy. This type of growth, should it be supported by water, can be achieved through in-filling of existing space rather than by rage in 2005. The hope here is that enlightened approaches will checknate sprawl and large-footprint/high-rise development that so unnerves many residents.

There is an anti-growth chorus swelling here. The smart while managing the inevitable.

## A Sporting Solution...



## It's clear that Allhub doesn't owe the money

To the editor:
I WAS THE VILLAGE MANAGER and was part of local government when the lease with Jim Colbert Golf was negotiated. I Bruce Rimbo Braceinding everyone of what went on in 1989.

Even though one former councilman continues writing letters that the Links owes huge sums of money in lease payments, it was clear from the presentation that Jim Colbert told everyone that they would receive 20 percent of only those revenues that exceeded $\$ 1.5$ million. As was pointed out Monday, no one ques-
tioned his calculations at any meeting in 1989.
1989.

And, as a matter of fact; even the former councilman who claims this money is owed didn't ask any questions and voted for the lease.
There is no question that all of the information from 1989 was not presented to the two auditors who reviewed the material.

- Even the Village's auditor said that had he performed a full audit he might have found additional material that That material was presented Monday That m
night.
As a former Village employee, I know when the Village is facing a possible lawsuit and they would have no chance of winning this one. It would only cost ing side pays all the legal fees.
rank Potter
Ruidoso
Golf course a great addition
To the editor:
I have been a businessman in this town a long time and remember the fight we had when it was decided to put the golf course on the old airport property. die. We need to put it behind us and move on.

I attended the presentation Monday night at Village Hall and there is no question what the Village Councilors in 1989 approved and it is not what num-ber-crunchers are saying today. That golf course has been a great addition to our economy has grown the way it has.

Bill McCarty

## Allhub a valuable partner

To the editor
I ATTENDED MONDAY's Special Meeting of the Village Council, which Golf Course Allhub Investor the links Goif Course, Allhub Investments, Inc. to of the partnership that they entered into with the Village back in 1989.
I'm sure that, based upon what they've been told and what has been written, most people probably expécted "big city" double-talk, but what I witnessed instead was a new low in the his tory of Ruidoso"s "small town" politics.
Based upon all that has been reported since this issue of the lease payments was raised, one would have expected Alhub to send some corporate represen their way out of paying the $\$ 2$ million their way out of paying the $\$ 2$ milion have underpaid to the Village over the past 16 years.
One could not blame the average citizen for expecting this, because this is the only position that our local Village Council, along with their staff, the State Auditor's Office and the Ruidoso News have all been touting in every public forum available for the past year or so. It was going to be good to see the "black pance at this public meeting
What at this public meeting
What unfolded, instead, was a presen Alihub, using only records from the Village's own files - obtained by him, personally after spending hours. going
through documents at City Hall. Mr. Rimbo proved clearly and unequivocally that all of the allegations and innuendo regarding a possible underpayment by While having no evidence to support the While having no evidence to support the interpretation of the lease that the Village, the State Auditor's Office and over the past year, the Village and their over the past year, the Village and their
staff either overlooked or intentionally ignored all of the evidence in their own files that proved that the payments made by Allifub have been right on from the beginning.
Instead of trying to protect their "partner," the Village and their representative, in true "black hat" fashion, appear to have attempted to railroad a
settlement from an innocent contractual partner.
Over the past year, the good name of the Village's "partners" in the Links, namely Allhub, has been run through the mud as being some kind of dishonest "bad guys" who have taken advantage of the Village, despite apparently no concrete evidence to support such an inflammatory claim

I find this to be an unconscionable case of either very unfair political prace
tices, aimed at one of the Village's tices, aimed at one of the Village's most valuable, long-time partners, or, at best,
gross incompetence on the part of the gross incompetence on the part of the cil members) who have furthered this whole agenda.

It is high time that the people who are elected and employed to represent the Village, begin doing something positive to further new partnerships with private firms, instead of going out of their way to alienate the few, solid partners that they currently have.

Pat Guthrie
Ruidoso
Editor's note: The Ruidoso News does not "tout" or "espouse" positions in its news coverage nor does it conduct public forums. It reports as a neutral party.

## Business supports shelter for domestic violence

To the editor,
ON BEHALLF OF THE BoARD of Directors for Help. End Abuse for Life, Inc., I wish to extend our deepest gratitude to City Bank, the United Methodist and Homecare Health \& Hospice for and Homecare Health \& Hospice for new domestic violence shelter in Ruidoso Downs.

With the continued support of individuals and businesses like these, Lincoln County is a better - and safer - place to live.
As the new Executive Director of HEAL, I was astounded at the level of support this community has extended to Many communities are reluctant to foce. the devastation domestic violence cre

## ates, even when $t$

hem in the face.
Lincoln County has the highest rate of domestic violence in all of New Mexico What a horrific thing to be known for efforts, we can turn this cycle around But it will take each and every one of us Thanks again to these marvelous rganizations who "stepped up to the plate." They have made their stance and position clear.
There are several additional rooms yet to be adopted at the shelter. Please give us a shout at 378-6378 if you would ike to discuss the adopt-a-room pro gram.

Coleen Widell
Executive Dinector, HEAL
Ruidoso Downs

## True meaning of the 4 th

## To the editor:

I Really enjoyed aly the 4 th of July celebrations here in Lincoln County and tive and patriotic attitudes of the people $I$ met.

It seemed that everyone realized the great importance of the word freedom in the 4th of July holiday. After all, our nation was founded on freedom of speech, assembly, religion and also freedom from

## our lives.

No matter which political party is in power, our basic freedoms are protected

## ZOGBY POLL: Iran's society more diverse than we assume

While Iran's nuclear program grabs headlines around the woghy International surve reports that Iranians (41 percent) said reforming their national economy so it operates more efficiently is more important than nuclear capability. A smaller number, 27 percent, said the country's top priority should be to develop an arsenal of nuclear geapons, and 23 percent said the top expand the freedoms of its citizens to

These and other opinions were umented in a wide-ranging survey of Iranian citizens that revealed a sharp diversity of views consistent with a nation that is undergoing profound changes. The survey included 810 Iranian adults, and carries a nargin of error of $+1 / 3.5$ percentage points. The poll revealed a country divided on many issues, although united on hegion that Iran should play in the their country should lead the region "diplomatically and militarily"- 56 percent supported this view

Nearly equal percentages of respondents want Iran to become more secular and liberal (31 percent)

as want the country to become mor religious and conservative ( 36 percent).
On one question, Iranians showed almost total agreement, regardless of age or gender. When asked if the state of Israel is illegitimate and should not exist, 67 percent ag
and only 9 percent disagieed. and only 9 percent disagreed. Inited States and Iran meen Iranians - nearly two thirds - said they don't believe that the two countries will go to war in the next decade

Iranian men were more interested than women in making the economy work better. Among men, 47 percen said the economy should be a top gov ernment priority, while just 33 percent of women agreed.
However, a majority said they would be willing to suffer through a bad economy if that were the price nuclear program.
Also, 25 percent said they would blame the United States if the United Nations imposed nuclear-related
sanctions, although nearly 40 percent said they were not sure whom to blame. Only one in six would blame
Iran's own government. If their coun try were to develop nuclear weapons 25 percent said it would make the Middle East a safer place, but 35 per cent disagreed with that statement Regarding the United States, there was a split between the generations. Older Iranians were much more likely to admire the American people and society than younger Iranians. Joh Zogby, President and CEO of ZogbyInternational, hypothesized that this to the lack of exposure to Americans over the past two decades:
Younger and older Iranians would favor a more conservative, religious society, while those aged 30-49 said they would favor a more liberal; secular culture.
What is striking is that just 15 percent said Iranian culture should stay just the way it is right now say they were more likely than men to say they wor
Among those Iranians with
Internet access, 41 percent said they
wanted a more religious culture, com
pared to 33 percent who said the
anted a more secular society years of separation ". Zogby said The attitudes of younger Iranians toward the government, people and policies of the United States have been shaped by years of isolation, argely conservative religious leadership, and anti-U.S rhetoric. This group is consistently more negative in its attitudes towards Americans. and he American government than ar lder Iranians. However, new tech and the Internet, could be used as. and the Internet, could be used as with other nations in the region, and he West."
cess and satellite TV ownership appeared to influence attitudes mong Iranians, as did gender ramians with access to the Interne or satellite TV were significantly more likely than their unconnected States as the country they admire th most. They were also significantly most. They were also significantly ment as the one they admire the

LETTERS FROM PAGE AA

## Rights.

Our wise founding fathers saw to this because they real having too much control. The havin thes right to spy on us, or listen to our phone calls or check up on our bank accounts, the way dictatorship would.

Another one of our impor tant freedoms is freedom of the press, so that the truth can be printed, no matter how much it may angex our political lead

A free press is crucial to a free nation. We Americans are ent religions, nationalities and ent religions, nat
However, we all have the same precious freedoms and we must be vigilant in protecting our rights, not only from ter rorists, but from our leaders as well. I am proud to be an American and I hope that everyone will think long and hard about getting along and right to dissent.
Remember that famous saying, "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.
T.D. Macken

## Round-about danger

To the editor
Open letter to Tsmael Dominguez, New Mexico Highway Department have read with interest the suggestion to construct a round-about" at the intersecSudderth Drive in Ruidoso. My letter is a plea that the Highway Dept. reconsider this suggestion.
vamiliar with
round-abouts and have dxiven on one in North Phoenix many times. It is at an intersection on Highway 17 a few miles nórth of Phoenix. My daughter and her husband and two small children were recently in a very
serious accident on I-17 at this intersection. $\because$. The traffi

The traffic going into the alwàys enough congestion from the offramp back onto I-17. that traffic must come to a full stop on the Interstate. The traffic in that area is mostly local - people driving to and from work in Phoenix. They all know the traffic stalls at almost any time of the day.

And yet as my daughter's family was completely stopped on 1-17, another driver plowed ing it into a utility truck, which was in front of them, also at a full stop.

Almost every time I drive by that intersection, I either see an accident, or see the debris left by an earlier accident.
The intersection in Ruidoso will have to accommodate. the many tourists we have in both They will be unfamiliar with the traffic flow and traffic will back up onto Highway 70.
There will be stalled traffic and the potential for major accidents will be increased. After all, with the work done on Highway 70 to make it a safer
roadway, it seems ludicrous to now install something that will not help traffic move more safely, but will in fact create a situation that
potential.
potential.
Locals
Locals may become familiar with the round-about and be
able to move around the circle competently.

But the major part of our traffic is tourists who visit once or twice a year and they will not be familiar with this circle. It may take them several gorounds before they are able to get to the proper exit from the ${ }_{\text {circle. }}^{\text {My }}$
My suggestion is that you restudy this plan. A traffic light Animal Clinic and Sudderth Animal Clinic and Sudderth
makes much more sense makes much more sense
Traffic coming from Gavilan Canyon Road would then be able to cross Sudderth on a light. The signal could be used to better assist the ambulanc personnel onto or across Tudderth.
Traffic onto Sudderth from the McDonald's and Walgreens
area. and the Sonic Drive-in area. and the Sonic Drive-in
would then have a light, which would then have a light, which for their entrance onto a busy street.

I think if you will observe the traffic pattern at this intersec tion in the afternoon as the Race Track traffic is coming back into. Ruidoso you will se
this is a much better solution.

## Mnst stay beantiful for the summen <br> Before Chafter <br> War Summer Beciuty frown head to feet calli us We cre here ta csure you stay beautiful.

My grandson suffered a frac tured skull, was airlifted to the hospital, and subsequently suf fered seizures caused by the He is
He is still undergoing treat ment for his injuries. My concussions, memory loss and cuts and bruises. My granddaughter was spared serious injury:
The automobile was a total loss, and the doctors at the hos pital could not believe there were survivors when they saw the pictures on TV. All were in seat belts and the children wer ncar seats

We, the people of Ruidoso are standing behind and cheering our elected officials for tak ng such a hard stance on thi sue.
I, for one, am extremely proud of our Village Council for elected officials take heed of the fact that the Rio Ruidoso is down to a tricke right now. How many of the younger generations even know what drought is; we have had it too easy up here until we have for gotten the very fact that we liv in a high desert.

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# Tourism leaders review TKO campaign plans 


#### Abstract

deanna Cheney

H igh altitude, it seems, is the basis for an advertising campaign to be launched this fall on behalf of the Village of Ruidoso.

Thursday, members of the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee, village councilors and department heads, as well as tourism industry leaders, strategies to be performed by TKO Advertising; Inc. TKO, - with office Albuquerque and Austin, was named the successful applicant in a search for a new agency that began almost one year ago this month

The agency's contract with he Village became official July 1, 2006, although, a payment vices and advertising budget have not yet been set. Still, TKO has been working on a campaign concept for the past several months anticipating the contract, James Walker, TKO co-founder and creative strategist, told the audience assembled. Walker said his agency intends to leverage the environmental aspects of Ruidoso to "nhance its branding." design deals with high ground. Altitude and escape will always be the call to action," he said. Walker said the concept of altitude can transition well when building an idea among the public from season to season. Among those themelines he presented were:

Your boss evaporates somewhere around 6,000 feet dard time - You've got troubles, we've got mountains

We want to create a buzz about Ruidoso beyond your special events," Walker said at the opening of the presentation, adding, "Our goal is to set up a thoughtful, process for advertisthan lodgers and gross receipts than lodgers and gross receipts


Walker explained that the cornerstone of the plan for the
Village is to capture New Village is to capture New getting the all-important Texas markets.

We not only want to look to our friends in Texas but we want to make sure we are exhausting all our possibilities here," he said.
Of drive markets to be targeted, Ranl Garza, TKO Counder, said Albuquerque, Las are key. relevant to customers and speak to them in their language," Garza said of TKO's multi-tiered, customized strate gy planned for these cities. TKO presenters, which included Branding Specialist and Public Relations Super Director Eric Cavanaugh also Director Eric Cavanaugh, also paid advertising approaches to paidster Ruidoso's brand image.
Walker said knowing who the key constituents are for village tourism and striking the right message at the right time is "where the rubber meets the
To
ro that end, he said his agency will conduct a lot of research and survey work on
behalf of the village and will map out the spending patterns of tourists.
"This is what will enable us to do smart advertising," he said.

In other business of the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee, members:
hich revealed that the report which revealed that the com-2006-07 budget 000 left in it 2006-07 budget
yne Hawkins, report from sales at the Ruidoso Convention Center, on center usage, revenues and expenses. Hawkins said fourth quarter revenue for fiscal year 2005-06 was down $\$ 14,491$. Attendance also is down by a head count of 9,861 from the previous year.
cern is what'groups have fallen by the wayside and why that is

## We want to create a buize aboit Ruidoso beyond your special events. Our goal is to set up a thoughtifl, process for advertising that is measurable by more than lodgers tax and gross receipts tax."

 James WalkerTKO
and to go and get them back. ${ }^{n}$. approved a line item tise for a search for a tourism director for the village

- approved language for a Request For Proposals to go out July 21 in search for a tourism director. Interviews are to be set for the week of Sept. 18-22 with a recommendation for hire to be presented to members of
the Ruidoso Village Council the Ruillaso Manager Lorri McKnight Oct. 10.
Rating criteria, on a maximum point system of 100 for evaulation includes: 25 points for special qualifications; 10 points for general qualifications; 25 points for overall philosophy and concept; 25 points 20 points for oral presentation and interview.


James Walkerwith TKO Advertising, inc., contract agent for the Village of Ruidoso, presents a sketch to tourism leaders Thursday on a soon-to-be-launched marketing campaign.

## Tourism funding to Lincoln County down

## deanna Cheney

Lincoln County registered a notable decline in funding from the New Mexico Department of ing program this year, dropping from a total award of $\$ 41,550$ to six groups in 200506 to $\$ 7,000$ in awards to three groups in 2006-07.
The Ruidoso Festival of Lights committee, Billy the Kia, Inc., and Special Events Resource Group (SERG), head Doth, former marketers of Village of Ruidoso, were three
of the 140 . New Mexico nonprofit organizations and governments mo share in the more than $\$ 1$ million awarded this fiscal year.
Last year the Village of
Ruidoso was awarded $\$ 20,000$ Ruidoso was awarded $\$ 20,000$, or the maximum payout possi-
ble as a result of a proposal submitted by the Doths. - Cindi Clayton-Davis member of the Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Commitee, said she suspects that with the Village's marketing contract in flux during the period of time Request funding were to have been submitted, the Village lost out.

Doth brought the paperwork to Village Hall for someone to submit if they wanted to apply to coop slipped throuigh the cracks," she said
Davis said Grindstone officials could not apply for the funding as a representative of the Village as their contract with the Village expired June 30 with awards effective July 1 , 2006.

Doth was out of town and could not be reached for com ment:
tive funds

## Last year the Vilage o irinoso was amarded

 $\$ 20,000$year's distributions, are the Arts Council of White Oaks, Inc., Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, and Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, according to a press release issued by the tourism department.
To receive the matching monies, a funding recipient must.first show proo of adverto the state.

## All time record set for state oil and gas lease sale

## DIANNE STALEINGS

New Mexico's Public Lands Office broke an all-time record for annual oil and gas lease sale arnings, collecting $\$ 57.5 \mathrm{mil}$ lion for Fiscal Year 2006 Commissioners of Public Lands Patrick Lyons announced the record as the end of the fiscal year approached last month and June's lease sale earnings hit $\$ 5,829,151$, bumping the fiscal year earnings in excess of the

## BUSINESS BRIEES

Workers' Compensation $\underset{\text { Introduction seminar }}{\mathbf{A}}$ on the Compensation is to be present ed July 20 at the Ruidoso Senior Center, 501-A Sudderth
previous
"The foundation gas revenues generated for the trust's 21 beneficiaries is the public auction of trust lands for oil and gas leasing," Lyons said "The Land Office has had a tremendous year and we expect across the board."

Lease sale are conducted on the, third Tuesday of each month at the Santa Gee office as the culmination of accepting nominations, selection and
evaluating tracts, assigning royalty rates, generating a map, publishing a hard copy es from previous issuing leases from previous sales, mainof title and evaluation how the sale compared with those in other land management agencies west of the Mississippi, according to information from Lyons' staff.
His Oil, Gas and Minerals Division manages 9,800 oil and gas leases covering 3.1 million acres of mineral estate in trust
for public education, universities, hospitals, the penitentiary and water projects. Last month, 50 tracts covering 13,896 acres of trust lands were offered and all were sold.

Chalfant Properties Inc. of Midland, Texas submitted the highest sealed bid of $\$ 378,151$
for 319 acres in Lea County north of Tatum. The highest oral bid came from Continental Land Resources LLC of Roswell, which paid $\$ 710,000$ for 320 acres in Eddy County southwest of Artesia.


Dr, The program, presented by the New Mexico Workers Compensation Administration, gets started at 8 am . and lasts about two hours.

Business owners and managers are invited to attend. For more information call Robert

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July 19 in Roswell. Two meetChaves County Commission Chambers in the Chaves County Administration Center, \#1 St: Marys Place in Roswell. Meetings are scheduled for 1:30. p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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# Joint Use Board seeks more autonomy for customers <br> Dinnne Stallings 

Seeking more autonomy and a method to allow more involvement by entities such as the Mescalero Apache Iribe, memgoverns a regional waste water treatment plant are looking at a change in form.
They directed JUB Attorney H. John Underwood Thursday to research the benefits and drawbacks of changing from their existing title to an Authority similar to the Authority, which handles garbage collection in unincorpo rated portions of the county and some municipalities.
Maury St. John, a county

## Different approach sought to streamline procedures

fication by the JUB Thursday From there, the Ruidoso Downs Council must vote again

Waters said Underwood will be examining if more autonomy might eliminate some of those delays and problems. As is,
The JUB can be stopped or stalled at the council level," he said.
$\therefore$ We need three boards to
complete an action. We see the way the Solid Waste Authority functions and we think the wastewater law allow's creating something similar," he said, "To increase rates, we would still have to go to the councils. But for the daily decisions, the plant
should be run by a separate entity."

Authorities for water, waste water and solid waste exist al ver the country; he said.
"Alto is a special district which is essentially a water
authority;" Waters said. "I authority, Wome of the local munic pal politics out of issues and reates a more unified board.
I think we both have rea
ons for wanting this."
The current JUB agreemen has evolved and there may be better ways to run the operahion, he said. Right now, work is heaped on McKnight in add on to her other duties
Underwood will be deter mining if under state law a solid waste authority enabling
"We meed three boards to complete an action To increase rates, we would still have to go to all the councils:"

## John Waters JUB member

act or if new legislation would have to be introduced and adopted by the state Legislature, Waters said.
Local governing bodies must be fluid as times change or they'll get into trouble down the road, he said, adding his prediction should bation authorimon as cities and other entities begin attacking problems with water as regional or shared water
issues:

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257-2703 • 106 Whitlock Dr. (next to Radio Shack) help with the fiscal needs of the Hubbard Museum of the municipal museum serving the Ruidoso Downs/Ruidoso area, is fast-approaching.
Ongoing and new supporters of the museum are invited to be "wined and dined" July 22 with tickets on sale now at a cost of non-member. Group tickets for tables of 10 and priority patron tickets also are available, said organizers.
"This is an event put on for the museum each year by the Ladies Auxiliary, an offshoot of our Advisory Board,', Jay Smith, museum director, said. "It takes months of planning and a lot of work to put together and offers top entertainment, an auction, and a lot of Smith said that with the nuseum's recent transition from a private-museum to a city-owned museum, fundraising of "this type is that much more important."
"We rely. heavily on these types of things to be able to

[^0]How The wner and dance, How the for an auto raftle ticket stop by West or call Janis Rowe mem bership director, at 378-4142. Tickets also are sale the gift shop of the Hubbard Museum and in the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack gift shop.
generous auction items donated local merchants.
Also scheduled to help raise funds for the museum is an organized raffle for a 2007
Cadillac Escalade. Raffle tickets are $\$ 200$ each with only 550 tickets available. Persons interested in the raffle need not be present at the July 22 fundrais er to win.

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## he said.

Corporations and developers or years have eyed property said, as well as near the racetrack but have been unable to build, until now.
"Much of that land has been held in trust but that is no longer the case," he explained. available and there are some very significant projects headed our way. Also, the land that we annexed in 2003 around the Palo Verde Slopes and Agua

## Fria is ple,"

 Waters said that the Avalon development, an 82-acre commercial center with 36,000 plans for townhomes nearby, is plans for townhomes nearby, is located near Wal-Mart on U.S. 70. He said other; similar projects are in the planning stages As Waters sees it, the city's emerging demographics are beginning to work for the city. "Ruidoso Downs is moving toward the normal demograph ical curve," he expleined. "We have always been and willalways be a strong blue-collar community but we are starting to see mone of the upper-income

Van Gulick said he foresee a streamlining of authority where certain things, such as simple permits and summary reviews on property, can be handled administratively, while the council would maintain authority over new subdi-
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demographic.
Waters said that while larger, mone expoifigive homes are either being built or afe thlated to be built, Ruidoso Downs will profile to the benefit of the area profile to the benefit of the area: munity that depends on a strong labor force and the economics of Ruidoso Downs' being a place where people can afford to live and shop matters," he said. "We want to keep our workforce and retain our young people. When companies look at expanding or relocating their business these are two of
things that they look at." Waters said that with cil passage next month, the city
will erect a large lighted sign at the entrance to the city near mile market266.
last ye budgeted and $\$ 7,000$ for it last year and are just labout ready to get it up, he said. the east gate may also find on the sign the tagline "Quarter Horse Capital of the World"? proposed by Mayor, Bob Miller. Of those immediate person nel changes, Steve Dunigan this week was named planning director. Dunigan, who previusly served the city as personneceived the promotion maner oceived the promotion in view of his qualified services as wel city.

Committee can help by handling the bulk of things like variances and conditional uses, relieving the council of that," Van Gulick said, noting the increase in residential and comercial development
The Ruidoso Downs P\&Z Commission meets at 5:30 p.m: in the Hubbard Room council chambers, 122 Downs Dr.

