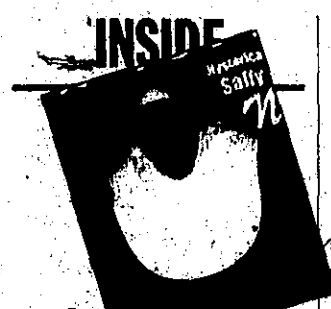


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## Futurity result overturned

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The 2008 All American Futurity held at Ruidoso Downs has a new winner.

A three-judge steward panel for the New Mexico Racing Commission ruled Thursday that Jet Black Patriot, which initially placed second in the race, is the winner.

The horse replaces the presumed winner, Stolis Winner.

Stolis Winner was disqualified due to a banned substance.

In addition to a "redistribution of the purse," the panel, ruling

### Racing Commission pulls purse from Stolis Winner after positive test

from Sunland Park, ordered a six-month suspension for Stolis Winner's trainer, Heath Taylor, and a \$1,500 fine.

"This means Stolis Winner will lose the purse," New Mexico Racing Commission Executive Director Julian Luna told the Ruidoso News Thursday. "Jet Black Patriot, the second-place finisher in the race will move up to first place.

"And I would assume all other

horses in the race would move up in placement and money."

The original third-place finisher moving up to second place is Jess Zoomin. The fourth-place winner, Calif Fugitive, is bumped up to third place.

The Jerry Windham-owned Stolis Winner won a blistering stretch duel against the Louisiana-bred stallion Jet Black Patriot by a half length, and, in doing so, took

home the prestigious Labor Day prize of \$1 million.

Tests eventually showed caffeine in Stolis Winner's system.

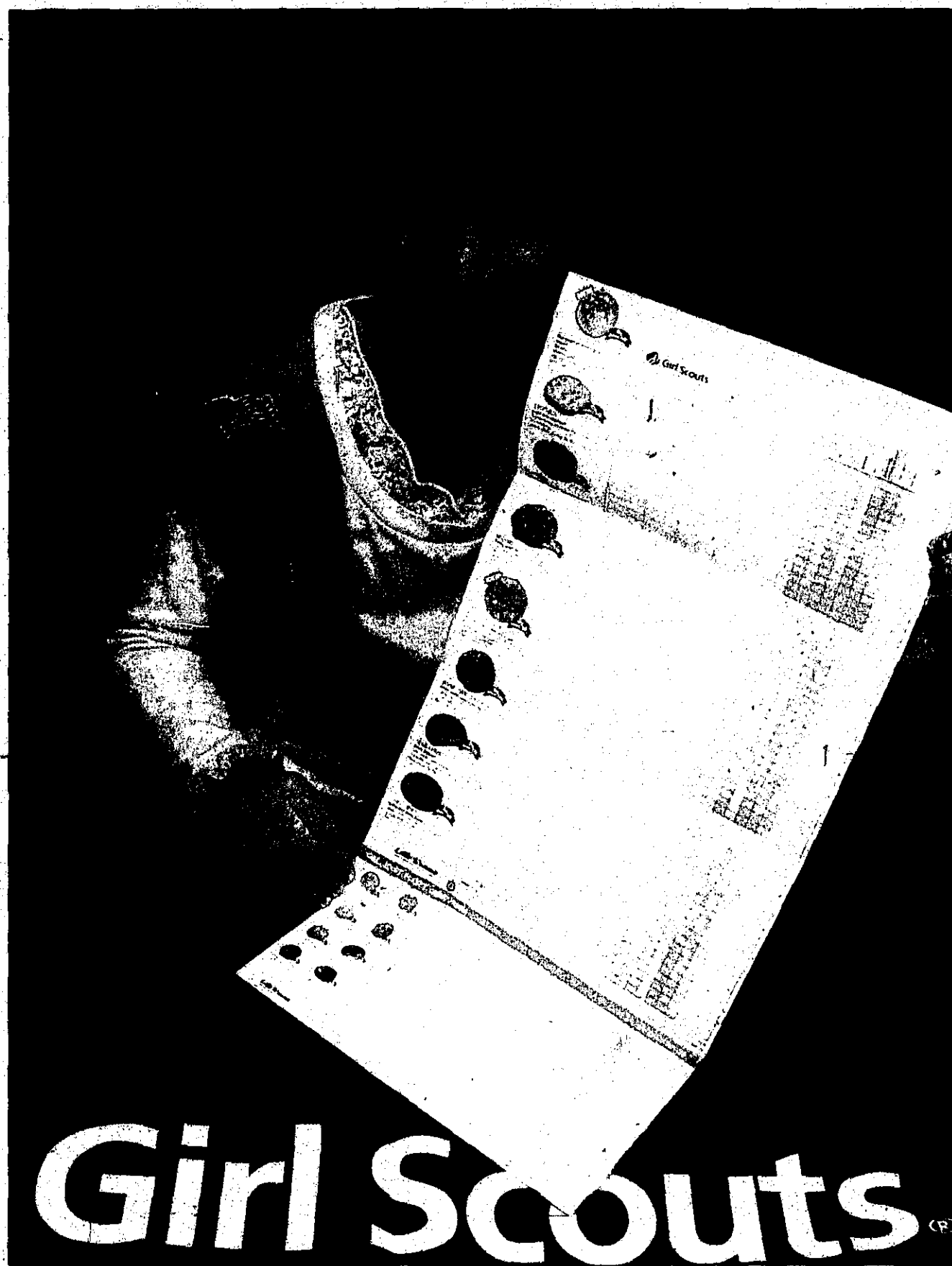
"The initial urine sample came back clean and so we released the purse," Luna said.

Afterwards, a random deep-screen blood test revealed caffeine in the Heath Taylor-trained quarter horse. Caffeine is a Class 2 violation for which the state Racing Commission has zero tolerance.

Windham has always maintained the horse was tainted by a

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## COOKIE TIME



Girl Scout Kate Robinson holds up the cookie order sheet for the upcoming drive. See story on page 5A.

## 'Zozo officer resigns

■ Andy Hill had been the town's newest cop.

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Carrizozo's newest police officer ended 2008 under investigation by state police and on administrative leave.

Complaints made by a number of Carrizozo citizens against Officer Andy Hill instigated a recent investigation by New Mexico State Police.

Specifics of the complaints and the investigation have not been released but as standard procedure for a law enforcement officer under investigation, Hill was placed on administrative leave. No criminal charges have been filed at this time.

According to Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill, Hill gave him a verbal resignation on Jan. 7 and turned in all his equipment. "That is all I can say at this time," said Hemphill.

"The town attorney has been notified and it will be discussed in closed session at the meeting next week (town council meeting, Jan. 13)."

Hill was hired just six months ago by the former Chief of Police Carrie Spencer, and was sworn in on July 8, 2008. His proba-

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## Qwest, SkyWi reach agreement: Deal will conditionally provide services

LAS CRUCES - Qwest and Internet provider SkyWi Inc. verbally agreed Tuesday to continue providing services to customers for a 10-day period should a federal judge reject SkyWi's request for an injunction against Qwest during a hearing next week.

SkyWi sued Qwest in December, alleging anti-competitive behavior. The preliminary injunction hearing is set for Jan. 13.

Qwest pulled the plug on SkyWi's services last week, contending the Albuquerque-based Internet provider owes \$1.7 million for services dating back to September. State regulators have been working with the feuding companies to restore services to more than 10,000 customers in New Mexico who were disconnected.

"The biggest problem here was a lack of notification to customers," said

Jason Marks, state Public Regulation Commission chairman.

An agreement between Qwest and SkyWi to continue services for 10 additional days should a federal judge reject SkyWi's request for an injunction was reached during a meeting Tuesday with the PRC, Marks said.

Should SkyWi also be unable to pay Qwest a portion of the \$1.7 million by that time, Marks said the

10-day grace period would give the company enough time to "notify customers that SkyWi is coming down."

The verbal agreement was significant, according to Marks, who said the PRC aims to prevent the risk of another outage after Jan. 13.

Both companies were to present a written agreement during a meeting with state regulators Thursday.

"It was completely wrong for both companies to let this happen without customers knowing," he said. "Qwest and SkyWi put private interests and litigation in the forefront. The commission is putting the public interest in the forefront."

During Tuesday's meeting with state regulators, Marks said SkyWi reported that Internet service to almost all customers has been restored.

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### Leadership NM

Leadership New Mexico is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 Core Program. Applications are available at the Leadership

New Mexico Web site, [www.leadershipnm.org](http://www.leadershipnm.org) or by calling 505-241-4800. Deadline for submission is March 15.

The Leadership New Mexico Core Program is a

10-month program designed to identify, teach and challenge established leaders of the state with a curriculum that addresses critical issues affecting New Mexico.

The program is open to all citizens of the state and the organization will select 40-45 participants for the 2009-2010 Core Program.

To be selected for the program, applicants must demonstrate a dedication to New Mexico's progress. Characteristics of a successful applicant are: commitment, motivation and interest in serving the state; demonstrated voluntary leadership in his/her community; and business; willingness to seek future key volunteer and/or appointed leadership roles; an occupational commitment to remain in the state; and, commitment to play a personal role in helping shape New Mexico's future.

"We encourage applicants from all communities of New Mexico to apply for the program, our strength is diversity" said Patty Komko, President of Leadership New Mexico. "We bring together leaders from across the state, that might not otherwise have met, and provide them the opportunity to learn about each other's diverse industry sectors and communities. By sharing a common bond, we have created a network of professionals that can rely upon each other to make a difference in their communities and in the state."

Applicants and their organizations must be willing to commit the necessary time and resources needed to participate in the 10-month Core Program. Tuition for the Core Program is \$3,500. Employers, community organizations, local leadership programs and individuals may nominate candidates who demonstrate leadership potential. Applicants also may nominate themselves.

casting on different UHF channels in different communities. KOCT (ABC-Artesia/Carlsbad) will shut down Channel 6 on Feb. 17 and switch to DTV on UHF Channel 19. To view KENW or KOCT in Lincoln County, you will need to receive their local UHF translator signals.

### Digital conversion

Digital Television (DTV) Broadcasting starts Feb. 19 in the U.S. This new broadcast technology will affect different television viewers in different ways. The following information relates how this change specifically impacts Lincoln County residents:

- Persons who subscribe to Cable TV or use a Satellite Dish are not affected.

- Persons who receive the network UHF Translator Channels (19, 49, etc.) locally with an antenna are not immediately affected. At some time in the next year or two, the translators will be converted to DTV. At that time, a digital TV set or a converter box for your old analog TV will be needed to view these stations.

- Persons who receive Channels 3, 6, 8 or 10 directly with an antenna are impacted the most.

Roswell channels 8 (NBC) and 10 (CBS) will switch to digital broadcasts on Feb. 17. To receive these channels, you will need a digital TV set or a converter box for your old analog TV.

KENW (PBS-Portales) will shut down Channel 3 on Feb. 17 and begin broad-

casting on different UHF channels in different communities.

Converter boxes may be purchased from various retailers. To offset the cost, a maximum of two \$40 coupons can be requested until March 31 by calling 1-888-388-2009. Currently, the government coupon program has exhausted its funding; coupon requests are being put on a waiting list until some existing coupons expire or more funds are made available.

More information about the DTV transition can be found at the Ruidoso and Capitan Public Libraries, the Ruidoso Senior Center, or on the Web at: [www.dtv.gov](http://www.dtv.gov).

This information was compiled as a public service by the Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 773, Ruidoso, NM 88355.

### Book donation

New Mexico Eta Chapter Lincoln County of Alpha Delta Kappa donated 47 new baby books for the first born of 2009 at LCMC.

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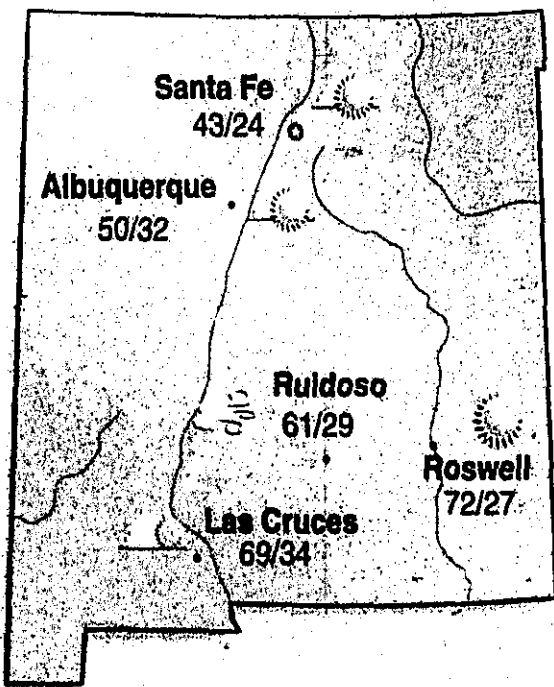
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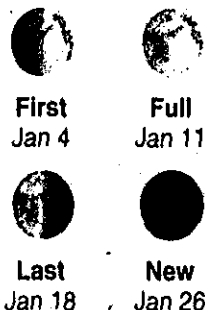
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### New Mexico At A Glance



### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Fri 1/9	3	Moderate
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Sun 1/11	4	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11 Extreme.

### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	69	31	mt sunny	Grants	47	24	pt sunny	Santa Fe	13	24	mt sunny
Albuquerque	50	32	mt sunny	Guymon, OK	84	23	mt sunny	Santa Rosa	82	31	mt sunny
Carlsbad	73	31	mt sunny	Hobbs	77	31	sunny	Silver City	57	23	pt sunny
Chama	35	18	sn shower	Las Cruces	69	34	pt sunny	Socorro	59	30	mt sunny
Clovis	70	28	windy	Las Vegas	50	24	mt sunny	St. Johns, AZ	53	28	pt sunny
Deming	70	30	mt sunny	Lordsburg	67	31	mt sunny	Taos	42	19	pt sunny
El Paso, TX	71	36	sunny	Lubbock, TX	76	28	windy	Trinidad, CO	50	24	pt sunny
Esplanade	82	30	mt sunny	Odessa, TX	77	34	sunny	Truth or Conso	65	34	mt sunny
Farmington	41	22	pt sunny	Raton	50	19	pt sunny	Tucson, AZ	71	43	mt sunny
Gallup	44	21	sn shower	Roswell	72	27	sunny	Tucuman	68	26	windy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	58	37	sunny	Houston	77	50	pt sunny	Phoenix	67	43	mt sunny
Boston	27	11	pt sunny	Los Angeles	71	44	pt sunny	San Francisco	58	39	sunny
Chicago	37	23	cloudy	Miami	74	60	pt sunny	Seattle	43	36	cloudy
Dallas	74	41	pt sunny	Minneapolis	28	1	sn shower	St. Louis	51	29	mt sunny
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# TEAGUE, UDALL SWORN IN



Tom Udall, accompanied by his wife, Jill Cooper, is sworn in by Vice-President Dick Cheney.

• Democrat Tom Udall, New Mexico's former Attorney General and U.S. Representative, was sworn in Tuesday as the state's 17th United States Senator.

Udall's predecessor, Senator Pete Domenici, and senior N.M. Senator Jeff Bingaman, escorted Udall through the Senate Chamber to be sworn in.

"I am honored and elated to officially be serving the entire state of New Mexico in the United States Senate," said Sen. Udall.

"I felt a great sense of bipartisanship within the Senate Chamber today, and now it's time we get to work to make our economy work for all Americans again."

Udall announced earlier this week that he has opened three New Mexico offices located in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Las Cruces - in addition to a temporary office space in Washington, D.C.

Udall defeated Republican Steve Pearce in the November general election.

Teague was joined on the House floor by two of his grandchildren, Trey Teague and Summer Goodwin, as he took the oath of office.

"I am honored and humbled to have been elected to this important position during a challenging time in our nation's history," Teague said.

"Economic development and job creation will be my top priorities and I will work hard each day to address the varied needs of New Mexico's Second Congressional District. As your representative, I will have an open-door policy and I encourage citizens to contact my offices in Washington and in New Mexico with any concerns, questions or comments."

Teague defeated Republican Ed Tinsley of Capitan in November's election.

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Rep. Teague's District office:

400 North Telshor, Suite E, Las Cruces, NM 88011 Phone: TBD

Rep. Teague's Congressional Web site is currently under construction and is expected to be launched in the coming weeks.

## Meeting set to discuss tree removal, water enhancement

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In a continuing effort to reduce wildfire hazards and restore watershed health, a meeting is set for Jan. 21 to discuss proposals spanning tree removal to water enhancement to youth education for the Gavilan Ridge Area.

Cornie Zipperer, with the Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest, said the session will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the district's Fire Operations Building off Cedar Creek Drive and Mechem Drive.

At 10:15 a.m., an overview will cover the current condition, goals and objectives and possible collaborations.

At 11 a.m., elements of the proposal will be reviewed, including conservation, education/outreach, thinning/prescribed fire, multi-party monitoring, youth involvement and small-diameter wood utilization.

Lunch will be provided at noon and the conference will reconvene at 1 p.m. with definitions of the collaborators' roles and potential projects.

At 1:30 p.m., the timeline for proposal planning will be laid out and at 2 p.m., a field trip to the site will be available for those interested in seeing the topography.

In the announcement of the session, Zipperer listed the overall goal as restoration of the ecological integrity and function within the Gavilan Ridge area using New Mexico Forest Restoration Principles.

The objective was noted as re-establishing fire regimes approximating those that shaped forest ecosystems prior to fire suppression.

Proposal objectives should be aimed at returning conditions to reflect the natural and historical fire regime for Ponderosa Pine forest type. The task will consist of thinning and prescribed burning to bring back the historical open canopy Ponderosa Pine stand type that was originally achieved through natural fires.

Several small businesses will be employed as contractors to implement thinning prescriptions.

### Wildfire protection

Another objective would be to reduce the threat of large, high intensity wildfires and the negative effects of excessive competition between trees by restoring ecosystem functions, structures and species composition, including the reduction of non-native species populations. The result would protect forest lands and adjacent community from the current high risk of catastrophic wildfire in the urban interface.

Proposals would be aimed at reduction of excessive fuel loading of dead and down, dead standing, sick and stressed vegetation, overcrowding closed canopy, and the deep duff layer and needle cast which all contribute to high severity fire effects, as well as increased difficulty in fire suppression. Youth Conservation Corps will provide monitoring.

Another goal is to improve biological diversity and wildlife habitat capability. Proposers would submit plans to open up the canopy of decadent, unhealthy vegetation to allow a resurgence of grasses and forbs creating diversity of vegetation within the same area.

The increase in vegetation diversity may improve the area's ability to support a diverse wildlife.

Other proposals could cover:

- Improving water source availability at Blue Lake and the surrounding area's 'trick tank' wildlife drinkers.
- Soil stabilization and

flood potential reduction for adjacent land owners with local conservation and other volunteer groups installing 'check dams' to supplement the existing dams now silted in.

That work will reduce soil loss within the drainages affected by the Cree Fire of 2000, and protect local residents from damaging floods during heavy precipitation during the Monsoon season of mid-July to mid-September.

- Improving the use of, or adding value to small diameter trees.

Identifying the amount of small-diameter wood resources available for utilization is another goal category. Twenty percent to 30 percent of the 344 acres may offer small diameter material and a moderate amount of saw timber. Steep slope areas will be avoided and some Piñon Juniper material may be

utilized.

The District Ranger will decide to release the material under an administrative free use or administrative sale authority.

Switching from direct labor to communication, the goal was listed as improving communication and joint problem solving among individuals and groups who are interested in restoring the diversity and productivity of forested watersheds in New Mexico. A field study area would be provided for "hands on" environmental education. Bluebird houses and bat boxes would be built and installed as a project with middle school classes.

Field trips would be conducted to use the project area for hands-on learning consistent with accepted science curricula covering butterflies, insects, botany, birds and other creatures.

The Youth Conservation

Corps will provide the labor to build interpretive signs to provide community outreach, enhancing recreational opportunities for the public such as hiking,

birding, hunting, wildlife viewing and picnicking.

Anyone planning to attend the session is asked to contact Zipperer at 575-434-7297.

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### OUR 2008 flood deposits new alert system

Sometimes it takes an extraordinary event to spur needed change or updates within a governing procedure.

The flood of 2008 was just such an event.

New Village Emergency Manager Tom Schafer, who was on the job less than a week when the July 27 flood washed down Upper Canyon in a hellbent rush to the valley below, has put the finishing touches on a Reverse 911 System designed to alert residents about emergency situations.

We recall, in the days following that flood, that village

officials were not quite sure where municipal alert systems stood.

The new system has a number of features, including automatically breaking into regular programming of local radio stations, NOAA weather radios distributed to selected businesses and buildings, and seven sirens, five of which are currently working.

Beyond natural disasters, the system can be used for the likes of Amber Alerts or cases of prisoner escape.

It shouldn't have taken a flood, but after that, the village moved on this critical service with great dispatch.

### Braving the elements on New Year's Eve

My baby and I went two-stepping on New Year's Eve at Billy the Kid Casino.

"Watch it, you're stepping on my toes," she whispered helpfully as we glided like Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers across the floor to the tunes of Ginny Mac.

Well, I didn't grow up cowboy, and she's got a bum knee, so maybe we didn't cut the rug too hard or dance the night completely away.

But seriously, the casino put on an extraordinary affair: The prime rib and salmon buffet was first class, and Mac and her band, of Fort Worth, were wise beyond their years regarding the scope of swing music.

They were an inspired choice for the occasion.

How a 23-year-old can lead a band in connecting the dots between Fats Waller, Django Reinhardt and various shades of jazz and Western swing is not to be explained. But as a former music critic, I have seen the phenomenon from time to time — a prodigy seemingly imbued with the historical sweep of music, often a product of family bloodlines, and honed, of course, with no little skill and dedication.

Back in those nightclub days, back when I was routinely enduring gruesome bands and hack singers on a forgettable Wednesday night — for all the great concerts, that's the trade-off critics reap in the search for something new — I'd avoid New Year's Eve out on the town.

Amateur Night, we veteran nightcrawlers scoffed at all the silly — and expensive — goings-on. And in Houston, Amateur Night can be downright stupid and dangerous.

After I left that scene, some where in the late '90s, I remembered in the habit of staying home on the last night of the year. Then I got in the routine of being asleep by midnight. Dick Clark's Rockin' New Year's Eve — or was that Don Kirshner? — just wasn't cutting it.

I was comfortably in that mode until last New Year's, when my dancing partner sug-

gested that moping around the living room like we were growing older was getting old. So we made a sudden break for the No Scum Allowed Saloon in White Oaks, where, of course, we were allowed in, not being scum and all. And we were grateful we did, joining other upstanding citizens and highly evolved examples of the human race in the time-honored method of ringing in the next 365 days: getting hammered and acting like a buffoon.

Nah, just kidding. It's a long drive back to civilization from White Oaks. It gets dark in those hills.

This year, for all the fun we were having, we ducked out of the casino and stopped by the

Club House on Mechem, where Sam the bartender greeted us as regulars: "Two vodka and cran, Marty?" he asked as we nonchalantly appropriated a couple of stools at the bar like we owned the joint.

I'd been in the Club House but once. Four hours prior. For a whole half an hour. Talk about service. I was impressed.

The momentum of the evening carried over to this warm and cozy lounge, as close to a "Cheers" kind of place as any you'll find. The Hillbilly Potentates were doing some old bearded hippie numbers like the Grateful Dead and Crosby, Stills & Nash — but in intriguing new arrangements. The room was buzzing with conversation and conviviality. And the free cornbread and black-eyed peas were, said my date, who is a connoisseur of such things, even better than hers.

We watched the ball drop in Times Square, which was midnight in New York two hours earlier — rewinding and fast-forwarding time as if it were a toy — and then went home, proud to be amateurs and happy to have survived.

Except my baby now had sore toes along with a bum knee.

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### YOUR OPINION

## Economics behind drop in patient load

To the editor:

IN RESPONSE TO THE Dec. 26, 2008, letter to the editor from [former County Commissioner] Leo Martinez:

I wanted to provide some information regarding the drop in patient volumes that Lincoln County Medical Center, LCMC, has experienced to supplement what has been reported and written about recently.

At LCMC as with Presbyterian Healthcare Services, we are accountable to the public and we welcome these comments. This dialogue benefits all of us while hopefully providing a better understanding of the issues that are affecting your hospital. We have been and will continue to be accountable to those we serve in every possible way.

On the surface, one could rationally conclude that a reduction of volume is related to physician supply. However, that's not the case here. LCMC is not the only hospital seeing volumes decline in this economic environment.

As the economy and recession worsens, people often put off healthcare issues. According to a *New Mexico Business Weekly* story on Jan. 2, 2009, "the American Hospital Association said, in an economic recovery proposal released in December, their members have reported dramatic challenges:

- Among a sample of hospitals, total margins fell to negative 1.6 percent in the third quarter of 2008, versus a positive 6.1 percent during the same period (in 2007).
- Over half of hospitals reported plans to reduce staff (53 percent) and more than a quarter of them reported plans to reduce services (27 percent).
- Fifty-six percent of hospitals were, like Presbyterian, reconsidering or postponing investment in renovations or plans to increase capacity.
- Uncompensated care increased 8 percent from July to September versus the same period of 2007."

At LCMC, we are not planning to reduce staffing or services however we are scrutinizing our expenses and new hiring. We believe this prudent approach will best serve Lincoln County residents today and in the future, especially if these economic conditions run long and deep.

The economy has affected everyone to varying degrees. At LCMC, patient volumes had increased every year for almost 10 years, usually with double-digit growth, until they began to drop in 2008. This occurred at the same time when the econ-

omy began to weaken.

Specifically, inpatient volumes grew 15 percent in 2007 over the prior year with existing services and physicians.

In the case of the lack of specific physicians such as an internist or an orthopedic surgeon, LCMC and Presbyterian Healthcare Services have been actively and aggressively recruiting these positions for several months, even years as is the case for an orthopedic surgeon.

The recruitment efforts for this position are particularly difficult, as there is a nationwide shortage of orthopedic surgeons. I can guarantee that these efforts will continue in 2009 until they can be filled. In fact, in 2007, LCMC was one of two final communities for an orthopedic surgeon in which they ultimately chose the other community. We were told that was largely based on population and patient volume.

Our recruitment efforts have paid off as an additional general surgeon was hired in November 2008. With that addition, Dr. Travis Reed is the third general surgeon in Lincoln County and LCMC now provides patients with 24-hour, seven-day-a-week general surgeon coverage for planned and emergent care. Additionally, two of these surgeons provide endoscopies and colonoscopies, again for those patients with planned or emergent needs.

With regards to a cardiologist, both Presbyterian Heart Group and the New Mexico Heart Group will continue to provide monthly clinics to Lincoln County residents. We would love to be able to offer cardiac services full time however the existing population cannot currently support one.

Please note that Alamogordo does not have a cardiologist. This level of highly specialized care is usually limited to metropolitan and urban areas. However, offering monthly clinics for these services helps bridge this gap until such a time when a cardiologist can be supported. I believe that will happen eventually but for today, we continue to support the monthly clinics.

Capital purchases have not been eliminated although some have been delayed. Again, I believe this prudent approach will best serve Lincoln County residents now and in the future. We feel it is best to maintain LCMC's financial stability during these uncertain and challenging times.

We are a not-for-profit organization and any margin we

earn is used to improve and expand healthcare services for the patients we serve. This allows us to routinely reinvest in capital equipment and provide services.

Some of these examples include the OB monitoring system as this department has seen a 9 percent increase in 2008 over 2007 and a 28 percent increase from 10 years ago. Or the replacement of specialized mattresses to prevent patients from acquiring bed sores.

LCMC's affiliation with Presbyterian is one we should all be proud of. This partnership provides us routine access to professional expertise, including all of its leadership and departmental resources that provide a substantially higher level of care than other operational models.

Additionally, a unique, mutually beneficial contract between Lincoln County, our Board of Trustees and Presbyterian allows us to keep our costs lower than neighboring facilities by as much as 66 percent less. Access to this leadership and resources have allowed us to continue to provide great care.

These are hard times right now and we are feeling it just as everyone else is. We believe that many patients are avoiding discretionary care until it becomes emergent. The 250 employees who staff the county ambulance service, clinics and hospital work extremely hard in providing exemplary care for every patient, every time.

By being prudent with our dollars today, and tomorrow, we will continue to fulfill our mission and purpose of improving healthcare in Lincoln County and weather this national financial storm.

These are complex issues that cannot be completely clarified in one letter although I hope this does shed some light on these issues.

If not, feel free to contact me at the hospital and I'd be happy to discuss it.

