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# Master plan for LCMC

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County awards Missouri firm \$43,000

A Missouri firm was selected to put together a master plan for the county-owned Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

County Manager Tom Stewart recommended the award of \$43,750 last week to "TKH" Tchoukaleff Kelly Hartke of St. Louis, which was approved unanimously by county commissioners.

Only TKH responded to the request for proposals by the deadline. The company's response was evaluated by a committee consisting of Stewart, Commission Chairman Tom Battin, Commissioner Dave Parks, County Treasurer

Beverly Calaway and Hospital Administrator James Gibson.

Stewart said he looked at some other areas to ensure the price was reasonable and Gibson said he called several other administrators who previously used the firm.

"They were very complimentary and said the firm was on time and on budget," Gibson said.

"When we put the request for proposals together, Mr. Stewart asked if I knew of any firms that did this type of work. I did not and I contacted Presbyterian (Health-care Services, based in Albu-

querque, which manages the hospital) and asked if they could recommend anyone," Gibson told commissioners. "They gave me a couple of names. I talked to them about what we would expect, emphasizing this is not a Presbyterian project, that they would be working for the county and you wanted county-wide input as to the needs and where we are going to go. They both indicated they wanted to get the RFP."

The TKH firm responded on time, the other sent in a reply too late for the deadline, he said.

Gibson said the bid also came in substantially lower than he anticipated.

"I'm glad I was wrong," he added.

Parks said he noticed TKH performed similar work for nine hospitals in New Mexico, some owned or operated by Presbyterian and some not.

"It appears to me this is the way we ought to go," he said, offering the motion to award the bid.

Gibson said this will be the first professionally produced master plan for the hospital, which already was facing some changes in client use and volume before the recent national economic downturn.

## An endless curiosity



Painter Andrew Wyeth, of Chadds Ford, Pa., right, laughs with President Bush as he receives the 2007 National Medal of Arts, Nov. 15, 2007, during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington, D.C.

## 'Uncle Andy' Wyeth left a legacy

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"I feel like the ant trying to describe the elephant," Michael Hurd said of his recently departed uncle, the iconic American artist Andrew Wyeth. "He was a hero to me."

Sitting on the porch in San Patricio at the beautiful Mediterranean-style ranch home built by Hurd's parents Henriette Wyeth and Peter Hurd, Michael, one of the family's third generation of painters, invited a reporter to enjoy the Hondo Valley's unique light and balmy Sunday afternoon as he reflected on his Uncle Andy, who passed away on Jan. 16.

What emerged from the conversation

was a vision of a remarkable man. A multi-faceted individual, Andrew "was one of those who directly impacted family and friends, while leaving a legacy to the world," Michael said.

"Uncle Andy took time with everyone. He was generous. He was non-judgmental, unpretentious. And he loved to laugh. He could hold a seriously deep conversation then burst into laughter in the next moment. He could speak so softly — and then bellow like a pirate!"

Hurd went on to paint a picture of a man who was well read and thoughtful, with a personal power that influenced everyone he came in contact with.

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## Mescalero to receive temporary EMS service

■ Unit stationed in Tularosa as jurisdiction issues are sorted out

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Until contracts and mutual aid agreements are signed, a spokesman for American Medical Response says an ambulance will be stationed in Tularosa during peak hours to reduce response time for calls from the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

David Wheeler, who heads AMR, which serves Otero County, said Tuesday after he was notified that a change in the operating certificate for Lincoln County Emergency Medical Service eliminated jurisdiction on the nearby reservation, he sent an ambulance to Mescalero for a 10-day trial. The reservation, considered a sovereign nation, sits within Otero County's borders.

But that trial elapsed before an accident Monday involving a 6-year-old, who was injured as he waited at

a school bus stop. With LCEMS unable to answer the call and an ambulance coming from Alamogordo 45 minutes away, first responders at the scene arranged a medical flight pickup.

He suffered no serious injuries and was released from a hospital in El Paso, according to family.

The situation brought home the urgent need for a better arrangement, parties in Lincoln, Otero and Mescalero agree.

### Ensuring coverage

Sandy Jones, chairman of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission and commissioner from District 5, which includes portions of Lincoln County, said Wednesday his agency will accommodate any short-term arrangement needed to ensure coverage for Mescalero until a long-term PRC approved solution is in place.

He explained that ambulance service territories

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## Ruidoso on 'watch' list

■ Western magazine recognizes village as a trendy destination

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Ruidoso has cracked the Top 10.

Top 10 "towns to watch" in 2009, that is, as selected by *True West* magazine.

The story appears in the January/February issue of the magazine, which was launched in 1953 in Austin, Texas, and relocated in 1999 to Cave Creek, Ariz.

*True West* editors also chose Idaho Falls, Idaho, Telluride, Colo., Tombstone and Camp Verde, Ariz., Lander and Cody, Wyo., and Coffeyville, Caldwell and Dodge City, Kan.

No New Mexico towns made the "watch" list in 2008.

About Ruidoso, the mag-

azine story says, "Billy the Kid loved this year-round playground of the Southwest, and the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance will make sure you don't forget it. Visitors can go see the Kid's old hideaway at the working Historic Old Mill, the oldest building in Ruidoso, as well as a 1930s ranch replica at the Carrizozo Heritage Museum. Lynda Sanchez, an ardent supporter of Fort Stanton, northeast of the city, also won some solid commitments from the Lincoln County Commission to establish a Veterans Legacy Museum at the complex. The 1855 fort is on its way to becoming a part of the State Monuments division. To top it all off, a new Billy the Kid museum is due to open

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## Capitan to decide on mill levy

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In addition to a pair of open school board seats, Capitan voters will head to the polls next Tuesday to decide the fate of a mill levy which has been in effect in the Capitan School District since 1979.

Shirley Crawford, superintendent of Capitan Schools, says this is not a bond issue, such as the

ones defeated in February of 2007 and again in January last year, but a levy which will not raise current taxes of residents.

"This is a base part of our budget," Crawford said. "There is no way we could maintain our buildings and take care of projects we need to have in place without that mill levy money."

Crawford said this year's levy is projected to provide about \$500,000.

Page 8A: A look at the Ruidoso school board races

Board member Ed Vinson, who is also up for re-election for his board position, said the school's administrators have been taking the issue to the voters, fully explaining what

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# Alto Lakes

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The final agenda for the meeting will be published 24 to 48 hours prior to the meeting and will be posted on the bulletin board of the Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.

## Nominations open

Nominations are being accepted through Feb. 27 for the 24th Annual Governor's Award for Outstanding New Mexico Women.

Sponsored by the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women, the annual event recognizes women from all areas of the state for their leadership in their profession and community.

In addition, the top two recipients of the Governor's Award will be inducted into the New Mexico Women's Hall of Fame. The Commission, in conjunction with the Governor's Office, start-

ed the Women's Hall of Fame in 1986.

This year's award banquet is set for May 15, at the Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town.

Nominations are encouraged from every community in the state. Forms can be requested by contacting the Commission office in Albuquerque at 505-222-6600 or toll-free at 1-800-432-9168. TTY/TDD users may call NM Relay at 1-800-659-8331.

Forms and instructions are available on the Commission's Web site at [www.womenscommission.state.nm.us](http://www.womenscommission.state.nm.us), where inductees also can be viewed.

## DWI council

The Regular Meeting of the DWI Planning Council is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 3, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sheriff's Substation (next to the library) on Kansas City Road.

The order of the meeting is:

1. Call to Order
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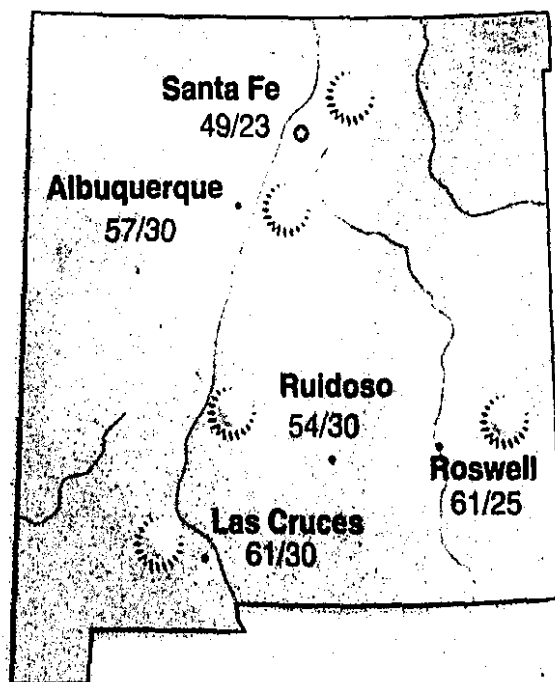
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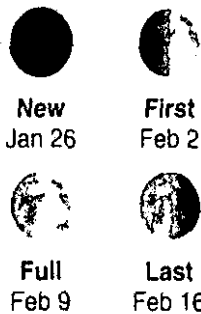
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## Moon Phases



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## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Alamogordo	62	29	sunny	Grants	53	18	sunny	Santa Fe	49	23	sunny
Albuquerque	57	30	sunny	Guymon, OK	60	29	sunny	Santa Rosa	62	32	sunny
Carlsbad	60	28	sunny	Hobbs	61	25	sunny	Silver City	52	18	sunny
Chama	41	16	sunny	Las Cruces	61	30	sunny	Socorro	59	28	sunny
Clovis	59	28	sunny	Las Vegas	54	23	sunny	St. Johns, AZ	55	20	sunny
Deming	61	23	sunny	Lordsburg	60	27	sunny	Taos	46	12	sunny
El Paso, TX	62	32	sunny	Lubbock, TX	62	27	sunny	Trinidad, CO	56	28	sunny
Espanola	55	25	sunny	Odessa, TX	61	29	sunny	Truth or Consq	59	29	sunny
Farmington	48	20	sunny	Raton	55	23	sunny	Tucson, AZ	72	43	sunny
Galup	52	14	sunny	Roswell	61	25	sunny	Tucuman	59	27	sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
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Chicago	57	33	sunny	Albany	73	50	rain	Seattle	46	38	pt. sunny
Dallas	57	33	sunny	Minneapolis	46	9	pt. sunny	St. Louis	27	14	pt. sunny
Denver	53	31	sunny	New York	34	20	pt. sunny	Washington, DC	38	21	pt. sunny

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COURTESY DAVID TREMBLAY

Martin Hibbs, at right, is assigned as project manager to complete the basic stabilization of roofs and walls at the stables below the old silos at Fort Stanton State Monument northeast of Ruidoso (above). Capital outlay funding was obtained by historian and author Lynda Sanchez, center, and Dr. Aiden Ritch three years ago at the request of the Lincoln County Historical Society. The three were on site recently deciding where to begin the work. A local match is required for the Heiser Memorial Fund to buy supplies. Donations can be accepted by calling Sanchez at 653-4821 or Barbara Heiser at 336-1337.



## Tax help

AARP Tax Aide sites in New Mexico begin operation Feb. 2, and continue through April 15.

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# Capitan cell tower erected, after all

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Out of the ashes of arbitration, a controversial cell tower in Capitan is now a reality on village property on a hill at the intersection East Lobo and Largo.

A new contract has been struck between the Village of Capitan and Plateau Telecommunications based on arbitration negotiations that concluded Jan. 19.

One of the major concessions for the cell tower is that it is now 80 feet tall instead of the originally planned 120 feet. The monopole design is a dull, non-reflective gray color and was stacked in place this week.

It will be several months before the tower is activated, said Plateau representative David Hughes.

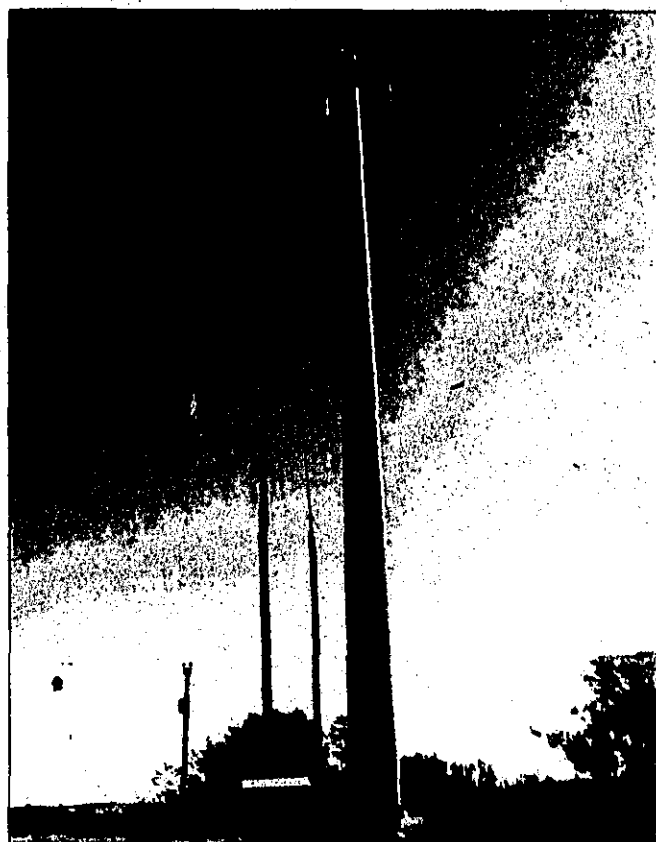
"We still have equipment to be put in place and we are waiting on the circuits from Windstream, so it will be at least that long."

Mayor Sam Hammons said that in the arbitration hearing, Plateau presented documentation for more than \$60,000 in costs invested in the tower project, including material, labor and engineering. Original estimates were \$35,000.

"Our decision was to let them go on with their lease to erect the tower," Hammons said. "We did not feel we should pledge 25 percent of Capitan's savings to get out of the lease, not the way the economic future looks at this time."

Hammons said the cell tower property was originally donated to the Village for a water tower that would have blocked views far worse than the monopole tower. He added that even if the cell tower had not gone in, the village would have had to replace the village antenna poles, so some sort of communications tower on the site was inevitable.

In an August 2008 meeting, the trustees voted to begin negotiations with Plateau in an effort for an amicable release from the contract after a number of



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

The Capitan cell tower will host village antennae currently standing next to a shed also scheduled for removal.

residents complained about the tower.

The tower construction was proposed to the village in a February 2008 council meeting in a presentation by Hughes. The issue was again placed on the agenda in March with a revision to the lease amount, an increase from \$100 a month to \$200, which was passed unanimously by the council with no negative input from the public.

Later, area residents expressed anger over the "surprise" of the cell tower, first noticed by many when the tower foundation construction began. In the August council meeting, complaints included the statement that someone should have canvassed the neighborhood to let residents in the area of the tower know it was being considered for a tower site.

Arguments from the crowd against the tower included health concerns, dangers to a nearby home if the tower should fall and

the devaluation of area properties, a number of which are for sale and were represented at the meeting by affected owners and realtors.

At the time, Trustee Jim Davis told the crowd he took responsibility for the discord and "misunderstanding." "I was thinking along the lines of the coverage it would provide to the community and the added boost to the communications for our emergency services," he said. The tower would have also boosted the height of the village communications antennas.

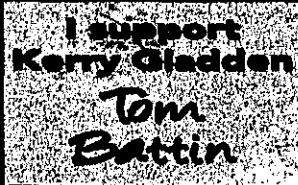
The site currently includes two old power poles hoisting village radio antennae and a small tin-covered shed, all of which will be removed. The antennae will be placed on the cell tower and the shed will be replaced by a more aesthetically pleasing building to house Plateau's equipment.

Hughes said the mayor and trustees have been good to work with and he

appreciated their efforts to appease both the residents and to honor their contract.

"There was a true need for the tower," he said. "After the August meeting when it looked like we weren't going to be able to build on that site, we got at least 12 people calling us offering to donate property for the site just to have the service in the area."

The tower's cell coverage will work on line-of-sight, giving the valley surrounding Capitan access to service it has been lacking.



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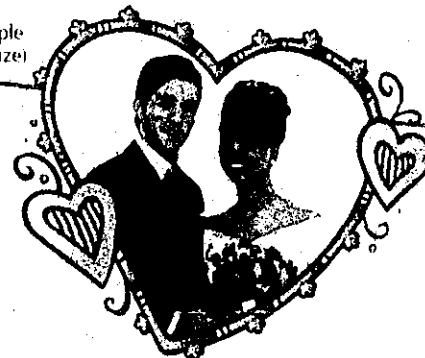
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## Oh, yes, those other elections on Tuesday

Vote 'Yes' on Capitan mill levy

While we just recently left behind one of the longest election seasons in history, another vote is upon us.

It's an election which historically draws very small numbers and interest in narrowly defined quarters, which strikes us as borderline insane.

Next Tuesday, voters will be asked to choose members of various school boards in the county and, in one district, vote on renewing a mill levy bond.

It should go without saying that as a school goes, so goes the community-at-large, making these school elections some of the most critical events you'll ever be asked to address.

We're not advocating any one candidate for a particular seat; suffice it to say that, by running for such an important

yet sometimes thankless post, they all are demonstrating a level of social conscience and community service that makes each worthy of consideration.

In Capitan, however, we advise a "Yes" vote to continue the mill levy. In a wide-ranging district that is 0-2 in its last two school bond elections, a "Yes" vote here will not result in higher property taxes, simply a continuation of what citizens are already paying.

Regardless of the outcomes, we hope more registered voters will take the time to make their voices heard.

No, it's not a presidential election with all the glitz and glamour of the national stage and the media running amok on steroids. But to the local well-being of a community, having a voice in the future of our schools is just as important, perhaps more.

## Our political day in Santa Fe

There is an old cliché in politics that the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

If that axiom holds true, then representatives from Ruidoso and Lincoln County hope to have a great political day on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2009.

That is when more than 60 local elected officials, merchants and public servants will travel to Santa Fe to meet with state legislators and state bureaucrats as part of "Ruidoso Day in Santa Fe."

The purpose of Ruidoso Day in Santa Fe is to make those legislators and bureaucrats aware of local concerns and budget priorities in Ruidoso and all of Lincoln County.

The individuals traveling to Santa Fe will be pleading the case for funding of projects that have been identified as important to this community and area, then they will lobby for implementation of the legislation and that direct funding.

It is an important day for our area's future and well-being.

and we want to salute area business people, civic leaders and officials who are going to Santa Fe to lobby on our behalf.

However, this group cannot do it alone, and the issues at stake are too important for area residents and business people to sit idly by. We need every local citizen and business to help out in this cause, because the times are precarious and the issues on which they are urging action will affect us all.

The times we face are challenging and the threats to our well-being are real. We need the legislature to listen, and we need them to act on our behalf.

Here are just some of the issues that will be discussed in Santa Fe:

• Seeking financial assistance

tance to upgrade the Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant;

• Revision of the New Mexico Tax Code to provide equity to small horse racing tracks in order to remain competitive with Indian gaming;

• Seeking \$200,000 by Eastern New Mexico University to plan and design a new campus on the Spencer Theater Property;

• A \$750,000 increase in operational funding for New Mexico Cultural Affairs in association with the Spencer Theater;

• Money for a security fence to enclose the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter;

• And many, many other worthwhile causes.

In addition, the Mescalero Apache Tribe will be lobbying in Santa Fe as part of Native American Day on Friday, Feb. 6. Their issues coincide with that of the county, but the Mescaleros are also looking for state help in social services, transportation and health matters. They need and deserve our support as well.

All of these are legitimate issues, and the state and its elected officials need to hear just how important these issues are to us. But your voice needs to be added.

Please contact the governor, state senators and representatives to let them know that you support the initiatives we have outlined above.

All of our futures are at risk if many of these things are not funded and changed.

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To the editor:

**THE DAY ROBERT BIRD** died we exchanged gifts.

As the elevator opened to the seventh floor, there stood the most eclectic group I've ever seen. Some stood alone, while others huddled together holding each other. Some I knew and others I had never met, but their diversity was stitched together with a common thread: They all loved the "Big Bird."

Randy Haskins man-hugged me and whispered in a broken voice, "Steve, they're going to let him go."

Before Robert was taken off life-support, I was allowed to say good-bye. I don't know what you believe, but I'll tell what I experienced. As I entered the room, for the first time since I've known Big Bird, we didn't shake hands or hug. I walked around the bed and put my hand on his shoulder, feeling the machine putting oxygen into his body, as I did a familiar yet strange feeling sweep over me. Even though the man in the bed looked like Bird, his room-filling personality was missing.

I felt helpless, and small, doing my best not to cry but failed. As I leaned over to whisper my goodbye, Bird walked up on my left side. It was the feeling you get when someone walks into your peripheral vision, you know they're there but have to turn to see them. I didn't turn for fear he would not be there. What I said will remain between two friends, one who was leaving and the other who was left. When I stood up I turned to my right, I didn't look to my left; I needed him to be there.

I could have stayed until the end but I wanted to give my friend some private time with Patty, the woman he loved. As I left the room, his children were coming down the hall to hold their daddy's hand before he left. I knew he was still there, just not in that bed.

Randy and I went outside and sat on a wall. The day was nice in spite of the sadness.

Only five years had passed since I first shook Bird's hand. It was more like shaking a ham. I have often wondered, but can't say with any certainty, if any other job, with the exception of soldiers and firemen, has that bond cops enjoy. Big Bird was a cop, a big cop, a good cop, his son Michael is a cop, his friends are cops, and he loved cops.

Bird, like all good cops, when required, was able to walk through the insanity, yet able to laugh about it. When protecting the innocent he could scare the hell out of evil and I never saw him back up. He lived his life and enforced the law in a way in

which he would not have to apologize.

Those who didn't like him, in most cases, were on the wrong side of the law. He walked proud, talked loud and always drew a crowd.

One afternoon, I was approached by a man who said, "Did you hear what happened yesterday? It was something. This punk hit the chief upside the head and before anybody could move, Big Bird took him to the ground. The guy was in jail before he could get his breath."

It was the truth, but there was more to the story. When Bird arrived, the guy was drunk, challenging everyone around. The chief took him outside and when they hit the sidewalk the guy hit Bird. The chief could have driven him in the ground like a rusty nail but instead took him down and cuffed him.

On the way to jail, the guy began cussing and throwing a snot-slinging fit. Bird whipped the car off the road, pulled the guy out and un-handcuffed and then yanked him to his feet.

"I know your daddy died last week," Bird said in the guy's face. "Since he's not here to say what you need to hear, pretend I'm your daddy! You're done acting like this."

After a stern father-son, woodshed talk, Bird put the kid back in the car and took him home. I had to laugh; he tried to hide it but Big Bird's heart was as big as his hat.

After he was gone, his oldest granddaughter came up to me and asked, "Were you a good friend of my grandpa?"

"No honey, I'm still a good friend of your grandpa's."

She teared up and I pulled her in, hugging her. I held her until she got her cry out. She looked up, wiping her eyes, "You're big, and Mom said you were like hugging Grandpa. Thank you for letting me say goodbye."

Since Robert was in I.C.U., his grandkids were not allowed to say goodbye. The blessing that unfolded was unplanned. The little kids came to me and I picked them up. I held them grandpa-tight; they would hug my neck and press their wet face to my cheek to tell their grandpa goodbye.

The last little boy looked to be about 3. I whispered, "Grandpa loves you." He pushed back with red eyes and said in a squeaky voice, "I know." He then hugged me tight; that was it for me.

The gift I gave my friend the day he died was to wrap my arms around his grandkids and

tell them "grandpa loves you."

The gift my friend Big Bird gave me was the same.

Steve Sederwall  
Capitan

*Editor's note: Robert Bird, who died Jan. 23, served as Capitan police chief in 2005-06 during Mayor Steve Sederwall's administration. The two ran as a team of independents in the 2008 county sheriff's race and lost to Republican Rick Virden.*

To the editor:

**ROBERT D. BIRD**, or "Chief," as I called him, was one of the best men I ever had the pleasure of knowing and working with.

Chief was fair to everyone: employees, friends and, most especially, the unintentional lawbreakers he dealt with. Chief always said, "Everyone makes a mistake." And, "Everyone deserves a second chance." Chief was good at handing out second chances to those who deserved it.

Outside of those who feared him – the career criminal element, along with dishonest politicians – everyone respected him for what he stood for.

Some referred to him as "Bufford Pusser." Well, you're right, he did walk tall.

"There ain't no backup in me," he always said. He knew when he was right, and he admitted when he was wrong. That very seldom happened, because he knew what he was doing, and how to do it.

I am the only person I ever saw him get mad at. When a band of monkeys came after Chief and me for doing our jobs (over a Capitan drug deal), I wanted to quit. Chief told me that, "We did no wrong, we did our job and we did it well."

He told me he would prove to everyone that we were right, and that's exactly what he did. Former Mayor [Steve] Sederwall and the Village Trustees (except one) under him stood behind us 150 percent. Chief insisted that we, his officers, continue to jail drug dealers, wife beaters and any other criminals preying on the village of Capitan during that ordeal. We did not care "who your daddy was," and we did not quit doing the job the good, honest citizens of Capitan depended on us to do.

The best decision Sederwall made was to hire Chief to further his desire to clean up Capitan. But, because of certain lying politicians, that success only lasted during our tenure.

When Chief was fired unjustly by Mayor Sam Hammonds, it

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## YOUR OPINION

## Let the taxpayers know what's going on

To the editor:

**THE UNITED STATES** economy has tanked. New Mexico's economy is in shambles, the Albuquerque city budget is in deep trouble, and neighboring Alamogordo is \$1.5 million in the hole.