In other business, the council:

- approved a garbage collection rate increase of $\$ 1.85$ per month, as requested by the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority.
heard a report from Public Works Director Tom Stewart on thood and drainage problems July 7 in which three inches of rain fell in three hours. "Hopefully it will remain dry and we will be able to go back to
epairing our streets and sys tem, Stewart said.
- approved a reorganization of city departments and person nel promotions, as presented by ity Manager John Waters Through City Attorney Dan ho was out of to during the meeting, asked if the gove th meeting, asked if the govern ment reorganization and perbeen considered during budget discussions.
Acting DPS position
approved Mayor Bob Miller's temporary confirma ion of Corp. Richard Schwaln to Acting Lieutenant for the Schwalm has been serving chief of police since July 1, following the speedy departure of Chief Robert Denny.
- approved the hiring of David Merta as a security
guard for the Hubbard
$\therefore$ By making planning a director posititon it tells people Xe viev' develogment as impor-
bu*
Dunigan, together with Bill Dunlap, code enforcement officer, wil undergo training for
certification as building inspectors to increase the city's ability to respond to permitting requests, plan reviews and inspections. Payroll, previously a duty of Dunigan's, will be moved under Terri Mosley, while the citys finance department will add a new finance clerk to the rolls.
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acquiring the Hubbard Museum and the purchasing at

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## Ruidoso Downs manage

its gift shop glone warrant a new person in our finance department," Waters said on Wednesday. "Add to that the growing need to have someone help with general accounts eceivables.
City councilors Monday approved the reorganization of departments by unanimous consent.


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Paul Van Gulick
Ch.irman, P8Z

Museum of the American West - approved Jean Proctor to the city's Beautification Com mittee.
recognized Dàwn Hightower, communications detention officer as employee of the month.

- heard a complaint from Loraine Pielaet that her home suffered rainwater damage was unable to locate sandbags from any local government agency when attempting to pro-
tect her home.
received a recommendation by former City Councilman Rene Olivo that retiring Planning Director Tom Armtrong be recognized with a plaque.
"We've already got that in the mill,"

Tom Armstrong was a personal friend of mine and a very valued, important employee. We are going to sorely miss him."

## Meetings scheduled

- Planning \& Zoning - Special council

Members of the Ruticoeo Planning and Zoning Como mission foce a 1 - trem mond Tueaday, but it dow nó inclinde epplications for oundo devilophinent or 1 lodse developnent alope Edaple Duive hal hape granale Villaza planner Darte) Bremner satid the lodge, a Betty Beachum project, zs eot for Atgust 12, and the conidominíum pxoppsal will go to site development plan review, but hise no date sot.
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Ruldose VIHage Councilors Don Williams, Ron Hardeman, Michele Rebstock and Greg Cory (back turned) discuss issues at their Cloudcroft retreat.

## RETREAT

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ture.

- Respect "shared constituency." What do the people Villa
Vinage councilors should keep in mind they are citizens of the county and county commissioners need to realize that residents of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs are county tax payers as well as municipal res dents, Neu said. Voters are ecoming more aware of "fracConalized ${ }^{n}$ jurisdictional ent


## Ruidoso solid waste customers likely to pay higher rates

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Under proposed increases to the solid waste fee schedule residential customers in the village of Ruidoso will pay $\$ 2$ their garbage in neighborping heir garbage
The fee
7.44 to $\$ 9.44$, a 13.4 perm increase.
On top of that hit, they would pay $\$ 7.45$ instead o $\$ 5.20$ for yard waste pickup, which also is a monthly charge, and 80 cents for recycling, up ust 2 cents.
The thal increase would
ties competing for dollars and sions, resource allocations, per-
programs, he said. The terrorist formance, planning and moniprograms, he said. The terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001, brought home the negative aspects of that approach and the need to share problems and solutions, he said
strate elements and demonstrate elem
teamwork. - Maste sion making

- Have clearly defined roles and relationships.
Councils should deal with goals, vision, major issues and strategies to deal with problems. The village manager is responsible for tactical deci-
a bill of $\$ 17.69$, a hike from $\$ 13.42$.

Village councilors Tuesday set a public hearing on the proposed changes for their Aug. 8 meeting.

Commercial accounts also would see increases of $\$ 2$ per month for the collection bins of $\$ 2.25$ for yard waste, 2 cents for recycling and $\$ 3$ for a shared dumpster.

In his memorandum to the council, village Solid Waste Director Leonard Corona wrote the last rate adjustment urred six years ago.
"Overall department expenditures have increased drastically, he stated
formance, planning and moni-

- Honor the board-staff part nership. Everyone deserves respect and acknowledgment of - work, Ne said

Alocate governing body Meetings should not last More than two hours, Neu said. more than two hours, Neu said cilors agreed and said they may set up "study" sessions on issues for alternate Tuesday
when regular meetings are scheduled, to speed up the deci sion-making meetings. - Have clear rules and pro cedures for board meetings That will help control the time used andif the cour set the staff has a clear path to fol low, Neu said.

- Get a valid assessment. the public's concerns and evalu ation of the board's perfor mance.
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## Gun Battle back in form with fastest time to Zia Futurity



BJ Strawily streaks to a win with jockey Oscar Hernandez during trials for the Zia Futurity Thuisday at Ruidoso Downs. BJ.Strawfly was the fourth-fastest qualifier to the stakes race, to be run during the Zia Festival July 30.

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Robert and Del Rae Driggers' Gun Batte fastest qualifier to the Ruidoso Horse Sale futurity, showed that sharp form once again by setting the fastest qualifying time to the by setting the fastest qualifying time to the
$\$ 355 ; 846$ Zia Futurity in the eighth of 10 trials held on Thursday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

The New Mexico-bred two-year olds with the 10 fastest times from the 400 -yard trials qualify to run in the Zia Futurity. The Zia Futurity is the richest race on a stakes-filled program on July 30 at Rui Guin Battle will lead the
Gun Battle will lead the 10 qualifiers into length win in 19.489 for 400 yards with Esgar Ramirez aboard.
The Fred Danley-trained Gun Battle became the toast of the New Mexico-bred two-year-old division in the Ruidoso Horse Sale Futurity trials on June 2 when he drew off by $4.1 / 4$ lengths to be the fastest qualifier with a $: 17.57$ time for the 350 yards. He was widely
supported in the Ruidoso Horse Sale Futurity on June 18 as the 4-5 favorite, but was never a threat and finished fifth.

Trainer Russell Harris came through with the second- and third-fassest qualifiers, Rodney Verret's. Highly Blazineffort. Rodney Verrets Highly Blazin remained length trial victory in $: 19.788$. The gelding was length trial victory in $: 19.788$. The gelding was his maiden on May 29 at Ruidoso Downs. Ray Morphis and Andrew Reynolds, Special Blazineffort, a $\$ 15,000$ supplemental nominee to the Zia Futurity trials, turned in a Battle He came into the Zia Futurity trials off Battle. He came in the and an allowance race his only prior starts.
The complete list of qualifiers and their times are Guin Battle (:19.489), Highly Blazin (:19.788), Special Blazineffort (:19.805), BJ Strawfly (:19.891), Mira Vista Miracle (:19.940), Blushing Blaze (:19.958), Mister WW (:19.973), Mightys First Call (:19.985), Hearts Miracle (:20.007) and Buillets Brother Hearts M
(:20.048).

## Arealstraitheart has edge in Zia Derby trials

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For the Ruidoso Ncus
All American Futurity runner-up
Arealstraitheart, winner of five of seven starts
and $\$ 596,714$, has a real edge in the four trials
to the Zia Derby for New Mexico-breds when he
makes his. 2006 debut Friday.
The horses with the 10 fastest times from the
trials return for the .finals on July 30 . The Zia
Derby is part of the Zia Festival program filled
with New Mexico-bred stakes action.
Arealstraitheart, owned by MJ Enterprises,
has been sensational for trainer Ben Torres
with his five wins from seven starts. His only
setbacks were his only two appearances against
open company and each of those starts were at
the highest stakes level. He was second in his All American Futurity trial, finishing ahead of champion Teller Cartel. Arealstraitheart was American Futurity, a neck behind Teller Cartel. Arealstraitheart is unbeaten against New Mexico-bred competition with wins in last year's Zia Futurity and the Grade 1 Shue Fly Stakes.

Arealstraitheart has the second posit position in the last trial, which will run as the ninth race on the nine-race program, and Esgar Ramirez will be aboard.
send out Runawaywiththerres team will also Derby trial with the inside post position.



See ZUA DEREY, page 3B
realistraytheart sean during trials for last year's Zla Furing trials is for last year's zla the 2006 Zia Derby trials taking place today at Ruidoso Downs. The horse won last year's Zia Futuity and was second in the All American Futurity.

When the Rio Grande Senor Futurity trials get under Downs, Fantasmo, right, will look to continue his unbeaten streak on the
Undefeated Fantasmo returns -In Senor Futurity trials

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Copper Top Futurity winner Fantasmo brings his undefeated record into the four trials to Futurity Saturday.
Also on Saturday, Copper Top Futurity third-place finishthree trials to the $\$ 112,600$ Rio Grande Senorita Futurity. The Senorita Futurity trials will be the first through the will be the first through the

## Getting all wet and having fun at the track

New Mexico's changing weather conditions can ofter result in horses racing over refer to any track that is not listed as a fast track, which is, a dry track. Off tracks are often listed as sloppy,
muddy, good or slow.
First, the bad 1 PLAYIN' tracks mean there is a signifi-
cant shange in the conditions that the hors es are experiencing during a race.
Second, the good news: Astute handicappers know that the vast majority of racehorses (estimates range as a high as 90 percent) hande both fast and off tracks don't know how a horse will handle an off dorack jnow how a horse will hande that the horse's past performances on dry tracks will translate to a wet racing surface:
That makes life easier for the handicapper. So if you look out the window in the morning and see heavy rain, don't let that stop you from going to the races. Actually, it may he a day that will lead to some extra "folding" money. (That's money you can fold
p and put in your pocket.) One of the first things handicappers do to see if a horse.does like an off track is to look at the horse's past performances on off (racks. 'This is a wise move

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 never assume that a horse isin the same condition as he or months or she was for an off-track race months or years ago. So, look at the odds. for the off-track race. If the horse was a longshot and finished in the top three horses, then he or she may "move up" on an off you that that type of performance does tell If he or she was the even-moniey favorite and won, then the horse might have just been the best horse, regardless of conditions, and not really "moved up" on the off track. Remember, most horses have similar results on off and fast tracks.

Also consider that many times, if a horise really does not like an off track, he or she will be scratched from off-track races. So assume that the horses in an off-track race
have an off-track line in his or her past per formances, the trainer probably knows how ing workouts on off tracks
If a track has been "off" for a few days look at the results from those days to see if any track bias is developing. Look at Thoroughbred races and see if there is a tendency for frontrumners or closers to out perform their odds. Check the Quarter Horse races and see if horses on the inside in the middle or outside are outrunning their odds. But, be careful, because most handicappers tend to overreact to a littl anecdotal evidence. Search for definitive trends, not just a couple of favorites who, for example, closed well and won. Often favorites on the fastest of unbisised tracks Also, don't listen to somebody who say there is a track bias. Do your own research When handicapping for off tracks, don't "over-handicap," rather look for horses that have performed well over off tracks at long odds. You may find yourself a winner wit wagering value. Have fun and get wet!

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Sports on Tap
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Class 3 A North-South game at Las Vegas, N.M., 6 p.m.
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## LIVE RACING THURSDAY - SUNDAY POST TIME 1 :00 PM <br> ZIA FUTURITY TRIALS THURSDAY \& ZIA DERBY TRRIALS FRIDAY

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JULIE CARTER/STAFF
Ruldoso's Joel Salas poses with Smokey Bear after winning the Fun Run dedicated to that famous fire--fighting bruin over the Fourth of July, weekend in Capitan. Salas was the top runner an the meris $2 K$ run, finishing with a top time of 12:44. Johin Ashcraft: of Ruidoso Downs. finished second with a time of 14:23, while Bob Koenig of.Capitan was third overall with a time of 15:50.
In the women's 2 K , Bailee Sawyer, hailing from San Angelo, Texas, finished first with a time of $14: 4$, whie Ruidosos $16: 09$. Jenaifer Zimmerman, out of Chandler. Ariz. was third
Louie Telles of La Luz won the men's 10K run with a time of $42: 20$, while Ruidoso's Will Krogman finished second with a time of $42: 34$. Davin Cheykaychi, of Algodones, N.M., was third at 45:14.
In the women's 10 K run. Christy Pearson of Ruidoso finished first at Lenee Chavez, of Belen, ran the course in $51: 13$ to finish thrird.

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Blazing Rockstar turned in boxcar numbers when he won + Sale Cuturity at nearly 32-1 move on the turn to get the futurity win by a neck in :59 for five furlongs and break his In the
In the Senorita Futurity triafer finishing third surfaces Fantasmo in the Copper Top. First To Blush ran strongly in the Copper Top, but was unable to rin down Fantasmo. She broke her maiden in her career debut when she rallied to win by one length.
ZIA DERBY mompres is
Ramirez is the jockey.
een the succese of his has not mate Arealstraitheart, but has still raced to an enviable record of five wins and two seconds from 11 starts while earning \$116,886. Runawaywiththegold was second behind Arealstraitheart in the Shue Fly Stakes and fourth in the 2005 New Mexican Spring Futurity as the 5-2 favorite. He was the 3 2 favorite in the Grade 2 New Association Stakes, but had a Association stakes, but had a
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## St. Joseph Mission project nears halfway mark

## Dianne Stallings

Restoration and repair of St. Joseph Apache Mission, a masthe stone landmark begun in year period, was initiated 20 years ago.
Since February 1998, volunteers and staff raised $\$ 929,485$ to pay for the work. Of that amount, 41 percent came from private foundation grants, 46 percent from donors and 13 percent "from the hard work of raffles, food sales, concerts and interest earned, said Project Administrator Mary Serna: Historic Preservation awarded Historic Preservation awarded grant to help: replace the grant to help. replace the part of the church "face" that grabs the attention of visitors and locals who drive by on U.S. 70 in Mescalero.
"To have such a prestigious nonprofit preservation funder believe in our project is affirmation of the significance of the historical landmark, and to the hard work that everyone is doing here," Serna said.
Battered by harsh sunlight and strong winds, the window damaged. restoration crew removed old Plexiglas panels and prepared steel framework for sandblasting and painting by Desert Sands Stripping in Alamogordo. Staff of CVE Machine \& Welding in High Rolls handled welding repairs to strengthen the frame.
The new window will be
built with unbreakable fiberbuilt with unbreakable fiberglass reinforced with copolymer plastic glass. wrote that the past six months
were productive with a crew finishing strengthening and repointing the stonework of the interior of the west wall. plished in the sout was accom and major electrical work whe completed on the west side of the building.

Jim Shows
Jinn Electric and his crew at a upgrade and iLC were hired Serna wrote. He improve safety, costs by showing ped reduce how to install thg volunteers and outdoor conduit.
${ }^{*}$ All the work passed New Mexico state inspection, vastly mproving the antiquated wiring on that en
Mescalero Apache Telecom Mescalero Apache Telecom and o trench digging machinie and a trench digging machinie for the outdoor lines, she said. "We were surprised to note that in 2005, the restoration crew hand-troweled over 27,000 pounds of mortar into he wall, setting a new record, she said. "Tommy Spottedbird credited this to our great group hard-working trainees.
The project contributes to he development of the young munity as they learn a mar ketable $\mathrm{s}^{k}$-Il, she said. Thre training positions were budget ed for the summer. The Chemical Company officials donated all hydrated lime for the morta since the project kicked off, Serna said. The Mescalero Apache Tribe transported about 20 cubic yards of sand donated by the family of The Daenz in Bent
The first community master plan meeting was conducted in project approaches the half-way


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An enthuslastic particlpant in St. Eleanor Catholic Churchis in the footsteps of Christ. Children enrolled in the weeklong camp pressed a tempura painted foot onto paper during craft time July 12.

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mark. People must decide what Bloise Lucey from South the want to see in the interior of Carolina, Sister Lucy Meissen the church, Serna said: from the Diocese of Las Cruces architectural consultant Mary Architect Dale Zinn.

## At The Yoga Studio <br> 2810 Sudderth, Suite 207

Teachings by Shubhraji, an Indian Vedantic master who has dedicated her life to spiritual work. Her Web site is www.namahom.org

7-230 p.m., Friday, July 14
"Mantras: Invoking the Divine through Chant \& Prayer" The significance of mantras and how their chanting can How energy and restore physical and emotional balances How to connect with the Divine though this practice i explained.

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For information contact Myra Romero 336-8143

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust. Psalm 91:2


## Get involved with HEAL

[EAL is an acronym which stands for Help End Abuse for Life all abuse - spousal abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, etc.
The organization works educate about abuse, protect from abuse, and provide for the abused Survivor 2: Rain concert at the Spencer Saturday night will raise money to help provide for the Nest and the HEAL.
There are
matching money grants available to find the Nest and the HEAL
program. So that means if we are to receive matching grant monies, our communi ty must make the first investment.
The Rain concert is part of that community investment. Individuals, civic organiza tions, and churches have. given seed ming grant It is hatching grants family assault and abuse has been the most prevalent crime in Ruidoso and Lincoln County.
As a pastor, I have tried to help men and women whose anger and lack of self-control have led to the abuse of
spouse and children. In the lives of some abusers, I found a fannilia pattern the abue. words, the abusedgre The abuiser must come to under tand that the behavior pat tern can be broken

Sometimes psying works. Sometimes spiritual counseling does.
So
Some abusers were not abused themselves, but control the attitudes and action of family members, their anger and frustration results in abuse of hose family members. Some abusers are out of control because the use of alcohol and/or drugs robs them of self-control and puts them out of touch with real ty. Other abusers are just With these few

With these few words, I am not trying to analyze and correct the problem of abuse you to get involved. Attend the concert tomorrow night. Contact the directors of HEAL and ask how you might help.
Your might give some one help for today and hope for tomorrow ... like Jesus does

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowniess. to perish, but everyone to come to repentance 2 Peter 3:9

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## FLINERALS DEATHS

## Smith

Leona Lynda Smith, born Dec. 21, 1964, passed awa unexpectedly June 30, 2006. She was preceded in deat by her dad. Rich Seeley. Surviving family members include her husband, Stephen Smitty" Smith; two sons Shawn and Kyle Dosch; gram Mildred Seeley; parents, Lynda Seeley-Chittum and George "pop"; father, Nate Moore; sisters, Beene Smith, Laura Bandy Seeley; sisters in-law Randy Seeley; sisters in-law
Netty Whitmer, Tracy Carroll Lisa Kepford, and Rachel brothers in-law, Dan Smith Phillip Bamett, Ron Whitmer Mark Kepford, and John; nieces, Casandra Rue, Atiera Bamett, Mikayla Seeley nephews, Josh Rue, Eric

Downs; great-nephew, Jesise Downs; step-siblings, LaDai and Tim Epperson, LaFonia Chittum, Gerry Chittum and Dosch and his family. She is also survived by many aunts, also survived by many aunts, other nieces and nephews, along with tons of friends. Leona will be dearly misised by all.
Comer Funere held at Adrian Comer Funeral Home in Pueblo, Colo., on July 5.

## Coonie

Funeral service for LeRoy Coonie, 80, of Mescalero was held Thursday, July 13, at the home of his daughter, Karen Aragon, at White Tail. Burial
followed at the Aragon Family followed at the Aragon Family
Cemetery, also at White Tail.

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Mr. Coonie passed, away Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at White Tail. He was born May 14, 1926, at Apache, Okla., and had lived most of his life at
Mescalero. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Mescalero American Legion Post \#48, Mescalero Gourd Society and Kunestis Dance Group, and he retired from B.I.A. in 1972 .

He attended St. Joseph's Mission.
Surviving family members nclude his children, Karen Aragon, Carlyle Coonie, Hubert Coonie, Rebecca Coonie, and

Lelena Coonier 29 grandchil and many great-grandchildren He many nieces and nephews his children, Cheryl Coonie and Leroy Lewis Coonie.

Arrangements with LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso:

## Hoff

Richard ' Edward Hoff, 52 completed his spiritual and physical quest when he passed family home in Alto Born in a 23,1954 Richard tro. Bon Ma a liberated and untraditional life. He was an avid practition


## Julia Warner Romero

A rosary will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 14,2006 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Romero, who passed away on July 7 , 2006 in Roming, who Louisiana. She was 87 years old. A funeral mass will be held at 10:30 a.m: on Saturday, Jüly 15 at St. Jude's. Rev. Al Galvan offic Hondo Cemetery.
Julia wàs born on August 1, 1918 in Lincoln, NM to Juan and Emilia Torres Warner. She was married to George Romero and
together they raised a family of nineteen children. together faised a family foneteen
She was an active member of St. Jude's Catholic Church, and
will be mis by all who kn.
Her survivors include her sons, Basil, Willie, Richard, Jimmy, Roger, Fred, Clifford; daughters, Cecilia, Andrea, Rebecca,
Ethel, Martha, Carmen, and Bernice; sisters, Estela, Mary Violia, and Lucila Alice. She is also survived by her 33 grand-
and children, 36 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in'death by her husband, her parents, and Manuel, David, Julian, and Eloi, and her sisters; Predicanda Apalonia, Carmelita, and Francisca.
There will be a viewing on Friday, July 14, 2006 from 6-8 p.m. at St. Jüde's Catholic Church.
Arrangements have been entrus
Funeral Home and Crematory.
er of yoga and enjoyed bicycling and fishing.

He is remember his kind and giving heart as well as his love of knowledge. He is survived and continually loved by his wife of 25 years, Anita Hoff of Ruidoso, and daughters Alexis Hoff of Fort Worth and Erica Hoff of Lubbock.
Richard was preceded in death by his mother, Barbara Ann Kelsay, He is survived by his father William and stepmother Odessa Hoff of Wumetta, Calif, brother William Hoff of Las Vegas, Nev., grandmother Elise Wolschlagel and family of Hilo, Hawaii, and other family members residing in Nevada, New York, New Jersey and California:
All friends and acquaintances of Richard are welcome to a memorial to be held in celebration of his life at 1 p.m. Mond Trail in Alto.
In lieu of flowers athe family asks that donations be made to the ADD/AHD project at the Sierra Dove Center; for information, contact Julia Price at 505-336-1933.


Basil, Willie, Richard, Jimmy Roger, Fred, Clifford and the ate John, Daniel, Eddie and Samuel. Also survived by 33 years, a native of San Patricio, N.M., and a resident of Las Vegas, N.M., for the past 25 years. A private graveside service was held on Thursday, July 13, 2006, in Hondo

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The hit TV series "Survivor" probably won't be coming to we've already found an immunity idol.
Lincoln County Medical Center's White Mountain Medical Clinic was recagnized
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Immunization Coalition for ensuring full immunization of 97 percent of child patients by the age of two,
The coalition, founded in 2002 by the New Mexico Department of Health, has set a goal of fully immunizing 90 percent of all New Mexicans by
2010.

This is very significant." said Stephen. Otero, MD, of Clinic, Mot onty is Medical protected, but the community is protected as well. When a community's immunization rates exceeds 90 percent, the risk of a widespread outbreak drops dramatically. The technical term is herd immunity. Parents with infants and young children need to do their nized on schedule.
nized on schedule
Otero said. "Hepatitis B vac cine, for example, is given at
percent immunization rate
birth because the baby has no immunity. With the measles vaccine, though, we have to wait a year, because the moth until then. Give the shot early, and it won't work.
."Children who are not fully immunized by school age can remain vulnerable for life," he Whit
White Mountain Medical Clinic has improved by two per cent over last year and by a
whopping 80 percent since the clinic began tracking. child clinic began tracking. child "It's a team effort," said Marilyn Shultz, CFNP, who
supervises child immunization efforts at White Mountain records of our of us checks the make sure immunizations stay up to date. We're very proud of what we've been able to accom plish.".
Founded in 1950, Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) has a long tradition of providing high quality, healthcare value to all Lincoln County Presbyterian and Healthcare Presbyterian Healthcare private, not-for Mexicit health: care system, has managed LCMC since 1972.

## CYFD secretary appoints African-American program manager

Jong history in behavorial health

SANTAFE - Cabinet Secretary-Designate Dorian Dodson has announced the appointrient of Ms. Julienne African-American Program Services Manager for, the Children, Youth and Families Department.
Ms. Smrcka was previously CYFD's Behavioral Health Director for the Youth Center (YDDC) in Albu Center (YDDC) in AlbuThe purpose of this newly created position is to work lenges and issues related to full
access to and enhancement of services and programs for Anican-American children, Youth and families served In her new position Smrcka will work internally and externally with commuinity leaders, advocates and others. "I look forward to seeing Julienne take on several challenges as African-American Program Services Manager," Dodson said. "We have a disproportionate number of minority youth in the Juvenile Justice and Protective Services areas versus the general popu-
lation," he added, "and we must change that picture if-we must change that picture if-we are to strengthening families in New Mexico."