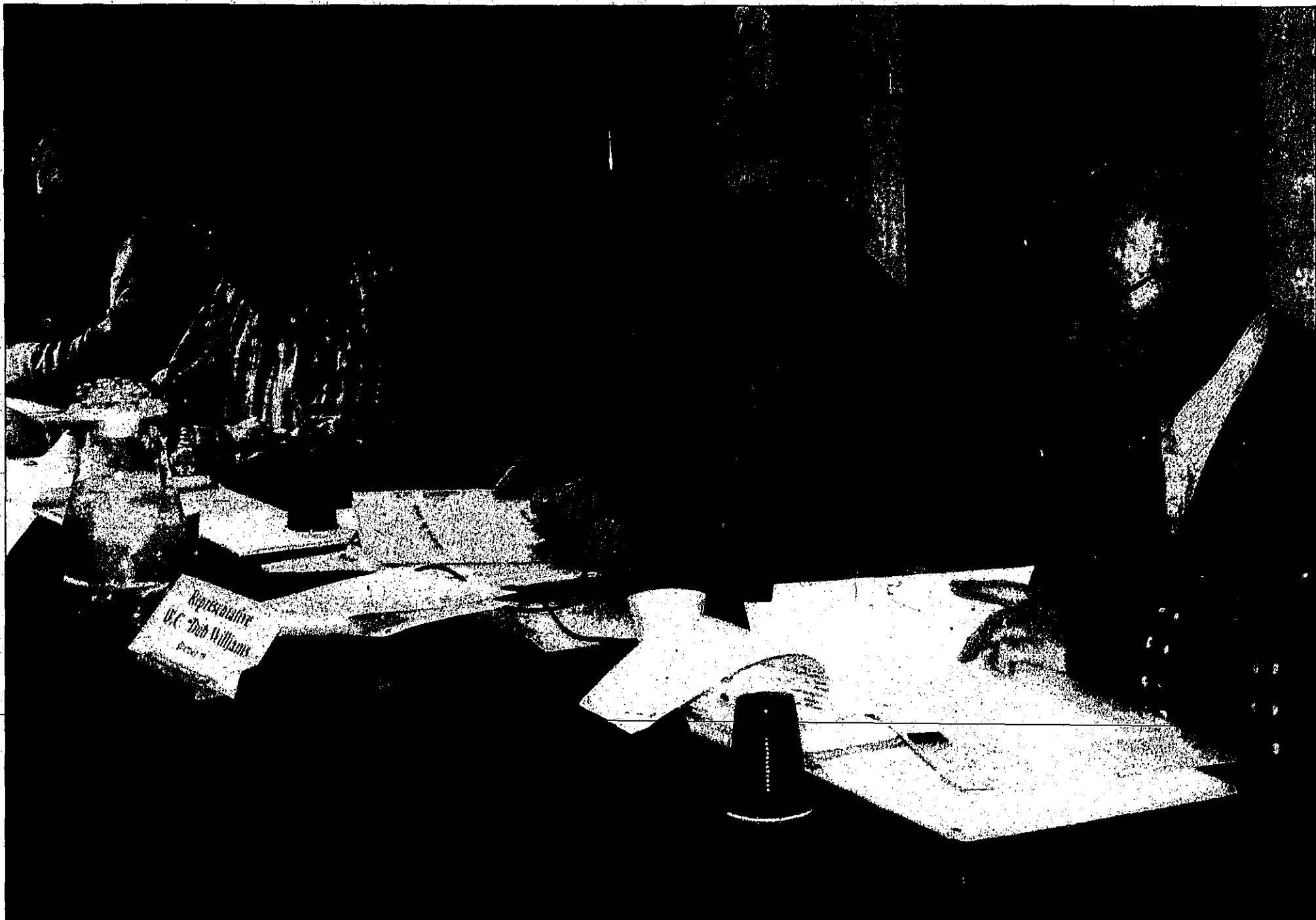
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DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

Hubert Quintana, executive director of the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District, brought four of the five legislative representatives of Lincoln County and its settlements and municipalities to The Hubbard Museum of the American West Thursday to hear financial requests for capital outlay projects. First up were Lincoln County Manager Tom Stewart and County Commission Chairman Tom Battin. Legislators from left are State Rep. Dennis Kintigh, a Republican from Roswell; State Sen. Timothy Z. Jennings, a Democrat from Roswell; State Sen. Rod Adair, a Republican from Roswell; and State Rep. Dub Williams, a Republican from Glencoe. Absent was State Rep. Nora Espinoza, a Republican from Roswell.

## Bingaman package incorporates protection of Fort Stanton Cave

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Protection of the Snowy River formation discovered in 2001 in Lincoln County's Fort Stanton Cave was incorporated into a package of bills introduced by U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman Wednesday.

The Fort Stanton-Snowy River National Cave Conservation Area Act, first introduced in the last Congress by then-U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, a Republican from New Mexico, would provide permanent protection to the Snowy River formation and secure it for future research and educational purposes.

The cave is believed to be the longest continuous calcite formation in the world.

The package of bills containing protection for several New Mexico sites falls under the jurisdiction of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Com-

mittee, which is chaired by Bingaman, a Democrat from New Mexico. From that committee, it will be sent to the Senate floor for immediate consideration. A vote is expected as early as Sunday.

Among the other measures included in the package is Bingaman's "Pre-historic Trackways National Monument Establishment Act," that seeks to protect fossilized prehistoric animal tracks in the Robledo Mountains in Doña Ana County.

Specifically, the bill would create a new national monument out of about 5,367 acres of Bureau of Land Management acreage and preserve it for further scientific investigation.

"This bill would ensure that this area of the Robledo Mountains is conserved and protected in a way that will allow for further scientific study and public enjoyment of the resources," Bingaman said.

### Snowy River formation a priority

The package also includes Bingaman's Forest Landscape Restoration Act that authorizes \$40 million annually for landscape-scale forest restoration projects that cover 50,000 acres or more. Competitive grants would be awarded to restoration projects that are developed in collaboration with local communities.

Eligible projects must be in need of ecosystem restoration, utilize the best-available science, encourage the use of restoration byproducts such as woody biomass, and be located primarily on National Forest System land.

"Every year we spend millions of dollars and risk many lives battling forest fires," Bingaman said. "This bill would help reduce wildfires, restore ecosystems and create jobs."

The package includes

Beach, the Zoo and the Aquarium.

The package also contains the National Landscape Conservation System Act, a measure sponsored by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), that codifies the National Landscape Conservation System, the collection of national monuments, national conservation areas;

wilderness areas, wild and scenic rivers and other landscapes on public lands administered by the BLM. The bill covers two measures that allow for the exchange of land in the Santa Fe National Forest through the Pecos National Historical Park Land Exchange and the Santa Fe National Forest Land Conveyance.

## It's Girl Scout cookie season, again

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Sign-up sheets will be circulating soon for those familiar names that cause customers to salivate - Thin Mints, Trefoils and Do-Si-Dos - as Girl Scouts across America begin their annual cookie sales.

Members of troops under the Zia Council Inc. will be taking orders over the next few weeks at local businesses and homes for deliveries beginning Feb. 17.

Then from Feb. 27 through March 15, Girl Scouts and adult supervisors will set up cookie booths at a few local businesses to sell boxes directly. Residents will be given a third chance on March 21, with door-to-door neighborhood sales during a Cookie Walkabout.

This year's theme is "Imagine If" we could

change the world with girls having a world of fun this cookie season while making a world of difference, said Christi Patton with the Zia Council.

"This will be our sixth year to participate in the wonderful Gift of Caring Program, a community service project where Girl Scouts ask customers if they would like to purchase a few extra boxes for a selected charity or to send to the military overseas," she said. All Gift of Caring orders are tax deductible donations.

"The Girl Scout Cookie program teaches responsibility. It's a way for girls of all ages to earn money to realize their dreams, and it's a hands-on leadership and entrepreneurial program," she said. "It all begins with imagination."

The cookie program helps support activities and trips and teaches girls

skills they need to become leaders of tomorrow, Patton said.

Cookies this year sell for \$3.50 per box and Zia Council is introducing a new cookie called Dulce De Leche, inspired by classic confections of Latin America. The cookies are rich with milk caramel chips and stripes.

The other favorites being sold are the classic and delicate shortbread Trefoils, crisp and crunchy oatmeal with peanut butter filling Do-Si-Dos, vanilla Samoas covered with caramel rolled in coconut and striped with chocolate, Tagalongs topped with peanut butter and covered with chocolate, the Thin Mint peppermint wafer covered with chocolate, the zesty lemon-filled Lemon Chaiet Cremes and the sugar-free Chocolate Chip. All cookies now have no trans fat.

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## Ruidoso to get its day in Santa Fe

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce will promote the Ruidoso Valley region in Santa Fe at the 2009 Legislature on Feb. 5 at the State Capitol.

"Given the challenges the legislature and governor will have balancing the state budget, it is imperative that the Ruidoso business community be actively engaged with area legislators," said Mike Elrod, 2008-09 Chamber Board president. "Without visible support of business and our governmental leaders during the session, the local economy may ultimately suffer from lack of needed state resources to replace the wastewater treatment plant and provide much needed capital for other local priorities," he added.

The chamber has secured use of the State Capitol Rotunda on Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Area businesses may showcase their products and services to a captive audience in the Round House. Booth spaces are \$125 and include one ticket to the reception.

Later that evening, a legislative reception will be held at the Inn and Spa at Loretto from 5:30 to 7:30, with invited legislators as well as other state and local officials. Individuals interested in attending the reception should contact the Chamber. Tickets are \$45. Both Lt. Governor Diane Denish and Governor Bill Richardson have been invited to speak.

"The Chamber is focused on economic development. We need our elected offi-



COURTESY

**Ruidoso Mayor** L. Ray Nunley speaks at last year's Ruidoso Day in Santa Fe to promote the area among state legislators. Also present during the week were (l-r) Freda McSwane, past president of the Ruidoso Chamber Board, Mike Elrod, president of Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso and current board president, and State Senator Rod Adair.

cials to understand the issues important to this region and know that we are counting upon their support," said Chamber

Executive Director Sandi Aguilar.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Inn and Spa at Loretto for both

Feb. 4 and 5 at a "Ruidoso Day at Santa Fe" rate of \$129 per night. Call 505-988-5531 to reserve a room. For complete details

or to schedule a booth or reception tickets, contact Kathy Alexander at the Chamber by calling 257-7395.

## Prudential earns J.D. Power award

Earning a J.D. Power and Associates satisfaction rating is nothing to sneeze at.

So it's understandable that Gary Lynch, owner of Prudential Lynch Realty in Ruidoso, is proud to be part of Prudential Realty, which recently earned a J.D. Power award for "highest satisfaction for homebuyers among national full-service real estate firms."

"Prudential is so strong, even with the economy going like it is," Lynch said of the national corporation, which earned its distinction based on J.D. Power's 2008 Home Buyer/Seller Study. "Their stock



might go down a bit, but you won't see them making headlines that way."

Lynch, who has been in real estate in Ruidoso since 1974, said he chose

to affiliate with Prudential Realty in March 2003 after being offered franchises with many other realty companies.

"Prudential has longevity and integrity," Lynch said.

Those qualities were also listed by respondents to the J.D. Power study.

"In the current challenging market, our clients want all the expertise and market knowledge we can offer," Lynch said. "By leveraging Prudential's brand strength, we can provide sellers with the increased exposure they need."

## The King of movement

Martin Luther King, Jr., stood in the face of discriminatory fire and had millions of people following and backing him. The direction and discipline of this courageous man would not waiver in the face of major adversity.

Now, in our times of struggle, whether it is financial, family or emotional, there is an undeniable amount of growth we can acquire from Dr. King.

First off, let's acknowledge our goals:

1. Develop spiritually
2. Reach for a better you
3. Become a good family member
4. Have reasonable success

As we analyze Dr. King in his efforts, we typically look at how much strife was in his life. He led millions of people while facing unimaginable racism. All eyes were on him and a mark in history was left because of how he dealt with tremendous challenges.

Attributes of the great Dr. King abound but I would like to focus on one specific quality:

### Determination

His dream was one of equality, and he led simply with peace and love. In his efforts, he spoke of peace by showing peace, he spoke of love by giving love and when he spoke of a greater America he was a greater America.

It is now our turn to develop our life so we, too, leave a legacy and a strong dynasty. When it comes to our daily development we must become selfish and understand that we are nothing without ourselves and only as good as we allow ourselves to become.

No person, or persons, did or could stand in the way of what Dr. King wanted for his family and for the world. His plan was simple and his mind was determined.



TIM LUCERO

(GROUNDED)

In the same fashion, we must turn within our hearts and see where we stand. It was said by Dr. King "Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase."

The one thing I want all readers to do is step up just as Martin Luther King, Jr., did and control your circumstances. This is an era where we the people have an open opportunity for growth and development.

Stop feeling sorry for the situation and do something about it.

Now, for a note on the sweeter side, I would like everyone to take a look at your life. Clear your mind of everything negative, positive or indifferent. This may take more time for some than others but when you're done clearing your mind I ask you to take the breath.

This is the first step to simplifying your life and creating a straight path to a more Dr. King-style life. In life, anything that you wish to succeed in comes from undying persistence, but first one must clear their head and create strategy from an unprejudiced view.

It is said that foreign people in this country have four times the capability to become millionaires than Americans do. This is in direct correlation to the exercise I just had you do. On a consistent and persistent base, by keeping a clear mindset you will achieve what you perceive. For it is not our purpose to conquer the whole world, but live our life with quality and clarity. Now I leave the reins of your life in your hands.

Love Ya'll

Tim Lucero is a Ruidoso High graduate and current motivational speaker based out of Las Vegas, Nev. For more information on his message, visit [www.timothy-lucero.com](http://www.timothy-lucero.com).

## Higher minimum wage in effect

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson announced that New Mexico's new minimum wage took effect Jan. 1. The statewide minimum wage has increased from \$6.50 an hour to \$7.50.

"This increase will be a boost to some of New

Mexico's hardest working families, those men and women who help drive our economy," Richardson said. "I am proud that New Mexico continues to be leader in making sure people are fairly compensated for their hard work."

The new wage increase

will benefit more than 160,000 workers statewide. It does not affect the higher minimum wage set in Santa Fe.


In New Mexico, 53 percent of minimum wage earners are their household's sole-earned-income provider. Eighty percent are over 20 years of age and 59 percent work full-time.

Richardson signed the minimum wage bill into law in March 2007. The law called for the increase to take effect in two increments. The first increase took effect Jan. 1, 2008, when the minimum wage increased from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.50. The increase to \$7.50 an hour is the final increment.

## Lower prices for PNM customers

ALBUQUERQUE - PNM customers will pay about 62 cents per therm this January for natural gas, roughly 19 percent less than the price last year at this time.

The average home heating bill this month is estimated to be around \$112, based on a 10-year average. January's per-therm natural gas price represents a 3.6 percent increase over the December 2008 price of 59 cents. The per-therm cost of gas last January was 76.65 cents.



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## The Gas Gauge

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• Prices at the pump in the Ruidoso area average \$1.89 a gallon.

• The state's average is \$1.72, down from last month's \$1.74 and down from last year's \$2.97.

• Other state prices include \$1.78 in Alamogordo, \$1.63 in Albuquerque, \$1.63 in Las Cruces and \$1.68 in Santa Fe.

• In Texas, gas was listed at \$1.61 in El Paso, \$1.62 in Dallas, \$1.61 in Fort Worth-Arlington and \$1.59 in Houston. Statewide, Texas averages \$1.62 per gallon.

• The nationwide average sits at \$1.76 per gallon.

Prices correct from [www.fuelprices.com](http://www.fuelprices.com) as monitored by AAA





Stollis Winner finishes ahead of Jet Black Patriot in the 2008 All American Futurity

FILE PHOTO/COURTESY RUIDOSO DOWNS RACE TRACK

## RULING

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post-contaminated source. The well-known toxicologist and expert witness, Dr. Thomas Tobin, of Lexington, Ky., has gone on record as saying that caffeine was definitely in the horse's system at the time of the race.

Furthermore, based on

samples he tested, which were originally supplied by the Racing Commission, Tobin maintains Stollis Winner showed 45.5 nanograms (one billionth of a gram) per milliliter in his system. The state of Louisiana, for example, permits a limit of 25.

Accidental or not, the New Mexico Racing Commission has a no-threshold tolerance for caffeine.

"This ruling is consistent with other penalties we've come across concerning caffeine problems," Luna said.

The owners of Jet Black Patriot recently confirmed that the exceptional stallion will now stand for stud. Until today's ruling, Jet Black Patriot had won five out of seven races he had entered. Thursday's decision will now amend that record to six of seven. The

black racer has already been shipped to the Robicheaux Ranch in Breau Bridge, La.

Stud fees of \$4,000 per horse had been set but according to the owner, Richard Simon, "That amount may now change."

Luna told the *Ruidoso News* that the ruling has already been appealed by Taylor's attorney of record, Billy Blackburn, of Albuquerque.



Andy Hill was sworn in as a Carrizozo police officer on July 8, 2008.

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## RESIGN

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tionary period, as outlined by town ordinance, would have ended on that anniversary date.

This is not Hill's first time to be at odds with a town employer.

District Court documents from Hansford County, Texas, outline a civil issue in Gruver, Texas, where Hill, then employed by the City of Gruver, was sued by them.

The documents outline Gruver's request for the return of a drug dog purchased with donations from Gruver citizens with the understanding that the dog would be used in Gruver.

After assuring the

Gruver mayor and council that the dog would remain in Gruver even if he (Hill) ever decided to leave, just the opposite happened. When Hill resigned from the department less than six months later, he took the dog with him to his new job.

The City of Gruver charged that the dog belonged to Gruver and that Hill had used the dog to gain a position in another department through fraud and misrepresentation.

A settlement agreement was reached in April 2007 and the claims were dismissed on the grounds that they had been resolved by a financial settlement.

A request by the *Ruidoso News* for a statement from Hill in reference

to the Carrizozo charges against him went unanswered.

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## Unappreciated gifts come in all shapes

In this season, just past the giving frenzy of December, there remain those things that were gifted with a subtle message.

The gift and message are not always appreciated with the same humorous sentiment with which they were given.

Ranch wives across the West are dutifully using their new Christmas double-bit axes to break ice on water troughs while the frozen January winds carry their muttered retorts to empty spaces.

Others are marveling over their new set of wire stretchers for fixing hot wire fences that came with an immediate demonstration on how to use them.

Then there is the new mop bucket, an upgrade complete with wheels.

One cowboy carefully counts the number of folks he plans to give a gift to and then purchases that same number of pairs of socks.

He buys equal amounts of small, medium and large and tells each recipient, "If they don't fit, trade them with someone."

Living dangerously or with a credible amount of stupidity – sometimes with cowboys it's hard to tell the difference – one such fellow gave his wife a new set of bathroom scales for Christmas.

Years later, she is still pointing out to him that perhaps he should use them himself as he has reached the appearance of someone about to give birth to twins.

Lex Graham, cartoonist and Western artist,

offered his brand of humor with a drawing of a goofy-looking kid with his cap on sideways opening presents and his father talking to his mother saying "I got him that one – it's a job application."

Unappreciated gifts are not exclusive to Christmas. In fact, when cowboys are involved, the gifting continues in the form of joking fun throughout the year

and paybacks become an ongoing effort working toward that moment that the recipient least expects it.

The United States Team Roping Championships (USTRC) has a 100,000-plus membership roster.

Their classification system handicaps ropers with a numbering system based on a collection of data on each one that creates a performance profile.

The object, always, is to provide everyone, regardless of age or ability, the fair and equal opportunity to compete.

Renumbering of ropers is an ongoing process and the ropers can find a new USTRC number card in their mailbox at any time.

Keeping in mind that the folks at the USTRC are cowboys and cowgirls first, the opportunity for a little practical joke didn't get by them.

Blonde Sally is ever alert to the possibility of get-evens from her friend and roper Jess.

It started a couple years ago when he gifted her with a bottle

of Geritol.

A few months later, he worked some friends into the script and had them "secretly" reveal to

Sally that Jess is a retired DEA agent and not unlikely to shoot somebody if necessary.

Dutiful in her job at the USTRC, Sally listed Jess' occupation as Disabled Elderly American, batting her eyelashes with an innocent "Isn't that what it stands for?" look.

Plotting for good get-evens is never ending and most recently, Jess opened his mail from the USTRC to see a new number card bumping him from a #4 to a #7.

While a bit of prestige comes with being such an elite roper as a #7, it also limits the roping options for the everyday amateur roper, and Jess was mortified at the possibility of never being welcome again at Mineral Wells.

He'd been set up. Sally called

Jess' wife and had her retrieve the "real" numbering card that followed the joke card and requested a report of "reaction" to come.

When Jess called the USTRC office to plead his case, the crew, in fun, put him on hold, and indefinitely passed him from person to person.

Sally eventually assured him that contrary to his legendary view of himself, being a #1 in this case, was not the top of the list, but the very bottom.

Furthermore, giving him a #10 would have allowed him to think he was a real "hottie" among ropers, also not an option.

It was evident that the USTRC number was quickly becoming about ego, not about skill.

Julie can be reached for comment at [jcarter@ruidosonews.com](mailto:jcarter@ruidosonews.com). As a disclaimer, names have been changed to protect the guilty and the USTRC office staff and organization are completely blameless for any inference that the business is anything but credible.



Cowgirl Sally & Jess  
BY JULIE CARTER

## Hunters need customer I.D. for licences; special DG&F meeting Saturday

ALBUQUERQUE The Department of Game and Fish is reminding hunters to obtain a customer identification number – new this year – before applying for hunting licenses or permits in the annual drawings.

The department plans to make Customer ID Numbers available beginning Jan. 12 – online at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us) or by visiting a department office in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Raton, Las Cruces or Roswell.

Customer ID Numbers are free and are required whether applications are made online or on paper applications.

Deer and elk hunters also are reminded to submit mandatory hunter harvest reports or risk having their applications for all hunt drawings rejected.

Harvest reports must be submitted before the drawing application deadline or by Feb. 15, whichever is earlier.

Reports can be submitted online at [www.newmexico-hunt.com](http://www.newmexico-hunt.com), or by calling toll-free, 888-248-6866.

The next drawing application deadline is Feb. 4, for oryx draw licenses, bear WMA permits, population management hunt, and turkey draw permits.

April 8 is the deadline to apply for public deer permits; and elk, pronghorn antelope, ibex, Barbary sheep, javelina and bighorn sheep draw licenses.

Online applications must be made before 5 p.m., Mountain Time, on the deadline day.

Paper applications must be delivered or postmarked on or before the deadline day.

### New rules this year

Also new this year:

- Full fee up-front: Everyone applying for a pronghorn, bighorn sheep, ibex, javelina or Barbary sheep draw license must pay the full license and application fee when applying.

Online applicants will be charged for the full license fee,

plus the nonrefundable application fee at the time of application. Unsuccessful applicants will receive refunds.

This requirement will expand to include deer and elk license applications in 2010.

• New application fees: The new nonrefundable application fees are \$9 for residents and \$12 for nonresidents.

For more information about big-game hunting in New Mexico, consult the 2009-10 Big Game & Trapper Rules and Information Booklet, available at all license vendors, department offices, and online at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).

Information also is available by calling 505-476-8000.

### Commission meeting

The State Game Commission will open the new year with a new chairman and vice chairwoman at a special meeting Saturday, Jan. 10, at the New Mexico Museum of Natural

History and Science.

The commission ended 2008 by electing Jim McClintic of Albuquerque as chairman and Sandy Buffett of Santa Fe as vice chairwoman. McClintic replaces Tom Arvas of Albuquerque and Buffett replaces M.H. "Dutch" Salmon of Silver City. Arvas and Salmon will remain on the commission.

The Jan. 10 meeting was called specifically on a Saturday to allow more opportunities for the public to participate in an effort to better define rules regarding hunting, fishing and trapping on private lands.

The meeting will address proposed amendments to state hunting and fishing manner-and-method rules, and the responsibilities of landowners, hunters and anglers in obtaining or granting permission to hunt or fish on private land.

The land access issue is the only item on the agenda, and no decisions will be made about the

issue at the meeting.

The meeting will be from 1 to 4 p.m., Jan. 10, in the first-floor multi-purpose room of the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, 1801 Mountain Road NW, in Albuquerque.

The draft rule proposal is available at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us). Call 505-476-8008 for more information.

The State Game Commission is composed of seven members who represent the state's diverse interests in wildlife-associated recreation and conservation. Members are appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate.

Current members are Chairman Jim McClintic, Albuquerque; Vice chairwoman Sandy Buffett, Santa Fe; M.H. "Dutch" Salmon, Silver City; Alfredo Montoya, Alcalde; Leo Sims, Hobbs; Tom Arvas, Albuquerque; and Oscar Simpson, Albuquerque.

## Southwest Hay and Forage Conference to feature cowboy poet and storyteller

Pest management and advances in biotechnology will highlight the New Mexico Hay Association's Southwest Hay and Forage Conference in Ruidoso, Jan. 15-16.

"Each year, various pests in the form of insects, weeds and diseases cost New Mexico hay growers millions of dollars. It is important that growers understand the pests that they are dealing with and the management options that are available to them," said Mark Marsalis, Cooperative Extension Service agronomist with New Mexico State University.

"As pesticide and fertilizer costs remain high, it is imperative that producers limit inputs

as much as possible in order to increase profit margins."

"This year, the conference will focus on these pest issues along with the new biotech traits that can help alleviate costs associated with pest control," he said.

Topics on the agenda include the latest in biotechnology of alfalfa and corn; maximizing production, weed management; and corn and sorghum crops for silage.

An irrigation session will feature presentations on system efficiency and the water issues that growers are currently facing and will likely face in the future.

In addition, New Mexico Department of Agriculture will give an update on the latest rules

and regulations associated with pesticide applications and reporting.

The association's Board of Directors understands the increase in silage production and dairy involvement in New Mexico, Marsalis said, and wants to assist farmers with education on silage production and related topics as well as hay production, since in many parts of the state, farmers focus on both in their cropping rotations.

The two-day conference will have a large machinery trade show, featuring the latest in farm equipment, as well as booths with various alfalfa and forage-related products, two sponsored meals, and women's interest sessions

involving crafts and entrepreneurship. Also included is a social hour and entertainment by Waddie Mitchell, a cowboy poet and storyteller.

"The conference is always a great opportunity for farmers to improve their vocation, as well as visit with their across-state counterparts, and we welcome out-of-state producers and end users from all over the Southwest," said Justin Boswell, executive director for the hay association.

The event has been approved for five New Mexico Pesticide Applicator continuing education units (CEUs).

Texas Pesticide Applicator CEUs have been applied for as well.

The conference starts Jan. 15, at 9 a.m., at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

Attendees can register at the door for \$65.

For more information on the Southwest Hay and Forage Conference, visit the New Mexico Hay Associations Web site [www.nmhay.com](http://www.nmhay.com), or contact Gina Sterrett by email at [nmhay@yahoo.com](mailto:nmhay@yahoo.com) or by phone at 575-626-5677, or Justin Boswell at 575-840-9908 or by email at [juboswel@yahoo.com](mailto:juboswel@yahoo.com).

For a copy of the registration form, contact Sterrett.

Booth space is still available. Marsalis also may be contacted at 575-983-2292 or [marsalis@nmsu.edu](mailto:marsalis@nmsu.edu).

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## Denzel Washington movie casting call Jan. 17

The movie, *The Book of Eli*, starring Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman and Mila Kunis will hold an open casting call Saturday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Carrizozo Town Hall, 400 9th Street.

The production will employ almost 100 people from the Carrizozo area.

The casting director is looking for Hispanics, African Americans and Anglos of all ages, especially with long hair and/or dreadlocks.

Washington, who is also a producer of the film, has won two Academy Awards for best actor in *Training Day* in 2001 and for best supporting actor in *Glory* in

1990. His career also includes a Golden Globe Award in 2000 for *Hurricane* and three more Oscar nominations.

Gary Oldman is best known for his work on *The Dark Knight* and as Sirius Black in the *Harry Potter* movies.

Mila Kunis starred as Jackie on TV's *That '70s*

Show and is the voice for Meg on *Family Guy*.

Elizabeth Gabel, extras casting director, is known for her work on *3:10 to Yuma* with Russell Crowe and Christian Bale, *No Country for Old Men* with the Coen Brothers, and *Terminator Salvation*.

For information, contact Gabel at 505-237-2816.



# Septic site draws criticism from nearby resident

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A proposal to create a disposal site for septic tank waste and sludge off U.S. 54 in the townsite of Oscura reminded Lincoln County commissioners that without zoning, they have no jurisdiction over such activities.

Oscura resident Jerry Carroll brought the issue to the attention of the county commission at their special Dec. 31 meeting. He said while he appreciated the need for a disposal site in the county, the potential for health issues exist through ground water contamination and from blowing dust and debris.

Robert Moeller, a member of the county Planning Commission speaking as a county resident, pointed out efforts to implement a county Comprehensive Plan could be taken a step further.

"The comments from Mr. Carroll amount to complaining about a nuisance that affects people living nearby," he said. "It is a health and welfare issue. We have a comprehensive plan and this could be dealt with if a zoning ordinance was in place. You'd be holding a zoning hearing."

Commission Chairman Tom Battin said he appreciated the discussion and that the issue was brought to the board's attention.

"I'm sure there would be a public hearing by the Environment Department when they are assessing the proposal," Battin said. "We obviously have no jurisdiction, except on issues related to the townsite. I suggest (County Manager Tom Stewart) write a letter to NMED and make them aware of our discussion and point out issues related here and ask those concerns be included in their considerations."

Carroll said he recently learned of the proposal from the mayor of Carrizozo, although he spoke earlier with Kenneth

Nosker, who represents the owners of the land proposed to be leased for the disposal site. A public notice also is posted at the east entrance of the Oscura townsite off U.S. 54, he said. Colin Cannon, owner of Ruidoso Septic Service and Cannon Industries, is seeking a permit to dispose of up to 15,000 gallons of wastewater daily.

"I consider all of this a potential health, safety and welfare issue," he said, contending summer winds come out of the southwest at more than 60 mph and would deposit anything from the proposed site on his land at the northeast corner of the townsite.

Carroll said a 25-acre parcel would be used, but involves alleyways and dedicated roads laid out in the townsite design and not vacated by the county.

"We need something like this in our county," Carroll said. "I'm just saying it is inappropriate in a townsite and inappropriate for health from the standpoint of those who live around it."

The problem with handling sewage is that no one knows for sure what chemicals may be contained in the waste, Carroll said. That could include heavy metals and toxic waste. Being exposed to sunlight and the dry air will kill the micro-organisms, but the other contaminants could remain and what if they are picked up and carried by the wind to homes, he asked.