Yet, Lincoln County and Ruidoso are supposedly on track with no signs of economic pain, reports a recent *Ruidoso News* article, in spite of the fact that the county and village received a letter from the state warning that eco-

nomic pain is inevitable and to prepare for it.

County Commissioners pooh-poohed the news and Village Councilors never saw the letter because the village manager deemed it to be of no importance.

Ruidosoans — are we to believe that because we live at an elevation of 7,000 ft. that this economic calamity cannot reach us? Think again. When the village receives the report on its fourth quarter gross receipts taxes, it will be evident that we are in

deep doo-doo.

Gross receipts taxes are collected from local businesses to provide funds to the village. One has to be blind and deaf to not realize that motels, restaurants and retail stores have suffered a significant decrease in sales this past year.

One thing that is seriously lacking in village government is transparency. It does not allow taxpayers to know what is really going on. Are we hurting, going to hurt, or

what? We deserve to know.

We are faced with a \$40 million sewer plant, with some of its cost passed on to village taxpayers via increased water and sewer rates. Still, the Village is short \$18 million; maybe they will get it from the feds, but maybe not. The Republicans in Congress voted against the bailout.

All our County Commissioners are Republican, and only one Democrat sits on the village council — do you think they would turn it down? Nah. If, in fact,

the federal monies are not forthcoming, hold onto your wallets! The village will have to apply to the New Mexico Environment Department for a loan and must have a means to pay for it.

Taxpayers, beware!

As a past County Commissioner, I served on the Joint Use Board overseeing the sewer plant. In 2002, I said that the public should be told of the huge cost of the new sewer plant, which at that time was \$21 million. Same

thing then as is now — don't let the people know the truth, pass the problem on to the new council and let them deal with it.

People can handle the truth when all the facts are laid on the table and all is transparent. County and village leaders — do not be afraid to let taxpayers know what is going on. Should we tighten our belts or just pray?

Leo Martinez,  
Former County  
Commissioner  
Ruidoso

## Ruidoso: Do you know who your neighbors are?

To the editor:

**IF THE VILLAGE** Council in Ruidoso wishes to create a "mecca" for the criminal element they have, in their hands, a model ordinance with which to do so (in the form of the ordinance proposed by the Short Term Rentals Task Force).

This ordinance would allow short-term and overnight rentals to be permitted in any residential property anywhere in Ruidoso, under the pretense that, somehow, short-term rentals don't constitute "commercial activity." If implemented, this ordinance will remove any incentive (and indeed, provide a disincentive) for "watching out for your neighbor."

Since the potential exists for any house, at any time, in any neighborhood to be occupied by total strangers on a short-

term basis, there will be no incentive to pick up the phone and alert the authorities to unusual activity or unusual vehicles in the neighborhood — and likely no response if one were to do so.

A pickup truck backed up to the front door of a normally vacant house? Maybe just renters or house cleaners.

Strange cars driving past slowly at night? Maybe just someone looking for what they rented.

People you've never seen before peering into windows of unoccupied houses, at any hour? Probably just someone looking at a place where they might be interested in staying the next time they're here.

My family has owned vacation property here since the 1930s, and I've also owned property in

coastal resort areas of Texas. None of them have ever been rented out on either a short- or long-term basis. The best thing you can have with regard to your vacation home (usually unoccupied) is a nosy neighbor.

Under this ordinance, that will all go away.

I've lived in areas where neighbors barely knew each other. Even then, you recognize cars and faces, and there's always somebody around the neighborhood who "knows" who "belongs."

That, too, will go away.

The Village could double or triple the size of its current police patrol and still not replace the benefit (which we all enjoy) of the watchful eyes of those who live here and care enough to report suspicious activity.

When word gets out,

burglars and thieves from afar will flock to Ruidoso to take advantage of the ability to occupy a place with minimal scrutiny, case out the neighborhood with impunity, do their "business" with near invisibility, and move on, quite likely with no one ever really knowing exactly who they were.

Access to an online reservation and payment system and to someone to come in and clean up between rentals is all that any absentee landlord will need in order to "go into business" with short-term rentals. No face-to-face contact with renters, no accountability for who rents or occupies, and no responsibility to the community for anything. No need to even face the neighbors.

This whole ordinance is aimed at legitimizing the

illegal activities which have proliferated over the years, and benefits no one other than those who have been engaged in these activities and those who have made money from promoting the availability of these illegal short-term rentals.

There's no way to ensure the collection of the appropriate occupancy taxes or state taxes, and

no going-back once this is implemented.

If you care about this village, if you care about your neighbors and family, or if you even just only care about your property, then let it be known that you don't want this ordinance enacted in its present form.

John R Brouger III  
Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas  
Upper Canyon, Ruidoso

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almost broke his big ole heart. He and I talked that night, and he didn't have to tell me twice that he wanted the good people of Capitan taken care of. But, we could not fulfill that wish.

We were set up for failure and we knew Hammonds would come after me next.

Chief often spoke of the many good, honest citizens of Capitan and Lincoln County, and made a second attempt at fulfilling his desire to continue what he started in Capitan by running with Sederwall as his undersheriff. Again, certain politicians and scared criminal elements prevailed, and the "machine" came back into power.

Chief may be gone, but the good will prevail, and those who deserve jail sentences will get their just rewards. Here, or in Hell — don't matter which to me.



I say to the good and honest citizens of Capitan and Lincoln County: If you continue to allow the "machine" to run amok, you will never again see what Capitan saw during Chief's tenure. Continue what he started, and stay with it. Lincoln County is a beautiful place, marred by corruption, drug addicts/dealers and criminals — and law enforcement officers who care "who your daddy is."

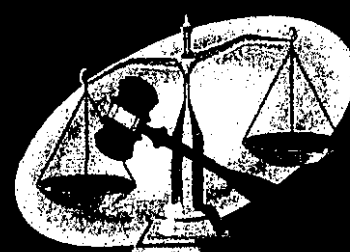
The best of luck to all of you that call Chief Bird your friend, and in his memory, show him that he made a difference by doing your part to continue what he started. I will see you again someday, my friend, rest in peace knowing you made a difference in a lot of people's lives.

The best decision I ever made was to trust in him. Because of him, there "ain't no back-up in me now."

Randy Haskins  
Former Lieutenant  
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Editor's note: Randy Haskins now works for the Artesia Police Department.

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## A Ruidoso Day primer for curious residents

**A**s Ruidoso Day in Santa Fe approaches, the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce has prepared a series of answers to some questions about this important event in our state's capital.

### What is Ruidoso Day?

An opportunity for business people, residents and local officials to talk directly, one-on-one, with state legislators in a coordinated effort to request laws and

funds to benefit our local community.

### Why is it important?

The old adage "The squeaky wheel" is true. The more you talk with the legislators, the more they are aware of what faces our community, the more they remember come approval time.

### Why should I help?

When an elected official (local, state or national) hears how

issues directly affect you, a constituent, it makes the issue real. It is most important for legislators to help the people. When the people speak up, they know how important the issues are.

### How can I help?

You can call or email our elected officials any time. The state legislators' information can be found online at [www.nm-legis.gov](http://www.nm-legis.gov).

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber

of Commerce is coordinating Ruidoso Day on Feb. 5. Give Sandi Aguilar a call at the Chamber 257-7395 to learn how you can be a part of this incredible effort.

### What are the local issues?

The primary issues we are addressing at Ruidoso Day are the Waste Water Treatment Plant, a health clinic in Capitan, Cultural Affairs support for Spencer Theater and

ENMU and Ft. Stanton, and the change in the Horse Racing Tax Code. Call the Ruidoso Valley Chamber for a complete listing of issues.

Never before has a unified voice been so important for our county. With limited state funds, we need your help to get some of those funds allocated to Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs and Lincoln County. Please support Ruidoso Day.

### NOT SO SHRIMPY



The Ruidoso Valley Greeters recently celebrated the opening of Shrimpy's, located in the Time Square shopping center. Visitors to Shrimpy's can enjoy English-style fish and chips, succulent shrimp and spicy wings.

## React or respond to your situation

**R**eact - This is an undesirable action and is caused by an outer source that is led with poorly developed talents. Typically in business, reactions do not develop good harvests.

**Respond** - This is an action based on thought and tremendous training. Usually, in responding to a situation you will find a solution and success within.

In business, many times we tend to act out of "instinct" or a gut-wrenching emotion. These reactions are typically not thought through and are reckless decisions based on actions of other people or situations.

The economy or independent businesses cannot survive by playing business roulette. We were given brains to manifest harvests with our trade.

Airplanes need a pilot for the decision-making process that is needed for correct flying.

Businesses need management to be there to ensure that there is smooth sailing.

Say it out loud: "I am the pilot of my life and of my business. I am the only one that makes or breaks my future success. I will make sure that I am well trained and educated in my field so that I can make the

correct decisions when it comes to my business, personal development and growth."

By saying these words, you have agreed to plan and administer your business.

Being able to respond to employees, dissatisfied customers and economic struggles will give you enormous stability and capability to bend - but not break in the wind of strife during difficult times.

We gain these skills through wisdom acquired by taking notice of others that have come before us. We then utilize those lessons in today's standards.

Many people ask how I can teach and speak on the subject of business and life.

"I understand that there is gray in great," is what I tell them.

King Solomon taught us that plans will fail for lack of counsel (education) but with many advisors they succeed (much education).

My studies have led me to "Respond" and I wish you the same grace in your business development.

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TIM LUCERO

## New Mexico's unemployment rate continues to rise

New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.9 percent in December 2008, up from 4.3 percent in November and 3.2 percent a year ago. The

national unemployment rate was 7.2 percent.

The rate of over-the-year job growth, comparing December 2008 with December 2007, was negative 0.8 percent, representing an over-the-year loss of 6,800 jobs.

Even with negative job growth, New Mexico ranked 15th highest among all states as the U.S. economy posted its 12th consecutive month of job losses. Prior to last month, the state's job growth had not been negative since June 1991, 17 years ago. At that time, job growth turned negative for just one month. The last period of sustained job losses in the state occurred from October 1986 through February 1987.

Four of the state's 13 industries posted job growth since last year, while a total

of eight industries reported declining employment.

Only three industry groups - health care, local government and mining - reported a substantial number of new jobs. Health care seems to always grow, even when job losses are reported elsewhere.

This appears to be a truly recession-proof industry, with much of the funding coming from government programs and private health insurance rather than direct expenditures from individuals.

Leisure and hospitality reported 2,800 fewer jobs, ending a year characterized by underperformance for travel and tourism. Retail trade had been growing up until last month. Lackluster hiring for peak season resulted in 1,300 fewer jobs compared to this time last

year, consistent with national numbers that also showed reduced employment levels.

Local government job growth was evident in school districts and tribal casinos, some of which recently expanded.

Mining employment increased earlier this year, but the industry will lose at least some of those gains when previously announced layoffs go into effect in 2009.

Recently announced layoffs at the copper mines near Silver City and substantially lower oil and gas prices indicate that the boom has ended.

The state lost 3,300 manufacturing jobs over the last year, with reductions reported across the board. The construction industry is going through a period of adjustment following four years of growth that resulted in the creation of 14,000 new jobs.

Construction employment boomed with work on various large public works

projects and continued when residential construction was strong. The boom has now ended, and job losses have occurred.

Overall, the construction industry reported 1,100 fewer jobs in December 2008 than in December 2007. When considering larger job losses reported at the national level in construction, New Mexico could be doing much worse.

Government employment increased at a rate of 0.6 percent overall, adding a net total of 1,100 jobs. The bulk of the gain came from local government, which expanded by 1,000 jobs.

Federal government increased by 400 jobs, while state government was down 300. The miscellaneous other services category reported the same number of jobs as last year after temporary jobs ended for those employed by the major political parties in the run-up to the election.

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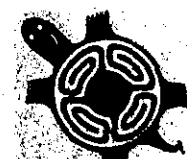
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# Wire fences endangering birds

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Two species of Western birds that are teetering on the edge of being added to the U.S. endangered species list could be helped by improving the fence-building practices of two federal agencies, according to Environmental Defense Fund officials.

Spokesmen for the conservation group said if the Bureau of Land Management and Natural Resources Conservation Service put inexpensive, easily available reflectors or other markers on wire fences, needless deaths of greater sage grouse and lesser prairie chickens could be avoided.

The two federal government agencies have unwittingly contributed to the

loss of these species, they said. Sage grouse live in Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, North Dakota and South Dakota. Lesser prairie chickens live in Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, and both birds live in Colorado. Thousands of miles of the deadly wire fences were built in those states in the last three years, either directly by the BLM or with funding from the NCRS.

The lesser prairie chicken recently was moved to near the top of the list of species that are candidates for possible Endangered Species Act protection.

"Listing these birds under the Endangered Species Act is likely to have far-reaching consequences for livestock grazing, oil

and gas development, and wind energy development across much of the country," said Michael Bean, senior director of the Wildlife Program and senior attorney. "Reducing the hazard from fencing is a practical step that can be taken now to reduce one of the known threats to these birds. It could produce immediate benefits for very little money. This is a smart investment, and one we can afford."

Several studies have shown wire fencing to be one main cause of death for sage grouse and lesser prairie chickens, which live in a combined 15 states across the West, he said. The birds cannot see the thin wires and fly into them. The collisions are often fatal. A study in Oklahoma found that fence

collisions caused an astonishing 39.8 percent of lesser prairie chicken deaths from known causes, and a similar study in Utah found fence collision responsible for 18 percent of sage grouse deaths.

EDF staff combed through government and academic data looking for ways to help these two birds because both are under active consideration for addition to the federal endangered species list. EDF leaders are urging the simple action of equipping government-built or government-funded wire fences with reflective devices made from vinyl siding, cloth flagging, or similar markers. It could be done quickly and the cost would be minor compared to the overall cost of fencing. While adding reflective de-

*"Reducing the hazard from fencing is a practical step that can be taken now to reduce one of the known threats to these birds."*

—Michael Bean

vices will not eliminate all the potential problems for wildlife caused by fences, the change will reduce one of these animals' most serious problems.

"It's not often we have an opportunity to help two struggling species with such a simple action," Bean said. "We should retrofit government-funded fences and ensure that all new fences are built with visibility enhancements of some sort. This action alone won't reverse the decline of the birds, but it's a big step in the right direction."

Since 2005, BLM has

built 3,150 miles of fencing in the 15 affected states, at a cost of about \$10,000 per mile. NCRS funds more than 1,000 miles of fencing each year in the counties where the birds live, at roughly the same cost. For an extra \$200 per mile, or a 2 percent cost increase, all new fencing could be built with reflectors or flagging so the birds could avoid it and survive, Bean contended. EDF has raised the issue with officials of both agencies and is encouraged that they have been receptive to addressing the problem, he said.

## Transit ridership promising

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Ridership on vans operated by Lincoln County Transit started out strong and improved this month, Ruidoso Downs Councilor Gary Williams reported Tuesday.

Williams was updating Ruidoso village councilors as they discussed a \$25,000 capped transit service agreement between the village and the city of Ruidoso Downs.

Deputy Village Manager Barbara Fleming explained that initially the transit was to operate as a separate authority, but now is under the jurisdiction of Ruidoso Downs.

"We had obligated \$25,000 to get Department of Transportation funding," she said. "This is the service agreement for the fiscal year (that began July 1)."

Councilor Michele Rebstock noted the start-up date for service was Oct. 1, 2008.

"So the service will be for less than a year and we still use the \$25,000 full-year figure?" she asked.

Village Attorney Dan Bryant said the commitment was \$25,000 for the year as start-up support. Ridership origin will be tracked for specific accounting.

Williams said the city is fiscal agent for the transit. The Lincoln County Commission and his city council each also pledged \$25,000 to ensure the program could receive state and federal transportation dollars, he said.

"It began in December and the ridership was 389, even with the holidays," Williams said. "To date this

month, the ridership is 426. Mickie Compton (the director) has multiple requests daily. She runs two vans and is adding a third. We anticipate growth and are hopeful the village will continue to support the program."

In the greater Ruidoso-Ruidoso Downs area, a one way ride costs \$1. In Lincoln County outside those municipalities, the charge is \$3 one way, he said.

Councilors approved the agreement with the caveat that language and spelling be cleaned up by Bryant, who said even with the errors, the document was legally sufficient.

In another issue, councilors voted to drop a floating holiday village employees receive for their birthdays and substitute a holiday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Initially, Mayor L. Ray Nunley suggested adding the holiday to bring the number of paid days off to 13, but Rebstock said the village should remain at 12 paid holidays.

Nunley said Martin Luther King Day is celebrated by state and county offices and village employees deserve the extra day in part for their hard work during a July 27 flood along the Ruidoso River.

Rebstock countered that only 10 of the village holidays are recognized as federal holidays. She proposed cutting down one of the two-day holidays observed locally, Christmas Eve or the Friday after Thanks-

giving.

Village Manager Dan O. Higgins said the village allowed about the average number of holidays for government entities in New Mexico. Cory asked how many give birthday holidays and Fleming, who also heads village Human Resources, replied that there is no consistency, but birthday holidays are used more widely in government than

in corporate circles.

"I think the birthday is the one to give up," Councilor Ron Hardeman said. "I've never had one in my life."

Although the motion passed to exchange King Day for the floating birthday holiday, councilors agreed to wait for a suggested effective date to ensure no one is affected this year.

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# SCHOOL

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the mill levy is all about.

"We've had public meetings and made ourselves available to anyone that wants to know about this," Vinson said. "The response has been positive, once they realize this is totally different from a bond election."

In light of the two defeated bonds, Vinson said the board is now looking at alternative funding sources for major improvements at the Capitan schools campus.

"We've been doing exactly what voters asked us to do," Vinson said. "We are researching every type of income available to us without a bond. Also, we've been researching our needs for heating and ventilation in the school system, working to make a better-informed decision."

Crawford said anyone interested in the mill levy can go to the district's Web site at [www.capitan.k12-nm.us](http://www.capitan.k12-nm.us).

## Board election

Vinson faces Brian Newell for position 2 on the school board, while James Fields is running unopposed for Position 1.

A pastor at Christ Community Fellowship Church in Capitan, Vinson has been on the board since being selected 3 1/2 years ago.

"We've got a good working team on the board right now, and I'd like to continue that team," Vinson said. "We're one of the few districts in the state that has met our Average Yearly

Progress for every school. But even with that success, we're looking to see how we can further our improvement."

Vinson has been personally involved in the creation of a culinary arts program at Capitan. The first students are now beginning their journey through that three-year program this year.

"My background is in restaurant design, so I helped them design the home economics rooms into a working professional kitchen," Vinson said.

He added that as pastor, he's got the kind of flexible hours needed to help lobby for school funding with lawmakers in Santa Fe.

"I'm also available for meetings all hours of the day, and I've been called on for that quite a bit," Vinson said.

Newell said he made the decision to put his name in the hat after attending a few board meetings and seeing a small turnout.

"I signed up as soon as I knew that seat was up, and didn't know if anyone else would run," Newell said. "I don't really have a solution to getting more people involved with the school board, but we've got to get people fired up about our schools."

Newell has a son in Capitan Elementary, and said it seems natural to him to be concerned about the board's doings.

"If you've got a kid in school, it seems you would want to know what's going on; that's why I ran," Newell said. "The school board we have now is a very good one, I just want to be a part of it."

# Ruidoso: Four candidates, two seats

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Four candidates are vying for two seats in this year's Ruidoso School Board elections next Tuesday.

Incumbent Rafael Salas faces John Sims for his position 4 seat, while Paul Vordermann is taking on incumbent Kerry Gladden-Eastep for position 5.

Salas is finishing his first term as board member, having won his first term in 2005. He said he was inspired to run after finishing his time in the Leadership Lincoln program.

"That and serving on the state board of the public employee retirement association in 2002," Salas said. "I felt I had to do my part for community service."

Salas recently retired as the director of the Parks and Recreation Department for the Village of Ruidoso, but isn't ready to retire from his board position.

"The students come first, always," Salas said. "That's the priority. We've got a number of projects working that I'd still like to be a part of."

Salas pointed to the construction of the new middle school, scheduled to be completed in July, and remodeling of the existing White Mountain complex as two projects he's particularly excited about.

"Being on the board has been a good learning experience for me about the entire state education process, and I'd like to continue applying what I've learned," he said.

Sims was unavailable for comment at press time. In position 5, Vorder-



**Kerry Gladden-Eastep is the incumbent in position 5**



**Paul Vordermann is the challenger for position 5**

mann is challenging Gladden-Eastep, who was appointed to her seat last year following the resignation of board president Danny Sisson.

"She didn't run for that position, and I think every position on the board needs to be earned," Vordermann said.

Vordermann is the past Lieutenant Governor of Division 5 for Kiwanis International in the state, and sponsored the creation of Key Clubs in Ruidoso and Mesalero. Key Clubs allow access to Kiwanis scholarships for their students. Up to 20 \$1,000 scholarships are given annually.

He said the Ruidoso club died for lack of a sponsor, and said he would be will-

ing to be the sponsor if elected to the board.

"It wouldn't be political, I would simply do it out of a desire for service," Vordermann said. "I'd also like to see the school honor graduates that go into military service upon graduation. We honor those going into college or vocational school, but not military service, and that's wrong."

Vordermann has been a resident of Ruidoso since 1983, and has had one son graduate from Ruidoso High in that time.

As he has no students currently in the system, Vordermann said he has no agenda with administration or teachers.

"My only goal is to provide service to the community," Vordermann said. "I have the time to do so."

"We already spend too little per student, only about \$1,000, which is well below average," he added. "We have to be more proactive. A majority of funds we receive need to go to our students and their purposes."

Gladden-Eastep has a family history of school service behind her. Her mother, Sandy was a teacher in the Ruidoso schools and recently retired from a career with Region IX Education Cooperative. Her father, Mike, was the superintendent after having served as the principal at White Mountain Elementary.

## CANDIDATES FOR THE 2009 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

**CAPTAN**  
Polling in Cummins Gym foyer  
Position 1, Four-year term  
1. James Fields

Position 2, Four-year term  
1. Brian Newell  
2. Edward Vinson

**CARRIZO**  
Polling in the Lincoln County Clerk's office  
Position 3, Four-year term  
1. Denise Hill

Position 4, Four-year term  
1. Wallace Ferguson

**CORONA**  
Polling at the Corona Senior Center  
Position 4, Four-year term  
1. James Smith

Position 5, Four-year term  
No declared candidate

**ENMU-RUIDOSO**  
Polling at the Ruidoso Convention Center  
Position 2, Four-year term  
1. James Paxton

Position 3, Four-year term  
1. Andrea Reed  
2. Susan Phillips

**HONDO**  
Polling at Hondo schools  
Position 1, Four-year term  
1. Dennis Nosker

Position 2, Four-year term  
1. James Cooper

**RUIDOSO**  
Polling at the Ruidoso Convention Center  
Position 4, Four-year term  
1. John Sims  
2. Rafael Salas

Position 5, Four-year term  
1. Paul Vordermann  
2. Kerry Gladden

"My opponent has asked in public forum if just being their daughter, has qualified me," Gladden-Eastep said.

"Of course it doesn't, but they did give me a love and respect for education. I stand up for what I believe in."

Gladden-Eastep is owner of The Agency, a public relations firm, and said she sees the value of a community and education system to small business.

"Having been in Los Angeles for 18 years, I've seen you don't always get support between the community and schools like you have here," Gladden-Eastep said. "The district is very good, and we're always striving for improvement."

Gladden-Eastep said she's learned the board needs to take a hands-off approach to dealing with day-to-day issues that face the schools, leaving that to faculty and staff.

"The board's job is to make sure the district policies are in shape," Gladden-Eastep said. "Issues are a concern to us, but we just want to make sure the policies used to deal with those issues are up to date and able to provide the guidance needed."

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# EMS

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are divvied up by a certificate of authority after an ambulance service comes to the PRC, requests to serve an area and shows that it is capable.

If Mescalero officials objected to the plan proposed on the change in jurisdiction for LCEMS, they could have intervened, he said. Jones said AMR's certificate specifies that equipment will be stationed in Alamogordo with no reference to Tularosa or Mescalero.

After a certificate is issued, the company is obligated to serve the territory and "cannot decide not to," Jones said.

Another entity also cannot come into the assigned area as a safeguard against a company trying to "steal" business, he said.

However, another EMS could cross lines under three circumstances:

- A mutual aid written agreement that allows a second entity to provide backup "because the certificate holder can't serve at a particular time," with its units tied up elsewhere.

- A certificate holder can "lease" a portion of its authority to another EMS entity with approval from the PRC.

- The PRC could be petitioned to grant overlapping jurisdictions, which is the situation in Albuquerque.

"We need to come up with a short-term solution," Jones said. "We can't wait six months. I hope those folks move quickly to get a mutual aid agreement or a temporary lease or work with the county to do what it takes in the next few days. The PRC will not be the hold-up on something short-term to bridge the few months until they come up with a bona fide solution."

"This is a gap in coverage and it needs to be filled. I encourage all parties to get together and do what

needs to be done."

PRC Transportation Division officials are reviewing the situation and will report to the commission "pretty soon," Jones said.