Ms. Smrcka holds a Masters
in psychology as well as being. in New Mexico "Juliensiolo in New Mexico. "Julienne has Dodson. "Haventials," said Dodson. "Having provide behavioral health, predominantly to children and adoles cents, for the last 20 years, she
brings a perspective that will provide her a leg up in making necessary changes that will result in better outcomes for our youth and families," Dodson added.
"We would like to increase the diversity in our pool of fos ter parents, and one of the ways to achieve that is to recruit more Arrican-American foster in and adoptive parents, a goal in which I am confident Julienn can lead the charge. In addi-
tion, as in other states, New Mexico also has a dispropor
tionate number of children who remain in foster

## It is essent

address essential that we address these issues and hold
ourselves accountable for the ourselves accountable for the full confidence in Julienne's ability

Smreka has done scholarly work in the area of multi-cul tural issues, which she says has enhanced her perspective because, "Sometimes the cultural differences in our communities are subtle, but because of those differences and the choices an individual the life and the impacts of those choic and the impacts of those choicSmrcka will work
Albuquerque office of the Cabinet"Secretary.

## Online pet med purchases can save up to half the price

According to the Association of Pet Products. Manufacturers Association (APPMA), there in America that have at least one thing in common. They all own thing least come pet and 45 percent of those own more than Pets are big business
When you look at the fact that there are around 73 million dogs and 90 million cats
owned throughout the country, owned throughout the country,
you can easily see what a big you can easily see what a bi
business the pet industry is. business the pet industry is.
The APPMA reports tha during 2005, an estimated $\$ 35.9$ billion was spent on pets
in America. That's an increase of over a billion dollars from the previous year. Out of that amount, it's estimated that a
whopping $\$ 8$ billion per year is whopping $\$ 8$ billion per year is
spent on pet supplies and med icine alone.

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www.biovets.com

County residents with flood damage may file claims with FEMA

## Deanna Cheney

Lincoln. County residents hose homes or property have suffered flood damage are advised this week by associates claims immediately.
claims immediately. After heavy rainfall satu-
rated the central New Mexico rated the central New Mexico
area, and with the threat of area, and with the threat of
more rain that has been forecasted, flood damage is a serious concern for many," said Cassie Ringsdorf, a spokesman with the National Flood Insurance Program, a federal-$y$-backed agency,
Ringsdorf said property.
owners should have their policy
number handy when contacting their insurance company or agent, as well as information about the effected property. "An adjustor will work with you to calculate the value of the
damage and prepare a repair damage and prepare a repair
estimate," she said: "When you estimate," she said: "When you
file your claim, ask for an file your claim, ask for an
approximate time frame during approximate time frame during which an adjustor can be
expected to visit your home so you plan accordingly," Ringsdorf advised.

Ringsdorf said property owners should keep a swatch or other sample of damaged items for the adjustor before dispos ing of them.


Photos of any water in the house and damaged per "Your adjustor will need ev dence of the damage and damaged items to prepare your estinates. A, ist of damage items
she said. Adjustors also find damage estimates by repair contractors helpful, she noted. For more information on flood risk, reporting and flood insurance, interested persons can go to www.FloodSmart. gov.

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er boards
Cut several flat
lengths:
 back

Sand and glue three sizes together with smaller on top
and all bottom edges even Paint it a pale yellow, blue or reen and let dry.
Glue some dry flowers at he bottom and a small bow Paint a black circle on the: ottom board to represent an pening and glue a wee twig Add a hanger on the baci and you are done.
The whole creation
shouldn't be larger than a 9 inch by 5 inch picture frame
Buy a house pattern
Buy a bird house pattern book and follow the outside shapes to produce other houses from the lumber yard
Gieses.
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arage sales and repair and paint leaving the back half o the roof off and add a plant and a bird sitting in the pening.

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## The art of cowboy conversation

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Whe fine art of conversation is what separates the human
species from the sub-human sort of. A cowboy's ability to ones - sort of. A cowboy's ability
coherently converse falls somewhere in middle of the gap. This dialogue took place after an
afternoon of team roping at one afternoon of team roping at one cowboys arena
Monte: How about having a barbeque here
Tuesday after roping? Blaine: That would be wonderful. I may be late to rope because my
son is getting married. Dan: Did you see old Slats fly out of that heel ing box and get me in position. That is one good horse.
Jerry: Yeah man,
Slats really had his
game fally had his
Ed (known as
Special Ed to his friends): Man, like barbeque. One time I was in
deep east Texas and had the best deep east Texas and had the best barbeque you can imagine at a road
side stand and the coldest beer I side stand
ever drank

Mark: Would anybody like a beer now - Monte's got some in the ebox here. Who all wants one? David: Did y'all see my new boots? Ordered these from the cata-
$\log$, official PRCA sponsored boots. $\log$, official PRCA sponsored boots. You ought to try some. Make you rope better.
Monte: So, can everybody come. Tuesday for a roping and barbeque? Blaine: That boy ought not to get married. He's too young for that ad of responsibility.
Dan: What's that girl look like you were going to introduce
anyway. I don't want to get hemmed up with any buckle bunnies.
Jerry: Speaking of buckles, did I tell you all about the time I won first in the average at Mineral Wells and got this great buckle with genuine rubies and all on it? Ed: Mama used to fix barbeque once in a while. Made the best pota
to salad. Were you thinking potato to salad. W
salad too?

Mark: This Coors Light is really good and cold. That mountain water sure makes a difference. Anybody need another? Monte's got plenty.

David: That new rope I got really works good. Endorsed by
Woodard, and he sure knows rop Woodard, and he sure knows ropes.
Never missed today all on account Never missed today
of that new rope.
that new rope.
Monte: Somebody toting a purple rope behind me missed bigger
than Dallas. Who could that have than D

Blaine: You take your chances
toting a purple rope. You know peo ple are on the look out since that movie came out. I guess I ought to'
be happy my boy wants to marry a woman.
Dan: Slats would buck ne off if I even thought about using a purple rope when I was riding him. He is one smart horse and wouldn't stand


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by JuLie carten for that Tell me about that girl you're going to let meet me. Jerry: I generally save that buckle for whe It is one great ing. It magnet.
Ed: Mama everything good, though. She made great pie. Were you thinking pie too?
Mark: Cold beei don't go with pie. What's the matter with you? If you're thinking barbeque you're going to have to restock this icebox. It's about empty. Anybody want another, we may as well pol ish of the last of this so he can have plenty of room for more:
David: What ever happened to the old cowboy movies with John Wayne, or Lee Marvin? Nobody would have given them a hard time no matter what color rope they were toting.
Monte: I'll be happy to restock the icebox and get the barbeque fixed if y'all will just tell me how many people to fix for
Blaine: That gal my boy is marrying is sure a looker. If you could get somebody to introduce one like that to you it might be all right even if she was a buckle bunny. ried I'd want one of those horseback weddings. Don't y'all think I'd look great all dressed up on old Slats. I could try to get my bride a nice horse too.
Jerry: You could borrow my buckle for the wedding. Ed: What would you have at the reception to eat? Barbeque is pretty Messy for I wet to

Mark: I got to go. You're plumb out of beer.
Everybody sauntered out of the out. David of purple rope and PRCA boot fame was the only slow one and Monte nabbed him before he got away, hoping for a firm com mitment.
David s
David shrugged and said, "We'll just have to play it by ear."

Julie can bé reached for comment
County news tips?
Good digital photos of an event?
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## Capitan to seek drought relief funding for new well

Julie Cartier

Capitan Mayor Sam Hammons and the village trustees are taking steps to apply for part of the Federal drough County area.
Hammons said he sent a "letter of need" to Senator Pete Domenci's office to begin the process. The funds will be used to drill another well for Capitan f an alternative or emergency sourc of water. Hammons said he was required to give a site location for the make formal application. "We still don't know for sure what requirement we have to meet for the funding," Hammons said by phone this week We just want to get on the list and make the effort in case we can qualify or the money.
Anter much discussion with knowldgeable locals, as well as the state nonded to his ce, Hammons recom for the new well would be near the will the corner of BLM and Don Biewer property. The village currently has a well in that location that is unusable ecause the well casing is collapsed. Hammons. said he originally
hought a well west of Capitan would be better, putting sources for water on both ends of the village, but the state engineer discourage the location both
for quantity and quality of water. According to Hammons, the argument addressing the wisdom of having would be answered upon the comple tion of a planned "lopp line" currently funded by grant monies.

The loop line will take water from the east to west end of Capitan with out relying upon the one water line currently feeding the town from the east.
While the agenda item for discussion of the drought relief funding was
an information only item, and not for an information only item, and not for action, the council made a motion and

Hammons later grant
motion and vote was nuil realized the bring the issue for a vote at a later meeting. "We are still a little green here, but we are learning," he said. The council again tabled the label ing of the foreman/supervisor of the water department until written guide line for responsibility and wage rate could be determined. David Cox already a vilage employee, is currentdecided if it is supervisory on salary or hourly with more work in the field than in a supervisory position.

Mayor Hammons said he would get a copy of the guidelines used by comparable-sized towns and bring the issue back for a vote at a special meet
ng in two weeks.
Lodger's Tax funds were approved and the Capitain Public Library in the amount of $\$ 400$ each.
David Cunningham volunteered to be appointed and approved as the Smokey Bear Days event coordinator for 2007. Cunningham served in as coordinator for the 2006 event.
Discussion was given to hiring a part-time water department employee as the demand of the new sewer plant is taking up a large When the iss
tion would be a contracted service or an hourly part-time position was questioned, it was tabled until the villageattorney Zack Cook could investigate the ramification of both options.

In other business the trustees: - will set dates for workshops for the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan

- approved a resolution accepting New Mexico Department of Transportation for the Mt. Terrace project
$\$ 690$ dues for services. from the Council of Governments
-approved a resolution to apply to a new fire truck


## Carrizozo's IMG sign court ordered into compliance

ment by Carrizozo and declared the Town of Carrizozo acted in excess of the scope of its authority in granting the scope of
A July 6 letter to the council from Watkins demanded the town to direct the billboard be removed, a statement she reiterated at the council meeting. Watkins was advised by the counci that because it was still a litigation item, all they could say was that action was being taken. The court order forces only size compliance by the sig ompany, not complete removal.
The Carrizozo Police Department roster has continued with its ongoing turnover. After accepting the resignaBion of a two-month new-hire Harry
Bailey department officials again Began accepting applications for an officer to complete the three-man force. Kenny Crowe, currently of Phoenix, Ariz., was approved for hire by a unan imous vote of the Carrizozo trustees Crowe still holds his New Mexico law
enforcement certification from previous in state employment and will July work with the Carrizozo force July 25, He joins Police
Lyles and Officer Jeff White.
The June police activity report included 25 citations, five arrests, and six code enforcement notices sent. Penalty assessments totaled $\$ 794$. The municipal court judicial activity report showed 26 cases docketed and $\$ 1,170$ in cash collections.
Ned Peiters was approved for appointment to the Carrizozo Planning añd Zoning committee. Peiters knowledge of the town and addition to the committee according to town clerk Leann Weihbrecht. Peiters joins Bob Hemphill, another recent appointee and former mayor of Carrizozo, Pat Voss, Ronnie Beltran and Mary Lu Nickels.
The next regular meeting will be 6 p.m., Aug. 8.

## COUNTY BRIEFS

Capitan Farmers' Market
The Capitan Farmers' Market opens 8-11 a.m., Saturday, July 15 at 115 Smokey Bear Blvd. across from the Smokey Bear Historical Park.
The market will offer green beans, many varieties of squash; several
varieties of cucumbers, tomatoes,


Romaine, black seeded Simpson and red salad bowl lettuce, eggs, bread and items are locally grown, made, or raised.
The market will continue every Saturday, same time and place, through the fall harvest.
For more information contact Diane

at 653-4678.
Fair books available
Fair books are available at Lincoln Wells Fargo, Bank and First, Savings Bank. They can also be picked up at the Lincoln County Extension office in Carrizozo. For more information contact the Extension office at 648-2311.

## Fair board meeting

The Lincoln County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. July 19 at the county fairgrounds. The livestock committee lar fair board meeting.
This is the last meeting before the Lincoln County Fair Aug. 7-12 and all interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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## Otero County Electric gives helping 'bucks' to rodeo finals qualifiers

Julib Cartier.

Of the four Lincoln County National High School Rodeo Finals qualifiers, three live in
the Otero County Electric the Otero County Electric Cooperative service area and were given a financial boost for "On behalf of
oard and general Electric's Carroll Wagd general manager these young people the best of luck in Ilinois." said Little. "We are very proud of them and wanted to do a little something to help them get there."
Hondo's. Daniel Dictson, Mescalero's Clay Geronimo and Capitan's Staci Stanbrough were presented with $\$ 250$ checks Monday at the Alto
Coop office.

The trio, representing Mexico, will travel to Springfield, III. next week to compete in the National High School Rodeo Finals Juily 24-30. Dictson will compete in bull riding, Geronimo in bareback riding and Stanibrough, daughter, of OCEC north area supervisor Tiger Sta Presenting the
Eddie Little, OCEC funds were madie Littie, OCEC manager of Stone, board president and northwest district representative and Fred Hansen, secretary and representative of the northeast district.
Board members not present were Bill. Stephenson, northwest district trustee; Bill Bird,
northeast district; Mike Mills
and Gary Wood, Cloudcroft central district trustees; Jackie Blaylock and Randy Rabon: trustees southwest district
trustees and vice president trustees and vice president; and southeast district trustees Charles Mulcock and Cody Harwell.
Otero County Electric is a contributor to the communities it serves through numerous programs.

During the Lincoln County the fair as gell as funds to the fair as well as funds and fair exhibitors.

The coop gives add-on donations to the youth exhibitors from the service area when they sell an animal in both the Lincoln and Otero County Fairs. It buys annual ads in the ear books in Capitan, Car


Otero Electric awarded $\$ 250$ checks to the three area National High Schoot Rodeo Finals qualifiers From left, Oc:F Eddie Little, Preston Stone, qualifiers Daniel Dictson, Staci Stanbrough, Clay Geronimo and OCEC Fred Hansen.
rizozo and Coudcroft schools and offers a scholarship program to service area graduates.

## Farmers, ranchers to make 'Ag Connection' at state conference

Politics, water, race horses and cowboy chunch services are ome of the ingredients added to the mix aimed at creating a successful summer meeting for the states largest agric.
organization July 21-23.
New name this year
The annual mid-year gatherng of the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau is being an attempt to a new name in the many diverse segments of the agricultural industry.
The conference headquarters is the Inn of the Mountain Gods on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.
Titled Ag Connection '06, the annual summer conference, in the cool pines of Lincoln County, will take full advan-
tage of the current election-year
energy with candidate forums scheduled for July 21-22. Candidates for Governor of
New Mexico, U.S. Senate, Commissioner of Public Lands and Public Regulation Commission will be on the agenda.

Delegates will also hear from nationally renowned futurist, Driday, July 21 Friday, July 21.

Other highlights on Friday include a look inside the New Agriculture, a leadership seminar and an address by N.M. Governor Bill Richardson at 1:30 p.m. in the Event Center of the Inn of the Mountain Gods. At 2:30 p.m. a forum on agricultural financial management will be presented by Al Porter of Farm Credit of New Mexico. In addition sessions are set for
the N.M. Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee, the N.M. Farm Bureau Women's Committee and Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company: Saturday's agenda begins with an address by Jim Dunlap, Chairman of the Interstate Steam Commission.
At 9:15 a.m. State Representative Dub Williams will moderate a special legisla-
tive panel charged with looking ine panel charged with looking 2007 legislative session.
Members of the panel will nclude N.M. Senator John Arthur Smith, Senator Clin Harden, Representative Joseph Cervantes and Representative Danice Picraux.
At 10:30 a.m. the Ag Connection Candidate Forum will continue with candidate for U.S. Senate and

## 66th Nogal Mesa Ranchman's Camp Meeting is next week

Caror Whison
For the Ruidoso Neus
As the western horizon dark ens to blues and purples, voices are raised in song until the air pulses with the music an words of "Amazing Grace."

With a song and a prayer, vening services begin at Nogal Mesa Ranchman's Camp meeting. It has been this way or 66 years, as rural folk and their urban friends and neighbors worship and sing and meet with their Lord.
The first meal will be served Wednesday, July 19, followed by the first worship service. Thursday - Sunday the schedule is filled with four worship services a day, children and youth activities, and prayer meetings. The evening worship the 66th July 23 will concluide
The concept of bringing the church to the cowboy was birthed over a century ago in the Big Bend area of Texas. The Bloys Camp Meeting was held each summer in the Davis Mountains since 1890. Joe Evan's family was one of the early organizers of the Camp Meeting.
Evans became friends with Presbyterian missionary Ralph Hall, a circuit riding preacher. Hall traveled the South horse, Hall traveled the Southwest to spread the good news of Jesus. ed ranch, he joined in the work of the day, whether it was rounding up cattle, branding, fence building, or bronc busting. When the work was done, Hall would preach.
Evans persuaded Hall that New Mexico needed the same type of summer family camp, where far-flung neighbors could congregate for fellowship and worship of their creator. When the con the met on the rim of Nogal Mesa vilow of the Tularosa Basin and
they felt they had found the perfect site for their new Camp Meeting.

The Mesa has become a holy spot for many people in the ensuing years. First, ranch families came in wagons and horseback to hear the preaching and teaching. Today, cars and pickups pulling motor homes wend their way over the
dusty road on the way to Nogal dusty road on the way to Nogal Mesa. Others who can't come to for the evening meal and services.

Today, more than 50 families make up a local committee which carries on the work begun in the middle part of the last century. They aren't all cowboys any more, but all are dedicated to Gods service and the preaching of His word. Over the years, this commit-
tee has built a wooden tee has built a wooden tabernacle perched on the rim of the
Mesa, overlooking Tularosa Basin. There is also a wooden Basin. There is also a wooden
cook shack, where three meals a day are cooked over open fires in huge, cast-iron kettles. A large dinnier bell rings seven times daily to summon campers for services or meals, signaling either food for the body or the spirit, depending on the time. No camping fees or meal fees are collected, as the camp Meeting is run entirely on free-
will donations. will donations.

Tabernacle services will be led by ministers Rick Steele and David Burk. Reverend and is fondly remembered; by many as the general manager of the Camp Meetings of the Southwest for many years. Burk has also preached at several Camp Meetings. The music will be led by Rick Hutcheson of Alto. Butch and Elaine Schneider of Dora will lead the Children's Ministry. Children 4-6 years of
age will meet in the pink trailer and grades one through six meet at the striped tent at 11
a.m. and 5 p.m. each day.

The youth will have their own services at 9 a.m: and 2 p.m. daily.

A hayride and watermelon bust is planned for Friday and Saturday, as well as volleyball games and a special youth service on Saturday night. All area youth and youth groups are encourag

The fi
The first bell of Camp Meeting will be rung at 6 p.m. W.m. choir practice starts, At ${ }^{7}$ p.m. choir by evening worship at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday through Saturday, the breakfast bell will ring at 6 a.m. Bible study starts at 9 . This is also the first youth event of the day. At 11 a.m. children wil meet and adult meet
Lunch is served at 12:30. Youth gather under their tent at 2 p.m. while their elders at 2 p.m. While their elders
wait until 3 p.m. for the next wait until 3 p.m. for the next
service under the tabernacle. Children meet again at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. while the women meet in the tabernacle and the men meet at the prayer tree for prayer time. Supper is served at 6 p.m: and the evening service is scheduled for 7.30.
Sunda
Sunday's schedule is different only because Sunday School Bible the place of the morning Bible study

After the evening service on Wednesday evening, everyone cake and ice cream. Ice cream is provided, but the cakes and cookies are made and brought by locals and campers. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, weather permitting, a bonfire will follow evening services. Stories are told, songs sung, and memories made as skyward into the etar sparks skyward into the star spangled
night. The Nogal. Mesa Ranchman's Camp Grounds may be reached by turning off of Highway 380 at a sign 15

Commissioner of Public Lands. election-year the first general top-of-the-ticket candidates in a major, statewide forum.
At noon attendees will depart for "a day at the races" at Ruidoso Downs Race Track. Evening activities for Saturday, July 22, include a Young Farmers and Ranchers silent banquet and at $8: 30$ p.m. the banquet and at $8: 30$ p.m. the Dance featuring The Neal McCowan Band.
At 8:30 a.m. Sunday, July. 23, the conference will conclude with a cowboy church service featuring country preacher, Jack Cain.
For more information on $\mathbf{A g}$ Connection ' 06 contact the New Mexico Farm Bureau at 505 532-4700.
miles west of Capitan, or by turning at the sign on Highway 37 on Nogal Mesa.

Ranchman's Camp Meeting is inter-denominational. All are invited to join in this year's encampment on the mesa. For further information, contact Opal or LaMoyne Peters at 354-2302 or Rex
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Conviction in harrasment case

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A man arrested in Ruidoso Downs in September 2005 was convicted of charges this week of indecent exposure and aggravated stalking of a minor. Charles Whieland, 45, was found guilty following a jury trial held in Carrizozo District Court Tuesday.
The victim, now 16, said she had been harassed by Whieland from the age of 9 ,
accusing Whieland of exposing himself to her on numerous occasions, gesturing offensively, and issuing lewd, sexual comments.
Richard Schwalm, a detective with the Ruidoso Downs

Police Department and acting chief of police, said the victim was "brave in taking the witnesses stand against He said his department was able to bring charges when wit nesses to the alleged harass ment came forward, as well a other children who said they too had been subjected to inappropriate comments and ges tures by Whieland.
Whieland currently is being held in the Lincoln County Detention Center pending sen-
tencing on two charges of aggravated indecent exposure a 4th degree felony, and one charge of aggravated stalking also a 4th degree felony Schwalm said.

Sculptor Luis Jiménez to be honored in Santa Fe service

SANTA FE - A public memorial service for the late New Mexico sculptor Luis Jiménez will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Francis Auditorium.
Considered the godfather of Chicano art, Jiménez used contemporary materials. Fiberglas and aircraft paint to create his large, colorful sculptures of fiesta dancers and farmers, cowboys and steelkilled in his studio in Hondo on June 13 when a piece of sculpture fell on him
${ }^{\text {4 }}$ Luis was the quintessential New Mexico artist - fiercely loyal to his people and spirited in his work," said Gov. Bill Richardson. "It is fitting that our state's art museum would affer a public tribute to his life." Jiménez's monumental sculptures are represented in
high profile public venues throughout the country from Washington D.C. to El Paso to San Diego. The Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe displays eastside sculpture garden.
"With the passing of Luis Jimenez, the people of New Mexico and beyond have lost both a great artist and a resounding voice for the Chicano, Mexicano and Mexican American communiSecretary of the Dart Ashman, Cultural Affairs. "However, Luis' voice was so strong that it will continue to be heard for many generations." The memorial service will include a special tribute from the New Mexico State Senate and remarks from Elizabeth Broun, director of the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

## POIICE BRIEFS

In possession
Jimmy Romero, 53, of Lawndale, Calif., was arrested in Ruidoso July 8 on an out standing warrant and charges of marijuana possession. Police located the illegal substance on Romero and inside his vehicle when he was stopped by an alert EMS medic when "swerving" near Paradise Canyon and Meander Drive. The medic told police he flashed his emergency off to thie side of the pulling him off to the side of the road, as he "danger to oncoming traffic" danger to oncoming traffic".
Romero told palice he tired, not intoxicated in response to questions about the incident. A field sobriety test was inconclusive

In addition to the local
charges, Romero was arrested on a warrant out of Dona Ana failure to appear on a DWr third offense:

Concealing identity
Ernesto C. Prieto, 32, of Ruidoso was arrested on charges of concealing his identity from police when he was questioned in a domestic incident occurring here July 10 . Prieto, who told police his hame was Andres and who said admitted to the ruse when police found identification on him.
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## Gallery crawl

by Pamela Cromwell vMMONOS EDITIOR

Throughout the summer, the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts coordinates gallery walks known as Art After Hours. Showcased on today, July 14, are five galleries that are a bit off the beaten path, three in Ruidoso. Downs and two located just this side of the Mescalero Apache Reservation in Carrizo Canyon. From 5-8 p.m., the public is invited to. enjoy special receptions with the artists at these galleries.

