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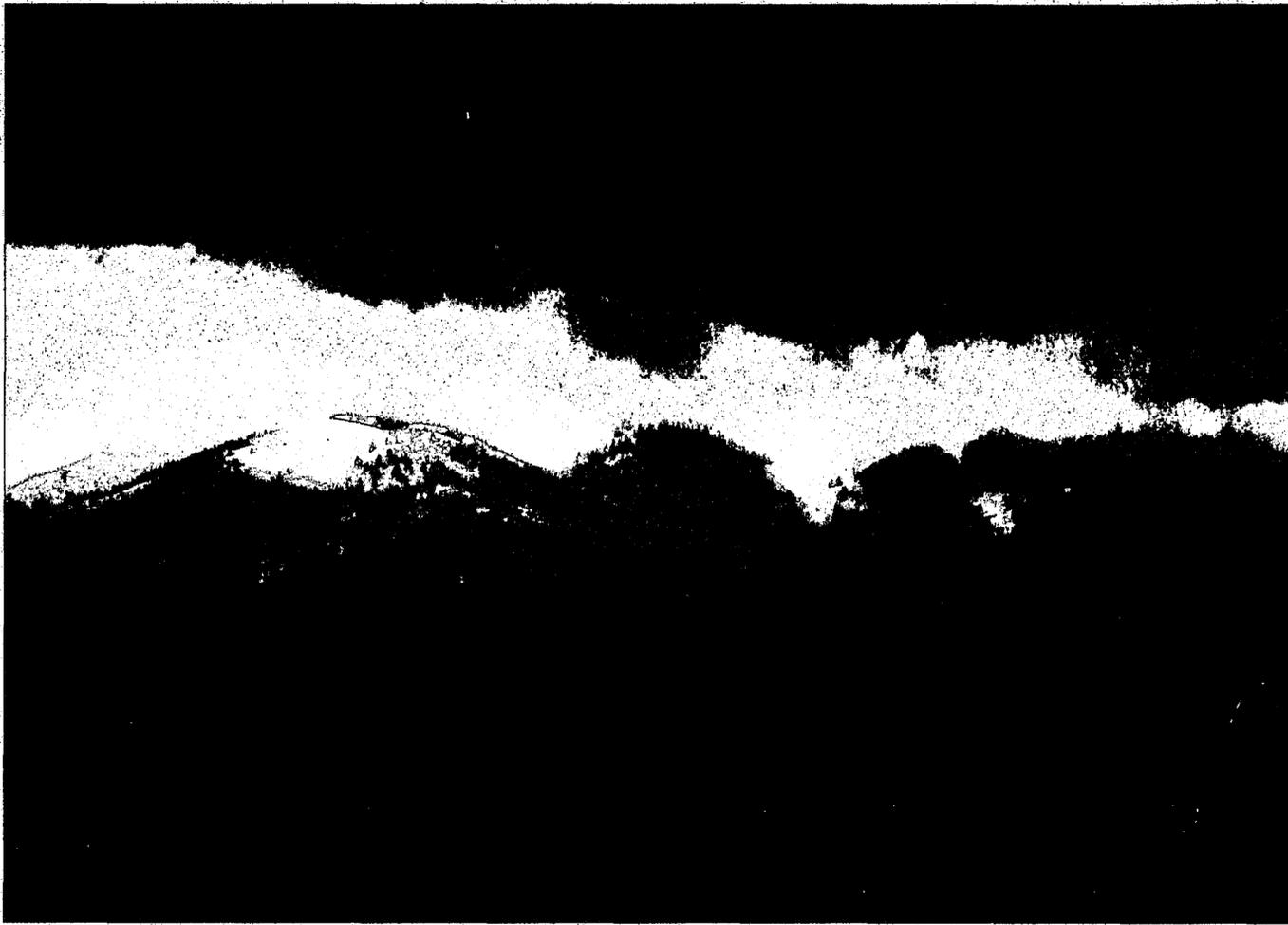
The subtle drama of Corey Walker

**6A BUSINESS**

Muddogs are here

**4A OPINION**

Please, Midtown



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The remnants of storm clouds roil across Sierra Blanca Wednesday after the season's first snow storm dumped several inches on the mountain. This is a view taken from near the Spencer Theater.

## County joins film initiative

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*Commissioners want a say in liaison and needs of individual communities*

A resolution in support of film-making in Lincoln County was placed on hold Tuesday as county commissioners asked for time to sort out representation and proper attribution for scenic backdrops and buildings.

While the resolution stated that the Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation designated the Lincoln County Film Commission, called Film Lincoln County, with Terry Fitzwater as the state film liaison, County Manager Tom Stewart said Curt Temple, county planner, was to be the point of contact for the county. Stewart said Lisa Stroud, direc-

tor of the New Mexico Film Office, requested Temple as the county's point man.

"That doesn't exclude Terry Fitzwater for the village of Ruidoso," Stewart said.

Fitzwater urged approval of the resolution, saying a coordinated effort for films, television and commercials is essential and the RVEDC wanted to be inclusive of all parts of the county. Maintaining control and ensuring local residents are hired for the related jobs is important, he said. A speech in February by Fred

Mondragon, director of the State Economic Development Department, put the ball in motion and Ruidoso Mayor L. Ray Nunley decided by creating a film commission that the village should pursue the "green" industry, which "could drop a lot of money into pockets." Besides Fitzwater, Charles Meeks from the Inn of the Mountain Gods and Casino, who served on the El Paso Film Commission, was appointed with several others who have experience. The venture then was passed to the RVEDC to shepherd.

Mike Elrod, who heads the RVEDC, wanted the effort to be countywide and to get everyone involved, Fitzwater said. Stroud visited and was amazed by the diversity of landscapes from lava flows to mountains, deserts to caves and petroglyphs.

Dirk Norris, from the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce, said he was appointed by that town as the liaison with the state film office.

While he is "absolutely in favor" of a countywide film commission to pool resources, he is concerned about who would be running the effort and how the smaller towns and outlying areas of the county would be represented.

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A challenge on Ski Run Road

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## Rural forester considered

□ New position might be applied to fuel reduction efforts

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A rural forester might be the perfect vehicle to develop hazardous fuels reduction projects in Lincoln County, to oversee execution and to pursue federal dollars.

County commissioners Tuesday backed an initiative by County Manager Tom Stewart and Capitan District Forester Eddie Tudor to work out a cooperative agreement to that end.

"Commissioners may recall that Lincoln County's Stalling Schools



TUDOR

federal Forest Title III funding criteria for expenditures was changed last year by federal legislation from wildland/forest projects and search and rescue

support to paying for actual search and rescue operations, and wildfire protection activities only,"

See **RURAL**, page 7A

## Harrison 'parts' ways with Mescalero School District

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Charles Harrison apparently no longer is superintendent of Mescalero Schools.

According to a receptionist at the school district, the acting superintendent is former high school principal Maria Saenz and Harrison no longer works for the district.

Mescalero School Board President Robin Simmons could not be reached for comment at her office Thursday. Harrison formerly was superintendent of the Ruidoso School District. He also could not be reached for comment.

A source with the

Mescalero school system said staff was told Harrison was not fired and did not quit. The board and the superintendent simply "parted."

His wife, an English teacher, also left, according to the source. Seven other employees were laid off recently and school board members have been reviewing the job descriptions and salaries of each district employee, the person said.

Finances may be the problem.

"People are scared about the manner in which they did it," the person said. "Speak up and you may be gone the next day. They are scared for their jobs."



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Costumed dancers perform at last weekend's Oktoberfest at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

**Flu mist**

The Ruidoso Public Health Office received a limited amount of childhood seasonal flu mist for healthy children ages 2 years to 18 years.

Appointments are being scheduled by calling 258-3252 ext. 6716. Influenza clinics cannot be scheduled outside of the office because of the limited quantities of Children's Influenza Vaccine received.

For updates, call the listed number. The public health office is on Kansas City Street next to the Ruidoso Public Library and Ruidoso Village Hall on Cree Meadows Drive.

**Teague's staff visits**

Congressman Harry Teague's district staff will host Mobile Office Hours in Ruidoso from 1:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Dr.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend to share their thoughts and questions with Congressman Teague's district staff.

Staff can also assist area residents experiencing problems with federal agencies.

Constituents can call Congressman Teague's office at 1-888-9-TEAGUE if they have any questions.

548-8772. The clean up schedule is available on the Authority web site at [www.lcswa.org](http://www.lcswa.org).

**Highway cleanup**

Members of the Democratic Party of Lincoln County will wrap up the month with a Highway Cleanup beginning at 9 a.m., Oct. 24. For directions and more information, call 937-8394.

The group will conduct a regular meeting at 6 p.m., Nov. 5, at the Hondo Valley home of the Party Chairperson Maria Quintana. The address is 10598 U.S. 70 and everyone is invited. Hondo Valley Democrats especially are urged to participate.

Members of the Events & Communications committees will meet the same day at 5:30 p.m., at K-Bob's Steakhouse in lieu of the regular meeting.

An Election and Candidate Training by the Democratic Party of Lincoln County is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 7, at La Quinta on U.S. 70 in Ruidoso. Lunch will be provided.

All officers, precinct captains, candidates and anyone else interested in attending should contact Quintana at 575-937-8394 or 575-653-4102.

**Adult education**

The New Mexico Adult Education Association will hold its 41st conference October 21-24 at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso.

Adult education and family literacy programs serve adult students who need to improve their basic literacy, math, and English skills, prepare for the GED test to attain a high school equivalence degree, and prepare for community college or vocational training.

According to the latest national survey of adults, more than 93 million American adults have basic or below basic literacy skills.

New Mexico's 28 ABE programs served more than 23,000 adults in school year 2008-2009, an increase of 15 percent over the previous year.

The number of ABE students who met the goal of "enter employment" is the highest ever reported in New Mexico and more than double that reported in previous years. In addition, 2,117 ABE students obtained their GED last year and 65 percent transitioned to college.

The program serves 550 students each year and 75 students earned their GED's in 2008. ABE classes are offered at ENMU-Ruidoso, the New Mexico

Workforce Connection and at various sites throughout Lincoln County. For more information about the ENMU-Ruidoso ABE program, call 630-8181.

**Comment period**

Officials with the New Mexico Environment Department, Surface Water Quality Bureau are soliciting comment on the draft Hydrology Protocol for the Determination of Ephemeral, Intermittent, and Perennial Waters.

The comment period opened Aug. 26, and was scheduled to close Sept. 25, but because of public interest, the NMED extended the comment period to 65 days. Comments on the Hydrology Protocol will now be accepted until 5 p.m., Oct. 30.

Comments must include contact information and should be e-mailed to [shelly.drinkard@state.nm.us](mailto:shelly.drinkard@state.nm.us), or mailed to NMED-SWQB, 1190 St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505, ATTN: Shelly Drinkard.

Copies of the draft Hydrology Protocol can be downloaded from the SWQB's Web site at: [www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/hydrology/](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/hydrology/). If anyone experiences trouble downloading or requires a CD or hard-copy, contact Gary King at [gary.king@state.nm.us](mailto:gary.king@state.nm.us) or 505-827-2928.

**LCSWA meeting**

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority will meet at 2 p.m., Tuesday, at the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority Office, 222 Second St., Ruidoso Downs.

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct regular business, including hearing from the Operational Supervisor's report covering the Alto Collection Center update and information on the Capitan landfill from Golder & Associates; approval of the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2011-2016; permission to advertise a public hearing on the Illegal Dumping Ordinance; discussion and possible action on the City of Ruidoso Downs balance adjustments; and an Executive Session on limited personnel issued and threatened or pending litigation.

**Dog park opens**

The Ruidoso Greeters will have a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 24, at the opening of the new dog park.

The park is located off of Hull behind the elementary school.

**'Thank you'**

A young community member, Jakob Yeager, has been receiving peritoneal dialysis throughout most of his 11 years.

In June, he began to experience complications and an increase in serious infections and had to stop dialysis.

His continued hospitalizations and medical care have led to severe financial difficulties for his parents and family members. Generous donations from individuals and businesses have been collected over the past few months.

A very special "thank you" goes out to community members and friends of the village of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. The following businesses have raised over \$3,000 for Jakob and

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Sunset: 6:20

**Cleanup schedule**

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority and area municipalities have scheduled annual spring cleanups for local residents. The Authority will provide a crew, roll off containers and equipment between 8 a.m. and noon in the County locations.

Bulk items such as old kitchen appliances, hot water heaters, construction waste and old furniture are among the items that will be accepted. Yard waste will not be accepted at these pickups.

County locations and scheduled dates include:

- Oct. 24, Nogal Fire Station;
- Oct. 31, Loma Grande & Magado Creek Highway 38;
- Nov. 7, Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates;
- Nov. 14, Highway 48 Smokey Bear Rest Stop;
- Nov. 21, Biscuit Hill.

Senior citizens residing in the above areas who need free assistance in transporting discarded bulk items to the pickup site may call the Solid Waste Office at 1-877-548-8772 ahead of the scheduled event.

For more information, contact the Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697, or toll free at 1-877-

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

FNF New Mexico, LLC of Ruidoso, New Mexico will start work on a project along US 70 in Ruidoso Downs starting on Monday November 2, 2009. The project will require shoulder and lane closures at various times during the project. In addition FNF New Mexico, LLC will be performing road reconstruction on a portion of West Drive in Ruidoso Downs. The work will require restricting traffic to local traffic only and restricted access to drive ways for short periods of time.



Members of the bluegrass family band Cherryholmes jammed for crowds at The Lodge at Sierra Blanca during its Monday Night Football party in the lobby. The Grammy-nominated band was staying at the hotel during their stay in Ruidoso, which culminated with a riveting performance at the Spencer Theater Tuesday night.

COURTESY KATHLEEN McDONALD

Carrizo Canyon Rd., Mescalero.

**Downs Fall Cleanup**

Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful invites everyone to the annual Fall Cleanup Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon headquartered at All American Park.

Safety vests, gloves and bags will be provided. Water, juice and energy snacks will be available throughout the event. Lunch will be served.

For more information, call 378-4422.

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his family:

FNF (formerly Ruidoso Fanning, T.R.R. Club Gas, Michelena's, Great Wall of China, the Bowling Alley, Condo-tel, The Buttery, Books ETC., NAPA, Lincoln County Collision, Sierra Vista Primary, White Mountain Elementary, The Counseling Center, The Optimist Club, City Bank, Quarters, and Lucy and Ethel's all worked together to collect funds to help our precious Jakob.

Continued fundraising efforts will be taken over by the Optimist Club. Additional donations can still be made at City Bank, 1850 Sudderth Dr., in a special account set up for the benefit of Jakob Yeager.

**Plan aired**

Public reaction to and suggestions for Ruidoso's Comprehensive Plan revision will be accepted and discussed during a meeting Oct. 28, at the village Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive. The two-hour session will begin at 5:30 p.m., and will be the last before the draft review by the village Planning and Zoning Commission.

**Santos speaks**

The Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County will have their

October meeting on Oct. 26.

It will be at the Cree Meadows Country Club at 11:30. The speaker will be Al Santos, the Administrator of Lincoln County Medical Center. He will talk about some options presented to a Master Plan that was presented to the County Commissioners in September.

Lunch is a buffet for \$11.50.

RSVP to 575-653-4379 or hondocho@pvt.net.

**Book Club**

Ruidoso Library Book Club meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

The date this month is Oct. 27. This month's book is Blink by Malcolm Gladwell. A fascinating read, but by no means a requirement for attendance.

For more information, call 258-1040.

**Mammograms**

Altrusa Club of Ruidoso has partnered with Lincoln County Medical Center to offer low cost mammograms to residents of Lincoln County through Oct. 30.

The Low Cost Mammogram program is available Monday through Friday, at a cost of \$55. You must be between 30 and 64 years of age and be a Lincoln County resident, or have a doctor in Lincoln County. Pat-

ients with implants or augmentation are not eligible.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States. Each year, over 200,000 women are diagnosed with the disease and over 40,000 die from it.

Early detection is the best defense against this deadly disease, and a mammogram can show cancer that is too small for you or your doctor to feel.

Call Terri Trotter at 258-4615 to schedule an appointment between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Pow-Wow on tap**

Visitors and locals looking to add some color to their lives, should plan to attend the 3rd Annual Contest Pow-Wow & Native American Arts & Crafts Show Saturday at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino.

Many Native American tribes will be represented, as well as their crafts, art, foods, music, singing and dance.

No admission is charged and the event is open to the public at the Inn on the Mescalero Apache Reservation that adjoins Ruidoso.

Goods will be on sale at the Native American Arts/Crafts show and some native concessionaires will offer Indian tacos and fry bread along with other foods outside on the patio area.

The dancing begins at 11 a.m., Saturday, with the Gourd Dance, repeated at 6 p.m. with Head Gourd dancer Tommy Spottedbird of Mescalero.

The Grand Entry is set for 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and will dazzle viewers with colors and feathers.

Competition will take place in 18 dance categories with \$400 first prizes for Golden Age Categories and for Adult Categories: \$200 first place prizes for Teen Categories: \$100 for Junior Categories, and Tiny Tots will be recognized at two sessions.

Under the Drum Contest, with a public address system provided, a \$1,000 first prize will be awarded, an \$800 second prize and \$600 third prize for Northern and for Southern.

Dancer registration occurs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday.

Southern drum is the Southern Gunz of Smithlake, and Northern Host drum is the Keres Drum of San Felipe. Dennis Bowen, Sr., of Tuba City, Ariz. is Master of Ceremonies.

For special room rates and more information, call 575-464-7336 or visit [www.innofthemountain-gods.com](http://www.innofthemountain-gods.com) or e-mail: [powwow2@InnoftheMountainGods.com](mailto:powwow2@InnoftheMountainGods.com).

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### OUR OPINION

## Halloween gets political in Midtown

Halloween, Oct. 31, falls on a Saturday this year. But Midtown merchant Frank Potter, owner of Imports, Etc., says business owners will observe trick-or-treat and offer candy to youngsters the day before, on Friday, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Although Potter approached reporter Dianne Stallings with the story, which ran on Wednesday, this was apparently news to other shopkeepers in Midtown, two of whom angrily called the paper. The issue has also been a hot topic

on our Web site.

Why is it not surprising that something so innocuous as trick-or-treating has enveloped Midtown in controversy?

Whether Potter has a better idea or not, this is another example of Midtown's inability to get along with Midtown. Finding a sense of cohesion among those who have a stake in Ruidoso's hub is about as easy as locating a parking spot on Sudderth in prime time.

Please, merchants, get together and discuss the issues that matter to your district.

## Behavior is more important than 'reform'

"Money is good," my daughter says. In politics, money means communication - that is, speech. Lobbyists have a job. It is communication.

A new report from Think New Mexico, a non-partisan but liberal think tank in Santa Fe, treads the well-trodden path that money in politics is evil, especially money from people contributing to candidates.

The title is, "Restoring Trust." The subtitle is, "Banning Political Contributions from Contractors and Lobbyists." Find it at

[www.thinknewmexico.org](http://www.thinknewmexico.org).

The report opens with a history of political corruption in New Mexico. The thrust of the history is that dirty deeds have been done, people have gone to jail, so we need more rules. The argument seems to be that since people have gone to jail, the system does not work and we need more regulation. The logic there escapes me.

The report shows New Mexico, among 16 states with "citizen legislatures," leads the nation with seven lobbyists per legislator. That's bad, of course. Terrible. Awful.

A scan of the Secretary of State's lobbyist list sheds some light on those seven. The list is the Index of Organizations with Active Lobbyists. Find it at: <http://ethics.sos.state.nm.us/LOBBY/ORG.HTM>.

I only looked for nonprofit or public organizations because they are pure as the driven snow. There is no obvious way to sort the lobbyist list.

Of ten organizations I checked, the Association of Educational Retirees leads the pack with 28 registered lobbyists. The Public Employees Retirement Association has a mere four lobbyists. AARP, also a retiree group, weighs in with 21 lobbyists. The League of Women Voters has 17 lobbyists spread among three groups. Even the infamous ACORN has one lobbyist. The ten organizations totaled 103 lobbyists.

One of my 10 was the Department of Public Safety, which has eight registered lobbyists. With DPS and other public sector organizations with lobbyists, we have people paid

with taxpayer money to talk to the Legislature about getting more taxpayer money. The concept redefines the definition of self-serving.

In the report, the state's limited approach to public financing is praised, but not for being limited. New Mexico is "one of

only five states that provide full public financing for some statewide elections," the report says.

Then there is the admission that "a number of obstacles," starting with money, block expanding the system. In our land of enchanting billion dollar deficits, public election financing can't be

nearly the priority of movie subsidies.

Not only does Think New Mexico want to ban contributions from contractors and lobbyists, the ban would extend to anyone receiving government subsidies under certain defined purposes. Seems to me that should apply to public employee or retiree unions and associations.

Other liberal "reformers" call for more rules, more bureaucracy from commissions. Behavior isn't discussed.

The weakness of contribution limits and commission proposals is that rules are made to be broken. Systems are made to be exploited or ignored. Plenty of evidence exists that commissions and their layers and layers of rules either don't work or create unintended consequences much worse than the original problem.

Behavior is what counts. My modest encounter with state government's culture of corruption came a long time ago during my brief employment in what was called the Department of Commerce and Industry. The massively unqualified department Secretary stopped by and asked me to buy a ticket to an event to cover the campaign deficit for a failed Democratic candidate. Astonished (silly me), I babbled I had no money and that was that.

The only real answer is watching behavior. Is your legislator doing the job - coming to the endless meetings, talking to you? If not, vote for someone else. Maybe even run, yourself.

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### YOUR OPINION

## An entire lifetime ahead

To the editor:

**BIRTH, DAY ONE.** An entire lifetime ahead. A sense of forever.

Like a bird out of the nest for the first time, you learn to walk. First day of school, everything so new: interacting, socializing, first friend, best friends forever.

Life is good. Higher level of school, total chaos: Peer pressure, stress, problems, so much to deal with.

Life is difficult but not impossible.

Problems everywhere, your world is falling apart: Vulnerability, bad influences, wrong crowd, bad choices, withdrawal, non-communication - a false sense of the way out; escape from confusion, turmoil, misery.

Do they not know there is good out there? A whole new world with opportunity?

But death is a one-way ticket. Death is forever.

Louise Tillman  
Ruidoso

### Abortion not a 'choice'

To the editor:

**HOORAY, I'M pregnant!** And now I can do what I have been waiting for years to do: have an abortion. Just kidding, I'm way past pregnancy age and would not have had an abortion anyway.

But seriously, do any of you out there really think that any woman wants to have an abortion? If you do, you are really out of touch. It is a last, very sad resort.

There are many reasons for a woman having to make this decision and those reasons are individual and personal.

However, I do think that there are factors that contribute to making this decision. One of the most important is the fact that although anti-abortion groups are fanatic about the sacredness of life, they lose interest in helping a poor and probably young woman support the child.

Seems like life to the pro-life people is only important until the fetus breathes in air. Then, mother and child are on their own and very often scorned for having the baby in the first place as in, "why do they/she have all these kids they can't afford."

As far as late-term abortion, I hate to consider this happening but I do personally know two different women having to carry to term and deliver a fetus that had died in utero about three months before the due date. This is barbaric and cruel. Both women had the RH factor and the baby died when the doctors were trying to do what I think was an intrauterine blood transfer.

My opinion, for what it is worth, is that abortion should be off limits when every single child is born into a family that will love it and be able to support it. I don't believe in government financed abortion, but I sure do approve government support for children born into poverty, drug and alcohol addition and other social problems that need to be cleaned up long before we ban abortion completely.

Also, like the fantasy death panels in the healthcare proposals, federally funded abortion is not included in any of the bills and won't be.

Marilyn Kamp  
Ruidoso

### Think of our soldiers

To the editor:

**OUR SOLDIERS** are the real heroes in America and should be treated as such. Afghanistan is turning into another Vietnam. We need to either win this war or bring our men and women home.

It is the soldier, not the president, that gives us democracy.

It is the soldier, not the Congress, that takes care of us.

It is the soldier, not the poet, that gives us freedom of speech.