Wheeler said he's presented a contract proposal to the Mescalero Tribal Council and Indian Health Services to place a full-time ambulance at the new reservation fire station on Apache Summit. Jim Stover, who heads LCEMS, confirmed Wheeler contacted him and is working on a mutual aid agreement that will allow the Ruidoso-based ambulance service to provide backup for AMR, if its units are on other calls.

Mescalero President Carleton Naiche-Palmer said the financial terms in the contract proposed by AMR are too costly for the tribe.

"We are trying to get additional financial support," he said Wednesday. "We can't support the rates he's quoting us. I think the PRC would provide a waiver

rather than leave this territory uncovered."

In a Dec. 15 letter, Stover notified AMR, Palmer and other affected agencies that with a change from the operating certificate of the Village of Ruidoso to the County of Lincoln, "we no longer have Public Regulation Commission authority to respond into Otero County." The change happened in conjunction with the LCEMS taking over equipment and responsibility for the entire EMS operation countywide.

To be in compliance with the current certificate, Stover wrote that LCEMS' response to reservation calls would cease at the end of 30 days.

After that notification, Wheeler said he began working with the tribal council and IHS on a contract to place an ambulance at the fire station, but anticipated the final version may not be signed for another 45 days.

"We gave them all the information last week," he

said. The tribal council was aware that the placement of an ambulance initially was a 10-day test while trying to figure out the best way to provide coverage and collect data that the fire chief could present to the council, he said. Part of the arrangement would involve training and better equipment for fire department employees as first responders, he said.

Wheeler said he wasn't comfortable with dispatching ambulances from Alamogordo and moved one to Tularosa, about 15 miles closer. "We're dealing with what we can until there is a

permanent solution," he said. "We've notified surrounding dispatching agencies, because everything used to go to Ruidoso. Now they will call Mescalero and our dispatch center. We're all trying to work together to get a resolution."

The Ruidoso-based LC-EMS has responded in Mescalero since 1985, but changes in the PRC rules and LCEMS' certificate created problems, Wheeler said. "We're trying to set up our own mutual aid with LCEMS, but it will take time. I'm sure the situation is not unique in the state."

# WYETH

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The image was further confirmed through a conversation two days later with another of Wyeth's nephews, Denys McCoy, of Nogal. McCoy, a filmmaker and the son of Andrew's sister Carolyn, described growing up with his Uncle Andy. McCoy lived in Chadds Ford, Pa., about a mile from his grandfather's house. N.C. Wyeth, the patriarch of the Wyeth clan, was a highly respected illustrator who emphasized family.

"It was all about family with Grandpa," McCoy said. "It was a tightly knit family, and N.C. stressed using your imagination. That was it - and work hard and believe in yourself." Then he laughed as he recalled, "We would run wild, dress in costumes and create plays. We built models, listened to music, whatever the outlet. We were un-harnessed, unrestrained, unbridled. Grandpa thought you should throw everything into the kitchen sink. Imagination was premier."

Because he was born with physically compromising conditions, Andrew was tutored by his father at home, Hurd explained, where N.C. taught him the artist's basics. And that was how Hurd's father Peter met the Wyeth family. As a young man, he went to Chadds Ford to study with N.C. "It was always Pop and Andy," Hurd remembered. "They painted together, they played together, they joked

together." It was Peter Hurd who introduced the technique of egg tempera to Wyeth, who became famous for his work in the medium as well as that of watercolor.

Wyeth's first solo exhibition in 1937 at the Macbeth Gallery in New York was a sell-out show. This was the beginning of an impressive career of exhibitions and honors, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

In 1964, The Farnsworth museum in Rockland, Maine paid \$65,000 for a painting titled "Her Room." At that time, this was more money than any gallery had ever paid for the work of any living artist. Andrew Wyeth's paintings have been displayed at the National Gallery of Art where no living artist had ever had an exhibit.

"The word 'can't' just did not exist with Andy," McCoy emphasized. "The feeling that you had the ability to do whatever you set out to do was always present."

"Growing up, there was always a sense of pride in the whole family, that they had the talent and ability to do whatever could be imagined. Andy always understood that. And he was never pretentious about his success. He painted 60 to 70 years from the same studio."

Andrew Wyeth's best-known paintings include "Christina's World," featuring a Wyeth family neighbor at their summer residence in Maine, and the Helga pictures, a compilation of tempera and dry-brush paintings,

watercolors and pencil studies of a Chadds Ford neighbor, German-born Helga Testorf.

Wyeth's prints were also popular with world leaders, such as former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev and U.S. president Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Wyeth had been suffering from a "slight illness" and died in his sleep in the early hours on Friday, Jan. 16, at his home in Chadds Ford near Philadelphia at the age of 81. Lora Englehart of the Brandywine River Museum said.

Former-president George W. Bush mourned the passing of the artist who "captured America in his paintings of his native Pennsylvania and Maine." In his statement, Bush recalled how "Wyeth was no stranger to White House recognitions."

The popular artist received the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest U.S. civilian award, from President John F. Kennedy in 1963. In 1970, he became the first living artist to have his work exhibited in the White House, when Richard Nixon was in office.

"In 1990, my father presented Mr. Wyeth the Congressional Gold Medal," Bush said. "In 2007, I awarded Mr. Wyeth the National Medal of Arts in recognition of his lifetime achievement and contribution to American arts and culture."

In 1977, Wyeth became the first American artist since John Singer Sargent to be elected to the French Academie des Beaux-Arts. He was also an honorary

member of the Soviet Academy of the Arts and the first living American artist to be elected to Britain's Royal Academy.

"But with Andy there was no acting, no pretentiousness," McCoy told the Ruidoso News. "Every instance, every moment was unique."

"He was truly appreciative of every moment and all its nuances," Hurd agreed. "He was a good man - a great man. He is a model for me."

"It's hard to express the loss," McCoy shared. "But we have the memories of that spirit - it was infectious. Just to be in the room with him or with his paintings - there was an electricity we'll all miss. He was someone who had the ability to raise your spirits, and you can't help but take that on yourself."

"His wonderful delight in discovery - simple things like daybreak, the sunrise, opening Christmas presents - is an inspiration to us all. His heart was never closed; he was open for any and everything."

A fitting legacy, indeed.

Several fine Web sites are devoted to Wyeth, including the official site at [www.andrewwyeth.com](http://www.andrewwyeth.com). The Brandywine River Museum plans to hold "a celebration of his life and art," but no date has been set yet.

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## State reports on new babies, moms

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Health recently released its latest report on the experiences and health of new mothers and their babies in 2004-05.

The report is the best information available on maternal health, in the state and provides essential data and resources to help shape policies and develop prevention programs that can support women and their families.

The Department of Health's PRAMS (Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System) surveys about one in 12 New Mexico women giving live birth every month, and the 2004-05 birth report provides information on more than 50 maternal and infant health indicators for those two years.

The report is used to help inform policy makers, state agencies, physicians and health advocates so they can improve the health of mothers, infants and families.

"The information women provide us has helped us craft legislation and develop programs to support women and their families," said Health Secretary Dr. Alfredo Vigil.

Information from previous PRAMS reports helped encourage the New Mexico Legislature and Governor Bill Richardson to support legislation in 2007 that

requires employers to provide a place for women to breastfeed.

In the most recent PRAMS report, 84 percent of women breastfed or pumped milk for their new infant after they were born, but only 30 percent of women said they could breastfeed at work during break times.

The report marks a steady progress in infant care: breastfeeding initiation increased from 76 percent in 1998 to 84 percent in 2005.

It also shows that New Mexico continues to face significant challenges with healthcare access and the health of pregnant women and moms.

Almost 20 percent of New Mexico women giving live birth had inadequate prenatal care. This means many women did not have prenatal care in the first trimester and missed important opportunities to manage potential problems such as gestational diabetes or to receive support around domestic violence or depression.

"The report illustrates that New Mexico has considerable, historical challenges and must continue to invest in programs that promote healthy births and children," Dr. Vigil said.

A PRAMS steering committee works to address issues of concern from the report. Currently, the com-

mittee is working to address postpartum depression, and to promote healthy maternal and infant outcomes. The committee includes representatives from the Department of Health, University of New Mexico, the Human Services Department, the New Mexico March of Dimes and perinatal health or home visiting programs.

Highlights of the report:

- 43 percent had an unintended pregnancy.
- 8 percent were physically abused by a current or ex-husband/partner in the year before pregnancy.
- 63 percent had adequate or better than adequate prenatal care.

• 68 percent of moms said they most often laid their new baby to sleep on his or her back.

• 20 percent of women experienced postpartum depression symptoms after their baby was born.

The survey also gives mothers a chance to write personal comments about their experiences.

Quotes from moms are contained throughout the report.

One mom wrote, "I think it is excellent you are asking these types of questions and that you inform mothers of the importance of taking care of themselves before, during and after pregnancy. One child is worth the worry."

## Peanut butter safety in Girl Scout Cookies

LOUISVILLE, KY – The Girl Scouts have released a statement in reference to the recent food safety concerns with peanut butter.

"We want to assure all of our loyal Girl Scout Cookie customers that the peanut butter used in Tagalongs and Do-Si-Dos cookie products is not sourced from Peanut Corporation of America, the supplier recently implicated by the

FDA in their ongoing investigation of a Salmonella outbreak," the release stated.

"Food safety is of the utmost importance to us. We have and continue to work closely with all our ingredient suppliers to ensure that they continue to exceed food industry operating standards as part of our goal to bake safe, great-tasting Girl

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And, if you plan to claim your son as a dependent on

your tax return, he will need a Social Security number

### Question:

My wife and I run a bed and breakfast. This time every year we tire of all the paperwork involved with filing taxes.

Is there an easier way for small businesses?

### Answer:

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## Coffee Time

In maintaining health today, sometimes it becomes difficult to work in social activities that stimulate the mind, exercise the body and create new and lasting friendships.

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That is the idea for the Senior Care Coalition's "Coffee Time" every Thursday morning, 9 a.m. to noon, beginning Jan. 29.

Activities included will be puzzles (jigsaw and Sudoku), board games, card and domino games, and chair exercises.

If none of these are interesting to you, just come for a cup of coffee, relax and chat with your friends.

Caregivers are invited to bring their

loved ones for these activities while they run errands or they can stay and enjoy the fun themselves.

Also for caregivers, there will be support group time from 9:30 – 10 a.m.

The Senior Care Coalition is a community group that is interested in issues that affect seniors and citizens with disabilities.

After conducting a survey of caregivers in our area, it was concluded that caregivers need time away from their loved ones for shopping or just relaxing without the caregiver responsibility.

"Coffee Time" will allow this away time plus give all seniors and citizens with disabilities a place to meet and enjoy time together.

If you have questions about this project, please call 257-4575.

Article is courtesy of the Lincoln County Community Health Council, 973-1829.

## Health care for children is a priority

WASHINGTON – U.S.

Senator Jeff Bingaman spoke in favor of quickly passing a bill that would provide more New Mexico children – and some adults – with health care.

Bingaman is a member of the Senate Finance Committee, which wrote the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization of 2009 the Senate is currently debating.

Bingaman was able to include several key provisions in the bill, which expands and extends the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) – a federal-state initiative that provides health care to children whose families are not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid.

"SCHIP is particularly important to my home state," Bingaman said in a Senate floor speech.

"New Mexicans have a very difficult time acquiring health insurance and we remain the second-most uninsured state in the nation.

"Currently, more than 30,000 New Mexicans

depend on SCHIP for coverage.

"Under this legislation, my state would receive \$196 million for CHIP this year – 277 percent increase over the state's current CHIP allotment. This represents the fourth largest percentage increase of any state.

"With this funding, tens-of-thousands of additional low-income New Mexico children – and some adults – would have access to health care for the first time."

The bill contains Bingaman's proposal to ensure that New Mexicans aren't denied Medicaid or CHIP because they haven't been able to meet new citizenship documentation requirements – for example, because they don't have a passport.

Under current regulations, an estimated 10,000 New Mexican citizen children may have lost or been denied coverage because of these requirements.

Bingaman was also able to include a provision that will automatically enroll children in SCHIP if they

have already been deemed eligible for another public program with comparable income standards, such as the National School Lunch Program or the Food Stamp Program.

The bill contains many other provisions that are important to Bingaman, such as a mandate to provide dental coverage for children receiving SCHIP benefits as well as a "wrap" provision Bingaman added to allow children with private coverage who don't receive dental benefits to receive such benefits through SCHIP.

Another provision improves outreach capabilities aimed at enrolling more Native American children.

Bingaman said the time had come to get this bill to President Obama's desk.

"We passed this bill in Congress last year only to have it vetoed. Given the economic climate and the number of Americans losing their jobs and health insurance, it's my hope we can get this bill signed into law in a matter of weeks," Bingaman said.

## WEDDINGS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Hayes – Trantham

The engagement and upcoming wedding of Bandi Lee Hayes and Terrell Ray Trantham has been announced.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rick and Phyllis Hayes of Belen.

She was the Belen High School 2003 class valedictorian and earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from New Mexico State University in 2007.

She is currently in her second year studying veterinary medicine at Colorado State University.

Her fiancé is the son of Todd and Diana Proctor of Capitan.

He is a 2003 graduate of Belen High School and earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and education from NMSU in 2007.

He is currently working on an administration degree at Grand Canyon University and is employed as a mathematics teacher and football coach in Longmont, Colo.

A summer wedding is planned.



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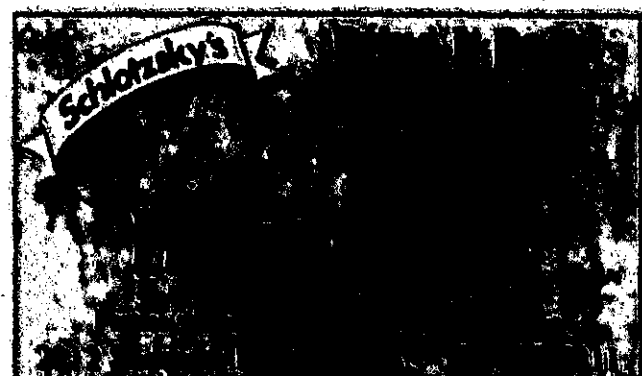
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## RUIDOSO DOWNS POLICE BRIEFS

## Accidental shooting

Police responded to a report of a gunshot wound, Jan. 1. The victim advised the officer that the weapon had been accidentally fired.

## Criminal damage

Police responded to Ladera Apartments, Jan. 4, on a report of someone throwing rocks through a window.

## Driving drunk

After being stopped, Jan. 16, Abran Barela was arrested for DWI and driving with a suspended license.

## Motherly love

During a welfare check at a local apart-

ment complex, Jan. 20, police contacted Dallee Wilson, 32, who was outside her apartment with her child. Wilson was "intoxicated and began a physical fight with one of the neighbors," after which she was arrested for disorderly conduct and simple battery.

## Warrant arrests

Jeff Salcido, 21, was arrested, Jan. 2, on a warrant issued by Lincoln County District Court.

Matthew Stubbs, 45, was arrested on a Ruidoso Downs Municipal Court warrant. Manuel Carrasco, 27, was arrested, Jan. 10, while Ronald Chavez, 45, was arrested, Jan. 17, on warrants issued by Adult Probation.

Hector Mejia, 59, was arrested, Jan. 18, on a warrant issued by Ruidoso Magistrate Court.

## RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

## Get out

Police arrested a man for entering a vehicle parked at Two Rivers Park, Jan. 24, and then refusing to leave when asked. Robin Harney, 54, of Ruidoso, was taken to the Ruidoso Police Department after his arrest for criminal trespass.

## Public damage

Vandals sprayed graffiti on the walls of the public bathroom located at Sudderth Drive and Eagle, Jan. 25.

## News junkies

Crooks apparently desperate for the news - or at least the change people pay for the news - stole a newspaper vending machine from in front of a business on the 100 block of Sudderth Drive, Jan. 27.

## Serendipity

While looking to serve an arrest warrant on one subject, Ruidoso Police found a violation of a different kind at a local hotel, Jan. 20. Police found marijuana in a hotel room and cited Gerardo McCall, 34, of El Paso for possession of marijuana.

## Another burglary

A home on the 200 block of First Street was reported broken into, Jan. 21. A television and several bath towels had been stolen.

## Don't come back

Police arrested Alley Hosetosavit, 30, of Mescalero after he violated a criminal trespass order at a local church, Jan. 23. He was booked at RPD and later taken to the Lincoln County Detention Center.

## Downs council sends contract back to Ruidoso

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An agreement - which the Ruidoso Downs City Council decided needed a little tweaking before it could approve it - resurfaced at the council meeting on Monday.

At issue was the Sacramento Mountain Emergency Management Group Mutual Assistance Agreement between Ruidoso Downs and the Village of Ruidoso.

In October, the council - on the advice of attorney W.T. Martin - voted not to approve it until language regarding the agreement's renewal was changed. The agreement would have been approved for five years, with only a department head's signature from each municipality required for renewal.

## Annual review

The city wanted the agreement to come up for renewal on an annual basis, with a hearing before the council required each time.

According to Martin, the Village asked Ruidoso Downs to reconsider these requirements, stating an annual hearing for re-approval was too much of a burden.

Martin said the Village also pointed out Ruidoso Downs could remove itself from the agreement at any time with a 30-day notice.

But councilors weren't about to budge.

"Isn't it a lot harder to undo something than to just do it?" asked councilor Dean Holman, referring to the difficulty it would take to get out of the agreement.

Martin replied yes, at which point Holman asked "Isn't that why we voted on this then?"

"I would be very careful about delegating your duty to negotiate and review this contract," Martin said. "Your original vote on this didn't substantively change the agreement."

The council voted not to change their original decision, and sent the document back to Ruidoso with the provision for annual reviews.

In other business, the council:

- Approved an ordinance repealing previous flood hazard regulations in the city code. Steve Dunigan, the city's planning and zoning director, said the new ordinance was needed mainly to change wording from "Village of Ruidoso Downs" to "City of Ruidoso Downs";
- Declared Jan. 26, 2009 as W.C. "Dub" Williams day in honor of the retired

State Representative;

- Approved mid-year budget adjustments;

- Approved a document establishing the city's policy for investing excess funds. The only real change, according to city clerk Carol Virden, was to add Mayor Tom Armstrong to the document;

- Approved the hiring of Kathryn Carey, Howard Ours and Debbie Cadena as on-call drivers for Lincoln County Transit;

- Voted to name councilor Gary Williams to the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Recycling Advisory Committee. The vote came after a lengthy discussion by Holman over whether Williams was being spread too thin by being placed on a number of committees.

"I don't have a problem with Williams for the job, I'm just worried that if we

put one person on too many committees, he can burn out," Holman said. "I've given up my seats on committees for the same reason."

Williams said he'd with-

draw his name if needed, and actually voted against his being named to the committee. Holman - who started the whole discussion - voted yes, along with councilors Rene Olivo and

Tom Hood;

- Set March 25 as a tentative date for a Lincoln County Economic Development workshop at the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

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# Emergency planning meeting focuses on pets, children

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Emergency planning in Ruidoso should include provisions for pets being evacuated with owners and training for daycare providers on how to protect children in a community disaster.

Those were two suggestions offered during an emergency management town hall meeting last week.

Village Emergency Manager Tom Schafer updated the status of emergency alert systems, including sirens, Reverse 911, weather and regular radio announcements.

The Reverse 911 allows him to contact people in a specific geographic location with an automated message for evacuation or other alerts through land lines and if signed up, through cellular phones.

To date, test messages have been sent to about two-thirds of the village, but on Feb. 1, the final third should be tested.

To list a cell phone for the Reverse 911, Schafer can be reached at 257-4116, 937-4649 or email at

An emergency alert system allows Schafer to call a number at the police dispatch center and automatically interrupt radio programming with an emergency announcement, such as an Amber Alert or evacuation.

All but two of the seven village sirens are working. One behind Village Hall should be up by the beginning of the month. The other, at a water plant in Upper Canyon damaged in a July 27 flood, may take longer and needs a new motor, he said.

The sirens are tested the first day of each month, but if the public hears them at other times, they should tune into local radio stations for instructions, Schafer said.

He also can deliver messages through the National Weather Service to be broadcast on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radios handed out to businesses, hotels and government office among other places, where the public can obtain information.

Schafer said U.S. Forest

Service officials plan some exercises on wildfire situations and trigger points that would give him just two hours to evacuate the town.

Village Manager Dan O. Higgins said electronic signs posted at the entrances to the village also can notify people about emergencies, but when no emergency exists would show messages about special events, because they were purchased with some lodgers tax revenue.

Village Forester Rick Delaco said tree reduction around the village is beginning to have an accumulative effect since forest management and fire protection ordinances were passed in 2002.

The area west of Mechem Drive and south of Sudderth Drive almost is finished in wildfire fuel reduction and some recertification already is occurring in Upper Canyon, he said.

After much paperwork and public input, work is underway on wildfire fuel reduction in the Perk-Grindstone area, Delaco said.

"It's about 60 acres and should really be effective if a burn comes over," he said. "It will take the energy out of the fire."

He's also focused on increasing public aware-



Beth Hood, right foreground, asked about a Plan B for an emergency gathering spot.

ness and is ready to distribute the first in a series of informational pamphlets about the type of work that needs to be done to manage the forest on private land, Delaco said. A list of contractor names with a history of previous acceptable work will be available and the pamphlets will be placed around town at insurance companies, real estate companies and the public library.

Beth Hood with White Mountain Search and Rescue, who said she was certified in incident management, logistical plans and as a safety officer, was interested what alternatives will be available for people who find roads blocked in an emergency.

"What is Plan B for where people might go to gather?" she asked. "You might want to think about

it for future plans. There are many places within the village limits where people can get to and be protected in the event of a fire emergency."

Upper Canyon resident Ernie Powell reiterated an offer made several times over the last 10 years to use part of his large tract to create a safety zone in a wildfire, similar to what also is proposed on the Mescalero Apache Reservation for campers.

"We also need a plan for pets. In the Katrina (hurricane and flood), people wouldn't leave, because they were not allowed to take their pets," Hood said. She added that daycare providers should be briefed on proper actions involving the protection of children in disaster emergencies.

Higgins said village employees are being trained

as part of a national incident management system on what to do for citizens in a disaster.


"Everyone, even a librarian, will be trained on how to help in an emergency," he said. "The goal is to train from the top down on the systems, how they operate and how to interact in emergencies."

Powell advised Delaco to drive Main Road and remove leaning trees that could fall into a right of way during an emergency and block escape. "I don't want to carry a chain saw with me to cut my way through," he said.

Delaco said he'd send someone to check, but in the past four years, more than 600 such trees were removed through his department and more through PNM, the electric utility.

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Sandi Aguilar, director of the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, was thrilled at the inclusion. "It certainly does have an effect, especially one like *True West*, which has a specific clientele," she said. "Those people who are reading *True West* are interested in the West. It's a specific, small-targeted market of people who love the West."

Aguilar was not surprised that Ruidoso would appeal to the readers of *True West*, which, on its Web site, bills itself as, "a popular history publication with a loyal, core readership, and the oldest, continuously published Western Americana publication in the world."

"We're more of a 'Western town' than a 'Southwestern town' - more Wild West," she said.

Legendary names such as Dodge City, Tombstone and Cody are synonymous with the Wild West.

Beyond that, Aguilar appreciated the "year-round" description. "The neat thing is they said it's a year-round playground for Billy the Kid, and we're trying to promote that more," she noted.

"Even in a bad snow year like this winter, we still have wonderful weather for backpacking, hiking and other recreational activities."

By Wednesday, the impact had already been felt; reporter Kim Stecklein of Roswell's KBIM-TV visited Ruidoso to interview Aguilar about the magazine's selection. The story appeared on KBIM's Web site and was to have aired Wednesday.

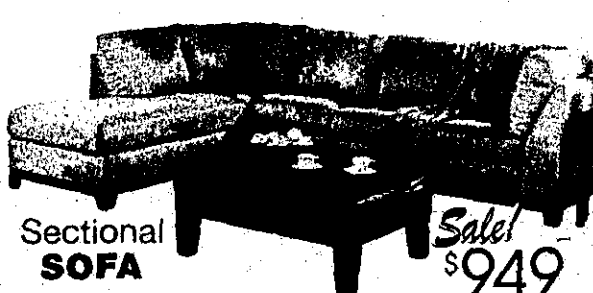
"Any kind of news is really good news, especially with the way the economy is," Aguilar said.