Featured galleries are:

- Piñon Pọtery, located three miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70 East. Best known for her hummingbird tableware, Vicki Conley makes thrown pottery and sculpted ceramics for architectural accents such as door frames, fireplaces, kitchens and bathrooms.
- Wood Works at 1590 Hwy. 70 East. Artist Bill Ford is celebrating the grand opening of his studio gallery. Ford makes tables, swings and primitive furniture from cedar.
- Classic Bronze Foundry, at 610

Hwy. 70 East, is best known for bronze sculptures by the likes of Lincoln Fox, Sandy Scott, Angela Mia de la Vega and John Muir as well as paintings by members of Western Artists of America. Today they are featuring two local artists: painter Deb Wenzel and scrimshaw artist Brad Paul Wenzel.

- .) Mauritsen Studio at 624 Carrizo Canyon Rd. Jim Mauritsen has a way of pulling the most remarkable forms from large pieces of natural wood. Beautiful abstract sculpture as well as furniture.
- DJ's Jewelry at 618 Carrizo Canyon Rd. is featuring Monroe Jackson, known for one-of+a-kind sterling silver and 14 K gold pieces made with precious and unusual semi-precious gemstones such as varacite, citrine, and tourmaline. D.J. and her daughter Kelly are themselves fine jewelry artisans, and the gallery represents a number of other jewelers.

Art After Hours is a great way to survey a handful of the area's best galleries, especially for locals who work all day and may not have the chance to visit a gallery during business hours.

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calendar: Listings are broken down by category - Special Events, Performances and Presentations/Workshops - then listed chronologically. The town location is generally noted first in parentheses. All phone numbers in New Mexico use area code 505.

## Performances

Cloudcroft Light Opera
July 14-15: (Cloudcroft) Community players presents "The Veggie Villain" or ... "He Had a Steak in It" at $7: 30$ p.m. at Zenith Park, a melodrama presented during the July Jamboree in Cloudcroft. Directed by Dave Venable. Boo the villain and cheer the herol Free. Info: 682-2042 or wwiw.cloudcroftheatre.com

## SURVIVOR 2: Rain

Sat, fuly 15: (Alto) Fund-raiser for HEAL (Help End Abuse for Life) and Lincoln County's new domestic viólence shelter. Local talent presents inspiring music and dance, $8 \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{m}$. at Spencer Theater. Tickets are $\$ 40$. Proceeds after expenses, including rental of theater, benefit HEAL. Info: 336-4800, wiww.spencertheater.com
Doug Montgomery \& Natalie Bancroft

Thurs., July 20: (Allo) Douig Montgomery is New. Mexico's favorite piano man, an entertainer with extraordinary musical gifts. Mezzo-soprano Natalie Bancroft will accompany on some songs. 8 p.m. at Spencer Theater. Tickets: $\$ 39$ \&

## Presentations/ Workshops

## Mantras

Fri, July 14: (Ruidoso) Shubhraji, a close disciple of renowned Vedantic Master H.H. Swami Chimmayananda, lectures on the signiicicance of mantras and how their chanting can increase energy and restore physical and emotional balances, connect with the Divine. 7-8:30 a.m. at The Yoga Studio, 2810 Sudderth Dr., Suite 207 (Pinetree Square). Info: Myra Romero, 336-8143

## Book Signing

> Sat, july 15: (Ruidoso) Dewey Johnson will give a book signing at 1 p.m. at Books Etc. His novel Summer of Champions is based on the true story about Roswell's World Series Little League championship in 1956 in Williamsport, Penn.

## The Santa Fe Trail

Sat., July 15: (Ruidoso Downs) Oresentation by Hubbard Museum Docent John Eilent: "Saturdays at the Hubbard" series, 11 a.m. at Hubbard, Museum of the American West, 841 Hwy. 70 West. Free

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## Special Events

auction, dinner, live auction, dancing, car and raffle drawings. Entertainment by the Graham Brothers Band. Tickets $\$ 100$ for museum members, $\$ 150$ non-members. Raffled tickets for 2007 Cadillac. Escalade are $\$ 200$ each. Inio: 378-4142

## Car/IruckM Motoncycle Show

Sat, fuly 22: (Alamogordo) 10 a.m. 4 p.m. at Alamogordo High School parking lot. Sponsored by the Alamogordo Mustang Club, Colden Gears, Desert Mountain Four-Wheel Drive Club, Antique Car Club, and Goldwing Road Riders. $\$ 5$ per vehicle entered. Free to the public. Donations are welcome. All proceeds go to assist the victims of the June 22 flood in Alamogordo.

## Archery Shoot

Sun., July 23: (Nogal) Ruidoso Archery Club. All shoots will be held at the site near Nogal. Thirty targets, a mixture of McKenzie and Rinehart. Sunday shotgun start at 9 a.m. Info: David 258 0044 or Steve 937-1037 or
www.newmexicoarchery.com

## Ruidoso Art Festival

July 28-30: (Ruidoso) More than 100 juried artists at Ruidoso Convention Center. Info:1-877-RUIDOSO, www.ruidosonow.com/artfestival/

## Zia Art Festival

Sun., July 30: (Ruidoso Downs) Arts \&

## Performances

\$36. Info: 336-4800, www.spencertheater.com
Singing in the Clouds
July 21-23: (Cloudcroft) Info: Cordon Atkinson, 325-691-9123

## Kat Crosby Band

Sat., July 22: (Alamogordo) A jazz, blues and funk band, will be part of the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. at the New Mexico Museum of Space History in the upper. parking lot. Info: 434-2202

## Junior Daugherty

Sat., July 29: (Cloudcroft) The Cloudcroft Museum's first Mountain Music FUNdraiser begins at 5 p.m. at the Cloudcroft open-air pavilion, headlined by champion fiddler Junior Daugherty at 7. Tickets: $\$ 10$ adults, $\$ 5$ children 6-12. Barbeque and other refreshments available. All proceeds benefit the Sacramento Mountains Museum \& Pioneer Village in Cloudcroft, a non-profit organization.

## "Greater Tuna"

Sat., July 29: (Alto) The original cast performs in the original "Tuna," a comedy about small-town life in which two male quick-change artists play all the characters. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Spencer Thaeter. Tickets: $\$ 49$ \& $\$ 46$ for 2 p.m. show; \$59 \& \$56 for evening show. Info: $336-4800$, spencertheater.com

## Presentations/Workshops

with museum admission, $\$ 6$ adults, $\$ 5$ seniors and military, $\$ 2$ ages 6-16. Info: 378-4142

## Summer Music Camp

July 17-21: (Ruidoso) Sunshine Generation teaches children singing, dancing, music theory and showmanship. No auditions necessary. Classes meet at Ruidoso High School Choir Room, 9-10 a.m. age 3 - 4th grade, 10:30-11:30 a.m, 5 th grade - high school. \$50 includes T. shirt and learning CD. Discounts for siblings: Info: Sue Vinsant, 937-0740

## Free Watercolor Workshop

Sat., July 22: (Ruidoso) 9:30 a.m, - 4 p.m. at Patsy Blasdell's studio, located on White Mountain Drive behind Farley's. Blasdell is an expressionist painter with many years experierice teaching stüdents how to explore watercolor techniques to find their own style. Learn the nine basic letter shapes to incorporate into painting for a sound base. Bring what supplies you have. For beginners, Palsy has everything you should need. If having trouble with a painting, bring that too. Sponsored by Capitan Public Library. Info: Pearl, 354 7021

## Leathercraft

Sat., July 22: (Ruidoso Downs) Paul Bringer will demonstrate the art of leathercrafting. "Saturdays at the Hubbard". series, 11 a.m. at Hubbard Museum of the American West, 841 Hwy, 70 West. Free with museum admission, \$6 adulls, \$5 seniors and military, $\$ 2$ ages 6-16. Inio: 378-4142

## Awakening to the Divine Within

Sat., July 22: (Alto) Experiential one day retreat, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m, at High Mesa Healing Center, Alto. Gain wellness tools that will enable you to access, nurture and fully embrace the divine essence unfolding within you. Retreat presenters include: Kim Bartlett, "Mandala: The Art of Healing"; Jim Blackburn, "Qi Gong Touching the Healer Within"; Zoe DeNegri, "Awakening Your Intuition";

Barbara Mader, "Creating Sacred Space" Misty McArthur "Embracing Optimum Wellness Through Mindful Living"; and Paḿ McArthur "Balancing the Chakras." Investment: \$70, İno: Barbara, 336-7777, or www.highmesahealing.com

Drum Making Workshop
Sat., July 22: (Las Cruces) 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at New Mexico Farm \& Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs (take University east of Las Cruces). Join Yolanda Martinez and complete a 14 -inch hand drum using traditional Native American techniques, Yolanda is an Apache/ Hispanic Indian from southern N.M. She has been making drums since 1987 and is considered a Master Drum Maker. All materials are included. Adults only. Pre-registration is required. $\$ 125$. Info: 522-4100

## Blacksmithing

Sat., July 29: (Ruidoso Downs) Jim the Blacksmith will demonstrate the craft of blacksmithing. "Saturdays at the Hubbard" series, 11 a.m. at Hubbard Museum of the American West, 841 Hwy. 70 West. Free with museum admission, $\$ 6$ adults, $\$ 5$ seniors and military, \$2 ages 6-16. Info: 378-4142

## Flower Arranging Workshop

Sat, July 29: (Las Crucess) 1-4 p.m. at New Mexico Farm \& Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs (take University east of Las Cruces). Join Barb Baumann from Barb's Flowerland for this hands-on workshop and make a fall centerpiece of beautiful fresh flowers to take home. Pre-registration is required. $\$ 25$. Info: 522-4100

## Beginning Stained Glass

Aug. 5-26: (Nogal) Sandy Hartley, instructor. 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Saturdays at the artist's studio in Nogal. $\$ 275$ tuition includes materials. Completed projects for gifts and home decor. Next session is Sept 9-30, 1-4 p.m. Info: ENMU Community Education, 257-2120


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UWHERSAL PICTURES
A slacker with the soul of poet, the homeless, carless, jobless Dupree crashes on the couch at his buddy's house - but will he ever leave?

## You, Me and Dupree

Critics Quip: "The movie goes from being another mildly depressing lump of unrealized comic potential to being an actively unplessant experience."

## - Scolt Foundas VILLAGE VOTCE

Carl and Molly Peterson (Matt Dillon and Kate Hudson) are just starting their new life together - complete with a cute house, boring neighbors, stable jobs and the routines of newlywed existence. There's just one unfortunate hitch in their perfectly constructed new world... and his name's Dupree.

Randy Dupree (Owen Wilson), Carl's oldest friend and perpetual bachelor, has found himself with nowhere to go after being fired. As a good friend would do, Carl invites him to temporarily crash on the couch.

At first, Carl is quite pleased to have his good buddy as a permanent couch guest, while Molly bears the brunt of Dupree's immature antics. But, as Carl becomes buried in his grown-up job, he finds it harder and harder to juggle Dupree and his responsibilities as a husband. To make matters worse, Dupree uses his ample spare time to become a great companion for Molly. Even her dad (Michael Douglas) and the neighbors are falling for his carefree wisdom and charm-frustrating Carl to no end.

Soon, everyone (but Carl) begins to root for Dupree to stick around. But as Dupree starts to become a fixture in the Peterson's home, three
becomes not just a crowd... but a full-blown, hilarious catastrophe.
Now showing in Ruidoso and Alamogoido, staring Ower Wilson, Kate Hudson, Matt Dillon, Seth Ropen, Amanda Detmer Michaed Douglas. Directed by Anthony Russo, Joe Russo. Ratec $\mathrm{PG}-13$.

## Little Man

Critic's Quip: "l's's unfathomably awful... and nothing the actors or filmmakers do assist in its digestion."

- Untan Cinefile Critics

UBBAH CWEFFLE
The Wayans brothers (White Chicks) team up for another round of cinematic zaniness with their screwball comedy Little Man. When a pintsized criminal (a hilariously CGl'ed Marlon Wayans) hides a stolen diamond with a suburban married couple (Shawn Wayans and Kerry Washington), he is forced to go undercover as an abandoned baby in order to infiltrate their home and get the jewel back.
Now showing in Alamogordo, staring Marton Wayans, Shawr Wayans, Kerry Washington, John. Wítherspoon, Tracy Morgan Lochlym Munro, Chaz Palminteri, Molty Shannon. Directed by Keenen Ivory Wayans. Rated. PG-13.

## The Lake House

Critic's Quiip: "Those wishing to suppress real-life traumas may submit to the deliriously stupid romantic time-travel drama The Lake House - I did and had a jolly time"

- David Edelstein

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The Pintes sequel is pucked with action and laughs.
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Pirates of the Caribbean:
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Dr. Kate Forster (Sandra Bullock) is taking a job at a busy Chicago hospital, reluctantly leaving behind beautiful house she's been renting - a spacious and artfully designed refuge with large windows that overlook a placid lake. On her way to the city, Kate leaves a note in d the mailbox for house's next tenant, asking him to forward her mail and noting that the painted paw prints he might notice by the front door were there when she moved in.

But when the next tenant arrives, he sees a much different picture. Alex Wyler (Keanu Reeves), a talented but frustrated architect working at a nearby construction site, firds the lake house badly neglected: dusty, dirty and overgrown with weeds. And no sign of paw
already hankering for their third helping of Depp's dipsy swagger and the eye candy special effects.

This is what a summier blockbuster movie should be all about.. ARRRRIII
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ydy romance, and a damsel in distress (in the come a Cophin in distrese), The $\mathrm{W}^{\mathrm{C}} \mathrm{d}$
just left it a week ago, imagines he is playing some kind of joke on her and fires back a reply. Just for argument's sake, what day is it there? His answer: April 14, 2004. No, she says, it's April 14, 2006.

Confirming that they are, incredibly, impossibly, living two years apart, and brought together by their magical correspondence, the two grow determined to, bridge the distance between them and unravel the mystery behind their extraordinary connection. They tempt fate by arranging to meet, but by trying to join their two separate worlds, they could risk losing each other forever.
Now showing in Riuitdoso, slaring Sandra Bullock, Keanu Reeves, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Christopher Pummer, Ebon Moss-Bachrach, Dylan Walsh. Direcceed by Aleandro Agresti. Rated PG.

## The Devil Wears Prada

Critics Quip: "Everyone knows that Meryl Streep is the high priestess of drama, but she never gets enough credir for her comedy skills. Thar should change with The Devil Wear Prada."

## - Peter Travers

 ROLLNG STONEBased on the best-selling novel, The Devil Wears Prada stars two-time Academy Award@ winner Meryl Streep as high-powered fashion magazine editor Miranda Priestly, and Anne Hathaway, as Miranda's new assistant a small-town girl trying to survive her impossibly demanding new boss.
Now showing in Alamooordo and Ruidoso, staring Anne Hathaway. Meryl Streep, Adrian Greneier, Tracie Thoms, Simon Baker, Emily Blunt, Alexie Gillmore, - Rebecca Mader, Stantey Tucci. Drected by David Frankel. Rated $\operatorname{PG}-13$.

## Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

Critics Quip: "Though not as fresh as the 2003 original, this sequel is always playful, almost always inventive, seldom boring or selfimportant, and never somber or pseudo-contemplative in the way that Superman Returms is."
-Emanned Ley, EMOUELIFN.COM

Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) discovers he owes a blood debt to the legendary Davey Jones, Captain of the ghostly Flying Dutchman. With time running out, Jack must find a way oütof his debt or else be doomed to eternal damnation and servitude in the afterlife. Making matters worśe, Sparrow's prob: lems manage to interefere with the wedding plans of a certain Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley), who are forced to join Jack on yet another one of his misadven.tures.
Now showing in Rulidoso and Alamogordo, staring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley. Rated PG:13. Directed by Gore Verbinski.

## Superman Returns

Critic's Quip: "Supeman Recturns is near the top - if not at the top - of the supechero movic pile. Is offers nearly everything: romance, action, humor, and plenty of goose bumps. For Superman, many happy returns."

- James Berardinelli, REELVEWS
Following a mysterious absence of several years, the Man of Steel comes back to Earth in the epic action-adventure, Superman Returns, a soaring new chapter in the saga of one of the world's most beloved superheroes. While an old enemy plots to render him powerless once and for all, Superman faces the heartbreaking realization that the woman he loves, Lois Lane, has moved on with her life. Or has she?

Superman's bittersweet return challenges him to bridge the distance between them while finding a place in a society that has learned to survive without him. In an attempt to protect the world he loves from cataclysmic destruction, Superman embarks on an epic journey of redemption that takes him from the depths of the ocean to the far reaches of outer space.
Now showing in Alamogordo, staring. Brandon Routh, Kate Bosworth, James Marsden, Frank Langetla, Eva Marie Saint, Parker Posey, Sam Huntington, Kad Penn, Kevin Spacey. Directed by Bryan Singer. Rated PG-13.
prints anywhere.
The house has special meaning for Alex. In a happier time it was built, by his estranged father (Christopher Plummer), a renowined architect who allowed his professional acclaim to grow at the expense of his family life. Alex commits to restoring the property to its original beauty. He disregards Kate's note until, days later, while painting the weather-beaten jetty he sees a stray dog run across the fresh paint and then towards the entrance of the house, leaving paw prints exactly where she said they'd be.

Baffled, Alex writes back, saying that the house had no occupant before him and wondëring how she could have known about the dog; while Kate, who

## Rolibis the Anerican Jable

 Quintessential crab cakesby Joan Nathan
Cosiribltion, Relush Macinas:

Crab cakes are a Maryland institution, and the best are Maryland bred. The high priestess of crab cookery is Mrs. Devine, who rules the Lexington Market in Baltimore. Her parents, who founded Faidley's, sold only fresh fish and produce until the early 1970s when prepared foods started making their way into markets and Mrs. Devine decided to start selling her crab cakes.

Through the years her recipe has changed slightly, but she has always made three different kinds of cakes from lump, backfin and claw meat for three different pocketbooks. Mrs. Devine confessed that she may use crabs from Texas occasionally but never uses crab from abroad. She uses her hands to mix the ingredients. When Fresh Fields asked her to prepare crab cakes, they wanted to change the recipe slightly so she refused.
"They wanted organic this and that. So it won't be my crab cake," she said. "I thought my crab cakes would be too expensive ... but for crab lovers, they are
not."
When the Devines decided to start preparing crab cakes, they also installed stand-up tables, probably one of the first restaurants to do so. Her husband, who was in naval intelligence before he got into the crab business, got the idea from the stand up tables at the Pentagon.
"People won't sit down next to just anybody," he said. "But they will stand up next to anyone."

Mrs. Devine would not give me her recipe but admits that the success of a good crab cake is in using your hands to mix the ingredients. She did, at least, share the ingredients; the rest I deducted by testing. It may not be Mrrs. Dëvine's exact recipe, but it is a pretty good second guess. I have used her recipe for lump crab cakes, which has a crunchy exterior and moist interior. Mrs. Devine attributes the lightness to the addition of Saltines, and the great taste to consistency and basic good home cooking.

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## Lump Crab Cakes

1 pound lump crab meat
1 cup crushed Saltine crackers
$1 / 2$ cup mayonnaise
1 large egs
tablespoon each Dijon mustard and yellow mustard
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
Dash of Tabasco sauce
1 teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning
Vegetable oil for deep frying

1. Spread crabmeat out on a flat pan and sprinkle crushed Saltines over the top.
2. In a small bowl mix together mayonnaise, egg, mustards, Worcestershire sauce, Old Bay Seasoning and Tabasco Sauce. Pour mayonnaise mixture over the crabmeat, and using your hands gently toss or fold the ingredients together, taking care not to break up the lumps of crabmeat. Let the mixture stand for 5 minutes before forming the cakes.
3. Form the mixture into 6 mounded rounds about 3 inches in diameter and 1 inch thick. Do not pack the batter too firmly. This is very important. The cakes should be as loose as possible, yet still hold their shape.
4. Pour oil into a deep skillet. Deep fry the crab cakes a few at a time until golden brown, about 3 minutes per side. Remove to paper towels to drain briefly. Serve 6.

Per serving: 310 calories, 22 g fat, 16 g prot., 9 g carbs., 0 g fiber, 590 mg sodium.


RELISH MAGAZINE
This recipe for lump crab cakes - crunchy on the outside, moist on the inside - is based on Mrs. Devine's crab cakes.

# Fairy tale dining 



BEIH HOOD
The Buttery's famous buttermilk pie is still the restaurant's best-selling dessert.


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## The Buttery's patio dining compen-

 sates for tight quarters inside the café and lets diners enjoy a gracious al fresco experience.by IVana B. Diningwell porvanovos

$Y$ou know The Village Buttery. It's that cute little place on the edge of Midtown, the place that's so
Bavarian or Brothers Grimm-looking that Ivana always expects to see a wicked witch or a giant wooden cuckoo come popping out the front door.

But she doesn't. What she sees are cute serving people headed for the deck and loaded down with plates of their famous salads and their buttermilk pie, and happy customers about to sally forth to another bout of shopping,

Owners Becky and Frank Walston bought the restaurant in 1999 and have kept all the old favorites and added some ideas of their own.

The mix-and-match menu is designed for people who simply can't make up their minds. There's always a quiche selection - usually ham with green chile and spinach with mushrooms. Quiche can be served with soup (tomato basil, cream of asparagus or a spicy green chile stew made with pork and beef) or one of the many salads. Or have soup or salad with one of the half sandwiches, with the added bonus of saving room for dessert.


BETH HOOD
Salads such as this beautiful penne pasta with artichoke bearts, snap peas and tomoatoes inspire fierce devotion in Buttery regulars.

# Village Buttery 

## 2107 Sudderth 257-9251

Open Mon - Sat. 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Ivana finds that people are almost fanatical about their favorite Village Buttery salad. The tortellini pasta salad has water chestnuts, baby corn, broccoli, red peppers, snap peas and Parmesan cheese. The penne pasta salad is made with artichoke hearts, Roma tomatoes, carrots and snap peas. The rotini salad (those crazy corkscrew pastas) has feta cheese, dill, broccoli and green and black olives tossed in a raspberry vinaigrette. The bow tie pasta salad has a ginger and sesame Oriental dressing. The tuna is the best albacore. The truly indecisive can go for the salad sampler. Everything comes with a bit of dark Bavarian wheat bread, with the little millet seeds that remind Ivana of her pet parakeet.

Most people would find a restaurant to be work enough, bùt Becky caters a wedding or some other major social function every weekend. In addition to all this other cooking, she offers 10 varieties of pie by special order, including their signature buttermilk pie, made according to the recipe of the former owner's great-grandmother.
"That's our most favorite dessert, by far," Becky said. "We sell at least 20 of them a week." She also bakes cookies as big as frisbees - peanut butter oatmeal, butterscotch pecan, chocolate chip and white chocolate macadamia nut. The coffee is a hearty, dark roast and is served in porcelain mugs the size of flower vases.

If you stick around for the winter, Becky will whip up specials for you like pot roast on Tuesdays and sour cream chicken enchiladas. It might be too frosty to sit on the deck, but we'll all cozy up inside, watch the snowilakes fall. and steam up those windows. Ivana agrees with Rodney Dangerfield, who said, "I'm at the age where food has taken the place of sex in my life. In fact, I've just had a mirror put over my kitchen table."