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It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

It is the soldier that salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag, that allows the protester to burn the flag.

The next time you see a soldier, think about the sacrifices he may have made, so you can enjoy the freedom to today. Freedom in this country has come at a great price and we should continue our fight to keep it around.

Don't ever feel ashamed of the American flag and what it stands for.

Jack Hemby  
Ruidoso Downs

### Carrying a big twig

To the editor:

**DOES ANYONE** remember when President Theodore Roosevelt coined the phrase, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"? Well, this administration is speaking loudly but carries not even so much as a twig.

The constant campaign-mode rhetoric may be appealing to those he promised a high-level government position, but he has totally turned-off the rest of the world.

In the eyes of many European and Middle Eastern countries,

the United States has become weak and pathetic. America has worked hard to be friends with these countries for decades and in ten swift months, this administration has completely diminished and dissolved our credibility.

As we watch the value of our country fall, we will see the value of words decrease.

The leader of this great country is not leading; he is merely competing in a personality contest that has gone awry. As the leader of the once most powerful country in the world, we have simply become a mockery to Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, France and many others. The act of discarding countries and people who have no useful purpose within the hierarchy of this administration has become the norm.

But this is not a joke to many loyal and proud Americans. This is a travesty. The United States is one of the youngest countries in the world, and yet within a mere 200-plus years America has accomplished much. Its citizens are proud and resourceful. They take pride in being productive and industrious.

They do not want a leader who will not or can not stand up for the Constitution and Bill of Rights our founding fathers created. They do not want someone that will cow-down to pressure simply because of promises made during the campaign.

There have been mistakes made by every president, but at least they weighed their decisions based on the long established principles of our Founding Fathers and Judeo-Christian values.

This administration is suppressing the American people with more government control, higher taxes and excessive government spending.

We need fiscal responsibility, limited government and free markets. This does not include more debt, more taxes, more regulations, more government, more wasteful spending and more corruption. Even with all the faults of America, we are still the greatest country in the world. Let's keep it that way.

It is a shame that the majority of our elected officials have evolved into a creators of Money, Greed and Power. With your votes, we can hope and pray that in 2010 and 2012 things will change.

Remember, without America, there is no Free World. God Bless the United States of America and all its great and loyal citizens.

Sally Moore  
Capitan

OPINION  
GUEST COLUMNIST

Whose Valles Caldera is it?

MIKE CASTINADO  
High Country News

When people try to describe the Valles Caldera National Preserve in New Mexico, they sometimes compare it to Yellowstone National Park. Both offer stunning landscapes born of volcanic activity, and both are filled with wildlife.

Though only 89,000 acres, Valles Caldera contains thousands of elk, vast grasslands, streams and mountains, all within the sunken remnant of a collapsed volcano. It's safe to say that everyone who appreciated this area supported its coming into the public domain in 2000.

But unlike Yellowstone, which is managed by the National Park Service, the preserve has a radically different management structure. It is not managed by any federal agency; instead, it is run by a federal corporation known as the Valles Caldera Trust and its board of politically appointed trustees.

Congress passed the

Valles Caldera Preservation Act to establish the preserve and trust, and also gave it the unusual mandate that it must be operated as a working ranch and become financially self-sustaining.

Anyone who read the Preservation Act couldn't fail to see its conflicting goals: preservation of the land, the former Baca Ranch, along with exploitation of the land in order to make a profit and sustain the trust. Many New Mexico residents like myself wondered how both goals could be achieved, but we were jubilant when at last the formerly private land became a public resource.

Nine years later, we're a lot less jubilant. Public access is severely limited and also expensive, with \$40 van tours, \$35 to go fishing, \$10 to hike on designated trails, and off-putting rules like no hiking midweek and fees tacked on to other activities. You have to pay to play in the preserve or be politically connected to get in. What's more, public board meetings seem more

like a sham, with directors recounting what has already been decided somewhere else, far away from public scrutiny. Executive directors also come and go with disturbing frequency — four in the last nine years.

Most of the nine board members are businesspeople with no public-land management experience. Almost without exception, all have full-time endeavors to attend to besides the preserve. At best, a part-time board runs this national treasure.

Tom Ribe of the Valles Caldera Action organization, a watchdog group, is one of the disappointed conservationists who formerly supported the preserve. "We worked hard in 2000 to get the Valles Caldera in public hands," he said, "but it was a deeply troubled idea from the start, and we gave up on it entirely sometime in 2007."

Now, he says, "the trust model has no constituency and offers no advantage and many drawbacks over traditional land management."

Jeremy Vesbach, director of the New Mexico Wildlife Federation, said one of the worst things about the trust's management is the way it kowtows to the rich. "The efforts that have been made to charge \$10,000 or more for a person to access our own public lands for elk hunting have a lot of people outraged."

"Sportsmen would like to see a natural resource agency manage Valles Caldera. It would make more sense economically for all the people who would like to responsibly access and enjoy it."

This March, the trust announced that it had found a solution for its financial problems: Commercial development of the preserve. Opponents reacted quickly, saying that developing the land was exactly what the purchase of the Valles Caldera was supposed to prevent.

The trust has hired the Entrix Corp. to come up with several scenarios for making money. According to Terry McDermott, the trust's communication manager, the final version

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has not been determined. He says plans will be based on the options from Entrix as well as from other sources, and they will be shared with the public.

Critics say the whole emphasis on commercial exploitation is misplaced. Since the trust only generates about 20 percent of the money it needs to run the preserve, it needs 80 percent to come from some new enterprises — a huge amount.

Meanwhile, it has been receiving \$3.5 million a year from the federal government — public money, to be exact — to meet its annual budget of \$4.4 million. I don't think anyone is getting their money's

worth. The wheels in Washington turn slowly, but there is hope for change. Both New Mexico Democratic Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall say they want the National Park Service to study bringing the preserve under federal management.

That indicates there's still hope we can do something right for this wonderful land.

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DAVID FEELA  
Writers on the Range

Jack Kerouac wrote his entire novel "On the Road" in just three weeks. He used a continuous roll of teletype paper, as if pausing to put in a new sheet of paper would have caused a pile-up on his imagination's highway. Lawrence Ferlinghetti said that Kerouac provided us with "a vision of America seen from a speeding car." When Kerouac's novel first appeared in 1957, I was just a tyke on a trike. The only Beats I knew about were vegetables.

Now that I'm down the road, so to speak — a retired schoolteacher living without a lesson plan — I realize Kerouac's vision of living fast and dying young is not my choice, and certainly not the road I want to see carved by our energy specialists through our public lands in the West. Perhaps it's time for a new novel.

If Kerouac's highway survives, we'll need some sort of measuring stick to judge how far we've strayed from America's true freedom. Not that romantic, century-old affair with the open road, but our commitment to open land that breathes oxygen into our lives.

My novel will be titled *Off the Road*. My main character's quest will take him on a quest, seeking wilderness on the East Coast. He'll get lucky, and a hydrogen-powered runabout will pick him up. He'll take this free ride all the way to Missouri, and then find a mass transportation connection to complete his journey. All the while he'll fiddle with his Golden Age Parks Pass, promising himself that he'll visit every remaining piece of public land on his way back West — on his way back home. The complication in the novel, of course, will be in getting him to these destinations, having lost both his wheels and his wiles.

But that's where I always run out of literary gas. Surely, the disenfranchised, the down and out,

the beat, will always be with us, reconstituted along the lines of Kerouac's generation of beatniks. My generation will likely end up chronicled as a culture of debtniks, of maxed-out credit card consumers foreclosed out of their homes, living with their mothers in their childhood homes — just like Kerouac.

Still, I'd start my novel with hope, by preaching the sermon of the wilderness, a beatific vision of our heritage still vibrant in a futuristic world. Public lands are the closest companions we have with Kerouac's boxcars, beaches and open highways.

*Off the Road* will speak for a constituency of back-country dreamers, disengaged from the current culture's obsession with ATVs, snowmobiles, dirt bikes, rock crawlers and SUVs. It will be a place where the free spirit of America and the West can be passed around like a bottle of cheap wine.

Maybe Willie Nelson will rewrite his song for my novel's debut: "Back off the road again." Maybe in another half-century Americans will become reacquainted with their feet, will choose to walk again, to find a trailhead and celebrate the absence of pavement. Maybe I'll have my character backpacking defunct motel furniture into the parks and lighting campfires fueled by Chinese particle-board night stands. With over half of the world's population already living in cities, seeing actual starlight might be as mind-blowing as hearing Allen Ginsberg first read his poem "Howl" at the City Lights book store in San Francisco.

Naturally, the natural world will play a big part in my off-the-road version of America. We may be running out of oil, running out of space, running out of money and running out of patience, but if we ever lose our public lands, we will be so much more impoverished, even to the point of having lost our vision:

Off the road again

As for my main character, whatever his name will be, he'll be left with his impossible dream, much like Don Quixote. Every nuclear power plant's cooling tower, coal-fired smoke stack or huge solar-power array and nest of power lines will make him think he's standing beside Yellowstone's Old Faithful. Every high-rise will induce him to imagine

staring down into an arroyo from the cliff dwellings at Mesa Verde. Every airliner leaving a vapor trail will remind him of condors, gliding majestically across the milky white cataracts of his skies.

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# BUSINESS

## Muddogs make Ruidoso home

LISA MORALES  
Ruidoso News

Meet Phillip Collins, president/director of the Ruidoso Regional Film Office.

Collins is preparing to direct a short feature film, *Cowboys and Indians* in Ruidoso.

The film is a make-believe comedy family film about a little boy's imagination that runs wild on the traditional cowboys and Indians theme.

Collins, along with Kay Khulman, casting director for *Cowboy and Indians*, invite the community to audition this Saturday at the Ruidoso Regional Film office, 1712 Sudderth Dr., from 8:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Persons under 18 years of age need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For additional information, contact Khulman at 575-317-4994.

Collins could be called a hopeless romantic with a love for the arts. As a

teenager, he considered himself to be a rebel wanting to work instead of going to school. "I would go to school to socialize, and I did the announcements" states Collins.

After graduation, he left for the Air Force and attended tech school to work on F16s. He was stationed in Japan for 39 months and worked the flight line.

When he left the Air Force he attended Georgetown University and studied Information Technology.

Then another 12-month tour with the reserves.

Upon returning to the States, he felt the need to get back into the field he loved. Working on feature films in Atlanta and with music videos; two of his most recent films he worked with on location was *Stomp the Yard* and another was Tyler Perry's *Daddy's Little Girl*.

Then back to acting school in 2007, where he



landed a job as the Director for the City of Atlanta's Justice System creating a training video called *Making it Right*.

And the rest, they say, is history.

Ruidoso is fortunate to have such an accomplished individual running the Ruidoso Regional Film Office.

"How do I like it here? I think this town is bubbling with talented Artists in every medium imaginable," he says. "I grew up wanting to live here and didn't know that Ruidoso existed until I'd gotten out of the Active Duty Air Force in 2003.

"I took a trip across the country after having lived in Japan for three years. My mother had met a great guy in Atlanta, and moved out here with him after they had had enough of the city life. I instantly loved it here. Now, I work art projects with my mother, go hiking with my brother and I have a great group of friends."

Collins cites the clean air, friendly people and festivals.

What is the Motion Picture Project Development Group?

"Ahhh, The Muddogs!

This is the preparedness division of the Ruidoso Regional Film Office. The Muddogs are a group dedicated to being prepared to shoot a movie in any weather, any environment in Lincoln County.

"This could mean shooting ski and snowboard sequences on the mountain. It also means being prepared to shoot in the rain and snow. It is a volunteer unit consisting of a production crew mainly. We do need a storyboard artist, by the way."

Collins hopes to encourage others in the field.

"I hope that my efforts at the Film Office will introduce interested parties to the art of motion-picture making. You can watch a movie, analyze it, and critique it with more maturity once you have been on set.

"I believe the Film Office can keep folks informed about what projects are going on and where discussions about film are taking place so that they can get involved."

*Cowboys and Indians*, he adds, is a feature for its time.

"There are so many Short Feature Festivals going on right now that it just makes sense."

After paying an entry fee a short feature gets put into a lineup with other short features, the public then pays to watch and nominate the winners. The categories are similar to those of a Major Motion Picture: (Best Cinematography, Best Performance, Best Score, Best Writing, Best Directing, Best Costumes).

See [www.oscars.org](http://www.oscars.org) for more about the awards.

A meeting is slated for Nov. 10 for anyone interested in participating in Muddogs. For more information, contact Collins at 678-557-3046. He can also be found at the Film Office on movie nights - the New Mexico Film Series hosted each Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Next showing, set for Oct. 28, is *Pow Wow Highway*. Turn to *Vamos!* for future listing and movie dates.

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Board of Directors. During the RANM fall conference in September 2009 Eddy was also elected to Chair the RANM Strategic Planning Committee.

## Rainmakers course cited by golf magazine

Rainmakers, a private golf and residential community just north of Ruidoso, has been ranked No. 3 on *Golfweek's* prestigious 2009 list of "The Top 50 New Courses" in the

U.S. The issue hit newsstands Tuesday.

"We are very honored to be ranked so favorably by an industry leader like *Golfweek*," said Mike O'Brien, Rainmakers development partner. "We were blessed with a truly remarkable piece of land and by the immense talents of Robert Trent Jones, II, a golf course designer who respects and embraces the natural environment."

To produce the Best New Courses list, a nationwide team of more than 475 evaluators rated the layouts on the basis of 10 criteria, including routing, conditioning, variety and memorability of holes. The result is an average of scores, which then dictates a course's overall ranking.

Rainmaker's golf course opened in June 2008 and has continued to draw rave reviews by members as well as the golf media.

The routing of the course features boulder outcroppings, scenic mountain vistas, dramatic elevation changes and such natural features as arroyos,

canyons and meadows.

The first Audubon Signature golf course in New Mexico, Rainmakers is further enhanced by 135 acres of open space, set aside in perpetuity as a natural habitat and wildlife conservation area.

As Robert Trent Jones, II said, "The final product is a testament to a collaborative effort between the developer and the designer who embraced the land and proceeded with the utmost care and sensitivity to existing landforms, vegetation and wildlife."

In addition, Rainmakers was ranked No. 8 on *Golf Magazine's* 2009 list of "The Top 10 New Private Courses" in the U.S. The course has also been recognized by *Texas Golfer*, *Fairway Living*, *Where to Retire*, and *Continental* magazines.

Rainmakers has recently completed the design of its new clubhouse. The 14,000-square-foot Pueblo-style facility will include casual and fine dining, a wine bar, meeting facilities, pro shop and fitness center.

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**FILM**

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"I'm feeling better about it now," he said, but added the representatives on the film commission are mostly from Ruidoso.

"I'd like a guarantee there will be representatives from Carrizozo, Corona and Capitan," he said. If a film company contacted the county film commission and said a two-story red brick house was needed, Carrizozo and White Oaks have them, he pointed out.

When he checked Fort Stanton on the state film Web site, it came up under Ruidoso, as did a house on 12th Street in Carrizozo. When photographs are submitted, he wants to ensure they are properly identified as to location, Norris said.

Commissioner Eileen Sedillo said she wants the mistakes on the Web site about locations cleared up. She questioned the authority of the film commission and how appointments to the board would be handled.

Fitzwater said a memorandum of understanding already was signed with the state outlining what the film commission has to do and what is expected. He said the RVEDC is creating a Web site that will list correct locations and identifications.

It will include global position satellite information, which no other county has done, he said. Anything sent to the state should be coordinated, he agreed.

He said the resolution has no deadline for passage. Sedillo asked to table action until commissioners have a list of representa-

*"I'd like a guarantee there will be representation from Carrizozo, Corona and Capitan," said Dirk Norris of the Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce.*

tives from all parts of the county.

Temple said Stroud told him it was important that a government employee serve as contact person, because in pre-production or scouting for sites, much information must remain confidential.

He could act as liaison for areas that are not incorporated, he said.

Sedillo said each community should have a contact person, but Fitzwater said the state and filming companies don't want 20 contacts.

"But that one should contact the other communities," Sedillo said. "I don't want you to keep the secret that Dirk needs to know."

Stewart recommended not signing the resolution at that time. County Commission Chairman Tom Battin said support could be expressed with an admonition included that all of the individual communities in the county be represented.

Sedillo said she couldn't support all of the film commission meetings being in Ruidoso. They should be conducted around the county.

**RURAL**

FROM PAGE 1A

Stewart said.

Annual reports must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture annually about how the money was used, he said.

"To date, we have not used any of the new funding since there have been no claims for actual search and rescue and no wildfire projects identified," he said. "Assuming that the impact of actual search and rescue will be minimal, and that funding will decline 10 percent each year as scheduled until 2012, when the program may lapse, the current projection of funds is \$48,417 in 2009-2010, \$43,575 in 2010-2011 and \$39,217 in 2011-2012."

"The current balance is \$59,796, which would bring the total available to \$185,007.39."

Tudor and Stewart have discussed the potential of contracting for a rural com-

*Tudor is working on money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for projects on Moon Mountain and at Fort Stanton that could possibly generate up to 30 jobs.*

munities forester, who could develop projects in the extended wildland urban interface for land owners with the county using Title III money to pay for its portion, the manager said.

Tudor also is working on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars for the treatment of an estimated 600 acres in Alto Mesa, on Moon Mountain state trust land and in the Fort Stanton State Monument area, that will create another 30 jobs in the industry, Stewart said.

Tudor explained that the New Mexico State Forestry Division works

with private and state landowners to improve the health of forested area, reduce hazardous fuel and protect communities.

A \$150,000 grant was received to provide a rural community forestry covering Lincoln and Otero counties, and also to work on the biomass issues of what to do with cut material. The grant was secured for three years and Tudor

said if successful, he hopes the funding will continue.

Commissioner Jackie Powell asked if Tudor was seeking any money from the county.

He said the grant requires a dollar for dollar match, but some of that money will come from private land owners, some from in-kind work, materials and equipment, and he also will continue to look for other revenue sources.

Tudor said he hopes to be able to continue large scale landscape projects. With the concurrence of the commission, he will issue a request for proposals within the next two weeks, Tudor said.

No official agreement is ready to be signed and Otero County also must be on board, Stewart said.

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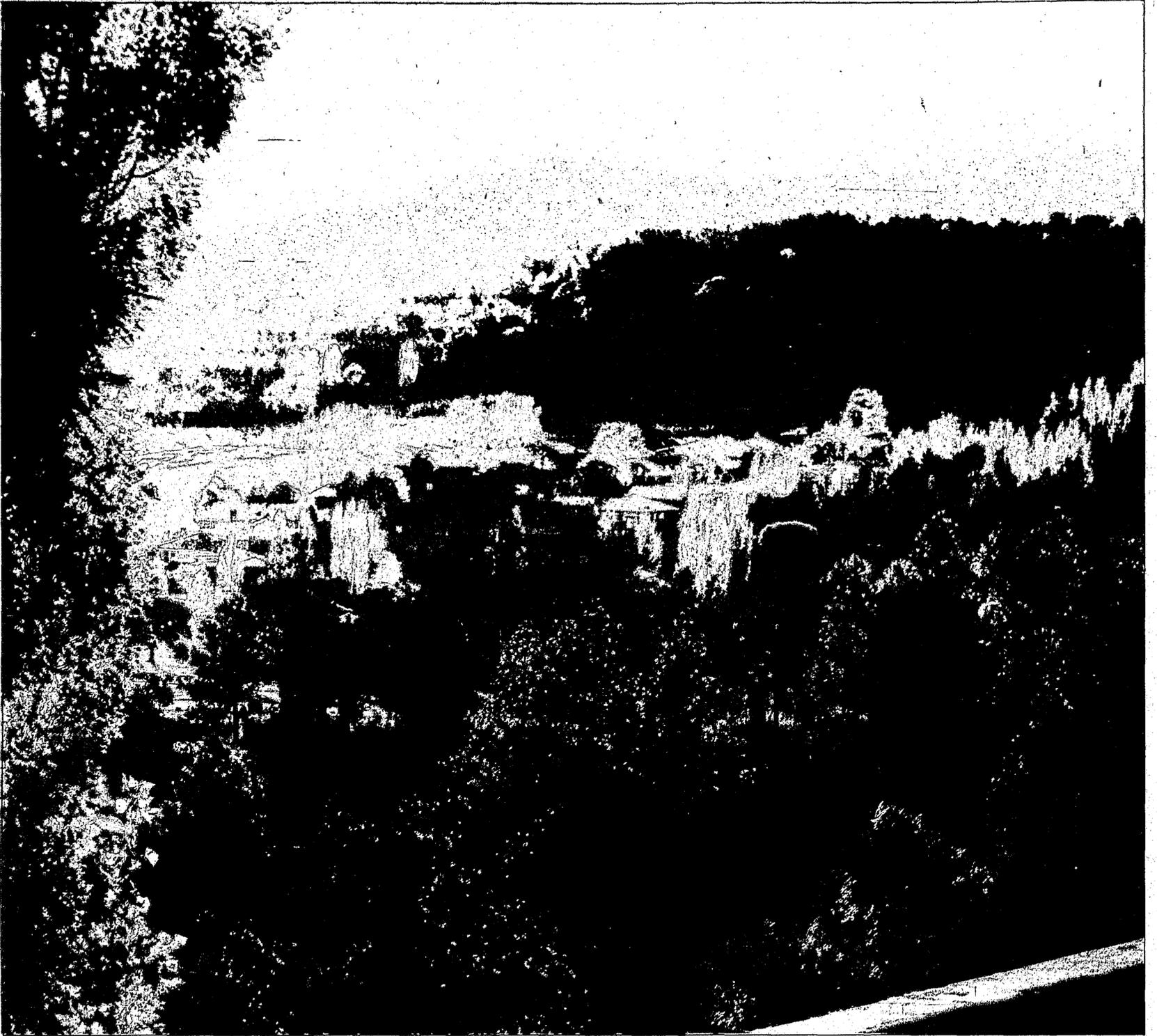
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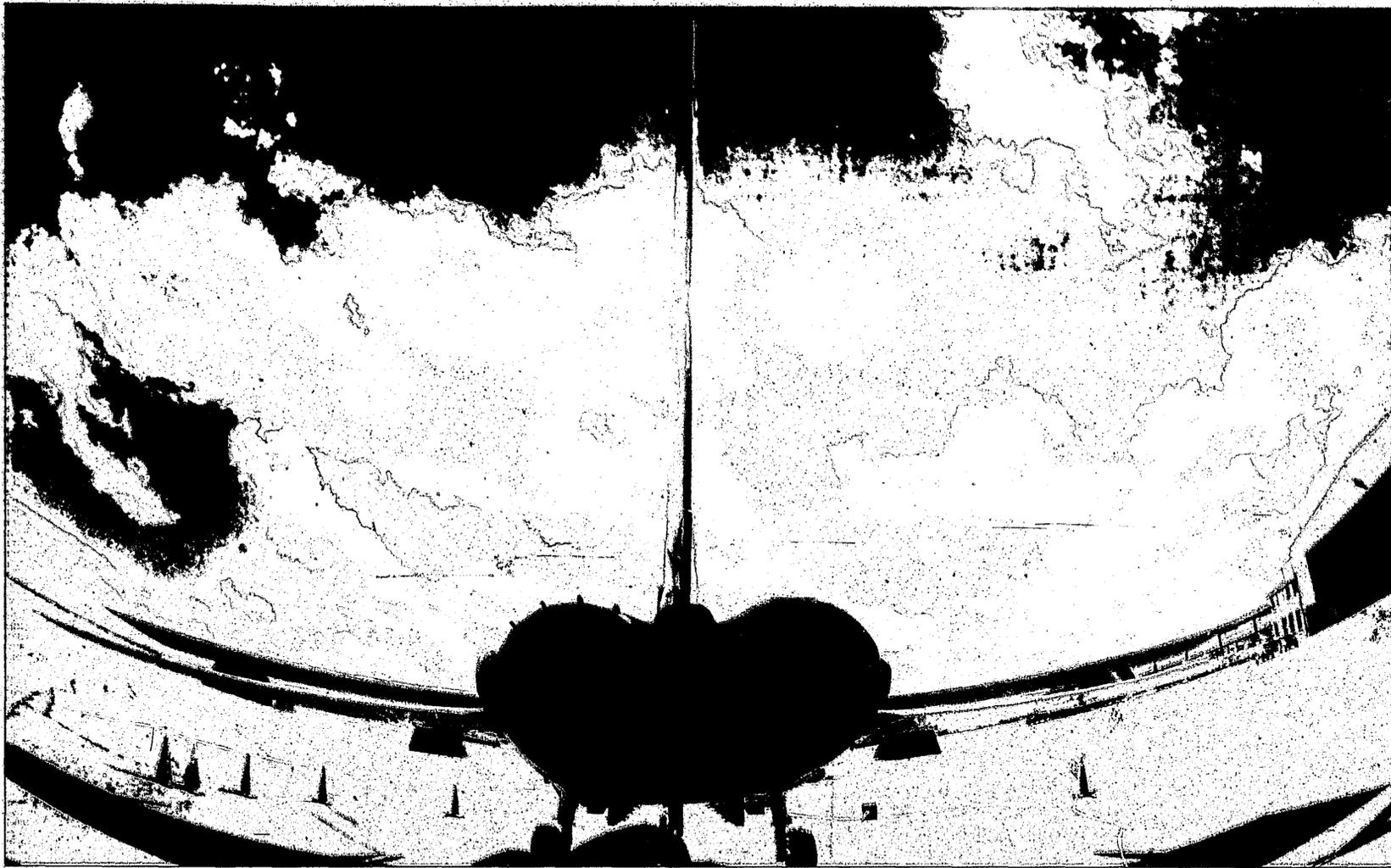
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# 1st Annual Ruidoso Mountain High Fly-In takes off

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More than 1,000 enthusiasts either flew in or drove to Sierra Blanca Regional Airport over the weekend for the 1st Annual Ruidoso Mountain High Fly In.