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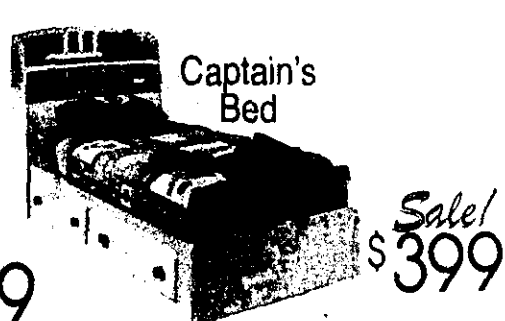
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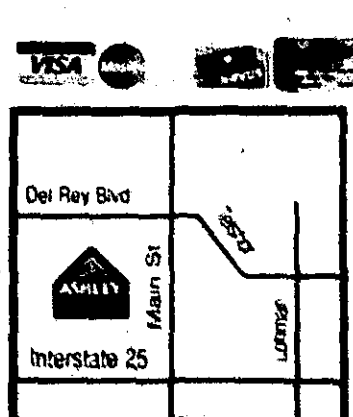


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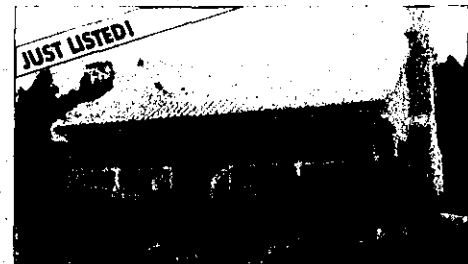
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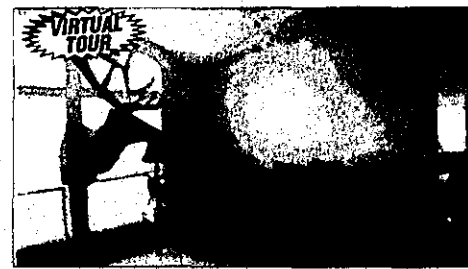
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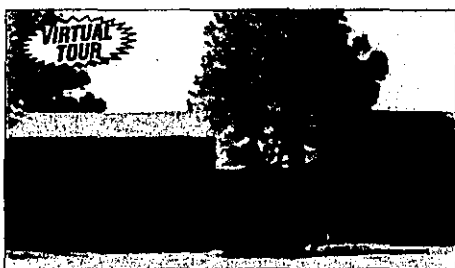
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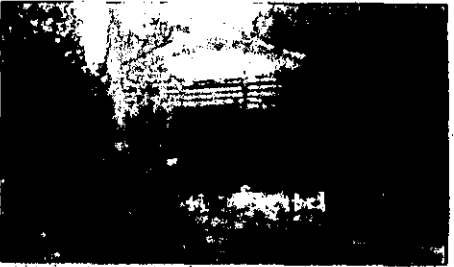
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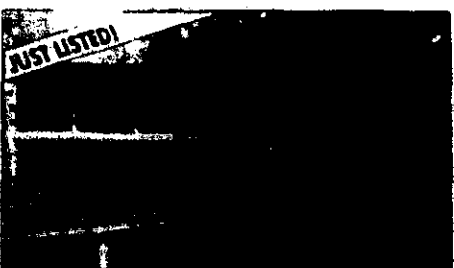
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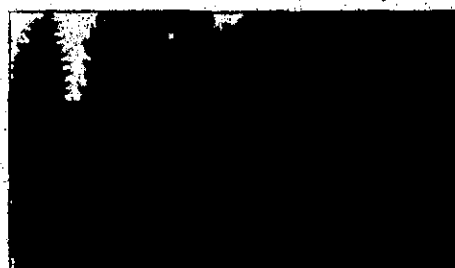
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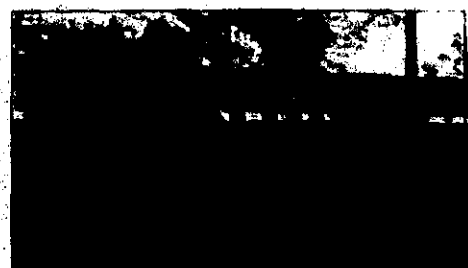
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## Ski Report

## Ski Apache

Officially opened Nov. 27 - For the latest snow totals, call 257-9001. The Ski report is culled from www.skiapachereport.com. Tickets: Season passes are available by phone at 484-3600. New snow past 48 hrs.: 0 inches. Season total: 34 inches. Mid-mountain snow depth: 24 inches. Weather for Friday: Sunny, with a high near 50. Calm wind becoming northwest around 5 mph. Friday evening, clear, with a low around 26. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph. Weather for Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 51. West wind around 5 mph. Saturday evening, mostly clear, with a low around 28. Current conditions: Hard pack and machine groomed. Groomed runs: Easy Street, Bunny, East Easy Street, Ramp, Snow Park, Lower Deep Freeze, Captain Heavy, Smokey Bear, Elk Ridge, Bull Run and Top Notch. Groomers Pick: Elk Ridge. Lifts open: No. 2 (opened to Midway), No. 3, No. 4, No. 5 and No. 8. Gondola opened for sight-seeing only. Snowmaking: Yes, nightly, weather permitting.

## Results

## Boys Basketball

Monday, Jan. 26  
Goddard JV 49, Hondo 46  
Tuesday, Jan. 27  
Ruidoso 76, Dexter 54  
Valley Christian Academy 57, Mesalero 20  
Carrizozo 64, Vaughn 33

## Girls Basketball

Monday, Jan. 26  
Hondo 58, NMMI 36  
Tuesday, Jan. 27  
Portales 59, Ruidoso 45  
Mesalero 55, Valley Christian Academy 45  
Carrizozo 59, Vaughn 14

## Sports On Tap

## Boys Basketball

Friday, Jan. 30  
Lovington at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.  
Tularosa at Capitán, 5 p.m.  
Mesalero at Tatum, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 31  
Mountainair at Hondo, 4 p.m.  
Monday, Feb. 2  
Mesalero at Lake Arthur, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 3  
NMMI at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.  
Hondo at Carrizozo, 6:30 p.m.  
Vaughn at Corona, 7 p.m.

## Girls Basketball

Friday, Jan. 30  
Capitan at Tularosa, 5 p.m.  
Mesalero at Tatum, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Jan. 31  
Ruidoso at Lovington, 7 p.m.  
Mountainair at Hondo, 2 p.m.  
Monday, Feb. 2  
Mesalero at Lake Arthur, 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Feb. 3  
Capitan at Mesilla, 5 p.m.  
Hondo at Carrizozo, 5 p.m.  
Vaughn at Corona, 5:30 p.m.

## On Deck

## Men's Adult Baseball

There will be a men's adult baseball meeting in Roswell, Saturday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. at McDonalds North. Ages 18-74 may apply as well as 17-year-olds with signed parent consent papers. League games will take place from Hobbs to Lovington. Practice will start in mid-April and may take place in Ruidoso. For more info, call Robert Reynolds at 623-8658.

## 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.

## Basketball Tournament

There will be a basketball tournament March 20-22 for boys and girls, ages 13 to 15 with proof of age at the Mesalero Community Center. It will consist of eight teams each with a 10-player roster. Entry fee is \$150 per team with \$100 fee due by March 18. Hooded pullovers will be awarded for 1st place and T-shirts for 2nd and 3rd places. For more info, call Gloria Boly, 464-3815, Rebecca Martinez, 464-3813, or Marcene Kane, 464-3814.

## NM Racing Commission, horsemen hold talks

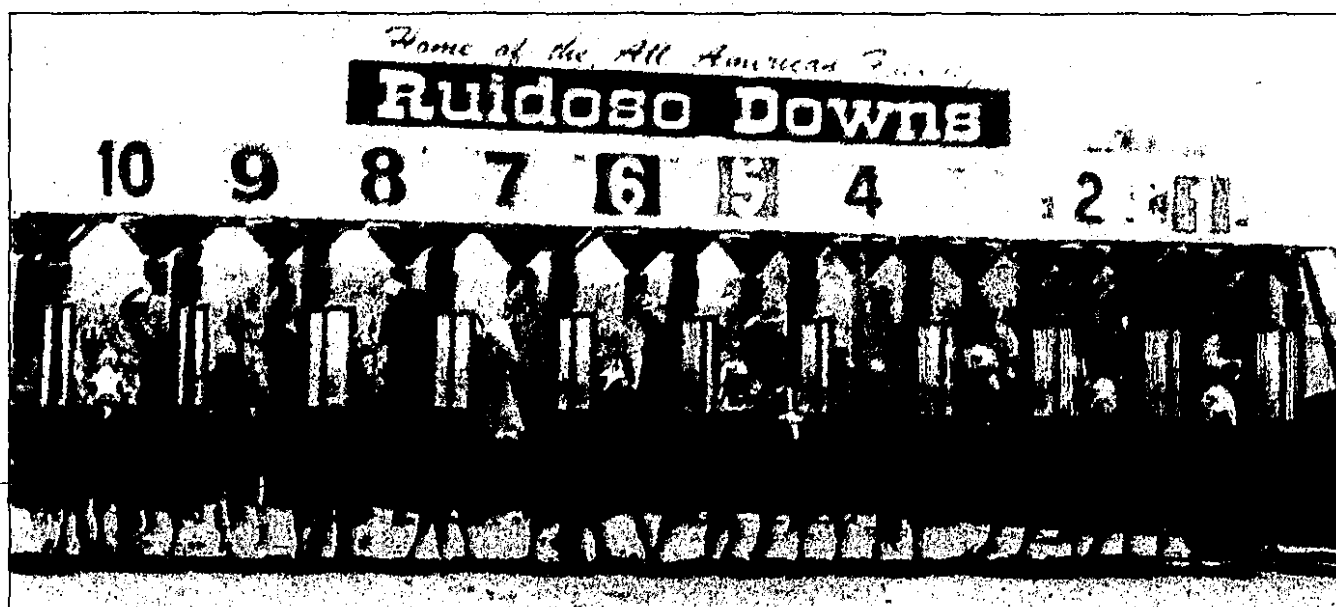
MIKE CURRAN  
mcurrana@ruidosonews.com

The New Mexico Racing Commission (NMRC) and the New Mexico Horsemen's Association began discussions at Sunland Park Monday, in what may prove to be a continuing dialogue between the two sides on a monthly or bi-monthly basis at regional tracks such as Sunland Park, Zia Park, Ruidoso Downs and Sunray Downs in Albuquerque.

The initial meeting in El Paso started at 11 a.m. and concluded around 2:15 p.m.

"The two groups had preliminary talks for the past two months concerning when to hold this meeting at Sunland," Racing Commission Executive Director Julian Luna said.

"Over 100 horsemen attended the meeting and it allowed the attendees to



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

The New Mexico Horsemen's Association and the Racing Commission held talks Monday to address the current state of horseracing.

raise consequential questions and concerns regarding the horseracing industry.

"We hope this will prove to be an ongoing dialogue and periodic communication between all of us who are concerned about the future of this industry."

The New Mexico Horsemen's Association, which represents 1,300-1,400 owners and trainers in the state, confirmed Luna's appraisal of the recent Jan. 26 get-together.

"We want a level playing field when it comes to horses competing on the

various tracks in the areas concerned," New Mexico Horsemen's Association Executive Director Pat Bingham said.

"Our people brought up current matters of relevance and the Commission listened."

Among the topics of con-

sideration were the horsemen's concerns regarding trainers and owners who are found to be in violation of banned-substance rules.

And what to do about trainers/owners who are ruled-off (temporarily or

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## Super Bowl thoughts

Sunday's 43rd Super Bowl will kick off at 6:28 p.m. (ET) on NBC from Raymond James Field in Tampa.

Two good, diverse teams survived the playoffs to make it to the big show. For Pittsburgh (12-4) you've got the No. 1 rated defense overall, allowing only 237.2 yards per game (YPG), first against the pass (156.9 YPG), and second against the run (80.3 YPG).

The D squad has several impact players who could spell trouble for the Arizona Cardinals (9-7).

Player of the Year, James Harrison, and his linebacker counterparts, James Farrior and LaMarr Woodley will have some say in the Cards' vaunted aerial attack, as will Troy Polamalu who put the nail in the coffin against

the Baltimore Ravens. Arizona possesses the No. 2 passing offense (292.1 YPG).

This feared aerial attack conversely opens up running lanes which the Cards exploited nicely in their three playoff games despite their last place rushing attack standing in the league (73.6 YPG). In the playoffs, they ran for 86 yards against the Falcons, 145 yards versus the Panthers and 102 yards against the Eagles.

And for them to beat the Steelers they'll have to do more of the same. But can they against the Steel Curtain VI?

In the last 11 years, seven teams made a first-time appearance in the Super Bowl. Only two of those, Baltimore and Tampa, won the big one.

The Cards have scored 30 or more points in their last three games but the

Stillers (Pittsburghese, for Steelers) superior No. 1-rated passing defense is another matter.

Like Bob Prince, legendary Pittsburgh Pirates radio announcer once said, "The more you win, the closer you come to losing."

Quarterback Kurt Warner has played in the Super Bowl twice before (XXXIV and XXXVI) for the St. Louis Rams, winning the first one and losing the second.

His counterpart in this year's big show, Big Ben Roethlisberger, won the Super Bowl in 2006 when they beat the Seattle Seahawks, 21-10.

So, both have been there before. But many of Roethlisberger's teammates were there, too.

That's not true of the Cardinal players. Except for one important fact. Arizona's head man, Ken Whisenhunt, was the offensive coordinator for the Stillers in '06.

His current offensive line coach, Russ Grimm,

was there, too. Point is, they both know the mentality and playing philosophy of the Stillers which they'll no doubt impress into the minds of their players.

Briefly put, the Pittsburgh Steelers are more about a state of mind than anything else. I mean, what else does Pittsburgh have - the Pirates, the worst professional baseball team in the last decade?

I can tell you from personal experience, "da Burgh" is all about hard work, hard times, a blue-collar psyche (a shot of Seagrams [or some other non-descript cheap swill] and an Iron City beer), chipped ham "sammitches," Golabki (Hungarian stuffed cabbage rolls), cooler-dipping (pilfering chipped ham sammitches and Iron City from a friend's cooler at a Steeler tail gate party) and midnight submarine races on the Ohio River (that's when some wiseguy invites the fair young sex

for a late-night date in a parked car at some forlorn spot overlooking the "beautiful" river on the pretext she'll be able to see submersibles race up and down that body of water) and, last but not least, center cut jumbo (bologna).

As for the last one, Picksburgers, fry it, "enjoy" it for breakfast and have somehow figured out 37 different ways to eat it.

That's Pittsburgh for you ... it's all about the mundane. It's a family affair. And you know what? It's a great place to live.

Where was I? Oh, yes, the Super Bowl.

University of Phoenix Stadium where the Cards play, and the Steelers field (Heinz Field) both have natural grass surfaces as does Raymond James Field in Tampa. So, both teams should feel at home on it. No advantage there.

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## SKI APACHE RACES



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A giant slalom skier attempts to qualify Thursday for the Ski Apache Cup finals, Feb. 26

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# Ruidoso High Altitude Aquatics

KIM SMITH  
For the Ruidoso News

Starting at the state level, Lane Carter, 10, Cisco Bob III, 8, and Emma Pearson, 8, have met the New Mexico Swimming standards to participate in the 2009 Short Course Championships which will be held in Los Alamos from February 27-March 1.

They will compete in the 9-10 year-old-age group, swimming a variety of strokes and distances. Carter and Pearson have been swimming for Ruidoso High Altitude Aquatics since its inception in the fall of 2007.

Bob has been with the team only since last fall.

Although New Mexico is not a heavily populated state, the quality of competitive swimming is very high.

"To have these kids meet state standards so early in their swimming careers is very impressive," noted Doug Hunsicker, assistant coach.



RHAA swimmers are, l-r, front row, Julianne Lamb, Hunter Vincent, Sydney Annala, Emma Pearson, Lora Carter, Karly Pearson. Second row, Kile Evans, Destri Vincent, Allie Thompson, Rachel Davis, Sarah Perez, Lane Carter. Back row, Doug Hunsicker and Andy Carter.

"We also have a few others who are very close. If not this year, surely they'll be there next year."

"We're very proud of them, not just the qualifiers, but all of our swimmers."

"RHAA has a diverse group of kids ranging in age from five to 17", said head coach Sarah Crewe. "We also have a great set of dedicated parents who are willing to travel the

state with the kids to compete at all levels, we are very fortunate."

Another highlight for RHAA was for the younger kids who swam in their first competitive meet in Las Cruces on Sunday, Jan. 11. Carmen Conner-Crewe, 5, Karley Pearson, 6, McKenna Tafoya, 8, and Sam Smith, 5, all participated in their first meet and all recieved ribbons.

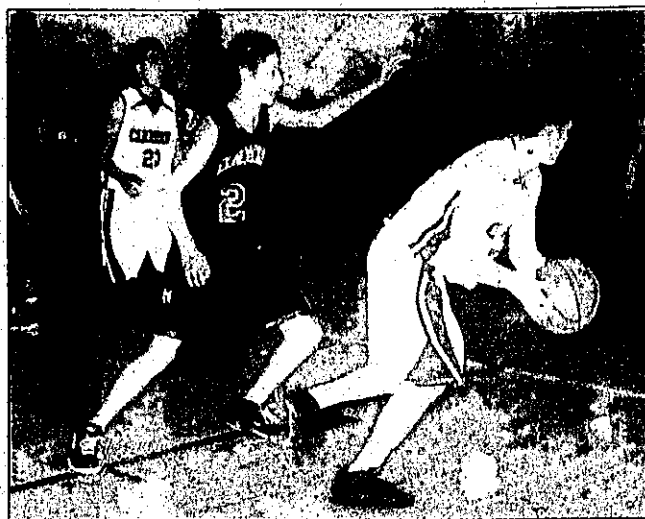
"It's exciting to see

these young kids so eager to compete. We have high hopes for these little ones," said Crewe.

Next up, the team will travel to Kirtland AFB in Albuquerque on Feb. 14-15 to swim in the RGL Championship Meet.

This will be the last sanctioned meet for the short course season and the last chance for swimmers to qualify for the state meet.

# CARRIZOZO HOOPS



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Marshall Ventura is shown in Saturday's 30-23 win over Cloudcroft. Tuesday, the varsity squad decisoned Vaughn, 64-33.



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Stephanie Zamora contributed to Zozo's 37-27 defeat of Cloudcroft. The Lady Grizzlies beat Vaughn Tuesday, 59-14.

## TALKS

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permanently suspended) but continue to race an

offending horse under another trainer.

"Trainers of horses who test positive should not be able to transfer the animal to another trainer and continue racing," Luna said.

"The Commission will be researching that particular problem and will come up with a ruling to address that issue."

"In the meantime, a few trainers/owners who have

been ruled-off have gone to court and been awarded restraining orders which allow them to temporarily continue racing."

"This is a legal question and we have to be careful."

The director of the Horsemen's Association put it another way.

"Horsemen do not support unlawful activities," Bingham said. "We want all horses to compete equally ... and may the best one win."

Another subject of discussion included new medications that periodically arise for which testing may not be able to detect.

"The Racing Commission assured the horsemen that we are aggressively pursuing this problem through state-of-the-art testing and quality examinations," Luna explained to the Ruidoso News.

"We fully expect to be able to combat any drug which would give one horse an unfair advantage over another one."

Relating to that apprehension, the horsemen brought up some ideas which they feel will better the industry as a whole.

Many of them believe the Commission should have an additional laboratory to handle the heavy amount of testing that has to be done.

It is their contention this will speed up the process.

Another matter which they feel will move things along more quickly would be to have an added hearing officer to adjudicate cases. Some believe this would bring "unresolved actions to a close, sooner rather than later."

An additional discussion at Monday's meeting addressed the issue of the NMRC having on-site inspections and visits to private training facilities in Tularosa and Sunland.

"The recent meeting was a very productive open forum which allowed the horsemen to voice their concerns and raise questions regarding the horseracing industry," Luna said. "We look forward to continuing this dialogue."

Bingham also thought the gathering was beneficial.

"We covered areas of concern, such as what happens when a horse tests positive," he said.

"We were able to go over this potential problem step by step. This was a good meeting, in which we shared information, and the results of it should better the sport down the road."

## SUPER

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There are some interesting facts in the 19 games each team has played.

Pittsburgh scored 442 points against their opponents while allowing only 224. Arizona, on the other hand, put up 651 points, while giving up 359.

In the final analysis, I believe those stats tell the tale. Can the Cards keep putting up a high number of points, especially against the No. 1 defense?

Unless Pittsburgh makes some uncharacteristic mistakes, I don't

think so. And the Las Vegas line backs that up to some degree.

The Steelers came out of the gate as 6 1/2 point favorites (Leroy's Vegas Line), immediately went to 7, and has held steady since then.

That means the betting has gone 50-50, which is what the books ideally want.

I don't know if Pittsburgh will beat the spread, but unless the Cards can pierce the Steeler pass defense, I think the Cinderella Cardinals' express coach which got them this far will turn back into a pumpkin sometime Sunday night.

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# RELIGION

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## Explore beliefs from around the world

LISA STOREY  
For the Ruidoso News

We have nothing to fear, but fear. If you find yourself feeling as though your spiritual needs are lacking in some way, then join me in exploring belief systems around the world.

Do you believe God quit manifesting himself more than 2,000 years ago? Do you want to believe that God exists, but haven't found anything to really make you a believer?

Do you feel like your soul needs something? Even if you already feel like you're on the right track you might discover that learning how other cultures and people feel about "that which is unseen" is fascinating and not without merit.

Do you wonder if 2012 is going to be just another

year or the end of time as we know it?

I have compiled a lending library of over 100 books and over 100 hours of recordings from the History Channel, Trinity Broadcasting, History International, Smithsonian, Discovery, the National Geographic Channel, and others. I also have Coast to Coast AM shows recorded for the past six months.

Some topics are: God, Jesus, aliens, UFOs, psychics, mediums, and channeling; the healing nature of: faith, crystals, music, light, color; evolution vs. creation; conspiracy theories; out-of-body experiences; meditation and chakras.

Jesus did not promote fear. He promoted love, acceptance and change to the status quo.

He shook things up and

maybe "seeing with new eyes" would be a welcome change in your life.

Let me know what topics you'd be interested in learning about or if you'd be willing to share your knowledge with others.

I'll be happy to email you a listing of recorded programs, books, and coast to coast AM programs I have available to share with you.

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For more information, call 575-802-3315 or send questions to awaken88@gmail.com.

If nights aren't good for you, let me know that, too.

## Same-sex legislation needs prayer

The move is underway in New Mexico and from outside the state to pass a same-sex marriage bill.

It may be preceded by a bill to grant domestic partners the same rights as married couples (income tax, benefits, etc.).

At this point in time, because of the gay marriage proponents' success in the past November's elections, they will probably go for the former bill rather than the latter.

Five "pro-homosexual marriage" senators were elected this past November with out-of-state money from national homosexual and lesbian groups. The same-sex marriage supporters are very confident they will pass legislation to recognize same-sex marriage. New Mexico is not a referendum state like California. If the same sex marriage legislation passes, you will never have an opportunity to vote to change it.

For those of us with a Biblical basis and understanding of marriage, we must communicate our opposition to House Bill 21 to the governor and our state legislators. Letters are best.

Addresses are as follows:

Governor Bill Richardson, Office of the Governor, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail,

Room 400, Santa Fe, NM, 87501;  
Representative Nora Espinoza, 608 Golondrina, Roswell, NM, 88201;  
Representative Zack Cook, 100 Sarah Lane, Ruidoso, NM 88345;  
Senator Rod Adair, P.O. Box 1796, Roswell, NM, 88202;  
Representative Dennis Kintigh, 1205 San Juan Dr., Roswell, NM 88201;  
Senator Tim Jennings, P.O. Box 1797, Roswell, NM, 88202

Gay marriage was defeated by one vote in the State Senate in 2007 and by one vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2008.

Many pastors will be going to Santa Fe during this 60-day legislative session to voice their opposition to the bill.

Please pray for your pastors as they go to speak before committees and the legislature.

Prayer is our most powerful weapon. If you are interested in the Christian perspective of the issue, go to the James Dobson site at [www.issuesandvalues.com](http://www.issuesandvalues.com) under the resource section.

These pastors may be the only opposing voices presented to the legislators.

May their voices give us help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Clarifications  
By CHARLES CLARY  
RUIDOSO PASTOR

*Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*

2 Corinthians 7:10

## FUNERALS DEATHS

### William "Bill" Plant

William "Bill" Wilson Plant, of Stanley, N.M., was born Nov. 16, 1934, and went to be with the Lord, Jan. 27, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 53 years, Phyllis Irene Plant; his parents Alvin Wilson and Anna Mae Plant; brothers Joseph T. Plant and his wife Rose Mae and Raymond Plant; sister, Ida Mae Oldfield.

Bill is survived by his loving daughters Debbie Smith and husband Blaine of Albuquerque, Annie Beal and husband Britt of San Diego, Calif., Linda Bradley and husband Donald of Edgewood, Lori Proctor and husband Dave of Ruidoso Downs, Cathy Strum and husband Harold of Belpre, Ohio; 12 grandchildren, Dawn Ross and husband Monty, Shanna Platow and husband Kris, Britt Beal, BriAnna Raphael and husband Zach, Christopher Amodio and wife Renee, Nichole and Christa Amodio, Justin, Ashlea and Cali Archibeque, Glen Paul Williamson, Jeffery Williamson and wife Jessi; nine great-grandchildren, Brooke Platow, Joshua Ray and Kerstyn Irene Ross,

Miguel Colmenero, Braxton William Amodio, Domenick and Levi Joseph Amodio, Kayler and Bethany Williamson; future great-granddaughter Addison Raphael.

Bill's gentle heart showed through in his love for his family, church family, friends and horses.

He bred Quarter horses and was a long time member of AQHA, NMHBA and New Mexico Racing Association.

Bill proudly served his country from 1953 to 1957 in the U.S. Navy. He was employed by Jay C. Riley for 12 years before starting his own business, Plant Painting.

Bill operated his business for more than 20 years, gaining the respect of all that worked for and with him.

He retired approximately 15 years ago and worked at Lovelace Hospital part time to keep active.