## Dining Guide



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## Cafés

Atto Cafte • Hwy． 48 \＆Gavilan Canyon Rd．• 336－ $1980 \cdot 6: 30-3$ daily．$\$$

Books \＆Beans Espresso Deli－ 2501 Sudderth • 630－2326－Full espresso bar，deli，soups，salads．

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Buffalo Gal Coffee \＆Gifts－500 W Smokey Bear Blvd．，Capitan，354－8309－DriveThru at 203 E． Hwy． 70 at Beall＇s，Ruidoso，378－1890－Midtown Ruidoso at Four Seasons Mall，Eagle \＆Suddenth Dr．，630－1221－Coffee，pastries，smoothies，ho \＆cold drinks．Lunch served at Capitan location， sandwiches，pizza，salads；breakfast \＆pastries． Phone－in orders OK．\＆V NS
CJ＇s • 113 Central Ave．，Carrizozo • 648－5637 • 7－3 M－F，8－3 Sat．• Espresso bar，baked goods，deli． \＆NS V
Comerstone Bakery Caft • 359 Sudderth • 257－ $1842 \cdot 8-11$ \＆11：30－2 daily • Deli，desserts，fresh breads，coffee．if HS V
Daylight Donuts • 441 Sudderth • 257－7155－5－ noon Mor－Sat－Fresh donuts，coffee，pastries．Dine in or carry out．$\$$
Hummingbind Tearoom－ 2306 Sudderth in The Plaza • 257－5100 • 11－3 Mon－Sat．－Soup \＆ sandwiches．\＄NS V
Knuckle＇s Sandwich Shop • 1009 Mechem， Mountaintop Plaza－258－8512．\＄
Rainhow Lake Lodge Cafe－ 806 Carrizo Canyon Rd．－630－0173 • 7－3 Th－Su • Homestyle meals． Fresh baked goods．Customized catering．\＄V NS
River＇s Edge • 2404 Sudderth • 630－5394 • 10－5 Th T，11：30－5 Sun．• Custom－made sandwich wraps， freshly made desserts．\＆NS V
Roy＇s lce Cream Parlour • 1200 Avenue E．－648－ 2921 －M－F 9－6，Sa 12－6 • Old fashioned ice cream sodas，milkshakes，malts，banana splits，\＆other fountain treats．$\$$
Ruidoso Roastery • 113 Rio St．• 257－3676 • M－
F 7－4，Sa 8－4．$\$$ NS


Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House－ 2825 Sudderth • 257－2273 • 11－2 M－Sat．• Sandwiches， quiches organic coffee，espresso bar．\＄V NS
The Village Buttery－ 2107 Sudderth • 257－9251 Soups，sandwiches，salads；great pies and cookies； patio．\＄NS Y

## Fast Food

Burger Trolley • 647 Sudderth • 257－3868： 11 ． 7 daily • Voted best green chile cheeseburger in Lincoln County．Take－out only．$\$$
Hall of Flame Burgers • 2500 Sudderth，in Four Seasons Mall－ $257-9987$ • 10－5 M－F，10－8 Sa－ Sun．－Burgers，steak tacos，salads．\＄NS V
KFC of Ruidoso－ 331 Sudderth－257－2119－ Open 7 Days －Dining room \＆drive－thru Sun－ Thurs，10：30am－9pm．Fri－Sat，drive－thru 10：30am－ 10pm．\＄Ms
McDonald＇s • 144 Sudderth Dr．，Ruidoso－ 257. 7547． F N
Mr．Burger • 1203 Mechem－258－3616 • 7．8 daily，7－5 Sun－\＄NS
Sonic Drive．ln • 102 Horton Circle • 257－4787 • 7 Days a week，7am－11pm．
Subway • 148 Sudderth • 257－7827 • 8－10 daily Breakfast served til 11am：
Taco Bell • 654 Sudderth • 257－4246 • 10－1 M－ W，10－2 Th－Su．\＄

## Mexican Food

Casa Blanca－ 501 Mechem－257－2495－11－10 daily－New Mexican cuisine，lounge．$\$ \$$ DS Chef Lupe＇s • 1101 Sudderth－257－4687－6－ midnight Su－Th，6－3am Fr－Sa • Traditional Mexican food，American \＆seafood specialties，menudo． 38 YDS V
Chileo＇s • 135 W．Hwy． $70 \cdot 378-4033$ • 7－9．daily －I I
Disco Taco－ 141 W．Hwy．70，Ruidoso Downs－ 378－4224 • 8－9 daily．$A^{A}$＂disco＂is a steel disco used for Mexican＂barbecue．＂Authentic Mexican food．
ECamino Nuevo • 1025 Mechem • 258－4312 • $11-9$ daily $\bullet 8$ I
Et Paisann－ 442 Smokey Bear Blvd．Capitan • 354－2206 • IS Ds

日 Paraiso Mexican Restaurant • 721 Mechem－ 257－0279－Open 7 Days，11am－9pm．\＄
日 Localito－ 2415 Sudderth Dr．，Ruidoso • 257－ 8448.


Eva Maria Mexican Restaurant－ 2087 Hwy 70, Ruidoso Downs－378－9184
Green Chile Cafe－ 200 Mechem \＃4 in Adobe Plaza－New Mexican cuisine；green chile cheeseburgers，steaks，seafood • 257－4419．
Jorge＇s Cafe • 2064 W．Hwy．70，Ruidoso Downs －378－9804．
Lucy＇s Mexicali Restaurant－ 2931 Sudderth Dr．© 257－8754－11 am－9：30pm Mon－Fri，8am－9：30pm Sat，8am－8pm Sun．\＄S I DS
Paradise Caft • 310 Sudderth Dr，，Ruidoso • 257－ 0280.

Pena＇s Place • 2963 Sudderth $\bullet$ 257－4135 ${ }^{\circ}$ Thurs－ Tues 7am－2pm．$\$ \$$ MS
Puut＇s Coffee Cup－ 1108 E Ave．，Carrizozo－648－ 2832.

OHd Road Restaurant－ 692 Old Road，Mescalero －464－4674－Open 9am－9pm Tues－Sun • Closed Mon．
Ole Tacos • 319 Sudderth • 257－5040 • Readers recommend the burritos \＆tacos．\＄\＄
Rio Taco $\cdot 2117$ Sudderth • 257－6222 • Mon－Sat 11am－7pm－Real Mexican Flavor．
Terraza Campanario • 1611 Sudderth Dr，Ruidoso． 257－4227． 8

## Pizza／Italian Food

Cafe Rio－ 2547 Sudderth Dr．－257－77．46－11：20 a．m．to 7：50 Daily． 88 ES V I
Domino＇s Pizza－ 1717 Sudderth－257－8888－ Mon－Thur，11am－10pm．Fri－Sat，11am－12am．Sun， 11am－10pm： 88
Michelena＇s • 2703 Sudderth－257－5753－Sun－ Thurs $11 \mathrm{am}-9 \mathrm{pm}$ ；Fri－Sat $11 \mathrm{am}-10 \mathrm{pm}$ ． 88 as V Y Pasta Cafte Italion Restrurant－ 2331 Sudderth－257． 6666 －Sun－Thurs，1lam－9：30pm．Fi．－Sat 1lam－10：30pm， lounge open until 1：30 am．\＆S DS V I
Pizza Hut • 725 Sudderth Dr،＊257－5161 • 1201 Mechem Dr，Ruidoso－258－3033－\＄8 Ds V I
Santino＇s Italian Restaurant • 2823 Sudderth • 257－7540．\＄DS Y Y

## BarB－Que

Apache Summit－ 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd．at Inn of the Mountain Cods Resort next to pro shop • 464 7695．\＄\＄DS I
Can＇t Stop Smiokin＇• 418 Mechem Dr．• 630 － 0000 －Bar－B－Que to go．Beef，Poultry \＆Pork．

Circle J Barbecue－ 1825 Sudderth－257－4105－ Sun－Thurs 11am－8：30pm．Fri－Sat，11am－9：30pm． \＄DS

## Casual Dining

Big Game Bar \＆Grill－ 287 Canizo．Canyon Rd． inside Casino Apache at Inn of the Mountain Cods， Mescalero－464－7880．© DS I
Billy＇s Sports Bar \＆Giill • at Ruidoso Downs Race Track－378－4431
Cattle Baron－ 657 Suddeth－257－9355－Summer Hrs：Mor－Thurs $11 \mathrm{am}-10 \mathrm{pm}$, Fi－Sat $11 \mathrm{am}-10: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ ， Sun 11am－9：30pm • Steak，seafood，salad bar， lounge．\＄DS I
Four Winds Restaurant－ 111 Central Ave．． Carizozo • 648－2964－Mon－Sat，6am－9pm．Sunday 7 am to 9pm．• American variety，Mexican，freshly baked goods，lounge．\＄S DS Y
Cree Meadows Restaurnt－ 301 Country Club $\cdot$ 257－2733 • Mon－Sat，breakfast 7am－11 am，lunch
$11 \mathrm{am}-3 \mathrm{pm}$ ．Thurs－Sat，dinner 5pm－9pm．Closed Sunday－Steak，seafood，loungé，banquet room． S DSI
Denny＇s •＇2219 W．Hwy． 70 • Ruidoso Downs－ 378－1389－Open 24 hours a day．$\$ \$$ HS
Elsie＇s Charbroiled Burgers－Hwy， 54 at Hwy． 380 （old Tastee Freeze）Carrizozo－648－4200
－Burgers，enchiladas，chicken \＆steak fingers，
salads，soft serve ice cream．Patio seating．－\＄V DS
Farley＇s Food Fin \＆Pub－ 1200 Mechem－ 258 5676 • Mon－Fri，11：30am－1am．Sat，11am－lam． Sun， 11 am－12am • Burgers，pizza，pub fare，lounge， pool tables，patio．If DS I
Cathering of Nations Buffet－287．Carizizo Canyon Rd．，at IMG－464－7872－American，Italian，Asian and Mexican cuisine．
Hitchim＇Póst－ 320 E．Smokey Bear Blvd．，Capitan －354－0878－Mon－Thur，11am－7：30pm，Fri－ Sat，11am－9pm：$\$$
Horsemen＇s Grill • 321 Smokey Bear Blva．• Capitan－354－1447
K－Bob＇s Stecilhoume • 157 W．Hwy． 70 • 378－4747 －Is 的 V I
Lincoln County Grill－ 2717 Sudderth－257－7669 －Open 7 Days，7am－9pm． 3 I DS I
Local Flavor Restaurant • 2087 Hwy．70，Ruidoso Downs－378－1747．
Log Cabin－ 1074 Mechem－258－5029．
Outport Bur \＆Grith－Voted as＂Best Green Chile Burger＂in Lincooln County ${ }^{\circ}$ Family －Dining ${ }^{\bullet}$ Open 7 days a week＊ 415 Central－648－9994． 38 DS

Weber＇s Grill e 441 Mechem • 257．9559 • Wed－ Mon， $11 \mathrm{am}-9 \mathrm{pm}$ ．Fri－Sat，11am－10pm．is DS V I

Schlotzsky＇s Defl • 2812 Sudderth－257－7811－＇ Open 10：30 am Sunday throuigh Saturday．\＄\＄WS $V$
Smokey B＇s Grill e 2584 Hwy． 70 inside the Casino Apache Travel Center，Mescalero • Open 24 hours －464－7928．\＄8 DS I
Smokey Bear Rectrurnt－ 310 Smokey Bear Blíd．－ Capitan • 354－2557－Open 7 Days，6am－8pm．\＆\＄ DS I
The Quarters－ 2535 Suddeth－257－9535．\＄\＄ DS Y

## Fine Dining

Elis Store Country Imo Hwy 380 MM 98，Lincoln －800－653－6460－Courmet Dinners－M－Sat－ Reservations orily．\＄\＄s WS I E
Greenhouse Cafe • 103 S．Lincoin Ave．• Capitan －354－0373－Dinner，5pm－9pm．Sunday brunch

Le Bistro • 2800 Sudderth Dr．© Steak and seafood with French flair．Lounge downstairs．－257－0132． \＄13 DSVIE
Sundance Steak \＆Seafood－ 2523 Sudderth © 257 － 2954 －Open Mon－Thurs，5－9pm．Fri－Sat，5－9：30pm．

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Texas Chub Bar \＆Grill a 212 Metz Dr．• Ruidoso －258－3325．885 DS I
Tinnie Silver Dollar • 28 miles east of Ruidoso on Hwy． 70 in Tinnie－Steakhouse and saloon，lunch \＆dinner daily，champagne brunch Sundays 10am $-3 \mathrm{pm} \bullet 653-4425$. \＄$\$ \mathrm{SS} \mathrm{Y}$ \％
Wendell＇s • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd．，at IMG • 464－7842－Featuring steaks，seafood and hand－ cratted desserts－Open daily，6；30 am－ 11 pm ．

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The Wortley Hotel－Open April 28 －Oct． 15 • Family Style－Lincoln－653－4300 • 쥴

## Dinner Theater

Flying / Ranch • Chuckwagon Suppers \& Westem Show - Hwy. 48 • Alto $\bullet 888-458$ - FLYJ • Gates open 6 pm . Dinner at 7:30. Showtime 8:20pm. Summer Only. $\quad$ :
Mountain Annie's • 2710 Sudderth • 257-7982 Reservations Recommended:

## Chinese / Asian

Greai Wall of China • 2913 Sudderth • 257-2522 \$ $\$ \mathrm{DS}$
Panda Garden : Chiriese Buffet and menu, Eat in or carry out. Open daily. $11 \mathrm{am}-9 \mathrm{pm}$ - 624 Sudderth Dr - 257-2632.

Sin Sung Chinese Buffet - 390 Suddeth Dr, Ruidoso - 257-1701.

## Alamogorido / Otero founty

## Bar-B-Que

Phat Phil's • 213 12th St. • Alamogordo • 430. 8090
Texas Pit Barbeque • 211 James Canyon • Cloudcroff - 682-1101
Spring Mountain ChuckWagon BBQ - 1187 Hwy 82 - High Rolls - 682-4550 - Open FriSün. Lunch and dinner.

## Cafés

Aipport Grille - 3500 Airport Rd. -
Alamogordo - 439-1093 - Open Mon-Fri,
7:30am-3pm • Specialty sandwiches, and daily specials. Designated smoking outside: \$\$ DS
Amigos Bakery - 1107 10th St. • Alamogordo • 437.0592

Brown Bag Deli - 900 Washington - Alamogordo - 437-9751 • Open Mon-Sat, 9am-9pm, Sun 10am-9pm • Deli, daily speci al. \$ VMS
Cafe 675 • 675 Tenth St. at Lowes Alamogordo • 437-5150
Cloudcroft Deli - 505 Burro St • Cloudcroft $682-5588$ - Open 7 days, $10 \mathrm{am}-5: 30 \mathrm{pm} \cdot$ Soups, sandwiches, pastries. Carry-out Only. NS
Dave's Cafe - 300 Burro St - Cloudcroft • 6822127 • Open Mon-Thur 10am-5pm, Fri-Sat 10am-8pm • Hamburgers/Coney Islands. NS
Front Porch Eatery Café - 94 James Canyon • Cloudcroft • 682-7492 - Open Mon-Thur, 8am-9pm, Fri-Sun, 8am-9pm. NS
High Country Lounge \& Grill • 90 Pleasant Valley Dr • Timberon - 987-2580
High Rolls General Store Deli • 845 Hwy 82 • 682-2855
Jamocha Bean Coffee House Cafe • 505 Burro St - Cloudcroft - 682-2332 - Open Mon-Fri, $7 \mathrm{am}-6 \mathrm{pm}$, Sat $8 \mathrm{am} \cdot 6 \mathrm{pm}$, Sun $8 \mathrm{am}-5 \mathrm{pm}$ 。
Coffees, salads, \& sandwiches. NS
java The Hut • 506 St. Francis • Tularosa -585-2003
Josey's Sweets • 603 St Francis Dr • Tularosa -585-3120 • Open Mon-Sat, 12:30-9pm; Sun, 2 8 pm . NS
Mayhill Cafe • Mayhill • 687-3066
Mayhill Mercantile • Mayhill * 687-3425
Mountain Top Mercantile Deli - 105 James
Canyon • Cloudcroft - 682-2777 Open 7 days $7 \mathrm{am}-8 \mathrm{pm}$. Soups, deli, BBQ, pasta \& pies.

Carry-out only. NS
Nature's Pantry - 915 New York - Alamogordo 434-1670 - Open Mon-Thur 9am-5:30pm, Fri-Sat 9am-5pm • Organic foods. \$ V WS Nut House - 32 Ivy Ln : La Luz © 437-6889
Olive Branch Coffee \& Deli - 123 N White
Sands • Alamogordo - 443-8151 - Open MonSat $6 \mathrm{am}-6 \mathrm{pm}$, Sun $7 \mathrm{am}-4 \mathrm{pm}$ - Specialty coffees \& teats, breakfast fare, sandwiches. \$ MS
Plateau Espresso - 2724 N Scenic •
Alamogordo - 434-4466 - Open Sun-Thur 6am-10pm, Fri-Sat 6am-11pm • Specialty coffees, sandwiches/soups. Wireless Internet. \$ ws
Plaza Pub • 1004 NWite Sands.
Alamogordo - 437-1092 - Open Mon-Sat, $11 \mathrm{am}-9 \mathrm{pm}$ - Historic building. Green chile stew, sandwiches; salads. Bar featuring local micro brews. \$ All smoking
Mountain View Cafe \& The Bistro (GCRMC) •
Alamogordo • 2669 Scenic Dr. - 443-7456* (Mountain View) / 443-7457 (Bistró)

Sweet Shop • 300 Burro Street • Cloudcroft 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thur, $10 \mathrm{am}-5 \mathrm{pm}$, FriSat, 10am-8am. Smoothies, ice cream, fudge \& truffles, ins
Tularosa Dry Goods Coffee \&-More - 308 Granado - Tularosa • 585-4575 NS

## Weed Cafe • Weed - 687-3611

Westem Bar \& Cafe - 304 Burro Street • 682 -
2445 - Cloudcroft - Open 7days 6am-9pm (caté), 7 days $9 \mathrm{am}-12 \mathrm{am}$ (Bar). Smoking in bar only.

## Chinese / Asian

Chinese Express • 3199 N White Sands • Alamogordo • 434-8880
Colden Palace • 700 E 1st St. • Alamogordo • 434-2136
New China Buffet - 607 White Sands Alamogordo - 434-9100
Nui's Restaurant - 915 Texas • Alamogordo • 434-0650
Taiwan Kitcten - 110 N White Sands
Alamogordo - 434-4337
Yee's Oriental Express • 1115 S White Sands
Alamogordo - 437-7423

## Casual Dining

Al O Mar • 7400 US 54/70 • Tularosa - 5852129
Aspen Restaurant • 1315 James Canyon $\bullet$
Cloudcroft • 682-1031 • Open Mon-Sat, 6am-
9 pm ; Sun 7am-8pm. NS
Big Daddy's Diner • 1705 James Canyon Cloudcroft • 682-1224 • Open Tue-Thur, 10am-8pm; Fri-Sat, 10am-9pm; Sun 10am-3pm. NS
Chef Lupe's • 7401 US 54/70 • Alamorosa • 585-9638
Chili's Grill \& Bar • 202 Panorama •
Alamogordo - 437-5903
Compass Rose - 2203 1st St. • Alamogordo • 434-9633
Denny's - 930 S White Sands • Alamogordo • 437-6106
Gallo's Red Rooster Cafe - 306 Burro Street Cloudcroft - 682-2448 • Open Sun-Thur, 8am$6 \mathrm{pm} ;$ Sat-Sun, 8am-7pm. Ns
Lazy D R Restaurant - 1202 St Francis Dr - -
Tularosa • 585-2532
Legends • 817 Scenic Dr • Alamogordo • 437 3200
Maria's Hired Hand - 905 Central - Tularosa -

585-5574
MOBI $\mathbf{3 6 0}$ Bistro \& Gallery • 190510 th St. Alamogordo • 443-9200
Mom's Home Cooking - 604 1st St. -
Alamogordo • 439-0288
Mustard's Last Stand - 1920 James Canyon :
Cloudcroft - $682-2333 \cdot$ Open Fri -Sat, $5 p m$ 9pm. Dining and dancing.
Nelleke's European Bistro - 904 Néw York Alamogordo • 437-9600
Old Montreal Café • 750 E 1st St. Alamogordo - 437-3123
Palm Side • 905 S White Sands • Alamogordo - 437-8644

## Fine Dining

Memories Restaurant - 1223 N New York • Alamogordo - 437-0077
Pepper's Grill • 3200 N White Sands $\bullet$ Alamogordo • 437-9717
Rebecca's at The Lodge • 1 Corona Place • Cloudcroft - 682-3131 • Smoking in Bar Area. DS

## Fast Food

Arby's Restaurant - 421 S White Sands 0 Alamogordo • 437.3534

Blake's Lota Burger • 1320 N White Sands $\bullet$
Alamogordo - 434-0466.
Burger King - 117 S White Sarids 0
Alamogordo - 437-9297
Hi-D.Ho Drive in - 414 S White Sands $\bullet$
Alamogordo • 437-6400
Long John Silver's • 19 S White Sands •
Alamogordo • 434-0330
McDonald's - 222 S White Sands, Alamogordo, 437-2414 - Wal-Mart Alamo, 437-4339
Sonic Drive In - Alamogordo - 504 S White Sands, 437-6505 • 101 Glacier Dr; 434-5263
Subway Sandwiches \& Salads • 100 Central, Tularosa - 585-8410
Subway Sandwiches \& Salads • Alamogordo • 630 S. White Sands, 437-7461 - 1101 E Tenth St, 437-0200

Taco Bell • 201 Panorama * Alamogordo • 437-3873
Tulie Freez - 419 St Francis - Tularosa - 5854409
Waffle \& Pancake Shoppe - 950 S White Sands - Alamogordo • 437-0433

Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers - 301 S
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# The REAL Deadwood 

Seth Bullock and AI Swearengen couldn't have been more different. Bullock's list of accomplishments clearly define him as an honest, hard-working frontiersman who deserves credit for the many honorable deeds performed during his long life. A lot can be said of Al Swearengen, too, but none of it is very creditable. We'll get to that.

One of the things we can all thank Seth Bullock for is his conservationism. When he was a Montana state senator in 1872, Bullock drafted the Yellowstone Act, which ultimately led to the creation of Yellowstorie National Park, easily the most beautiful thing this writer has ever seen in the continental United States. He planted - or is credited with planting - the first alfalfa crop, which is today a mainstay of the agriculture of South Dakota.

In fact, one can go on and on about Bullock's many accomplishments. The list is staggering, actually. Aside from his lawman and politician credits, he was also a close personal friend of Theodore Roosevelt's. Teddy later appointed Seth as "Captain" of the Black Hills section of Roosevelt's own "Rough Riders." In 1894, Seth opened the Bullock Hotel, a luxurious place that was known for its fine dining, indoor plumbing, steam heat and three stories containing 64 rooms. If you go to Deadwood, it's the place to stay to this day. Bullock was, in short, a credit to any place he ever lived.

And let's not forget Sol Star. Ever the voice of reason, Star came to the United States at the age of 10 from Bavaria, in 1850, and was sent to live with an uncle in Ohio. After finishing his schooling and apprenticing for a time in his uncle's business, Sol migrated to Montana, where he met Bullock and the two became lifelong friends.

Sol, at one time or another, was Deadwood's mayor, town councilman, postmaster, county clerk, chairman of the very first state Republican convention, state auditor, and held numerous other prestigious titles. A man of heart, Star was deeply moved by the plight of

Past Tense
by Drew Gomber Historian

the "Soiled Doves," or prostitutes, in Deadwood and repeatedly came to their aid. in any way he could. In an era when non-whites were considered somewhat less than human, Star worked hard to gain the trust of Deadwood's Chinese population. He gave generously to many charities, including sending money to the downtrodden Jews in Europe and all over Russia. In short, he was a good, decent man. A life-long bachelor, when Star died in 1917, his funeral was reportedly the biggest that Deadwood had ever seen.

## Big Al

Al Swearengen, on the other hand, is a different story. Hated and feared, Elias Alfred Swearengen was born in 1845 in Oskaloosa, lowa. At about the age of 25 , Al and his wife, Nettie, went West. By 1876, the couple had separated, Nettie having accused Al of physical abuse big surprise... At that time, he was managing the Cricket Saloon in Deadwood, where he staged bare-knuckle prizefights that frequently spilled over to include a large portion of the audience.

But it was in 1877 that he established the almost-instantly infamous Gem Saloon. And it was somuch more than just a saloon... exotic and lavishly furnished, it was a dance hall and brothel that featured singers, dancers, contortionists (quite popular in Reconstruction America), comedians, trapeze artists, and just about anything else you could think of. But it was for "white slavery" that Swearengen became truly infamous.

Going as far east as the Coast, Swearengen enticed many young women to become "entertainers." Little did the star-struck women know what they were really in for - once they had made the long and arduous trip to Deadwood, they were forced into prostitution by Swearengen, "routinely beaten, humiliated and dosed with laudanum" (an opium derivative).

Forced to live on the Gem's second floor in tiny little rooms, they had to ply their new trade in even tinier rooms surrounding the Gem's stage, known as "cribs." Many were underage and could$n^{\prime}$ even speak English. Many of these poor creatures died of abuse, disease,
drug addiction, or - almost routinely suicide. A local girl named Estelline Bennett reminisced years later about a teenaged prostitute who had shot herself. "She was only a few years older than Ia girl who should have been in high school."

Business was good, however, and Swearengen was reportedly pulling in somewhere in excess of $\$ 5,000$ a night and that was the 1870s! Despite his solvency, Swearengen just couldn't seem to control his bad temper. On innumerable occasions Al was arrested for beating up not only his employees, but his patrons as well.

It tells us a lot when we look at the record... in 1878, Seth Bullock closed the Gem for 48 hours, and ordered that the place be auctioned to pay off Swearengen's outstanding debts. But Al was so universally feared that no man dared bid on the Gem, and Swearengen retained owñership.
Swearengen was tenacious, if nothing else. In 1879, most of Deadwood, including the Gem, which Swearengen had just finished remodeling, burned to the ground. Undaunted, Al rebuilt and remodeled (including the installation of his own private fire hydrant out front) and re-opened less than a month later.