Kicking off the event was the GAF Tornado Fly-Over Friday from Holloman Air Force Base. The plane remained as a static display until takeoff Monday.

Over the two days, representatives of the German Air Force participated, a T34 war-bird flew up from El Paso, members of the Alamogordo Soaring Club flew 16 hours and speed races were staged.

### Classic cars, too

For those looking for something on the ground, classic cars showed up, plus some motorcycles, antique planes and new planes.

The Mach 4 Band and the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 251 from Alamogordo sponsored Young Eagles flights for children. Flour bombing and spot landing contests were crowd favorites.

American Legion Post #47 presented the colors Saturday morning. The Veterans of Foreign Wars served more than 400 hamburgers, 400 hot dogs, 10 pizzas, 12 dozen doughnuts and 18 cases of soda without charge.

On Sunday, the Kentucky Fried Chicken and Taco Bell of Ruidoso served more than 300 pancakes and 30 pounds of bacon, also free.

Millie Woods, organizer of Military Appreciation Week, complimented the staff at the Sierra Blanca Regional Airport staff for organizing and implemented the first Ruidoso airport "Mountain High Fly-In at Sierra Blanca."

### Visitors arrive

Aviators and airplane enthusiasts included visitors from Roswell, Alamogordo, Las Cruces, Albuquerque, Edgewood and El Paso. Woods said Monday, the Tornado lifted off, spiraled down, did a low pass, and with a waggle of the wing, the pilot said "auf wiedersehen."

Dieter Gerthe, who was

one of the organizers at the airport, said contest winners were David Stevens for Spot Landing and Randy Bailey for Flour

### Bombing.

He offered special thanks to the German Air Force, Village of Ruidoso Lodgers Committee, the

Village of Ruidoso, Stephen M. Chavez and VFW Post 12071 and Women's Auxiliary, KFC/Taco Bell of Ruidoso, Millie Woods,

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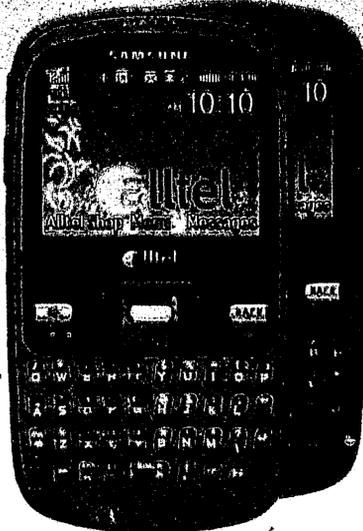
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# HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

## Novel H1N1 strain in New Mexico

Novel H1N1 influenza is the predominant strain of flu in New Mexico at this time. All positive flu tests are presumed to be novel H1N1 influenza.

The Department of Health is tracking hospitalizations and deaths to determine if there is a change in the severity of the disease.

The severity of illness due to novel H1N1 influenza has not changed nationally or in New Mexico from the spring.

### Influenza-Like Illness

Visits to healthcare providers for influenza-like illness increased to approximately 20 percent this week, up from approximately 16 percent last week.

The percentage of visits to healthcare providers is higher than would be expected for this time of year.

The Department tracks influenza-like illness, which is defined as fever and either cough and/or sore throat, at 27 clinics throughout the state. Influenza-like illness is the best indicator of flu activity in the state.

### Deaths

The Department of Health is reporting three H1N1-related deaths in the last week in New Mexico.

The latest deaths are: a 51-year-old male from Santa Fe County with chronic medical conditions, a 6-year-old female from Santa Fe County without chronic medical conditions and a 47-year-old female from Valencia County with chronic medical conditions.

There have been 16 deaths related to H1N1 influenza in the state. Information about the other deaths is listed on the Department's H1N1 Web site at: [www.nmhealth.org/H1N1](http://www.nmhealth.org/H1N1).

### Vaccine information

The department of Health has ordered 78,600 doses of nasal and injectable H1N1 vaccine. Vaccine is arriving in small

amounts and is being distributed to providers and public health offices statewide.

The Department of Health is encouraging the following people who are at a higher risk for developing serious complications from H1N1 to get vaccinated as soon as possible: pregnant women, household members/caretakers of infants less than 6 months old, children 6 to 59 months of age, children 5 to 18 years with certain chronic health conditions that increase their risk of complications from flu, and healthcare workers and emergency medical service personnel with direct patient care.

The Department of Health is encouraging people priority groups to call their primary healthcare providers to ask if they are providing the novel H1N1 vaccine.

People in the target groups without insurance or a healthcare provider, or whose provider will not offer the H1N1 vaccine, can get the vaccine from a local public health office.

Call your local public health office first to check the availability of H1N1 vaccine.

Public health offices are listed in the phonebook's blue pages under state government or online at [www.nmhealth.org](http://www.nmhealth.org).

### Vaccine by county

The following is a total amount of H1N1 vaccine that has been ordered for each county as of Oct. 14: Bernalillo (26,500), Catron (60), Chaves (2,790), Cibola (1,050), Colfax (560), Curry (1,930), DeBaca (30), Doña Ana (7,970), Eddy, (2,110), Grant (1,100), Guadalupe (150), Harding (20), Hidalgo (90), Lea (2,550), Lincoln (740), Los Alamos (580), Luna (1,060), McKinley (3,930), Mora (80), Otero (2,380), Quay (330), Rio Arriba (1,755), Roosevelt (690), San Juan (5,360), San Miguel (970), Sandoval (3,560), Santa Fe (4,865), Sierra (380), Socorro (1,050), Taos (990), Torrance (760), Union (130), Valencia (2080).

The Department of Health is recommending the following people either stay home or seek medical care if they are experiencing flu-like symptoms: people who are experiencing typical, mild symptoms of influenza and are not at higher risk for flu complications should stay home and avoid public places until they are well.

Typical, mild symptoms include fever, sore throat, and cough.

People who are experiencing typical, mild symptoms of influenza and are at higher risk for complications should call their healthcare provider, a local community health center, or if they do not have a provider, call the Department of Health's Health Alert Hotline at 866-850-5893 for consideration for treatment with antiviral medications.

People who develop severe symptoms of influenza should seek care immediately from the emergency room.

Severe symptoms include shortness of breath, rapid breathing, dehydration, or decreased responsiveness.

A guide to help people determine when they need medical attention is posted at the Department's H1N1 Web site at: [www.nmhealth.org/H1N1](http://www.nmhealth.org/H1N1).

### Hospitalizations

There have been 468 hospitalizations related to novel H1N1 influenza.

The hospitalizations by county are as follows: Bernalillo County (129), Chaves County (11), Cibola County (10), Curry (23), Doña Ana County (33), Eddy County (12), Grant County (6), Guadalupe County (1), Lea County (15), Lincoln County (3), Los Alamos County (1), Luna County (1), McKinley County (43), Mora County (1), Otero County (10), Quay (2), Rio Arriba County (10), Roosevelt County (6), San Juan County (28), San Miguel (1), Sandoval County (19), Santa Fe County (15), Sierra County (7), Socorro County (8), Taos County (15), Union (1), Valencia County (16) and 30 cases where residence has not yet been determined.

### Resources

New Mexico H1N1 Information: 1-866-850-5893, or [www.nmhealth.org/H1N1](http://www.nmhealth.org/H1N1). Spanish Information: 1-800-784-0394.

## Red Ribbon Week begins today in Lincoln County

The schools of Lincoln County are joining with Region IX's Prevention Program and the Lincoln County DWI Prevention Program to promote healthy, drug-free lifestyles during Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31.

The first Red Ribbon Celebration was organized in 1986 by a grassroots organization of parents concerned about the destruction caused by alcohol and drug abuse.

The red ribbon was adopted as a symbol of the movement in honor of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, an agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration who was kidnapped and killed while investigating drug traffickers.

The national campaign has reached millions of children and has been recognized by the U.S. Congress.

Red Ribbon Week is about encouraging kids to be drug-free and making good choices.

The Red Ribbon week

activities provide schools, parents and communities the opportunity to focus on recognizing and celebrating the ways we all contribute to the well being of students.

All of Lincoln County schools received materials with positive messages that encourage living healthy, drug-free lives.

A variety of activities and events will be conducted throughout the county including the following:

- Sharing the story of Enrique Camarena and his commitment to fight drugs in our country;

- Receiving Red Ribbon pencils or book marks with the theme for the week on them. In addition, each building principal will be given extra promotional items to give away to randomly selected students;

- Distributing Red Ribbon Activities Packets to all elementary schools;

- Making positive choice daily announcements written and read by students in their schools.

Red Ribbon Week is a



chance to create awareness about avoiding problems related to substance abuse and choosing instead the alternative activities that promote a healthy lifestyle.

The materials for Red Ribbon Week will be furnished by Lincoln County DWI Prevention Program, Region IX Prevention Program and The Ruidoso High School SADD Chapter.

## Hospital visitation policy implemented for safety

Lincoln County Medical Center, LCMC, will limit the number and age of hospital visitors throughout the flu season. The measure will protect both patients and visitors from potentially spreading the respiratory virus.

Visitors must be age 15 and over to see patients and all visitors will be limited to two at a time.

"We're committed to protecting our patients and the community during flu season and by doing so, we have aligned our visitation policy with the state hospital association's recommendations," said Al Santos, LCMC Administrator.

"We're doing everything we can to keep our patients and visitors safe and healthy."

Influenza is a respiratory disease caused by a virus. Symptoms are transmitted easily through hand contact and the virus can

incubate for up to 10 days before signs of illness are present.

"We want to limit the opportunities for people carrying influenza like illness into or out of the hospital which we feel will protect our patients, staff and visitors," said Patsy Parker, Director of Patient Care Services for LCMC.

"We're going to monitor this closely to see if the visitation policy may change throughout the remainder of the flu season as situations warrant."

Tips to prevent transmission

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the following tips to prevent seasonal flu.

- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds and use a paper towel to turn the faucet off.

- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze with your shirtsleeve, not

your hands.

- Avoid close contact with others who are sick.

- Stay home from work, school and running errands when you are sick.

- Drink plenty of fluids, eat healthy and get at least eight hours of rest per night.

Lincoln County Medical Center is a county-owned facility leased by Presbyterian Healthcare Services.

This partnership has existed since 1972 and is dedicated to improving the health of individuals, families and communities. Lincoln County Medical Center and Presbyterian Healthcare Services operates a hospital, six clinics and a countywide ambulance service. Lincoln County Medical Center employs more than 250 people, including more than 15 providers throughout Lincoln County.

## Adult smoking rate drops off in NM

The New Mexico Department of Health announced that the adult smoking rate for New Mexico has dropped to 19.3 percent, making it the lowest rate of adult smokers since 2001 when the rate was 23.8 percent of the adult population.

According to a recent Department of Health survey, in 2001 there were an estimated 352,600 smokers and this year there are

66,600 fewer smokers.

In addition to the health benefits associated with quitting smoking, people who quit will experience a reduction in their overall medical costs.

According to Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, a person who smokes will pay approximately \$9,500 more for medical costs over their lifetime than a non-smoker. The Department of Health estimates the

reduction in the number of smokers means New Mexicans will save approximately \$160 million in healthcare costs.

A 2007 survey from the U.S. Census Bureau reported that the average number of cigarettes smoked by New Mexico smokers was approximately 11 per day, which is lower than the national average of approximately 15 cigarettes per day.

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## County adopts new road review rules

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Under a newly adopted Lincoln County road closure or abandonment ordinance, applicants must pay an application fee and for the value of any acquired land.

County Attorney Alan Morel said people need to understand the difference between closing a road, which does not eliminate the public's interest in the route and allows for it to be reopened in the future, and abandonment or vacation.

The latter action means the county commissioners formally abandoned the public's interest in the road and the property may be deemed to another entity.

The ordinance approved Tuesday by commissioners requires that a letter of intent be filed and should include the square footage of the road, a description in detail of its location, the name of the subdivision, the reason for the proposed action and any special considerations.

Utility companies must sign off on a plat or letter, as must all adjacent property owners. The applicant must provide copies of recorded deeds to all adjacent properties with the application to verify the legal owners for acceptance of their letters of consent.

After determining the square footage, applications for abandonment or vacation must be sent to the County Assessor's office, where staff will determine the value of the road or right of way. If it is determined the value is \$24,999 or less, the assessor can set the figure. But if the value is higher, a professional appraisal must be performed.

The initial application fee is \$250. Only for vaca-

tion or abandonment, an additional \$150 fee will be charged for the time of the assessor in determining value.

An acquisition fee equal to the appraised value also applies only in cases of abandonment or vacation, not closure.

A County Road Department representative and members of the County Road Review Committee must review applications and recommend action. Approval also must be obtained from the State Department of Finance and Administration.

Morel said over the past few months, he made a few changes in his original ordinance draft and after comments submitted by surveyor Eric Collins, who often appears before the commission.

"You may want the road review committee to review more frequently now that the county is being paid," Morel said, "They could do it on a more regularly basis. The road department (previously) allowed applications to build and then scheduled a trip about every three months."

Committee Chairman Duane Williams said road site review trips have occurred as long as nine months apart and as frequently as two months, depending on the number of applications, he said. Commissioners talked about specifying that applications should be reviewed within 60 days, but Commissioners Jackie Powell and Eileen Sedillo said they didn't want the county to be bound by a time schedule.

Morel said he could write that the road department should try to handle applications within 60 days.

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# Recycling program targets residential dumpsters

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Recycling in Ruidoso is expanding.

Last spring, Village General Services and Solid Waste Director Jeff Kaplan applied for a recycling grant and today 57 residential blue dumpsters are positioned throughout the village, joining 113 set up for commercial accounts.

"We had commercial dumpsters but no real recycling program and many times the material was contaminated with food when people threw garbage there," he said during an interview Wednesday.

He saw good results with businesses where a high percentage of their waste was recyclable material, but residential areas were not being served. The grant bought 57 bins with bear locks. As the village's match, Kaplan is trying to educate the public about recycling, which he's been doing on radio, in the newspaper and with labels on the dumpsters.

The material collected is transported to Green Tree Solid Waste Authority property on Second Street in neighboring Ruidoso Downs, pending the opening of its recycling center east of the city on U.S. 70, possibly before Christmas. The authority was created in 1991 under the name of the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority. The coalition of the county and four of its five municipalities was created for the collection of garbage and transport to a regional landfill south of Alamogordo.

Ruidoso handles its own garbage and operates a transfer station on Gavilan Canyon Road.

"We will take any of the material on the primary list of Green Tree," he said, except tin or steel cans. While officially, aluminum cans also are not accepted, Kaplan said he will handle them if someone drops them in a dumpster. He wants to discourage scavengers who might surf the containers looking for alu-



The new recycling dumpsters in Ruidoso are blue, with plainly marked instructions.

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minum, a potentially dangerous pastime, or those who contaminate material with garbage.

Acceptable items must be clean and include:

- flattened, corrugated cardboard boxes with no wrapping or Styrofoam

- flattened paperboard such as pizza boxes, cereal boxes, soda and beer boxes, laundry soap boxes and dry goods boxes with no plastic or waxed paper liners.

- empty plastic containers, grades 1 through 6, which should be marked on the bottom, and include most soda bottles, milk bottles, water bottles, coffee grounds containers, laundry hygiene containers.

- newspapers or computer paper tied in bundles

- brown paper bags

- bundled magazines and catalogs, slick newspaper inserts

- telephone books, bun-

ded if more than one Aluminum, steel and tin cans, carpet padding, engine oil and paint can be taken to the Green Tree yard for recycling.

"I don't want plastic bags in my dumpsters, but you can take things over to Green Tree in bags," he said. The list of items not to be dropped in blue dumpsters includes carpet, broken furniture, clothing, dead animals, food, plastic sacks, garden hoses, junk mail, metal coat hangers, construction waste, bubble wrap and pine needles.

"Green Tree is a Materials Recycling Facility," Kaplan explained. "They can be clean MRFs, which only accept segregated materials from separate bins. That costs more in fuel and labor. Green Tree is a dirty MRF and will sort at the recycling center site. It's much more cost effective."

Neither the city nor Green Tree accept glass.

"It's too expensive for manufacturers to take back bottles," Kaplan said. You used to see refunds, but not any more. Glass is heavy and a recycling center has to be close by.

"Some glass can be used in road base, again if the facility is close, but there is no one around here. It just doesn't pay when you have an infinite level of silicone sand available and it's easy to make glass."

Even though glass adds to the waste stream at landfills, eventually it will break down into its original material, he said.

"What people miss is before recycling there is 'reduce and reuse,'" Kaplan said. "When you go to Walmart or another store, carry the cotton bags or ask for recycled paper bags.

Plastic bags are made from oil and that's a limited resource and takes a long time to break down. The bags blow at landfills and kill birds who become entangled. You can reuse paper bags and no more trees have to be cut."

Some of his major success comes from the middle and elementary schools, said Kaplan, who is vice chairman of the Lincoln County Recycling Committee headed by Brad Treptow.

"We now have them onboard with recycling," he said. "They use plenty of paper and we've given them extra blue dumpsters. It starts with the custodial crews separating into containers and taking them to the dumpsters."

The village probably is the biggest recycling supplier for Green Tree, he said.

Recycling events also are staged for tires, old Christmas trees and for electronics.

The Spring Lincoln County Electronics Recycling Day is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 8 at Sierra Mall off Mechem Drive in Ruidoso.

Obsolete electronics will be accepted at no charge, including old monitors, circuit boards, laptops and computers.

Old magazines and catalogs also will be collected. The event is sponsored by the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce Keep Ruidoso Beautiful, Green Tree, the Albuquerque Recycling Company, Lawrence Brothers IGA, the village Solid Waste Department and Schlotzky's in conjunction with the National Recycling Coalition and the New Mexico Recycling Coalition.

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# Cloudcroft man dies from fall in tree trimming accident

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A 63-year-old Cloudcroft business man is dead after he fell from a bucket truck while trimming pine trees Sunday, a police spokesman said.

Chief Matt Flotte said Joseph L. Mancillas was

trimming some trees on Swallow Place at a local business.

Flotte said the village of Cloudcroft volunteer paramedics arrived on the scene and performed CPR.

"The medics landed a helicopter and worked on him for 20 minutes before pronouncing him dec-

passed," Flotte said. "Mancillas fell from about 20 to 25 feet."

It was determined to be an accidental death, he said.

"He was utilizing his bucket truck to trim trees at a local business," Flotte said. "He fell out of the bucket and hit the ground

at about 10 a.m."

He said Mancillas owned Cloudcroft Wrecker Service for over 35 years.

Born and raised in Cloudcroft, Mancillas worked in construction and logging in the community.

Flotte said Mancillas had also a tree cutting service at the time of his

death.

"He was well known in the community," he said. "Everybody liked Joe. There was nobody who didn't know Joe and he was a friend to everybody."

Flotte said he knew Mancillas for about five years.

"It was a tragedy," he

said. "I am going to miss seeing Joe every day. It was just one of those freak accidents. You never really expect it."

A funeral service was held Thursday at First Assembly Worship Center in Cloudcroft.

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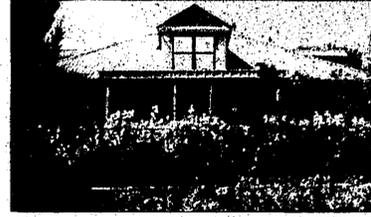
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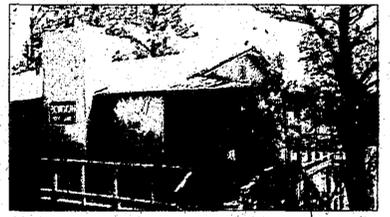


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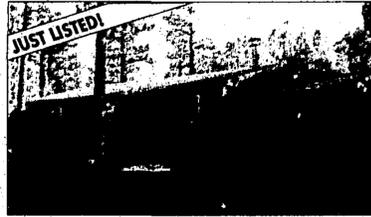
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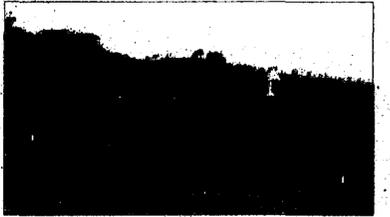
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## — Pigskin Preview —

# 'Zozo, Chiefs battle; Hondo, Capitan, RHS in tough tilts

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All five Lincoln County football teams have district battles to contend with Friday. All, except Ruidoso, have played district rivals and for the Warriors, Part II of the 2009 season is about to commence. Their future is entirely in their hands at this point.

### Ruidoso/Portales

Ruidoso won the game against the non-district Chaparral Lobos last Friday, 41-40. They needed the win, if for anything else, then to give them some confidence and momentum as they head into their first district clash against Portales Friday at 7 p.m.

The 3-4 Warriors won the Chaparral game in the last 30-seconds of the contest. Even though it was a high-scoring affair, RHS held the Lobos to 6-points in the third quarter and blanked them in the fourth. But then, that's just a further confirmation Ruidoso has a capable defense when they want to. They held Robertson to 14-points (in a losing effort) and stifled Roswell to six. From here on out, the RHS defense is going to have to be consistent. They can no longer pick and choose which games they want to rise to the occasion. So far, this season, the Warriors have been outscored, 173-135. That's not nearly as bad as Portales (285-202), but anytime you have scored less points than your opponents have gained against you it isn't good.

And trading touchdowns, as they did in the Chaparral contest can sometimes come back to bite you — especially if your opponent has the last ball possession.

There's a flip-side to this. And that is the Portales story. The 2-5 Rams lost five straight games in a row at one point this year (Sept. 4-Oct. 10). And giving up 285 points (thus far this season)

isn't a recipe for a district championship.

The Warriors and the Rams have played two common opponents — Roswell and Robertson. Portales edged Robertson, 42-41, and shattered the Coyotes, 79-36. Ruidoso lost to the Cardinals, 14-7, and beat Roswell in their opening game of the season, 18-6. The Robertson loss was a tough one for the Warriors when they were defeated in the last 35 seconds of the contest.

The key in these games is Portales gave up 77 points while Ruidoso allowed 20.

Ruidoso will get home-field advantage, and say what you want, that can sometimes matter, even in high school.

"We'll have to play close attention to their runner, Jesus Davalos," RHS head coach Kief Johnson said. "Both sides will air-it-out."

Ruidoso quarterback Darrell Carr was on top of his passing game in the Chaparral affair. If the defense can play like they did in the Roswell contest (or even the Robertson game) Friday's battle with the Rams should have a happy outcome for Warriors and fans alike.