He gained many new friends and loved his job. His church family kept him going through the grief of losing his wife.

We want to thank everyone for their loving support.

Friends may visit Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, 5-8 p.m. Services will be held Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009,

10:30 a.m., at French Mortuary, Lomas Blvd. Chapel.

Interment will follow in Mountain Valley Cemetery in Barton, N.M. Should family and friends desire,

donations may be made to Stanley Union Church, Building fund, Stanley, NM 87056.

Visit the online guestbook for Bill at [RememberTheirStory.com](http://RememberTheirStory.com).

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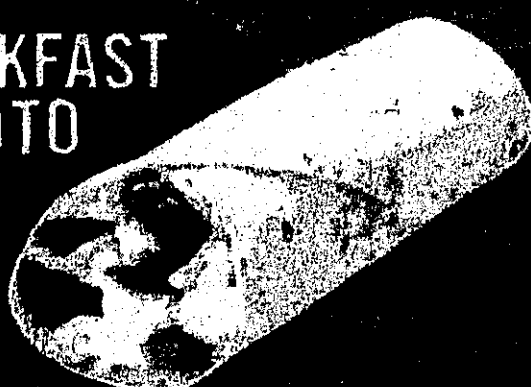


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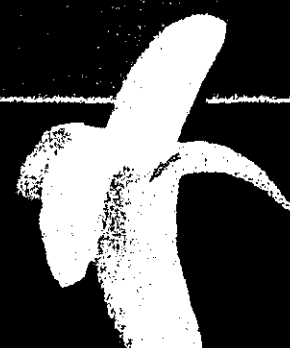
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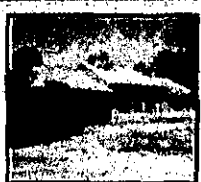


# Real Estate Press

# Homefinder



**108 MARBLE**  
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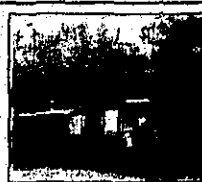
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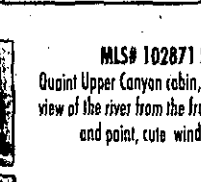
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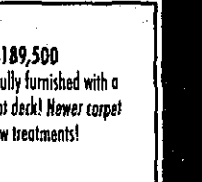
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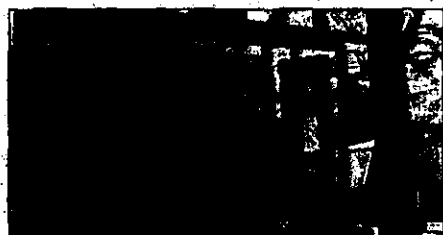
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**BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED** - Situated on a permanent foundation with Views of Sierra Blanca and The Capitan. A 30x40 shop on a concrete pad with electricity (200amp service). 50 gallon per minute well and a Triple O filter system for the entire home. Concrete runners along the length of the home front and back. Home is private with easy access and comes with a one year warranty. #104485 \$285,000



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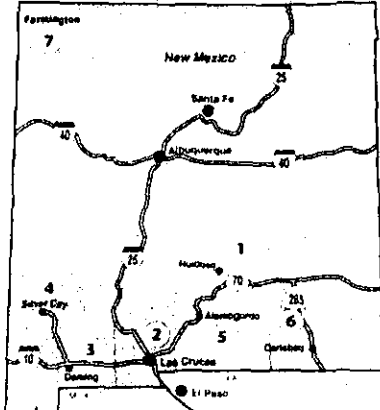
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RUIDOSO DOWNS

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ORDINANCE NO.

2009-02

AN ORDINANCE

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## NEXT WEEKEND

# 'The sun will come out tomorrow'

## Tony winner Annie cheers Spencer Theater

By KATHLEEN M. DUNN  
PHOTOGRAPHY

**N**ot only will the sun come out tomorrow, but it promises to be a big, bright, beautiful sun.

Little orphan Annie, America's favorite girl of optimism, her scruffy dog Sandy, and big ol' daddy Warbucks will make it to the center stage in the hit Broadway musical "Annie" at the Spencer Theater on Saturday, Feb. 7. Excellent seats are still available to this night of inspiring song and dance for \$79 and \$76. Call the Spencer Theater Box Office at 575-336-4500 or [www.spencertheater.com](http://www.spencertheater.com) for tickets today.

The uplifting tale, which takes place during the grim days of the Great

Depression, features a cast of 25 professional singers and dancers, many of whom are children, a touring orchestra of 12, awesome sets and costumes, and one extremely smart dog. FYI: Yes, he does have his own dressing room — actually a trailer — which he'll share with his canine understudy and their trainer.

In the story, which was first staged as a Broadway musical in 1977, an 11-year-old orphan girl with bright red hair and a hard-knock life is stuck with her fellow orphans under the watch of the drunken and mean, and truly hilarious, Mrs. Hannigan. But lucky Annie, who is Hannigan's bete noire, is rescued from her miserable fate by billionaire Oliver Warbucks. How that comes about is a fabulous theatrical journey filled with charismatic humor, uplifting ensemble



songs and solo ballads, and riveting dance.

Annie is the winner of seven Tony Awards including Best Musical, and features such endlessly hummable tunes as "Hard-Knock Life," "Tomorrow," "Easy Street," "I Don't Need Anything But You," "NYC" and "You're Never Fully Dressed Without A Smile."

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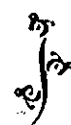
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## Calendar Highlights

### "Fort Stanton - An American Journey"

**Continues through March 8:** (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.

### "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.

### "Rio Grande Weaving"

**Jan. 31:** (Ruidoso Downs) "Rio Grande Weaving: A New Mexico Tradition" presentation at the Hubbard Museum of the American West at 3 p.m., by master Chimayo

weavers Irvin and Lisa Trujillo. Irvin is a seventh-generation Chimayo weaver, awarded the National Endowment for the Arts, National Heritage Fellowship in 2007. Exhibit Opening 1 to 3 p.m. - "Wonders of the Weavers/Maravillas de Los Tejedores: Nineteenth Century Rio Grande Weavings From the Collection of the Albuquerque Museum" will be exhibited between Jan. 23 and May 3, in the Hubbard Museum's Mezzanine Gallery, Ruidoso Downs. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and military, \$2 for ages 6-16, and free for children under 6 and current members of the Hubbard Museum affiliates program. Call 575-378-4142 to inquire about Group Tour rates.

### 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. Ticket prices are \$75, \$60, \$50, \$40 and \$25. Order tickets from Ticketmaster.com.

### Blackwood Brothers

**Feb. 6:** (Ruidoso) The Blackwood Brothers in concert at 6:30 p.m. at the Gateway Church of Christ, 415 Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso. The concert is a benefit for Sierra Blanca Christian Academy. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Tickets are available at Gateway Church of Christ, First Baptist Church, 270 Country Club, and Angus Church of the Nazarene, corner of Highways 37 & 48; or you may reserve tickets by calling 258-1748.

### Sourdough Slim

**Feb. 6:** (Alamogordo) Sourdough Slim performs at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. Ten Gallons of fun. Swinging tunes, Cowboy crooning, award-winning yodeling and laughs galore. Tickets are \$12. For more information, call 575 437-2202.

### "Love Letters"

**Feb. 6-8:** (Cloudcroft) Special Pre-Valentine's Dinner Theater at The Lodge Resort & Spa in Cloudcroft and performance of "Love Letters" by the Alamogordo Music Theater at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evening; Sunday brunch matinee at 2 p.m.

### Annie

**Feb. 7:** (Alto) Hit musical *Annie* at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8



*The Red Feather Theatre Company, the drama club of Ruidoso High School, presents a fundraiser on Valentine's weekend with a reprise of Masks, Love and Pirates. Shown rehearsing a future production are RHS theatre students (l-r) Ellyn Koehler, Cody Jones and Hannah Kashmar.*

p.m. Tickets are \$79 and \$76. The timeless tale of Little Orphan Annie is back, giving a whole new generation the chance to experience this classic musical about never giving up hope.

Starring a cast of 30 singers, dancers and orchestra musicians, *Annie* boasts one of Broadway's most memorable scores, including "It's a Hard-Knock Life," "Easy Street," "N.Y.C." and the ever-optimistic "Tomorrow." *Annie* is a delightful theatrical experience designed for the entire family. Phone the Spencer Theater Box Office at 336-4800.

### Masks, Love and Pirates

**Feb. 13-15:** (Ruidoso) A fundraiser for the high school drama club's annual February trip to DramaFest in Portales and a perfect Valentine's event - dinner and a reprise

of the fast-paced, swashbuckling and romantic theatrical *Masks, Love and Pirates* for \$10. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse is doing the cooking, and the high school theatre department is doing the entertaining. For information, or to make donations to this worthy cause, phone theatre instructor Georgene Inks at Ruidoso High School, 575-258-4910.

### "Mountain Masquerade"

**Feb. 20-22:** (Cloudcroft) Mardi Gras Weekend in Cloudcroft - "Mountain Masquerade" is the official theme. Weekend full of live music, dances, parties, a parade, a shrimp boil, costume contests, a piñata bash, art, shopping and more.

Friday will start with the Masqued Ball at the Lodge Resort at 7:30 p.m. till 11:30. Admission is free. Costume

Contest is optional.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Mardi Gras Vendors with Cajun Food, activities, games and retail items to purchase in the heated Big Top Tent. The official Mardi Gras Parade will be at 2 p.m.

Sunday will have the same fun and live music plus the results of the Mardi Gras Poster Contest winner and Auction. Call the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce for more information, at 575-682-2733.

### Marilu Henner in Concert

**Feb. 21:** (Alto) "Taxi" star Marilu Henner in concert at the Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. Actress, author and singer Marilu Henner brings her immense vocal and comedic talents to the stage.

## CUISINE

**Food Matters – part 2**

BY LAURA MILLER  
FOR SALON.COM

(This review of *Food Matters*, the new Mark Bittman cookbook, is continued from last week. The entire story is available at [www.ruidosonews.com](http://www.ruidosonews.com))

After the statistics-rich opening chapters, the latter half of *Food Matters* resembles a traditional diet book in tone, complete with testimonials and assurances that the reader has plenty of options to do “whatever works best for you.” It’s not Bittman’s fault that most of the books written in this manner are snow jobs, presenting bizarrely distorted dietary regimes as sensible designs for living. I’m not sure how else he could have asserted that his method is genuinely flexible and reasonable, as opposed to masquerading as such the way most diets do.

Diet book authors coopted the rhetoric of prudence (not to mention quasi-scientific lingo about ketosis and glycemic indexes) long ago, leaving laypeople with nothing to guide them through the wilderness of fads and crazes but their own good judgment.

And, oh, how we hate to rely on our own judgment. The classic New Year’s weight-loss plan adopted by millions of resolution-espousing Americans every January involves some ludicrously strict set of regulations banishing certain com-

monplace foods entirely (bread, say, or fats) while urging the overconsumption of others (anyone remember the fruit-heavy Beverly Hills Diet?). Diet books are always condemning the extremities of other diet books, while offering up some new extremity as the epitome of common sense and cutting-edge research.

If some part of us didn’t crave this severity, we wouldn’t fall for it over and over again. There’s a crypto-religious clement to our oscillation between unrestrained indulgence and penitential asceticism, the same thing that makes us talk about desserts as “sinful.” Our eating lives are the sites of overwrought private dramas worthy of the Catholic saints, in which we seek release and then restraint; we gorge, then impractically resolve never to touch butter or pasta again, convincing ourselves that we can achieve the bodies of movie stars if we can only summon enough willpower. It’s debatable whether that many of us really want to adopt a sensible eating plan, if it’s going to deprive us of all this excitement.

So Bittman, once again proffering a middle way, has his work cut out for him. But since he can marshal environmental and economic arguments as well as the usual incentives of vanity and improved health in his favor, he has indeed become a force to be reckoned with. How big a

change, really, is he advocating?

To me, Bittman’s proposals sound eminently moderate, but then I’m the sort of person who eats fast food once a year, and only when I’m ravenous and trapped with no other alternative. In restaurants, I tend to pick the entree based on how appealing the vegetable sides sound, and I can easily imagine cutting my meat consumption back to 3 ounces per day – about half of the amount consumed by the average American – since I’m nearly there already. I cook the vast majority of my meals from scratch.

It can be easy for someone like me to forget that many people would see Bittman’s plan as untenable, since the kinds of foods he recommends aren’t sold in affordable chain or fast-food restaurants or available prepared or frozen in every suburban supermarket. Some of his advice – carry nuts and fruit around with you for snacks; so you can avoid vending machines – may be tenable for them, but some of the rest will seem even less practical than the Atkins Diet.

Of all the challenges confronting the *Food Matters* plan – “responsible eating” – agribusiness lobbying and marketing, the low price of subsidized junk food, even evolutionary factors that attract us to high-calorie foods – probably the single most obdurate is the fact that so many contemporary Americans simply don’t

know how to cook. By “cook,” I don’t mean being able to concoct an impressive dinner the one night a month you have guests over while otherwise subsisting on nuked Lean Cuisine.

Real home cooking means having a good repertoire of reliable, quick, uncomplicated recipes and understanding enough of the underlying principles to improvise when needed. It means knowing how to stock a pantry and plan your menus so that you shop for groceries only once a week. It’s a set of skills manifested as an attitude, something you can acquire only through regular practice, and it’s the one thing that can make a person truly at ease in a kitchen. (An example of this everyday expertise is Bittman’s suggestion that, when determining how long to steam a vegetable, you “try bending or breaking whatever it is you’re planning to cook; the more pliable the pieces are, the more quickly they will become tender.”)

In short, this is home economics – although when I was taught that subject in high school, our time was largely wasted on learning how to bake perfect biscuits, a special-occasion food if I ever heard of one. Like writing, driving, touch typing and balancing a checkbook, basic cooking is a life skill (not an art or hobby) that everybody needs, and it ought to be taught in public schools as a matter of

course. The fact that cooking can also be a craft, featuring a certain amount of self-expression, or that contemporary star chefs have been exalted to a degree far exceeding their actual cultural worth, shouldn’t be allowed to obscure that humbler truth.

This is why Bittman and *Food Matters* are so sneakily revolutionary. The second half of this book is a collection of uncomplicated recipes, which – as is the case with other Bittman cookbooks, especially the indispensable *How to Cook Everything* – are more like proposals and approaches than they are strict lists of ingredients and instructions. Probably the most daunting of these for the average American will be Bittman’s recommendations for ways to incorporate more beans and whole grains into your diet. (Even I’m not sure that keeping a container of precooked quinoa in my fridge will result in my eating more of the stuff, especially since I don’t have a microwave to heat it up.) Some of his tips – peel, wash and cut up all of your vegetables at once, so you can just grab a handful when needed for stir-fries and salads – I’ve already adopted. (I also recommend making pots of soup or stew on the weekend and freezing individual servings in freezer-weight zipper-lock bags; you can defrost them in hot water when you don’t have time to cook lunch or dinner.) Others, like making a frittata that’s mostly vegetables

with only a little egg, sound like big improvements on the original dishes to me.

But again, I’m already a home cook, so I read *Food Matters* looking for tips rather than a strategy for overhauling my eating habits. For some others, if they are willing to attempt it, the change involved will be more radical. For a few years now, I’ve been recommending a subscription to *Everyday Food*, a digest magazine of simple recipes and advice, for friends who say they want to learn how to cook; it offers sample shopping lists for a week’s worth of dinners, and the dishes are familiar American fare yet free of processed and fake foods. That still might be the best intermediate step for people who barely know how to dice an onion or scratched their heads when I mentioned quinoa above.

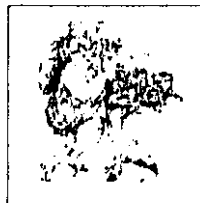
Just cooking most of your meals out of *Everyday Food* in the coming year will save money and reduce your consumption of sodium, sugar and sinister chemicals with multisyllabic names. But the full triple-punch of cost-cutting, improved health and a reduced carbon footprint promised by *Food Matters* ought to tempt everyone who reads it to make the switch to the Bittman plan. With a few good lentil soup recipes, we can change ourselves – and the world.

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## CUISINE

# Pick up some bread



## Dining out

with Ivana B. Diningwell

Gary Ebert must have had a premonition when he put the word "popular" in the name of his boulangerie. (That's French, darlings, for "the place where they bake good bread.")

Although it's only been open since the beginning of this glorious new year, on a recent visit, Ivana could barely squeeze into the place. This was not because Ivana has been overindulging (although she has) but because the place was packed with fellow bread aficionados. As the crusty loaves emerged from the oven, we fixed

our eyes upon them, practically swooning from heat, anticipation and that heavenly, yeasty perfume.

Ebert fell in love with good bread while traveling in France and Italy, developing a wild passion that caused him to quit his law practice and become a baker. In 1993 he opened a baking company in Boise, Idaho, that became so successful that he was forced to sell it, move to Las Cruces and start all over again.

And we are all so grateful that he did. In addition to the bread ovens, there is a wood-fired pizza oven that gives the proper charred appearance to 14 varieties of Naples-style thin crust pizza. The oven also roasts the chickens for their chicken salad, which comes all dressed up with pine nuts, kalamata olives, tomatoes and feta. Sandwiches are served on the

freshly-baked bread, or you can go for the "soup and endless bread" option—a hearty Italian minestrone served with a selection of sourdough, whole wheat and specialty breads.

"Pizza dough requires the same craftsmanship and attention to detail as artisan breads, so the combination of bakery and pizzeria made sense," Ebert said. "We also wanted to honor the business that occupied this location for many years, the Popular Dry Goods Company."

The restaurant is near one end of the loop that circles Las Cruces' downtown mall, site of the weekly Saturday morning Farmers' Market. Ivana suggests a few hours spent among the sprouts, gemstones, vegetables and honey of the market and then lunch at Zeffiro (which is Italian for "zephyr," meaning a "light



breeze" as well as "something of fine quality.") Don't forget to pick up the bread.

The mall is also the location of the COAS Books and Café, a place designed to drive a bibliophile into blissful delirium, and two fine theaters, the Las Cruces Community Theater and the Black Box Theater. Ivana would just like to recommend the Black Box's production of

"Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks." Ivana had a sneak preview of this outstanding comedy in which a gay dance instructor and the wife of a Baptist preacher meet for dance lessons, mutual antagonism and, finally, friendship. Ivana laughed until she burst a corset string and left the theater with a tear in her little eye. The show opens Jan. 23 and runs until Feb. 8 (call 575-523-1223 or go

to [www.no-strings.org](http://www.no-strings.org)). Show times are ideally suited to a quick bite at nearby Zeffiro. Don't forget to pick up some bread.

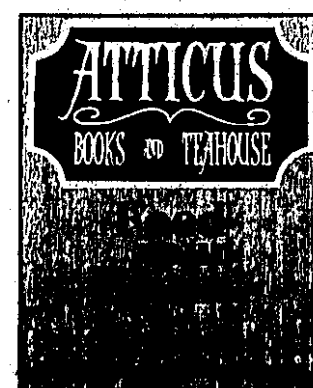
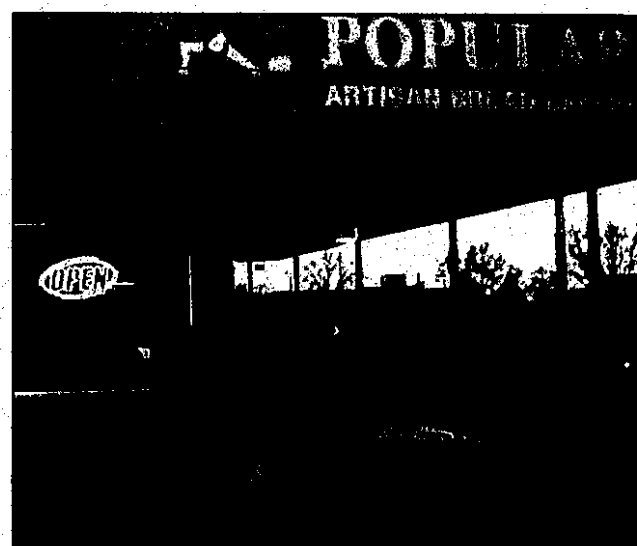
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- A** Alcoholic beverages served
- R** Reservations required or suggested
- V** Vegetarian friendly

## Alamogordo / Otero County

### Bar-B-Que

**Phil's** • 213 12th St., Alamogordo • 430-30.

**Mountain ChuckWagon BBQ** • 1187 Hwy. 82, High Rolls • 682-4550 • Open Fri-Sat; Lunch and dinner.

**Isset Run Restaurant** • 54 McDonald Rd. (east end of 10th St.), Alamogordo • Ribs, sket, pork, sausage, smoked chicken and fish. Tue-Sat, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • issetrunrestaurant.com or 434-9000. **V**

**Las Pit Barbeque** • 211 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1101.

### Cafés

**Port Grille** • 3500 Airport Rd., Alamogordo • 9-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • Specialty sandwiches, and daily specials.

**Nigos Bakery** • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 7-0592 • 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special. **V**

**Own Bag Deli** • 900 Washington, Alamogordo • 437-9751 • Open Mon-Sat, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special. **V**

**Life 675** • 675 Tenth St. at Lowes, Alamogordo • 437-5150.

**Cloudcroft Deli** • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 32-5588 • Open 7 days, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Soups, sandwiches, pastries. • Carry-out only.

**Office & More** • 308 Granado • Deli • Tularosa • 585-4575.

**Ave's Café** • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. • Hamburgers/Coney Islands.

**Front Porch Eatery Café** • 94 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-7492 • Open Mon-Thu, 8 a.m.-p.m.; Fri-Sun, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

**High Country Lounge & Grill** • 90 Pleasant Valley Dr., Timberon • 987-2580.

**High Rolls General Store Deli** • 845 Hwy. 82 • 82-2855.

**Mocha Bean Coffee House Café** • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2332 • Open Mon-Fri, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • Coffees, salads & sandwiches.

**Ava The Hut** • 506 St. Francis • Tularosa • 585-003.

**Peasey's Sweets** • 603 St. Francis Dr • Tularosa • 85-3120 • Open Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 10-8 p.m.

**Mayhill Café** • Mayhill • 687-3066

**Mayhill Mercantile** • Mayhill • 687-3425.

**Mountain Top Mercantile Deli** • 105 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2777 Open 7 days, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. • Soups, deli, BBQ, pasta & pies. Carry-out only.

**Mountain View Café & The Bistro (GCRMC)**, 2669 Scenic Dr., Alamogordo • 443-7456 (Mountainview) / 443-7457 (Bistro).

**Nature's Pantry** • 2909 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3037 • Open Mon-Thu, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Fri-Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Organic foods. **V**

**Nut House** • 32 Ivy Ln • La Luz • 437-6889.

**Olive Branch Coffee & Deli** • 123 N. White Sands • Alamogordo • 443-8151 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. • Specialty coffees & teas, breakfast fare, sandwiches.

**Plateau Espresso** • 2724 N. Scenic, Alamogordo • 434-4466 • Open Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-11 p.m. • Specialty coffees, sandwiches/soups. Wireless Internet.

**Sweet Shop** • 300 Burro Street • Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • Open Mon-Thu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-8 a.m. • Smoothies, ice cream, fudge & truffles.

**Tulie Oasis** • 512 St. Francis • Tularosa • 585-2102.

**Weed Café** • Weed • 687-3611.

**Western Bar & Café** • 304 Burro Street • 682-2445 • Cloudcroft • Open 7 days 6 a.m.-9 p.m. (café), 7 days 9 a.m.-12 a.m.

### Casual Dining

**Al-O-Mar** • 7400 U.S. 54/70, Tularosa • 585-2129.

**Aspen Restaurant** • 1315 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1031 • Open Mon-Sat, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Big Daddy's Diner** • 1705 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-1224 • Open Tue-Thu, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Chili's Grill & Bar** • 202 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-5903.

**Denny's** • 930 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6106.

**Gallo's Red Rooster Café** • 306 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2448 • Open Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat-Sun, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

**La Rosa Steakhouse** • 21 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa (inside the Tularosa Travel Center) • 585-3339 • Open 7 days a week, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • Steaks, seafood, pasta, burgers, sandwiches and soups.

**Lazy D Restaurant** • 1202 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-2532.

**Maria's Hired Hand** • 905 Central, Tularosa • 585-5574.

**Mom's Home Cooking** • 604 First St., Alamogordo • 439-0288.

**Mustard's Last Stand** • 1920 James Canyon, Cloudcroft • 682-2333 • Open Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. • Dining and dancing.

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## CUISINE

# Popcorn and chocolate

The transformation of one block of Carrizozo's 12th Street is creating a buzz in this part of New Mexico. The activity is in preparation of the March filming of a portion of a movie, *The Book of Eli*.

"Why do you want to be in this movie, darling?"

This is what Elizabeth Gabel, casting director, asked a youngster at the casting call on Saturday, Jan. 17. Before the child could answer, a woman in the long line hollered an answer for herself: "Denzel Washington!"

The casting event generated 650 people of all ages hoping to be extras. The movie features Washington, an Academy Award-winning actor. It was a great adventure for me to observe and take behind-the-scene photographs of hundreds wanting to be in the movie.

Tape measures were



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provided for listing clothing sizes. (S, M, L would not do.) Linda Zamora, casting call helper or relatives, friends, spouses, or significant others assisted each other in reading off measurements. No privacy.