"I'd like to know what wells they are going to use and how much water and if it might affect (his well) at 125 feet depth," Carroll said. The situation may be the catalyst for forming a townsite council to fight it, he said. If the disposal site goes in, his land will be worth nothing, Carroll contended.

He asked commissioners to submit a letter of protest to NMED. "This is not gray water and safe for use, this is black water," Carroll said. "Are solids going to be

**"We need something like this in our county. I'm just saying it is inappropriate in a townsite," said Oscura resident Jerry Carroll.**

dumped there, too?" The proposed site has flooded in the past, he said.

The presence of a railroad track raised the specter of loads of septic waste and sludge being shipped in from other places and other states. But Cannon told commissioners he probably will stick to Lincoln County and not even include waste from nearby Otero County.

Commissioner Don Williams said he worked at White Sands Missile Range for 20 years and, "It was well known all the water runs to Lake Oscura. It can take weeks, but it gets there."

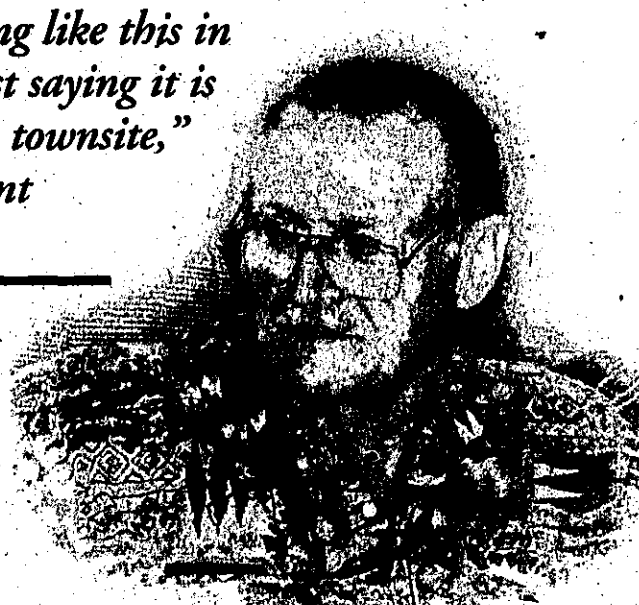
Commissioner Eileen Lovelace Sedillo said state law would require extensive environmental review before a permit would be issued.

Cannon clarified he is seeking a permit from the state Groundwater Discharge Bureau to spread domestic wastewater, which is everything that comes out of a septic tank. He also plans to use the site for sludge decanted from municipal wastewater treatment plants.

"There's been no dirt work at all on the property," he said. "We plan to come in at the front corner of the property on the county road and go down quite a ways. We haven't cleared the land. We walked it some months ago."

He's just at the beginning of the process, Cannon said. His wastewater person, who has experience in managing similar sites, would oversee the operation.

"If I thought there were any health issues for anyone, we wouldn't have started this," Cannon said.



"This is sorely needed in the county."

Williams asked where he dumps the waste now.

Cannon said his trucks travel 225 miles round trip to Tatum. "It would be economically beneficial to me and to septic owners and those on community systems," he said of the proposed site.

Eugene Knight with the Ruidoso Field Office of the NMED explained the application is in the public notice stage. If the permit was granted, monitoring wells would be required to track any underground movement of contaminants. As a private citizen, he's aware of the need for such a site in the county, Knight said.

Cannon said after he finishes sending out notice letters, NMED officials will see how many complaints are received and move forward from there.

"At this point, I don't know what they will require me to do out there," Cannon said. The basics will include berms, fencing, gates and monitoring wells. He also may put up surveillance cameras, he said.

"What's the shelf life before you have to move?" Williams asked.

"A permit is good for five years and then we have to renew," Cannon said. "Generally soil samples are

required every six months. The waste is not treated with chemicals. It's a natural biological process."

Commissioner Dave Parks said, "It sounds like Jerry and others will have an opportunity to be heard and have their question answered."

Battin asked Morel about the legal ramifications of putting the waste on a townsite that has rights of way, roads and streets.

"I believe it is an issue that needs to be addressed. It just depends on how they want to do it," Morel said. "If anything starts flying out of there, it could affect other county ordinances."

Nosker, a spokesman for Oscura Associates, which owns the property, said the area is separated by 600 feet from the rest of the townsite. If they need to vacate some never-developed roads, they will, he said.

Nosker said he visited the Tatum site and saw that 3.5 foot berms surround two cells of about a quarter of an acre each.

"Whenever it is dry enough, they go in and disk it in," he said. "The berm protects it from the wind. I was there on a blowing day. Trucks were in and out and there was nothing I could see that would bother anyone, especially a goat man,

and I have goats too. It's a very safe process they use to get rid of septic waste. Why send it all to Chaves County?"

The Tatum disposal site, which has operated about 12 years, was studied again three years ago and found safe, he contended.

Sedillo and Commissioner Jackie Powell asked how approval would benefit the county.

With 4,000 to 6,000 septic tanks, what kind of savings would result because of the difference in price going to Tatum or being able to dump at Oscura, Powell asked.

Cannon said an average 1,200 gallon septic tank costs about \$600 with tax to empty.

"I can only speculate what it will cost me to do the site," Cannon said. "I'm guessing a saving of \$60 a tank for pumping. Last year, I sent almost \$90,000 outside the county for disposal. That money would stay in the county. Savings in disposal fees and transportation would be passed on to customers."

Nosker said the lease would run for five years and is a set price that cannot be raised during that period.

Powell said any hindrance to pumping out a septic tank only increases the threat to groundwater. Contamination is becoming more and more of an issue, she said.

Carroll said, "It's not my purpose to stop it in the county. Mr. Nosker has property two miles south and east from this property from a state tax sale that would probably be a good site except for access. There is no one around it to be affected."

The proposed Cannon site is not appropriate because of health, safety and welfare issues, Carroll said, adding, "I wanted to stop it before anyone spent a bunch of bucks. That's why I brought it before the commission. This could get nasty."

## Valley residents hope to fund completion of river crossing

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As a result of the 2008 flood on the Ruidoso and Hondo rivers, a river crossing across the Rio Bonito at Los Chozas Estates on U.S. 380 was washed out and declared unsafe.

Resident Lewis Dodson by letter asked Lincoln County commissioners for help in covering a 10 percent match on a replacement project 4 miles east of Lincoln, either by the county taking over maintenance of the crossing or establishing a special assessment district for residents to pay over time.

County Manager Tom Stewart explained to county commissioners at their Dec. 31 special meeting that, because the road is private, it is not maintained by the county.

The Federal Natural Resource and Conservation Service designed and approved a project to replace

the crossing and picked up 90 percent of the cost. Officials with the Upper Hondo Water and Soil Conservation District are monitoring the \$77,565 contract awarded to Delanda Construction.

No one from Los Chozas attended the commission meeting and commissioners took no action.

Commissioner Jackie Powell said, "There's been a tremendous amount of help from NRCS and all of us have done our 10 percent match. I see no difference here. They should do their 10 percent match or we open up a can of worms."

"Barring making this a county road, if we as a county step in and build or provide the match, we run into an anti-donation problem," said Commission Chairman Tom Battin, referring to a prohibition in the state constitution against government using public money for non-public projects.

"Unless the county received a service in exchange," such action would violate the anti-donation law, County Attorney Alan Morel agreed. "It is not a county road and it would be a violation if you put money into it, and you probably would receive 50 more applications, if you want to go down that road."

Commissioner Eileen Lovelace Sedillo asked what can be done.

"If the county got something in exchange, it would be legal, but I'm having a hard time seeing how I could justify it," Morel replied.

"Maybe (the Hondo district project manager) could help (landowners) understand the in-kind work they do contributes to the 10 percent," which comes to \$7,756.50, Commissioner Don Williams said.

"I think they understand; they're already getting a whole lot from NRCS," Powell said.

Williams asked if the Hondo district efforts could be counted toward the in-kind contribution. Powell said it could, including streambank restoration and stabilization.

Stewart said a \$12,000 estimate to apply a cement cap on the crossing is not covered by the NRCS and the residents are trying to find the money or a way to accomplish that work.

There are 15 lots in the subdivision. "Some of them are willing to help their neighbors," Powell said.

Hondo is monitoring the completion of the contract to repair the crossing to prevent additional soil erosion. Paying for the cement cap would more than cover the 10 percent match. In a letter to Dodson, program director Brenda Addison with the Hondo district reminded the landowners that work done by individuals on their property affected by the flood qualifies as an in-kind match.

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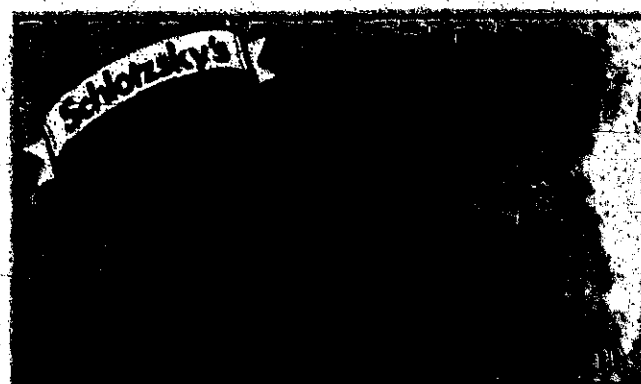
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## Low income cancer screening launched

**SANTA FE** – The New Mexico Department of Health is launching an awareness campaign this month to encourage women to ask their doctors about getting a Pap smear and mammogram to screen for breast and cervical cancer.

### Eligibility

Women may be eligible for the Department of Health's free screening program.

The Department's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program contracts with clinics throughout the state to provide annual Pap smears and mammograms for New Mexico women who are uninsured or underinsured and live below 250 percent of the federal poverty level.

The Department served almost 12,000 women last year compared to 13,000 the year before.

"We have seen a slight decline in the number of women who are requesting free Pap smears and mammograms," said Health Secretary Dr. Alfredo Vigil. "We want women to take

care of their health for themselves and for their families. It's important to get screened regularly because treatment works best when breast or cervical cancer is diagnosed at an early stage."

The most effective strategy for detecting early-stage breast cancer is undergoing a screening mammogram every one to two years starting at age 40.

If diagnosed when breast cancer is still localized in the breast, the five-year relative survival for breast cancer is approximately 98 percent.

The most effective strategy for preventing cervical cancer is regular Pap tests, which can detect pre-cancerous cervical conditions before they become cervical cancer.

Pap tests can also identify cervical cancer at an early stage when it is most amenable to treatment. Women who are 21 and older or sexually active, should get screened for cervical cancer.

Women should check

with their doctor about how often they need a Pap smear.

Since 1991, the Breast and Cervical Program has provided comprehensive breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services to more than 125,000 underserved women in New Mexico.

For more information about the Department's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, call toll-free, 1-877-852-2585 or look up [www.cancernm.org](http://www.cancernm.org).

Each year, approximately 1,100 women in New Mexico are diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, and approximately 220 die from breast cancer, according to the New Mexico Tumor Registry.

Each year, approximately 80 women in New Mexico are diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer and about 22 die from cervical cancer.

Of all cancers, cervical cancer is one of the most amenable to prevention and early detection through screening.

## Honoring the soul at the labyrinth

**BARBARA MADER**  
For the Ruidoso News

Have you ever experienced the labyrinth?

It is a powerful archetypal symbol that, when walked, can quiet the mind and soul.

Labyrinths are ancient human symbols known to go back at least 3,500 years and probably much older. They appeared in most inhabited continents in prehistory.

Lost to history until recently, the labyrinth is a life-changing tool for prayers and meditations that has undergone a resurgence, generated by San Francisco's Grace Cathedral.

Labyrinths now serve the spiritual needs of those in diverse religious communities, health care facilities, and retreat centers.

They are used on school campuses to enhance concentration and creativity. Walking the labyrinth is a right-brain activity (creative, intuitive and imaginative) and can induce or enhance a contemplative or meditative state of mind.

It is a tool which can clear the mind, calm our anxieties during time of transition and stress, guide healing, deepen self-knowledge, enhance creativity,



allow for reconciliation, restore feelings of belonging to community, and lead to personal and spiritual growth.

Research conducted by Dr. Herbert Benson at Harvard Medical School's Mind/Body Medical Institute has found that focused walking meditations are highly effective at reducing anxiety and eliciting what Dr. Benson calls "relaxation response."

This effect has significant long-term health benefits, including lower blood pressure and reduced breathing rates, reduced incidents of chronic pain, reduction of insomnia and many other benefits.

Regular meditative practice leads to greater powers of concentration and a sense of control and efficiency in one's life.

Labyrinth walking is one of the simplest forms of focused walking meditations and the demonstrated health benefits have led hundreds of hospitals, healthcare centers, healing

centers, schools and spas to install labyrinths in recent years.

When you prepare to walk the labyrinth, you just take a minute to breathe and collect your thoughts.

Then you focus on the three R's: releasing (as you go in), receiving as you connect in the center and then returning with the gifts received from the center.

The path is winding and narrow on purpose, so the mind has to focus intensely.

There is no right or wrong way to walk the labyrinth.

When you discover your walking pace, you can find your natural rhythm in life, reducing stress and allowing you to get a glimpse of the bigger picture.

Once you find peace, you can choose to stay in the silence or reflect on a challenge you are facing.

This is a good time to take out your journal and record your experience.

Honor your soul in an ancient way, walk a labyrinth near you.

There is a labyrinth at High Mesa Healing Center, 101 Mader Ln., that is available 24/7.

It remains open and available to all who come.

## Free tests available for deadly radon

**SANTA FE** – The New Mexico Environment Department urges residents to test their homes and businesses for naturally occurring radon – a radioactive gas that causes about 22,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the U.S.

The department will offer free test kits for residents who are willing to share their test results that will become part of a statewide radon survey.

Radon, which filters into homes and other buildings from the soil, causes about seven times the estimated deaths that result from secondhand smoke.

"Radon can go undetected because it is invisible and odorless – testing for radon is the only way it can

be detected," said New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry. "I urge everyone to make it a priority to test their homes and workplaces for this deadly gas."

The department, in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, have designated January 2008 as Radon Action Month.

Radon results from the radioactive decay of uranium, which exists in most soils.

Radon enters homes and buildings from soil through basements, crawlspaces and cracks in foundations and slabs.

The gas can also be present in drinking water, primarily from private wells. The breakdown of radon

releases alpha, beta and gamma radiation damaging lung tissues when inhaled which can result in cancer.

To participate in the radon survey and to obtain a free test kit from the department, complete the form on the department's Web page at: [www.nmenv.state.nm.us/nmrcb/home.html](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/nmrcb/home.html).

Then e-mail the form to [Michael.Taylor@state.nm.us](mailto:Michael.Taylor@state.nm.us).

Inexpensive and accurate radon kits are also available for purchase from the National Safety Council at their Web site at [www.nsc.org/issues/radon](http://www.nsc.org/issues/radon) or at 800-557-2366.

Qualified contractors can fix existing radon problems. Homes can also be built to block the deadly gas.

More information on radon is available on the NMED Web page or the EPA Web site at [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon).

For more information, call Michael Taylor at 505-827-1093.

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### Question:

I am receiving Social Security benefits and I recently went back to work. Do I have to pay Social Security (FICA) taxes on my income?

### Answer:

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### Answer:

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If you need additional information about Social Security, call the toll-free number at 800-772-1213 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Roswell Social Security office is located at 500 N. Richardson, Federal Building, Room 122, Roswell, NM 88201, and serves Chaves, Lincoln and Northern Eddy Counties in New Mexico.

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## HEALTH BRIEFS

### Fitness challenge

The Village of Ruidoso

Parks and Recreations, Walk in the Woods Planning Commission, Region IX, Lincoln County Health Council and The New Mexico Department of Health are offering a fitness challenge to Lincoln County residents.

The challenge encourages residents to get fit and healthy by doing more physical activity, eating more fruits and vegetables, limiting screen time, cutting back on sugar and limiting alcohol and tobacco intake.

The challenge offers the opportunity to create a team or participate as an

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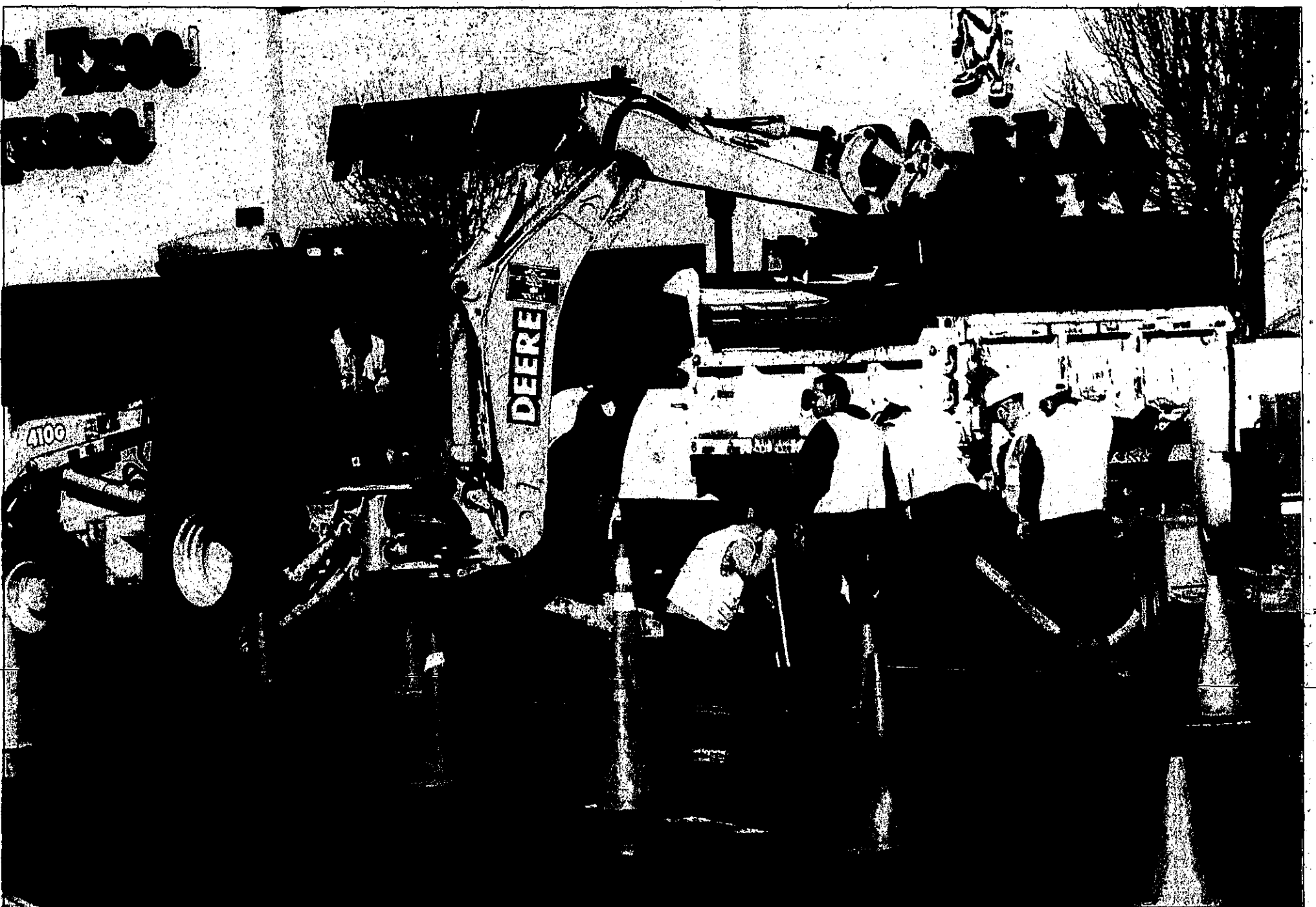
Pick a team captain and present a team name.

Each participant keeps track of their own points per week and reports to their team Captain.

Kick off night is Jan. 15, 3:30 – 6 p.m. at White Mountain Intermediate School at the front entrance. Challenge yourself and kick off the New Year. For more information, contact Aimee Bennett at 253-3252, ext. 6730.



## WATER MAIN BREAK



DIANNE STALLINGS/RUIDOSO NEWS

A Ruidoso village water department crew and backhoe operator work to unearth a water main leak on Sudderth Drive in front of Pine Tree Square. A spokesman said water was reported running down the street before 8 a.m. Thursday. Traffic was narrowed to two lanes as the pavement and dirt were removed.

## JUB approves new signature

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In a five-minute meeting Wednesday, members of the board governing the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant east of Ruidoso Downs swiftly handled the two items on their agenda.

They approved a resolution for an updated signature page for a Special Appropriations Project grant agreement, eliminating former Ruidoso Downs City Manager John Waters' signature designation and substituting that of City Clerk-Treasurer Carol Virden.

The city and the Village of Ruidoso own the wastewater treatment plant and their representatives sit on the Joint Use Board with one Lincoln County commissioner.

### Legal renewal

Members also approved a third renewal agreement with Montgomery and Andrews P.A. for professional legal services. Lawyer Ned Kendricks of that firm works with the JUB on multiple issues, including a major plant redesign and construction, court settlement compliance and with state and federal environmental agencies on the terms of the plant's operating permit.

The two municipalities are looking at a \$40 million price tag for a new plant. Besides seeking grants and other allocations, Ruidoso Village Council imposed a \$32-a-month wastewater charge on village residential utility customers to cover Ruidoso's 85 percent of the cost, and Downs residents voted to pay their 15 percent through higher property taxes.

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# County denies road variance in Elk Haven subdivision

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Just because steep road grades were approved for subdivisions in the past doesn't justify taking a chance with public safety today, Lincoln County commissioners decided.

At a special meeting Dec. 31, Commissioner Dave Parks offered a motion to uphold a county Planning Commission denial of a variance for road grades in Elk Haven subdivision requested by developer Kenneth M. Keegan. The motion passed unanimously.

"I'd like to see Mr. Keegan and the engineers go back and try to find (a more conforming road design)," Parks said. "A 100 percent (variance) is more than I can approve."

Commissioner Don Williams said just because two homeowners already living in the area and using the roads feel they are adequate, "doesn't relieve us of the responsibility of protecting them in an emergency. I think Ruidoso found out recently that just because residents feel (a situation) is safe doesn't mean it is safe."

Williams, who also serves on Ruidoso Village Council, was referring to major damage to property and to residents being stranded when the Rio Ruidoso flooded July 27.

"I agree with Mr. Keegan that there are roads in the county that blow the county criteria completely out of the water," Parks said. "That's why we developed such criteria."

"It should have been done earlier," Commissioner Jackie Powell agreed.

"The issue before us is do we wish to grant a variance and override the action of the planning commission," County Commission Chairman Tom Battin summarized.

"I recognize that this subdivision comes under a 2006 ordinance, but in the development of current ordinance, we had a number of public hearings and tried to equate what we felt was our responsibility to potential lot buyers and users of roads to protect their health, safety and welfare. I think we tried to get as much public input as we could."

"I think if you polled each commissioner, you would find they are dedicated to private property rights. If you set standards and it is impossible to meet those standards, that affects those rights. But we have to balance that with what we consider to be public health, safety and welfare. I think the issue is do we support the standards we established in the current ordinance or should we grant a variance in this situation."

Reviewing the history of the appeal, County Planning Director Curt Temple said members of the planning commission at their last meeting voted to deny the variance request because of the excessive grades and some drainage issues. "It goes automatically to the county commission, if appealed, and from here to district court, if the appeal is denied," he explained.

Robert Moeller of Nogal and a planning commission member clarified that a letter from County Emergency Services Coordinator Travis Atwell was intro-



duced before the planning commission hearing and that he was influenced by Atwell's concern about emergency vehicles not being able to use the roads as now laid out.

Temple pointed out that Atwell said a liability situation could be created for the county, if an emergency truck became stuck and couldn't get out to answer another call. He also noted that in bad weather, firefighters might have to lay down a water line and pump up to the cul-de-sac.

County Attorney Alan Morel clarified that two issues were addressed at the planning commission level and what was appealed was denial of a variance for road grades.

"Without that approval, you can't go forward," he said. "We can't get into the issue of the subdivision approval until we get past the road grade issue. It still has to go back to the planning commission for subdivision approval."

Morel told county commissioners that Keegan is developing a 14-lot subdivision near Alpine Village

Road, A few years earlier, he developed Alpine Village Cabins in the same general area.

Four years ago, Keegan cut in roads with no application for a preliminary plat pending and the work was not engineered, the attorney said.

In 2008, Keegan asked that the new subdivision be approved based on 2006 standards, but even under those previous regulations, most roads need a variance because they don't meet the standard of less than 12 percent grade and 5 percent for 100 feet coming into an intersection, the attorney said.

"They are private roads so no county maintenance is involved, but the ordinance requires they build to county standards whether roads are private or public," Morel said. "All must be designed by a professional engineer. The roads are in and after the fact, they are asking for a variance for where they are on the ground."

Horizontal View Trail's grade is 18 percent and Pleasant Mountain is 16.6

*Just because residents are already using the steep roads, says County Commissioner Don Williams, "doesn't relieve us of the responsibility of protecting them in an emergency. I think Ruidoso found out recently that just because residents feel a situation is safe doesn't mean it is safe."*

percent, he said. The intersection coming into Alpine Village Road is 9.7 percent, nearly double the 5 percent standard, he said.

"The planning commission may grant a variance provided it is not more than an easing of regulations, not significantly in conflict," Morel said.

"Is this a minimal easing or a wholesale throwing out of all ordinance rules. I submit it greatly exceeds. Could these roads be developed to not require such a significant variance? I think that question has not been appropriately answered. All the roads in the subdivision exceed standards."

Runnels pointed out that some of the steepness dictated by the topography only lasts for 200 feet and the rest of the road falls within the standards.

Keegan's previous subdivision was granted a road grade variance of 16 percent, he said. "I think there is a great difference for roads intended for private use and one intended for the public on a daily basis," Runnels said.

"I think there needs to be some kind of ability for people to develop property and get variances when it does not do great damage to the ordinance."

He contended if the road grades were less, the driveways to homes would have to be steeper and more dangerous.

Morel countered that maybe lot buyers could deal with the steepness of their private roads, but the 9.6 percent grade entry onto the public Alpine Village Road could be a county liability issue because cars could slide into the intersection.

The disclosure statement by the developer to potential buyers will point out that in winter, they will need a four-wheel drive vehicle, Collins said. "Owners can make the decision to stay in that morning, but at least they can drive the roads right now and see what they will be purchasing," he said.

"There's a lot of difference in summer and winter," Parks shot back.

Keegan pointed out that both of his roads benefit from southern exposure, helping speed melt-off and that many public roads in the county are steeper.

"If they slide off my roads, they are not going anywhere like they would on Alpine Village Road with ravines 40 feet deep with no guardrails or speed signs or signs showing there is a curve ahead. I know several people who have gone off that road," Keegan said.

"When I looked at putting roads in and the accessibility, I thought the roads would be wonderful in comparison to everything else around here."

## Road projects approved

Members of the New Mexico State Transportation Commission announced more than \$17.9 million worth of infrastructure improvement projects slated for funding.

Ten projects were approved throughout the state for 2009.

"Through the passage of GRIP II, the Department has been able to partner with several municipalities and tribes throughout the state to ensure much needed road projects are completed and providing safe roads for our motorists to drive on," said Transportation Commission Chair and District One Commissioner Johnny Cope.

GRIP stands for Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership.

"It is a great pleasure for me to make this announcement as we kick off the New Year," said Transportation Secretary Gary Giron.

"Transportation infrastructure projects are a key component of economic stimulus because they not only help to create jobs, but they create long-term benefits for the state by improving roadways."

Projects funded include projects in Grant County for \$780,000, Eagle Nest for \$1.3 million, Las Vegas for \$3.5 million, Taos County for \$3.5 million, Deming for \$1.1 million and Las Cruces for \$1.3 million.