### Hondo/Elida

When it comes to 6-man football the Eagles have their act together — last season and now. They've got some hard-nosed personnel who take no prisoners. That's on the plus side. On the other side of the coin, they've got some injuries — like broken arms, a broken leg and other hurts — that could work to their detriment unless others step up to the field of play and excel.

If Rico Lopez is healthy — look out. Against Dora (Oct. 9), he chewed up 233 yards on seven carries for four TDs. And that was only in the first two quarters of play (the game was called with three minutes to go in the first half due to no ambulance because



POLLY CHAVEZ/FOR THE RUIDOSO NEWS

Carrizozo grinds out yardage in its Aug. 28 game against Tucumcari.

of injuries). In the House game (Oct. 2), Lopez went ape, running for 269 yards on 13 carries and scored seven TDs.

The 3-3 (1-1) Elida Tigers are not to be taken lightly. To date, the 6-1 Eagles and Tigers have played five common opponents. Of those, the Roy game(s) could be a clue to Friday's contest. The Eagles lost their only game so far this year at Roy (Sept. 25) in a close, high-scoring affair, 72-64. An argument could be made about the 6-hour, pack-a-lunch trip to Longhorn-land. The Tigers made the journey to Roy (Sept. 11) and suffered the same fate. But the Longhorns trounced Elida, 87-46.

Additionally, the Tigers lost to Dora, 41-32, where the Eagles blanked the Coyotes (Oct. 9), 36-0. There's the picture. And, current injuries notwithstanding, the dominant colors to Friday's finished landscape at Elida should be Hondo blue and white.

### Capitan/Lordsburg

The 4-3 (0-1) Tigers normally field a competitive team — when

the mood strikes them. They lost two 3-point games to Fort Sumner and Carrizozo. Then they turn around and shatter Mesilla Valley, 77-14. Last Friday, Tularosa came to Tiger Stadium and grabbed a decisive 52-14 win. Taking nothing away from the Tigers the 5-2 Wildcats have some standout talent on their squad. Like senior quarterback Joseph Silva. But the Wildcats should have some talented personnel. Capitan pulls their athletes from a 137-student, high school pool. Tularosa's student body is more than twice that. That being said, the Tigers are in a tough district. Not only Tularosa, but district-leading 8-0 Lordsburg is in D3-2A. Capitan's lot in athletic life should be interesting next year when the Tigers go to 1A. But that's in the future.

So far both teams have played one common opponent — Laguna Acoma. Capitan came roaring back in the second half of that game to pillage Laguna, 41-10 (Sept. 25). The Wildcats lambasted the Hawks 44-6 (Sept. 4).

It's time to pull out all the

stops and go for broke. Lordsburg plays Tularosa the week after and the Mavericks could be looking ahead thinking perfect regular-season. Spoilers have a right to win, too.

### Carrizozo/Mescalero

The 3-5 (0-2) Grizzlies could be in a mean mood after their 10-0 loss to Fort Sumner last Friday. But they shouldn't be. The Foxes have a decent team. Just ask Capitan.

Of the three common opponents Mescalero and Carrizozo have played the Loving contest is interesting. The Chiefs recorded their only win of the year against the Falcons, 27-20, while the Grizzlies eked out a 16-14 win against Loving. Carrizozo had a tough game the next week against Fort Sumner and they could have been looking ahead. Every week a few teams should be reminded not to take the Chiefs too lightly. They know the agony of defeat but this season they tasted the thrill of victory. And it might still be fresh in their minds.

## The 300 factor in sports

The number 300 plays a prestigious role in the world of sports.

In baseball almost every starting pitcher dreams about becoming a 300-game winner.

The first was Pud Galvin in 1888 and the last to reach that plateau was lefty Randy Johnson on June 3, of this year.

It has been recently argued, by some, that Johnson could be the last of his breed to accomplish that feat because of teams going to a five-man rotation (instead of four), steroids and the offensive mind-set of the MLB.

To date, of the thousands of players who have pitched in a Major League

game, only 24 have made the elite 300-win club.

Heading the list with the most wins is Cy Young who recorded an astounding 511 victories in 918 appearances on the mound.

The ironic fact about Young is, he also lost the most — 316. And that's a 300 number no one wants to achieve or likely ever will.

Kid Nichols was the youngest to gain 300-win status at the age of 30 and Phil Niekro was the oldest at

46. The great Christy Mathewson and John Clarkson are the only two pitchers to reach the 300-win milestone before they appeared in 500 games.

Players finishing the

game of baseball with a 300 lifetime average or better are considered the best of the best.

Currently, the top three are Ty Cobb (.367), Rogers Hornsby (.358) and "Shoeless" Joe Jackson (.356).

Once when a reporter asked Babe Ruth (.342) where he learned to hit he replied, "I watched Joe Jackson and that was good enough for me."

To hit .400 is nearly unachievable.

Ted Williams (lifetime, .344), was the last to do it in 1941 when he averaged .406. Jackson had the highest batting average for a rookie when he hit .408 in 1908.

In football only 10 coaches have won 300 or more games.

Joe Paterno of Penn State is 82-years-old and

has coached at Happy Valley since 1966. "JoePa" has amassed a 389-128-3 record.

Two coaches, John Gagliardi and Eddie Robinson, have gone over the 400 mark. Bobby Bowden is currently at 384.

In the NFL, the closest anyone came to 300 yards is Adrian Peterson (296 yards) of the Minnesota Vikings in a game against the San Diego Chargers on Nov. 4, 2007.

A few college players have gone over the 300 mark, some multiple times.

As for bowling, participants in that sport always aspire to the perfect (300) game.

In Formula One racing no one has yet hit 300 career starts, although Brazilian driver Rubens

Barrichello (currently with Brawn-Mercedes) is closing in on that number with 283 starts.

If, as rumored, he

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This year's Ski Run Road Challenge included 92 total entrants.

# Third Annual Ski Run Road Challenge runs to success

LYN KIDDER  
For the Ruidoso News

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rate timing, a safe course and a feeling that the sponsors are glad that you came.

"A number of local businesses really contributed to making it a success."

Runner Aaron Lacombe, owner of Landlocked restaurant, offered a free spaghetti dinner for the runners the night before the race-something that is usually done only for large marathons.

High Country Lodge – the lodging facility closest to the starting line-offered a special rate for runners and sold 14 rooms.

They even moved their checkout time back so the

runners could shower after the race. White Mountain Outdoor Store provided New Balance gift certificates as prizes and a place for runners to pick up their race packets. Owner Gerardo Garcia also competed in the Ski Run Road Challenge.

The top three finishers in the men's and women's divisions received Ruidoso carved bears, provided by Bears R Us in Ruidoso Downs.

Mark Barela of Denver, finished first with a time of one hour and 30 minutes.

Second place went to last year's first-place winner Tyler Haughness of

Capitan, and third to Jeffrey Johnson of Socorro. Johnson, who is training for an Iron Man, finished the race and then bicycled back up later that afternoon.

Jean Herbert of Albuquerque finished first in the women's division, setting a new record with a time of 1:50:16.

Azori Sparks of La Luz finished second and Sarah Crewe of Ruidoso, the former record-holder, finished third. Tom Alford of Las Cruces returned for the second time, in spite of a recently-installed pacemaker. "Tom is really an inspiration to all of us,"

Moras said. "He's 71, and he finished in 2:24:30, a very competitive time. We all hope to be in such good shape when we're as old as he is."

The race included solo runners and six four-person relay teams. The Soar Heels, a team from Holloman AFB took first place.

Second place was won by the race's youngest entrants, Team Boneshaker, with Genevieve Telles, 14, Lea Zoller, 13, Drey Smith, 12 and Aaron Forster, 9.

Third place went to the El Paso team, Carpe Diem. "The most interesting

comment I heard was from a young man who ran it for the first time," Moras said. "He told me, 'It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be.'"

Melanie Hennis of Converse, Texas, a veteran of many marathons including Boston and New York City, called the Ski Run Road Challenge "one of the best experiences of my life."

"The challenge, scenery, food, support and the whole experience was an event of a lifetime," she said.

"As you make your way up the mountain, it is so quiet, beautiful and peaceful that you reflect on what really matters in life."



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At 71, Tom Alford, from Las Cruces, is the oldest solo runner.



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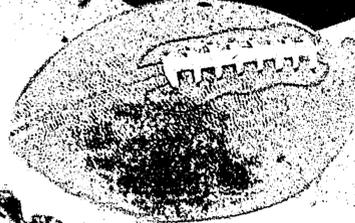
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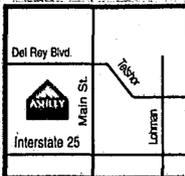


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Canaan Trail Baptist Located just past milepost 14 on Hwy. 48, between Angus & Captain Roland Burnett, Pastor. Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship Service: 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible Study: Wed. at 7 p.m. 336-1979  
**First Baptist Church**  
270 Country Club Drive. Ruidoso, NM 88345 (575) 257-2081. Sunday Services: 10:30 AM Wednesday Meal: 5:30 p.m. Activities: 6:30 p.m.  
**First Baptist Church**  
Ruidoso Downs, Randy Widener, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m., Worship hour: 8 & 11 a.m., Eve. worship: 6:00 p.m., Wed. Prayer meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
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Mescalero Baptist Mission  
Mescalero, Sunday: Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Training: noon 6:30 p.m. Wednesday services: 6:30 p.m.  
**Ruidoso Baptist Church** 126 Church Drive, Palmer Gateway, Wayne Joyce, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study: 7 p.m.  
**BAHAI FAITH**  
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St. Theresa-Catholic Church Comita Sunday Mass 8 p.m.  
St. Joseph's Apache Mission Mescalero: Father Paul Bohlenhagen, OFM. Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Bent. Father Larry Goselin Saturday Mass 6 p.m. Sunday Mass 8 a.m.  
**CHRISTIAN**  
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Max Jones, Interim Minister. Hull and Gavilan Canyon Road. Sunday School, K-12 Adult: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m. <None>  
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**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Gateway Church of Christ 415 Sudderth, Ruidoso, 257-4381 Jimmy Sportsman, Minister. Sunday Morning worship 9:30 a.m., Sunday Bible Class: 11:00 a.m., Mid Week Service: Wed. 6:30 p.m.  
**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LDS**  
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Church of Jesus Christ LDS Mescalero Branch, 671-4630 Wayne King, President, 505-434-0622. Sunday Sacrament meeting 9 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood Relief Soc. & Young Women, 12:10 a.m.  
**EPISCOPAL**  
Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount 121 Mescalero Trail, Ruidoso, Rev. Canon Peter Sanderson, Team Leader, Sunday Eucharist Rite I: 8:00 a.m., Rite II - 11:00 a.m., nursery available for the 11:00 service, Sunday School & Godly Play: 9:45-10:45, Wednesday: Eucharist: 5:30 p.m. Phone: 257-2356 Spanish Service: Saturday 6:00 p.m.  
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Ancho Community Presbyterian Church, Pastor Terry Aiello, CLP. Sunday worship: 9 a.m.,

3:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m., Priesthood and Relief Society 7:11 a.m.  
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**BAPTIST**  
First Baptist Church Hayden Smith, Pastor. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship: 11 a.m., 7:15 p.m.; Church training: 6:30 p.m. Sunday  
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Santa Rita Catholic Church 648-2853. Father Dave Bergs, Pastor. Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday Adult Bible Study: 6 p.m.  
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# RELIGION

## Does God intervene in human affairs?

**Q.** I thoroughly enjoy your column and appreciate the wise and thoughtful insight you provide week after week. I was hoping to pick your brain about something that has troubled me for some time. As I'm sure you are aware, the Catholic Mass incorporates intercessions on behalf of the living and dead as part of the Eucharistic prayer.

As a Catholic (and general optimist), I'm inclined to believe that God indeed listens to our prayers and intervenes in earthly affairs when and if He sees fit.

At the same time, I find it hard to reconcile this belief with my general understanding of God as a perfect and sinless entity.

There are sins of omission as well as commission, and so to me the thought of His coming to the aid of some but not others equally suffering is incompatible with this understanding.

Einstein is quoted as saying, "I, at any rate, am convinced that He does not throw dice."

But how could it be other-

wise?  
- T., via email

**A.** You raise two questions so deep that they are really mysteries and not problems. The first is whether God intervenes in human affairs. The second only arises if we decide to believe that God does intervene, and it is the question of why God chooses to help some people and not others.



The God Squad  
MARC GELLMAN

Let us think about what we mean when we say that God intervenes in human affairs. One thing we cannot mean - or should not mean, in my opinion - is that God can suspend the laws of nature. An all-powerful God could do this, but an all-wise God would not do it.

Suspending the laws of gravity is not only unlikely, it is incomprehensible.

In Genesis, when God made a covenant with Noah after the Flood, God promised that the order of seedtime and harvest, day and night would never again cease. God knows that unless we can rely on the regularity of the laws of nature, which God has also made, we would have no confidence in anything. This regularity of nature is what

Einstein meant when he said that God does not play dice with the universe. I agree with Einstein, but I also agree with the Bible.

I know the Bible is filled with miracles like the splitting of the Red Sea and multiplying loaves and fishes, but I choose to see most of these miracles as symbolic, or perhaps the report of overly enthusiastic observers of what actually happened.

There are often completely natural explanations for biblical miracles.

The Exodus, for example, could have been the result of people on foot getting away from soldiers in heavy chariots when they ran through a marshy area. I prefer a natural explanation to a supernatural one every time, but this does not mean that real miracles are impossible.

Even though some miracles test our beliefs in the continuity of the laws of nature, they still may be possible in some way we do not understand.

Just like we don't know everything about science, we do not know everything about the power of God, who made science and everything else. I do not want to say that all miracles are impossible because I do not believe that.

What I do believe is that everything is possible for God, though I cannot understand everything that means.

There are some things God

cannot do by definition. Even though God is all-powerful, God cannot make a married bachelor or a square circle. Our definitions of bachelors and circles makes this impossible, but this is no limitation on God. What does or does not happen in the world is another matter.

The belief in Jesus' virgin birth and resurrection from the dead are both claimed miracles and are both core beliefs of Christianity.

I respect those beliefs deeply and admire how they inspire my Christian brothers and sisters even though I do not believe in them myself. I do not believe in them not because I do not believe they are possible, but because I do not believe they actually happened.

That is a very different kind of disagreement than saying they are like believing in married bachelors or square circles. Such beliefs define us and separate us, but they cannot be allowed to cause us to demean each other. They are the sacred mysteries of faith.

There are, however, many completely rational religious beliefs that imagine God working in the world. In the religion of Taoism, the Tao is the path to enlightenment.

This is also the meaning of the Buddhist term dharma and the Jewish word Torah.

They are all rational moral teachings of the right way to

moral virtue and personal happiness. God gave us these teachings through revelation. God's way was communicated to us in human affairs.

This is the greatest miracle of all. All we have to do is follow the path that God has placed before us.

We pray to have the courage and wisdom to return to the path when we stray from it, and God gives us that courage and wisdom.

This is what it means to me for God to answer our prayers. It also means that God will always answer such a prayer to help us return to God. I think that is what Jesus meant when he said that he was the way.

God enters our lives and directs our feet (actually, God directs our souls, which are connected to our feet).

So the only way to not have your prayer answered is if you pray for the wrong thing. If you pray the Janis Joplin song, "Oh Lord won't you buy me a Mercedes Benz," God will not answer your prayer. God only gives us fuel-efficient hybrids, don't you know!

Send questions only to The God Squad, c/o Tribune Media Services, 2225 Kenmore Ave., Suite 114, Buffalo, NY 14207, or email them to [godsquadquestions@aol.com](mailto:godsquadquestions@aol.com).

## Family traditions hold families together

We are toward the last of October, and the holiday season will soon be on us. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years are just around the corner.

When Alice and I moved to Ruidoso, we told our children that it was time to begin their own Christmas traditions.

We would not be coming back for Christmas.

For 40 years, we had celebrated Christmas with our children.

And then as we saw our children marry and begin their families, we know that we would have to share them with the inlaws.

So, we did our family Christmas on Christmas Eve.

Alice was born on Christmas Eve, so she always had to share time with Jesus.

We would get up on Christmas Eve and the daughters and granddaughters would take Alice out to breakfast.

I would begin preparing our lunch. I would fix Mexican food, Chinese food, Cajun food, Italian food, and every year a different and

special meal.

The sons-in-law and grandsons would come over about 11 a.m., and go through the pretense of helping me cook.

About one in the afternoon, we would sit down for our meal.

After the meal, Alice would have a Christmas story, every year a different one for the family.

Then, we would give our children and grandchildren their presents.

I was the family Santa Claus, and we have years of pictures with each child and grandchild sitting on Santa's lap.

Then we would go to church for a Christmas Eve Lord's Supper service.

After the worship, everyone would go to their own homes to prepare for their family's Christmas morning.

Later, in the morning they would go to the inlaws for Christmas with that side of their family.

And Alice and I slept late. That was our Christmas tradition.

One family tradition that we haven't given up is the family get together at Thanksgiving. We meet

on Wednesday evening at the church camp at Glen Rose, Texas.

We celebrate God's goodness to us as a family and testify to the year's blessings ... weddings, births, home goings, and the joy of being together once again.

And, of course, we eat and watch football, eat and watch football, ad nauseum.

Sometimes we play golf, touch football, basketball, card and domino games.

And there is always a "cult" movie, sci-fi, *Planet of the Apes*, *Men in Black*, *Independence Day* and the like.

We have a traditional Thanksgiving meal on Thursday. Friday, the kinfolks from the coast fix a seafood buffet.

And I almost forgot, Wednesday night, we have soup, posole, gumbo, etc.

All of this is no weight loss program.

You might wonder why I am speaking about our family traditions in my religious column?

Family traditions are important. Families hold dear their traditions. And traditions hold families together.

Do your family traditions give you help for today and hope for tomorrow?



Clarifications  
BY CHARLES CLARY  
RUIDOSO PASTOR

### RELIGIOUS BRIEFS

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#### Fall Festival

The First Christian Church of Ruidoso presents their 6th Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Show & Festival, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31.

Jewelry, pottery, wood carvings, art, crafts, soaps, baked goods, a country store and much more will be offered.

For information about booth availability or more information about the festival, call 258-4250 or 258-5803.

Deadline for booth

application is Oct. 23. Booths space is \$30 and set up is Oct. 30.

#### Tea for Two

An afternoon of fun and fellowship is promised during the seventh annual "Tea for Two or Just for You," set for 2 p.m., Oct. 24, and sponsored by the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian.

In a break from presenting entertainment dealing with local history, the program this year will go back in time to look at the "Sinful Sisters and Fallen Floozies of the Bible."

Well-known characters such as Eve, Mrs. Job, Mrs. Noah and Jezebel will be portrayed by members of several local churches.

For once, these women will get to tell their side of the story.

After the program, guests are invited to share in a "high tea" served in the Fellowship Hall.

Space is limited and reservations are recommended.

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# LINCOLN COUNTY

## Carrizozo proposes annexation of Virden acreage

JULIE CARTER  
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A public hearing will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 29, for input regarding the annexation of 160 acres of ranch property that abuts Valle del Sol to the north.

The property belonging to Rick and Carole Virden, is currently ranch land and will be zoned agricultural if annexed.

"The town will gain the property taxes and the water tap is already at the property line, so if the landowner decides to utilize city water, our ordinances say the expense is his to take it from the property line to the residence. So there is no expense to the town," Mayor Bob Hemphill said.

"This has to be done by ordinance, so at this time we need to schedule a public hearing, published 14 days in advance," Hemphill said.

The trustees voted unanimously to accept Virden's petition for the annexation of the property and voted to hold a public hearing on the issue.

The law suit between former Carrizozo police officer Andy Hill and the Town of Carrizozo was settled by the town's insurer for an amount disclosed by Mayor Hemphill to be \$25,000.

"At the last meeting," Hemphill said, "I promised I would tell you what I could tell you about the settlement in the suit.

"Mr. Hill, through his attorney Tim Rose, was offered \$25,000, which he accepted, and Carrizozo is to accept his resignation. And that's about the gist of what we have.

"The insurance company decided it was cheaper to settle than to go to court."

Hemphill said that at meeting time, they had not yet received Hill's written resignation even though it was past the deadline set for him to tender it.

Hill had gone to federal court charging Carrizozo, the chief of police and Hemphill with violating his freedom of speech.

He later dropped the charges against the chief and the mayor and the case was settled on his charge against the town itself.

Mayor Hemphill said

crews are working on the repair of street lights and he asked that residents let City Hall know if they know of a light that is not working at night and the crew will try to get it fixed.

The stop signs at 14th and E and 14th and Aspen/Birch are under review again by the council.

Hemphill said he has received complaints about the stop sign on E at the intersection of 14th, and problems with the one on Birch and 14th.

No decisions have been made but the mayor is taking suggestions from the council as to how to proceed to study the issue and perhaps make changes.

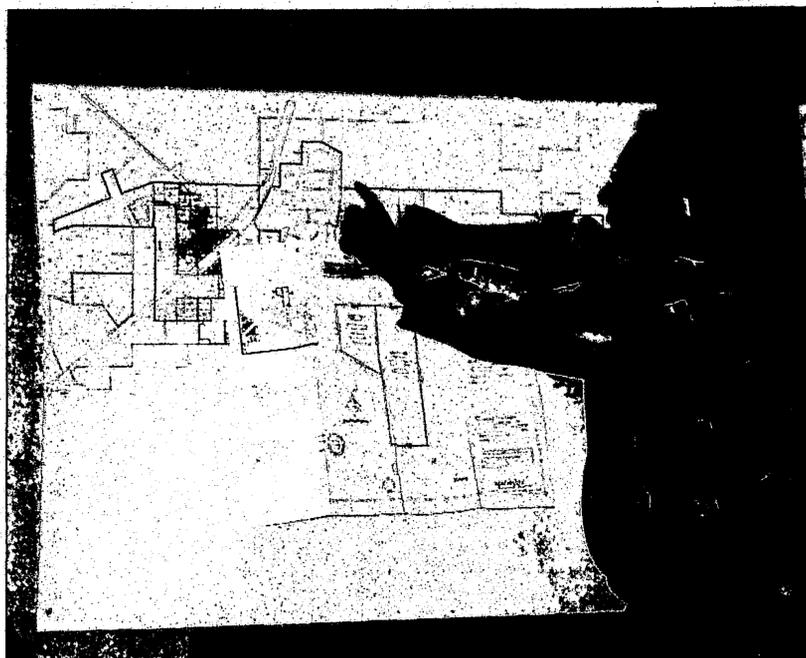
The use of town equipment by town employees and non-employees riding in town vehicles was addressed by the council.

The trustees decided to have the personnel policy state that vehicles would be used for official business only.

The town attorney will create the exact wording for the policy.

In other business, the trustees:

- approved \$200 of



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill indicates on a map the location of the property proposed for annexation by the Town of Carrizozo.

lodgers tax money for the Chamber of Commerce's art panel project on 12th Street for the January showing of *The Book of Eli*;

- approved a MOU with a list of entities regarding the management of noxious plants on private and gov-

ernment properties;

- discussed the progress of the nuisance ordinance overseen by the committee;
- heard police department September report listing 85 calls, 101 citations and six arrests;
- the Carrizozo Airport

reported the sale of 229.5 gallons of fuel for \$918;

- the Municipal Court held eight trials and disbursed \$4,450 to the town.

The next regular meeting of the trustees is scheduled for Nov. 8, at 6 p.m. at the Town of Carrizozo Hall.

## Call of the wild

There is something about the cool fall air that brings out the plaid jackets, crock pot recipes and the smell of cedar burning in a wood stove. It is also Mother Nature's call of the wild to the world of hunters.

The primal instinct to hunt and kill "a little winter meat" rises up like sap in a maple tree. It brings out in men the same stalk, kill and drag-it-home instinct as it did in the days of the cave men.

Die-hard hunters look offended if you should ask them, "You going hunting this year?" In their minds it is a national holiday and they really do believe that. Ask any crew boss with a few hunters in his employment.