"Oh, great, now everyone knows my waist size!" an aspiring movie extra exclaims to someone helping her get measurements.

After turning in the cards to the casting director or her assistant, the last stop was for a photographer who took a

mug shot.

"Are you willing to shave your head?" was a question included in the casting card."

I wrote: "You betcha!" I had casting card number 1.

Now back to earth... movies remind me of popcorn and chocolate. Here is a recipe for a popcorn treat:

### Popcorn Snowman

In a sauce pan, combine 1/4 cup margarine, 1/4 cup oil, and only half a package of miniature marshmallows (16 ounce size).

Cook and stir until smooth. The margarine and the oil will be absorbed. Pour over 3 quarts air-popped, unsalted popcorn. Mix well. When cool enough to handle, shape into a snowman (grease your hands).

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**Palm Side** • 905 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8644.

## Chinese / Asian

**Bamboo Garden Restaurant** • 2617F N. White Sands, Alamogordo • 437-5552 • Korean and Chinese. **V**

**Chinese Express** • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-8880.

**Golden Palace** • 700 E. 1st St., Alamogordo • 434-2136.

**Jimmy's Quality Food** • 1115 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7423.

**Rocket National Buffet** • 607 White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • Authentic styles of Chinese and American cuisine. • 437-5905.

**Taiwan Kitchen** • 110 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4337.

**The Spicy Thai** • 915 Texas, Alamogordo • 434-0650.

**The Wok Inn** • 1010 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-4388 • Buffet, carry-out or dine in • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily. **Y**

## Fast Food

**Arby's Restaurant** • 421 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-3534.

**Blake's Lota Burger** • 1320 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-0466.

**Burger King** • 117 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9297.

**Hi-D-Ho Drive In** • 414 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6400.

**Long John Silver's** • 19 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-0330.

**McDonald's** • 222 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo, 437-2414 • Wal-Mart, 437-4339.

**Sonic Drive In** • 504 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-6505 • 101 Glacier Dr, 434-5263.

**Subway Sandwiches & Salads** • 100 Central, Tularosa • 585-8410.

**Subway Sandwiches & Salads** • 630 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7461 • 1101 E Tenth St, 437-0200.

**Taco Bell** • 201 Panorama, Alamogordo • 437-3873.

**Tulie Freez** • 419 St. Francis, Tularosa • 585-4409.

**Waffle & Pancake Shoppe** • 950 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0433.

**Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers** • 301 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0865.

## Fine Dining

**Memories Restaurant** • 1223 N. New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Sat, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 437-0077. **Y**

**Pepper's Grill** • 3200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9717.

**Rebecca's at The Lodge** • 1 Corona Place, Cloudcroft • Breakfast, 7-10:30 a.m.; lunch 11:30

a.m.-2 p.m., with soups, salads, sandwiches, pasta; dinner, 5:30-10 p.m., with appetizers, steak, seafood, lamb, chicken, duck and pasta dishes. • Dressy casual. • Full bar • 800-395-6343 or 575-682-2566

## Mexican

**Alfredo's** • 801 Delaware, Alamogordo • 437-1745.

**Casa de Sueños New Mexican Restaurant** • 35 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 585-3494 • Fax 585-3496. **Y V**

**Eddie's Burrito Express** • 750 E. First St., Alamogordo • 437-0266.

**El Camino Restaurant** • 1022 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-8809.

**Juan's Cactus Café** • 3199 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-2368.

**La Hacienda** • 800 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo.

**Margo's Mexican Food** • 504 E. First St., Alamogordo • 434-0689.

**Maria's Mexican Food** • 604 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-4549.

**Maximino's** • 2300 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 443-6102.

**Si Señor Restaurant** • 1480 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-7879.

## Pizza/Italian

**Gigi's Pizza** • 600 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 434-5811.

**Pizza Hut** • 120 S. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-9785.

**Pizza Mill & Sub Factory** • 1315 E. Tenth St., Alamogordo • 434-1313.

**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 trimmings • Dine in or carry out • Catering available.

## Cafés

**Alto Café** • Hwy. 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd. • 336-1980 • 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Mon-Fri, closed weekends. Daily and nightly specials, home-style meals and ice cream in a relaxed atmosphere.

**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 Kawlga'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 Parlour** • 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**

**Schlotzsky's Deli** • 2812 Sudderth • 257-7811 • Open 10:30 a.m. daily. **V**

**The Seasons** • Casual and fine dining • 307 Hwy. 70 at the Quality Inn • 378-4051, ext. 314 • Open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

**Shrimpy's Shrimp & Wing Shack** • 2501 Sudderth in Time Square at the Eagle Drive light • Shrimp, English-style fish & chips, hot wings • Open Thurs-Mon, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., except Sun, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • Dine in or carry out • 575-257-8881.

**Smokey B's Grill** • 2584 Hwy. 70 inside the Casino Apache Travel Center, Mescalero • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri-Sat, 8 a.m.-11 p.m. • Recent menu changes and additions • 464-7928. **Y**

**Smokey Bear Restaurant** • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitán • 354-2557 • Open 7 Days, 6 a.m.-8 p.m. **Y**

**The Quarters** • 2535 Sudderth • Complete restaurant featuring steaks, burgers, barbecue, drink specialties and more • Live music Sundays for "Blues & BBQ" • 257-9535. **Y**

## Fast Food

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**f Lupe's** • 1101 Sudderth • 257-4687 • Sun.-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-midnight • Additional Mexican food, American & seafood specialties, menudo. Y

**leo's** • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • 378-4033 • 7 a.m.-m. daily. Y

**co Taco** • 141 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • 44-2224 • 8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily. • A "disco" is a 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

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**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

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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.

**Michelen's** • 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

## Chinese / Asian

**Great Wall of China** • 2913 Sudderth Dr. • 257-2522. Y

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## Dinner Theater

**Mountain Annie's** • 2710 Sudderth in Midtown Ruidoso • Fabulous live performances with a scrumptious double entree barbecue and chicken dinner every Thu-Sat • Ticket office opens 2 p.m. • Dinner served at 7 p.m. and show at 8 p.m. • 257-7982. Y

## MUSIC

# Eyes as wide as oceans

BY P. BLAKE MARTIN

FOR VAMONOS

Do you remember the "Batman" television series from the '60s? In the fight scenes, a connecting punch or kick would produce a bubble *BAM!* or *POW!* on the TV screen. It's not a stretch to imagine those same bubbles popping up when Aaron R. LaCombe delivers a song. Then this Ruidoso rocker will grab your heartstrings with an original ballad like "Song for December." Beneath the tough-guy exterior, he's been in and out of love, and he knows how to sing about it.

LaCombe owns and operates the Landlocked Restaurant on Mechem. It's just a cover, folks! This is a songwriter-singer fronting as a restaurant proprietor. Soulful, hard-edged and tender in one Bruce Springsteen, Lyle Lovett, James Bond *ZAP! CRUNCH! ZING!* package.

So, the night before the Steelers and the Cardinals battle it out for modern-day

gladiator glory, the Clubhouse Lounge is hosting a pre-Super Bowl party. The event will feature Aaron LaCombe and friends, including Sam Shackelford on drums, the Hillbilly Potentates exploring their electric instrument sensibilities (that's gotta be worth the price of a Super Bowl ticket), and yours truly plucking the bass guitar and glissing into a harmony or two.

In addition to originals from his latest CD release *Charcoal and Ash*, Aaron and company will dish out a delicious main course of John Mayer, Bob Seger, Rolling Stones and other rock and roll/blues good-timin' favorites.

Check out [www.myspace.com/aaronrlacombe](http://www.myspace.com/aaronrlacombe) and [www.myspace.com/thehillbillypotentates](http://www.myspace.com/thehillbillypotentates) for music selections. (Be sure and take a big stick to the latter one, you might need it.)

The Clubhouse Lounge is located behind Club Gas at the corner of Mechem and White Mountain Dr. Music is Saturday, Jan. 31, from 8 until midnight.

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## ARTIST SKETCH

## Transformation

Working with a seemingly simple and not-so-beautiful gourd, artist Betty Day is able to transform the garden's gift into a unique work of art. Will it become a vessel? A night light? A whimsical display piece? As she begins the work, she becomes "one with the gourd" and soon her talent and skill combine to create unique art pieces from nature.

Day, a retired Ruidoso art teacher, received her first gourd from her sister-in-law from Truth or Consequences and the rest, as they say, is history. Starting out with how-to books from the public library, she soon found herself doing an Art In Public Places show there, beginning her new career. "It was one of the most wonderful things that has ever happened to me," she recalls.

"I see something unique in each gourd," she explains. "I always have inspiration." But the process for each piece is long. First, the gourds must be soaked for 24 hours, and the tedious process of

scraping off the protective skin begins, as Day uses the back of a knife to work away the outer layer. Then the fun starts.

"The gourd tells you what it should become," Day says as, like a sculptor, she begins to work with the medium in her care. "Gourds have been used throughout human history, as vessels before woven baskets became common, as well as instruments." Through carving and decorating, using leather dyes, oil pastels or art markers, the finished piece emerges – a unique work of art from her Ruidoso Downs studio.

A visit to her home studio is easy to arrange. Simply phone Day at 378-4195 to set a time. Her home is nestled in the hills behind the race track – a beautiful location with a southern exposure ideal for her work, where she has been for nearly 50 years.

Day's works can also be seen at the yearly Treasures of Sierra Blanca art show and during Art Loop, and she has recently displayed her pieces at the Billy the Kid Byway Visitors Center.



Artist Betty Day is recognized for her whimsical gourd creations, such as these rooster figures, and functional pieces such as the night light at right.



Ruidoso Regional Council for a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the arts in Ruidoso, Lincoln County, Mescalero, and their fifth annual "Gras" fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 6-10 p.m.

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## GOOD TO KNOW

## Let's party!

Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, a non-profit organization dedicated to promote the arts in Ruidoso, Sandoval County and Calaveras, announces the fifth annual "mARTi" fundraiser event to be held on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 6-10 p.m. at the

Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Dr., in Ruidoso.

"mARTi Gras 2009" is a community, family oriented event in celebration of both the visual and performing arts. New this year is "The Gallery", a collective showcase display of area artists, musicians, and

theatre groups.

The ever-popular "Gumbo Cook-Off" and "mARTi Gras Mask" competitions return with cash prizes for first, second and third places plus, People's Choice awarded. There will be a live auction and silent auctions offering works from local professional artists along with other items. Raffle tickets to win the original oil painting "Wall of Courage" by Brian Sarinova, created for the Ruidoso Fire Station wall mosaic, will go on sale at the event with the drawing to be held on Memorial Day 2009.

On-site food vendors will sell gumbo and other fare. A full-service bar is provided.

Live music from 6-7 p.m. by "The Tonite Show" sets a true New Orleans Mardi Gras atmosphere, followed by country and Western and other dance music featuring Rich Chorné and The Usual Suspects from 7:30-10 p.m.

Area musicians will also be showcased throughout the night.

There will be several demonstrations and exhibitions in both visual and performing art forms. Children are invited to participate in a variety of hands-on art activities.

Tickets go on sale tomorrow, Feb. 1, and are available at the RRCA office, Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce and area businesses. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years of age. Come in costume, or come

as you are. A prize will be awarded for best costume, and free masks and beads will be available at the door. All net proceeds go to fund the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts.

The purpose of Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts is to perform as a support system to area artists, and as a liaison to culture organizations. Their goal is to promote public awareness, participation, appreciation and accessibility of the arts, and to support and implement the preservation and growth of the region's artistic and cultural resources.

For tickets, contest entry forms or more information, contact: Ed Spurr, executive director, Ruidoso Regional Council for the

Arts, 1712 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345. Or phone 575-257-7272 or

email [rrcarts@valornet.com](mailto:rrcarts@valornet.com).



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Cost: Drop In: \$12 • 5 classes: \$50 • 10 classes: \$90 • 6 month course: \$150 (24 classes)

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Call 575-937-3416 to register for Intro course or for more information

Classes begin February 3rd, 2009



## HISTORY

# He got no respect

## Past Tense

by Drew Gomer  
Historian



If not for his post-mortem experiences, there is a good chance no one other than historians would ever have heard of Old West badman George "Big Nose" Parrott.

There is no doubt that many outlaws in the Old

West shuffled off their mortal coils in sometimes bizarre circumstances. Black Jack Tom Ketchum is a good example. Death by hanging was not enough to satisfy the Fickle Finger of Fate in Black Jack's case. When Ketchum plunged through the trap doors of the gallows in Clayton, N.M., in 1901, he didn't meet death in the usual fashion - a broken neck, or in what was frequently considered to be the worst case scenario, slow strangulation. But noooooooo ... Black Jack's head was literally torn from his body, and that, for me at least, is the *real* worst-case scenario - at least where being hanged is concerned.

### A prominent proboscis

As far as outlaw George Parrott was concerned, it seems that the one thing everyone agreed upon was the fact that he had a very, very large nose. Almost everything else about the man seems to be shrouded in mystery -

including his origins. At the time of his death, the Consul General of France requested a "certificate of death relating to the late George Parrot (sic), alias George AuGrossNez ... required by widow of this

convict." This seems to indicate that George was born in France. But wait a minute, is this some kind of weird joke? I don't speak French, but I do have some background in Latin and doesn't "AuGrossNez" mean "of the big nose" or something similar? If anyone out there speaks French, give me a call.

At any rate, George's ambition in life seems to have been to become a successful outlaw, which he definitely wasn't. He was suspected, during his lurid career, of stealing horses, cattle, robbing stagecoaches and basically stealing whatever wasn't nailed down.

George had been working at this "trade" for several years when, on Aug. 17, 1878, he and his gang ambushed and killed two lawmen who had been tracking them in Wyoming. Ten days later, the bloated bodies of the unfortunate pair were discovered by Carbon County Sheriff James Rankin. Cop killers, then and now, tend to get

little mercy from lawmen and Parrott and his gang were no exception.

In late December 1878, a half dozen of George's gang were captured and introduced to the less-than-luxurious Carbon County jail, where they languished for the next several months, awaiting trial. In April 1879, these men were tried for the murder of the two lawmen the previous year and found guilty.

However, authorities were frustrated by their inability to find gang leader George Parrott. George - apparently not the brightest of outlaws - helped them out with this problem personally. On July 15, 1880, he was arrested in Miles City, Mont. after getting roaring drunk and bragging to anyone who would listen how he had ambushed and murdered two lawmen nearly two years previous.

### Interrogation

On Aug. 7, 1880, as Parrott was being transported back to Wyoming, he met a welcoming committee at the town of Carbon. These citizens, apparently searching for some alternative to the standard and time-worn key to the city, generously gave George a brand new rope, which they placed around his neck and then hoisted him up so that he might further enjoy the view of their town.

Needless to say, he did not, but they weren't out to kill him - not yet, anyway. They just wanted him to

name names, which was exactly what he did when they lowered him to the ground. Parrott described, in detail, exactly what had happened to the deceased lawmen, and who was involved. When you think about it, it's a miracle they didn't hang him immediately.

In September 1880, Parrott was put on trial. He pled guilty to murder on the advice of his court-appointed attorney. However, after ruminating on this plea for about four days, he changed it to "not guilty" on the 17th of that month.

Apparently Parrott had a problem making decisions, because the very next day, he changed his plea back to "guilty." Before he could change it yet again, the jury foreman leaped to his feet and announced that the jury was in agreement and that George was, in fact, guilty. Incredibly guilty.

On Dec. 15, 1880, Parrott was sentenced to death, with the sentence to be carried out on April 2, 1881. But like everything else in Parrott's life, it didn't go as planned. On March 22, 1881, Parrott broke jail, but was captured by alert jailer Robert Rankin and his wife Rosa (?). When citizens heard of the attempted jailbreak, they decided to help Parrott not only escape from Carbon County, but from the planet Earth as well.

After fortifying themselves with the customary

copious amounts of liquor, the citizens removed George from jail. You guessed it, things didn't go well. The half-inch rope the mob brought broke and George, seeking any form of escape, began climbing a ladder that had been leaning next to the telegraph pole from which the citizens had planned to "jerk him to Jesus." But the noose was still around his neck, and an alert vigilante grabbed the end of the rope and flung it over the arm of the pole as another man knocked the ladder out from under Parrott. When local doctor John Osborne couldn't make up his mind as to whether or not George was dead, everyone went home, leaving George dangling until noon the next day.

### A bizarre turn of events

The next day, Doctor Osborne cut down Parrott (he couldn't have been dead at this point) and carried the body back to his office where he made a plaster cast of Parrott's face. However, in clear violation of all medical etiquette (even for the 1880s), the doctor then skinned the dead outlaw's chest and had the skin made into a pair of very fine, two-toned dark brown and buff shoes. But the shoemaker botched the job, as the stylish doctor had wanted a nipple on each shoe, which he didn't get.

Wait - it gets worse. Osborne then trimmed his

medical bag with some more of George's skin and gave the dead outlaw's skull to Wyoming's first woman doctor, Lillian Heath, who used it alternately as a flower pot and doorstep.

Osborne was eventually elected governor of Wyoming, and was also elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Can you guess which shoes he was wearing when he was sworn in at both events? By all accounts, he liked to dance in them, too.

On May 12, 1950, the parts of George that had not been transformed into clothing or furniture were discovered in a whiskey barrel where Osborne had left them. There wasn't much left - just some bones and a little skin.

Normally, I like to sum the story up at this point, but there really isn't much else I can say about a man who ended up as household accessories.

**SOURCES:** *Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters*, by Bill O'Neal; *Historical Atlas of the Outlaw West*, by Richard Patterson; *Files of Marcus Huff*, Wyoming.

Drew Gomer is available for history tours of Old Lincoln Town and Lincoln County, as well as speaking engagements. For more information about booking a tour or presentation, or to order Drew's books or CDs, call 575-653-4056 or email Drew at [drew@pvtnetworks.net](mailto:drew@pvtnetworks.net).

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**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
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**Sex Addicts Anonymous**  
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Trail. Info: 653-4937.

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## COMMUNITY LISTINGS: LINCOLN COUNTY

Community listings are provided as a public service to organizations offering free services, events, activities and information. To add or correct a listing, email [vamonos@ruidosonews.com](mailto:vamonos@ruidosonews.com) or fax to 575-257-7053.

### p & Healing

**Help End Abuse for Life:** Domestic violence shelter. Hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

**Meets:** at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor. Info: 258-8885.

**Meets:** at noon every Friday at the Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Come to the back door and bring your lunch.

**Meets:** 7:30 a.m., noon, 5:15 p.m. daily; 8 p.m. Sat, Sun, at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor. Info: 258-8885.

**Meets:** 6:30 p.m. Monday at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor.

**Meets:** Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

**Meets:** 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Episcopal Church in Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

**Meets:** 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mesalero. Info: 653-4937.

**Meets:** Mondays and fourth Sundays of each month, 2-3:30 p.m., in conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 St. Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 419, or email [paintladies64@yahoo.com](mailto:paintladies64@yahoo.com).

**Meets:** Each Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. at High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Meets:** For the community. Call so Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-

**Meets:** First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. at High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Meets:** Each Sunday, 9:30 a.m. at High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Meets:** Counseling Center Prevention Program meets all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, address issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

**Meets:** New Name Ministry offers for parents of addicted children. For appointment, call 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment will be appreciated.

**Meets:** first 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; contact by other parents who have lost a child. Info: 937-7078.

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

**Meets:** Each second and fourth Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-

**Meets:** 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 29ers 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.

**Mountaintop 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/card games. Second Monday (Sept.-May) includes program, business meeting, potluck, bridge/card 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 Wednesday 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.

**VFW 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).

**VFW 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

**Altura Club:** 5:30 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; Noon every third Tuesday for lunch; Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mesalero 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: Raynere, 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:** 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country Club. During the school year, meetings every first Tuesday are at the Teepee Lounge at Ruidoso High School. 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: 258-5860.

**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 [whitemountainsar@gmail.com](mailto:whitemountainsar@gmail.com), visit [www.whitemountainsar.org](http://www.whitemountainsar.org) or phone 866-596-8382.

### Political

**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:** Regular meetings. Phone Dolores at 653-4379.

## COMMUNITY LISTINGS: OTERO COUNTY

Community listings are provided as a public service to organizations offering free services, support, activities and information. To add or correct a listing, email [vamonos@ruidosonews.com](mailto:vamonos@ruidosonews.com) or fax to 575-257-7053.

### 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.

**Altrusa 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 [paintladies64@yahoo.com](mailto:paintladies64@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 Alamogordo 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 Josetlosky, 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 Tinsling, 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 Delilah 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 Noyse 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.

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# Art Galleries & Studios

## Lincoln County

**Art and Artifact** • 107 S. Lincoln • Capitán • 4-2316.

**Audrey Paton's Antiques & Interiors at Gallery 1** • 401 Twelfth St. • Carrizozo • 648-2762.

**Earthly Greens & Ran La Roca Glass** • Lincoln, A • Open 10-6 daily • 800-386-7258 • Fine art and glass "paintings".

**Fruit of the Trees Gallery** • Highway 380 in Lincoln • 653-4699.

**Gallery 408** • 408 12th Street • Carrizozo • 648-2598 • Oils, photography, ceramics, collage, jewelry, pottery and new Gift Gallery. Special artist showings and workshops, and musical events in their sculpture garden.

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

**Grizzly's Bears** • 2804 Sudderth • 257-3542 • Bears carved from tree trunks by chainsaw and other power tools.

**Hondo Iris Farm and Gallery** • Highway 70, MM 284 in Old Hondo • Tuesday - Sunday, 10-5 • 653-4723.

**Hondo Iris Farm Annex** • Highway 70, MM

286 • Tuesday - Sunday, 8-5. Free Jewelry Factory tours. 653-4062.

**Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery** • Off Highway 70 at mile marker 281 • San Patricio • Home of five artists spanning three generations. Featuring works by N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Peter Hurd and Michael Hurd. • 800-658-6912, or 653-4331.

**James Mack Studio** • 1002 B Ave. • Carrizozo • 648-5203.

**J. Kiker Gallery** • Highway 70 MM 284 in Old Hondo • Featuring John Kiker's oil landscapes of New Mexico, the Hondo Valley and beyond. • Open by appointment only. Phone 653-4510, or contact jkikergallery@yahoo.com.

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

**Oso Art** • 100 Lincoln Ave., Capitán • 354-2327 • Art at its best from more than 100 Lincoln County artists • Eclectic blend of wall art, sculpture, jewelry, wood furniture and more • Tuesday-Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-5.

**Unique Creations** • 354-1041 • Custom furniture, etched and stained glass • By appointment only.

**White Oaks Pottery** • 4 mi. NE of White Oak Township • Ivy Heymann • 648-2985 • Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Thursday.

**Backdoor - the knight-mark collection** • 2808 Sudderth Dr. • Hand-picked furnishings, Italian textiles, artwork and more luxuries for the home • 257-2270.

**California Colors Art Gallery** • 201 Country Club Dr. • 257-1964.

**The Camel House** • 1690 Highway 70 East • Ruidoso Downs • 378-7065 • Prints, framing.

**DJ's Jewelry** • 618 Carrizo Canyon • 630-1514 • Hand-crafted silver and semi-precious stones, Southwest style.

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

**Galleria West** • 2538 Sudderth • 257-4560 • Fine art, gifts, artisan jewelry, knives, fetishes.

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

**J. Mauritsen Studio** • 624 Carrizo Canyon Rd. • 257-6348 • Wood carver transforms tree trunks into fine art, furniture.

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

**Kindred Spirit** • 2306 Sudderth • 257-3846.

**Leroy Anderson Studio** • 1125 Highway 37 (downtown Nogal) • 354-4242 • Handcrafted silver jewelry, beadwork, rattles and copper sculpture.

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

**McGarry's Studio / Expressions in Bronze Gallery** • 2002 Sudderth • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday • 257-1000 • Gallery and finishing studio for world-renowned bronze artist famous for Native-American figures.

**Mountain Arts Gallery** • 2530 Sudderth • 257-9748 • Southwest art, prints & originals, pottery, custom framing. Resident artist: Teri Sodd.

**Picture This Gallery** • 2621 Sudderth • 630-0003 • Prints and framing.

**Piñon Pottery** • 3 miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70 • Ruidoso Downs • 378-4270 • (800) 378-4275 • Studio & gallery of Vicki Conley, also shows work by other locals. Thrown pottery and sculpted ceramic for architectural accents.

**Rainwaters** • 2313 Sudderth • 257-8727 •

Gifts, jewelry, candles & collectibles.

**Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts** • Highway 220, 12 miles north of Ruidoso off U.S. 48 • 336-4800 • Dale Chihuly glass art installation • Tours 10 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday include behind-the-scenes look at theater.

**Square Moon Gallery** • 2825 Sudderth Dr., Ste. E, Boulder Plaza • Beautiful hand-blown and fused art glass, original chalk pastels, and more. • 257-8549.

**Studio-W** • 1311 Mechem • 258-1117 • www.Studio-W.com • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wed. - Sat.; 12 - 6 p.m., Sun; Closed Mon. & Tues. • Representing more than 100 artists showing more than 500 pieces.

**Talk of the Town Gallery & Studio** • 1017 Mechem Dr. • Artist cooperative showcase, workshops and studio space • 937-5934 or 937-6591.