In the course of all this, Swearengen married twice more. As can be expected, both women left him amidst charges of abuse and infidelity. In 1894, the Gem survived another fire, but not for long.

Finally, in 1899, still another fire burned the Gem down, but this time, Swearengen was unable to rebuild and was abandoned by most of his entertainers. It was in that year that the odious entrepreneur met his own end. He was attempting to hop a train in Denver, and didn't quite make it. If his death was mourned by anyone, it has gone unrecorded.

## Colorado Charlie

Many of the other, lesser characters of the hit TV show were also real people, but sadly, little is known of them. Johnny Burns and Dan Dority, Swearengen's hired thugs, were real men, but their line of work kept them out of the spotight - which was a good thing for them, because if they had been in the spotlight, they undoubtedly would have wound up at the end of a rope.

Wild Bill Hickok's friend, Colorado Charlie Utter, is easier to track. Today,

Charlie is mostly remembered for the marker he had erected at Hickok's grave, with the affectionate epitaph reading, "Pard, we will.meet again in the Happy Hunting Ground, To part no more. Goodbye. Colorado Charlie Utter."

Charlie didn't look anything like the actor who portrays him in the show (big surprise, huh?). In fact, Utter and Hickok dressed and looked quite similar. In the famous photo showing Charlie at Hickok's gravesite (with another frontierṣman named "Arapaho Joe") we can see that Utter wore his hair, like Hickok, long, in what was then known as "frontier style." Dapper, Utter routinely wore buckskins and was, in fact, quite colorful. He and Hickok may have first met during the Kansas/Missouri border wars in the 1850 s, during which time Wild Bill was working as a bodyguard for the odious Senator Jim Lane.

A native of New York, Charlie was born in 1838, and was quite an entrepreneur in his own right. When the rush started for Deadwood, Utter established the area's first freight service, "Charlie Utter's Mule Pack Train," which trans: ported everything from bullion to people through the hazardous mountains.

- In a time when personal hygiene was not at the top of most people's lists of things to do, Charlie was known for his habit of bathing daily and spending an hour every morning in the barbershop, where he had his "cascading blonde hair" washed and curled. He wore handstitched leggings trimmed with otter fur, fancy beaded moccasins; and - my personal favorite - a deerskin vest with bear claws for buttons! Though short in stature, Charlie attracted much feminine attention, and at the age of 28 , married Tilly Nash, aged 15 . One man in Deadwood put Utter's appearance in perspective. He was, the fellow said, "a figure well worth looking at."

The details of Charlie's final days are sketchy. He was last reported as "blind and grizzled," sitting in a rocking chair in front of his pharmacy (yet another trade) in, of all places, Panama, in 1910.

After that, Colorado Charlie Utter vanishes from the pages of history - but like all the others - Swearengen, Wild Bill, Calamity Jane and the rest - he is virtually impossible to forget.

SOURCES: THE REAL MEN OF DEADWOOD by Mary Franz THE REAL DEADWOOD by John Ames and SETH BULLOCK, FRONTER MARSHAL by Kenneth Kellar:

## Special Events

crafts at Ruidoso Downs Racetrack, 11 a.m. - 5.p.m. (racing hoürs). Live entertainment \& general admission is free. Info: 378-4431

## Old Lincoln Days

Aug. 4-6: (Lipcoln) Street vendors, food, parade \& mountain man camp. "Last Escape of Billy the Kid" pageant. info: 653-4025

## Pony Express Trail Ride

Aug. 4-6: (Lincoln) Carry U.S. mail over Old West trails of Billy the Kid: Chuck wagon meals on historic trails. Three days \& two nights. Ride concludes in Old Lincoln Days parade. Info: Nora, 336-2095

## Ruidoso Chamber Music Festival

Aug, 4-6: (Ruidoso) Ruidoso. High School Performing Arts Center. 8 p.m. Friday, an evening of string trios. 8 p.m. Saturday, pianist Chu-fang Huang, a Van Cliburn Finalist. 2 p.m. Sunday, violinist Timothy Fain. A Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts event: Info: 257-7272

## Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet

Sat., Aug. 5: (Ruidoso) Second annual fundraiser includes silent and live auction, games, door prizes and much, much more. Help support this active and vigorous organization, 5:30 p.m. at Ruidoso Convention Center. Tickets (includes membership) \$55/single, $\$ 75 /$ couple or
\$20 for meal only. Info: 937-7886

## Alto Artists Studio Tour

Sat-Sun., Aug. 5-6; (Alto) Self-guided tour of Alto artists studios. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Info: Betsy, 336-7712.

## Lincoln County Fair

Aug. 8-13: (Capitañ) Capitan Fair Grounds. Livestock show, dance and lots to do and see. Info: 648-2311

## Fort Stanton:live

Sat., Aug. 12: (Fort Stanton) Highway ${ }^{2} 220$ northeast of Ruidoso; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Food vendors, reenactors and more. Info: 258-1833 or www.fortstanton.com.

## RV \& Outdoor Sports Expo

Sat.-Sun., Aug. 19-20: (Ruidoso) Sports-related displays and demos at Ruidoso Convention Center. Fishing, archery, hunting, skiing, golf, outdoor gear, and the latest sports products and services. Competition and prizes for kids and adults including Elk and Turkey Calling Contests. Fly fishing lessons, log home dealers; ant and decor. Trophy wall, photo displays, 3-D Archery Shoot, Smokey Bear, New, Mexico Came \& Fish and Forest Service experts. Play in a Golf Scramble at the Inn of the Mountain Gods, compete in a Putting Contest at the Links, and meet local and international sports celebrities. Enjoy food, fun, and a great time for the entire family. Admission: $\$ 5$ adults, jr. and sr. high students $\$ 2$, kids under 6 years old Free with adult. Info: Trish Thompson, 336-9171 or www.nimminsports.com ,


Polly's Potpourri by Polly E. Chavez

WThen my six children were growing up, they could tell their friends that I gave them choices when it came to choosing their meals. Other moms glared at me because that meant their children would turn up their noses when they served meals at their place. I told the moms what I meant when I let my kids 'choose.' I did not have to put up a sign telling of my generous mealtime offer. I verbally told them when they stared at my one-pot meals or Mom's Surprise Dish: "Take it or leave it....that is your choice!"

An exception - each of the six children could choose their own birthday dessert: cake, pie or fruit such as water-

## Performances

## Michelle Wright

Fri, Aug. 4: (Alto) This multi-award winning country songstress has a voice and a.style that's been compared to Wynonna Judd, Patsy Cline and Melissa Etheridge, and many of her tunes cross genres, dipping into pop, rock and jazzy soulful country blues. 8 p.m. at Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts, Hwy: 220. Tickets: \$36/\$39. Info: 336-4800, www.spencertheater.com

## "Grease"

Aug. 4-6, 11-12: (Alamogordo) The musical, presented by Alamogordo Music Theatre at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts. Directed by Jeremy Patton. Info: 437-2202

## Guitar Slim

Sat, Aug. 5: (Alamogordo) A swinging blues concert featuring Pat Dutton with special guest Jen Exten. Tailgate concert 8-10 p.m. at the New Mexico Museum of Space History, upper parking lot. Presented by. Flickinger Center for Performing Arts. Info: 434-2202

## Oliver

Aug. 11-13, 18-20: (Ruidoso) Winner of many Oscars, this is a heartwarming, yet tragic tale, that will leave your family begging for more. Beautiful and familiar music
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Joe Diffie
Sat., Aug. 12: (Ruidoso Downs) Diffie's decades of hits including songs from his latest album Tougher The i Nails. Info: 3784140, www.ruidosodownsracing.com

## New MexiChords on Disney

Sat., Aug. 12: (Socorro) Barbershop chorus of Albuquerque will present an evening of great songs from Disney movies, 7:30 p.m. at Macey Center. Admission: $\$ 5$ at the. door, free for children 6 and under with adult. Info: 835-5618
"Saving Crace"
Aug. 18-19, 25-27: (Alamogordo) Presented by the Thearre Guild of the Rohovec Theatre on the Hill, NMSU-A campus. Comedy by Jack Sharkley, billed as one of the funniest American plays in recent years - reminiscent of the comedies of the 1930 s with ditzy characters in goofy situa. tions and a happy ending. 7:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 2 p.m. Sun. Tickets \$6. Info: Connie Breding, 437.6592

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Today my six children are all out of the nest and with nests of their own. Sometimes they even call home for my recipes. Since they were always involved in sports, even in the summer, it was rare when they cooked. They did assist me with meal preparation and washing dishes. If you have only two or three children (or grandchildren) here are summer ideas about cooking with kids.

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## NASA Test Director to speak at Space History Museum

ALAMOGORDO - Timothy Potter, a NASA Test Director and a Ground Operations Manager in the Launch and Landing Division of the Space Shuttle Processing Directorate at the Kennedy Space Center, will be speaking at the New Mexico Museum of Space History at 2 p.m. Saturday, july 15, on the museum's fourth floor. Potter, who is in the Alamogordo area in support of the Space Shuttle Discovery mission, will give a presentation on Space Shuttle Processing and an overview of the International Space Station.

Potter's career with NASA began in 1990, when he was assigned to the Space Shuttle Launch and Flight Operations Directorate. He also served for seven years managing the Payload Ground Operations Contract to ready all the Space Station flight hardware elements for flight. Potter was also a Project Manager to the Space Launch Initiative, 2nd Generation Reusable Launch Vehicle Program and the Next Generation Launch Technologies Program. He also served at NASA headquarters as a Program Assistant for

Mission Studies and Engineering Analysis for the Program Manager of Project Prometheus, NȦSA's Nuclear Space Initiative.
"We are very happy that Mr. Polter has taken time out of his busy schedule to speak to our visitors here at the museum. His experience with NASA speaks for itself and we welcome the opportuni-: ty to have him, especially in light of the successful launch of the space shuttle," said Cathy Harper, Marketing and Public Relations Liaison for the facility. Shuttle camp students will have the opportunity to hear Potter speak during a special engagement this week.

The presentation is subject to cancellation without notice in the unlikely event that White Sands Space Harbor is chosen as a prime landing site for the shuttle over the weekend. Currently, a live NASA feed is being shown on a large-screen television on the fourth floor to keep museum visitors informed of the progress of the current space shuttle mission, STS-121.

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Altar de Dolores (Altar of Our Lady of Sorrows,, 1943, is one of five works by Maria Izquierdo currently on display at the Mussum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe. In: Mexico, it is Izquierdo. rather than Kablo who is considered the queen of Mexican modern art

Kahlo's unknown rival
SANTA FE - In the United States, the Director of the National Academy of name Frida Kahlo is synonymous with Mexican modern art. In Mexico, however, it is Maria Izquierdo who is better known and loved, yet she is virtually unheard of in the U.S. The Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico introduces Izquierdo to the American public in the exhibition, Mexican Modern: Masters of the 20th Century, which . opened Memorial Day Weekend. From the Museo de Arte Moderno in Mexico City, Santa Fe is the only U.S. venue for this world-class show, which continues through Sept. 3.

Kahlo is almost a cult figure in the United States - recall Salma Hayek's 2002 performance in the award-winning film Frida. Dr: David Craven, Professor of Art History at the University of New Mexico and contributor to the exhibit catalogue, surmises that Kahlo's popularity in the United States hinges on her concern with the self and suffering in her work - one in four of her paintings are self portraits. Her unconventional life, bisexuality, and ability to endure 40 major surgeries captured the imagination of the American public.

Yet in Mexico, it is Izquierdo, not Kahlo, who is considered the queen of Mexican modern art. She emerged on the Mexico City art scene just ahead of Kahlo and garnered attention through her ability to express Mexican culture in a fresh yet accessible way through, for example, reworking images of the Madonna to express indigenous pride.

Maria Izquierdo was singled out by Diego Rivera (twice Kahlo's husband) as his best student during his days as

Fine Arts in Mexico. While Rivera and Izquierdo were apparently not romantically involved, the competition between Izquierdo and Kahlo was intense. The Mexican art world afforded few opportunities to women, forcing both to align themselves with famous male aitists. Izquierdo shared a studio and a romantic relationship with Rufino Tamayo, who is also featured in the Mexican Modern exhibit.

From this beginning, lzqueirdo emerged, along with Kahlo, as one of the two most distinguished women painters in Mexico. Her second husband, painter Raul Uribe, was Chilean by birth, but immigrated to Mexico in 1936 and joined the Mexican modern. movement of the time.

Izquierdo's works are valued for their rich, varied, and thoroughly Mexican color patterns. While the influence of European modernism and surrealism is obvious, equally obvious is her inspiration from Mexico's traditional culture. She created a magical, realist tone throughout her work and exhibited no restraint in her use of color or design.

In 1929, Maria Izquierdo had a solo exhibition at the Art Center in New York - the first Mexican woman to be granted this honor. Shows followed in Paris in 1937., Hollywood and Santiago in 1938, and her self-portrait was hung at the New York World's Fair in 1930.

Five of Izqueirdo's best-known works are featured at the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe throughout this summer season. Call 476-5072 for more information, or visit www.mfasantafe.org.

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# Tallyate concert moves inloors, autience follows 



MELLHIE RMAYA
Gary Stamper and the 24/7 Blues Band drew a crowd of 200 to Saturday's tailgate concert, which moved indoors due to rain.
by Bev Echman-Onyskow
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They all got into it out of their love of music. Now these five 50 . somethings:-Gary Stamper and the $24 / 7$ Blues Band - have found that not just their audiences bënefit from their love of music.
"It keeps me young," said David Inscore, 54, who plays electric bass guitar.
"It's fun, and it's how I get rid of my anger and frustration, pounding the drums," said Chris Wood, 57. "Then I feel great."

The 24/7 Blues Band drew close to 200 people to the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts Saturday night. They weren't supposed to be there. The evening was supposed to be a concert in the Space Center parking lot, while the audience picnicked.

But rain forced the performance inside. The audience followed the band, bringing along their coolers and picnic baskets, and proceeded to enjoy the change of setting and two hours of music. The venue switch couldn't shake dedicated tailgate fans.
"We love them," Dr. Dave Townsend, a historian and former state legislator, said. "We haven't missed very many (of the Tailgate Series) in all
the years we've been members, since they started 42 years ago."

Tailgate Series members pay $\$ 150$ for a parking,spot in the Space Center parking lot for the season. This year, the season has seven concerts. Next on the schedule is the Kat Crosby band July 22. For information on the rest of the season, call the Flickinger at 4372202.
"Gary Stamper and his band are very good," said Steve Easley. "I've always loved the Tailgate Series, and I try to come as often as possible when I'm in town. The series runs every two weeks all summer."

The audience loved the $24 / 7$ Blues band and its mix of music ranging from Delta blues to traditional electric blues, demonstrating their enthusiasm with loud applause and whooping and cheering at the end of each piece.

The band reciprocated the feeling. "The people at the Flickinger are the best people we play for in the state," said bandleader Gary Stamper, who plays an electric guitar. "It's a lot of fun playing here."

The band members found each other over a period of several years, and have been playing as "Gary Stamper and the $24 / 7$ Blues Band" for about a year now. "We're all roughly the same age, and we'grew up playing
the same type of music, blues, since high school," Stamper said. "We all just gravitated together." The "24/7". refers to what they do, "play blues, 24/7," Stamper said.

All five are from either $T$ or $C$ or the Ruidoso area. The members of the 24/7 Blues Band all moonlight at other things. Stamper teaches third grade in Truth or Consequences. Wood, the senior member of the band, works construction, building houses. Inscore retired from the army on disability after serving in Vietnam.

Mark Kashmar teaches the visually impaired for the Ruidoso School District. "I play music with the band for the sheer fun of it, " Kashmar said. "I have no other reason to do it." He plays electric and steel guitar.

Gary Lambert, 55 , plays the keybpard with great enthusiasm and skill. He works in a small engine repair shop in T or C, he said. "I started playing classical music when I was 10 years old. I just love performing blues' with these guys -1 like playing with great musicians. It's an outlet, relaxation, a hobby."

Gary Stamper, and the $24 / 7$ Blues Band play almost every Saturday night in Elephant Butte, at the Club Bossa Mundo. Inscore said he was sort of tired of just being retired. "I was there listening to these guys, and their bass player stood them up," Inscore said. At that time, he hadn't played any instrument in 10 years. "l asked Gary if he needed a bass, that I'd never tried the bass guitar, but if he hummed a few bars I could fake it. And he said, 'what are you doing tomorrow night,' and I sat in, and they haven't fired me yet." That was a year ago.

Gary Stamper and the 24/7 Blues Band will be recording a.live $C D$ within the next few weeks, Stamper said. "We'd like to get it into Hastings." The 24/7 Blues Band's next Alamogordo appearance will be at the Enchanted Jazz and Blues Festival Sept. 9 on the Alameda Park Zoo stage.

For more information, e-mail Stamper at belaireblue@yahoo.com.

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# A few steps closer 



SEE SOURED POTTOARNFH
Dance and vocal performances make Survivor a showcase of talent and an inspiring evening of music.
by Pamela Cromwèu
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Your ticket to Survivor 2: Rain brings HEAL (Help End Abuse for Life) $\$ 40$ closer to opening the first domestic violence shelter in Lincoln County. The former Scarlet's Nest candle and gift shop in Ruidoso Downs is well on its way to becoming The Nest, a 14 -bedroom shelter that will.offer high security and resources for helping victims of abuse become survivors. Last year the first Survivor benefit raised more than $\$ 10,000$ for the shelter. It also impressed the audience, who raised the Spencer Theater's applause meter to unprecedented decibels.

What makes Survivor so powerful? First, the cast is composed of locals, people you probably know in everyday life. Some are regulars of the local music scene, some are pursuing serious careers in music, and some are students or have day jobs legal secretary, history teacher, bartender. And to experience s performance that gives you chills delivered by someone you know as a mere
mortal makes your spirit soar. It makes you believe in the power of the human soul. It might even give you the idea that you yourself could do something remarkable. If you don't feel safe in your own home, the Survivor performers hope their songs and dances will inspire you to make the courageous move - seek help and get out. The performers also hope that those with the means will be inspired to give to HEAL beyond the $\$ 40$ ticket to the show.
${ }^{4}$ I know this is going to be a very powerful show just by looking at the songs and the people who are in it," said performer Nateal Hart. "I'm involved because I love the music and I think it's very important to spread awareness in the community that this isn't something that just happens to people in the news; it happens to people you know."

Lincoln County has the dubious distinction of being number one in the state for incidents of domestic violence. This shameful fact is another factor that makes Survivor so powerful. When the audience comes together to récognize this problem,
it gives the community the strength to address it. Together we can privately acknowledge that many of us bave been victimized at the hands of someone we loved and trusted, or we know someone who has surived domestic abuse, or we know someone who didn't survive - we are not alone. We gather at the Spencer Theater Saturday not just to be entertained, but to unite against a common enemy: domestic violence.

The third factor is what happens on the stage. The Spencer Theater is an outstanding venue and the state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems can make almost anyone into a star. Technical director Bob Phaup and his crew work wonders with sets, special effects, lighting that elicits the right mood and energy, and refined sound work for the music. This year's show even features a rain machine designed by volunteer Eden Harding. Everyone involved - from the performers to the zillion volunteers behind the scenes - puts forth a whole-hearted effort. That sincerity

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and commitment puts a depth into the show that the audience can feel, which is why they say "it's the best thing I've ever seen."

Steye Dưfly is HEAL's development consultant and the force behind Survivor. He has hand-picked the performers and carefully crafted a show comprised of 23 acts, including several that feature or incorporate dance: The material is non-stop favorites that resonate with a wide audience. Choosing "rain" as the theme for this year's show, Duffy was thinking of rain' as a healer -- a cleanser - which "washed away" pain and marked a point for renewal. He also recognized it as a symbol for the strife of domestic violence, the storm that victims must survivé.
. "We have country, rock, hip-hop, jazz, gospel and disco hits," Duffy said. "Some of the songs are directly related to domestic violence; others have indirect or implied connections to the topic."

For example, Tina Turner's "I Can't Stand the Rain" is about a woman who is reminded of a former love each time it rains. "My interpretation of her masterpiece is that the rain actually brings back painful * memories. Via special effects, made possible by the Spencer Theater staff, and using modern dancers, this twist will hopefully come across," Duffy said.

Sawyer Ward, a petite, blondé yoga instructor is taking on this song. "Wait until you experience her captivating rendition," Duffy said.

Ward has a back ground in blues music, ballads and soul, and has recently turned her vocal talent to devotional chanting.
"This is not the kind of song I usually sing," she said. "I love Tina Turner, of course, and at first I tried to imitate her, but I couldn't do that. So $I$ really worked to understand this song in the context of the show. 1 realized I had to make it my own, which I've done, and it was a wonderful experience. To me, it's about a woman leaving an abusive partner but still missing him and the sweet times. It's a complex feeling."

Many performers feel a strong connection to their songs. Pam Westmoreland, a legal secretary with a passion for music, is performing Annie Lennox's "Here Comes the Rain Again."
"I'm passionate about the song because, ironically, it came out about the time me and my children had to go to a safe house for about six weeks," she said: "One of those girls made me realize you can change


PAMELA CROMHELLLSTAFF
Renovation on the building that will become The Nest, the first domestic violence shelter in Lincoln County, is nearing completion. Proceeds from Survivor 2: Rain will go directly towards furnishing the facility.
your whole life, you don't have to be stuck in that quagmire and be beaten down. I just want to do everything I can for HEAL.":

As the program allows one song for each performer, each artist puts everything he or she "has into making lt perfect. Nateal Hart teamed up with Lanny Maddox, former Ruidoso police chief and experienced recording artist, to develop the recorded music for their version of "Rain" by Patty Grifin. Most of the acts are using karaoke.music, but Maddox had to record much of this song's tracks himself. His live performance on the Native American flute dances around Hatt's vocals like raindrops, she said.
"Being a part of this performance is healing for me on a personal level," Hart said. "I want people to know. you can be strong enough to survive if you have the right tools: The pcople involved in HEAL are so dedicated to making this shelter a reality, a tool people can use to get a second chance: It's like a line in the song I'm doing, I just want another chance to live."

At The Nest, temporary residents can get a second chance, and a third chance, and a fouth chance... Residential director Charles Harrison said statistics show it takes an average of seven tries for a woman to leave her abuser for good. (Most victims of domestic violence are women.)
"We're here for her and her children as many times as it takes," he said. "Each time she comes, we'll give her a little more information, help her take a few more steps."

HEAL anticipates beginning services at The Nest early next year and continues a successful Adopt A Room program to furnish the shelter. To learn more about HEAL and The Nest, visit www.heal-inc.org or call 378NEST (1-866-378-NEST toll free).

Survivor 2: Rain is taking the Spencer Theater by storm at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 15. It promises to be an evening of inspired performances, great music and one more victory to help end abuse for life. The show is quickly heading for a sell-out, so call the Spencer box office at $336-4800$ to reserve your seats now.