Hunting season is marked on the calendar before anything else for the year. Vacation time is scheduled around the season's dates.

I've known men that actually would quit a job in order to be able to go hunting. And another who would injure himself just enough to qualify for some paid time off, which of course, he used to go hunting. Neanderthal instincts are alive and well.

I know. There was a time when hunting kept food on the table, whether the table was a rock in a cave or a crudely built slab table in a log cabin. Don't dare mention that the cost of the sport far outweighs any justification said hunter can ever give for the possibility of the meat he is promising for the freezer.

The sport remains a huge business in many states and is very big business in the mountain counties of New Mexico. I've never been able to put a solid dollar value on the business statewide or what it pours into the economy in Lincoln County alone, but it's huge.

Between the hunters who come on their own and the guides and outfitters who import a good number from faraway

points on the map, hunting brings income to the coffers of the businesses in town. Just try elbowing your way through the camouflaged shoppers at Walmart prior to or during a hunt.

Signs announcing the sale of licenses, food and beer flash up and down the streets and often free meals are offered to the hunters by grateful merchants. One fella said he spent \$200 in gas driving from burg to burg to take part in the meals. He wasn't a hunter, just an eater.

The motels and restaurants are a sea of camouflage with parking lots filled with pickups and trailers loaded to the brim with coolers, 4-wheelers and camping paraphernalia.

As one local commented when he went into the grocery store to get a loaf of bread, only to find an endless check-out line, "I decided it was

faster to go home and make biscuits."

I grew up in a family of hunters. We lived in the mountains, so the hunters hunted early in the mornings, did a day's work, squeezed in some hunting before sundown, and slept in their own beds each night. Camping was for the out-of-staters.

For us, hunting was a generational skill passed on from the days of truly needing winter meat.

My grandmother would laugh at the hunters when they arrived home empty-handed and telling tales of the big tracks they saw, but never spotted a game animal. "Well, I guess we'll just cook up some track soup," she would say.

One of the best things that has evolved over the years in this hunting deal is that now, the women can and do say "you killed it, you clean it." No Wilma Flintstone dresses hanging around this outfit.

Julie can be reached for comment at jcarter@ruidosonews.com.



Cougirl Sass Et Savvy  
BY JULIE CARTER

## Hondo native celebrates 100

Savina Salcido Torrez, her family, and friends celebrated Savina's 100th birthday with a mass and a party.

Savina was born on Oct. 27, 1909, in an adobe house in the Alamo Canyon in the Hondo Valley, to Maria Chavez Salcido and Faustino Salcido.

She had one sister, Monica, whom she lost to the pandemic of 1918, and seven brothers, whom she loved dearly: Diego, Rafael, Faustino, Pedro, Jose, Proceso, and Silvestre. Another brother Cleto died at a young age.

Her formative years were spent on the family homestead known as the Rancho La Laguna, where she sometimes helped herd sheep and goats alongside her brothers.

She received a formal education in those early years at the Hondo School, but was pulled out of school continuously to help cook for her brothers and the crews that worked her father's sheep ranch.

Eventually, Savina left school before graduating to help her mother with family obligations. She loved to play at the edge of the Rio Hondo, going for a swim on hot summer days, a tradition she continued many years later with her family at the Torrez swimming hole.

As a young lady, she enjoyed dancing, horseback riding all over her beloved Hondo Valley, and having parties at her Hondo House, where she and her friends played guitars and fiddles, danced, and recited "dichos" and "versos".

After caring for her mother during a lengthy illness, Savina lost her Mama Marita in 1933, and her Papa Faustino soon followed in 1935.

It was in the Hondo Valley that she met the handsome Eloy Torrez. She was courted by Eloy



SAVINA SALCIDO TORREZ

and on Oct. 8, 1936, at the age of 27, Savina married him. They had 12 children of whom she is extremely proud: Dolores, Virginia, Manuelita, Juanita, Monica, Maria Cecilia (deceased at 5 months), Eloy, Cecilia Frances, Rebecca, Maria, Presiliano and Martha.

With 11 kids at home and no modern-day automatic dishwasher, the piles of dishes loomed after each meal. Each evening after dinner: gather around the kitchen table to study or help with the dishes.

Of course, the choice was easy; everyone had homework and lots of reading. She washed the dishes ever so slowly, because as soon as the children were done with homework or reading, they had to pitch in and finish the dishwashing.

You never saw so many dedicated scholars. Savina washed more than her share of dishes, but her efforts culminated in many honor roll students and many college degrees.

Over the years, Savina worked diligently at Hondo School functions where she always supported her chil-

dren in their education.

After moving to Roswell, she enjoyed going to the Senior Center, crocheting hangers for everyone, visiting the sick and shut-ins, praying, walking to daily mass, and making tortillas for her many grandchildren.

Into her 90s, she was still the center of family gatherings - joining in the dancing, Easter egg hunts, and Halloween costume parties.

At the age of 95, in 2004, she was selected the senior fiesta queen for the St. John Church annual San Juan Fiesta.

She was also selected by the *Roswell Daily Record* as the person of the week, and the Roswell Hispano Chamber chose her and husband Eloy as the Don and Dona for the annual PinataFest celebration.

As she has reached the century mark, she continues to pray for her family and sing her canticos every day at Casa Maria with her children.

She enjoys company, but some days she just needs her rest. She loves God, her family and her Poor Clare Sisters.

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**Carrizozo Homecoming Parade**

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Parade will follow traditional route down Central Avenue

**Football game and crowning of King and Queen**

7 p.m.



Sheet metal going up on the roof at Laura Leonard's home. Far left Tom Heady and John Foglesong pass metal roofing up to workers on the front of the house. Near left Lisa Rich and Jo Beth Vinson grill hot dogs and hamburgers for the hungry workers. When the project was almost done, some of the volunteers posed for the photographer. Kneeling: Dennis Rich, David Brooks. Standing: Jack Greene, Ed Vinson, John Foglesong, Tom Heady and Stan Cox.

PHOTOS COURTESY BETH VINSON

## Raising the roof for Laura

Approximately 21 members of the Christian community, of Capitan, came together Oct. 10, to "raise the roof" on Laura Leonard's house.

Leonard and her family have been in the Capitan area for many years and her home on Second Street has been in her family for more than 80 years.

It is a true adobe house with walls over 12-inches thick and the shake shin-

gles that were removed were likely, the original roof on the house when it was built.

Materials and labor for the new metal roof, along with a hot lunch, were all provided by members of the community, men and women alike.

Laura has been a waitress in almost every restaurant in Lincoln County, as well as an usher for Spencer Theater and is

now unable to work due to her health. She survives on Social Security and Medicare.

Her children grew up in Capitan and attended Capitan schools, but now live out of the area.

Even though it was a long, hard day of work, it was also a day filled with fun, food and fellowship with friends.

This is what the Christian community is all

about.

The following is a list of those that helped: Jack and Linda Greene, Ed and Jo Beth Vinson, Vi Vinso, Dennis, Lisa and Gavin Rich, David Brooks, Ed and Lana Meyer, Grover Dobbins, Stan Cox, Tom Heady, John Foglesong, Ellis Renee, Heath Burdine, Darrel Anderson, Brian Greiving, Jacob Hummer and Ronald Witt.

-Ed Vinson

### COUNTY BRIEFS

#### E-Waste Day

Drop off your obsolete, outdated and replaced electronic items at the Carrizozo Town Hall, Saturday, Oct. 31, 9 a.m. - Noon and they will be taken to Ruidoso's E-waste collection Nov. 7.

Computers and peripherals, office equipment, old ink cartridges, small electronics, household appliances, cell phones, radios, televisions and stereos are all accepted.

For more information, to volunteer to help, or to schedule a pickup or if you cannot make a drop off, call Ray Dean at 648-5586 or Judy Fitzpatrick, 648-2514.

#### 'Zozo Homecoming

Homecoming in Carrizozo is Friday, Oct. 23. The schedule of events for the day are:

Assembly: 10:30 a.m. in Old Gym. Public is welcome. A \$2 admission fee

goes to winners of Junior and Senior Pizza Eating Contest or winners of Freshman and Sophomore Pizza contest.

There will also be a Senior Auction during the assembly. Buses run: 12:35 p.m.

Parade: 1 p.m. Football Game: Grizzlies host Mescalero at 7 p.m.

Dance following game.

#### Fall carnival

Carrizozo PFK is sponsoring a Fall Carnival Thursday, Oct. 29, 5-7 p.m. Booth applications, are

available in the High School office. There will be a costume contest at 6:30 p.m. Costume contest entry fee is \$1. Call 648-2346 for more information.

#### First Friday

The Capitan Public Library will host First Friday at 7 p.m., Nov. 6, with Lynn Jeffrey.

Jeffrey, a certified holistic nurse, will discuss the healing touch. Jeffrey has used Healing Touch in her practice of more than 28 years.

She teaches the first five

levels of Healing Touch and speaks locally and nationally about Holistic Nursing and Energy therapies.

First Friday Adult Lectures are held at Capitan Public Library, 102 E Second, Capitan and are free of charge.

For more information call 354-3035.



## Kayla Alise Shuff

Prayer vigil for Kayla Alise Shuff, 16, of Ruidoso Downs will be Wednesday, Oct. 21, at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church in Ruidoso where the funeral mass will be on Thursday, Oct.

Prayer vigil for Kayla Alise Shuff, 16, of Ruidoso Downs will be Wednesday, Oct. 21, at St. Eleanor's Catholic Church in Ruidoso where the funeral mass will be on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 10:00 AM.

Kayla passed away Wednesday, October 14, 2009, in Ruidoso Downs. She was born February 24, 1993 at Ogden, Utah and had lived all of her life in Lincoln County. She was a Junior at Ruidoso High School, involved with girls Basketball and the Indian Club.

She is survived by her mother, Margarita A. Pajevic; sister, Brittany Nicole Gill; grandfather, Luis E. Salazar and many aunts and uncles.

Condolences may be sent to the family at <http://www.lagroneruidoso.com>

## Lola "Lena" Magdalena Centeno



was granted her angel wings on October 16, 2009

Lena was born September 2, 1978 in Oxnard, CA to Peggy Lu Jane of Ruidoso Downs, NM. She graduated from Ruidoso High School in 1996. At the time of her passing, she was residing in Austin, TX where she was a

practicing attorney doing enforcement/litigations of the State of Texas.

Lena attended and graduated Arizona State University and then went to Arizona State University Law School and graduated her Doctorate of Jurisprudence degree in 2005.

Lena was bright and funny with a ready smile and generous heart. She was loved deeply by those who knew her best. She had a kind and passionate soul and was loyal to her loved ones. Lena enjoyed spending time with family, reading, inspirational quotes, traveling, Chuck Norris, attending concerts, and Chevy Chase films.

Lena is survived by her mother Peggy Lu Jane of Ruidoso Downs, NM and a step-father, Terry Williams of Las Cruces, NM. Also, a grandmother, Cuca Centeno of Camarillo, CA, a grandmother, Marlene Bell of Ruidoso Downs, NM, her sisters Lisa Peterson of Thousand Oaks, CA and Lindsey Seales of Longview, WA, and her brothers Steve Centeno of Camarillo, CA, Antonio Centeno of Wittenburg, WI and Tomas Centeno of Clarksville, TN. She is also survived by an Aunt, Lola Green of Navarre, FL, a cousin, Peggy Green of Kansas City, MO as well as many other aunts, uncles, cousins, three nieces, and four nephews.

There will be a rosary on Thursday evening at 8pm at St. Eleanor Catholic Church. A funeral mass will be held at St. Eleanor Catholic Church on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 10 am.

### Longtime Ruidoso Resident

# Buddie Vuicich

passed from this earth Tuesday, October 20, 2009 in Waco, Texas. Services will be held @ 6:00 PM Friday, October 23 at the First Christian Church, Hall Road in Ruidoso. A full obituary will follow in an upcoming issue. The family thanks the Ruidoso News for publishing this piece so Buddie's friends could be notified and attend if possible.

Cheryl Stoken  
Stepping Out

# New warden takes the helm at LC Detention Center

**JULIE CARTER**  
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A new warden has been named as the head of the Lincoln County Detention Center and he's not a new face in town.

Marcello Villegas has returned to replace Don Franklin in the top position of authority at LCDC. Franklin was recently transferred to an Emerald Companies' facility in Sierra Blanca, Texas.

Villegas spent three months at LCDC last year when Emerald Correctional Management was first awarded the contract in 2008 and until Franklin was hired.

County Manager Tom Stewart introduced Villegas to the county commissioners this week at the Tuesday meeting.

Warden Villegas has been with Emerald Companies for nine years and came to Lincoln County from a Haskell,

Texas, facility where he managed up to 150 employees.

"I was actually surprised to get the position here," Villegas said. "But I am very happy to be back."

Villegas said there would be no change in day-to-day operations of facility located on the west perimeter of Carrizozo.

"Security will remain a No. 1 priority," said Villegas. "I believe in the three-S approach to management of a correctional facility - safety, security and sanity. And we will continue to make it clear that this is our house, and it is not run by the inmates."

Currently LCDC has 116 inmates housed and 38 employees on staff. "We are fully staffed to our last year's budget allowances," Villegas said.

"But I have put in a request for four additional staff members."

Villegas said he pro-

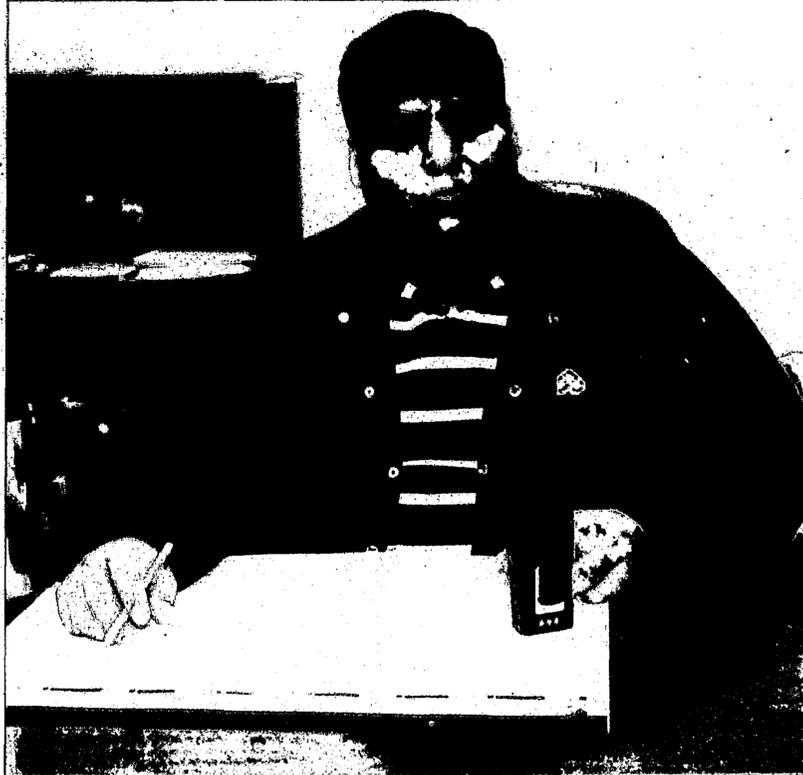
motes a total effort of teamwork among employees, a united effort. "We are family," he said. "We take care of each other, watch each other's backs."

Villegas is joined at the facility by his domestic partner, Martha Nava. Nava comes with eight years experience in corrections and is working at the facility in the areas of training and compliance.

Nava is also a CPR-AED instructor. The couple resides in Ruidoso and makes the daily commute to Carrizozo.

As was Franklin's policy, Villegas says he also has an "open door" policy for employees as well as members of the community to approach him, talk to him, and bring their concerns and questions.

"I plan to become involved in the community as I get settled in," he said, "but I also encourage people to come talk to me if they wish to."



JULIE CARTER/RUIDOSO NEWS

Marcello Villegas is the new warden at the Lincoln County Detention Center.

# Public safety department to focus on aggressive and distracted drivers

The Department of Public Safety Motor Transportation Police will conduct statewide special operations focusing on

aggressive and distracted driving during a nationwide joint effort to improve highway safety.

The on-the-road opera-

tions will involve both marked and unmarked police vehicles

In October 2008, during a similar operation, MTPD

issued 266 citations for speeding, following too close and other moving violations.

When commercial vehi-

cles and passenger cars collide, the result is a deadly and costly mix of injuries, property damage, and death.

In an effort to reduce crashes involving trucks, buses and passenger vehicles, the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, Motor Transportation Police Division, in partnership with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, is working to educate all drivers on the toll their behavior takes on society.

The message is, "Cutting it close can cut your life short."

Operation Safe Driver is a national awareness and enforcement campaign that targets improving both commercial and non-commercial driver behavior and performance through effective enforcement, education and awareness strategies.

The program runs through Saturday across North America and is supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Governors Highway Safety Association, American Trucking Associations, United Motorcoach Association, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, and the National District Attorneys Association, among others.

In addition to Commercial Motor Vehicle safety enforcement, MTPD officers are focusing on aggressive and distracted driving by car drivers around large trucks and buses.

In addition, the campaign is launching a public service announcement to educate all drivers about the risks of driving aggressively.

The public service announcement can be viewed on the Web site [www.operationsafedriver.com](http://www.operationsafedriver.com).

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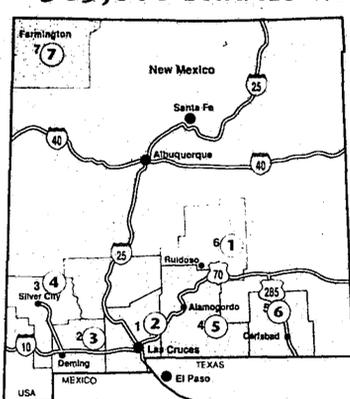
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Homefinder Real Estate Press advertisement featuring property listings and contact information for James Russ.

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Legal Notices 152. #8822 3T (10)9,16,23 RESOLUTION NO. 2009/2010-2 ELECTION NOTICE WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of Alpine Village Sanitation District...

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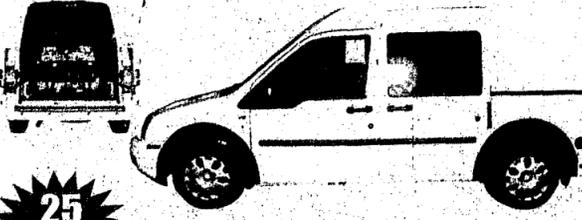
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Ski Apache kicks off its 2009/10 season with a mountain-top bash this Saturday, Oct. 24.

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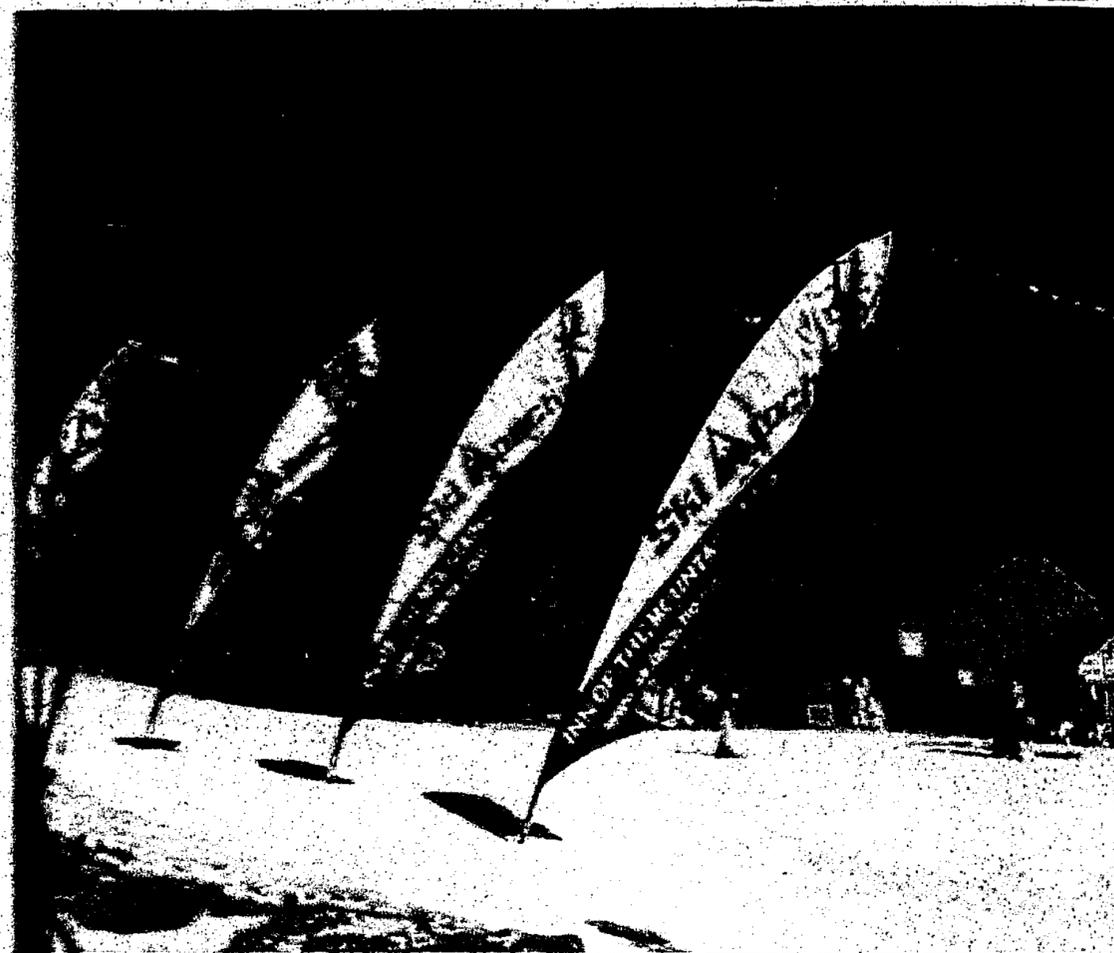
Weather permitting, there will also be a rock climbing wall and hot air balloon rides.

Special kids activities include a big jump, face painting, balloon animals and hats. Even a visit from

Smoky Bear is expected.

There will be drawings for prizes, free T-shirts while supplies last and season pass promotions. Local vendors booths will also be on display.

For more information, call Ski Apache at 575-464-3601.



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to show up to begin having a good time.

Beginning Thanksgiving Day, skiers and boarders are invited to hit the slopes for the 2009-2010 season. Vacation packages are available now online at [www.SkiApache.com](http://www.SkiApache.com).

The mountain is open daily from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lift tickets are \$51 adults, \$45 seniors (60 years and older), \$41 military personnel, \$43 ages 13-17 years and \$32 children under 13. Group ticket discounts are also available.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Art exhibit**

**Through November:** (Ruidoso) The Art of the Raven by Tony Hoffman at Josie's Framery. 575-257-4156.

**Flickinger Center**

**October 17- 24:** (Alamogordo) *Nonsense*, the hit musical comedy opens Fri., Oct. 17. Box office opens at 6 p.m. with show at 7:30 p.m. Runs through Oct. 24. \$10. For info, call 575-437-2202.

**New Dog Park**

**October 24:** (Ruidoso) Grand opening of Village of Ruidoso Dog park. 10 a.m. White Mountain Sports Complex.

**Nob Hill Family Fun Fest**

**October 24:** (Ruidoso)

Hayrides, games, food booths, pumpkin carving contest. Sat., Oct. 24, 3 - 6 p.m. Ruidoso Convention Center, 575-257-9041.

**Party on the Mountain**

**October 24:** (Alto) Music, hot air balloon rides, archery, long-drive competition, food, and more. 575-464-3600.

**Pow Wow & Arts & Crafts Show**

**October 24:** (Mescalero) 3rd annual arts and crafts show and celebration of Native American culture. IMG Resort & Casino. Free. 888-220-7363 or [www.InnoftheMountainGods.com](http://www.InnoftheMountainGods.com).

**HAFB Open House**

**October 24:** (Alamogordo) Holloman

Air Force Base Open House, Sat., Oct. 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. "Raptors and Reapers over the Southwest" includes aerial demo of F-22A, T-38 Talon, MQ-9 Reaper, and C-17 Globemaster III; static aircraft display includes the German Tornado, MQ-1 Predator, F-15 Eagle and F-4 Phantom II. 575-572-5406.