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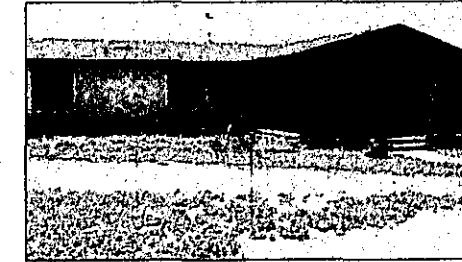
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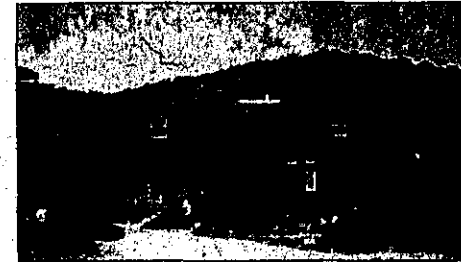
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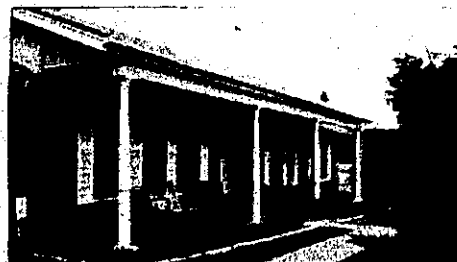
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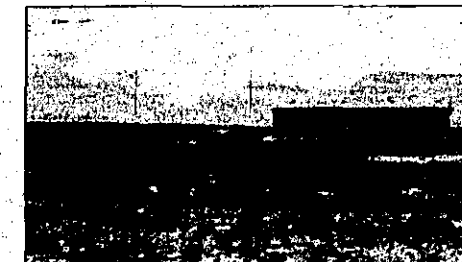


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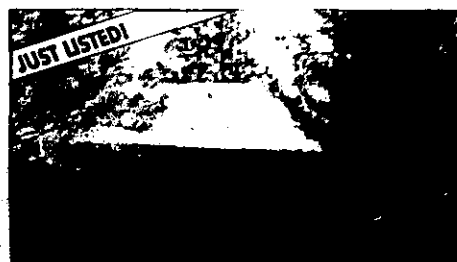
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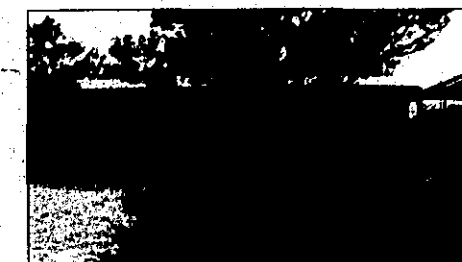
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# SPORTS

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## Ski Report

### Ski Apache

Officially opened Nov. 27 - For the latest snow totals, call 257-9001. The Ski report is culled from www.skiapachsnowreport.com  
**Tickets:** Season passes are available by phone at 464-3600.  
**New snow past 48 hrs.:** 0 inches  
**Season total:** 31 inches  
**Mid-mountain snow depth:** 24 inches  
**Weather for Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. West wind between 15 and 20 mph. Friday evening, partly cloudy, with a low around 20. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.  
**Weather for Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. Saturday evening, mostly clear, with a low around 25.  
**Current conditions:** Packed powder, machine groomed  
**Skiing conditions:** Variable  
**Groomed runs:** Easy Street, Bunny, East Easy Street, Ramp, SBT, Snow Park, Lower Deep Freeze, Top Notch, Captain Heavy and Smokey Bear.  
**Groomers Pick:** Captain Heavy  
**Lifts open:** No. 2 (opened to Midway), No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5. Gondola is open for sightseeing only, weather permitting.  
**Snowmaking:** Yes, nightly, weather permitting

## Results

### Girls Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 8  
 Tatum 36, Carrizo 24

### Boys Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 8  
 Cloudcroft 52, Clovis 45

## Sports On Tap

### Boys Basketball

Friday, Jan. 9  
 Pojoaque at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.  
 Friday-Sat., Jan. 9-10  
 Smokey Bear Classic in Capitán, Friday at 2 p.m., Saturday, 10:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, Jan. 10  
 Ruidoso at Roswell, 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 13  
 Goddard at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.

### Girls Basketball

Friday-Sat., Jan. 9-10  
 Smokey Bear Classic in Capitán, Friday at 2 p.m., Saturday, 10:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, Jan. 10  
 Socorro at Ruidoso, 4 p.m.  
 Monday, Jan. 12  
 Ruidoso at Hatch, 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 13  
 Carlsbad at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.

## On Deck

### Free Throw Competition

On Saturday, Jan. 24, the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney Council #6597, will hold their annual Free Throw Competition in the Ruidoso Middle School Gym. The contest is open to boys and girls, ages 10-14 years old. Please bring birth certificate or other proof of age. Registration at 11 a.m. with competition to begin at noon. For additional info, call David Tetraut at 257-9556.

### Lincoln County Youth Soccer

The Lincoln County Youth Soccer League will be holding registration signups on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 5:30-7 p.m. and again on Feb. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at White Mountain cafeteria. Fee before Feb. 15 (returning players from 2008) is \$30. After that date, \$35. Cost before Feb. 15 for new players is \$50 and afterwards, \$55. Online signups are available at ruidososoccer.com. No late signups will be permitted. For additional info, call Jennifer at 937-0203 or Mike at 808-2195.

### Coaches/Referees Needed

The Lincoln County Youth Soccer League is in dire need of coaches and referees for the upcoming soccer season. The Board also needs to fill the positions of Vice President, Registrar and Treasurer. If the above-mentioned positions are not filled there is a possibility the league may have to disband. For additional info, call Jennifer at 937-0203 or Mike at 808-2195.

# Lady Warriors a juggernaut

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After the first three games of the season, the RHS ladies basketball squad stood at 1-3, with their only victory coming in the season opener at Goddard, 48-42.

Since then, however, they've been on a tear, winning the next eight of 10 games and outscoring their opponents 604-348. And seven of those games were away. Not too shabby.

With a current overall mark of 9-4 they seem to be brimming with confidence.

Their only 3A losses were away games against non-district rivals Socorro and West Las Vegas. And those two defeats were more than a month ago before the Lady Warriors hit their stride.

At the halfway mark of their season, with 12 games left to play, they're poised for big things if they want it badly enough.

While seven of the 12 remaining games are away, three of them are with teams they've already smashed (Cobre, Chaparral and Dexter).

Back on Dec. 1, the Lady Warriors suffered one of their four losses at Socorro, 60-50. Saturday, the RHS girls will get a chance for revenge, and a little home-

cooking to boot, when Socorro shows up for a 4 p.m. contest.

It's interesting to note, as of this writing, while Ruidoso is on a four-game winning streak, Socorro has lost four straight (not counting their Wednesday game with Bernalillo).

It would appear the RHS girls have an opportunity here to rectify an earlier defeat unless disaster strikes. But the Julie Montoya-coached squad will be well aware of that, too.

Another factor which bodes well for the Lady Warriors is that they haven't lost a home game yet (Goddard, Chaparral and Cobre).

By the time district action gets started (Jan. 27), district rivals, Portales, Lovington and Dexter, might be intimidated if the RHS girls keep winning.

As of this report, Portales has an overall mark of 5-5 and Dexter is 2-7. Lovington is another matter.

At 9-3, the Wildcats could potentially pose problems for the Lady Warriors if the Ruidoso girls don't take them as a serious threat.

Of their common opponents, so far, the Wildcats have lost to 5A Carlsbad (twice) while the Lady



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Sydney Gonzales leaps for a bucket in the Cobre game last Friday.

Warriors took it on the chin against the Cavegirls on Dec. 13, 38-33.

Lovington has also lost to Artesia at home, 55-52, while the RHS girls defeated the Lady Bulldogs at the City of Champions tourna-

ment, 59-49.

What does all this mean regarding the coming prospects for the Lady Warriors?

Simply this. If they can keep their focus where it belongs and not let up, they

could gain even more momentum going into their first district game against Portales.

A win there would set up a promising thrill-a-minute matchup at Lovington on Jan. 31.

# Searching through the debris

Quite frankly, I don't really see any difference between making a wager on a sporting contest and investing in the stock market.

One is legal and the other isn't (in many places). In either case, if you do the required work and analysis - in other words, due diligence - you might have a chance of winning.

Nothing's for certain, though. Nothing. Just ask the people who invested in GM two years ago at \$35-a share along with the people who bet Big Brown to win the

Triple Crown at the 2008 Belmont Stakes.

Or anyone who plunked down a few bucks on Alabama in the Sugar Bowl last Friday evening.

Wait a minute. One of those unfortunate wretches was me.

Back in my formative years, I enjoyed friendly wagers on sporting events.

I was well taught by friends in the "business" and I worked

hard at evaluating each and every game. Many hours a week and numerous phone calls went into every game.

To me, it was a min-

orally the satisfaction of winning.

Knowing that you did the proper work and research. The money you won was just a reward for your efforts.

I was taught not only to have a limit to lose, but also to have a winning limit. Stay consistent, don't hurt yourself financially, never bet emotionally and never let the winning part of it go to your head.

For seven years or so, I indulged in that pursuit ... and one day ... I gave it up, cold turkey.

I had grown bored with it. It was time to move on. And besides, my son had just been born.

I wanted him to respect

me and so I did the respectable thing ... I started to invest in the stock market.

That's where I learned there really wasn't much difference between a sports tout praising the virtues of, say, the New York Jets, or a stock market analyst preaching the invincibility of, oh, I don't know, let's say Enron.

As a matter of fact, I admire my old friend, Bobby I, the bookmaker, more than I respect any of the swelled-head stock "experts" I see every day on one of the business channels.

There they sit, laughing and prognosticating how some certain stock pick of theirs will reach the stratosphere. If only you'll

invest in the long term, you'll be fine. That's their mantra - always was, and always will be.

I fully expect, any day now, for one of these nattering nabobs to come out and tell us to buy AIG stock (\$1.64 a share).

Bobby never lied to me and he never, ever, tried to sell me a bill of goods.

But I digress. Back to the Alabama thing. I took a "flyer" on the Crimson Tide (a friendly wager, in a teaser at -4 along with West Virginia at +4).

And I did so without researching them.

Had I done the work I would have realized Alabama had no kicking

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# Aggies, Wolf Pack rivalry

JASON GROVES

Las Cruces Sun-News

The gap has certainly closed, but New Mexico State wants what Nevada has.

The Wolf Pack has won a piece of five consecutive Western Athletic Conference championships.

The Aggies have claimed either a regular season or tournament championship the past two years.

Both teams were part of a four-way tie for the regu-

lar season championship last year and when they met in the WAC Tournament semifinals, the Aggies eliminated Nevada with an 85-73 victory at the Pan American Center.

The teams meet again Thursday night on the Pan Am floor at 7 p.m. in the Aggies WAC home opener. The game can be heard on 103.9 KGRT-FM and seen on ESPN Fullcourt and AggieVision on local Comcast stations.

A tape-delayed broad-

cast is available on Fox Sports Arizona at 11 p.m. in Las Cruces.

"Right now they are still the team to beat," Aggies coach Marvin Menzies said. "They've got five years running so until they are dethroned it's their title. They've only played one game."

"I don't see why anyone would think they won't make a run at the conference title if they are playing well."

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# NMSU women's hoops opens WAC play

JASON GROVES  
Las Cruces Sun-News

Now is not the time for panic.

Entering Western Athletic Conference play Thursday, 4-10 and losers of six straight has certainly caused it's share of frustration for the New Mexico State University women's basketball team, but with WAC play brings a sense of a fresh start.

"We're excited for WAC play just to be 0-0 again," Aggies sophomore guard Madison Spence said.

"We have learned a lot that experience really does help. We have played some good teams so we feel like that's really going to help us in WAC play."

The Aggies opened a two-game WAC swing Thursday at Utah State and then travel to Nevada

Saturday. The two conference games conclude a six-game road trip where the Aggies are currently 0-4 and they are 0-8 away from the Pan American Center this year.

With a young team that is still learning, Aggies coach Darin Spence hopes to come away with a split at the very least while a sweep is the ultimate goal.

"Anytime we go on the road we want to get a split and if you win the first one, then you get greedy and try to get that second one as well," Spence said.

"I think if we can go out and get this first one that would be huge for this group."

The Aggies have experienced success in the past against Utah State. NMSU has won seven of the last 10 games against the UTags and hold a 15-9

series. Danyelle Snelgro leads Utah State with 13.2 points per game and Ana Pares adds 12.9 points per contest.

All-WAC guard Delleina Criner, who is scoring 14.7 points per game this season, leads Nevada.

"Criner is a very active, physical, non-stop type of guard," Aggies senior guard Tyshae Walton said. "Last year when we played at their place, I did a pretty good job guarding her but I'm pretty sure she has improved a lot."

"It's just a matter of coming in mentally and doing my job defensively."

Aggie teams have typically been solid defensively, but NMSU opponents are shooting 43 percent against the Aggies this year and NMSU ranks eighth in scoring defense,

allowing 69.8 points per game.

"Defensively we are not where we should be, right now because you have to stop your opponent first before you can score," Walton said.

"We have to get stronger mentally, defensively, because we let our opponents score too easily inside or outside."

Madison Spence believes that the Aggies need wins not only for their own confidence, but to prove to the rest of the WAC that they are better than their 4-10 record.

"We feel that going in, we can beat these teams," Madison Spence said.

"We know that Nevada was picked to finish higher than we were and we want to show people that we are not towards the bottom of the league."

## AGGIES

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Both teams have a young nucleus, but like the Aggies, the Wolf Pack has players who were on the court last March such as junior guard Brandon Burleson.

"I'm sure a guy like (Burleson) and Fields and anyone who is returning from last year is very aware of the fact that we were the team that ended their bid for the NCAA Tournament, at least," Menzies said. "They will come in hungry."

Nevada (7-7) is hungry for its first conference win after suffering a surprising 78-73 home loss to Idaho

last weekend.

NMSU (8-7, 2-0 WAC) owns a 15-11 series lead over Nevada in a series that often comes down to close games.

With classes scheduled to resume next week, the student section should return to the Pan Am Thursday.

"I think there have been some extracurricular dynamics that have excited fans on both sides, but you can't dismiss any teams in the conference right now from bidding for the championship this year," Menzies said.

The latest extracurricular activities include the following statements from Nevada Athletics Director Cary Groth in a Nevada-Reno student publication following the WAC Tour-

namment last March: "That was the worst experience I've ever had in my 20-plus years as an AD. I hate going there and I hope I never have to go back under those circumstances."

"They were spitting on our fans, yelling bad things about Nevada and it just wasn't cool," Groth said. "I would be embarrassed if our fans behaved that way. It was pathetic."

The same story had a quote from Nevada head coach Mark Fox saying that he wasn't popular in Las Cruces.

Aggies sophomore guard Jahmar Young says he looks forward to games against the Wolf Pack.

"Nevada has marquee names in the conference and we have a few names

in the conference," said Young, who is second in the league with 17.7 points per game.

"For the most part, I like playing Nevada. It's all love out there."

Young and junior guard Jonathan Gibson should have their hands full against a talented group of Nevada guards that includes sophomore point guard Armon Johnson and Fields.

"Our guard play has been a little disappointing," Fox said.

"New Mexico State is a team that has a returning guard and a wing who is a terrific player."

"Young is probably having as good a sophomore year as you can have and I have always thought Gibson was a solid player."

## SMOKEY BEAR CLASSIC



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

The Smokey Bear tournament commenced play Thursday in Capitán with Tatum defeating the Carrizozo girls, 36-25, and the Cloudcroft boys beating Clovis Christian, 52-45. Play continues Friday (2 p.m.) and Saturday (10:30 a.m.). Shown above is J.T. Eldridge, of Capitán, in last year's game against Loving.

While the series has always had big names, there will be a new batch on the court Thursday.

Nevada freshman forward Luke Babbitt leads the Wolf Pack with 14.7 points and 6.9 rebounds per game.

"Anytime a big can bounce it, shoot it and pass it like Luke can, he's a hard guard," Menzies said.

The Aggies counter with redshirt freshman Troy Gillenwater, who Menzies said will be in action after sitting the second half in the Aggies' 75-73 victory at San Jose State on Monday for disciplinary reasons.

"He had a moment and I had a moment and that was it," Menzies said.

"It was just one of those things where you deal with it right then and there so you can put it behind you, which we did."

Sophomore forward Wendell McKines also presents a challenge for the Wolf Pack.

"They have a super talented group," Fox said. "They are young up front like we are but I have certainly been impressed watching their team."

Menzies says defending Babbitt and Johnson will be a team effort.

"Guys have to be aware of their defensive principles off the ball and at the same time, the guy guarding that guy on that particular possession has to do a phenomenal job just because those guys are so versatile and skilled," Menzies said.

Thursday is the first of eight WAC home games for NMSU and is one Menzies and the Aggies know they will need if they want to be the team to supplant Nevada at the top of the WAC.

"I think most of these games are going to be tight, which is one of the fun things about our conference this year," Menzies said.

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game, no quality of depth at most positions, a freshman linebacker (that's not a position you start a freshman), the quarterback, John Wilson, is average, good at not losing games but not so hot at winning them, the defense never had a consistent pass rusher and they were lucky throughout the season by escaping major injuries. In short, they were overrated

for most of the year, especially at the end. Not to take anything away from Utah, they deserved the 31-17 victory, but if I had exercised due diligence on the game ... I would have passed on it. And, to me, that's the moral of the story.

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With years of professional expertise and accurate astrological information, Black helps readers make the best choices possible. Her daily rating system guides readers to get the most out of their horoscopes - 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging. Her horoscopes are brief and concentrate on career and personal goals. Also available in Spanish.

**Today's Birthday (1/9/09).** Do your shopping early this year, regarding big-ticket items. Later, as in next autumn, you'll want to get away. Set up a nice vacation for then, to share with somebody you love.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is an 8 - Don't let the others on your team lose track of the objective. Without your guidance, they're liable to spend all day talking garbage. Keep them on their toes.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is an 8 - Listen carefully to a person who's not making very much sense. There's something in that garbled message you can use to win. It takes concentration, but it's worth the effort.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 7 - Make contact with one of your foreign advisors. You can set something up that's not only interesting, but also profitable. This can be good for both of you.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is an 8 - Keep finances confidential. That goes for other people's as well as your own. It's a good day to find out what's really going on. When you do, don't let on you know.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 7 - Meet again to get your goals a little better defined. Being vague in the beginning is OK, but don't overdo it. You don't want any confusion about the objective.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is an 8 - There's no time for long discussions; you're in too much of a hurry. When you chatter up and on, however, topics alternatively of there's something you need to know.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is an 8 - You have a way with words, especially now. You also have a knack for gathering information. Some of this you'll be able to use to further your career. Keep good notes.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 7 - Invest in a household upgrade. You've been planning this for so long, you barely believe it can happen. It might not have happened yet, but it can and will, with your efforts.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 7 - Confer with your partner so you both have a solid plan for success. By pooling your resources and talents, you can achieve more than either of you could on your own.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is an 8 - No need to tell anybody what you have or where you got it. They won't know, you keep at the second-hand store unless you run into them there.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 7 - A solution is discovered that is often quite successful. Take on an extra job just long enough to get what you want. If you and your sweetheart both do this, you can get an extra lot.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is a 7 - Make the decision and take action now; conditions are beneficial. This applies to having family and real estate; everything your family likes to have is in negotiation.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Today is an 8 -



# Ruidoso Police offer crime prevention tips

As a resort town, Ruidoso is the target of a very specific type of crime: the burglarizing of vacation homes which inundate the area.

Many of these homes are inhabited for half the year, with the owners many times residing out of state. These homes are prime targets for burglars who can break in, steal items and be gone many weeks – or even months – before the homeowners

return.

The Ruidoso Police Department is asking the public for help in combating this type of crime, offering these tips:

- Photograph expensive items in your home, writing down serial and model numbers with an approximate value. Store a copy of this information in a safe, deposit box or at a different location. A few hours of work may save you thousands of dollars and

will aid in the recovery of stolen items.

- Be a good neighbor and report any suspicious activity or noises at any time, day or night. The noises you hear may not be wildlife.

- Assure outside lighting of your home is adequate and working properly.

- Lock your homes and vehicles, even when you are present. Make sure windows and sliding

glass doors are secure.

- Do not discard boxes from recent expensive purchases in a trash can in front of your house. This is essentially window shopping for criminals.

- Do not keep cash or valuables visible inside your vehicle. Park in lighted areas whenever possible.

- Report immediately any person who comes to your home with a suspicious request like lost

dogs, looking for friends, etc.

- Trim bushes and trees around your house which may give a criminal a place to hide.

- Inform neighbors and friends if you are leaving town. Don't allow newspapers or mail to accumulate in front of your home.

- Do not attempt to investigate or confront suspicious or criminal activity in progress. Dial 911.

## CARRIZOZO POLICE BLOTTER

Dec. 1: Burglary reported at Carrizozo Schools, stranded motorist at Allsup;

Dec. 2: Arrested and committed Julie Samora to jail, EMS assist on the 1800 block of Adobe;

Dec. 4: Stop sign at intersection of 380 run over and damaged;

Dec. 5: Phone call tip for drugs being dropped off at jail; response to LCDC for inmate bringing in tobacco. No report taken, not contraband, Lincoln Sheriff's Department jurisdiction;

Dec. 6: report of suspicious person at Monte Vista Auto; hitchhikers at Birch and Highway 380 found ride to Mescalero, BOLO for Blue VW with Mexico

plates that ran another vehicle off the road;

Dec. 7: Report of suspicious vehicle at LCDC, 911 hang-up from Conoco;

Dec. 8: Report of suspicious package at Health Clinic that tested negative for drugs;

Dec. 9: Report of suspicious green car driving slow through town, Sixth Street gas meter struck in alley with no damage, suspicious person report on the 300 block of 11th Street – unable to locate, suspicious activity on Quail Covey Lane; report of poisoned dog on on 300 block of Cedar; civil matter of cows damaging property at Valle del Sol;

Dec. 10: Report of suspicious people on 12th Street

near park, Code 4 as it was the movie production personnel, trespass warning given to couple for school trespass;

Dec. 11: Arrest of John Ward on warrant; assist Med 15 at 400 block of Central with man who fell off roof; report of drunk driver – subject was intoxicated but not driving;

Dec. 12: Agency assist LCSC for domestic on Highway 380, arrest of Matthew Hardenbrook on district court warrant for violations of conditions of probation; 911 hang-up from residence on 1000 block of Drexel – Code 4 – children playing with phone;

Dec. 13: Littering com-

plaint at Elsie's, LCSC assist for search of lost person at Valle del Sol; dog running at large on E Avenue; passports reported lost in October at Allsup, civil dispute referred to LCSC;

Dec. 14: Civil dispute report

Dec. 16: Private property accident, no report;

Dec. 17: Dog bite reported at 1100 D Avenue; possible theft at Drexel and E Avenue;

Dec. 18: Report of erratic driver on Highway 380 West, no contact;

Dec. 19: Arrest of Jeffery Chavarria on 2004 warrant for failure to appear in district court; report of dogs running loose on Lave Loop, dogs returned to

owner; arrest of Roy King, Jr., on warrant for failure to pay out of Otero County;

Dec. 20: Assist stranded motorists on Highway 380 West;

Dec. 21: Loose dog on Hazelnut secured, possible DUI at Sands – negative contact;

Dec. 22: Suspicious person given trespass warning at Allsup; DUI on B and 380 – two persons arrested for DUI and obstruction, alarm call at City Bank, code 4;

Dec. 23: Civil standby at 1100 block of D Avenue, motorist assist;

Dec. 25: Assist stranded motorist at Texaco with gas, verbal dispute – parties separated;

Dec. 26: Suspicious person behind jail – no contact; advised to block traffic on Highway 54 North due to poor weather conditions;

Dec. 27: Report of suspicious vehicles near home on Airport Road – negative contact;

Dec. 30: Tampering with motor vehicle on 400 block of 10th Street; fire at Harold Garcia residence on 1st Street; alarm at Ag Building;

Dec. 31: dogs running at large on 400 block of Aspen – secured by owner; check on abandoned vehicle south of town; report of stolen cell phone at 500 block of Aspen – phone recovered and charges not filed.

## RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

### Concealing identity

Police arrested Chris Greigo, 28, of Ruidoso Downs, Jan. 1, after he refused to identify himself to officers during a sobriety check of a woman he claimed was his girlfriend.

### Criminal damage

A home located on the 200 block of Papoose Trail was reported damaged Jan. 3. A door and window to the home were likely damaged between November and January, but no entry was gained.

A second home, this on the 100 block of Roswell, was reported broken into, Jan. 6. Nothing appeared to be missing.

### Warrant issued

Police responded to a report of a verbal argument, Jan. 4, on the 500 block of Sudderth Drive, finding only one of the subjects there. During the interview officers found methamphetamines and paraphernalia in the residence. A warrant has been issued for Edmond Herring, 40, of Ruidoso for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and interference with communications.

### Tint too dark

Police pulled over a vehicle driven by Raul Venegas,

43, of Ruidoso, after officers noticed the tint on his windows was too dark to allow anyone to see inside.

Venegas pulled over the vehicle after being followed for several blocks, and then was "very hesitant" about answering officers' questions. A search of the vehicle revealed methamphetamines, drug paraphernalia, and an open bottle of liquor.

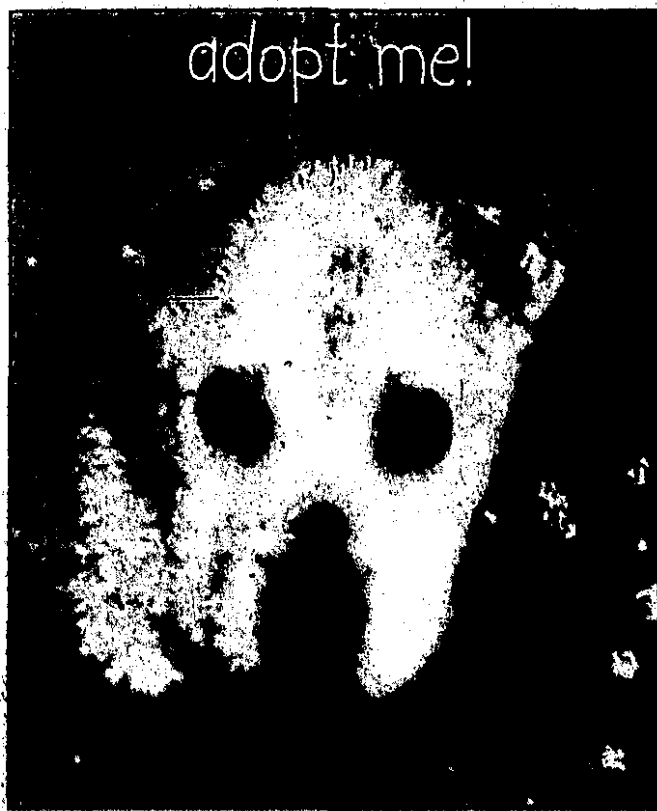
Venegas was arrested for methamphetamine and paraphernalia possession, open container and driving with a suspended license. He was booked at the Ruidoso Police Department.

### Home burglar

A home on the 100 block of Pine Lodge Road was reported broken into, Jan. 1. A power washer, radio/TV/VCR combo and numerous compact discs were stolen. Cost of the stolen items and damage to the building is listed at \$1,000.

### Not working

A man found in the parking lot of a business on the 2600 block of Sudderth Drive, Jan. 9, went from place to place in Midtown, looking for work, but got into an argument everywhere he went. Police finally arrested Nikki Montoya, 37, for disorderly conduct. He was booked at RPD and later taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.



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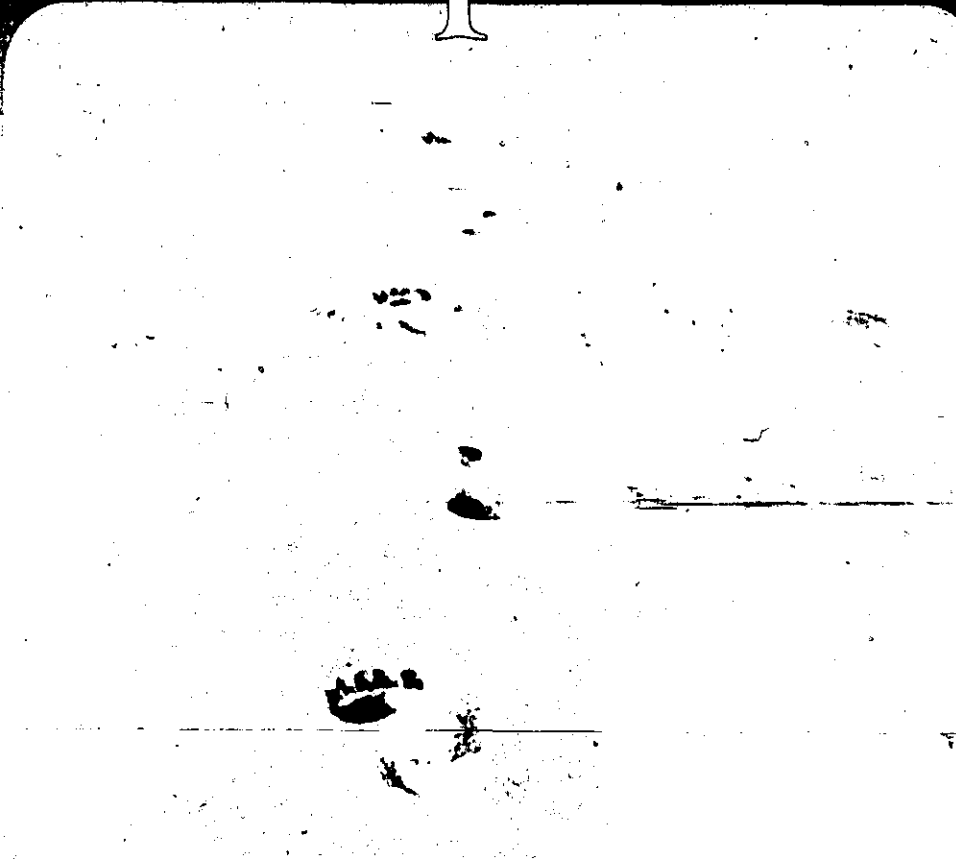
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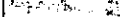
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# RELIGION

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## Make the Bible part of your everyday

**Q.** I've never read the Bible very much, but I made a New Year's resolution to begin reading it every day, which I've done so far. But to be honest I'm already getting bogged down and don't think I can keep it up.

Am I doing something wrong?

- C.B.

**A.** Let me first commend you for making this resolution - and I pray you'll continue making the Bible part of your life every day.

The Bible is God's Word - and God gave it to us to teach us about Himself and show us how to live.

The psalmist said, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105).

One reason you might have gotten bogged down is because you started reading some of the hardest parts first.

Many people, for example, start reading the Bible the same way they'd read any other book: starting at the beginning and going through it page by page.

Before long, they get lost in the detailed laws God gave His people, or in its unfamiliar history.

The best place to begin is with one of the Gospels in the New Testament (such as John) because they tell us about Jesus Christ, who is the center of God's plan for the human race. Christ was God in human flesh - and once you understand who He is and what He has done for us, the rest of the Bible will make more sense.

In addition, whenever you open your Bible, ask God to help you understand it and apply it to your life.

The Bible says, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (James 1:22).

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## The will of the majority

**T**here is so much discussion these days of separation of church and state, of unmixed politics and religion. I listen to the emotionally charged rhetoric from both sides, and I have a hard time understanding the reasoning from either side.