## EVERY WEEK

Alamogordo Breakfast Lions Club: Meets at 7 a.m. every Saturday at Maximino's, 2300 White Sands Blvd. The public is welcome. Jeanette or Chuck, 434-6296

Alamogordo Noon Kiwanis: Meets at Margo's Mexican Restaurant every Wednesday, except the fifth. 434-6417

Alamogordo Public Library Foundation: Raises money and awareness for Alamogordo Public Library, with the long term goal of a new public library building in Alamogordo. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen 434-2349

American Cancer Society Quality of Life Center and Gift Closet: 3-5 p.m. every Tuesday at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center Conference Center. "Look Cood ... Feel Better" sessions are available with reservations. Vivian Smith, 434-5874 or Lillie Lewis, 439-8409Seniors Ping Pong: 8 11 a.m. Mon., Wed. and Fri. at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601

## Aluminum Can Collection at the

 Alamogordo Public Library, yellow dumpsters on Ninth Street. Flori McElderry, 437-6616Atomic Veterans: Members of Joint Task Force 8 (JTF8) are seeking veterans for a reunion. Air Force, Navy and Army, civilians from Los Alamos and Sandia Labs, and contractors Holmes and Narver. Harold Davis, 437.2104, Davis1@netmdc. com or Michael Shinabery 437-7120, mshinabery@alamogordonews.com

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Accepting applications for children ages 6-17 and volunteers 18 years or older. 434-3388

Bingo: 7 p.m. every Monday at the Elks Lodge, 2290 Hamilton Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. $\$ 1,000$ Jackpot. Free coffee. 437-1897

Bingo: 7 p.m. Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 2 p.m. Sat, at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Age 10 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770

Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet: Open 2 4 p.m. Tues. and Thurs., 1200 Indian Wells Rd. All clothing is offered free of charge. Donations of clean, wearable clothing accepted. 437-0110

Child Health Care: No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 4379899, or 437-9093

Christian Self-Employed Business Club: Breakfast meetings at 8 a.m. on Fridays. Any self-employed person and a guest are welcome to attend. Paul Collins, 437-8257

Come Out and Dance: 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday, June 6 - Aug. 22 at the Boys and Girls Club. Free program teaches Tango, ChaCha, Swing, Salsa, and Country \& Western. 437-2460 or walkotero@gwest.net

Crochet Guild of America: The Alamogordo Touch of Class Chapter welcomes all levels of crocheters. 437-3832

Desert Basin Toastmasters: Meets 6-7
p.m. every Tuesday at the CAPPED Offices at 907 New York Ave. 437.1899

ESL: English as a second language class, 9 a.m. each Monday, 1328 Scenic Dr. $\$ 15$ for workbook. Class sponsored by Mountain Valley Baptist Association. 437-9987

Father Hay Thrift Store: Donations accepted, 711 New York Ave. Proceeds benefit Father Hay Catholic School. 434-5450

Free Blood Pressure Screening: 9 a.m. . noon Mon., Wed., and Fri. at the Red Cross office, 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421

Girl Scouts: Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy, 437-2921
H.E.L.P. Head Start: Accepting applications for pre-school children with or without disabilities. Free meals. Alamogordo Center: Maria Gallegos. 434-6313; La Luz Center: Martina Travis, 437-4485; Tularosa Center: Annette Chavez, 585-4818.

Historic Vehicle Association of Alamogordo: Anyone with an interest in old cars is welcome to join. Ownerships of a vintage auto not necessary, John Douglas, 437. 5318 or Gale Ortiz, 434-5242

HIBAC: Counselors are available in the Nutrition Office at the Alamo Senior Center, 9 a.m. - noon, Mon. \& Wed, to assist with supplemental insurance for Medicare.

Habitat for Humanity Home Improvement Outlet: Open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Wed. - Sat., 1109 10th St. New and used discounted home improvement materials. Donations welcome. 437-0160

Meditation Group: Every Saturday, 10 a.m. - noon at 1010 16th St., Alamogordo. Music-guided meditation. 443-1075

New Horizon Band: Rehearsals 3:304:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281

New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m. Sun.; 8 p.m. Tues. \& Thurs.; $5: 30$ p.m. Fri. at the First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St., Alamogordo.

Open Mic Nite: 8-10 p.m. every Friday at The Olive Branch, 123 White Sands Blvd. Bring a guitar, jokes, poetry. Tom, 443-8151

Salvation Army Social Services: Open 10 a.m. - noon and 1-4 p.m. Tues., Wed., Thurs.; 10 a.m. - noon Fri. 443-0845

Salvation Army Thrift Store: Open 10 a.m. . 4 p.m., Mon. Fri., and from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sat. 443-0845Low Income Housing: Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11

Singles of Otero County: Weekly activities to provide a social network for singles in the area. 18 \& over welcome. 437-4035

St. John's Community Kitchen: Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tues. and Thurs. 437-3891

White Sands Dart Association: Double


## Meetings July 14:20

Coffee Club: 7:30-9 a.m. every third Wednesday at Edward Jones Investments, 1106 E. 10th St. Topics include current events, identity theft and Social Security. Breakfast rolls and juices provided. 4431900

Enchanted Quilters Guild: Meets 7-9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Chris-tian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome, 682-2312

Alamogordo Genealogical Society: 2 p.m. every third Saturday in the Sacramento room; Alamogordo Public Library. Betty Bass, Bruce and Jinnie Matson will discuss publishing family histories. Chewy, 439-1205

Alamogordo Astronomy Club: Meets every third Friday. Mike Mosier, 437-8260

Alamogordo City Disability Council: Meets at 1 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Disability Resource Center, No. 772 in
the Granada Shopping Center, 439-4889
Mountain Democrats: Noon every third Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft, Dr, Harvey Hilbert, 687-3219,
HarveyHilbert@yahoo.com
Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257: Open meeting/luncheon at 11:30 a.m. every second Wednesday at Base Community Center. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Satur lay, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Avenue at 9:30 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552

VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary: Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 4370770

Kiwanis Club of Alamogordo: Meets on first and third Thursdays at 8 a.m. at Maximino's Restaurant, 2300 N. White Sands Blvd. , 434-0923

Order of the Eastem Star: Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St.,Tularosa. 434-1456

NEXT WEEK

Meetings July $21-27$

Alamo Squares: Dances at 7:30 p.m., every second and fourth Saturdays at the I.O.O.F. Hall on Washington Avenue and First Street. 437-1873, 682-2268 or 437. 0136

Downtown Lions Club: Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Margo's

Mexican Restaurant, 504 E. First St. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

Lacy Sinms: Governing council meets at 5:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at First National Bank Building Atrium. Regular meetings are at $7: 15$ p.m. 437-4011

Search and Rescue: Meets every second and fourth Thursclays at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437. 4813
team tournaments 7:30 p.m. every.
Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagle's Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Chris and Cathy Smith, 443-1746

Yoga for Seniors: 10:30-11:30 a.m. on Tues. and Thurs. at First Presbyterian Church, 14th Street and Oregon Avenue. 437-0559

Zia Thrift Store: Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m at 816 E. Ninth St, across from the N.M. Department of Labor Mon. - Sat. Proceeds support the programs at Zia Therapy Center for children and adults with-developmental disabilities. Donations appreciated. Fridays are Military Discount Day. 437-0144

Zia Transportation Services: Offered for work, work-related activities, education, training, and child-care. Contact an Income Support Division caseworker, New Mexico Works caseworker, or Zia Therapy Center at 437-4222.

ZTrans: Public transportation for \$1. Serves Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, La Luz, Alamorosa, Tularosa and Mescalero. 439-4971

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## Weird Facts:

Many years ago, in Scotand, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentemen Only, Ladies Forbidden"... and thus the word GOLF entered the English language.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

The cost of rasing a mediumsize dog to the age of $11: \$ 6,400$

Many are the individuals who have devoted their lives to helping humanity move forward in space, and their ranks include astronauts, rocket scientists, visionaries, and so on. While some of these individuals are well-known on a national and international basis, there are also those who have long been involved more locally in New Mexico's space efforts, including its burgeoning emergence into the commercial spaceflight industry.

One such individual who has been a part of this for many years, and who this author has had the privilege of knowing personally for much of that, is Leonard (or "Len" to those who knew him) Sugerman. A native of New York City, Sugerman enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps (later the U.S. Air Force) in 1942, and during World War II helped build runways for bombers on various islands in the South Pacific. After the war he served in various assignments at the Pentagon and at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, and during this time earned degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and from the University of Chicago.
Sugerman first came to New Mexico in 1964, being assigned initially as the Director of the Central Inertial Guidance Test Facility at the Air Force Missile Development Center at Holloman Air Force Base. He was later the Air Force Deputy to the Commanding General at White Sands Missile Range, and then was stationed at the Air Force Special Weapons Center at Kirtland Air Force Base. He retired from the Air Force in 1975 with the rank of Colonel.

Following his military career Sugerman remained in New Mexico and became Assistant Director of the Physical Science Laboratory at New Mexico State University. While in this capacity he participated in the launching of numerous sounding rockets and highaltitude balloons from locations all over the planet. During this time he earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from NMSU in 1984, and he also

# New Mexico aero-space pioneer 

## In Our Skies

by Alan Hale Astronomer

received an honorary doctorate in 2004.

Throughout all these years Sugerman has tirelessly advocated a hightech and space-oriented infrastructure in our part of the world. He helped found the High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico as well as the Southwest Règional Space Task Force (now the New. Mexico Space Alliance) that, since its beginning in the early 1990s, has advocated for the development of the Southwest Regional Spaceport that is now becoming a reality. It was in this capacity where this author first got to know him almost 15 years ago.

In addition to all his personal.efforts in advocating space and related activities, he supported, both financially and otherwise, numerous other projects and efforts, among them this author's Earthrise Project. Within just the past few years he made substantial contributions to the New Mexico Space Grant Consortium, which has allowed the construction of a permanent dedicated facility (the Sugerman Space Grant Building) on the campus of NMSU. As of just a few months ago this facility also houses the New Mexico office of the X-Prize Foundation.

Colonel Len Sugerman passed away Friday, July 7 , at the age of 86 . His passing, while sad, comes at a time when many of the elements of the vision he so tirelessly worked for are becoming real. For example, in a little over three months the X-Prize Foundation will be holding its second annual X-Prize Cup event in southern New Mexico. Meanwhile, a month from now the Southwest Regional Spaceport, which began all those years ago as a dream in his and a few other visionaries' minds, will hold its first official launch. On August 14 the commercial firm UP Aerospace will launch a single-state suborbital rocket (dubbed SpaceLoft XL) carrying over 50 payloads (including, appropriately enough, science experi-
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ments from NMSU) from the spaceport.
This Spaceloft XL rocket will also be carrying onboard a special commemorative plaque in honor of all of Len Sugerman's visions and efforts. It is a fitting tribute, indeed, to the man who, perhaps more than any other individual, is responsible for the Spaceport's existence, and for all that it and the rest of New Mexico's space industry will bring to us during the years to come.

## Alan Hale is a professional

 astronomer who resides in Cloudcroft. He is presently raising funds for the Earthrise Project, an educational and humanitarian program described at http://www.swisr.org/earthrise.html, and is host of the weekly radio program "The Other Side of the Sky," broadcast at 2 p.m. Saturdays òn 91.7 KUPR-FM/88.9 KHII-FM.

# THIS WEEK 

## Meetings July 14-20

Spinning Bee: 9 a.m. to noon, third Saturdays at La Placita in Lincoln; 3547040

Lincoln County Adult Singles: Meets every first and third Thursdays at various locations. Other meeting or event times will vary during the month. Darrell, 3542635 or Sharon, 585-8535 or www.highcountryeng. com/LCASG

Lincoln County Garden Club: 9:45 a.m. every third Tuesday at various locations; Joyce, 258-4663

Mountaintop Woodturners: 2 p.m. every third Sunday at different members' workshops; Gary Henry; 336-2696, or

Rollen Powell, 258-3896
Sierra Blanca Swingers: 7:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Nob Hill Elementary for basic and mainstream square dancing; 336-4808

La Junta F.C.E.: 10:45 a.m. every third Wednesday at San Patricio Senior Citizens building; 653-4718

Altrusa Club: 7 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; Noon every third Tuesday for lunch'; Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail; Beth, 258-4244
B.P.O. Elks No. 2086: 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; 257-2607

Daughters of the American Revolution: Sierra Blanca chapter meets every third Saturday, Sept.-May, time and place TBA; 378-4799

Zia Girl Scout Council: 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Leaders encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in Girl Scouts may attend; 437-2921

White Mountain Search \& Rescue: 7 p.m. every third Monday in the conference room at Ruidoso Police Station on Mechem Drive; 378-5237 or 257-2339

American Legion Robert I: Hagee Post 79: 6 p.m. every third Wednesday, American Legion Building, U.S. 70 and Spring Road, Ruidoso Downs; 257-5796 Leads for Lincoln, a new organization that promotes businesses throughout the area, first and third Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Comfort Inn. Accepting new members. Mark Jones, 937-1897

# NEKT WEEK 

Meetings July 21-27

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59: 6 p.m. every second and fourth Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount; 378-4880
B.P,O. Does: Noon, second and fourth Thurşdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

Ruidoso Shrine Club: 6:30 p.m every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; 258-5860

Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County: Noon every fourth Tuesday. Board meeting at 11 a.mi All'women are welcome; Dianne, 6534217 or dianned@cirecway.com

New Mexico Oncology \& Hematology Cancer Support Group; Last Tuesday of each month at $5: 30$ p.m., 208 Porr Dr. Everyone welcome: patients, family, caregivers, survivors. 257-8068

AARP Driver Safety Program for age 50 and over now offered in Ruidoso. Max Robertson, 258-3862

Al-Anon: Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 613 Sudderth, Suite H, Ruidoso; 257-9397

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m., 8 p.m. daily at 613 Sudderth, Suite $\mathrm{H} ; 257-9397$

Alcoholics Anonymous Women's open meeting: 6:30 p.m. every Monday at 613 Sudderth, Suite H; 378-8391

Alto P.E.O. Group: 11 a.m. on June 23, July 28, Aug. 25 and Sept. 22; 336-4490 or 258-3896

Angus Wood Carvers: 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Campa Highway 48 and Highway 37 junction; 336-9161

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln County: 1096 Mechem, Suite 201, Lincoln Tower; 258-4185

Capitan Farmers' Market each Saturday 8 a.m. - 11 p.m., 115 Smokey Bear Blvd. lacross from the Smokey Bear Historical Park). Diane, 653-4678

Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club: 5 p.m. e every Thursday at Capitan Village Hall. Kitty or Bob Callender, 258-1345

Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program: 6 p.m-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept.-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr. For children age 4 to 6th grade; 257-2081 or www.fbcruidoso.com

Charity fish Fry: Sponsored by BPOE \#2086, doors open at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Elks Lodge on Highway 70 West; Ruth Ann, 257-2607 or 257.6142

Duplicate Bridge Club: 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a

299 ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 257-7411 or 257. 6188

Kiwanis: Tuesdays at noon at K-Bobs; Todd, 257-4033

## Mountain High Recovery Group of

 Narcotics Anonymous: Meets 7 p.m. Tues., Thurs., and Sat. at the Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Hwy. 70 East.Optimist Club (Friends of Youth): Noon every Wednesday al K-Bob's Steakhouse. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218.

Party Bridge Group: 1 p.m. Wednesday and Friday at the Ruidoso Senior Citizens Center; 336-4808

Prepared Childbirth Classes: Meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified instructors; 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.)

Pine Top Rod and Custom Car Club: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at various locations; Doug Babcock, 257-7365

Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club: 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. During the school year, meetings every first Tuesday are at the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555 or Greg, 257-1255

Ruidoso Evening Lions: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at 106 S. Overlook; Bill Speegle, 3784151

Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday for lunch and a short meeting at Cree Meadows Country Club; 257-0363

Senior Line Dancing: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center; 378-4659

Stretch \& Tone Class: For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth;

RSVP Terry Franklin, 257-4565
Thursday Bridge: 11 a.m. Thursdays at Cree Meadows

Trail Snails Hiking Club: Mondays, 8:30 a.m. May - Nov. Hike Lincoln County's scenic trails; 630-8614 from 9 a.m. -6 p.m.

Weight Watchers: $9: 30$ a.m. Friday and 5:30 p.m. Monday at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd.; Marcia, 258-8879

## SpeciaiAnmouncements

For Saturday July 15,8 a.m. 11 p.m.
Copthin Fumers' Market offer green beans, squash (Mexican, Yellow Crookneck, scalloped, gadzukes, and ziephyi), cucumbers (sugar crunch, lemon), tomatoes, lettuce (Romaine, Black seeded Simpson, red salad bowil) farmfresh eggs, bread and biscott, goat meal and goat cheese, Market convenes at is 115 Smokey Bear Bivd. (across from the Smokey Bear Historical Park). Call Diane, $653-4678$; for more information.

- The ch wremion for people who attended Ruidoso High School between 1947 and 1970 is July 21 and 22. Registration is 5 p.m. that Friday at the high school cafeteria followed by a programat 6:30 pmito recognize guests and classes. Saturday begins at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts at the cateleria followed by a picnic at 11:30 am, at Schooliouse Park (next to the swimming pool on Sudderti). A golf scramble begin's at 9 a.m; call $258-5689$ for detalls. The reunlon closes with a social at 5 p.m. Saturday at Cree Meadows Country Club, followed by dinner and dancings For more detalls contact Vera Wood, 258.9218 , or Jeanene Perry, 257-9733,
-WeedWertiont is giving away a dinier

Wednesday Weed Warriors: Help wage ware against the spread of noxious weeds. 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays at intersection of Hull Road and Warrior Drive. Carolyn Felder, 258-1347; carfelder@yalornet.com, through August:

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for two a Fartey's Restairant Any: Wednesday in fuly and August, meet at 8:30 a m, at Hull and Warior roads Look for a red pickup. Atter 9 a.me call 937. 3798, For each week that you donate two hours of work with the team, your name goes in the drawing to be held in late August Winner will be announced in the Ruidoso News. Questions: Carolyn Felder, $258-1347$ or carfelderevalonetcom.

## The Namogordo Public Libnry

 Foundtition is acceptings donations of books, videos, DVDS, music tapes and CDs to be sold this fall to help raise funds for a new library. Donationis are welcome at the Librany's Circulation Desk, To have donations picked up, call boyce 439-0266 of Fran 4343470 .
## The Lincoln County Historical society

 is accepting histoties and photos pof families in Lincolin County and Mescalero to bepublished in the first hardback, leatherbound volume of Lincoln County Family. Histories in 200\%.Stoties about local landmark, events and organizations (still intexistence or tool are also welcome. Contact Marilyit Burchetta 505-653. 4360 or KarenMills at 1800 0687-2705, exi. 137 for complée instructions: Contribution deadine is Dec. 31,2006 .
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## National Bestseller List

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1. Water for Elephants

Sara Gruen, Algonquin, \$23.95, 1565124995
2. Twelve Sharp

Janet Evanovich, St. Martin's, \$26.95, 0312349483
3. Suite Francaise

Irene Nemirovsly, Knopi, \$25, 1400044731
4. Terrorist

John Updilike, Knopi, \$24.95, 0307264653
5. Digging to America

Anne tyler, Knopt, \$24.95, 0307263940.

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1. Marley \& Me

John Grogan, Morrow, \$21.95, 0060817089
2. The One Percent Doctrine: Deep Inside America's Pursuit of Its Enemies Since 9/11.
Ron Suskind, S\&S, \$27, 0743271092
3. Mayflower

Nathaniel Philbrick, Viking, \$29.95, 0670037605
4. The World is Flat

Thomas L. Friedmans, Farrar Straus Giroux; $\$ 30$, 0374292795
5. The Ominvore's Dilemma

Michael Pollan, Penguin Press, \$26.95, 1594200823

## PAPERBACK FICIION

1. Snow Flower and the Secret Fan Lisa See, Random House, \$13.95, 0812968069
2. The Kite Runner

Khaled Hosseini, Riverhead, \$14, 1594480001
3. March

Geraldine Brooks, Penguin, $\$ 14,0143036661$
4. The Devil Wears Prada

Lauren Weisberger, Broadway, $\$ 13.95,0767925955$
5. History of Love

Nicole Krauss, Noton, \$13.95, 0393328627

## PAPFRBACK NONFICTION

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## Sara Gruen almost ran away from her Depression-era circus

by Amy Scriener
Cotktesy BookPace:com

Sara Gruen keeps her cat's ashes in an urn behind her desk and donates a portion of her book royalties to animal charities. It's not terribly surprising, then, that one of the most memorable.characters in this animal lover's new novel is a pachyderm named Rosie.

Water for Elephants is the remarkable, captivating story of the Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth, a 1930s traveling circus fighting to stay solvent during the Great Depression.

Gruen brings to life a fascinating, nearly forgotten world of big tops and bearded ladies, in a time when the circus coming to town was a rare treat for those suffering through one of the bleakest chapters in our nation's history.

The story is also a bittersweet state: ment on growing old in modern America. Jacob Jankowski, who is either 90 or 93 years old (he's not entirely sure anymore), whiles away his days in a nursing home, missing his wife and his life. His children and grandchildren come to visit, but he finds it increasingly difficult to keep them all straight. When a traveling circus sets up in the parking lot next to his residence, his shaky mind is transported back to his days as the Benzini circus veterinarian.

After young lacob's parents die in a car accident, he abandons his veterinary studies at Cornell and hops a Benzini train. He is soon taking care of a host of big cats, monkeys and horses, and spending his nights with the circus crew drinking bottles of the foulest bootleg imaginable.

Jacob is quickly captivated by Marlena, the lovely but married star of the Benzini show. Her husband August is a dashing, vicious man who trains (and often beats) the circus animals. Rosie, the prized elephant that the Benzini show bought from a failed competitor, is often at the wrong end of August's wrath. Eventually, so is Jacob.

Gruen was one day away from start: ing a new novel on an entirely different topic when she read a newspaper feature about famed circus photographer Edward J. Kelty. In the years after World War I, Kelty followed circuses around


## Water for Elephants

By Sara Gruen
Algonquin, $\$ 23.95$
352 pages
ISBN 1565124995
the country, capturing mesmerizing images of sword swallowers, giants and midgets.

Gruen saw Kelty's work and thought, "Wow! l, could put a novel in that." She set aside her other project and began researching the unique community of circus workers.
"I wanted to preserve a snapshot of that very extreme culture, because it's gone," she says.

The book is stuffed with authentic, largely forgotten details about life during
the Depression. Gruen writes about a grizzled circus worker named Camel suffering from "lake Leg." The condition. afflicted tens of thousands of people who drank a Jamaican ginger extract during Prohibition, not knowing that it could cause paralysis.

Getting the historical details right was painstaking work, but Gruen found she had no trouble capturing the nuances of Jacob; a crotchety nọnagenarian.
"He was the one whowas just there," she says. "I think it scared my husband. I just turned on the tap and there's this cantankerous old man."
"It was much more difficult to write the historical chapters," "she says. "You know, was there running water in a 1930s train car? I would finish those chapters with my tongue hanging out. Then I'd reach the safety of Jacob's r.ursing home."

Some of the history included in the book - such as Jake Leg and the rampant abuse of circus animals and workers - is haunting, but Gruen doesn't flinch from that reality.

In one of the book's many poignant moments, Jacob discovers why the elephant Rosie is so seemingly ill-suited for circus life, leading to her many beatings at the hands of August. In her author's note, Gruen makes clear that such abuse is historically accurate. A•1930s elephant named Topsy killed her trainer after he fed her a lit cigarette.

Amy Scribner writes from Olympia, Washingtor.


# Touring the rugged terrain 

by Susan Landers Kolb for vamonos
t's a good thing our visitors are not afraid of melting in the rain like the wicked witch in the Wizard of Oz . Monsoon season hit our area with a vengeance and we are now enjoying one rainstorm after another, as long as they are over the next ridge. That's because we have been taking lots of adventure tours in our Jeeps, with the added challenge of staying just ahead or just behind the next storm surge.

This week we are able to venture back into the forest roads, which gives us numerous places to enjoy incredible views, wildlife, cool breezes and a view of the ever-changing weather.

This moming we head up Ski Run Road and turn off on Monjeau Road to take our visitors from San Antonio,
Texas, on a 6-mile dirt road adventure to the Monjeau Lookout Tower. On the way up, one of our eagle-eyed visitors spots a family of deer in the distance checking us out. They appear to be puzzled that we are back in their territory but don't seem to mind sharing the road with us. It's always a good idea to carry a camera on these trips, and our guests captured the moment for their upcoming photo album.
"Wow, these deer are huge!" exclaimed the 12-year-old. "Our deer back home are mini-sized compared to these." I could sense Paul resisting the urge to joke with him about how the deer magically turn to elk when reaching a certain altitude.

We arrive at Monjeau and explain how this beautiful rock building serves an important purpose in our area. It keeps our forest personnel in great shape from hiking up and down the seemingly never-ending rock steps to their lookout perch. And during the period between hikes, also known as their work shift, they scan the horizon for forest fires.

We point out landmarks including where we are headed next. "How long will it take us to get way over there?" asks the younger sister in the family. Matt Ward, our Jeep tour guide, points out a building storm to the right of Nogal Peak. "See that big black cloud? If we beat it, we will get to the peak, take a short hike, check out the view and make it back to Ruidoso before you know it."

The little girl doesn't look happy.

$\because$
PHOTO BY SUSAM KOLE
Visiting from San Antonio, Texas, this family enjoyed spotting wildlife and taking in the mountain views.

Matt asks her if she is afraid of getting wet. "No, Matt. I want to make sure we have enough time to see a bear."

We're off on the bear hunt through the beautiful forest roads heading up to Nogal. Matt shows the family different trees in the forest such as the alligator juniper, Ponderosa pines and aspens. While the road is bumpy and challenging in the Jeeps, this family loves the experience of being off the beaten path. Today the air smells extra clean from the passing rains and also smells of fresh pine. However, with a Jeep tour comes what we call "smell-a-vision," which is great after a rain, but not so good when passing a skunk. These skunk encounters are a given these days and our guests mention that they think ours are extra-
special stinky. Paul tells them it is the skunks' fault that we haven't seen a bear yet.