**Empty Bowls Event**

**October 25:** (Ruidoso) ENMU, 4 - 6 p.m. Benefits The Nest. Music and silent auction. \$15. 378-6378.

**Otero Exposed!**

**October 25:** (Tularosa) A juried photography show Oct. 25 - Nov. 29. Reception and awards presentation Oct. 25, 5 - 8 p.m. Free, open to the public. 1201 St. Francis Dr., 575-

585-5470. [www.studio54at70.com](http://www.studio54at70.com)

**Artist Reception**

**October 27:** (Alamogordo) Flickinger Center for Performing Arts reception for artist Carol Powell, Tues., Oct. 27, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Artist's work on display through Nov. 13. 575-437-2202.

**Artist of the Month**

**Through October 31:** (Alamogordo) First National Bank's "Artist of the Month" exhibit of the works of Thea Gaudette.

**Granado Street Pet Parade & Costume Competition**

**October 31:** (Tularosa) Halloween, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Compete for prizes. Food & pet-related vendors. Call for application 575-585-5470 or visit [Studio54@70](mailto:Studio54@70), 1201 St. Francis Drive.

**Smokey Bear Mountain Challenge**

**October 31:** (Ruidoso) 8-mile mountain running race at Bonito Lake to benefit Ruidoso Trail Fund. Adult run, kid's race, costume contest, raffle. To register, call 575-257-0184.

**The Wedding Singer**

**November 5:** (Alto) 8 p.m., at Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. A zesty musical comedy, set in the 1980s about New Jersey's favorite wedding singer who's good at his job because he's in love with love - until he's jilted at the altar by his own fiancé. Featuring an original musical score, it stars 20 singers, actors, dancers and an orchestra of 10. \$69 & \$66, call 336-4800.

**River Rendezvous Outdoor Fair**

**November 7, 8:** (Ruidoso) Arts, crafts, food, music. 10 a.m. Free admission. 524 Sudderth Dr. 505-990-3550.

**Fall Fashions with an Affordable Flair**

**November 11:** (Ruidoso) Luncheon, style show and concert at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theater. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$15. For prepaid reservations call Glenda at 258-2588, Sara at 258-1416 or email [glendalindy@hotmail.com](mailto:glendalindy@hotmail.com). This event is sponsored by The LOCK Women's Group.

**The Diary of Anne Frank**

**November 13, 14, 20, 21:** (Alamogordo) 7:30 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 22 matinee at 2 p.m. Rohovec Fine Arts Center on the NMSU-A campus. Call 575-439-3670.

**The Red Feather Theatre Company**

**November 6 - 14:** (Ruidoso) Ruidoso High School's Theatre Club presents William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Nights Dream*, Fri. and Sat., 7 p.m. Nov. 6, 7, 13, 14 at The Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center, 125 Warrior Dr. \$10. 575-258-4910 Ext. 239.

**Bjorn Again**

**November 14:** (Alto) 8 p.m., Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. The most popular ABBA tribute in the world. \$59 & \$56, call 336-4800.

**Burro Serenade Auction**

**November 21:** (Carrizozo) Preview at 5 p.m., free burrito dinner at 6 p.m., live auction at 7

p.m. Located at Nike Dance Hall, Hwy. 380 (1/2 mile west of 380/54.) To preview this year's burro collection, visit Gallery 408, 12th Street, Carrizozo, or visit [www.gallery408.com](http://www.gallery408.com). 575-648-2598.

**Lord of the Dance**

**November 23:** (Alto) 8 p.m., Spencer Theater of the Performing Arts. Michael Flatley's world-famous Celtic dance sensation starring a cast of 40 dancers and musicians whose passions ignite in a love story of dramatic leaps and turns against a backdrop of exhilarating Celtic rhythms. \$79 & \$76, call 336-4800.

**Ronnie Kole Trio**

**December 4:** (Alto) 8 p.m., Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Famed New Orleans jazz pianist Ronnie Kole & his Trio perform Kole-styled Christmas classics and traditional jazz standards. \$49 & \$46, 336-4800.

**5th Annual Cowboy Ball**

**December 12:** (Ruidoso) The Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse annual fundraising event. Features Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys at Mountain Annie's Dinner Theatre. 7 - 11 p.m. Tickets \$55 at Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, Wagon Wheel Gifts or Mountain Annie's. 575-247-7982 or 575-354-0115.

**The Nutcracker**

**December 19:** (Alto) 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Ruidoso Dance Ensemble's adaptation of Tchaikovsky's Christmas classic featuring student & professional dancers. \$28, call 336-4800.



## EVENTS CALENDAR

**ON STAGE***Live music in the clubs this weekend***FRIDAY**

**Cree Meadows Country Club** (301 Country Club Dr.; 257-CREE): Terry Bullard/country; 7 p.m. to close.

**Landlocked Grill** (441 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9559): Blake Martin

**Mountain Annie's** (2710 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-7982): Riversong Ramblers, 8 p.m.

**Texas Club** (212 Metz Dr., Ruidoso; 258-3325): Scooter Jones  
**Wendell's Lounge** (Mescalero, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Doug Fuqua; 5-11 p.m.

**Wendell's Restaurant** (Mescalero, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Mike Sunjka; 5 - 10 p.m.

**Win, Place & Show** (2516 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9982): The Mixx; 8:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

**Casa Blanca** (501 Mechem, Ruidoso; 257-2495): Los Mustangs; 7 p.m.

**Landlocked Grill**: (441 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9559): Thomás Vigil; 6 - 9 p.m.

**Laughing Sheep Farm**: (Hwy. 80, Lincoln; 653-4041): Mark Remington & Sally Canning; 12 - 3:00 p.m.

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**SUNDAY**

**The Quarters**: (2535 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9535): Blues & BBQ, Mark Paxton Band; 3 - 7 p.m.

**Win, Place & Show**: (2516 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9982): The Mixx; 7:30 p.m.

**Bowl of hope**

A Ruidoso community fundraiser to benefit the Nest domestic violence shelter will be held at the campus of ENMU, Sunday, Oct. 25, 4 - 7 p.m.

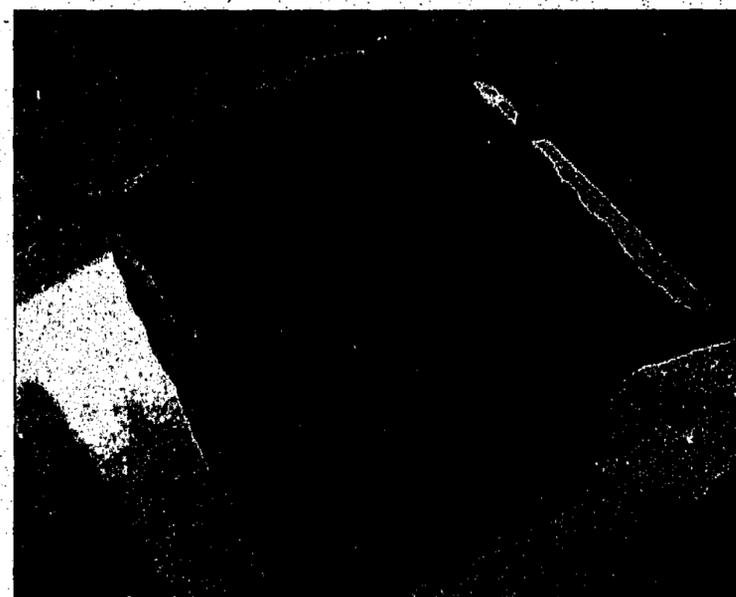
The Empty Bowl event features 400 handmade ceramic and pottery bowls each created by ENMU ceramic students, commu-

Tickets will be available at the door, or in advance at the following locations - ENMU Bookstore, Josie's Framery, Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce, The Nest Domestic Violence Shelter, Southwest Securities and Oso Gallery in Capitan.

The Empty Bowl event

is a joint project of the ENMU Ceramics Department and the Hospitality & Tourism Department.

The Nest Domestic Violence Shelter is operated by Help End Abuse for Life (HEAL) at 512 E. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs. All services are free and confidential. For more information call 575-378-6378.



*Bowl of hope (above) was created by a resident of the Nest Domestic Violence Shelter.*

nity volunteers, the Nest board of directors and staff, and the women and children who live at the Nest.

For a \$15 donation, participants will be able to choose a handmade ceramic or pottery bowl, along with a meal consisting of several varieties of soups, breads, desserts and a drink.

Thomas Radcliffe, an accomplished finger-style guitarist, singer and songwriter, will be playing music from his recent CD, "I Believe in Love," which will be available for purchase. Proceeds from CD sales will be donated to the shelter. There will also be a silent auction of local artists' pottery.

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## Help & Healing

**A Course in Miracles Study Group:** Each Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

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

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

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous Women's open meeting:** 6:30 p.m. every Monday, 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, 2nd fl.

**Bereavement or Grief Support:** For the community. Call Ruidoso Home Care & Hospice Foundation. Info: 258-0028. **Sex Addicts Anonymous:** 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall meeting room, 121 Mescalero Trail. Info: 653-4937.

**Co-Dependents Anonymous:** 6:30 p.m. Mondays at Holy Mount Episcopal Church, Ruidoso. Info: 808-2959.

**Gamblers Anonymous:** Meets at 7:15 p.m., Thursdays at the Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Dr. For more information, contact Mike at 575-682-6200.

**H.E.A.L. (Help End Abuse for Life):** Domestic violence shelter and hotline: 1-866-378-6378.

**Meditation Practice:** First Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Mountain High Recovery Group of Narcotics Anonymous:** Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 7 p.m. at Ruidoso Downs First Baptist Church, 361 Highway 70 East.

**Open Circle:** Each Sunday, 9:30 a.m. at High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Parenting Classes:** Counseling Center Prevention Program facilitates all parents seeking to enhance parenting skills, resolve issues and prevent substance use. Families with children ages 5-17 years of age that complete all requirements of the class qualify for a \$150 stipend. Qualifications and info: Brenda Motley-Lopez or Salli Mason at 257-0520.

**Parents of Addicted Children:** New Name Ministry offers help for parents of addicted children. For appointment, phone 802-0263 in Ruidoso and leave a message. Payment of free-will offering appreciated.

**Prepared Childbirth Classes:** Meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Lincoln County Medical Center's conference room. Six classes per session with qualified, certified in-

structors; Info: 257-7381 (ask for OB dept.).

**Science of Mind Study Group:** Each second and fourth Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-noon; High Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Shamanic Journeys:** Third Wednesday of each month; 7 p.m. at high Mesa Healing Center, 336-7777.

**Stretch & Tone Class:** For men and women of all ages, 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center, 501 Sudderth; Emese, 258-0003, or Terry Franklin, 257-4565.

**Temple Builders Weight Loss Support Group:** Thursdays at 6-6:30 p.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 Hwys. 48 and 37; 336-9161.

**Art Connection:** Last Wednesday of each month. Innsbruck Club House. Info: Pat, 258-3602.

**Carrizozo Women's Club:** Second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse at 11th and D Avenue; Info: Tona Macken, 354-0769.

**Duplicate Bridge Club:** 1 p.m. every Thursday, Saturday and Tuesday, plus a 299ers game 1 p.m. Mondays; Ruidoso Senior Center; Info: 257-7411 or 257-6188.

**Insighters Book Club:** 6:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month at Insight Books, 1860 Sudderth; No charge and all are welcome; Info: 257-4625.

**Lincoln County Bird Club:** Monthly field trips are scheduled at various times. Info: 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: Joyce, 258-4663, or Elena, 258-3724.

**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.

**Lincoln County Writers Association:** 7 p.m. first and third Tuesday of each month at RRCA, 1712 Sudderth Dr.

**Mountaintop Turners:** Woodturning club, 10 a.m. every third Saturday at the woodshop of Steve and Madeleine Sabo. Info: 354-0201.

**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: 258-3598.

**Ruidoso Mommies Group:** Want to

meet other moms? Come join the Ruidoso Mommies group at 5:45 p.m., Tuesdays, at Community United Methodist Church, 220 Junction Rd. (no religious affiliation); Come alone or bring the kiddos. Info: Natasha at 640-7076, or Alice at 258-3331.

**Ruidoso Ridge Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club:** Meets first Wed of each month at K-BOB's. Dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7. Info: 336-2714 or 378-4853.

## Education

**ESL classes:** English as a Second Language classes sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Thu, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.; Mon, Tue, Thu, 6-8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church; Spanish language GED Mon, 6-8 p.m. at Nob Hill Portable G on El Paso Rd.

**First Friday Adult Lecture Series:** Monthly, Capitan Public Library, free. Info: 354-3035.

**GED classes:** Sponsored by ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education; Mon-Fri, 9-11 and Mon-Tues, 5:30-7:30, at NM Workforce Connection in Compass Bank Bldg., 707 Mechem.

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

## Veterans

**American Legion Robert J. Hagee Post 79:** 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70; Ruidoso Downs; 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.

**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

**Altrusa Club:** 5:30 p.m. every first Tuesday for program; noon every third Tuesday for lunch. Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, 121 Mescalero Trail; 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: 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.

**Friends of Capitan Library:** Call for volunteers for Not 2 Shabby Thrift Shop. Info: Raylene, 354-3046 or library, 354-3035.

**Humane Society of Lincoln County:** Shelter on Gavilan Canyon Road open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat 11-2; ReSale Shop at the 'Y' open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon-Sat; Info: 378-1040.

**Kiwanis:** Tuesdays at noon at K-BOB's; Rutalee, 258-1431.

**Laughing Eyes Kennels:** 501(c)(3) nonprofit breeder and trainer of Service Dogs in Nogal seeks volunteers to assist with dog handling & puppy socialization, bookkeeping, fundraising and kennel upkeep/management. Info: www.lekennels.org 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. Info: 257-5938 or 258-9218.

**PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Chapter AR:** Meeting every second and fourth Tuesdays. Info: Jennie Powell, 258-3896.

**Rotary International, Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Club:** 11:45 a.m. every Tuesday at Cree Meadows Country

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Club. 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, visit www.whitemountainsar.org or phone 866-596-8382.

Political

**Democratic Party of Lincoln County:** Monthly meetings 6 p.m. first Thursday of each month except Jan., July and Sept. Info: 973-7505, or Maria, 937-8394.

**Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County:** Regular meetings. For information, call 653-4379.

**Republican Party of Lincoln County:** Meetings at Cree Meadows Country Club; info, 336-7038.

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 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.

**Special Olympics NM - Otero:** Sports training and competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities; track and field practice at 9 a.m. at NMSBVI in Alamogordo. Info: Anthony Bradway, 575-430-8902 or Sally Bradway at 479-2958.

Veterans / Military

**Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1257:** Open meeting/lunch on 11:30 a.m. 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 Post 108:** Meets second Tuesday at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, Ed\_wishbone@hotmail.com.

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108:** Meets second Tuesday of month at 6:15 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All spouses, daughters, sisters, mothers or granddaughters of active and former military personnel are encouraged to attend. Info: Elaine Chestnut, 446-8331, mechestnut@msn.com, or Ed Summerall, 430-4322.

**Disabled American Veterans, Chap. 14:** Meet first Monday of month at 821 Alaska, 6 p.m. Info: 434-8976.

**New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8:** Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

**Sons of the American Legion Squadron 108:** Meets third Monday of month at 7 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All sons, grandsons of active and former military personnel are encouraged to attend. Information: Brian Koutrous, 717-202-9810 or Milton Chestnut, 446-9045.

**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 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.

**Cellac 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 painted-ladies64@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.

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

**Humane Society of Otero County:** Meets 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 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. 443-0845.

**Search and Rescue:** Meets every second and fourth Thursday at the National Guard Armory, 1600 S. Florida Ave. Leroy Lewis, 430-2987 or Dan Josetosky, 437-4813.

**St. John's Community Kitchen:** Free meals 5-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 437-3891.

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

**Zia Thrift Store:** Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 816 E. Ninth St., 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:** Meets first-Tuesday at a local restaurant at 5:30 p.m., with 6 p.m. meeting

start. Call 437-8590 for location.

**Mountain Democrats:** Meet second Wednesday at Big Daddy's Restaurant on U.S. 82, Cloudcroft, at noon. Info: Ellen Wedum, 682-2464 or email dotellen@gmail.com.

**Republican Party of Otero County:** Fourth Thursday meeting each month. Info: Sassy Tinling, 443-1195.

**Tularosa Democrats:** Meet at Coffee & More, 308 Granado, 5 p.m. sharp second Thursday of each month. Info: Charles Murrell at 585-8153.

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:** 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.

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## ART MATTERS

## Michelle Romero

Michelle Romero is a self-taught native New Mexico multi-media artist who resides in Lincoln County.

President of Double R Bar Studio in Ruidoso Downs, her body of work consists of digital paintings, as well as pen and ink drawings, graphic designs, decorative pieces and fine beaded jewelry. Romero can be found on exhibit at most area shows.

Romero's subjects span a variety of interests that offer something for every

taste. Her current works are rendered in black-and-white and are titled Angel Portraits, De-vine Equine, Just Wild, Of the Moon, The Great West, The Tundra, and New Mexico Style. Romero also offers a full color series titled Landscapes in Color.

Not to be limited only to canvas, Romero's talents span into the use of natural materials such as hand-cast paper, feathers, willow sticks and even rocks. One-of-a-kind beaded jewelry rounds out Romero's

expansive offering.

For more information on Michelle Romero and her art, contact her directly at 505-990-1102, or through the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts, 1712 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. 575-257-7272.

*Romero's black-and-white work consists of several collections. Shown here are Baby (right), When There Were No Fences (below), and Wolfmoon (below right).*

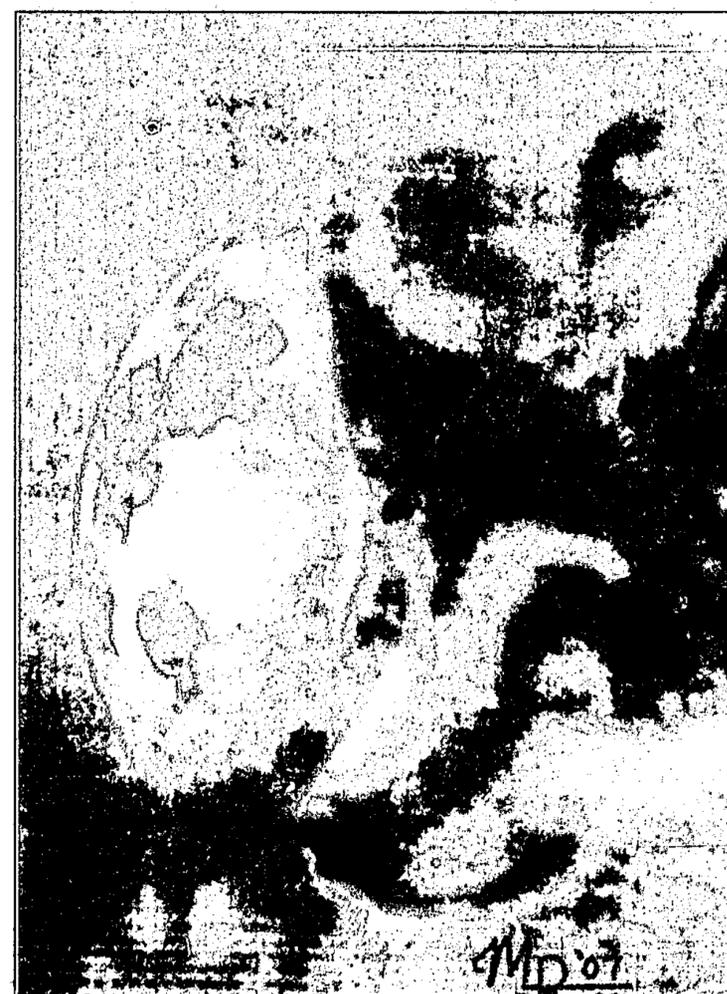


## Art Matters

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ART

# Thea Gaudette

Thea Gaudette attributes her love of nature to her father and her love of art to her mother. Through them she learned to appreciate the beauty of the world around her and a desire to share it with others.

When she was young she sketched, but as she grew older she was too busy raising her family, earning a master's degree in nursing and developing a career to pursue her love of art. It wasn't until years later when she found herself in a wheelchair for several months that she started painting. Self-taught, painting was a rebirth for her. That summer, she discovered that she was capable of doing far more than she had ever thought possible.

Gaudette grew up and raised her family near the beautiful, rugged coast of New England, spending time hiking and lama trekking in the forests of Maine and New Hampshire. From there, she moved to Costa Rica, where she owned and operated Casa Rio Blanco B & B and Rainforest Reserve. The stunning scenery and abundance of exotic animals and plants only deepened her love of nature and desire to share it with others.

Now, she and her husband have settled in New Mexico with its amazing sunsets and intriguing desert beauty. They consider themselves fortunate to live in and operate Thea's studio in the 100-plus year-

old Russia Canyon train depot near Cloudcroft.

Watercolors have always been her favorite medium, but it wasn't until she started pouring and manipulating many layers of watercolor paint that Gaudette knew she had found her niche. The images she creates are intended to reflect and express feelings. Pastels, however, are her favorite medium for plein-air.

As a member of the Cloudcroft Art Society, Gaudette has shown her work in the Art Society's Gallery, the Lodge at Cloudcroft and at Studio 54@70 in Tularosa.



## Artist's Statement

My watercolors are an expression of my love of nature in its kaleidoscope of colors, textures, and forms. From the beautiful coasts of New England where I grew up, to the rainforests of Costa Rica where I lived many years, and now the New Mexican desert where I reside, you will find them all represented in my work. Though far from traditional, I hope that my work will transport you to a feeling of vibrancy, abundance, and joy.

Thea Gaudette can be contacted directly at 575-437-5668 or email rrsdtgtg@aol.com

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"El Gringo's" style has been described as "upbeat, danceable Norteño with a touch of country." While specializing in Spanish music, his versatile band can also mix in country, rock and even hip-hop into his shows, depending on the venue.

La Catrina (String) Quartet from Mexico brings a distinctly new salsa flavor to the genre, spotlighting rhythmic dance-dominated music we're more used to hearing from Mariachi or Ballet Folklorico. Given several encores, the audience might well have leapt up and begun whipping through heel-flashing zapateados in the aisles.

The La Catrina Quarter surely must be counted among the most promising young string quarters today. Every note the La Catrina plays is infused with energy, every gesture has a purpose and every phrase is meaningful. Their attention to detail and their dedication to classical music is a breath of fresh air.

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COVER STORY

# Color with Corey

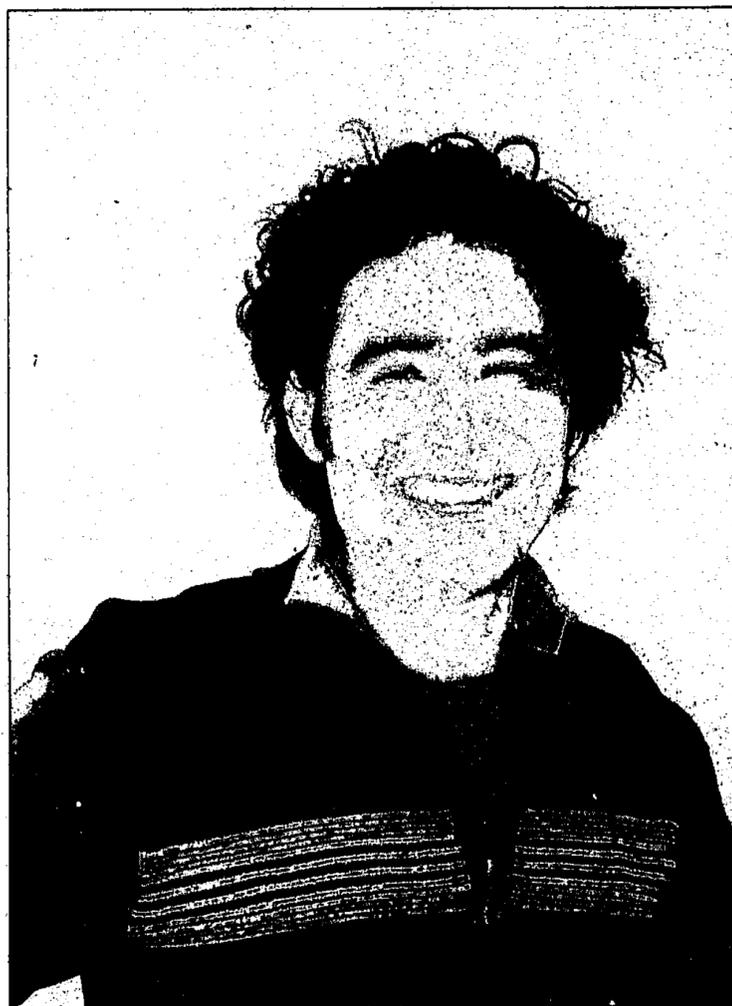
BY JULIE CARTER  
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

When you spend some time page turning through photographs by Corey Walker, you will find yourself enchanted by his moments of captured light and bright colors. Quickly you will realize Corey sees the world beyond first glance.