There is no misunderstanding of the fact that our forefathers came from European nations where a state religion was prescribed and other religions were proscribed. As a result, our constitution forbade the establishment of a state-sponsored religion. No religion or denomination would have the support of the government.

Separation of church and state began as a freedom from a state-sponsored church or religion, but also as a freedom to practice a faith of church or religion of choice. Thank your deity of choice that we have the freedom to choose in America.

On to the mixing of politics and religion. Politics and religion cannot stand apart, no matter how twisted the words and reasoning become. A person's religion consists of the principles and moral standards to which that person

adheres. Whatever rules and codes of conduct to which one is committed, that is their religion.

As a result, everything that proceeds out of those principles, standards, rules and codes - politics is one of these - is mixed with their religion.

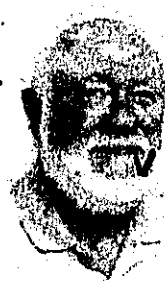
Religion and politics must be mixed. They cannot be separated.

The atheist practices his religion. The basic principle of atheism is this: there is no God, no divine being. Since there is no supreme being, there are no absolutes in principles, standards, codes or rules. In reality, the atheist establishes himself and his logical reasoning as the ultimate, the absolute. In a sense, he becomes his god.

I give the right, and so does our constitution, to the atheist to devise his religion, in which he is

supreme and his logic and reasoning is absolute. He has the right to try to convert others to his religion. He has the right to conduct his religion as he chooses under law. But, he does not have the right to curtail the expression of my faith as I choose.

Let's get back to the separation of church and state. Can a government library contain religious books? Can a government have religious symbols that come out of its history or roots? Can a government use religious practices (prayer, etc.) as a part of governmental function? Can a government prison curtail or allow religious services? Can a government educational institution prohibit or promote prayer? Good government establishes the will of the majority with respect for the minority. Good government, under God, gods or man gives us help for today and hope for tomorrow.



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## Come into His presence revival

Revival meetings will begin Thursday, Jan. 15, and run through Saturday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m., and thereafter every Sunday night at 6 p.m., at the Hotel Ruidoso Conference Room located at 110 Chase St., in Ruidoso.

All are welcome. God's Promise Ministries is building an English- and Spanish-speaking church that will preach, teach and demonstrate the Holy Spirit.

Acts 4: 18, 19 (KJV)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

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vision to know Him, acknowledge Him, exalt Him, and a heart to empower youth to take their rightful position.

God's Promise Ministries can be contacted at P.O. Box 8091, Ruidoso, NM 88355, or 575-937-4148.

Pastor T.J. Owen received her Bachelor of Theology degree from the River Bible Institute in Tampa, Fla., an accredited Bible college and school of the spirit.

## RELIGIOUS BRIEFS

### Rabbi in Roswell

Rabbi Chaim Richman of The Temple Institute will deliver a special Torah presentation Monday in Roswell.

"Much is changing both in Israel and throughout the world," he wrote friends about the trip he and his wife Rena were taking to Texas and New Mexico in January.

"Events are in motion that clearly indicate we are moving toward the Redemption," he wrote. "But what is the time frame? What should we be looking for? What does the Bible teach us about these days? How do we understand events that seem to be overtaking the world? What are the choices we must make if we wish to serve our Creator?"

"What does the rebuilding of the Holy Temple play? These are some of the teachings we will share, as well as important updates from Jerusalem, from the Temple Institute and the Temple Mount."

He also will explore the deepest levels of understanding the mysterious Scroll of Esther and its spiritual implications for all today.

For more details about Richman's Roswell, Odessa or Abilene schedule, contact Sam Peak at 325-698-0169.

Other appearances by Richman include Saturday evening in Lubbock, Texas, Sunday in Amarillo,

Tuesday in Odessa and Wednesday, Jan. 14, in Abilene.

### Call to prayer

Beginning Feb. 1, Christian church bells will ring at 3 p.m. as a reminder to pray The Lord's Prayer.

The Ministerial Alliance of Churches met Jan. 8, and agreed to the 3 o'clock hour of prayer.

When you hear the awesome sounds of all the bells ringing in harmony, join hearts and hands in prayer.

### Clifford V. Bryan, 69 Devoted father and grandfather

Clifford V. Bryan, 69, passed away Sunday, January 4, 2009 at his home in La Luz.

He is survived by children Shannon Meade of Ruidoso, Ricky Keller and wife Betsy and Jackie Bell, all of La Luz and Liz Northrip of Artesia; grandchildren Heather, Oran and Doris Northrip, Shawna Walker, Amberly Tanzosh, Josh Meade, Chris Foor, Micah Bell, Richard Keller and Corey, Cody and Tanner Kidwell; seven great grandchildren; sister Betty Ann Ashby and husband Darrell of Capitan and former wife and special friend, Karen Bryan of La Luz.

Cliff was retired from the New Mexico Department of Transportation after thirty three years of service as a project manager in District Two.

He loved the great outdoors and most especially his grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:00pm on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at the Bryan Family Ranch in Corona, New Mexico led by Billy Glenn Bryan.

The Bryan family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Alamogordo Funeral Home to direct the funeral arrangements. Cremation will take place locally at PCS.

To sign the online register book, please visit [www.alamogordofuneralhome.org](http://www.alamogordofuneralhome.org)



### EDNA MONETTA SHAW

A viewing for Edna Monetta Shaw, who passed away January 4th, 2009 at the Heart Hospital in Albuquerque, NM will be held at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home on Thursday and Friday, January 8th and 9th.

Monetta was born on June 29, 1947 in Roswell NM to Jack and Vera Forrester, who preceded her in death. She graduated from Roswell High School in 1966 and attended Denver's Women's College in Denver, Colorado. Monetta married Robert William Shaw on June 25th, 1971.

Monetta was a wonderful wife and mother, and loved being called Nana by her 13 grandchildren. She served as Worthy Advisor in Rainbows and as a docent at the Historical Society for Southeast New Mexico. She was involved in many activities including coaching Little League, 4-H leader, and Scouting. She served as Cub Scout Commissioner in Roswell, and raised three Eagle Scouts and three Gold Award Girl Scouts.

Monetta lived by the following sayings: "You know where the kitchen is"; "You can't see it from the back of a running horse"; "Park me next to a cattle truck"; "wanna buy a duck"; and "Eat it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without".

Monetta was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and served in many capacities within the church. She was Relief Society President, Primary President, and worked tirelessly in the Genealogy library and Girls Camp for 22 years. She and Robert were Ordinance workers at the LDS Temple in Albuquerque, NM.

Monetta is survived by her husband, Robert, and her six children and thirteen grandchildren: Douglas and his wife Renee and children Ashley and Cody of Roswell NM; Scott and his wife Jessica and children Billy, Brigham, Emma, Porter and Hyrum of Albuquerque NM; Boyd and his wife Rhianna and son Kegan of Elkhart KS; Salina (Sabo) and her husband Scott and children Evan, Jarod, CJ and Joey of Capitan NM; Samantha and Nolan and son Trent of Tremonton UT, and Lindsay of Gilbert AZ. She is also survived by her brothers: Jim Forrester and his wife Pam, and Jack (Peab) Forrester and his wife Kris. As well as numerous extended family throughout the country.

A graveside service will be held at the Ft. Stanton Merchant Marine and Military Cemetery on Saturday, January 10th at 10 a.m. Pallbearers will be Jim Forrester, Jackie Forrester, Douglas Shaw, Scott Shaw, Boyd Shaw, Scott Sabo and Honorary Pallbearer Nolan Thompson.

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register book at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com)

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home & Crematory.

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**FUNERALS DEATHS****Dalton M. Hamilton**

Dalton Maurice Hamilton, 39, of Mescalero, was born July 17, 1969, in Mescalero.

He passed away Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Marcella Kaydahzinne Gallerito.

He is survived by his sister, Tanya Hamilton of

Stillwater, Okla.; his sons, Jacob Spitty, Dalton C. Hamilton and Graig Valdez; daughters, Darlene Hamilton, Erika Hamilton and Tiffany Guilez.

He is also survived by a granddaughter, Genevieve Sanchez; two nephews, Braxton Wolfe and Matthew Hamilton; niece, Emmalee Nckosato; two aunts, Rema P. Spitty and

Naomi Kaydahzinne Hiles; uncles, Norris Kaydahzinne, Neil Kaydahzinne, and Wayland Kaydahzinne.

Dalton had lived in Mescalero the majority of his life and graduated from Tularosa High School.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, from 2-4 p.m., at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso.

The prayer service is Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, at 6 p.m., at the Mescalero Family Worship Center in Mescalero.

The funeral service will be Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at 10 a.m.

Burial will follow at the Mescalero Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com).

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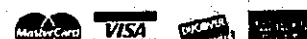
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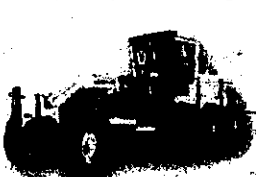
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# Sign of change: Gas prices begin upward swing

STEVE RAMIREZ  
Las Cruces Sun-News

**LAS CRUCES** — The bargain on self-serve gas prices got a little harder for Las Cruces motorists to find Wednesday.

But with the up-and-down swings the oil industry is going through these days it could — literally — turn out to be a momentary price hike.

About midday Wednesday, motorists could only stand and watch as the price of gas climbed from \$1.29 to \$1.46 at Sav-O-Mat, on El Paseo. The station typically charges among the lowest prices in Las Cruces.

Sergio Rascon, a Las Cruces motorist, recalled that gas was priced as low as \$1.16 a gallon as recently as last week.

"They were good," a wistful Rascon finally said. "But now they're up. It'd be nice if they stayed (low) like this."

But at Murphy's Express, at the northwest corner of south Valley Drive and Avenida de Mesilla, cars and trucks of all sizes kept coming as gas there sold for \$1.29 a gallon Wednesday afternoon.

"It's a little out of my way, especially since I'm on my way to work," said Marta Costales, a clerk at a Las Cruces convenience



**Rick Latka**, manager of Sav-O-Mat gas station on El Paseo Road in Las Cruces, raises the prices of fuel for the second time Wednesday. The first increase was 4 cents per gallon in the morning, before it was hiked up another 17 cents about 12:30 p.m., when regular unleaded jumped from \$1.29 to \$1.46.

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store that also sells gas, but not at that low a price. "Everybody's looking for a bargain, the best price, these days and I'm no different. I live paycheck to paycheck every month, just like a lot of other people. I usually go to Sav-O-Mat for my gas, but when I saw what the price was there, I just kept driving. I had to see if I could find it for less."

At \$1.29 a gallon, Murphy's has the lowest price in New Mexico, according to New Mexico Gas Prices.com, a Web site that updates gas prices across the state every day. The average price for gas Wednesday in Las Cruces was \$1.62, according to www.fuelgaugereport.com, a Web site operated by the American Automobile Association.

But Wednesday's gas prices jumped almost six cents from Tuesday, apparently from a modest rise in oil prices late last week. When that happened, oil industry analysts said the increase would probably be short lived.

The rise abruptly ended Wednesday when energy prices plunged across the board, giving up a week of gains. Sweet crude for February delivery tumbled 12 percent, or \$5.95, to settle at \$42.63 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after The U.S. Energy Information Administration released a report that said inventories of commercial crude oil rose to 6.7 million barrels, well beyond the 1.5 million-barrel build expected by analysts.

Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Ritterbusch and Associates, said it was one of the more bearish EIA reports he's

seen in a while.

"This will take a lot of steam out of the geopolitical argument that this Russian-Ukraine standoff is going to disrupt supplies appreciably," Ritterbusch said. "This report's telling us that we've got a big supply cushion out there that can easily absorb a temporary curtailment of European supply."

Crude prices slumped alongside Wall Street, which dropped about 270 points on more bad economic news.

"This has been a speculatively led rally here in the past couple of weeks," Ritterbusch said. "It didn't have a lot of fundamental impetus behind it, and now we're getting evidence that there's a lot more crude and product supply out there than what we thought."

Rising prices coincided with a drop off in gas consumption, according to the weekly SpendingPulse report by MasterCard, which was released Tuesday. Consumption fell 1.8 percent for the week ended Friday and was down 3.5 percent from the same week a year ago, according to SpendingPulse.

Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service, said the big fall in oil prices Wednesday is no more surprising than prices that

have climbed 43 percent since reaching a five-year low of \$33.87 a barrel on Dec. 19.

"It doesn't necessarily mean that we've seen this sea change or this tremendous shift in sentiment on trend," Kloza said. "It's just illustrative of sort of this incredible kind of irregular heartbeat that commodities have displayed probably since November."

Crude has become so cheap, it is being stored at sea to avoid selling it at current market prices.

There are a lot more theories than answers about how much longer gas prices will continue to see-saw.

"The longer the better," said Ricardo Molina, a Las Cruces construction foreman. "Buying gas is about the only thing these days that's easy on my wallet. I'm not using any more gas than I was before but I'm sure spending a lot less for it. As tight as everything else is, I'm just glad there's some kind of bargain out there for us. If gas prices started to jump back up to what they were last year, I don't think anyone would stand for that."

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## Not everyone surprised by Richardson's withdrawal

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**LAS CRUCES** — At least one southern New Mexico legislator said Monday a recent decision by Gov. Bill Richardson to back away from the U.S. Commerce Secretary post didn't come as a surprise, while other lawmakers said the move caught them unaware.

State Sen. John Arthur Smith, D-Deming, said he was disappointed to hear of Richardson's decision, but it "was not unexpected."

"I've listened to the press say it was a 'shocker' and this sort of thing, but those of us who follow what's going on in Santa Fe closely, we weren't completely surprised," Smith said.

A grand jury is looking into Richardson's ties with a California firm that contracted with the state to work on highway financing and donated to his political campaign. Richardson has said no impropriety occurred.

Rep. Nate Cote, D-Las Cruces, was among those

who said the move was unexpected.

"(Richardson's decision) was sort of a shock to all of us," he said. "We didn't see this decision coming."

Cote said a benefit of the governor's decision is that legislators are more familiar with how Richardson, rather than Lt. Gov. Diane Denish, will handle certain legislation in the upcoming 60-day session.

"We're aware of issues (Richardson) would veto," he said. "We were looking at going in a different direction with Denish on some issues."

With hopes to pass ethics and health-care legislation in the upcoming session, Cote said, "We know where (Richardson) stands, and can work legislation around it."

State Rep. Joseph Cervantes, D-Las Cruces, had similar thoughts.

"I was very surprised by the timing of the decision in Washington. New Mexico won't have an advocate in the cabinet," he said.

Commending Richardson on his decision to "clear up this issue," Cervantes

said he also applauds Obama for "realizing the importance of moving his agenda forward."

State Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, D-Doña Ana, said Richardson's announcement was "the most shocking thing I've ever heard."

She said she was "saddened by it."

"I didn't know about any investigation going on," she said. "I think there was something mentioned early on in the media, but it wasn't anything substantive ... I haven't been aware of any investigation."

Garcia said Richardson's withdrawal from the commerce secretary post is a loss to the nation because he would have helped "straighten out the economy."

Smith, an adversary of Richardson when it comes to budget issues, said he's aware there's more to the grand jury investigation than what has been released so far and said he expects more information to be forthcoming.

"I certainly hope New Mexico isn't ultimately embarrassed," he said.

Now that he's staying in the state, Richardson will have to join the Legislature in confronting budget woes.

There's an expected revenue shortfall of \$450 million or more for 2008-09, and financial forecasts for next year appear grim.

Those conditions could lead to tussling over new programs or proposed expan-

sions to state government.

Looking forward to the upcoming session, Cervantes said, "Richardson has a wealth of experience working with the Legislature. I'm confident we'll stay focused on the task at hand."

State Rep. Andy Nuñez, a Hatch Democrat, said he doesn't believe the gover-

nor's decision will have a large effect on this year's session, which starts Jan. 20. "It was a surprise to me," he said of Richardson's decision. "But, he's already got his agenda (for the session) set out."

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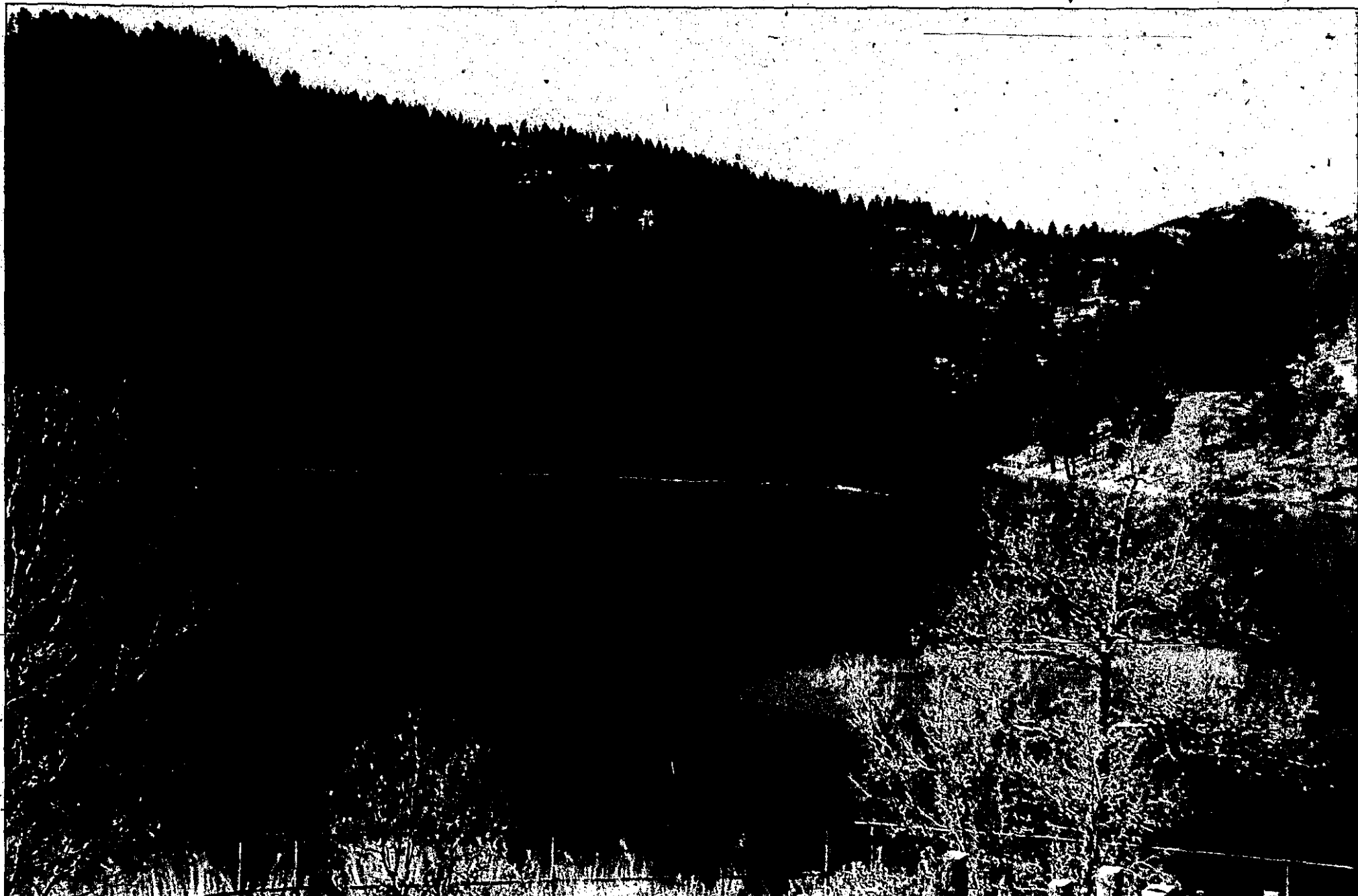
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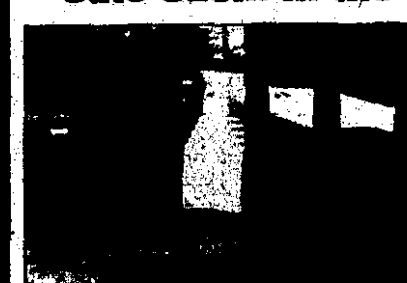


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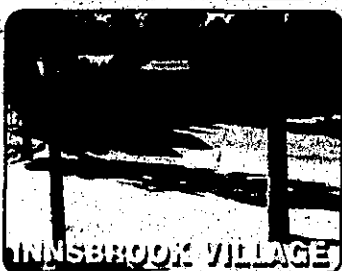
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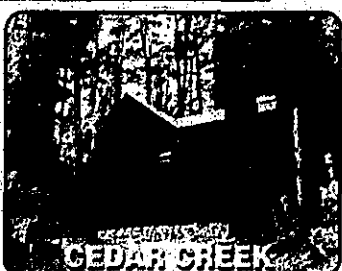
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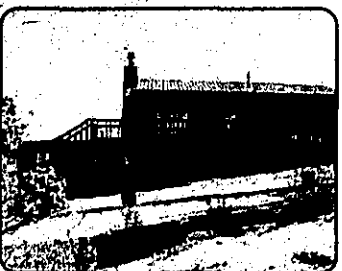
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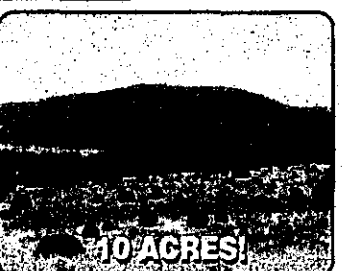
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1BD-3/4BA sweet cabin w/ 50' of Rio Ruidoso frontage! Excellent nightly history rental w/ Casey's Cabins. Cabin is on high ground w/no flood damage. Great weekend getaway, w/ investment potential or build your dream home on the river! City utilities new roof, FP. Best buy on the river! Owner/ broker. MLS 104129



RIVER FRONTAGE

# Bill Pippin

575-257-4228

REAL ESTATE

1-800-489-9289

MLS

## NEW LISTING



**BEAUTIFUL VIEWS FROM THESE 3 LOTS.** - A total of 2.41 acres these 3 lots welcome manufactured homes. Must be set on a permanent foundation and no older than 7 years old. Lots are mostly level and have great views. Electric and phone is available. \$62,5000 #104427



**COZY HOME** - This home is placed on a solid concrete slab. All the extras are in place on this wonderful home. The deer and elk enjoy the waterfall in the back yard. There is plenty of metal roofing available for a carport so it matches the roof on the home. Come see this home and all it has to offer. \$160,000 #104271



**OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY** - Nestled on 4.32 acres, the Ellis Store is beautifully landscaped and currently being operated as a Country Inn. The home was built in 1950 and housed Billy The Kid while waiting for trial. The Main House has an excellent kitchen for the chef in the family, a beautiful dining room and sitting room, and bedrooms that make you feel as if you have stepped back in time. Currently operating as an inn, there are numerous other commercial uses for this charming inn or simply a historic grand home. Call today for a showing! \$750,000 #102488 & #103714



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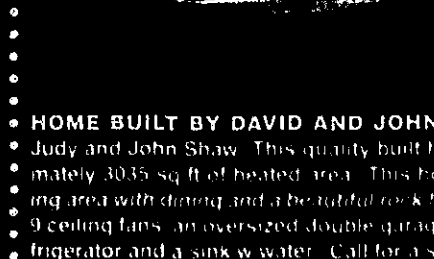
**THIS CHARMING COTTAGE HAS BEEN REDUCED!** - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath in mobile home, not mobile home. New exterior paint! This one won't last long so check it out. Beautiful flat lot with trees, great for kids or pets. Large covered wrap-around deck with screened in porch area in back for comfortable outdoor living. Newer furnace, washer and refrigerator. Skylight in living room and beautiful large rock fireplace. Bedrooms are good size too. \$110,000 #103746



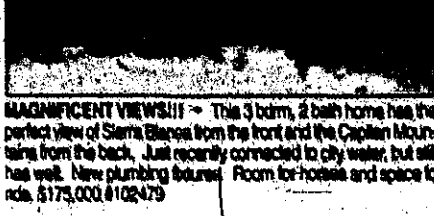
**RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL!** - One of the higher points on Main Road in Upper Canyon. This Unique piece of Ruidoso has great potential for rental or just use as a home with guest quarters. 6 bedrooms, 1 full and two 1/2 baths with almost unlimited possibilities. Easy access and up-to-code electrical. You can relax on the covered back porch and hear the river run and enjoy the wildlife. NO flood damage. \$284,000 #101121 or #101132



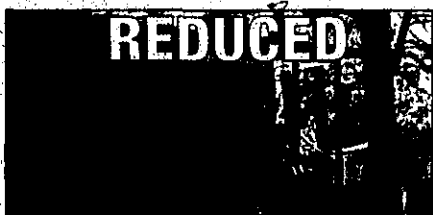
**FEATURE OF THE WEEK:**



**HOME BUILT BY DAVID AND JOHNNY JARRETT.** Plans and engineering by Judy and John Shaw. This quality built home is newly constructed and has approximately 3035 sq ft of heated area. This home offers 1 beds, 1 bath, a large open living area with dining and a beautiful rock fireplace. Lots of open space and cabinetry. 9 ceiling fans, an oversized double garage and a covered deck with a bar-b-q grill, refrigerator and a sink w/water. Call for a showing today! Listed at \$469,000 #104430



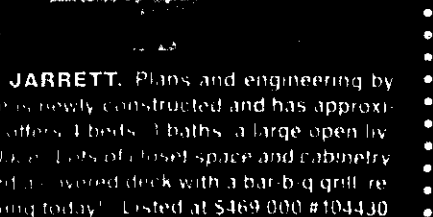
**MAGNIFICENT VIEWS!!!** - This 3 bdrm, 2 bath home has the perfect view of Sierra Blanca from the front and the Capitán Mountains from the back. Just recently connected to city water, but still has well. New plumbing fixture. Room for horses and space to ride. \$175,000 #102479



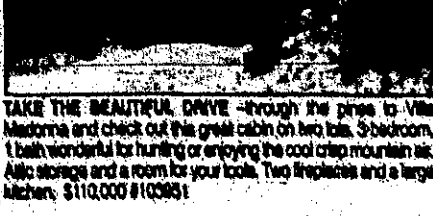
**REDUCED**



**VERY WELL KEPT,** - sparkling clean condo in the heart of Ruidoso. 2 bdrms, 2 baths. New thermal windows, great covered deck in front. Low condo fees! New vinyl siding, refrigerator, hot water heater. Huge rock fireplace in living room. Gas forced air heat. Some furnishings negotiable. No dogs allowed. Bring offers-owner anxious to sell due to health reasons. Reduced from \$135,000 to \$125,000 #104229



**TAKE THE BEAUTIFUL DRIVE** - through the pine to Villa Madonna and check out the great cabin on two lots. 3 bedroom, 1 bath wonderful for hunting or enjoying the cool crisp mountain air. All storage and a room for your tools. Two fireplaces and a large kitchen. \$110,000 #103851



**NEARLY DONE IMPROVED** - This 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1344 Sq. Ft. home has been thoughtfully built with quality materials, new vinyl flooring, wood paneling in living, dining and kitchen. Large front porch with beautiful views. Large kitchen island with granite counter tops. Full bath, central heating, central air conditioning, new roof, new paint, new carpeting, new appliances. Call today for a showing! \$110,000 #103851



**THE COE RANCH** - Established in 1892 following the Lincoln County War. The hacienda contains 8000+ square feet of living space, five bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths and is surrounded by beautiful gardens. The ranch consists of 258 acres more or less including 88 acres of water rights. The Rio Ruidoso River runs through the ranch and the ranch adjoins the Lincoln National Forest. Over 100 irrigated pastures containing more than 85 acres will provide plenty of feed for livestock. Included with the sale are many outbuildings, a double-wide manufactured home, a game room and all farming equipment. Offered at \$5,395,000 #102137



**UPPER CANYON LOG HOME** - OWNER MOTIVATED WILL CONSIDER OFFERS! Two lots 0.82 acres, three levels, 4 bdrms, 4 baths. Main living area has open kitchen/living room great for entertaining. Finishes include hand hewn hardwood floors, kitchen has granite counters, Kraftmaid cabinets, large center island with lots of storage. Stainless steel appliances by White Wolf, five-burner Kitchen-Aid cooktop. Radiant in-floor heating. Magnificent floor to ceiling stone fireplace. All the fine quality furnishings throughout the home were selected exclusively to enhance the log home charm. \$865,000 #102020



**LOCATED ON OVER AN ACRE** - In the middle of town with new some views, great year-round access this 3 bedroom house has a new roof, log siding, dual pane windows, new flooring, hot water heater, appliances, stainless cabinet tops, jacuzzi tub and an extended deck for fun entertaining. There is also a shop, huge carport with RV hookups & solar heat. Call for an appointment today. \$543,000 #104283 Owner/Agent



**LOCATED NEAR BLANCO** - This 40' X 80' metal barn w/16 skylights located on almost 3 acres has large skylight roof already installed. Good well w/200+ GPM. Horse and new double doors. OK Level and fenced on 3 sides. Easy access. \$198,500 #100873

WITH THE BUY

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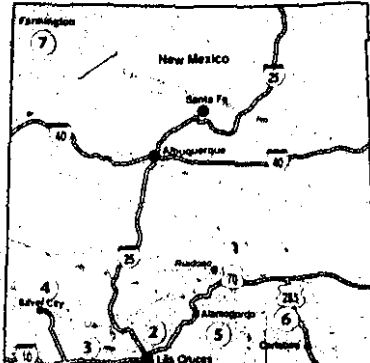
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Operational Consult-  
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Albuquerque, NM 88310,  
88310, (505) 437-8988.  
Mailed Bids should be  
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submitted envelope.  
Any questions should  
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Leonard, Project  
Manager, fax number  
(505) 437-0721, or  
e-mail address opcon-  
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I shall be the respon-  
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see that their bid is  
delivered to the  
Operational Consul-  
tants office by the  
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said bid is delayed  
beyond the opening  
date and time. Bid  
thus delayed will not  
be considered. A  
public opening will  
be held on January 21,  
2009 at 3:00 p.m. in  
the City of Ruidoso  
Public Schools. Inter-  
ested representatives  
are invited to attend.  
Bidding will be open  
until the scheduled for  
January 27, 2009.The Lincoln County  
Solid Waste Authority  
reserves the right to  
cancel or modify Bids  
submitted.LINCOLN COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE AU-  
THORITYDebra Ingle, Opera-  
tional Supervisor

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CITY OF  
RUIDOSO DOWNSNOTICE OF  
INTENTION  
TO ADOPT  
ORDINANCE  
No. 2009-02Notice is hereby given  
that the Governing  
Body of the City of  
Ruidoso Downs shall  
conduct a public  
hearing in conjunc-  
tion with the regular  
meeting scheduled for  
Monday, January 26,  
2009 to commence at  
5:30 p.m. City Hall  
Auditorium, Room 122  
Downs Drive, Ruidoso  
Downs for adopting  
the following Ordinance.ORDINANCE NO.  
2009-02AN ORDINANCE REPEALING  
ARTICLE 7 FLOOD  
HAZARD REGULATIONS  
THROUGH 9-7-20  
AND ENACTING  
NEW FLOOD HAZARD  
REGULATIONS 9-7-1  
THROUGH 9-7-21  
AND ENACTING  
ARTICLE 12 SUBDI-  
VISIONS 9-12-1  
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Article 7

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3351 Candalaria Road  
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(505) 881-8590The Owner reserves  
the right to reject any  
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best interest of the  
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STATE OF NEW  
MEXICO  
COUNTY OF  
LINCOLN  
DISTRICT COURTIN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
ERIK ALAN  
ESPINOZA GOMEZ  
FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME

No. CV-08-398

PETITION FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME

Petitioner alleges:

1. Petitioner is a  
person over the age of  
fourteen years, hav-  
ing resided in the  
County of Lincoln,  
New Mexico, since the  
20th day of April,  
1985. Petitioner is  
a resident of Lincoln  
County, New Mexico.