When we stop at the Nogal Peak trailhead we take the short hike to the first lookout spot and can see numerous showers drenching the area around us. Fortunately, these showers are holding back long enough for us to capture some photographs before we head back down. The rain is solid over the Capitans and we explain that there is a beautiful mountain range over there, but you just can't see it right now. Wait a few minutes and it will appear. Sure enough, the clouds move over and we can see them clearly.

Without a bear sighting today, the kids decide they will continue their bear
watch tomorrow. We are ready for more Jeep excursions and realize how glad we are to be back in our forest. Luckily for all of us, tomorrow is another day and we hope those bears may show up for our guests. And tomorrow may bring us another rainshower to wash the mud off our tires. It's all good for all of us!

Susan Kolb is a proprietor of Lincoln County Tours, offering guided hikes, mountain biking and oither outdoor adventures, as well as art, "taste" and sightseeing tours. Call 257-6069 for more information, or visit the Web site at www.lincolncountytours.com.

# Illuminated works 

by Pamela Cromwell
vamonos Entor

The ribbon for Best of Show in the2005 Ruidoso Art Festival went to Barbara Woods of Santa Fe for her luminous dyed silk sculptures, which also won Best of Category in mixed media. Fusing an Asian quality with elegant vase-like forms, Woods' sculptures are part lamp, part fine art centerpiece in many an elegant home.

Woods has been painting on silk for more than 20 years, garmering an international clientele an earning a reputation exceptional work. The idea of using dyed silks as lamp shades first occurred to her 12 or 14 years ago, she said.
"I noticed they way it lit when I held it up to see how the lines would go," she said.
Her husband, Tom, is a woodworker, so it was a natural collaboration for him to make lamps and for her to make the shades. Today Woodsiliks makes "traditional" lamps with painted silk shades reminiscent of Tiffany as well as Wood's exotic lamps inspired by the colorful winged creatures of the insect world.
"That whole line emerged from moths and butterflies," she said. "There's such a wealth of imagery from bugs, I could go on forever. Some of them are pretty disgusting little insects, but I try to make my sculptures comfortable to view - not scary, but not cute."

Her wall sconces look like butterfly wings unfolding, while the new Chrysalis Series gives the feel of emergence from a cocoon. Woods uses polystyrene, standard lamp shade material, to stiffen her silk paintings, then adds to the texture with a suede edging. A fluorescent bulb illuminates the work and provides ambient lighting without getting too hot for the sculpted painting: The "chrysalis" painting is set in a ceramic base either slab-constructed and carved by Woods or wheel-thrown by another. artist. The sills are steam-set and wäshed to make them colorfast, and the sculpture can be dusted and wiped with a clean damp cloth.
"I have not seen a lot of people using painted silk this way," Woods said, "I met a Baltimore woman who makes huge flowers with painted silk, and those are lit, butt that's completely different from what I make.".


COURIESY WOODSLLKS
Artist Barbara Woods makes light sculptures using painted silk shaped into a striking chrysalis and set in a ceramic or wood base.

Ruidoso Art Festival for about years now, and she says it's always wonderful.
"Each time I do a show, it can vary with the audience," she said. "But on the whole, the quality of art is coming up in this show. It's getting more sophisticated, maybe because they're drawing from a larger pool of applicants. I like the Ruidoso show because it's supported by the community there and 'Ruidoso's visitors."

Woods returns to Ruidoso July 28-30


Countes wooosllis
Bryce Canyon is among the more traditional lamps made by Woods and her busband, Tom, who makes the turned-wood bases. Ruidoso Convention Center. The festival presents about 100 top artists from around the country working in a variety of media, including mixed media, fine art painting, sculpture, jewelry, wood and glass, photography and more. Visit www.ruidosonow.com/artfestival for information about this year's show.

## ART OPENINGS

## Art After Hours

By arrangement with the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, At After Hours showcases four galleries July 14: Piñon Pottery, Hwy. 70, 3 mi . east of Wal-Mart; Classic Bronze, 610 E. Hwy. 70; DJ's Jewelry, 618 Carrizo Canyon Rd.; and J Mauritsen Studio, 624 Carrizo Canyon Rd. Open house at all galleries is 5-8 p.m. with refrestments and opportunities to meet the artists and see new / featured work. Info: 257-7272

## Imagine That

Imagine Thatl Artful Living gallery features Sherry Witt for Art After Hours, 5-8 p.m. Friday, July 28. Witt painted the Ruidoso Art Festival poster, and she and Paul Wenzel (the mountain man model for the poster) will be signing the posters that night. Champagne and chocolate, entertainment by Sonic Trampoline and the Chicago Rhythm Section. The gallery is located at 1803 Sudderth Dr. Info: 630-0444 or www.imaginethatartfulliving.com
McGary: New Works
Saturday, July 29, Expressions in Bronze Gallery in Ruidoso will host an artist's reception and premiere with world-renowned bronze sculptor Dave McGary from 6-8 p.m.


at 2002 Sudderth Dr. McGary will be premiering his latest bronze masterworks, "The Gatekeeper" and "The Honor Dress," and two new artifacts, "Wyoming" and "Traditions." Info: 257-3790, 800-687-3424 or www.davemcgary.com

## ART EXHIBITS

## Jacqueline Kastor

Kastor's new painting, "Sierra Blanca from Monjeau" is the highlight of her exhibit at the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce for


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July and August. Though Kastor states, "My interest in New Mexico and the arts is fueled by the unique beauty of the mountains, the deserts and the people of the Southwest." Kastor's main influences come from the French impressionists as the early Taos artists. The Chamber of Commerce is located at 720 Sudderth Dr. Info: 257-7395

## Judy Woods

Judy Woods, a local artist, is being featured for July at the New Mexico State University at Alamogordo Townsend Library, 2400 N. Scenic Dr. Info: Lois, 439-3820

## Father McCown

An interesting and well known professional in the Alamogordo community is the selected artist for Eagle Ranch Gallery the month of July. Father Robert McCown, the associate pastor of St. Jude Mission in Alamogordo, has studied the arts extensively in Europe. Eagle Ranch gallery is located at 7288 Hwy $54 / 70$, midway between. Alamogordo and Tularosa. Info: 434-0035

## Alto Artists

Show July 7-28 at Ruidoso Village Hall ( 313 Cree Meadows Dr.) and Ruidoso Public Library ( 107 Kansas City Rd.) featuring examples of work by artists participating in ${ }^{\circ}$ this year's Alto Artists Studio Tour to take place Aug. 5-6. Info: 653-4219

## RRCA Member Show

Attist members of the Ruidoso Regional.Council for the Arts will exhiblt a variety of paintings and work in other media, including gourds, needlepoint and wood carving, for the month of June. The gallery is located at 1710 Sudderth Dr, adjacent State National Bank, and is open 9 a.m. -2 p.m.
Monday through Friday. Info: 2577272
Mary Jo Smith
Smith is this month's featured artist at Capitan Public Library, 101 E. 2nd St. She took up painting to relieve the boredom of staying home while she was pregnant with her first daughter, and has since explored many types of artwork, including wood carving, mosaic, quilting and painting. Her paintings are on display at the library. Info: 3543035

## Ava Maurer

Pat Beatty Gallery, 908 New York Ave., presents "A Southerm Route," featuring oils, watercolors, and ink drawings by Ava Maurer. Open Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. . .5:30 p.m. Info: 439-0188

## Kathy Hauge

Paintings by Kathy Hauge will be featured through July at Coffee \& More in the Tularosa Dry Goods Building in historic downtown Tularosa. Open Tues.Sat. 7 àm. 7 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. -5 p.m., Closed Mondays. Info: 585-4575

## Copeland

Copeland's Frame Shop and Gallery, 622 9 th St. (comer of 9th and Texas). Featuring art work by Michael Copeland, Chris Turri, and Kelley Quarles, and an ongoing exhibit of student artwork, Tues - Fri 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Saturdays by appointment. Info: 4429594.

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# Art Galleries \& Studios 

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To add or correet a listing, emall vamonoseruldosonews.com or fax (505) 257-7053.

## Lincoln County

Art and Artifact • 107 S. Lincoln • Capitan • 354-2316

Earthly Greens \& Ran La Roca Glass Lincoln, NM • April 1 - Oct. 31, 10-5, 7 Days - Nov. 1 - March 31, By Appointment - 800-386-7258 • Fine art fused glass "paintings"

Benson Fine Art • Off Hwy. 70 - San Patricio • 653-4081

Fruit of the Trees Gallery • Hwy 380 in Lincoln •653-4699

Gallery 408 - 408 12th Street $\cdot$ Carrizozo • 505-648-2598 • Oils, photography, ceramics, collage, jewelry, pottery, baskets, etc. Special artist showings and musical events in their sculpture garden.

Georgia Stacy, Artist - Studio located on Nogal Canyon Road, in Nogal, NM • 505-354-4206 • Wood sculpture, doors, and home interior furnishings.

Grizzly's Bears - 2804 Suddeith - $257-$ 3542 - Bears carved from tree trunks by chainsaw and other power tools.

Hondo Iris Farm and Gallery - Hwy 70, MM 284 • Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 10-6 • (505) 653-4723

Hondo Iris Farm Annex • Hwy 70 MM 286•653-4062

Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery - Off Hiw. 70 • San Patricio • 800-658-6912•6534331



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James Mack Studio - 400 12th St. Carrizozo • 648-5203

Moondance Gallery - Central White Oaks • 648-2319 - Hand-crafted furniture, jewelry, traditional tinwork, Southwest artifacts.

White Oaks Pottery • 4 mi. NE of White Oak Township • Ivy Heymann • 648-2985 • Open $10 \mathrm{am}-5 \mathrm{pm}$, Closed on Thursday

ZW's Gallery • Hwy 38 W, MM.4.75
(the road to Nogal) • 354-4263.

## Ruidoso Area

Accessoreez - 2306 Sudderth • $257-$ 0740 • wuw.accessoreez.com • Handmade,

M-F, 7:30-4 o Sculptures by Lincoln Fox, Sandy Scott, Angela Mia de la Vega. Paintings by members of Western Artists of America.

The Collective Arts Gallery • 524
Sudderth Dr: 257-2472•Multiple artists in
a co-op style gallery.
DJ's Jewelry • 618 Carrizo Canyon -630-1514 - Hand-cratted silver and semiprecious stones, Southwest style.

Earth \& Stone - 2117 Sudderth - $257-$ 2768 - Pottery by Alan Mineer. Thrown vessels, tableware, vessel sinks, platters, sculpted pieces. Watch the artist at work.

El Presidio Gallery - 1206 Mechem Dr. - 258-2225 - Fine att gallery representing original work by top painters, sculptors and mixed-media artists of the Southwest.

Galleria West - 2538 Sudderth • 2574560 • Fine art, gifts, artisan jewelry, knives, fetishes.

GD Carrett Fine Art • 2306 Sudderth • 257-7695 - Studio and gallery of wildlife painter Gary Garrett.

Imagine That! Artful Living • Fine ant gallery, books, gifts. The only authorized JD. Challenger representative in southern NM and West Texas. Local 'artists' work, too. Tuesday - Saturday, 10-5 - (505) 630-0444
J. Mauritsen Studio - 624 Carrizo Canyon Rd. - 257-6348 • Wood carver transforms tree trunks into fine art, furniture.

Josie's Framery - 2917 Sudderth - 257 4156 • High quality, affordable \& custom - framing and local art.

Kindred Spirit • 2306 Sudderth - 2573846

Linda's Custom Framing - 2701
Sudderth • 257-2585 - Quality framing at affordable prices

Many Moons Jewelry • 2501 Sudderth - 630-9201 • Hand-crafted silver.

## McGary's Studio / Expressions in

 Bronze Gallery • 2002 Sudderth • 10 am 5 pm , Monday - Saturday - 257.1000 • Gallery and finishing studio for worldrenown bronze artist famous for Native American figures.Mountain Arts Gallery • 2530 Sudderth - 257-9748 • Southwest art, prints \& originals, pottery, custom framing. Resident artist: Teri Sodd.

Picture This Callery - 2621 Sudderth •

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$630-0003 \bullet$ Prints and framing.
Pinion Pottery • 3 miles east of Wal-Mart on Hwy 70 • Ruidoso Downs • 378-4270 (800) 378-4275* Studio \& gallery of Vicki Conley, also shows work by other locals: Thrown poltery and sculpted ceramic for architectural accents.

RRCA Art Center \& Gallery • 1712 Sudderth • 257-7272 • Home of the Ruidoso Regional Arts Council, displaying original works by attists based in Lincoln County and Mescalero. - Open daily 10 a.m,. 2 p.m.

Rainwaters • 2313 Sudderth $\cdot 257-8727$ - Gifts, jewelry, candles \& collectibles.

Studio-W - 1311 Mechem • 258-1117• www.Studio-W.com - $10 \mathrm{am}-6 \mathrm{pm}$, Wed - . Sat; 12-6 pm, Sun; Closed Ḿon \& Tue* Representing more than 100 artists showing more than 500 pieces.

White Dove Gallery • 2825 Sudderth, Ste. A• 257-6609 - Native American one-of-a-kind jewelry, art, pottery, sculppures \& cop: per wall ari. Established business since 1988.

White Mountain Pottery - 2328
Sudderth - 257-3644 - Tableware, lamps \& accessories.

Winter Moon Gällery. 2701 Sudderth • 257-2585 • Affordable posters, prints \& gifts.

The Zuni • 2621 Südderth • (800) 275. 4908 • 257-2440.

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## Mescalero

Jordan T. Gallery - Located one mile west of Ruidoso on Carrizo Canyon Road. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Fri. - Sun. - Mescalero Apache Arts including sculptures, paintings, drawings, beadwork and carvings. • 800-5459011 - www.innofthemountaingods.com

N'de Fine Arts Gallery • U.S. Hwy 70 (milemarker 244.2) • 464-2114 • Featuring: Apache fine arts including paintings in oil and acrylics.

Stronghold Gallery • 464-7777•Gift shop and art gallery inside the Inn of the Mountain Gods, featuring paintings, sculpture and other work by Mescalero artists.

## Alamogordo Area

About Frames - 1602 10th St: 434-
4494 - Fine art prints and custom framing. Dave Beach and Susie Hopkins, propiètors. Open Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday by appointment. .

Accents in Glass • 1009 10th St, • 4344182• Jo Austin's original art glass designs using fused glass, stained glass, mosaics, 3-D, leaded panels, and jewelry. Jo Austin, proprietor. Web: wwwiaccentsinglassbyjo.com.

Pat Beatty Gallery and Framing, 908 : New York Ave, Alamogordo :439-0188 • Monday - Saturday, $10 \mathrm{am}-5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ - Fine att, work by local artists, gifts, hand-painted cards. Pat Beatty, proprietor:

Copeland's Frame Shop and Gallery • 622 9th St. (corner of 9th and Texas) - Tues.Fri. 10 a.m. - $5: 30$ p.m., Saturdays by, appt. Featuring an on-going exhibit of student artwork. Ten Percent of all art gallery sales will be donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Otero County. Victoria and Michael Copeland, proprietors.

Creative Designs - 917 New York Ave., Alamogordo - Monday . Friday, 10:00 a.m, 5:30 p.m. - 434-4420 • Ongoing selection of carefully chosen works in all media by Incal attists.

David H. Townsend Library Gallery • New Mexico State University-Alamogordo campus, 2400 Scenic Dr. -439-3650 • gun. - Fri. - Monthly exhibit.

Eagle Ranch Art Gallery - 7288 U.S. Hwy 54/70, between Alamogordo and Tularosa • 434-0035 • 8 a.m. -6 p.m. daily - Monthly exhibits by variety of local and regional artists. Marianne and George Schweers; proprietors.

The Nut House - 32 Ivy Lane, La Luz. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Saturday - Sunday, 10 a:m. -4 p.m. Lunch served 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - 437-6889 • Original paintings, prints, poltery, jewelry, bronze sculpture by local artists.
W. Kohler Lamp and Shade Company Gallery • 173 US Hwy 82, Alamogordo - 10 a.m. -5 p.m., Monday - Saturday • $437-8441$ - Distinctive mesquite lamps and copper - lampshades made on location. Studio tours available.

Wet Paint Studio and Classroom - 20 Chaparral Rd., Alamogordo • 585-1345 • Original paintings, arts supplies, and classes.

## Tularosa

Adobe Daubers Arts \& Crafts Gallery • 275-B Central Ave. • 585-2084

Coffee \& More at Tularosa Dry Coods, 308 Granado Street, Tularosa. © 8 am 5:30pm Mon., Wed., Thurs.Sat.; 10 am 4:30 pm Sunday • 585-4575 • Rotating art exhibit.

Del Sol - 200.St. Francis Dr. - 585-4581
Horse Feathers - $\mathbf{3 1 6}$ Granado, Tularosa - 585-4407 - Pottery, jewelry, Native American arts \&craits, gifts.

## Cloudcroft

Bear Track - 502 Burro Ave. • 682-3046 - Native American art \&crafts, gifts.

Cloudcroft Art Society • Community Center/Library (Red Brick Schoolhouse), corner of Swallow Place and Burro Ave. -6873176 - Members' artwork, programs, meetings, workshops.

Cloudcroft Pottery, 502A Burro Ave. 10am - 5 pm • 682-3321 • Functional stoneware and raku. Don and Donna Ellis, proprietors.

Copper Butterfly - 206 Burro Ave, -682-2765 • Fine arts, quality crafts. Gloria and Gary Wood, proprietors.

Hummingbird Nest - 306 Burro Ave. -682-2728 - Ceramics, paintings. Kathy Powell, proprietor.

Off the-Beaten Path - 100 Glorietta Ave. - 682-7284 EClēticic gifis and original artwork, wacky wire art, jewelry, yard art, artistic lamps, and more. Berle Van Zanat and Donna Rand, proprietors. Open daily.

Thy, Smiling Dog Art Gallery • 311 James Canyon Hiwy. -682-2122 • Original oils, prints, jewelry, pholography, metal work, and home décor.

## Galls for Arisists

## Aspenfest

Rutdoso Gymastics Association. seeks artists for the Aspenfest Ats \& Cratis Fair to be held at Schoolhouse Park in Ruidoso Oct 7-8. Contact, Bonnie Richardson, 378-4661, for application forms and more information.

## Recorder Group Forming

If you play soprano, alto, tenot, or bass recorder and read music, the Ruidoso Recorders group is for you. The recoider ensemble plays together for fun and may give public concerts during the Christmas season or at visits to rest homes, and occasionally for church services in the area, Call $975-525-7117$ or email rwalsheøchatiernét for more information. Previous experience is not required, Music will be provided, but players should bring tieir wintinsinu: ment and music stands, Dr. Robert Walshe, the organizer, is a fomer music faculty member at UTEP and the EI Paso Community College:

## Musicians Wanted

The No Scum Allowed Saloon in White Oaks's looking for a band to host open mic nights. Call Pam Lewis; 648 2195, for deatils:

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# Mr. Peabrain's Misadventures 

## Dove's <br> World

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I am feeling great, and I'll tell you why. It's because of this article I read recentIly that said . . . um . . . it said . . . OK, wait just a minute while I get out this article. .. .

OK, here it is: According to this article, researchers at the University of Pennsylvania did a study showing that, as males - but not females - get older, their brains shrink. Was I ever relieved to read that! I thought it was just me!

Here's something I regularly do: I'm
walking through an airport, and I see a newsstand, and I think: "Huh! A news"stand! I can get a newspaper there, and perhaps some magazines! I can réad them on the airplane, and use the information in them to write informed columns!"

So I carefully select some newspapers and magazines; then I put them on the counter; then I get out my wallet and pay for them; then I carefully put the receipt into my wallet so that I can deduct this purchase for tax purposes; then I go get on the airplane.

OK, here's a pop quiz: What will I discover when I get on the airplane? You older, shrinking-brain males probably have no idea. You're saying to yourselves: "What airplane?"

But you female readers, and you younger males, know the answer: I will

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discover that I left my magazines and newspapers back on the newsstand counter. I cannot tell you how many: times I have done this. (Note to Internal Revenue Service: The reason I still deducted these purchases on my tax return is that I am writing about them here.) I could save time if, when striding through the airport, I simply flung money in the general direction of the newsstand.
Here's another thing I do: I routinely go to the cleaners for the specific purpose of picking up my shirts, pay for my shirts, then attempt to walk out without my shirts, as though I were just visiting them.

Also: Many times I am looking all over for my reading glasses - looking, looking, looking, looking - and then I walk past a mirror and notice that they are perched on my head. "Ha hal" they gaily shout to me, their lenses twinkling. "You cretin!"

Also: I have always been terrible at remembering people's names, but now I forget names instantaneously, before they have gotten all the way through my ear canal. If somebody introduces himself to me at a social event, it sounds as though he's saying: "Hi. I'm Blah."
"I'm sorry," I'll say. "What was your name again?"
"Blah," he'll say.
"Ah!" I'll say, ṡmiling brightly while hoping that a meteor will crash into the building before I have to introduce him to someone else.

Here's another symptom: I currently own four - that is correct: four - identical, unused tubes of toothpaste, because every time l'm in a drugstore and walk past the toothpaste section, my brain, which by now must be about the size of a Raisinet, racks its tiny shriveled self in an effort to remember whether I have any toothpaste, and it can never come up with a definitive answer, so it always decides, Better safe than sorry!
(The good news is, if the price of Tartar Control Crest rises significantly, I will be a wealthy man.)

Anyway, I was very relieved to find out that this was not just my personal
problem, but a problem afflicting the brains of males in general, although, as a frequent flier, I hape it doesn't extend tomale airplane pilots ("Ladies and gentlemen, we are approaching either Pittsburgh or Honolulu, so at this time I'm going to push the button that either illuminates the fasten-seat belt signs or shuts off all the engines"").

The University of Pennsylvania study (Note to older males: I a am referring here to a study showing that, as males get older, their brains shrink) also showed that we older males tend to lose our sense of humor. This is definitely true in my case. I was just talking to my oldest friend, whose name is . . . Excuse me while I look up his name. ...

OK, here it is: I was talking to my oldest friend, loe DiGiacinto, and we were remarking on the fact that when we were teenage males roaming uncontrolled around Armonk, N.Y, we thought that the most hilarious imaginable human activity was the wanton destruction of mailboxes, whereas we now both firmly believe that this should be a federal crime punishable by death.

So my overall point is that the brainshrinkage study makes me feel a lot better, because now I know that I'm not getting stupid alone, that billions of guys are getting stupid with me, as evidenced by:

- Golf
- Comb-overs
- The U.S. Senate

Here's what I think: I think Older Male Brain Shrinkage (OMBS) should be recognized as a disability by the federal government. At the very least, we should have a law requiring evengbody to wear a name tagg ("Hello! My name is Blah"). Older males would be exempt from this requirement, because they wouldn't be able to find their tags. I have many other strong views on this subject but I can't remember what they are.

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## Violinist Timothy Fain performs Aug. 6 at the Chamber Music Festival

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T"he "voice" of Richard Gere's violin is coming to the Ruidoso Chamber Music Festival Aug. 4-6 at the Ruidoso High School Performing Arts Center.

Violinist Timothy Fain recently made his film debut on the soundtrack of the movie Bee Season, starring Richard Gere and Juliette Binoche. Fain provides the "voice" for Gere's violin.

Fain has been selected as one of Symphony magazine's featured "Up-and. Coming Young Musicians" in 2006. He performs as soloist, chamber musician and in creative collaboration with other musicians.

Fain's program for the Ruidoso concert at 2 p.m. Aug, 6 includes
Mendelssohn's "Sonata in F Minor for violin and piano" and Mozart's "Adagio in E Major." This year is Mozart's 250th birthday, and his music will be featured
in this year's Chamber Music Festival.
Fain performs this season as soloist with the Bellevue (Wash.) Philharmonic Orchestra, the Florida West Coast Symphony, the Waterbury (Conn.) Symphony Orchestra, the Albany (Ga.) Symphony, and Orquesta Filarmonica de Buenos Aires in Argentina.

He is also in demand as a chamber musician, performing with The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and at the Ives Festival in Boston. He continues to pursue his interest in jazz and recently appeared at the Jazz Standard with composer and saxophonist Patrick Zimmerli.

The Boston Globe described Fain as "A charismatic young violinist with a matinee idol profile, strong musical instincts, and first rate chops."

Concert-goers are invited to meet Fain at a reception, catered by The Pie Pantry, immediately following the performance.
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