"I like to take pictures of worn down places and things," he said. "I like to try and show that there is always light in the darkness. If one is willing to look close enough, a startling aesthetic is present even when we humans seemingly give no effort to be mindful. What that speaks to, I suppose, is up to the mind of the viewer. But for me personally, it demonstrates that often times, what seems to be the most forgotten is where God can be found speaking the loudest."

The Albuquerque native met his wife, Karen Lopez-Walker, while both were attending the University of New Mexico. From there they went to grad school at Eastern New Mexico University - Portales, and now both are speech therapists contracted to Region IX. Corey works primarily in the Capitan and Corona schools while Karen is at the Mescalero Schools. They have two children, Katrina, 15, and Jude, 4.

The frequent trip home to the Nogal area from Corona offers Corey a



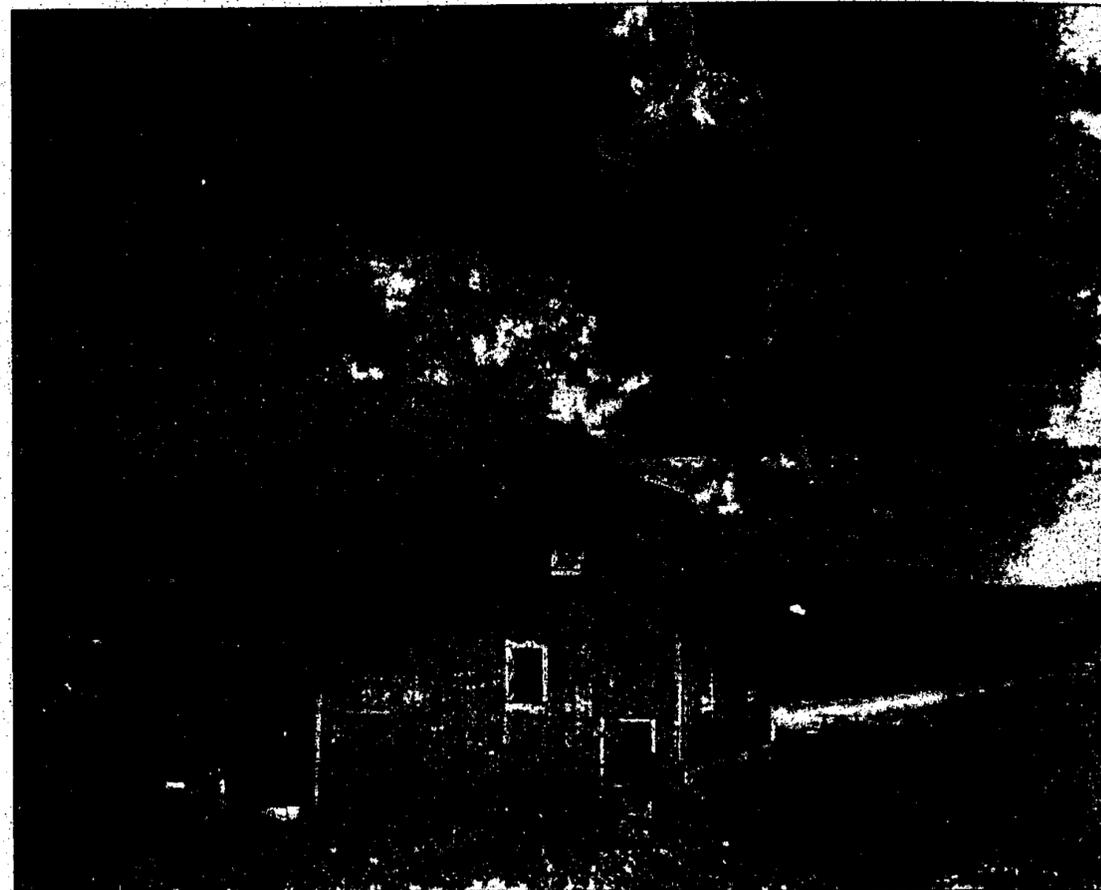
palette of photographic opportunity at just the right time of day for the right light. While he has photographed hundreds of spots around the county, he finds himself drawn to the color, angles, shades and mysteries of Carrizozo's aged edges.

Corey uses a process called HDR (High Dynamic Range) to enhance his photos. HDR images enable photographers to record a greater range of tonal detail than a given camera could capture in a single photo. Done with computer software, it melds different exposures of a shot and opens up a whole new set of lighting possibilities. The results are stunning.

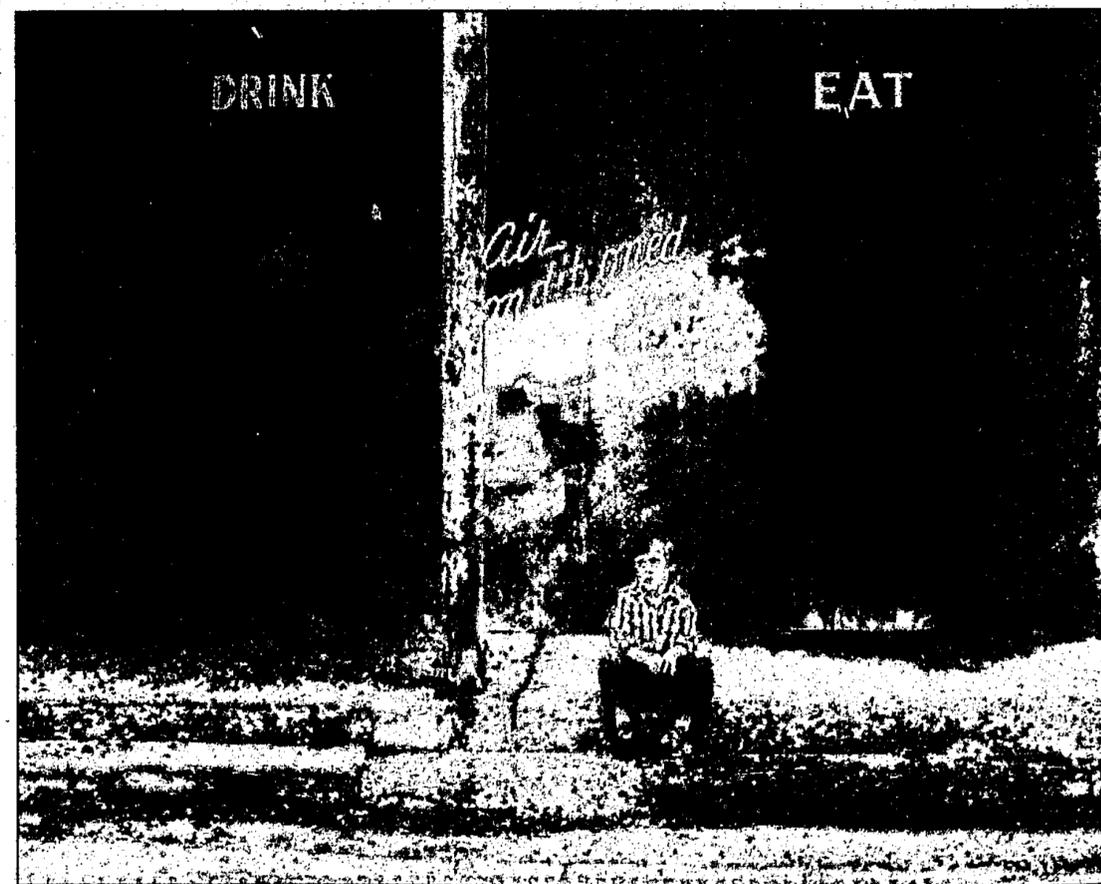
Drawn to windows, doorways and passageways, Corey gives the viewer a glance of something beyond a portal that he has selected to frame his subject. He is also taken by old abandoned vehicles and the drama Mother Nature offers when the storms build and cross the landscape.

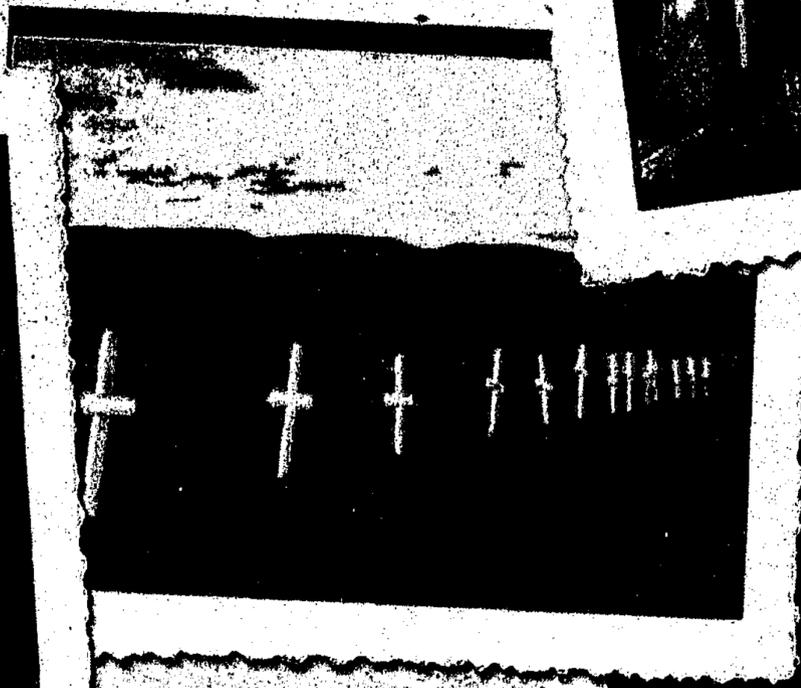
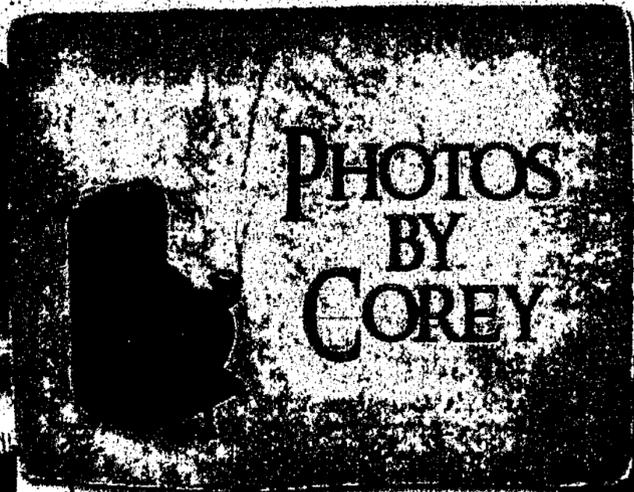
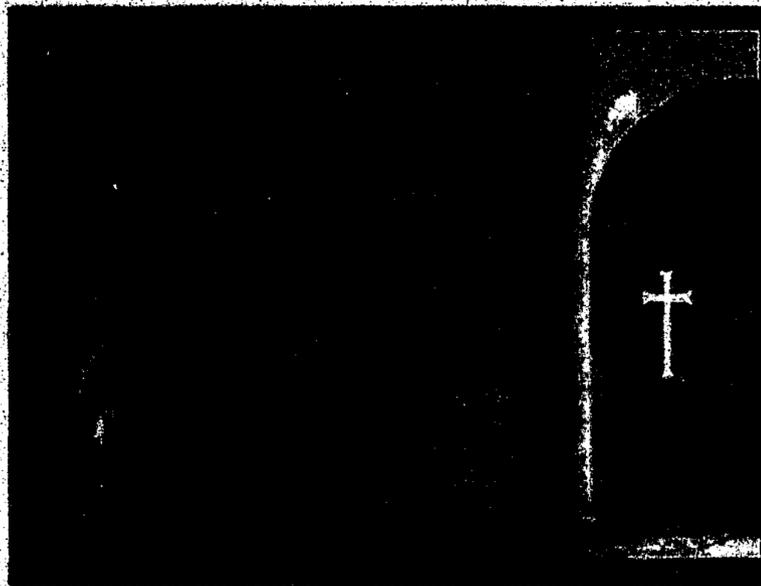
Corey's photos are for sale in a variety of sizes, including larger ones printed on canvass. A selection of his work can be viewed at [www.synapsestudio.net/](http://www.synapsestudio.net/).

He has also put together a book of his Carrizozo photos called *A Land Called Zozo*. A full preview and ordering information is available on the Web site as well.



Corey Walker (left) uses a special technique to create impressionable photographs. From landscapes (above) to images featuring his son, Josh (below), Corey's work is stimulating and memorable.





## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

# Ironclad ghosts rise from the sea!

## Crinolines and Confederate gray, Part three

A violent winter storm crashed waves over the odd-looking little boat.

Despite heroic efforts by her captain and crew, she took on too much water and began sinking. At 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 31, 1862, she went down, taking 12 crew and four officers with her. For a century and a half, she lay on the sea floor in a place nicknamed "Graveyard of the Atlantic." Then, she arose, a rusted ghost of her former glory.

### Follow me to the graveyard of the Atlantic

It was the battle that changed naval warfare forever, a battle that ended with each side claiming victory.

Next week is Hallo-

### Follow Me!

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ween, a time when spirits rise from their graves. For a different haunted visit, we seek the ghosts of one of the most significant battles of the American Civil War, the Battle of Hampton Roads – the battle of the ironclads.

As the great-granddaughter of a Tennessee veteran of the American Civil War, I'm captivated by the ante-bellum South and the War. My adventures at Fort Sumter, The Citadel and historic Charleston ("Crinolines and Confederate Gray, parts one and two," April 2009) had indeed brought me closer to the spirit of my Southern ancestors but had also left me curious for more.

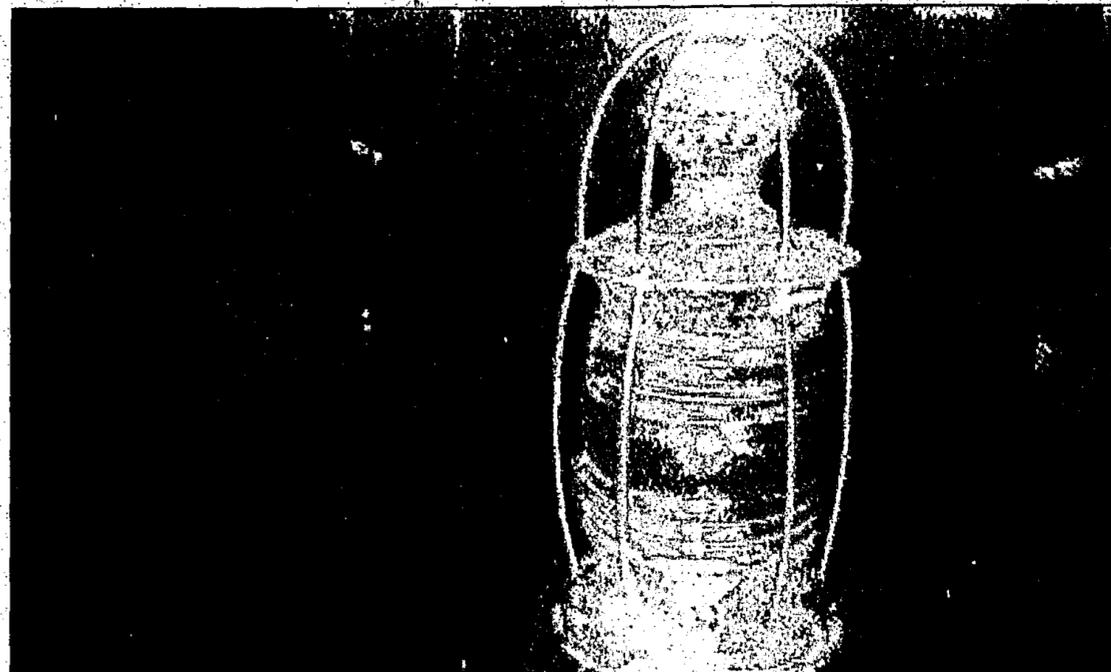
The Civil War saw the

first naval battle between ironclad warships. What happened to the *Monitor* and *Merrimack*? At The Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia, I found out. Here in this prominent shipbuilding port of early U.S. history, the remains of the sole surviving ironclad warship the *USS Monitor* repose in electrolytic baths, carefully conserved and studied. How did the *Monitor* arrive here? Why did it take nearly 150 years? And where is *Merrimack*?

### 1861 arms race

The Confederate South knew the Union North sailed only wooden ships, so, borrowing an idea from 16th century Korean copper-clad "turtle boats," Confederate shipbuilders retro-fitted a wooden steam frigate named the *USS Merrimack* with sloping iron sides and heavy guns. She was re-christened *CSS Virginia*. When the North learned of this offensive maneuver, they designed and built a new ironclad ship with a low deck and rotating gun turret. Her name was *USS Monitor*, but she was nicknamed "Cheese box."

The two ships met in battle March 8-9, 1862, in the waters of Hampton Roads, a James River channel leading directly to Richmond, the Confed-



This small *Monitor* lantern from the *USS Monitor* is on display at The Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia. Photo by Yvonne Lanelli

erate capital. Virginia had already destroyed two Union warships and three transports before the *Monitor* arrived and opened fire.

Despite heavy shelling, neither ship sustained damage as shells merely bounced off the other's iron sides. The battle was a draw, but it proved that the days of wooden warships were over. *Virginia* and *Monitor* engaged in battle twice again, neither achieving victory. On May 11, 1862, with Union forces taking Fort Norfolk, Va., it was run aground and exploded with her own gunpowder, not to be taken by the enemy.

### Monitor goes to her grave

Ordered south after Christmas 1862, *Monitor* was being towed by the *USS Rhode Island* to Beaufort, North Carolina, when they encountered a violent storm off Cape Hatteras.

Twenty-foot waves swamped the low-decked *Monitor*, sinking her, 16 of her men and two from Rhode Island. She lay in 240 feet of water in the storm-tossed "Graveyard of the Atlantic" for more than a century, unknown and nearly forgotten. But in 1974, teams from Duke University announced they had located the wreck and would begin bringing her up. Little did they know it would take nearly 30 years to accomplish that feat.

The first artifact recovered was *Monitor's* red signal lamp in 1977; in 1983, her anchor. Her propeller and 11 feet of shaft emerged in 1998. It would take three more years to stabilize and recover her engine and famed rotating turret. All were immediately placed in electrolytic baths to remove rust and corrosion and prepare for restoration.

### Sailing with ghosts

The wooden deck creaks under your feet; in the heat of battle, gunpowder blasts and men's screams echo in the stupefying darkness of *Monitor's* narrow turret. Although *Monitor's* turret and engine are in a conservation area, The Mariners' Museum displays her anchor, signal light, cannon, propeller, and other artifacts, and has reconstructed life-size interactive displays.

Twelve-inch oak beams are bolted to an inner hull of five-inch pine beams and covered with five layers of inch-thick iron. We crawl through the narrow but revolutionary revolving turret, and re-live her battles in a multi-media theatre. For a few hours, we walk with ghosts from the romanticized era of crinolines and Confederate gray.

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## Alamogordo / Otero County

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**Sunset Run Restaurant** • 54 McDonald Rd. • Ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, smoked chicken and fish • Tue-Sat, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • Free WiFi • sunsetrunrestaurant.com or 434-9000.

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

## Cafés

**Airport Grille** • 3500 Airport Rd., Alamogordo • 439-1093 • Open Mon-Fri, 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • Specialty sandwiches.

**Amigos Bakery** • 1107 10th St., Alamogordo • 437-0592 • 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deli, daily special.

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

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

**Cloudcroft Deli** • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-5588 • Open 7 days, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Soups, sandwiches, pastries. • Carry-out only.

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

**Dave's Café** • 300 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2127 • 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.-9 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 • 682-2855.

**Jamocha 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.

**Java The Hut** • 506 St. Francis • Tularosa • 585-2003.

**Josey's Sweets** • 603 St. Francis Dr • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Open Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8 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 • Deli/bar open Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Store hours Mon-Tue and Thu-Sat 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Wed 8-6 • Organic foods.

**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.

**Weed Café** • Weed • 687-3611.

**Western Bar & Café** • 304 Burro St. • 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

**Applebee's Bar & Grill** • 1355 White Sands Blvd. • casual dining, friendly staff, full bar, carside to go • Open Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri-Sat until midnight. • 434-2616.

**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 Travel Center) • 585-3339 • Open 7 days a week, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • Steaks, seafood, pasta, burgers, sandwiches.

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

**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, dancing.

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

## Chinese / Asian

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

**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 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/ dine in • 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

## Fine Dining

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

**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

**Stella Vita Restaurant** • 902 New York Ave., Alamogordo • Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. • 575-434-4444.

## Mexican

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

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

**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 Street, 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.

**Tia Lupe's Authentic Mexican Restaurant** • 1200 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo • 437-0820 • Daily; 10 am-8 pm.

## 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

## Bar-B-Que

**Apache Tee** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd., Inn of the Mountain Gods next to pro shop • 464-7695

**Can't Stop Smokin'** • 418 Mechem • Bar-B-Que to go. Beef, poultry & pork. • Sun, Mon, Wed, Thu, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 630-0000

**Circle J Barbecue** • 1825 Sudderth • Sun-Thu, 11 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 11 a.m.-

9:00 p.m. • 257-4105

**Tom's Barbeque** • 435 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Spare ribs, brisket, pork, sausage, green chile burgers. • Dine in/carry out • Catering available. • Tues - Sat 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. • 937-1515

## Cafés

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

**Atticus Books & Teahouse** • 413 Mechem • 32 varieties of tea, coffees, homemade scones, fresh lemon curd and clotted cream • Mon - Sat, 10:30 - 6 p.m., Sun 1 - 5 p.m., closed Tue • Entertainment on Saturdays. Open stage third Thu 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. • 257-2665

**Café Z** • 103 Lincoln, Capitan • New Southwestern • Thu - Sat 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sun 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • 354-0977

**Calamity Jane's** • 500 W Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Mon - Thu 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Fri 7 a.m. - p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 354-8309

**Cornerstone Bakery Café** • 359 Sudderth • Gourmet sandwiches, desserts, fresh breads, coffee • 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. daily • 257-1842

**Dreamcatcher Café** • 2629 Sudderth • Tue - Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri - Sun 11 a.m.-11 p.m. • Live music Fri & Sat • 802-2222

**Hummingbird Tearoom** • 2306 Sudderth in The Plaza • Soup & sandwiches. • Mon - Sat, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 257-5100

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**Kiss The Sky Cafe** • 2111 Sudderth • Carry-out only; all menu items \$6.50 • Sandwiches, soups, salads and homemade bread •

**River's Edge** • 2404 Sudderth Mon-Sat, 10:30-5; Sun, 11:00-5; Custom-made sandwich wraps, freshly made desserts. • 630-5394

**Roy's Ice Cream Parlour** • 1200 Avenue E, Carrizozo • Ice cream sodas, milkshakes, malts, banana splits • Tue-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (closed 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.) • 648-2921

**Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House** • 2825 Sudderth • Sandwiches, quiches, organic coffee, espresso bar. • Mon-Sat, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. • 257-2273

**The Village Buttery** • 2107 Sudderth • Soups, sandwiches, salads; pies and cookies; patio. • Mon-Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. • 257-9251

**The Wild Herb Market** • 1715 Sudderth • Deli, organic and natural foods • Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • 257-0138

**Zocca Coffee & Tea** • 1129 Mechem Dr., Suite E • Authentic Italian espresso, coffee, teas, ice cream, fresh-baked pastries, paninis; complimentary Wi-Fi. • Sun, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mon-Thu, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; 258-1445.