2. Petitioner desires



**Townhouses/Condominiums 342**

**1 & 2 BR**  
Furnished & Unfurnished  
Condos. Utilities Included.  
**257-2511**

**Townhouses/Condominiums 342**

**CONDO FOR RENT:**  
2 bdr, 1 1/2 bath.  
New Paint/Carpet, quiet neighborhood.  
\$650/mo. U-pay gas/electric. 1st/last & dep. req.  
**(575) 258-3283**

**Unfurn. Apts. - General 328**  
2 bdr, 1.5 ba, kit, fp, no pets. \$450/mo. On dep. req. 575-491-8087

**Townhouses/Condominiums 342**

For RENT - Eagle Creek West CONDO on Ski Run Road. 2 bdr, 2 ba, 1 1/2 bath, unfurnished. \$450 mo. plus utilities. Call James Paxton CENTURY 21 Aspen Real Estate 257-9057 or John Cornelius 937-0918

Full turn-out Hobbs Hill area 2bdr/2ba w/ appliances w/d, uti cable paid. \$950 mo. 837-640-5626

**CONDO FOR RENT!**  
6 mo. lease. Furnished, \$800/mo. Excellent Sierra Blanca views. References required. Call 575-257-4001

Newer 3 bdr, 2.5 ba, in Cree Meadows. 1 car garage, turn, w/d, walk-ins, to town. 6 mo. lease. 402-200-1010 leave message

Ruidoso News 257-4001

2 bdr, 2.5 ba, great to call. \$700/mo. \$500 dep. 937-6601

2 bdr/1.5 ba, FP, appls, INCL. water & gas. \$795 owner/agent 937-0513

2 bdr, 1.5 ba, kit, fp, no pets. \$450/mo. On Mechum. Dep. req. 575-491-8087

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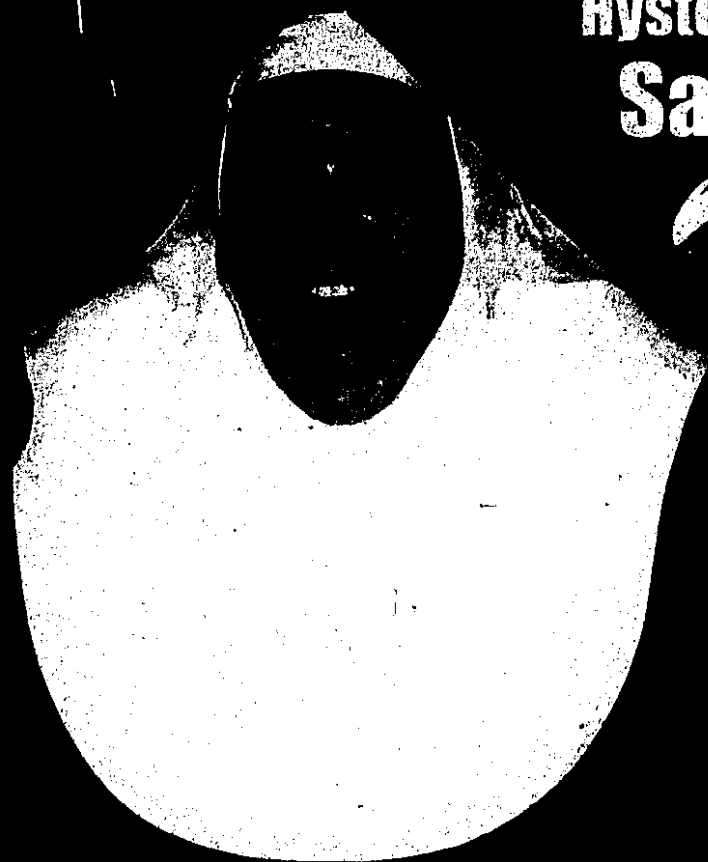
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Recently, astronauts voted on the top photographs taken by Hubble, in its 16-year journey so far:

Remarking in the article from the *Daily Mail*, reporter Michael Hanlon says the photos "illustrate that our universe is not only deeply strange, but also almost impossibly beautiful."

The Sombrero Galaxy – 28 million light years from Earth – was voted best picture taken by the Hubble telescope. The dimensions of the galaxy, officially called M104, are as spectacular as its appearance. It has 800 billion suns and is 50,000 light years across.

The Ant Nebula, a cloud of dust and gas whose technical name is Mz3, resembles an ant when observed using ground-based telescopes... The nebula lies within our galaxy between 3,000 and 6,000 light years from Earth.


In third place is Nebula NGC 2392, called "Eskimo" because it looks like a face surrounded by a

furry hood. The hood is, in fact, a ring of comet-shaped objects flying away from a dying star. Eskimo is 5,000 light years from Earth.

The remaining stunning photographs may be viewed at [http://qah.uni-](http://qah.uni-muenster.de/forum_thread.php?id=333)

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At left, No. 10, the Trifid Nebula, a "stellar nursery," 9,000 light years away, where new stars are born.



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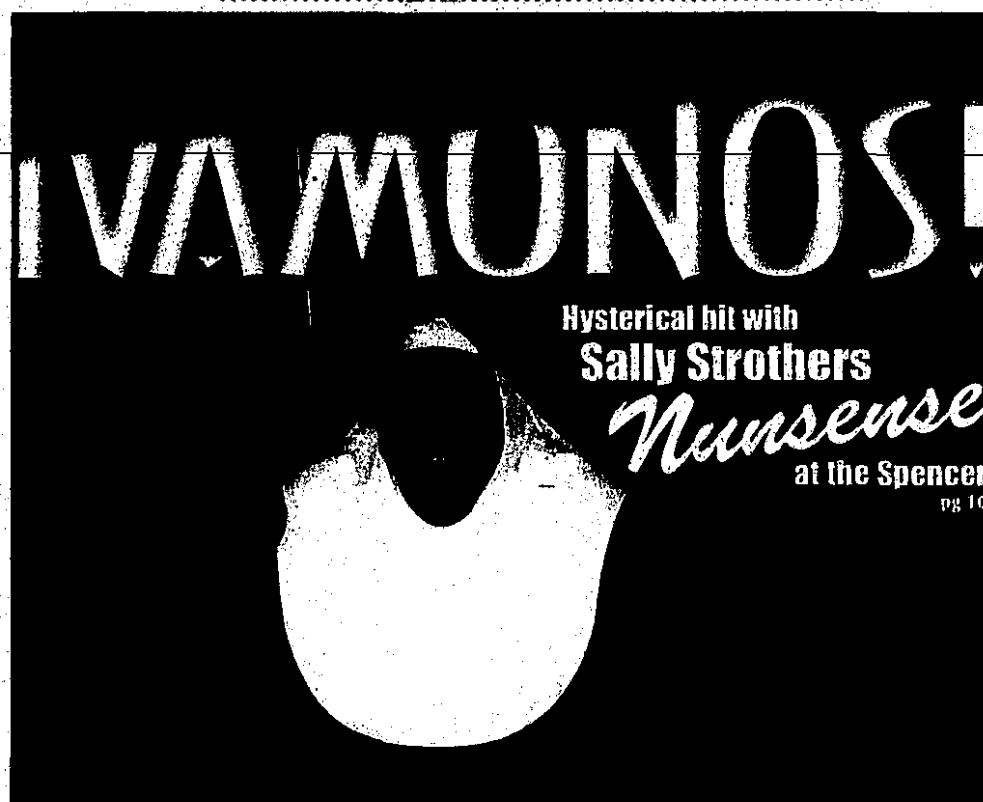
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BY HANNAH KASHMAR  
FOR VAMONOS

It's January ... and every RHS Drama student knows what that means. Drama Fest is in a mere five weeks away, Feb. 18-21.

Now, for those of you that are not theatre-minded, please permit me to explain. Drama Fest is held annually in Portales, and it is basically a gathering of drama students from across the state. Each drama club is permitted to bring one or two one-act (30- to 45-minute) plays to perform each night, which are enjoyed by the other students and critiqued by several guest judges.

During the day, there are many workshops that the students can take part in - comedic improv, lighting, makeup, costuming, dramatic improv and, of course, the ever-popular dance workshops. There's only one problem ... but more about that later.

This year, RHS drama instructor Georgene Inks' students are going to be taking two one-acts, a feat that has never been undertaken by RHS Drama students before. The first play is going to be a revival of *Masks, Love and Pirates*, the 30-minute swashbuckling fencing showcase that blew audiences' minds last November.

The other play that they are going to be taking is *Too Many Doctors*, based on a famous script by Moliere, *The Imaginary Invalid*. It is set in 17th-century France, and the actors will be using French accents and wearing clothing of the period. It's a show full of romance, sickness,

## Drama Fest

intrigue, deception, greed, and, yes, it is a farce - you are almost guaranteed to laugh.

I know you, the reader, must be wondering ... what about the problem mentioned earlier? What's the deal with that? Well, the problem is money. To take the cast of 28 actors all the way to Portales, the Drama Club is in need of \$6,000. How can you help, faithful reader? That's the next issue.

Don't worry, I'm not going to ask you to probe your couch cushions for spare change or cut a huge chunk out of your inheritance to give the entire amount to our cause. But if you would like to help the Drama Club go to Portales to take part in classes and show their fantastic plays, then by all means, go for it.

But one simple thing that you, the community, can do to help them go is by supporting them. Before they leave, they will be resurrecting *Masks, Love and Pirates* to see if they can pack the house and raise the money. Come see the show, enjoy the 30 minutes of hanging on the edge of your seat, and walk away with the fuzzy feeling in your heart that comes from knowing you helped 28 theatre kids travel to Portales.

If you would like more information on Drama Fest, upcoming shows or making donations, call Mrs. Inks at 575-258-4910, extension 239.

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Don't miss Nunsense Monday at the Spencer Theater. Story on page 10.

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## Calendar Highlights

### "Fort Stanton - An American Journey"

Jan. 9: (Ruidoso Downs) "Fort Stanton - An American Journey" opens at The Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso Downs. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, this display will be available through March 8.

### Nunsense

Jan. 12 (Alto) Nunsense starring Sally Struthers at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. (\$69 & \$66). This hit musical comedy with two-time Emmy star in the lead role helps one get in the habit of laughing. Nunsense, the hit musical comedy,

celebrates its 25th Anniversary with this special national tour starring Sally Struthers, the two-time Emmy Award winning actress. Brimming with mirth and side-splitting comedy, the production is under the direction of its original writer and director, Dan Goggin, a recipient of the Outer Critics' Circle Awards for Best Musical, Best Book and Best Music for Nunsense.

This zany evening of music and comedy begins as the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 fellow sisters. Money must be raised immediately for burials! The sisters decide that the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show. Here we meet Reverend Mother Regina, a former circus performer; Sister Mary Hubert, the Mistress of Novices; a streetwise nun named Sister Robert Anne; Sister Mary Leo, a novice who is a wannabe ballerina; and, the delightfully wacky Sister Mary Amnesia, the nun who lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head. Featuring star turns, tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz, and comic surprises, this show has become an international phenomenon

boasting more than 5,000 productions worldwide in more than 21 different languages.

### Cheech & Chong

Jan. 15: (Mescalero) Cheech & Chong Light Up America Tour at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino at 8 p.m. Cheech and Chong's Light Up America Tour is the duo's first tour together in more than 25 years, and this is their only stop in New Mexico. Successful beyond their wildest dreams, the iconic comedy duo defined an era with their hilariously irreverent, satirical, counter-culture, no-holds-barred comedy routines. Cheech and Chong are sure to make you laugh out loud with their irresistible blend of irreverent humor. Tickets start at \$25. Doors open at 7:30. You must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets on sale now at Ticketmaster or you may call 1-888-324-0348.

### Acoustic Eidolon

Jan. 16: (Tularosa) Coffee & More, at 308 Granado St. in Tularosa, presents the entertaining duo Acoustic Eidolon. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with the show at 7 for \$20. Concert only is \$12. Call for reservations at 575-585-4575, as seating is limited.

### "Wonders of the Weavers"

Jan. 23-May 3: (Ruidoso Downs) Nineteenth century Rio Grande weavings from the collection of the Albuquerque Museum will be exhibited in the Hubbard Museum's Mezzanine Gallery. Hispanic weavings are the epitome of Southwestern art and culture. This collection of 37 Hispanic Rio Grande textiles (blankets, frazada, jergas and colchas) brings together a variety of Rio Grande styles developed between 1820 and 1900 and emphasizes weavings from the Chimayo and Albuquerque areas, the historic center of the Rio Grande weaving industry. After 1598, Spanish entradas into the Rio Grande Valley brought the first sheep into the region. They also brought professional weavers from Spain who introduced the horizontal treadle loom.

### The Pajama Game

Jan. 26: (Alto) The Pajama Game at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. (\$69 & \$66). Bright and riotously funny, the all-new production of the Tony Award-winning Broadway smash hit, The Pajama Game, is contemporary musical theater comedy at its very best.

In this fast-paced, frisky tale, the feisty employee representative Babe Williams and handsome factory superintendent Sid

Sorkin are on opposite sides of heated negotiations when they suddenly find themselves also having to negotiate the racy affair that is quickly heating up between them.

The high-energy score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross brims with popular hits and musical theater standards such as "Hey There," "Steam Heat" and the hilarious "Hernando's Hideaway" that will keep you humming all the way home. The Pajama Game stars an outstanding cast of professional singers, dancers and orchestra musicians with Phoenix Entertainment, the stellar production company that previously presented Man of La Mancha and Gypsy to Spencer audiences.

For reservations, phone the Spencer Theater Box Office at 336-4800.

### Disabled Skier Auction

Jan. 31: (Mescalero) Ski Apache Disabled Skier Silent Auction at the Inn of the Mountain Gods from 6 to 9 p.m. This annual event in support of the Ski Apache Adaptive Skiers Program is a must-attend event for locals and visitors alike. Hundreds, if not thousands, of items are donated annually to raise money for this great program. Admission is \$1. For more information call 575-336-4416, or visit [www.ruidoso.net/skiapache](http://www.ruidoso.net/skiapache).

### Creedence Clearwater Revisited

Feb. 5: (Mescalero) Creedence Clearwater Revisited in concert at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino at 8 p.m. Stu Cook and Doug "Cosmo" Clifford may not have intended it, but their band Creedence Clearwater Revisited has taken on a startling life of its own. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame rhythm section (bass and drums respectively) from the legendary group Creedence Clearwater Revival launched the Creedence Clearwater Revisited project in 1995 to once again perform live Creedence Clearwater Revival hits - touchstones of a generation. Though the pair initially only planned to play private parties, Creedence Clearwater Revisited now performs up to 100 shows a year and has released the album *Recollection*. Ticket prices are \$75, \$60, \$50, \$40 and \$25. Order tickets from Ticketmaster.com.

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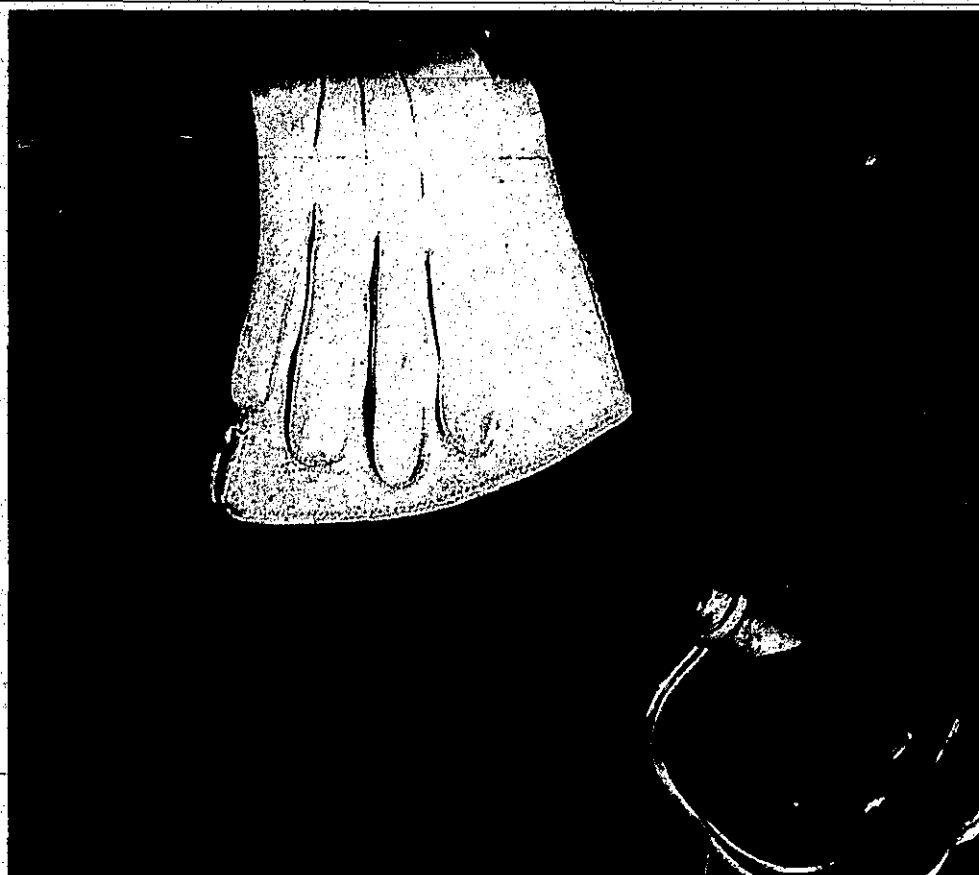
January 10 - Jim McBride presentation on  
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at 1:00 pm  
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LET'S GO!

# Fort Stanton comes to the Hubbard



1855 to the present day.

"We are especially pleased to present this exhibit about one of our sister attractions in Lincoln County," commented Jay Smith, director of the Hubbard Museum. "Fort Stanton is an amazing place with history dating back to prehistoric times through the Indian Wars and its use as a public hospital. We wanted to highlight the breadth of the Fort's history, especially in light of its recent inclusion in the State Monument system."

Fort Stanton was originally built as a military fort to protect settlers from various depredations and it saw action until its closure in 1896. In 1899, the Fort was reopened as a hospital for Merchant Marines by the Public Health Service. The Fort Stanton reservation was also used as CCC camp during the depression, and an internment camp for German non-

combatants (and later for German prisoners) during World War II.

The State of New Mexico took over the site in 1953, and used it as hospital before the State Department of Cultural Affairs named it as a State Monument in 2007.

"We are especially excited to present this exhibit because it represents a unique partnership among various entities and individuals including the Department of Cultural Affairs, Historic Lincoln, Fort Stanton Inc., and many individuals that have stepped forward to assist with the exhibit, including local historian Lynda Sanchez.

"While we cannot possibly tell the entire story of Fort Stanton in a single exhibit, we hope to draw more attention to the facility in its quest for rehabilitation and preservation for the long term," commented Smith.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West is located at 841 Highway 70 West, and is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission to the museum is \$6 for adults, and reduced admission is available for senior citizens and youth.

The Hubbard Museum of the American West opens its new exhibit, "Fort Stanton: An Amer-

ican Journey," today, Jan. 9.

Running through March 8, the Hubbard Museum will present the

exhibit featuring the history of Fort Stanton. The exhibit features artifacts and photographs original to the Fort from its inception in

## Also at the Hubbard

The Hubbard Museum is pleased to present a special program from author James McBride about the German Internment camp that existed at Fort Stanton from 1941-1945.

During World War II, a chain of coincidental events led to the defention of the crew of the SS Columbus, a German luxury liner, at the abandoned CCC camp at Fort Stanton, New Mexico. The program chronicles the life of the internees during the

War, and how the camp came to exist at Fort Stanton. The program will be held in the Johnny & Marty Cope Learning Center at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10.

James McBride is the author of *Interned: Internment of the SS Columbus Crew at Fort Stanton, New Mexico, 1941-1945*. Books will be available for purchase and for the author to sign at the event.

The program coincides with a special exhibit that

runs from Jan. 9 through March 8, about the history of Fort Stanton. (See story above.)

"We are especially pleased to present this program," commented Jay Smith, director of the Hubbard Museum. "James McBride has written several books about Fort Stanton, and he is one of the authorities on the history of Fort Stanton. The German internment camp at Fort Stanton represents an interesting and unique chapter of local and national history, from the capture of the SS

Columbus to the internment camp experience for the German sailors." There is no fee to attend the presentation, other than normal admission fees. Members of the Hubbard Museum receive free entry to the Museum and the program.

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by  
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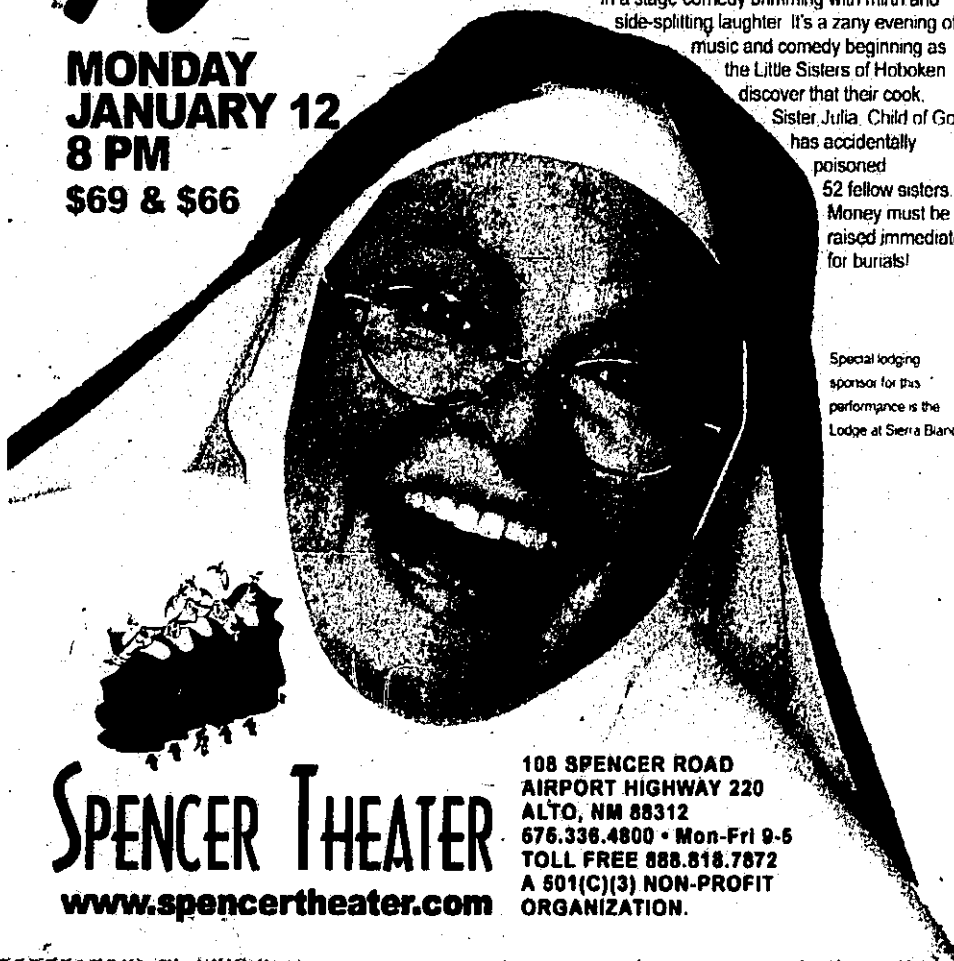


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- Y Alcoholic beverages served
- R Reservations required or suggested
- V Vegetarian friendly

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## CUISINE

# Apple cookies

This week's recipe was given to me by a dear friend, Mozelle Harkey, who lived well into her 90s.

Mozelle was a retired nurse and an area ranch woman. In her later years, she was my neighbor. She had many hobbies. She shared many ideas with me, including cooking and baking tips. I miss Mozelle.



## Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez

and 1 teaspoon cinnamon.

In a large bowl, beat 3/4 cup shortening, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup white sugar, 2 eggs and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Into this mixture, alternate portions of the buttermilk and the flour mixture. Lastly, fold in the grated apple, raisins, and nuts.

I then spray my Teflon-coated cookie sheets with baking spray. I drop

mounds of dough (golfball size) on a cookie sheet. I bake the cookies for 20 minutes or so. When the cookies are baked, each cookie measures up to 3 inches wide. About a dozen cookies can be made with this recipe.

This year, I made only one resolution: to back up (on a timely manner) all my computer documents and photographs unto a portable hard drive. It was a sad day when the computer repair man began using computer lingo like "motherboard" and such. But where there's a will there's a way, and I bring to you this recipe via the loan of a computer while mine is in the "hospital."





# Dining Guide

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**Palm Side** • 905 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8644.

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**Pizza Patio** • 2203 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-9633.

## Ruidoso / Lincoln County

## Bar-B-Que

**Apache Summit** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at Inn of the Mountain Gods next to pro shop • 464-7695. **Y**

**Can't Stop Smokin'** • 418 Mechem Dr. • 630-0000 • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, poultry & pork.

**Circle J Barbecue** • 1825 Sudderth • 257-4105 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

**Tom's Barbecue** • 435 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • 937-1515 • Spare ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, green chile burger and all the trimmin's • Dine in or carry out • Catering available.

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**Atticus Books & Teahouse** • 413 Mechem • 257-2665 • 32 varieties of tea, plus European pressure and pressed coffee, homemade scones, fresh lemon curd and clotted cream • 10:30-7 p.m., closed Tue

Entertainment on Saturdays.

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

**Calamity Jane's** • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • 354-8309 •

**Cornerstone Bakery Café** • 359 Sudderth • 257-1842 • 8-11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. daily • Gourmet sandwiches, desserts, fresh breads, coffee. **V**

**Daylight Donuts** • 441 Sudderth • 257-7155 • 5 a.m.-noon, Mon-Sat. • Fresh donuts, coffee, pastries • Dine in or carry out.

**Dreamcatcher Café** • 2629 Sudderth, in the Courtyard in Midtown by Kawliga's • 802-2222 • Sun-Thu, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m. • Breakfast, lunch, dinner, smoothies, coffee • live music. **Hummingbird Tearoom** • 2306 Sudderth in The Plaza • 257-5100 • Mon-Sat, Breakfast 7:30-10:30; Lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sun, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. • Soup & sandwiches. **V**

**Kiss The Skyy Cafe** • 2111 Sudderth • Carry-out only; all menu items \$6.50 • Sandwiches, soups, salads and homemade bread • 973-8158.

**River's Edge** • 2404 Sudderth • 630-5394 • Mon-Sat, 10:30-5; Sun, 11:30-5; • Custom-made sandwich wraps, freshly made desserts. **V**

**Roy's Ice Cream Parlor** • 1200 Avenue E, Carrizozo • 648-2921 • Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 12-6 • Old-fashioned ice cream sodas, milkshakes, malts, banana splits & other fountain treats.

**Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House** • 2825 Sudderth • 257-2273 • Mon-Sat, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. • Sandwiches, quiches, organic coffee, espresso bar. **V**

**Sunflower Café** • 806 Carrizo Canyon Rd. • 630-0173 • Thu-Sun, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. • Homestyle meals, fresh baked goods, customized catering. **V**

**The Village Buttery** • 2107 Sudderth • 257-9251 • Soups, sandwiches, salads; great pies and cookies; patio. • Mon-Sat, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. **V**

**Zocca Coffee & Tea** • 1129 Mechem Dr., Suite E • 258-1445 • Sun, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mon-Thu, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; Authentic Italian espresso, coffee, teas, ice cream, variety of fresh-baked pastries and paninis; complimentary Wi-Fi **V**

## Casual Dining

**All American Diner** • 390 Sudderth Dr. • Mexican and American specialties • Daily, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-8625.