**White Dove Gallery** • 2825 Sudderth, Ste. A • 257-6609 or 866-257-6609 • Specializing in Native-American jewelry, art, pottery and kachinas. Open daily since 1988.

**White Mountain Pottery** • 2328 Sudderth • 257-3644 • Tableware, lamps & accessories. Representing the works of Tim Wierwille and other local potters.

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

## Alamogordo Area

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

**Accents in Glass** • 434-4182 • Jo Austin's original art glass designs using fused glass, stained glass, mosaics, 3-D, leaded panels, and jewelry. Jo Austin, proprietor. Web: www.accentsgivingglassbyjo.com.

**Pat Beatty Gallery and Framing** • 908 New York Ave., Alamogordo • 439-0188 • Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Fine art, work by local artists, gifts, hand-painted cards. Pat Beatty, proprietor.

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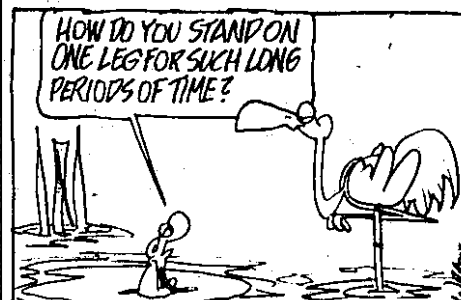
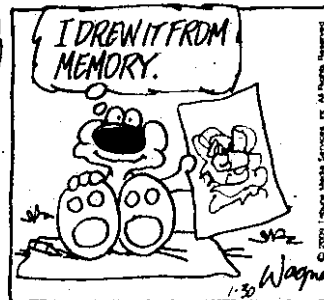
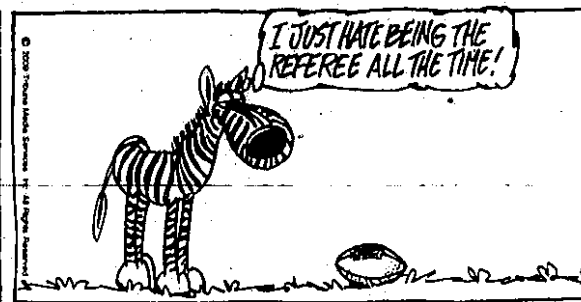
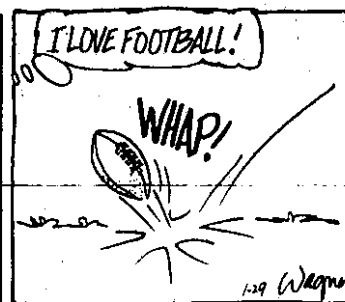
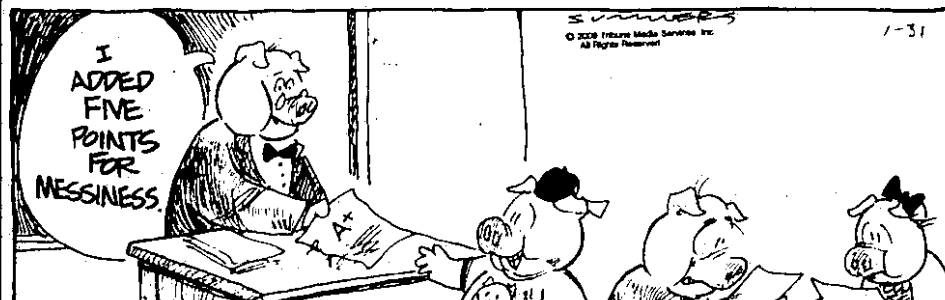
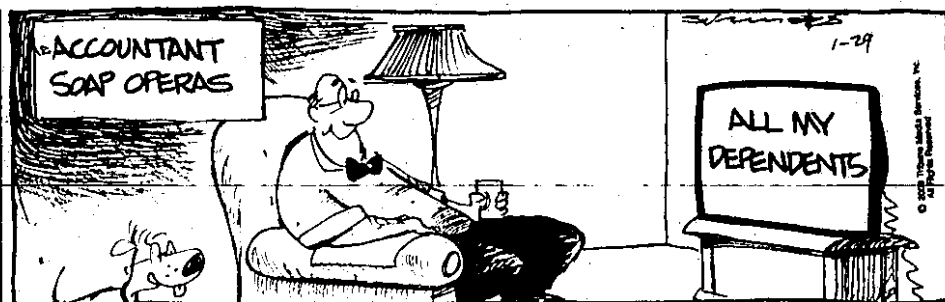
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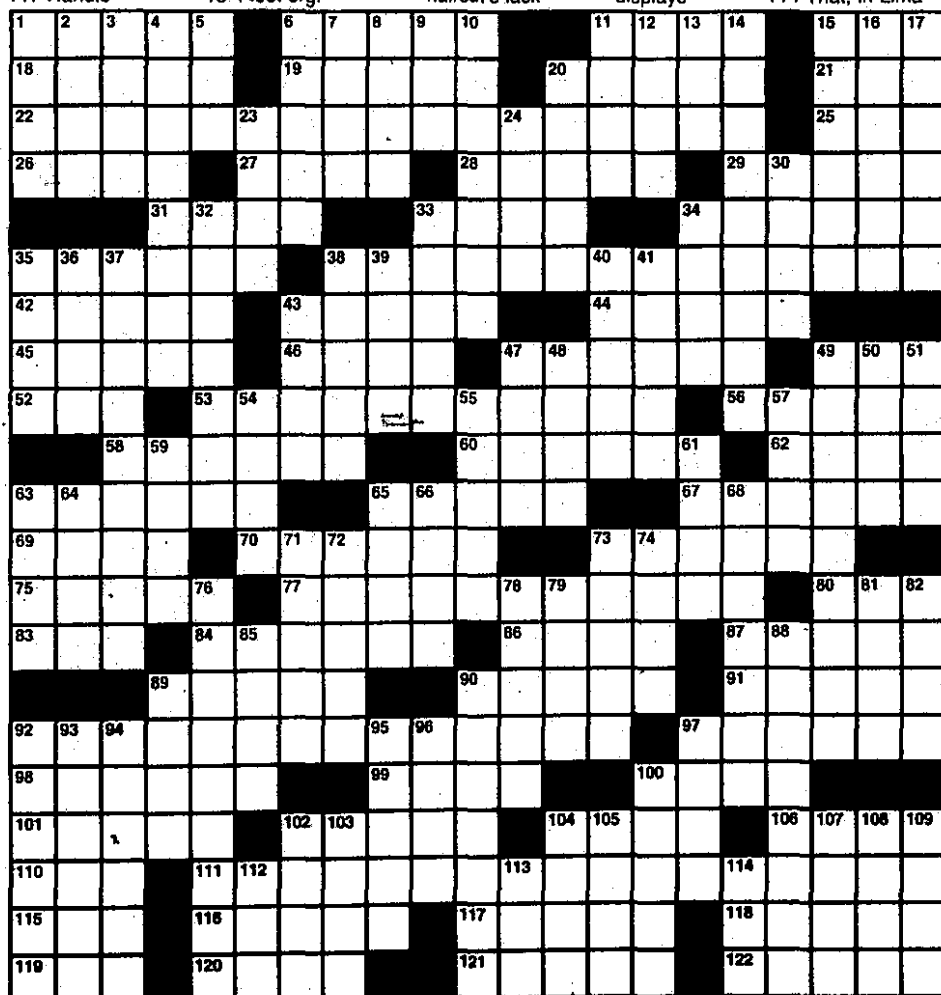
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# Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Spiked  
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27 Tabula  
28 Tic Tac rival  
29 Full of activity  
31 Actor McGregor  
33 Siren  
34 Smoke with two clipped ends  
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45 Super Bowl XLII result, e.g.  
46 "I...busted!"  
47 Aggressive ancient city-state  
49 Gardner of film  
52 Gray shade  
53 Rembrandt's "Leprechaun"?  
56 Eponymous pistol designer  
58 "Sex for Dummies" author, familiarly  
60 Kid's rocker  
62 Force  
63 Lamentation  
65 55-Down's job  
67 Mythical hunk  
69 Charge carriers  
70 Decadent  
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77 Jong's Dumbo biography?  
80 Capture  
83 Street stand buy  
84 Service response  
86 Prunes
- DOWN**
- 87 Zoologist's subject  
89 89-Down noncombat group  
90 Wrapper weights  
91 Wing it  
92 Mitchell's hang-gliding memoir?  
97 Single  
98 Trimmings  
99 Landfill feature  
100 Knack  
101 Blue rock, briefly  
102 Indian honorific  
104 Three-time NFL Coach of the Year Chuck  
106 Slightly cracked  
110 Great service  
111 Chopin's homage to Darwin?  
115 Sn, on a table  
116 Common news hr.  
117 Handle  
118 Malibu, for one  
119 Goal  
120 State flower of Utah  
121 Public disturbance  
122 Photoshop maker  
123 Something seen on a buck?  
15 Finger Lakes Iroquois  
16 Like the '69 Mets  
17 Heckled  
20 Cops' quarry  
23 Pitfall  
24 18-wheeler  
30 Tree trunk  
32 Omelet type  
33 Mettle  
34 Work with flour  
35 Cyan shade  
36 Eats dinner  
37 Disco film starring Zorro?  
38 Zing  
39 High-protein soup  
40 Diarist Nin  
41 Opposite of sur  
43 Float  
47 Signs of success  
48 Mop-top haircut's lack  
49 Scorsese flick about an over-the-hill financial optimist?  
50 Caesarean section?  
51 Humanities  
54 Mandolin kin  
55 65-Across puller  
57 Japanese noodle  
59 Little hill  
61 Fish story  
63 Pocket bread  
64 Put in a magazine  
65 Stuttgart señor  
66 School since 1440  
68 G.I., in old slang  
71 Get  
72 Goethe classic  
73 Like Karloff and Lugosi, notably  
74 Sign of an escape?  
76 Toy store window displays  
78 Natural aptitude  
79 Bereft  
81 Indigo dye source  
82 Chitchats  
85 Downs a sub?  
88 Admired slavishly  
89 See 89-Across  
90 Quarter  
92 Recently  
93 Vitamin B3  
94 Consume  
95 Pedestrian  
96 Rewrite, perhaps  
97 Hot  
100 Specialty  
102 iTunes download  
103 Woofer brand?  
104 Guitar support  
105 Indian bread  
107 Sensei's teaching  
108 Very little  
109 Actress Russo  
112 One of a vivacious pair  
113 Tolkien ogre  
114 That, in Lima



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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Ans: " " IT

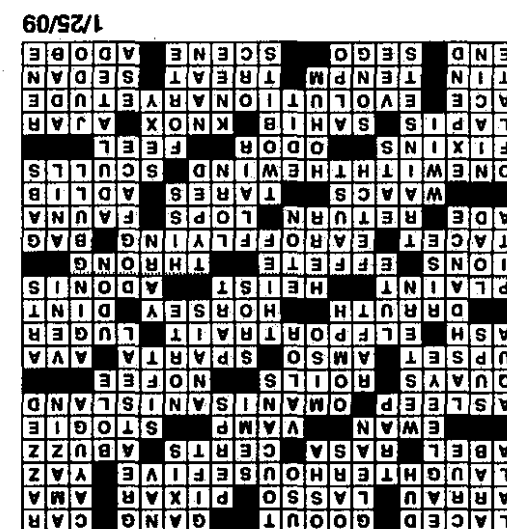
## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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TOTAL	217
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RACK 3 =	62
RACK 2 =	57
RACK 1 =	12



ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

Jumbles: AGING DOUGH LOTION DOUGH OMELET  
Answer: What the indifferent student said when he got a zero on the test — "NOTHING" TO IT



# Art Galleries & Studios

(Continued from page 15)

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

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

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**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 Gallery** • 502A Burro Ave. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • 682-3659 • Original paintings, pottery and glass. Unusual handmade gifts. David and Donna Gordon, 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.

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### mARTi gras call

RRCA's annual community celebration, mARTi gras, will be held Feb. 28. Booth spaces, 10x10, are being offered for no fee, and artists may share space. Demonstrations are also being sought.

Contact Susie Berend at 937-9380 to reserve your space.

### Art in Public Places

Art 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 visiting tourists.

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.com](mailto:bears101@windstream.com), or by cell phone 937-030

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The red sun on New Mexico's state flag is an ancient symbol of a Native American people called the Zia. The Zia believed that the giver of all good gave them gifts in groups of four, hence the four rays on the four sides of the sun.

It is winter time here in the Northern Hemisphere of Earth. Over the past few weeks many regions of the U.S. - although, it would seem, not so much southern New Mexico - have received reminders of this fact, with intense snow and ice storms, and ex-

temperatures a. Despite w/ remaining stor might throw o the coming fe however, we c some comfort that at some p will melt and to experience conditions of summer.

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## ASTRONOMY

# Worlds of ice

## In Our Skies

by Alan Hale  
ahale@nmsu.edu  
Astronomer



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at some point the ice  
ll melt and we'll begin  
experience the warmer  
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This isn't quite the case  
some of the more distant  
aches of the solar system.  
any of these more distant  
orlds, such as most of the  
oons of the four gas giant  
anets, as well as Pluto,  
is and many (if not most)  
the other objects in the  
Kuiper Belt, are made up

substantially - in  
some cases, per-  
haps almost  
entirely - of ice.

The comets,  
which originated  
in this part of the  
solar system, are  
also to a large  
degree made up  
of ice.

One might  
initially expect  
that these distant  
frozen worlds  
will always  
remain quiet and  
inactive. But, as  
it turns out, this

isn't always true; fairly  
recently, cameras aboard  
the Cassini spacecraft that  
is presently orbiting Saturn  
have detected enormous  
geyser-like plumes of what  
is apparently liquid water  
erupting off Saturn's moon  
Enceladus, and 20 years  
ago Voyager 2 recorded  
geysers on the surface of  
Neptune's moon Triton.  
Some of the Kuiper Belt  
objects, and even some of  
the comets in this distant  
part of the solar system,  
have also been seen to  
exhibit some type of erup-  
tive activity from time to  
time.

So what is causing all  
this activity on these dis-  
tant frozen worlds? Some

of the larger worlds (for  
example, Saturn's moon  
Titan) are big enough that  
they can generate their  
own radioactive heat. Then  
there's the case of Jupiter's  
moon Europa, which has  
an icy surface "crust" but  
which from data returned  
by the two Voyager space-  
craft and the Jupiter-orbit-  
ing Galileo probe is strong-  
ly believed to have a  
worldwide ocean of liquid  
water underneath that  
crust. Internal heating due  
to tides generated by  
Europa's close proximity to  
Jupiter is believed to be  
responsible for creating the  
temperatures warm enough  
to melt the ice.

Such explanations  
don't work, though, for the  
water plumes on Ence-  
ladus and the geysers on  
Triton, as the amount of  
internal heating needed to  
generate this activity sim-  
ply isn't there. The plumes  
and geysers nevertheless  
exist, and their cause has  
remained a mystery.

Quite recently, an  
explanation has been  
offered by a team of scien-  
tists led by John Cooper of  
the Goddard Space Flight  
Center in Maryland.  
According to their sce-  
nario, various charged par-  
ticles (cosmic rays, elec-  
trons from the planet's  
magnetosphere, etc.) oxi-  
dize the surface water ice  
(i.e., combines it chemical-  
ly with oxygen atoms)  
which, over time, gets  
buried underground. Some  
kind of surface activity -  
for example, an impacting  
meteorite - causes this oxi-  
dized water ice to react  
with other substances

(such as ammonia or  
methane), creating the heat  
necessary to melt the ice  
and drive the eruptive  
activity.

As is true for all scien-  
tific explanations when  
first advanced, Cooper's  
scenario needs to be tested  
and verified. It does, how-  
ever, seem to have some  
attractive features, in that it  
can potentially explain the  
activity that's been detect-  
ed on some of the Kuiper  
Belt objects and on distant  
comets. For example,  
Halley's Comet underwent  
a large eruptive event in  
1991 (five years after it had  
made its visit to the inner  
solar system, and when it  
was located more than 350  
million miles beyond the  
orbit of Saturn), and this  
event has never been fully  
explained.

On any given night, at  
least some of these icy  
worlds should be above

the horizon and, theoret-  
ically anyway, should be  
accessible to sky-watchers  
who might want to track  
them down. Uranus and its  
icy moons are currently  
quite low in our western  
sky after dusk (in the con-  
stellation Aquarius, some-  
what to the south of the  
"Great Square" of  
Pegasus), while the distant  
Kuiper Belt object Eris is  
somewhat higher up, in  
the constellation Cetus.  
(Eris is far too dim to detect  
with any backyard tele-  
scope, however.) Saturn  
and all its accompanying  
moons are in Leo, rising in  
the east during the mid-  
evening and being high up  
in the hours after midnight.

As for some of the oth-

ers, like Pluto and the icy  
moons of Jupiter and  
Neptune, they're behind  
the sun right now, and  
invisible. The intervening  
sunlight (and heat) won't  
do any good towards  
warming them up, but  
should eventually warm  
things up here on Earth.

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Alan Hale is a profes-  
sional astronomer who  
resides in Cloudcroft. He is  
presently raising funds for  
the Earthrise Project, an  
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tarian program described  
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## ADVENTURE

# Black pearls, Paul Gauguin and lemon sharks

## *Affordable winter escape to the South Seas, part 4*

Salut du Tahiti et Bora Bora! Oui, j'suis en Polynésie française!

Yes, your Outdoor Adventure Columnist goes native as the Spirit of Oceanus, the expedition cruise ship I work for, calls on ports in French Polynesia, including Tahiti, the Marquesas and Bora Bora.

No affordable South Seas escape is complete without diving into the ocean, but before we go adventuring, we're taking in Culture with a Capital C plus contributing to the local economy (a.k.a. shopping!)

### GOING GA-GA FOR GAUGUIN

Since I'd studied him in college, I eagerly sought out locales that inspired French Post-Impressionist Paul Gauguin (1848 -1903) who lived most of his life in French Polynesia.

To refresh my memory, I visited first the semi-outdoor Paul Gauguin Museum near Papeete, Tahiti. His life and copies of his masterpieces display amid white frangipani and red, coral and yellow hibiscus. Their color and fragrance inspire me to photograph as they inspired Gauguin to paint.

Two days' sailing from Tahiti we dock at tiny Hiva Oa, one of the Marquesas Islands where Gauguin lived the longest. I walked the hilly paths of the town of Atuona, reveling again in the sun-splashed color that Gauguin reproduced on canvas.

The Paul Gauguin Cultural Center and Museum in Atuona displays reproductions of his masterpieces done by Polynesian art students.

On the grounds of the Center I walked through Gauguin's "Maison de Jours," his self-styled House of Pleasures, a two-story leaf-roofed open-air structure where he painted in his atelier (studio) and enjoyed life. (His Danish wife Mette stayed in

### Follow Me!



by Yvonne Lanelli

Adventure Writer & Photographer

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Copenhagen with their children while he lived in French Polynesia with his three teenaged female companions. . . ) Scattered reproductions and a life-size mannequin working on an unfinished canvas portray a sense of what life was like à Gauguin.

Across the street is Magasin Gauguin, an old two-story wooden building that was his official residence but is now a small grocery. (Magasin is French Polynesian for grocery). A cold drink refreshed me for a long uphill walk to Calvary Cemetery, Gauguin's last resting place.

Even if Gauguin weren't buried here, Calvary Cemetery is worth a visit just for the lay-

out and view. The Cemetery itself is a multi-tiered, grassy hill shaded by frangipani and noni trees, bordered by black volcanic stones from peaks above and dominated by a huge white painted cement crucifix that overlooks the bay far below. Picking my way past graves dating from the late 1800s, smooth granite markers and metal filigree crucifixes, I stepped up to the second tier to Gauguin's tomb, as different from the others as he had been different in his life.

Shaded by plumeria trees, his above-ground tomb is outlined by black volcanic rocks. A small unframed oil painting of a young girl done in the style of Gauguin rests at the head, laid there by the MV Paul Gauguin, a small ship that called here on the 150th anniversary of his birth in 1998.

### KEEPING POLYNESIA GREEN

Souvenir shoppers go crazy for Tahitian pearls. Nearly every female passenger returned to the ship adorned in Tahitian pearl jewelry.

Tahitian pearls are prized for their origin, shape and color which ranges from smoky gray to nearly iridescent black,



*Yvonne contemplates the grave of French Post Impressionist Paul Gauguin in French Polynesia.*

some even shading to purple, forest green or indigo blue, either round, pear-shaped or seed-like.

Because these pearls are cultivated only in this part of the planet, they are treacher (very expensive) – \$100 for simple stud earrings; over \$1,000 for a single-strand choker. (Equivalent prices when exported to the US: \$600 for earrings; \$6,000 for choker.)

### NEVER BORED IN BORA BORA

I came to the South Seas for adventure and found it—as a shark bait ball!

I dive sixty feet into 80-degree ocean water. In minutes, a six-foot black tip reef shark swims up. "Welcome to the coral neighborhood," he (or she) seems to say.

Seconds later, an eight-foot lemon shark swings by. Within minutes, our little group of ten divers is surrounded by four lemons (two with attached remoras) and two black-tips that cruise around and around, over and between us.

So this is what a bait ball feels like. But I'm not a bit scared.

Every direction we turn, these cool sharks cruise delightfully close to us, not fearful of humans as other sharks I've been privileged to dive with. Lemon sharks, (so named because of their slightly green-ish yellow-ish color) are particularly friendly, swimming right up to us, so close I see their slightly open mouths, rows of sharp teeth, little barbels around their mouths, marble-sized white eyes with narrow black vertical slits like cats' eyes, and finally, the individual black markings on their dorsal and pectoral fins and tails, as individual as your face is from your friends'.

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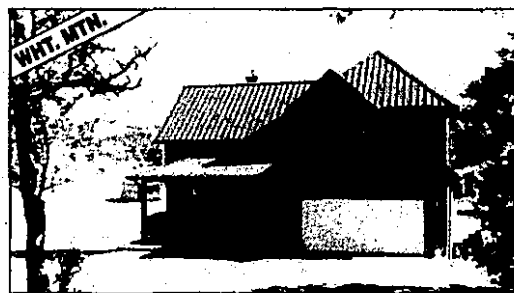
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### ONE OWNER CUSTOM-DESIGNED MOUNTAIN HOME!

Big, Big, Big Sierra Blanca views are yours from this prestigious 4 br. home with wood accents throughout. Recent updates include new countertops & flooring in kitchen. Situated on a lavish .74 acre lot. Highly desirable open kitchen - living concept. Excellent buy per sq. ft. Also has super family/game room. \$349,500. #102785



### LOVELY WHT. MTN. STUCCO W/ VALLEY VIEWS!

Vaulted ceilings in the living area create a sun-splashed interior that's divine! The master bedroom is on the main floor of this charming 3 br., 2 1/2 ba. Upscale cabinets, open concept, solid surface countertops, and wet bar w/ wine cooler enhance this luxurious living environment. \$330,000. #100027



7.9 ACRES



### FABULOUS CUSTOM HOME WITH NICE VIEWS!

This fully furnished 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath home sits on an amazing 7.94 acres in Ranches of Sonterra. Some of the custom features throughout this home include a gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, great room with vaulted ceiling, 3 car garage, and a rain catch system. Enjoy the valley views from a great deck. Also features guest quarters with their own kitchen, living area, and utility room. \$575,000. #103954



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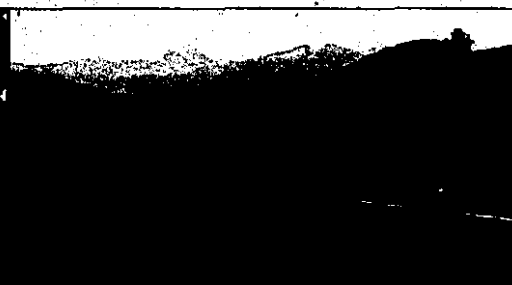


### WHEN ONLY THE BEST WILL DO!

This impeccably tasteful Kokopelli Villa home is perfectly placed in an exclusive gated community. This spectacularly furnished 3/3 home has a beautiful view of distant mountains, the course, and an enchanting water feature. Full club membership. What a delightful place to live! Looking for your heart's desire? Here it is! \$735,000. #101441



PARADISE!