**All Star Diner** • 340 Sudderth Dr. • Charbroiled steaks, chops, burgers and chicken, plus Mexican specialties • 7 a.m.-9 p.m., daily.

**Big Game Bar & Grill** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. inside Casino Apache at Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero • 464-7880. **Y**

**Billy's Sports Bar & Grill** • at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino • 378-4431.

**Cattle Baron** • 657 Sudderth • 257-9355 • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. • Steak, seafood, salad bar, lounge. **Y**

**Cree Meadows Restaurant** • 301 Country Club • 257-2733 • Mon-Sat, breakfast 7 a.m.-11 a.m.; lunch 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Sunday • Steak, seafood, lounge, banquet room. **Y**

**Denny's** • 2219 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 378-1389 • Open 24/7.

**Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers** • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 (old Taste Freeze) • Carrizozo • 648-4200 • Burgers, enchiladas, chicken & steak fingers, salads, soft serve ice cream. Patio seating. **V**

**Emily's Southern Accent** • 320 E. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • 354-5459 • Mon-Sat, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; also Fri, 5-8 p.m.

**Farley's Food Fun & Pub** • 1200 Mechem • 258-5676 • Mon-Fri, 11:30 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sat, 11 a.m.-1 a.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-12 a.m. • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio. **Y**

**Four Winds Restaurant** • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • 648-2964 • Mon-Sun, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods, lounge. **Y**

**Gathering of Nations Buffet** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • 464-7872 • American, Italian, Asian and Mexican cuisine.

**Horsemen's Grill** • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • 354-1447.

**K-BOB's** • 157 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4747. **V Y**

**Landlocked** • 441 Mechem • 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 12-8 p.m. **V Y**

**Lincoln County Grill** • 2717 Sudderth • 257-7669 • Open 7 Days, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. **Y**

**Log Cabin** • 1074 Mechem • 258-5029.

**Lucy & Ethel's** • 1009 Mechem • 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • 630-1221.

**Outpost Bar & Grill** • Family Dining • Closed Monday and Tuesday • 415 Central, Carrizozo • 648-9994. **Y**

**Picnics Deli** • Deli, dine-in restaurant, take-out and delivery • 127 Rio Street • 257-2200 • Mon-Thu, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. **Y**

**Schlitzky's Deli** • 2812 Sudderth • 257-7811 • Open 10:30 a.m. daily. **V**

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**Hall of Flame Burgers** • 2500 Sudderth, in Four Seasons Mall • 257-9987 • Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat-Sun, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Burgers, steak tacos, salads **V**

**KFC of Ruidoso** • 331 Sudderth • 257-2119 • Open 7 Days • Dining room & drive-thru Sup-Thu, 10:30

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a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat, drive-thru 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.  
**McDonald's** • 144 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso • 257-7547.

**Mr. Burger** • 1203 Mechem • 258-3616 • 7 a.m.-8 p.m. daily; Sun, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Sonic Drive-In** • 102 Horton Circle • 257-4787 • 7 Days a week, 7 a.m.-11 p.m.

**Subway** • 148 Sudderth • 257-7827 • 8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily • Breakfast served until 11 a.m.

**Taco Bell** • 654 Sudderth • 257-4246 • Mon-Wed, 10 a.m.-1 a.m.; Thu-Sun, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Fine Dining

**Ellis Store Country Inn** • Hwy. 380 MM 98, Lincoln • 800-653-6460 • Gourmet dinners • Mon-Sat • Reservations only. Y

**Hennington's Grille & Tavern** • at the Swiss Chalet on Mechem/Hwy 48 • 258-3152 • Steaks, seafood, pizza and more • Open for breakfast and dinner, Wed-Sun.

**Le Bistro** • 2800 Sudderth Dr. • Steak and seafood with French flair • Lounge downstairs • 257-0132. Y

**Morsels** • 2919 Sudderth Dr. • 630-0113.

**Texas Club Bar & Grill** • 212 Metz Dr. • Ruidoso • 258-3325. Y

**Tinnie Silver Dollar** • 28 miles east of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70 in Tinnie • Steakhouse and saloon, lunch & dinner daily, champagne brunch Sundays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • 653-4425. Y

**Wendell's** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • 464-7842 • Featuring steaks, seafood and hand-crafted desserts • Open daily, 6:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Y

**Willmon's Prime Grille** • 2523 Sudderth Dr. • 257-2954 • Featuring prime steaks, seafood and an extensive wine list • Reservations accepted Mon-Sat, 5:30-9 p.m. Y

## Mexican Food

**Casa Blanca** • 501 Mechem • 257-2495 • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily • New Mexican cuisine, lounge. Y

**Chef Lupe's** • 1101 Sudderth • 257-4687 • Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-midnight • Traditional Mexican food, American & seafood specialties, menudo. Y

**Chileo's** • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4033 • 7 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Y

**Disco Taco** • 141 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 378-4224 • 8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily. • A "disco" is a steel disc used for Mexican "barbecue" • Authentic Mexican food. Y

**El Camino Nuevo** • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312 • 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. Y

**El Localito** • 2415 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso • 257-8448.

**El Paisano** • 442 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 354-2206. Y

**El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant** • 721 Mechem • 257-0279 • Open Mon-Sat, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

**El Rincon De Las Salsas** • 2117 Sudderth Dr., Gazebo Center, Ruidoso • 630-8050 • Mexican and seafood specialties • Open 7 days, 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Y

**Jorge's Café** • 2064 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 378-9804.

**La Sierra** • 100 Lake Shore • Authentic Mexican and seafood specialties • 575-336-4673.

**Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant & Entertainment Club** • Corner of Eagle and Sudderth Drives in Midtown • 257-8754 • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Y

**Paradise Café** • 310 Sudderth Dr. • 257-0280.

**Peña's Place** • 2963 Sudderth • 257-4135 • Thu-Tue, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Old Road Restaurant** • 692 Old Road, Mescalero • 464-4674 • Tue-Sun, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Olé Tacos** • 319 Sudderth • 257-5040

**Rio Taco** • 2117 Sudderth • 257-6222 • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. • Real Mexican flavor.

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**Café Rio** • 2547 Sudderth Dr. • 257-7746 • 11:20

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**Domino's Pizza** • 1717 Sudderth • 257-8888 • Mon-Thu, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-midnight; Sun, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

**Michelenas** • 2703 Sudderth • 257-5753 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Y

**Pasta Café** • 2331 Sudderth • 257-6666 • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; lounge open until 1:30 a.m. Y

**Pizza Hut** • 725 Sudderth Dr. • 257-5161 • 1201 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso • 258-3033. Y

**Santino's Italian Restaurant** • 2823 Sudderth • 257-7540. Y

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**Great Wall of China** • 2913 Sudderth Dr. • 257-2522. Y

**Yee's** • 633 Sudderth • 257-5888 • Chinese, eat in or take out • Daily, 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

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LET'S GO!

# Albuquerque Youth Orchestra



The Albuquerque Youth Orchestra, under the direction of Sayra Siverson, will give a concert in Alamogordo at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts on Friday, Jan. 16, at 7:30 p.m. Admission to the concert is free.

At the concert, the Albuquerque Youth Orchestra will perform the Overture to "The Magic Flute" by Mozart, "Tune in a Popular London Style" by Grainger, "Paradiso" by William K. Smith,

Symphony No. 2 by Borodin and "Peer Gynt Suite" by Grieg.

Sayra Siverson returns to the podium in her eighth season as Conductor for the Albuquerque Youth Orchestra. She is known for her passionate musicianship and versatile baton technique, as well as her connection with players and audiences.

She has been noted for her dedication to creative programming and her focus on

educational outreach. Along with her regular season performances and tours, she is active in the community life of Albuquerque, acting as a guest conductor, adjudicator and clinician at local schools and music events.

The Albuquerque Youth Orchestra is one of six honor orchestras in the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Program. The Albuquerque Youth Orchestra is a full symphony orchestra made up of 90 high

school students who come from public, private, parochial and home schools within a 50-mile radius of Albuquerque.

The students must audition to secure their place in the orchestra, and attend a three-hour rehearsal each week.

In addition, each musician maintains membership in his or her individual school orchestra or band.



## THEATRE

# Don't miss this one

Everyone has a hidden passion that's seemingly contrary, or even complimentary, to their vocational life – even a Roman Catholic nun!

In *Nunsense*, the hit musical comedy starring Sally Struthers, the stage and screen star and two-time Emmy Award-winning actress, it's actually an order of surviving nuns who decide to showcase their closeted talents in a desperate attempt to raise money for secret burials.

This zany, side-splitting comedy – a winner of the Outer Critics' Circle Awards for Best Musical, Best Book and Best Music – takes center stage at the Spencer Theater for a one-night-only performance on Monday, Jan. 12, at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$69 and \$66; call the Spencer Box Office at 575-336-4800 or visit [www.spencertheater.com](http://www.spencertheater.com) for tickets. (Gift certificates are also available).

Called "a hail of fun and frolic" by *The New York Times*, *Nunsense* is on its celebratory 25th anniversary tour under the direction of its original writer and director, Dan Goggin. The venerable Struthers (best known for her role as "Gloria" in the ground-breaking sitcom "All In The Family") has been performing the lead role since the anniversary tour began this past fall.

The wacky happenings in *Nunsense* begin when the Little Sisters of Hoboken, N.J., discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has acciden-

tally poisoned 52 fellow sisters with a tainted batch of vichyssoise.

The toxic soup wipes out nearly the entire convent.

The surviving sisters (who happened to be away at a bingo tournament the night of the unfortunate feeding) bury the nuns, but must place four of the deceased sisters in the freezer after the burial funds run out.

A kooky idea unfolds: why not put on a variety show that features each of their moth-balled, pre-sisterhood, wannabe stage talents?

Here we meet Reverend Mother Regina, a former circus performer; Sister Mary Hubert, the Mistress of Novices; a streetwise nun named



**Award-winning comic actor Sally Struthers stars as the Reverend Mother in Dan Goggin's hit, *Nunsense*. This is laugh-a-minute show which is coming to the Spencer Theater for a one-night-only tour stop on Monday, Jan. 12.**

Sister Robert Anne; Sister Mary Leo, a novice who is a wannabe ballerina; and the delightfully wacky Sister Mary Amnesia, the nun who lost her memory when a crucifix fell on her head.

Featuring star turns, tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz and comic surprises, this show has become an international phenomenon boasting more than 5,000 productions worldwide in more than 21 different languages.


Struthers has been hailed as a seasoned pro with "hints of brilliance" in her role as the Reverend Mother. The actress, who has also starred in *Grease* and *The Odd Couple – The Female Version* as

well as the 20th anniversary revival of *Annie*, is also known for her dramatic roles in the films *Five Easy Pieces* and *The Getaway*.

But, having made her debut on "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour," it is the comedic roles for which she's won acclaim, most notably her Emmy Award-winning performances as the character

Gloria in "All In The Family," which co-starred Carroll O'Connor, Jean Stapleton and Rob Reiner. (The series ranked No. 4 in *TV Guide's* "50 Greatest TV Shows of All Time").

Check out this performance icon (and all the talented sisters) in *Nunsense* at the Spencer. You'll be grateful for the belly laughs.



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FILM

# The Book of Eli

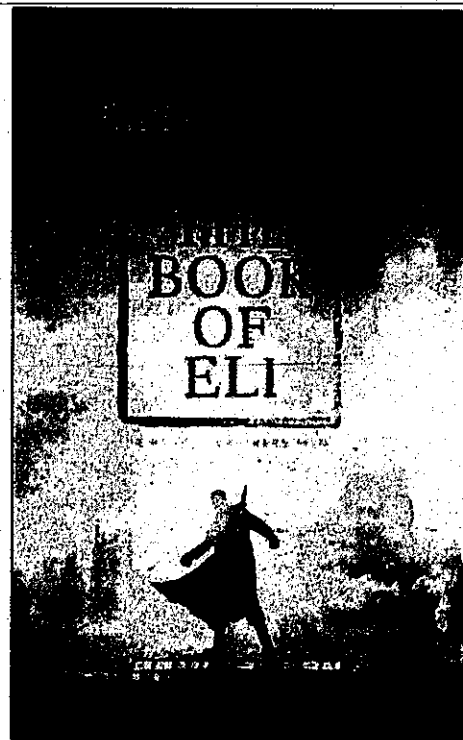
BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR VAMONOS

A post-apocalyptic Western movie starring Denzel Washington will film in Carrizozo for six days in March with site construction having already begun.

The movie, *The Book of Eli*, has a storyline that finds a lone man (Washington) fighting his way across America in order to protect a sacred book that holds the secrets to the survival of the human race.

Set for release in January 2010, this futuristic thriller is directed by filmmaking duo Albert and Allen Hughes (*From Hell* and *Dead Presidents*). Gary Oldman, Mila Kunis and Ray Stevenson co-star in the Warner Bros. production.

The original screenplay is by Gary Whitta, an English screenwriter, author, game designer and video games journalist. Among long-time video game enthusiasts, he is known as the former editor-in-chief of both the UK and US editions of *PC Gamer* magazine and a contributor to one of the



first gaming magazines, ACE.

Whitta has written a number of screenplays and TV episodes, among them are movie scripts and TV episodes for "Star Trek: Voyager" and "Futurama." In March 2007, Whitta announced that his science fiction script, *The Book of Eli*, had been purchased by Warner Bros. to be produced by Hollywood film producer Joel Silver.

Silver is well-known as an aficionado of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, so he

may well find an extra lure to Carrizozo with its many homes influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright's prairie-style houses and built by architect Frank English.

Location Manger Michael Dellheim gave a presentation to the Carrizozo mayor, trustees and audience in Tuesday

council meeting.

Dellheim said he had searched around New Mexico for the perfect place to transform an area into a post-nuclear, deserted sort of setting and fell immediately for Carrizozo. A block on 12th Street, between 4th and 5th Avenue, was selected, "fitting all the needs of the project," he said.

Dellheim presented a model of what that one block will look like after construction crews make adjustments to the structures with false fronts and the creation of "buildings" in the vacant areas.

"We needed a movie theatre and we did look hard at the old Lyric Theater," he said. "But it just wasn't big enough." Some filming will take place inside the newly created theatre that will be built next to the current

Yucca Bar building.

The actual filming will take place March 3-6 and 9-10, but preliminary site work began on the set in December, with two weeks off for the holidays, and then the return of a full construction crew on Jan. 5.

Dellheim has a long history in New Mexico, where he lives, for working as the location liaison or manager. Going as far back as 1986, when he worked in securing the location for *The Milagro Beanfield War* and later *Lonesome Dove*, *Young Guns II*, *Roswell*, *The Missing*, *White Sands*, *Bordertown*, *No Country for Old Men*, *Swing Vote* and many in between.

"That block will undergo a significant transformation to fill in the empty lots and create the facades and fronts, adjust the structures,

and painting etc.," said Dellheim. The first wave of construction brought in 20-25 people with the construction shop being set up in the former Sierra Blanca Brewery building on the next block. "The big invasion will be in January with up to 140 people working on the sets."

Dellheim said they would book the local motels but the overflow will likely stay in Alamogordo and commute.

"We selected Alamogordo for the easier commute should the weather get bad," he explained. "It was for safety reasons as many of the people coming to work are from areas where there is no ice and snow and they have no skills for driving in inclement weather."

There will not be a huge amount of wholesale

hiring for the project Dellheim explained, because most of the acting jobs along with the carpenter work are union help. "We will do a casting call here one Saturday, probably in January, for extras and the kind of help we can hire." He said there would also be jobs for site security, and other jobs like that where locals would be hired.

Spectators will be able to view much of the filming as the bulk of it will be outdoors. "We will have shooting, gunfire, actors falling off buildings and that kind of action," Dellheim said.

The movie will be in its fourth week of filming when the crew arrives in Carrizozo. Filming is also taking place in Santa Fe, the old state prison, Cochiti Pueblo and at White Sands.



Set construction has resumed in Carrizozo for the feature movie *The Book of Eli*, set to begin local filming in March. Photo by Julie Carter.

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# Horror at Centralia, part 4

Sergeant Tom Goodman had been taken prisoner along with 23 other Union men at Centralia, Mo., when they had the bad luck to fall into the hands of the most hated and feared of the Confederate guerrillas:

Bloody Bill Anderson.

It was only a twist of fate that spared Goodman the violent end that the others suffered. He was separated from the group because Anderson thought there was a possibility that he could be exchanged for Cave Wyatt, a guerrilla sergeant who had been taken prisoner a few days earlier.

Goodman was forced to watch as the other men were killed. They had been stripped of their clothing, lined up and simply shot down. He watched in horror as pistols roared and men fell, some dying instantly, others writhing in agony.

Goodman's friend Val Peters, a huge man, had fought back, naked and streaming blood, until an almost unbelievable 20 bullets tore his body apart. Because he had fought back so desperately, the Bushwhackers, as the guerrillas were known, seemed not to take the pleasure in his death that they did the other soldiers.

The Bushwhackers ordered the train engineer

## Post Tense

by Drew Gomer  
Historian



to set the throttle, tie down the whistle, and jump out when they ordered him to do so. They set fire to the train and sent it speeding toward the town of Sturgeon. Anderson walked his horse over to the rest of

the passengers, standing dazed at the side of the track, attempting to absorb the horror of what had just happened.

"Anyone care for a drink?" he asked. One brave soul stepped forward – he had to have realized that he was as likely to get a bullet as a drink – and Anderson handed him a bottle. The fellow took a quick swig and handed it back. As Anderson began to turn his horse away, one of the women asked, "Can we go on with our trip?" Bloody Bill glared at her. "Go on to Hell, for all I care," he said, and proceeded to lead his Bushwhackers out of Centralia, with Goodman in tow, still wearing only his long johns.

## Retreat

Goodman was still in shock, which was just as well. Many of the guerrillas still wanted to kill him and were taunting him at every opportunity. Goodman wisely remained silent and stoic. All he could do was listen to his two guards dis-

cussing their confusion at why Anderson had allowed him to live this long.

Suddenly, a rider galloped up, and the guerrillas' attention was diverted from Goodman. Goodman realized that Union troops were approaching and there was going to be a battle. His hopes rose as he began to think that perhaps there was a chance of escape ...

The Union troops were commanded by Major "Ave" Johnston of the 39th Missouri Federals and they were approaching rapidly. Johnston had nothing but contempt for the guerrillas and felt that when they were confronted by a large body of troops they would either surrender or flee.

He was wrong, of course. Tragically so, as it turned out.

Armed with Enfield rifles, Johnston felt that he and his men could simply pick the guerrillas off at a distance. The Bushwhackers were pistol fighters and had to get in close to be effective. A local man pointed out to him that the Bushwhackers were well trained "and desperate," but Johnston was intent on his own folly.

Johnston sent out an advance guard of 25 skirmishers to flush any Bushwhackers who might be waiting in ambush. After about a mile they spied 10 guerrillas who appeared to be doing just that.

The guerrillas immediately retreated, followed by the advance guard and

then Johnston and the main body.

Again and again, the Bushwhackers would pause to fire a volley of revolver shots and then continue retreating. Johnston actually shouted, "Wait for us you damned cowards!" He failed to note the fact that he was being led into an area surrounded by small, but ever-deepening ravines on either side of them and that there was more and more brush.

From a ridge, Johnston looked down at an open plain that sloped gently toward a stand of trees a quarter mile away. From those trees, a line of Bushwhackers emerged, moving at a slow walk. When he saw that there were only about 80 of them, Johnston was elated. He had them – or so he thought.

Realizing that the Bushwhackers were about to make a mounted charge, Johnston made a fatal mistake. He ordered his men to dismount (except for 23 who he sent to the rear with the horses). Deploying the rest of his men (about 90 of them) in a row about 150 yards long, Johnston confidently told them to fix bayonets in case any of the guerrillas escaped the volleys he intended to fire.

He really thought that he could take them out from a long-range position. Upon seeing this, one of the Bushwhackers actually observed, "My God, the Lord have mercy on them. They are dismounting to

fight."

To fight the Bushwhackers on foot was suicide. They were probably the finest heavy cavalry that ever lived, and their main tactic was to rush in and attack the enemy at close – very close – range.

Anderson rode up and down his line of men and instructed them to "break through their line and keep straight on for their horses." He then rode out in front, took off his hat, raised it, and gave it a twirl. Up and down the line the sound of pistols cocking could be heard. Anderson then spurred his horse forward at a slow walk, and his men followed.

Johnston, elated because he thought that this was going to be an easy victory, was waiting until they reached a range of about 300 yards – where his Enfields could be effective.

Everything seemed perfect to Johnston until a second line of men suddenly emerged from the trees on his left, then another on his right – his blood had to have frozen when he realized the magnitude of his blunder.

At that moment, Anderson screamed, "Charge!" and all hell broke loose. Johnston's soldiers fired a ragged volley and began retreating, but it was too late. The Bushwhackers were thundering toward them in an "avalanche of death." They tore through the panicked Union line like a hot knife through butter, heading for

the Union horses. Many Federals attempted to flee, but were simply run down and killed at close range. It was a nightmare from which Johnston – or his men – could not escape.

Some of the Federals attempted to valiantly fight back with their bayonets, but they didn't have a chance. Many begged for mercy, but not Johnston. He stood, erect and alone, brave to the last.

He had made a mistake and led his men into a trap, but no man could call him a coward. He calmly emptied his revolver before being shot down.

Reportedly it was Jesse James who administered the coup de grace.

A few Union men were still alive, and hoped for mercy. But there was none.

**Next:** The end of Centralia and Tom Goodman's fate

**SOURCES:** *Bloody Bill Anderson*, by Albert Castel and Thomas Goodrich; *Bloody Dawn* and *Black Flag*, both by Thomas Goodrich.

Drew Gomer is a professional historian and author of several books on the American Civil War. He is currently working on a book about the Centralia massacre.



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**Fruit of the Trees Gallery** • Highway 380 in Lincoln • 653-4699.

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## Ruidoso Area

**The Adobe** • 2905 Sudderth • 257-5795 • www.theadobefineart.com • Fine art, jewelry, decoratives.

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**David H. Townsend Library Gallery** • New Mexico State University-Alamogordo campus, 2400 Scenic Dr. • 439-3630 • Sunday - Friday • Monthly exhibit.

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

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## Tularosa

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

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# A true Cosmic Diary

As has been mentioned in this feature for the past couple of weeks, this new year of 2009 has been designated as the International Year of Astronomy. This is being done to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first astronomical usage of a telescope by the Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei.

Those early observations by Galileo – the

## In Our Skies

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phases of Venus, the satellites of Jupiter, the determination that the glow of light called the "Milky Way" is actually made up of multitudes of distant stars – helped enormously in shaping our understanding of the structure of the surrounding universe and of our

place within it.

In keeping with the overall mission of the IYA, numerous educational and outreach programs are

being planned at the international, national, and local levels throughout the entire year, all with the goal of sharing the beauty and majesty of the universe with the inhabitants of planet Earth.

A description of these various programs can be found at the IYA's Web site, <http://www.astronomy2009.org>.

This author is personally involved in one of these IYA projects. While the discoveries that are made about the universe are exciting and fascinating, it should be remembered that, ultimately, these discoveries are made by people.

It has been this author's experience – and, certainly, many of those in the scientific profession – that among the general public there exist numerous misperceptions and stereotypes about those who engage in scientific pursuits.

Perhaps these misperceptions and stereotypes are best summarized by a

short film produced a few years ago by a university film student, concerning a fictitious (and humorous) encounter between the two co-discoverers of Comet Hale-Bopp. At the beginning of the script, the "Hale" character was portrayed as driving sedately down a road in his Cadillac, dressed in a suit (with the ubiquitous white lab coat over it), "the radio tuned to one of Beethoven's classic pieces."

His son, upon reading this, commented that if the script writer had really known "Hale," he would have been portrayed as "wearing T-shirt and shorts, tearing down a dirt road in his four-wheel-drive, with the radio cranked up to something from Metallica."

(For the record, this author does own a couple of suits – which he has even been known to wear on an occasion or two – and he actually does listen to Beethoven every now and then.)

The "Cosmic Diary"

program of the IYA is an effort to show the human and personal side of those of us who participate in astronomical research and education. In addition to being astronomers, we are also parents, spouses, authors, musicians, actors, athletes, sports fans, music-lovers (of all genres), and participants in an entire host of activities – just as is true for any other group of people. In other words, we are people – and not significantly different from anyone else who inhabits this planet we call "Earth." About the only thing that distinguishes us is a passion for exploring, and learning about, and sharing our knowledge about, the surrounding universe.

Those of us who are participating in the Cosmic Diary are being asked to maintain a personal Web log, or "blog," on the Cosmic Diary Web site (<http://cosmicdiary.org>), and to post entries about once a week or more.

The participants come from nations all over the world, including the U.S., Spain, Brazil, Serbia, Israel, Turkey, Indonesia, Tajikistan, Sudan, the Philippines, South Africa, New Zealand, Benin and Lithuania (among others), as well as from organizations like NASA, the European Space Agency, the European Southern Observatory and the Japan

Aerospace Exploration Agency.

Throughout the course of 2009, readers of the Cosmic Diary will be able to participate vicariously in the activities of the participating astronomers, not only as we engage in astronomical research, but also as we go about our daily lives as people. This will include all the various good happenings – and not-so-good happenings – that constitute this activity we call "life."

The planets, stars and galaxies, and everything else that makes up our universe, will continue on their way, and as always will produce some interesting events and phenomena for us to observe and experience during this coming year.

With the Cosmic Diary program, readers can not only learn about and witness these events, but can now share in the lives of those of us who are seeking them out, and trying – sometimes successfully – to figure them out as well. Let our journey begin ...

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.earthriseinstitute.org>.

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## Help & Healing

**H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life):** Domestic violence shelter and hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

**Al-Anon:** Meets at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

**Al-Anon:** Meets at noon every Friday at the Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Come to the back door and bring your own lunch.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m. daily; 8 p.m. Fri, Sat, Sun, at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor, Ruidoso; Info: 258-8885.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Women's open meeting:** 6:30 p.m. every Monday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor.

**Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous:** Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

**Co-Dependents Anonymous:** 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church in Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

**Sex Addicts Anonymous:** 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 653-4937.

**Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group:** Meets second and fourth Sundays of each month, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email [painteddadies64@yahoo.com](mailto:painteddadies64@yahoo.com).

**A Course in Miracles Study Group:** Each Tuesday; 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Bereavement or Grief Support:** For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028.

**Meditation Practice:** First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Open Circle:** Each Sunday; 9:30 a.m. at High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Parenting Classes:** Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 6-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

**Parents of addicted children:** New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

**Parents who have lost a child Support Group:** Meets first and third Tuesday each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. (no religious affiliation); 5:30-7 p.m. Includes grandparents and adult siblings; facilitated by other parents who have lost a child. Info: Shari, 937-7078.

**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; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

**Science of Mind Study Group:** Each second and fourth Saturday; 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Shamanic Journeys:** Third Wednesday of each month; 7 p.m. at High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**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.

**Temple Builders Weight Loss Support Group:** Mondays at 9:30 a.m. at Angus Church; no dues or food purchase, just friendly support and accountability; weigh-in followed by short devotional. Info: 336-8032.

**Wisdom Circle:** Each second and fourth Wednesday; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

## Clubs & Associations

**Alto Women's Association:** 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Alto Club House for lunch and cards. Business meeting every first Tuesday.

**Angus Wood Carvers:** 5-8 p.m. every Monday, Nazarene Church Camp, junction of Highways 48 and 37; Info: 336-9161.

**Art Connection:** Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

**Carrizozo Women's Club:** Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

**Duplicate Bridge Club:** 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

**Insighters Book Club:** 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

**Knitting Group:** Meeting at Zocca's Coffee House on Mondays at 1 p.m. If you're a knitter, come and share your talent, meet new people and sip a cup of coffee or tea at Zocca's, 1129 Mechem across from Farleys in Suite E. For more information, contact Carol at 336-4846 or Jeri at 257-5575.

**Lincoln County Bird Club:** Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. For more information, call 257-5352 or 258-3862.

**Lincoln County Garden Club:** Meets every third Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m.; New members and visitors welcome; Info: Elena, 258-3724, or Pam, 653-4292.

**Lincoln County Right to Life Chapter:** 6:30 p.m. every second Tuesday at 309 L.L. Davis Dr. All are welcome; Info: 258-5108.

**Mountain Top Turners:** Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

**Otero County Association of Educational Retirees:** Meets at 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday. All Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Linda, 336-1225, or Lucy, 437-8874.

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

**Photographic Society of Lincoln County:** 7 p.m. every second Thursday in the conference room at the Region IX office at 1400 Sudderth Dr.; 258-4003.

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

**Ruidoso Area Singles:** Want to meet new friends for social activities - dining out, parties, potlucks, outings, etc.? New group is forming. Info: Judy, 430-7870, or Martha, 430-9808.

**Ruidoso Book Review/Discussion Group:** Meets first Wednesday each month at 10 a.m.; Ruidoso Public Library, 107 Kansas City Rd. Public is welcome.

**Ruidoso Federated Woman's Club:** Meets every Monday; program varies. Potluck and bridge/cards games. Second Monday (Sept-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/cards games at 116 S. Evergreen.

**Ruidoso Masonic Lodge No. 73:** Meets first Monday of

each month; 7:30 p.m., except national holidays, then moves to second Monday. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Info: 258-1926.

**Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club:** Meets first Wed of each month at K-BOB's. Dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

## Education

**ESL classes:** English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

**First Friday Adult Lecture Series:** Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

**GED classes:** Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem.

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

## Veterans

**American Legion Robert J. Hagee Post 79:** 6 p.m. every third Wednesday, 115 Meander, Ruidoso. Info: 257-6757.

**VPW Post 1207:** Meets at the Ruidoso Evening Lions Club, behind Chef Lupe's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Info: email [theboss@RuidosoToday.com](mailto:theboss@RuidosoToday.com).

**VPW Post 12071:** Ladies Auxiliary meets at Ruidoso Evening Lions Club, behind Chef Lupe's Restaurant on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso. Info: Kelly Fouse at 575-430-8531.

## Service Organizations

**Altrusa Club:** 5:30 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; Noon every third Tuesday for lunch; Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail; Organization info: Jill, 336-1339.

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 52:** 6:20 p.m. every other Wednesday; Angus Church of the Nazarene. Info: 808-1172.

**Boy Scouts of America, Troop 59:** 6 p.m. every Monday, Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount. Info: Mark, 378-5623.

**B.P.O. Elks No. 2086:** 7 p.m., first and third Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70; Info: 257-2607.

**B.P.O. Does:** Noon, second and fourth Thursdays, Elks Lodge Building, U.S. 70.

**Capitan Smokey Bear Lions Club:** 5:30 p.m. every Thursday at Smokey Bear Restaurant. Info: Lion Bob Callender, 575-258-1345 or 575-937-7911.

**Children's TeamKids Discipleship Program:** 6-7:45 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept-May), First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club Dr., Ruidoso. For children age 4 to 6th grade; Info: 257-2081, [www.fbcruaidoso.com](http://www.fbcruaidoso.com).

**Fort Stanton Museum:** Call for volunteers; if you would like to become involved in volunteering at Fort Stanton Museum, join the 6 p.m. potluck on Monday, Sept. 15, at Innsbruck Village Club House; food provided. Info: Susie Berend, 937-9380.

**Friends of Capitan Library:** Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raylene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

**Humane Society of Lincoln County:** Shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the Y open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-

Sat; Info: 378-1040.

**Kiwanis:** Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431

**Laughing Eyes Kennels:** 501(c)(3) nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Info: [www.lekennels.org](http://www.lekennels.org) or 575-354-4342.

**Lincoln County Community Health Council:** 8 a.m. first Tuesday of each month at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. New members welcome. Info: 973-1829.

**Lincoln County Medical Center Auxiliary:** 9:30 a.m. second Tuesday of each month in the hospital conference room. New volunteers welcome. Info: 630-4250.

**Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse:** Meets first Sunday each month at 2 p.m. at the Posse building, Hwy. 54, in Carrizozo. Groups needing their volunteer security services notify by mail one month (but not less than two weeks prior to the monthly meeting. Send to P.O. Box 1784 Capitan, NM 88316. Info: 888-663-7029.

**OES Ruidoso Chapter 65:** Meeting every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. 144 Nob Hill Dr. Info: 257-5313.

**Optimist Club (Friends of Youth):** Noon every Wednesday at K-BOB's. New members always welcome; 257-5938 or 258-9218.

**PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR:** Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Phone: Jennie Powell at 258-3896 for information.

**Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club:** 11:4 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. Info: Barbara, 258-5445, Phillis, 257-5555, or Greg, 257-1255.

**Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary:** 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Ruidoso Downs Senior Center off East Highway 70; Info: 378-8099 or 378-8316.

**Ruidoso Evening Lions:** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Evening Lions Club House, 106 S. Overlook (behind Chef Lupe's). New members always welcome. Info: Mike Zaragosa, 937-0768 or Harold Oakes, 937-7618.

**Ruidoso Shrine Club:** 6:30 p.m. every fourth Wednesday at Cree Meadows Restaurant; Info: 258-6860.

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

**Sierra Blanca Daughters of the American Revolution:** Third Thursday of each month. Info: 258-3045.

**Zia Girl Scout Council:** 6 p.m. every third Thursday at the Cherokee Mobile Village Clubhouse on U.S. 70. Info: 437-2921.

**White Mountain Search & Rescue:** 7 p.m. every third Monday at First Christian Church near the intersection of Hull and Gavilan Canyon Roads. Info: email [whitemountainsearch@gmail.com](mailto:whitemountainsearch@gmail.com), visit [www.whitemountainsearch.org](http://www.whitemountainsearch.org) or phone 336-1530.

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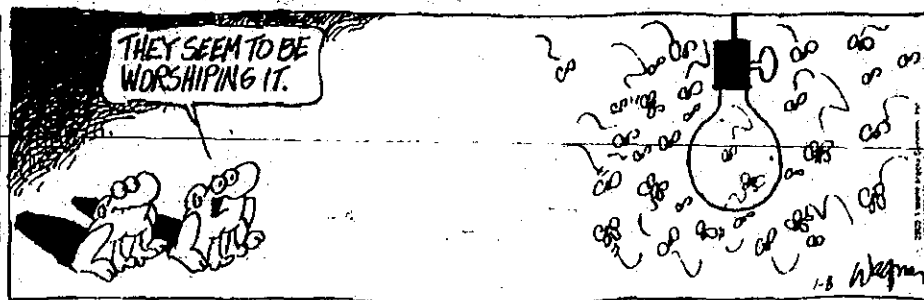
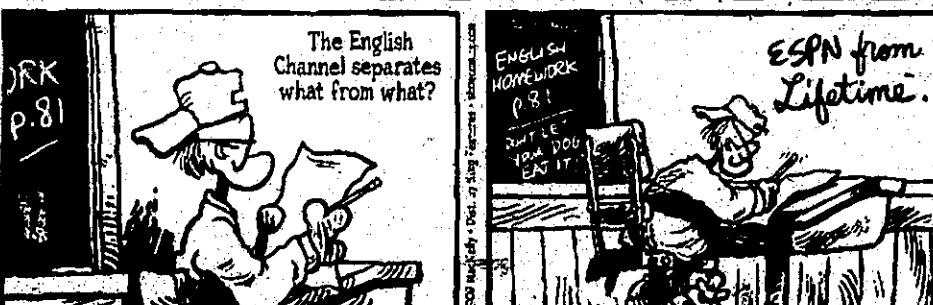
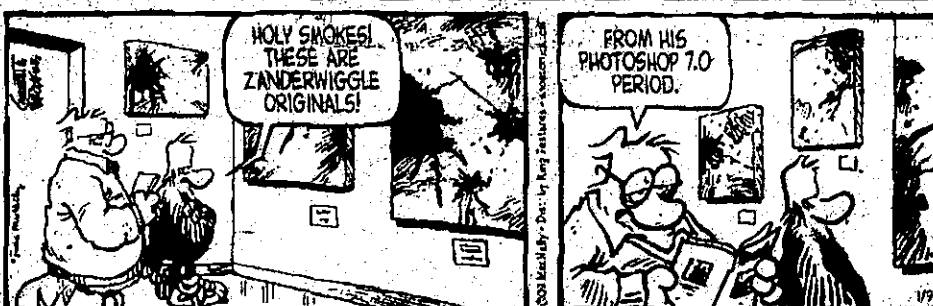
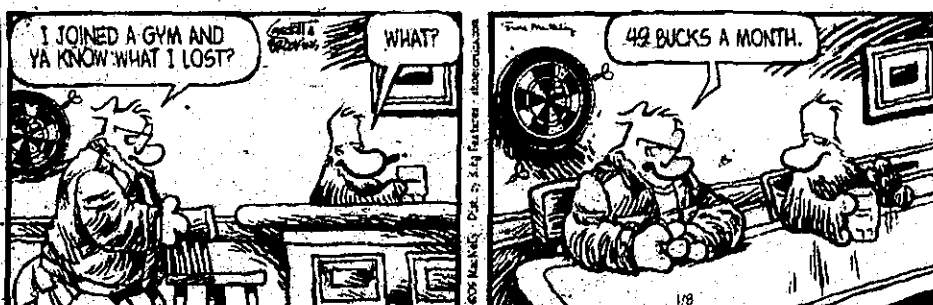
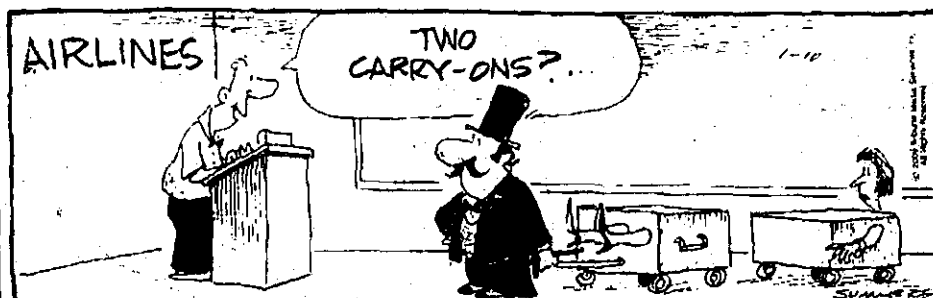
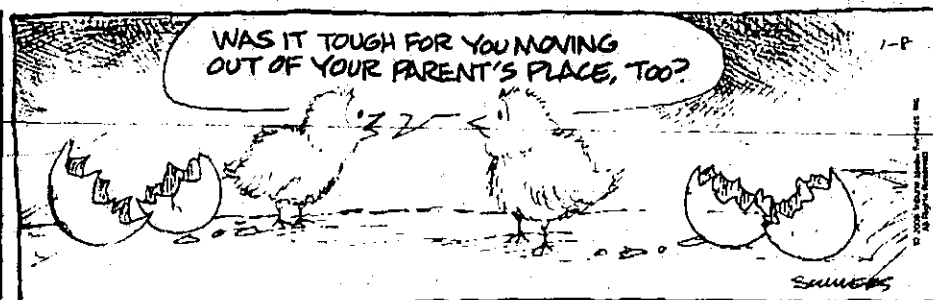
**Democratic Party of Lincoln County:** Monthly meetings first Thursday of each month except Jan., July and Sept.; 6 p.m. meeting; ZOCCA Coffee & Tea, 1129 Mechem Dr. Info: 973-7505, or Maria, 937-8394.

**Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County:** Meeting third Tuesday this month only, Nov. 18, at LaQuint in Ruidoso Downs. Meal is \$10. Info and reservations: Dolores at 653-4379.

**Republican Party of Lincoln County:** Monthly meeting Monday, 6 p.m., at Cree Meadows Country Club; business session follows at 7 p.m.; Sen. Rod Adair guest speaker. RSVP to 800-653-6460 or 336-7038.



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115 Clerical  
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116 Special closer?  
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- DOWN**
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  - 2 Bonehead
  - 3 "To Kill a  
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theme
  - 4 Summer  
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  - 5 Knocks around
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N.Y., attraction
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- 12 Luxury watch brand  
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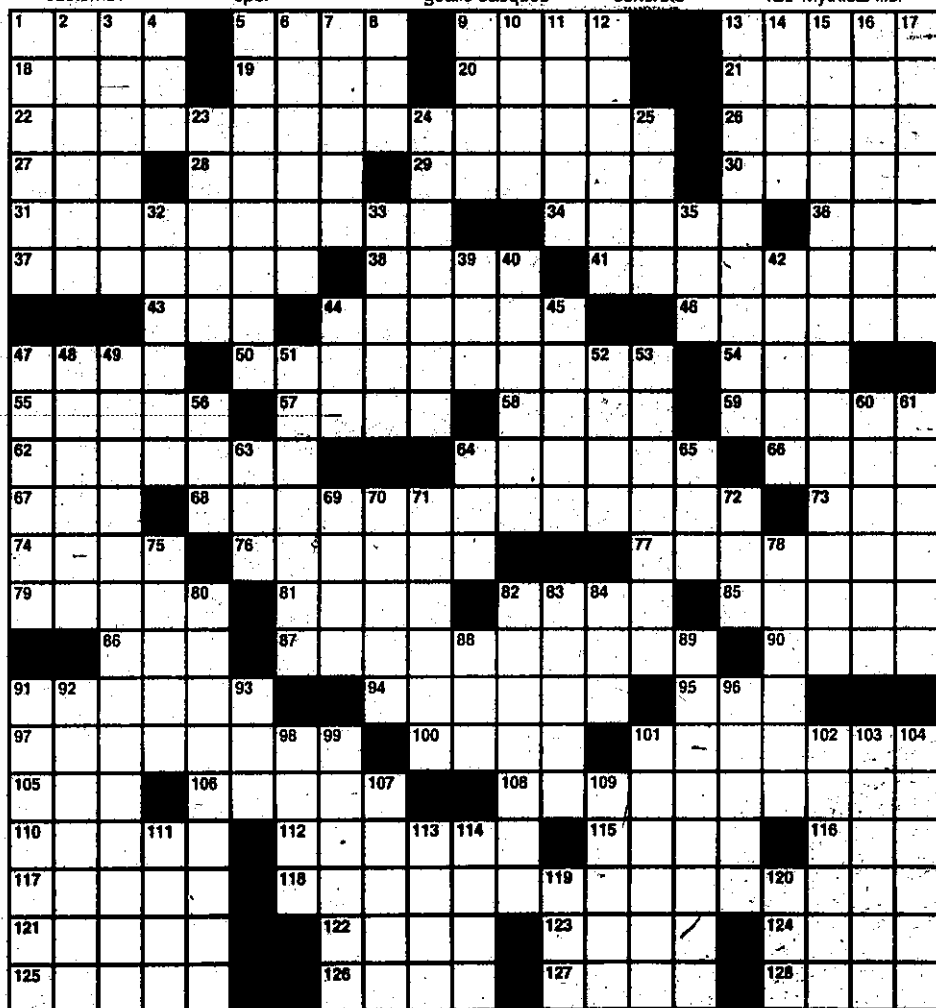
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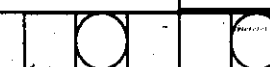
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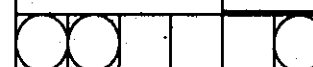


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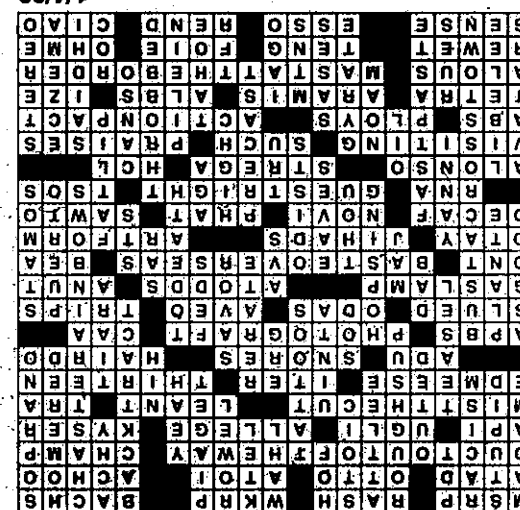
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Answer: What it takes to learn about the stars —  
ASTRONOMY



## COMMUNITY LISTINGS: OTERO COUNTY

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### Education

**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.

**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.

**Integrated Instructional Services Department:** Monthly Parent/Staff Advisory Committee meeting, 4 - 6 p.m. every second Tuesday at the IIS Building, Dr. Doug Householder, 439-3200.

**Lacy Simms:** 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.

### Service Organizations

**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. Flori, 437-6616 or Allen, 434-2349.

**Altusa International:** 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at Margo's. Linda, 437-0703.

**Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority:** Focusing on cultural, social and service activities. Alberta, 437-4258.

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

**Daughters of the American Revolution:** Meets monthly on third Saturday at time and place TBA. 437-7200.

**Downtown Lions Club:** Meets on second and fourth Mondays at Mariscos Costa Azul, 415 S. White Sands Blvd. Public welcome. Terry Reed at 434-3968 or Martha 437-7515.

**Flickinger Guild:** Supporting the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts. Guild members sell tickets in the box office, work the door for performances, usher, hand out programs and work concessions. Contact membership chairman Flori McElderry at 437-6616.

**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 Eastern Star:** Tularosa Basin Chapter No. 72 meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday at 409 Higuera St. Tularosa. 434-1456.

### Veterans / Military Groups

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257:** Open meeting/luncheon at 11:30 a.m. every second Friday at Base Enlisted Club. Visits to area veterans in local care centers every third Saturday, starting at the Betty Dare Center on North Florida Ave. promptly at 10 a.m. Gil Isley, 434-5552.

**American Legion Riders Association, Chapter 8:** Meets every first Wednesday at American Legion Post 108, 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

**Disabled American Veterans, Cap. 14:** Meetings are first Monday of month at 821 Alaska, 6 p.m. Info: 434-8976.

**VFW Post 7686 and Ladies Auxiliary:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday at 700 U.S. 70 West in Bingo Hall; 437-0770.

### Help & Healing

**Al-Anon:** New Day Al-Anon group meets noon Thursdays at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo.

**Alamogordo City Disability Council:** Meets at 2 p.m. every third Wednesday at the Sgt. Willie Estrada Memorial Civic Center. Disability Resource Center, 439-1112, or Ann French at 439-4227 or 439-4889.

**American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center:** 2 - 5 p.m. every Mon-Tue at 2689 N. Scenic, north of hospital; hats, wigs, scarves, bras and prostheses available; free "Look Good - Feel Better" make-up sessions are available with reservations; Vivian Smith, 434-5874 or 439-7681, or Lillie Lewis, 439-8409.

**Blood Pressure Screening:** 9 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Red Cross office. Free; 700 E. First St., No. 765. 437-4421.

**Calvary Baptist Clothes Closet:** Open 2 - 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 1200 Indian Wells Rd.; Clothing is free; Donations accepted. 437-0110.

**Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group:** Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email [paintedladies64@yahoo.com](mailto:paintedladies64@yahoo.com).

**Child Health Care:** No or low cost for children under 19. Apply at the Otero County Public Health Office. 437-9340, 437-9899, or 437-9093.

**Divorced & Widowed Adjustment Group:** Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Alamogordo Church, 2826 Indian Wells Rd. Non-sectarian self-help group dedicated to assisting men and women of all ages through the loss of a partner through divorce, separation or death. Info: Ben, 682-3621.

**Father Hay Thrift Store:** Donations accepted, 1640 N. White Sands Blvd. Proceeds benefit Father Hay Catholic School. 434-5450.

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

**Habitat for Humanity Store:** Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wed & Sat; new and used discounted home improvement materials. Donations welcome; 1109 10th St., Alamogordo; 437-0160.

**Humane Society of Otero County:** Meets at 6:30 p.m. every first Thursday at Margo's Mexican Restaurant. 437-0157.

**Low Income Housing:** Applications are accepted 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Alamogordo Housing Authority, located at 104 Amigo Ave. Laura, 437-5621 ext. 11.

**New Life Group of Narcotics Anonymous:** Meets Sun. 6 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St.

**Salvation Army Social Services:** Open 10 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 10 a.m.-noon Friday; 443-0845.

**Salvation Army Thrift Store:** Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.,

Monday-Friday, and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

**Search and Rescue:** Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

**St. John's Community Kitchen:** Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

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

**Zia Thrift Store:** Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 816 E. Ninth St., across from the N.M. Department of Labor Monday - Saturday; 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.

### Political

**Democratic Party of Otero County:** 6 p.m. first Tuesday of every month at 700 1st Street, Suite 773 (Granada Shopping Center), Alamogordo. For information, phone 437-8590.

**Mountain Democrats:** Noon every third Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft. Dr. Harvey Hilbert, 687-3219, [HarveyHilbert@yahoo.com](mailto:HarveyHilbert@yahoo.com).

**Republican Party of Otero County:** Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tining, 443-1195.

### Clubs & Associations

**Alamo Squares:** Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

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

**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 Mustang Club:** Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

**Boy Scouts:** Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

**Chaparral Kennel Club:** 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various Alamogordo locations. Promotes purebred dogs in conformation, obedience, agility, tracking, rally and therapy visits. Sponsors dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

**The 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.

**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 Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington, and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center on Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit [desert-basin.freetoasthost.com](http://desert-basin.freetoasthost.com) or phone 921-4767.

**Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club:** Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

**Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club:** Meets third Tue of

each month at Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

**Enchanted Quilters Guild:** Meets 7 - 9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m.

**Experimental Aircraft Association:** Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilot's lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all persons interested in aviation and/or experimental aircraft including non-pilots.

**Girl Scouts:** Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy, 437-2921.

**Golden Gears Car Club:** Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

**Historic Vehicle Association of Alamogordo:** Anyone with an interest in old cars is welcome to join. John Douglas, 437-5318 or Gale Ortiz, 434-5242.

**The New Horizon Band:** Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

**New Mexico Solar Energy Assn:** Bi-monthly, Jan.-Nov. 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m. at Alamogordo Public Library, Oregon at 10th Street. Guest speaker, alt. energy/efficiency ideas. Public welcome. Chuck, 434-6296.

**Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation:** Meets at 7 p.m. every first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

**Otero County Association of Educational Retirees:** Meets at 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday. All Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Linda, 336-1225, or Lucy, 437-8874.

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

**Tularosa Basin Rockhounds:** Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

**White Sands Dart Association:** Double team tournaments (open tournaments) 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Dillah at 442-8750.

### Other Ongoing Activities

**Bingo:** 7 p.m. Sat., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. \$750 jackpot. 437-1302.

**Bingo:** 7 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and Sun., 2 p.m. Saturday at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

**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. 443-1900.

**Joyful Noise Recorder Consort:** Every other Sunday in Alamogordo; various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players; Info: 937-2006.

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

**Seniors Ping Pong:** 8 - 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601.

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



## Calls for Artists & Others

# Art in Public Places

**A**rt in Public Places is getting ready to change out the displays at Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway Visitors Center, with art to be displayed for the months of January, February and March 2009.

Once again, thanks to all participating artists and congratulation to the artists who had their artworks purchased by vis-

iting tourists. Thanks to the staff at Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway Visitors Center for their support.

Any artists who are wanting to participate in Art in Public Places at Billy the Kid for the months of January through March, contact Bear Tiews by email at bears101@windstream, or by cell phone 937-0301.

## Fundraiser and opening

**M**arcos and Robin Lee, artist/owners of Studio 54@70, Tularosa's newest working artists' studio and gallery, are pleased to announce their Grand Opening show as a fundraiser for Otero County Habitat for Humanity.

The exhibit will be a **themed juried show**, open to any artist working in any original media except photography. The name of the show is "The American Dream," and the theme is architecture, with a focus on local scenes. Any artist who can hand-deliver his or her work and is within the guidelines for the theme may enter.

The Studio's Grand Opening Reception for the fundraiser will be April 4, from 5-8 p.m. There is no admission charge and the reception is open to the public. Festivities will include wine from Tularosa Vineyards, a silent auction and an awards presentation for the best artwork as judged by our featured artist, Kathy Hauge of High Rolls.

The show will run through May 1.

All artwork will be for sale, and a portion of all sales will be donated to Otero County Habitat for Humanity. Donations will be solicited from artists and community business participants for a silent auction.

Artist/owners Marcos and Robin Lee relocated to Tularosa last April from Florida, and have spent the last eight months renovating the old Tularosa Monuments (Tillie's Tombstones) building, located at the north "Y" junction of highways 54 & 70. The 70-year-old building, originally a two-bay service station across from the Conoco Truck Stop, will function

as the artists' studio and gallery to show their award-winning work.

Additionally, the gallery will feature work from other local and national artists, such as watercolorist Cyndy Nesbit of Sacramento, N.M.; weavers Kenny Nix and Kelly Stewart of High Rolls; fine craft by Jan Rasch of Cloudcroft; ceramist T. Robert of Upland, Calif.; and watercolorist and oil painter Karen Leffel-Massengill of Palm City, Fla.

Any artist is welcome to submit materials for consideration. Guidelines for submission can be downloaded from their Web site, [www.studio54at70.com](http://www.studio54at70.com), and click on Policies.

In addition to the artists represented, the gallery will be featuring several themed, open-juried shows per year. Shows in the planning stages for 2009 include the Habitat show, a pet-themed show to benefit local Otero County animal and pet organizations, a photography show, and a one-woman summer show featuring the work of Karen Leffel-Massengill. The summer show will also include a workshop with Karen, a nationally recognized, award-winning painter and instructor.

Artists interested in participating in shows will be able to download PDF applications with complete rules and details from the Web site's Events page. Keep checking back regularly for updates, or get on the gallery's email list by signing the Guest Book page and stating your interests (please include your e-mail info - the site does not capture it automatically). Art patrons may also see show details on the Events page.

## Art Galleries & Studios

(Continued from page 13)

• Rotating art exhibit.

**Del Sol** • 200 St. Francis Dr. • 585-4581.

**Horse Feathers** • 316 Granado • 585-4407 • Pottery; jewelry, Native American arts & crafts, gifts.

**Cloudcroft**

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

**Cloudcroft Art Society** • Community Center/Library (Red Brick Schoolhouse), corner of Swallow Place and Burro Ave. • 687-3176 • Members' artwork, programs, meetings, workshops.

**Cloudcroft Pottery** • 502A Burro Ave. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • 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 • Eclectic gifts 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 Hwy. • 682-2122 • Original oils, prints, jewelry, photography, metalwork and home décor.

**Mescalero**

**Jordan T. Gallery** • 464-2338 • Carrizo Canyon Rd. at the Mescalero Inn • Featuring Mescalero Apache fine art (paintings, sculpture and crafts) and other work by Mescalero artists.

**N'de Fine Arts Gallery** • U.S. Highway 70 • 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.



Marcos and Robin Lee

The artist/owners are putting the finishing touches on the studio and gallery, which should be open early in January. There will be an "Artists' Meet & Greet" event planned as soon as the gallery is open. Currently the hours are by appointment or by chance, but the gallery will be posting regular business hours shortly.

Studio 54@70 is located at 1201 St. Francis Dr. in Tularosa, 575-585-5470.

Directions from Alamogordo coming north: stay on 54/70 through Tularosa and

stay in the left lane. Where the soft left would keep you on 54 going north, take a hard left into the parking lot.

Coming from Carrizozo and the north: the gallery is on the right just before the Yield junction of 54 to 70.

Coming west from Ruidoso: just past the Conoco station, turn right to cross 54.

The gallery is on the west side of 54 on the corner of Alamo and St. Francis Drive. The stucco building with the colorful red double doors is difficult to miss.



## ART SCENE

## Family art affair



"What He'll Do for Love," by Deborah Wenzel.

An exciting new art exhibit at the gallery of the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts will present the work of a local family of artists, B. Paul and Deborah Wenzel, along with her son, Cody Jones. The show opens Monday, Jan. 12, and will run through the first week of March.

It's not unusual to find artistic talent and drive as a common thread among family members. With diverse takes on life within and around, Jones and the Wenzels present a unique and ultimately striking show by combining their artwork for a refreshing and varied exhibit at Ruidoso's arts council's gallery.

### Deborah Wenzel

The show will feature Deborah Wenzel's figurative works and portraiture, unveiling a few so new that the oil paint may not be quite dry. Her evocative paintings embrace Apache young people in traditional dress, Hispanic dancers, musicians and mountain men. Her subject matter also includes still life and wildlife as well as the figurative works and portraiture. A versatile contemporary realist, she works in a variety of media including oil, acrylic, pastel, collage and watercolor. She always retains a sense of identity and heart in her work.

Her works are instantly recognizable by the emotion and the story beneath

the surface of her varied subject matter.

As a former graphic artist, this is Deborah's 6th year teaching art in Ruidoso elementary schools. She happily divides her time between making art and sharing her love of art with children. Her own artwork is in several galleries and collections throughout the region and beyond.

### B. Paul Wenzel

B. Paul Wenzel is a master scrimshaw artist (etching on fossil ivory). In addition, he pursues many types of traditional folk art unique to the mountain man era. His artwork includes scrimshaw as well as traditionally hand-tanned leatherwork embellished with painstaking naturally dyed and hand-sewn porcupine embroidery. He also creates one-of-a-kind jewelry, unique pieces in the style of historical trade silver. Much of his silverwork incorpo-

rates the same types of fossil ivories used in his scrimshaw.

Paul brings living history to life wherever he goes, as a re-enactor of the Rendezvous Period from 1825-1840. Paul's persona is both trapper and trader. His accouterments and clothing reflect influences from the Colonies, the French and the Plains Indians.

Paul has devoted more than 30 years to perfecting his scrimshaw – "the Whalers' art." It has been called the only original American folk art, excluding Native American crafts. Paul's personal expressions are intimate and concentrated in a small space.

Paul's scrimshaw subject matter is of historical interest or wildlife. The scrimshaw artworks are standing pieces, as well as decorated objects – powder horns, knife handles and jewelry. The fossil ivories incorporated in scrimshaw and jewelry are woolly mammoth, mastodon (10,000-50,000 years old) and fossil walrus (500-1,000 years old).

### Cody Jones

Cody Jones is a senior at Ruidoso High School and is a student of art teacher Barry Lucy. Actively involved in theater arts and music for many

years, he now adds painting to his creative endeavors. Jones' energetic acrylic paintings are both abstract and representational, whimsical as well as full of social statement.

On top of painting with tube acrylics on canvas and paper, Cody often paints with a technique that involves cutting out intricate stencils and then spray painting, repeating and overlapping the images, in some cases adding brushwork. He uses just the primary colors (red, blue and yellow) along with white and black, mixing the colors, often in midair, to create a wide range of hues. He can be seen with two or even three cans of paint going at one time. The

results are bold, graphic and fun.

Jones was born in El Paso, Texas, and has been a Ruidoso resident since the age of 2 months. He comes from a family of artists and performers, in addition to his mom and stepdad, Deborah and Paul Wenzel. His father is well-loved musician Randy Jones of the Flying J Wranglers and his brother, Tyler Jones, is also a professional musician.

The Art Gallery is located at 1712 Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso, adjacent to Compass Bank. The Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts may be reached at 257-7272. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



"Tinglit Woman" (detail) by B. Paul Wenzel.



"Northern Lights," by Cody Jones.