### SECLUDED MOUNTAIN ESTATE ON 5.3 ACRES!

This impressive, 4 br., 3 1/2 ba., one owner home will wow you! Breathtaking Sierra Blanca and valley views, and adjacent to National Forest! Cozy 2 br. guest house with wonderful porch. Barn w/ 2 stalls & corral. Everything your heart desired is right here...surrounded by the pristine mountain wilderness! Saddle up and experience what dream come true! \$1,350,000. #100027

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**CHARMING 3 BR., 2 BA. ALTO STUCCO!**

This one level beauty has a super open concept plan with vaulted ceilings. Easy access and paved drive are features you'll appreciate. Great covered deck for entertaining or just "kicking back." Double garage, 2 fireplaces and a metal roof make this Alto home very desirable. Beautiful wooded view! \$345,000. #104241



**HIGHLY DESIRABLE ALTO TOWNHOME!**

This nicely furnished 2 br., 2 ba. Alto town home is located close to the clubhouse and has level access for carefree Alto living. Enjoy the benefits of a full golf membership & nice views from the wonderful back deck! Won't last long. \$230,000 #104208



**CUSTOM BUILT 3 BR. ALTO STUCCO WITH ROCK ACCENTED EXTERIOR!**

A large .5 acre corner lot in Alto is the perfect setting for this custom home with vaulted and wood accented ceilings. The open concept, floor plan is very pleasing and you'll love the kitchen w/ granite countertops. The covered back porch is complete w/ wood ceiling & fans. Relax and enjoy! \$328,500. #103371



**CLASSY 4 BR., 3 BA. ALTO BEAUTY WITH LEVEL ACCESS!**

Snuggled in the tall pines of Alto is this great home with an appealing open-concept living, dining, and kitchen area. You'll love the cozy atmosphere provided by 3 fireplaces, and the fact that it is beautifully decorated. Wonderful den downstairs completes the package. \$325,000. #103848



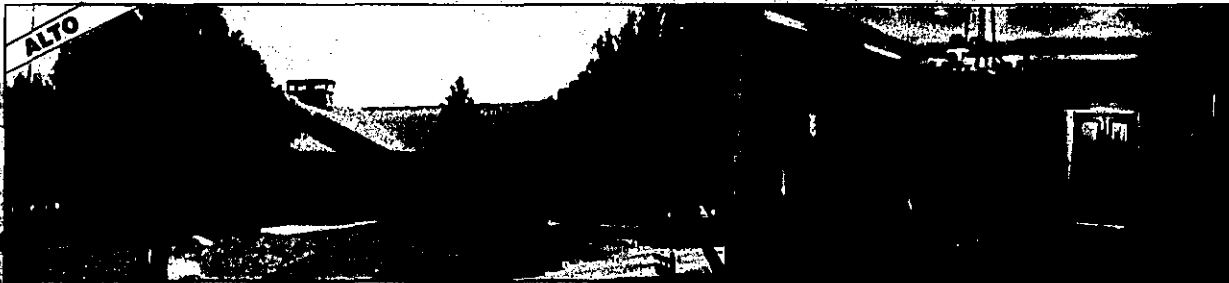
**YOUR DESTINATION FOR STYLE AND LUXURY IN ALTO!**

This 3 br., 3 1/2 ba. Deer Park home is unrivaled in its setting and construction. This contemporary mountain beauty is for the discriminating buyer who wants to surround themselves with the very best. The kitchen & dining area are a virtual dream! Amazing decks & fabulous furniture package too. \$635,000. #101403



**LUXURIOUSLY, LIVABLE STUCCO ON FAWN COURT**

This stellar 4 br., 3 1/2 ba. is a well orchestrated living-space with an office/ study and play area too. This open concept beauty has sun-splashed interiors & vaulted wood ceilings. Charming outdoor Bar-B-Q patio w/ kiva for your enjoyment on cool mtn. evenings. An exceptional home in everyway. Full golf too! \$590,500. #103287



**PRESTIGIOUS ALTO HOME ON EXPANSIVE 1.5 ACRE LOT!**

This beautifully designed 5 br., 5 1/2 ba. Alto home has a grand feeling! An impressive and spacious floor plan features exceptional quality throughout. The lofty ceilings, gourmet kitchen & bar, lovely wood accents, and 3 car garage will please even the most discriminating buyer. Professionally decorated. Alto full golf & Kokopelli membership. Plus includes jockey club seats too! Luxurious Alto living at it's best! \$1,695,000. #103949

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*"As long-time members of Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club we can certainly attest to the many enjoyable times that our family has enjoyed at this fine facility. Richard has served on the numerous Alto committees for many years, and we have enjoyed watching the club grow. It's reasonable dues structure and the beautiful amenities make Alto a place you'll want to be. We look forward to helping you in your Alto search."*

*— Richard and Janis*



**CLASSY ALTO HOME IN A GREAT LOCATION!**

This impressive 3 br., 3 1/2 ba. home is close to the ALGCC & has a convenient, level access. An impressively large living area is accented by vaulted ceilings & a beautiful moss rock fireplace. This prestigious home is very spacious & has a wonderful back deck w/ amazing valley views. Split bedroom plan is ideal for peace & privacy. \$399,500. #102717



**SUPER ALTO HOME ON LEVEL LOT W/ VIEW!**

You'll enjoy a fabulous Sierra Blanca view from this special home w/ great room floor plan. Master bedroom has access to deck and a really nice master bath with double vanities. Great room has vaulted ceilings. Wonderful kitchen accents this bright, cheery, open-concept plan. Very nice home w/ great cabinetry. \$342,000. #102323



**CLASSY ALTO HOME LOCATED ON THE 11TH FAIRWAY!**

This one owner 3 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath home has over 3000 sq. ft., a 2 car garage, vaulted ceilings and the master bedroom is on the main level. Entertain or relax in the large living room and game room area. Located on Pinehurst. This home includes a full golf membership. There is a studio/family room over the garage that is a real bonus. Don't miss this one! \$435,000. #103984



**TUCKED AWAY IN A WONDERFULLY PRIVATE CUL-DE-SAC ON DEER PARK!**

This spacious 4 br. home takes perfect advantage of a highly desirable view lot with its expansive windows and multiple decks. Master on main level. TV room on every level and large dorm/bedroom on bottom level. Perfect set up for owners and guests! Exceptional! \$695,000. #103151



**ALTO STUCCO ON FAIRWAY W/ BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURAL LINES!**

You'll enjoy the uniquely, clean design lines of this full-golf 3 br. home with a wonderful open concept plan. 2 real pluses... a gorgeous fairway view and it's really close proximity to the clubhouse. Master has fireplace and "his and her baths." A prestigious Alto home. \$439,500. #103484

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**FULL GOLF,  
ONE-LEVEL ALTO  
STUCCO!**

This nicely appointed 3 br., 2 ba. home is conveniently located within walking distance of the clubhouse. Desirable interior features include solid surface countertops, wet bar w/ refrigerator, and enclosed porch. You'll love the double garage w/ additional golf cart garage. Nicely arranged kitchen... a great home! \$395,000. #104341



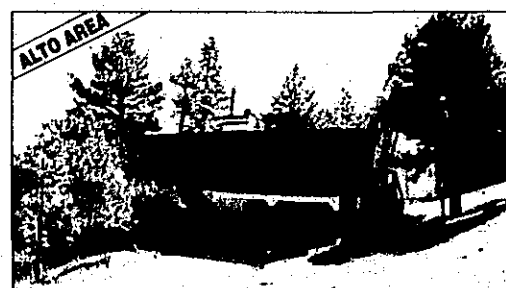
**FULL GOLF ALTO  
HOME UNDER 220K!**

What an opportunity!...this charming passive solar, 2br., 2 ba. home is situated on a beautifully treed corner lot in this lovely Alto neighborhood. Take in the beauty of our wonderful mountain environment from a great deck, or enjoy swimming, dining, tennis, and Alto golf at the ALGCC Club. Covered parking, bonus room & a gas fireplace. \$219,500. #104379



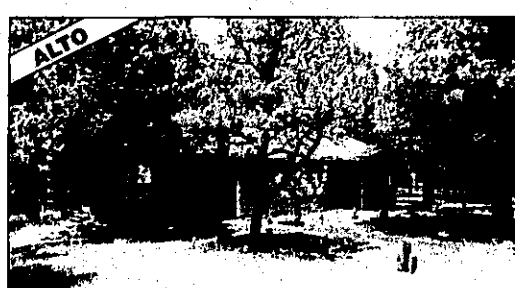
**CLASSY ALTO  
TOWNHOME ON  
THE 9TH FAIRWAY!**

This great location is just walking distance to the Alto clubhouse. Freshly stuccoed with new metal roof. Nice views front and back. This 3 br., 2 1/2 bath unit is what everyone wants...convenience, low maintenance, and wonderful interior! Great patio too & full golf membership. Super offering at \$299,900. #103023



**LOTS OF ROOM FOR  
FAMILY & FRIENDS!**

Six bedrooms and six and 1/2 baths amidst the tall pines of Alto Mountain Village is the perfect vacation getaway or home. Lots of room to spread out here! Spacious game room downstairs. Large covered & uncovered decks. 2 car carport & outside elevator for wood or groceries. \$330,000. #103603



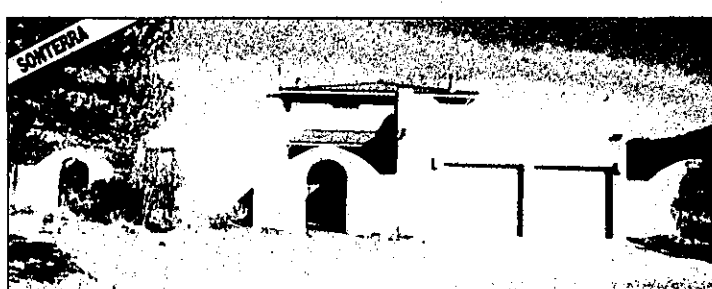
**CHARMING ALTO  
HOME ON A GREAT  
CORNER LOT!**

This 3 br., 3 ba. golf membership home has a split bedroom floor plan for yours and your guest's privacy. You'll be happy that this home has a living room and a fabulous sunroom...great for multiple family activities. So livable and in a stellar location. \$299,500. #103503



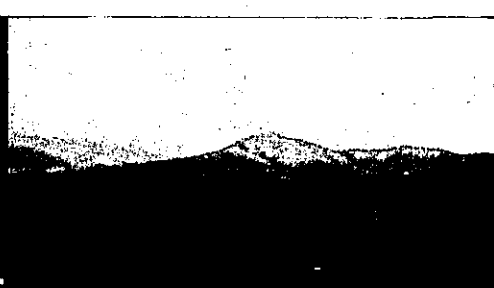
**COMPLETELY  
REMODELED ALTO  
MOUNTAIN VILLAGE  
3 BR. CONDO!**

New...down to the windows, carpet, and tile! Some counters will be updated and new cabinets installed. Remodel in progress. Great east facing deck for all day enjoyment. A fresh look and a great price! \$159,000. #103499



**CUSTOM SANTA FE STYLE  
STUCCO ON 8.65 ACRES!**

Gated 4 br. property with amazing Capitan views in a private setting you'll love. This one-level beauty features 3 fireplaces, plantation shutters & observation deck. Walk to the Rio Bonita & waterfalls or relax on the fabulous back patio with outdoor fireplace. This enchanting home with beautiful upscale features throughout and sun-splashed interior awaits a discriminating buyer who longs for our pristine mountain environment. \$585,000. #102301



**SPACIOUS VIEW  
HOME ON McBRIDE!**

This wonderful home has a living room and a family room/den. And did we mention the view? ... Breathtaking!!! Nice wood accents & built-ins throughout. You'll love the hot tub area. Storage. Level access and partially furnished too! Beautiful area. \$499,000. #100000

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**CLASSY! 2 BR., 2 BA. STUCCO HAS ALL THE RIGHT TOUCHES!**  
Beautiful exterior and lovely interior wood accents enhance this well-planned home which is conveniently close to downtown. Metal roof and stucco provide a carefree exterior. The beautiful covered porch is also highlighted with the same wonderful saddle tile. This home exudes New Mexico mountain charm. All this for under \$200K! \$195,000 #104381



**WIL. MTL. MEADOWS! TOWNHOUSE WITH WONDERFUL PLAN!**  
The master bedroom with large walk-in closet is on the main level for convenient daily living. Lovely wood floors and solid surface countertops are attractive features you'll love in this nicely remodeled townhouse. Upgraded kitchen and a really nice view of the meadows! \$225,000! #101487



**WHITE MTL. THIS ATTRACTIVE 3 BR. STUCCO HAS LEVEL ACCESS & A RAIN CATCH SYSTEM!**  
How's that for beautiful and functional! Lots of desirable features here... an open concept plan, level access, 2 separate covered patios, and a sunroom. Granite countertops and rain catch system are dynamite! Split bedrooms for privacy too! A must see! \$335,000 #103350



**CABIN BEAUTIFULLY SECLUDED CABIN IN THE WOODS!**  
This 3 br. rustic cabin is perfectly placed close to hiking trails and the national forest. Situated on 2 lots! Storage building and domestic well. Get close to nature in this secluded cabin with great potential! Retreat to a slower pace and enjoy the mountains. \$189,500. #102767



**SB VIEW! FABULOUS VIEW ON McBRIDE DRIVE!**  
A wonderful Sierra Blanca view awaits the new owner of the 3 br., 2 1/2 bath home with level access. Centrally located home in beautiful area. Having the master bedroom on the main level is a real plus. More great features... 2 fireplaces & lots of storage downstairs. Comfort, luxury, and a super location... it's all here! \$349,000. #103036



**SB VIEW! MOUNTAIN RIDGE-TOP HOME ON McBRIDE!**  
A Premier location provides the perfect setting for this 5 br. home with amazing Sierra Blanca & Gavilan Canyon views. Features you'll love!... open concept, water fall, hot tub and large .778 acre lot. \$30,000 remodel allowance w/ acceptable offer to enable new owner to create a luxurious style to fit their personality & their needs. \$399,900. #102756



**MT. BEAUTY! IDYLIC, RUSTIC CABIN IN UPPER CANYON AREA!**  
Impeccable detail and wonderful mountain style is yours in this wonderful 3 br., 3 ba. cabin with warmth and great New Mexico style. Two great decks. 21 x 24' 2 car garage, flagstone fireplace & wood floors will capture your heart. Fabulous central location. Your place in our mountain paradise awaits! \$395,000. #103957



**WHITE MTL. PRESTIGIOUS HOME ON LARGE ONE-OF-A-KIND, 1.12 ACRE LOT ON PRIVATE CUL-DE-SAC!**  
This 4 br., mountain top home in White Mtn. has views of Sierra Blanca, The Links Golf Course, & valley views too! This spacious home has 2 living areas, 2 master suites, large kitchen, and sunroom. The private gated entrance & drive are indicative of a home w/ integrity. Hot tub & sauna are great too! \$789,000. #103365



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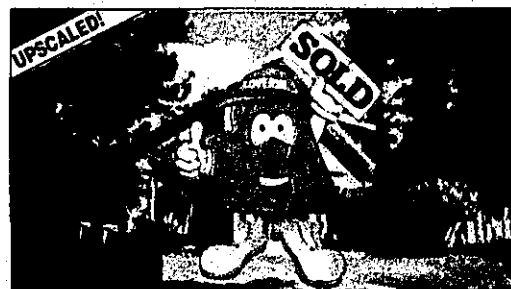


*The beauty and seclusion of the Ruidoso area enhance the fun of hiking, fishing, camping, horseback riding and the ever popular golfing! You can also enjoy the excitement of Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred Racing at Ruidoso Downs Race Track or a quiet evening of fabulous entertainment at The Spencer Theater. Ruidoso's array of art galleries, boutiques and fine restaurants also enhance Alto Village's appeal... making it one of the most enchanting parts of the Land of Enchantment.*



**THIS MULTI-USE OFFICE/SHOP & SELF-STORAGE IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON A CORNER LOT!**

What an appealing set up! An approx. 1055 sq. ft. heated shop/warehouse with 14' ceilings, a 12 x 12 overhead door, & a 7 x 7 overhead door at the loading dock. Highly desirable 450 sq. ft., 2 story heated office, and 25 storage units complete this well designed and executed multi-use property. \$275,000. #103262



**THIS CLASSY 3 BR. FEATURES LOW MAINTENANCE EXTERIOR & DECKS!**

Beautiful & functional is the perfect description of this home with upscaled interior, amazing courtyard, and a wonderful deck for enjoying our pristine mtn. environment. Living area is on main level w/ family room on lower level. Paved parking & metal roof. A thoughtfully built and charming home! \$349,500. #103264



**THIS ONE-LEVEL HOME HAS 4 BR. AND 4 BA!**

You'll love the level access, the large lot, double garage, and an additional 1 car detached garage. This extra garage could be a perfect shop or studio! Nice open floor plan. Wonderful setting in the tall pines! \$297,000. #18269



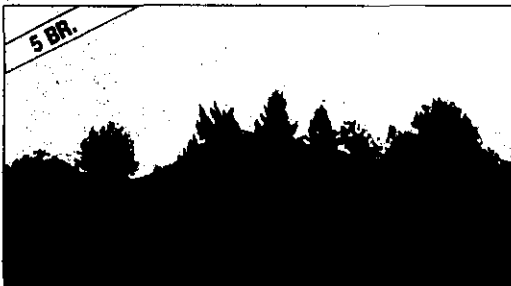
**SUPER END-UNIT TOWNHOUSE ON CREE GOLF COURSE**

This is a perfect, central location for vacationers or permanent residents. This 2 br. unit has a wonderful back deck overlooking Cree Meadows golf course & the #5 green. Nicely furnished, wet bar, and easy access. More windows on this end unit provide a bright & cheerful interior. \$179,500 #103137



**HIGHLY DESIRABLE 5+ ACRE LOTS!**

These lots are excellent for small ranch-type living. Horses allowed. Size of lots will accommodate residence and horse facilities. Residential/ Agricultural Zoning. Paved roads. Water & sewer available. Live large on these super Tularosa ranchettes! Priced at \$69,500-\$95,000. Please inquire for more details.



**SPACIOUS BEAUTY W/ FABULOUS OUT-DOOR LIVING AREAS!**

This great house has 5 bedrooms and 2 living areas! Large upstairs living area has lofty ceilings and a great rock fireplace accenting the open concept floor plan. Convenient location, close to track for horse enthusiasts. Master on main level. Lots of storage space. Charming patio. \$325,000. #102675



**GREAT 3 BEDROOM CREE MEADOWS TOWNHOME!**

This end unit has level access, a one car garage and 2 1/2 baths. You will enjoy the great room floor plan and fireplace. Relax in the hot tub on the back patio. This unit is also nicely furnished. Great location...walking distance to Cree Meadows Country Club, downtown and the river. All of this under 230K! \$225,000. #103809



**LOTS OF POTENTIAL AND UNDER 150K!**

This Capitan property is on 3 lots and has a great location across the street from Smokey Bear Museum. Downstairs has two large rooms and a bathroom. Upstairs is a nice loft area. Great parking and level access. Residential or commercial...your choice!!! \$149,000. #104317



**A HOME THAT IS CENTRALLY LOCATED WITH A VIEW!**

This 3 br., 2 ba. home has a nice living area with large windows that frame a gorgeous Sierra Blanca view. A super porch for enjoying your early morning coffee or a great evening Bar-B-Que, and did we say all for under \$150K! Nestled in the tall pines. \$148,500. #102686



**BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME ON EITHER ONE OF THESE TWO LOTS!**

Amazing lots with great Sierra Blanca and valley views. These lots are secluded but are still close to Ruidoso. Each lot is over two acres and has nice building sites. Call The Loverin Team today for more information. \$145,000. #102788, \$185,000 #102787

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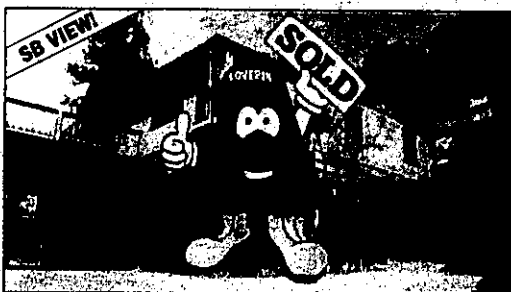
## NEWLY REMODELED BIG PINES CONDOS!

These 3 br. units are freshly remodeled and conveniently located. What a great price for these condos with fresh paint, new carpet, new appliances, and a fireplace! The kitchens are nicely done with new kitchen countertops and cabinets. Good parking. 2 bedroom condos are also available. A great offering at a desirable price. Attractive financing available. \$139,500. #102268



## NEWLY REMODELED BIG PINES CONDOS!

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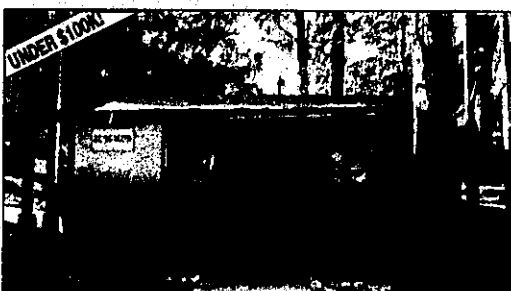
## NICELY REMODELED 3 BR., 2 BA. WITH VIEWS!!!

You'll love everything about this open concept beauty w/ its fabulous decks. Updated throughout... a show place! How better to enjoy Ruidoso's beauty than relaxing on this home's marvelous deck & taking in the breathtaking Sierra Blanca view! Charming kitchen. Great utility room w/sink. \$185,000. #102599



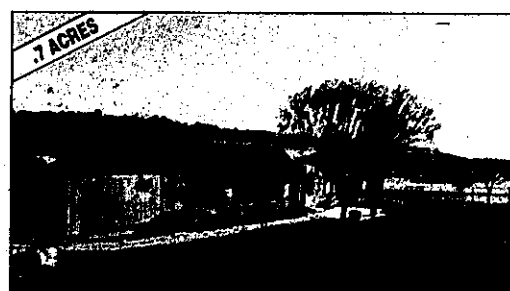
## CHARMING 2 BR. CABIN ON APPROX. .66 ACRE!

Enjoy all Ruidoso has to offer in this remodeled, fully furnished cabin. Relax and listen to the singing pines from the deck. This home has a new metal roof (2006), new septic tank (2005), and is situated on an amazing lot, which has been recently cleaned. Great location! Close to national forest and wonderful cedar creek hiking trails. All this under 180K! \$179,500. #103941



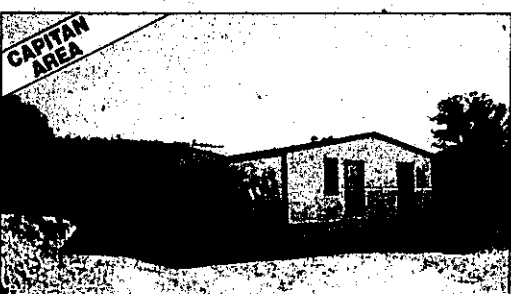
## CABIN IN THE WOODS UNDER \$100,000!

Great stand alone cabin at Carrizo Lodge Condos with view of creek! What a great place to kick back and relax in this quaint 2 br. cabin. Nice front porch. Minutes to downtown Ruidoso or Inn of the Mountain Gods. This one won't last long. Maybe just what you are looking for! \$95,000. #102013



## FULLY FENCED 3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH HOME!

Trees, a yard, and elbow room are what you'll enjoy in this great home with vaulted ceilings, fireplace, and Pergo floors. No worry metal roof is a super low maintenance feature. Lots of storage and a wonderful, private hot tub area too! Very nice. \$229,500. #102859



## SECLUDED W/ BEAU- TIFUL VALLEY VIEW!

This great 4br., 3ba home, is situated on a generous 3 lots! You'll appreciate the 2 living areas and open kitchen featuring a propane range. Cozy up to the rock fireplace and enjoy the seclusion of this great home far away from the hustle and bustle of city living. Appealing home and setting. \$169,000. #102033



## ONE-LEVEL 2 BR., 2 BA... A REAL CHARMER!

This great home is in a secluded area, but is not out of town! Perfectly placed! It shares a well and is on sewer, has super porches and delightful interior! Must see at \$99,500. #101801



## 1977 TWO BEDROOM TOWN & COUNTRY!

You'll be delighted with the level access and the fact that this home sits on 2 lots! This 2 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath home has a domestic well and nice views. An evaporative unit will keep you cool & collect and sell water. \$119,500. #102013

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**FULLY REMODELED 3 BR. SPRINGS CONDO!**

You'll find beautiful tile floors, sun-splashed interiors, and a wonderful park-like setting right here at The Springs! This end unit has a fabulous open concept living, dining, & kitchen area. The back patio is serene & perfect for your morning coffee amidst the tall pines. A must see. \$179,900. #103606



**CHARMING CABIN LOCATED IN THE HEART OF RUIDOSO!**

This 2 bedroom rustic mountain cabin is located close to midtown on a corner lot with easy access. Some of the features of this cozy cabin include high vaulted ceilings in the living area, master on the main level, upstairs loft area, and a carport. Great weekend or permanent residence! All of this under 150K! Won't last long! \$149,000 #103636



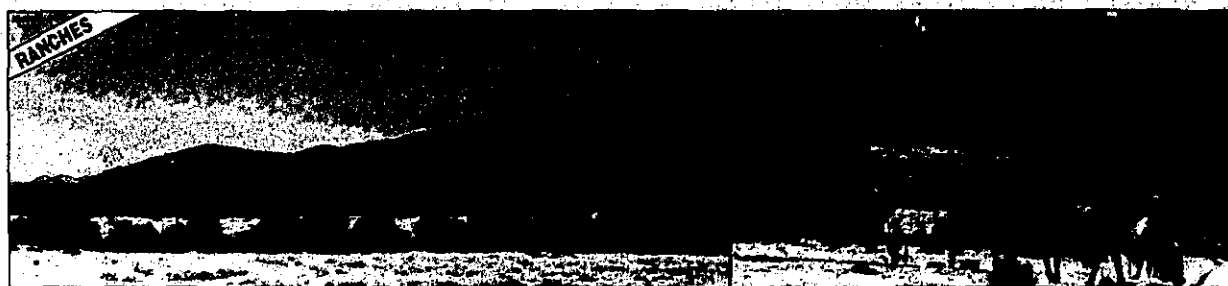
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