### Casual Dining

**All American Diner** • 390 Sudderth Dr. • Mexican and American specialties • Daily, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-8625.

**Big Game Bar & Grill** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd.,

Inn of the Mountain Gods, Mescalero • 464-7880.

**Billy's Sports Bar & Grill** • at Ruidoso Downs Race Track & Casino • 378-4431.

**Cattle Baron** • 657 Sudderth • Steak, seafood, lounge • 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. • 257-9355

**Cree Meadows Restaurant & Bar** 301 Country Club • Breakfast all day. Friday night catfish buffet • Daily; 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 257-2733

**Denny's** • 2219 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Open 24/7 • 378-1389

**Elsie's Charbroiled Burgers** • Hwy. 54 at Hwy. 380 • Carrizozo • Burgers, enchiladas, salads, ice cream. • Tue-Sat 11a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11a.m.-3 p.m. • Patio seating. • 648-4200

**Farley's Food Fun & Pub** • 1200 Mechem • Burgers, pizza, pub fare, lounge, pool tables, patio. • 7 days, 11a.m.-11p.m. • 258-5676

**Four Winds Restaurant** • 111 Central Ave., Carrizozo • American variety, Mexican, freshly baked goods. • Daily, 6 a.m.-9 p.m. • 648-2964

**Gathering of Nations Buffet** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IIMG • 464-7872

**Global Grill** • 2919 Sudderth Dr. • entrees under \$10 • Mon-Sat, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 630-1037.

**Good to Go** • 1206 Mechem • Gourmet bakery, deli, catering, take-out • Mon-Fri, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. • 258-1294

**Hall of Flame** • 2500 Sudderth • Burgers, salads • Sun & Mon 11am - 2pm; Tues-Thu 11am-8pm; Fri & Sat 11am-3pm • 257-9987

**Horsemen's Grill** • 321 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tues - Sat 5 p.m. - 9 pm; Sun.brunch 10 am - 3 p.m. • 354-1447.

**K-BOB's** • 157 W. Hwy. 70 • Mon-Thu 11a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.-9 p.m. • 378-0025.

**Landlocked** • 441 Mechem 257-9559 • Mon-Sat, 11a-9p

**Lincoln County Grill** • 2717 Sudderth • Daily; 7 a.m.-9 p.m. • 257-7669

**Log Cabin** • 1074 Mechem • Wed-Mon; 7 a.m.-1:45 p.m. • 258-5029.

**Lucy & Ethel's** • 1009 Mechem • Gourmet deli & daily soup • 8 a.m.-5 p.m. • 630-1221.

**Outpost Bar & Grill** • 415 Central, Carrizozo • Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Sun 12n - 8 p.m. • 648-9994.

**Picnics Deli** • 127 Rio St. • Deli, dine-in, take-out, in-town delivery. • Mon - Sat, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. • 257-2200

**Schlotzsky's Deli** • 2812 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri, Sat 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. • 257-7811

**Shrimpy's Shrimp & Wing Shack** • 2501 Sudderth • Shrimp, fish & chips. • Thu-Sat, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sun & Mon, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. • Dine in or carry out • 257-8881.

**Smokey B's Grill** • 2584 Hwy. 70, Mescalero • Sun-Thu, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fri-Sat, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. • 464-7928.

**Smokey Bear Restaurant** • 310 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Daily; 6a.m.-8p.m. • 354-2557

**The Quarters** • 2535 Sudderth • Steaks, burgers, barbecue. • Mon - Sat 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.; Sun noon - 12a.m. • 257-9535.

**Windy City** • 115 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Specialty sandwiches, burgers, BBQ, bratwurst, homemade fries, homebaked cheesecake. • Tue - Fri 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sat 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 354-1395

### Fine Dining

**Ellis Store Country Inn** • Hwy. 380 MM 98, Lincoln • Gourmet dinners • Mon-Sat • By reservation only. • 800-653-6460

**Laughing Sheep Farm** • 1 mi west of Lincoln at MM96 • Locally grown produce & meats. • Wed - Sun 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. • Weekend entertainment. • 653-4041

**Texas Club Bar & Grill** • 212 Metz Dr. • Steak & seafood • 258-3325.

**Tinnie Silver Dollar** • 28 mi east of Ruidoso on Hwy. 70 in Tinnie • Steakhouse and saloon; Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Daily dinner 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun champagne brunch 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • 653-4425.

**Wendell's** • 287 Carrizo Canyon Rd. at IMG • Steaks, seafood, desserts • Daily, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. • 464-7842

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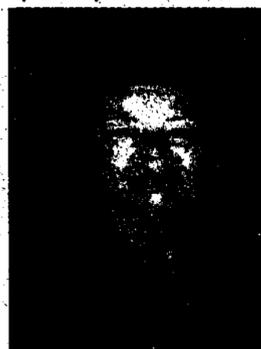
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## Polly's Potpourri

by Polly E. Chavez



**D**rumstick soup is something I "threw together."

Simply boil chicken drumsticks. After they are cooked add one 28-ounce can, including liquid, of cut Italian, flat green beans and one 10 ounce can of diced tomatoes.

Toss in roasted, peeled, chopped green chile, salt and garlic powder to suit your taste.

The mention of drumsticks reminds me that this Saturday, Oct. 24, a celebration of the North American Indian culture will occur. The steady rhythm of the drum sticks on large drums during the drumming contest is mesmerizing. There will be dance contests in various age categories - adult, teen and tiny tot.

It all happens at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino. The third annual Pow-Wow is sponsored by the Mescalero Apache Tribe and IMG. Vendors will offer North American Indian merchandise and music. I look forward to the Indian tacos piled high with shredded lettuce, frijoles, meat, red

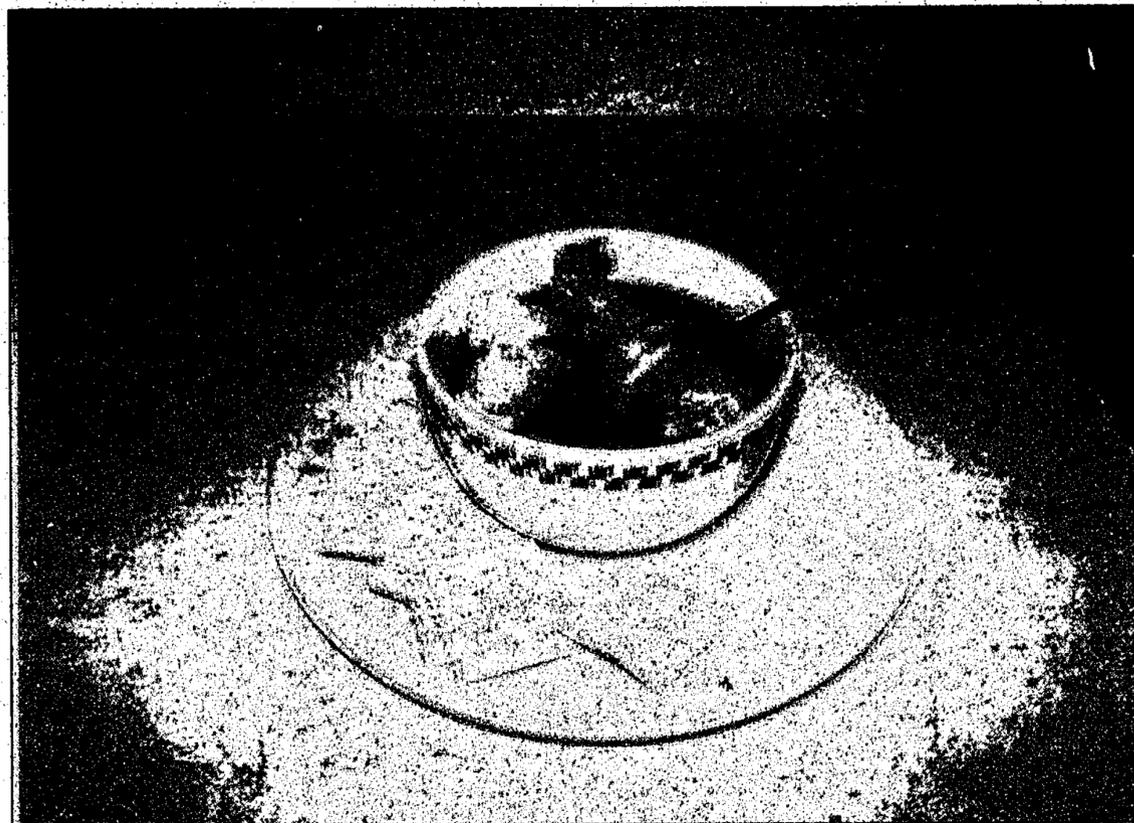
or green chile, chopped tomato and grated cheese.

Last year during the Pow-Wow I purchased a cookbook. Many Indian foods have a Hispanic look and taste. The Indian cookbook does not have Drumstick soup, which I invented, but it does have dried corn soup, made with blue and white corn removed from the cob. There is also pumpkin soup, squash soup and timsila soup (wild turnip). A vegetable soup is made with icicle radishes and dried meat.

Hominy soup is prepared with salt pork, onion, buttermilk and canned hominy. If real hominy is desired, corn kernels are boiled in a mixture of water and wood ashes

Madbear stew has rice, wild turnips and onions with dried beef, elk or venison - no bear. Indian people who lived close to nature used common plants in their recipes, such as cattail, crabgrass and dandelion.

# Drumstick Soup



## Loose Ends

Miscellaneous bits and pieces for solving this, that and the other. Compiled by Polly E. Chávez.

- Attach a decorative hook near the telephone to hang car and/or house keys. A second hook could hold the shed key.

- Use craft sticks and label with the names of family members. Choose at random a stick which will select who will do a particular chore.

- Apply cooking spray on your arms before painting the wall and ceiling to help in washing up.

- Keep a special bulletin board in the kitchen for school art projects. The "ice box" art can become a bit much, along with the magnets.







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## PAST TENSE

## Bass Outlaw

**H**e had been a member of one of the greatest law enforcement agencies to ever exist on the frontier, or anywhere else for that matter. But he was no longer with the Texas Rangers and was only in El Paso that fateful day to make a routine court appearance. His name was Bass (or Baz) Outlaw (his real name) and he was, for lack of a better description, a little man with a big chip on his shoulder.

Of course, to say that Bass' behavior that day in 1894 was triggered by his small stature would be a gross over-simplification. Life is unfair sometimes and while some men are given a chin that could sink the Titanic, others seem to have to make up for these striking Kirk Douglas-like chins with a complete lack of one. A chin, that is. Sadly, Bass also fit into this category.

In other words, if a man were to be judged by his appearance, Bass was in deep horse apples. None of which probably had anything to do with his behavior on the afternoon of April 5, 1894. But then again, it couldn't have helped, either.

### Beginnings

Born in 1855, Bass was reared in Arkansas, Tennessee and Georgia. At the

## Past Tense

by Drew Gomber  
Historian



age of 30, he reportedly killed a man in Georgia and lit out for Texas, something that the chronically naughty from up-and-down the East Coast were apt to do during that period.

He enlisted in the Rangers and was promoted in 1889 to corporal, and in 1892, sergeant. Ultimately, he was forced to resign after being found drunk on duty in Alpine, Texas. It sounds dry, but when one digs a little deeper, you can find that Bass participated in his share of exciting adventures with the Rangers. He was there when the outlaw Oden brothers unadvisedly pulled their pistols when Bass and other Rangers, including the legendary Captain John Hughes, ordered them to surrender. Both brothers were killed in the resulting shootout. But more than anything else, Bass is remembered for his last gunfight.

On April 5th, Bass' agenda apparently included getting drunk and rendezvousing with a certain young lady of less-than-upstanding reputation named "Ruby." He had been steadily pulling on his flask all the way into town, so the first part of his mission was nearly accomplished. As he strolled down Utah (now Mesa) street, Bass bumped into

two acquaintances, an English buffalo hunter named Frank Collinson and local lawman John Selman.

### Selman

John Selman had been a fixture, and a rather ugly one at that, on the frontier for decades. Back in the 1870s, he had been the right hand man of Shackelford County (Texas) Sheriff John Larn (or Laren). The sheriff proved to be so very unpopular with his constituents that a large group of them shot him to death in his own jail, a fate that Selman only narrowly avoided.

In 1879, Selman led a group of brigands, calling themselves "Selman's Scouts" through Lincoln County (New Mexico). They left a trail of rape, murder and destruction that was notable even for the recently ended Lincoln County War. He had a formidable reputation as a mankiller, but it was generally agreed that most of his victims were shot from behind. In fact, Selman is chiefly remembered today as the brave soul who shot John Wesley Hardin from that particular angle. But to be fair, on April 5, 1894, he acquitted himself — well, probably because he had no choice.

### April 5, 1894

Bass prevailed upon Collinson and Selman to accompany him to Tillie Howard's brothel, which was where the proverbial horse apples hit the fan.

When the trio entered, Selman and Collinson seated themselves in the parlor as Bass reverberated off the walls, wandering down the hall in search of a toilet.

No one has ever discovered exactly what happened in the back rooms of Tillie Howard's that day, but mere seconds after Outlaw had departed, a shot reverberated through the house. "Bass must have dropped his gun," said Selman, and he and Collinson laughed.

But their laughter was cut short when they heard a police whistle sounding from the back yard. In those days, the police supplied the bordellos with whistles with which to summon help. When Tillie's whistle sounded, Collinson wisely departed the premises, and Selman went in the direction of the sound.

At the same time, Texas Ranger Joe McKidric was passing by and heard the sound of a gunshot and then the whistle. McKidric was well acquainted with Bass, and as he leaped over the fence separating the yard from the street, he saw Outlaw struggling with Tillie Howard, apparently for possession of the whistle. Not expecting any trouble from Bass, McKidric simply asked, "Bass, why did you shoot?"

They were his last words. Outlaw turned and snarled, "Oh, you want some too?" Just as John Selman arrived on the scene, Outlaw took a step back from McKidric and

fired at point blank range. The bullet slammed into McKidric's head and killed him instantly. Bass fired again, but the first bullet had "done the work."

### Selman enters

Seeing this violent scene enacted before him, Selman drew his own revolver and leaped over the porch railing. Selman hit the ground and both men's guns roared at the same moment. Selman's bullet crashed into Outlaw's chest, just over his heart. Bass' bullet missed, but the two were so close that the spray of black powder temporarily blinded Selman.

Selman, trying desperately to see and howling from the pain, reeled about, pointing his weapon in all directions as Outlaw stumbled backward until he was able to prop himself up against an adobe wall. At that point, Bass' using both hands to raise his pistol, fired twice more with both bullets taking effect in Selman's right leg, one of them neatly severing an artery.

Using his upper body as ballast, Bass pitched himself over the wall, regained his footing and began staggering up Utah Street. Texas Ranger Frank McMahan, unaware of the circumstances, helped Outlaw into a saloon, where he died several hours later, "screaming in terror" in a whore's bed in the back of the place.

### Epilogue

The only survivor of the

Outlaw/McKidric/Selman gunfight was John Selman. Thanks to prompt medical attention, his severed artery was tied off and he survived. A little more than a year later, he would murder the deadliest gunfighter of all time, John Wesley Hardin, in circumstances that were questionable at best. About eight months after that, while still awaiting trial for the killing of Hardin, Selman himself was gunned down in an alley by still another lawman, George Scarborough.

Again, the circumstances were mysterious and few mourned Selman. As was noted at the time, his case was "transferred to a higher court."

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## ASTRONOMY

# Lord of the planets

## In Our Skies

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giant planets have no "surface"; instead the atmospheric pressure increases the deeper one might travel inside, until eventually this becomes so strong that anything we might send in would be completely crushed.

Jupiter and the other gaseous planets

were able to form because at those distances the heating from the young sun wasn't strong enough to drive away the gas (primarily hydrogen and helium) that accompanied the early solar system as it was forming. Most models that have been developed to explain the solar system's formation suggest that Jupiter formed quite rapidly, and once it did it dramatically affected much of the rest of the solar system's formation. Its intense gravitational field kept a planet from forming close to it – what we now call the "asteroids" are now believed to be a planet that never formed – and either swept up or ejected from the solar system most of the remaining objects that were busy forming and colliding with the other planets (including the early Earth). We still see this process going on today, as Jupiter routinely ejects comets from the solar system, and also occasionally undergoes impacts as it

sweeps these objects up, such as what happened 15 years ago with the impacts of Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 and with the object that struck it this past July.

Even binoculars will reveal that Jupiter is accompanied by four large moons (Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto). Collectively these four objects are known as the "Galilean" moons, as it was exactly 400 years ago that the Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei detected these with his primitive telescope – a finding which helped establish the fact that Earth was not the center of the solar system, as these objects clearly orbited around Jupiter. While the Galilean moons are certainly the largest of the bunch, numerous additional satellites of Jupiter have been discovered during the intervening centuries (most of these being small, distant satellites that have been discovered just within the past few years) and now the number of known Jovian moons stands at 63.

Since the beginning of the Space Age various spacecraft missions have traveled to Jupiter, starting with the Pioneer 10 and 11 missions that passed by in 1973 and 1974, respectively, and the later and much more sophisticated Voyager 1 and 2 missions that passed by in 1979. Several spacecraft have passed by Jupiter while en route to other primary destinations (using the large planet's gravity as a "boost" in the process), a list that includes the Ulysses

sun-studying mission in 1992, the Cassini mission to Saturn in 2000, and the New Horizons mission to Pluto in 2007. The most intense of the Jupiter missions was Galileo, which arrived at Jupiter in late 1995 and spent eight years in orbit around the planet before being targeted toward an impact into its atmosphere in 2003.

These various missions have obviously increased our knowledge of Jupiter enormously, in particular the Galileo mission, which among other investigations dropped a small probe into Jupiter's atmosphere when it arrived. Perhaps the most stunning findings, however, especially from the Voyagers and from Galileo, were that the Galilean moons are unique and fascinating worlds in and of themselves. Io, in particular, has been found to have numerous highly active volcanoes, while Europa appears to have a crust of solid ice but beneath which may exist a worldwide ocean of liquid water – and all that that might entail with regard to potential life.

A new mission, dubbed Juno, is currently slated for launch in August 2011, and after arriving at Jupiter five years later will go into a polar orbit around the planet and conduct a wide series of investigations. A more ambitious mission, for now called the Europa Jupiter System Mission and involving a collaboration between NASA and the European Space Agency, has been proposed for a

launch around 2020 and, as its name implies, will focus on Europa and its putative ocean and possible life. A probe that could drill through Europa's surface ice and explore this possible ocean has been proposed from time to time and conceivably could come to fruition within the next two to three decades.

Could humans ever travel to Jupiter? The planet itself is an extremely unlikely destination for human travel since, again, there is no solid "surface" to land upon, and the Pioneer probes discovered that Jupiter has an extremely strong radiation environment around it. The Galilean satellites are possibili-

ties, certainly, although the intense radiation field would still have to be dealt with; the outermost Galilean satellite, Callisto, does not experience a very strong radiation environment and conceivably could feel human footprints someday. Something, perhaps, to think about as we watch Jupiter shining in our skies on these crisp autumn nights.

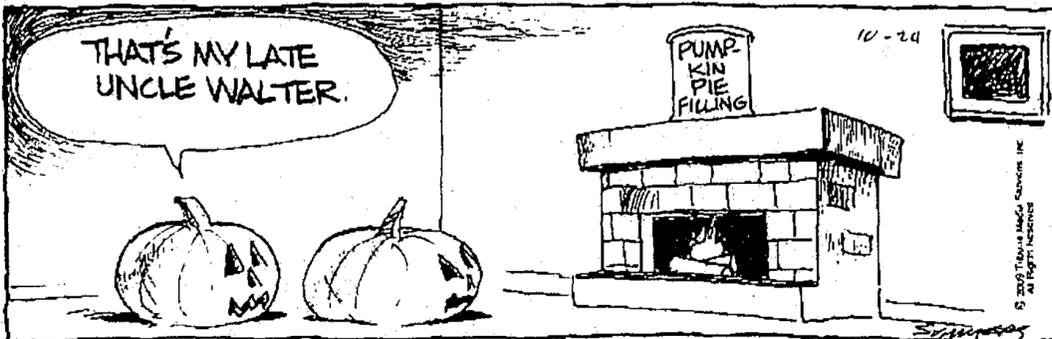
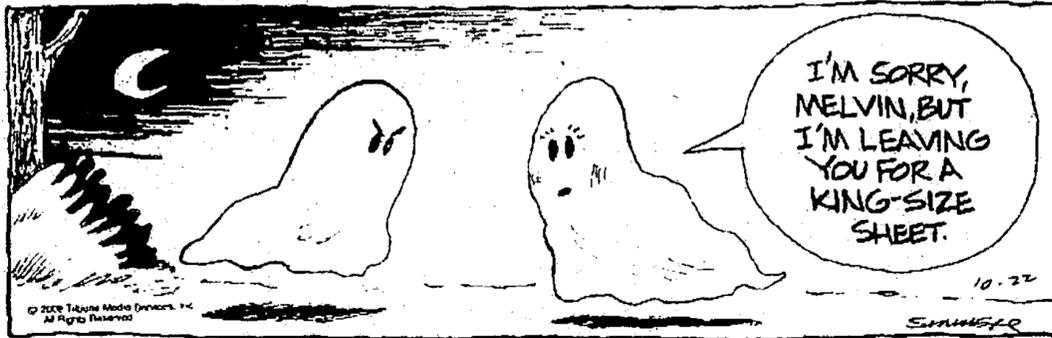
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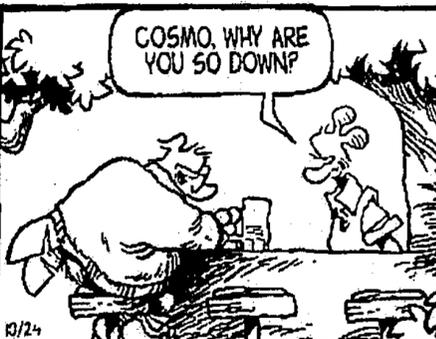
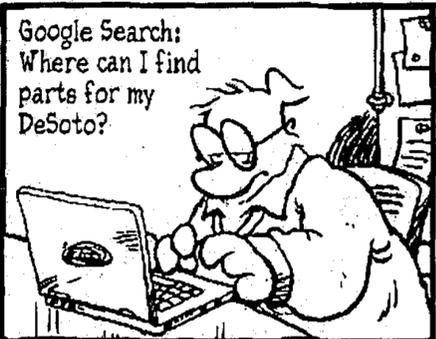
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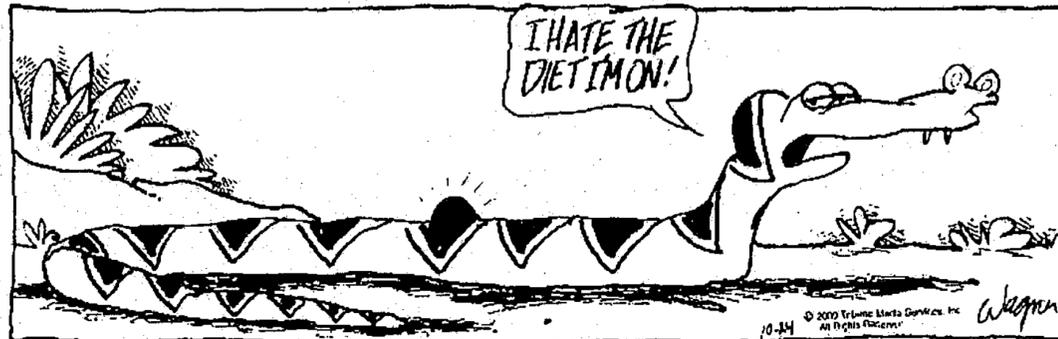
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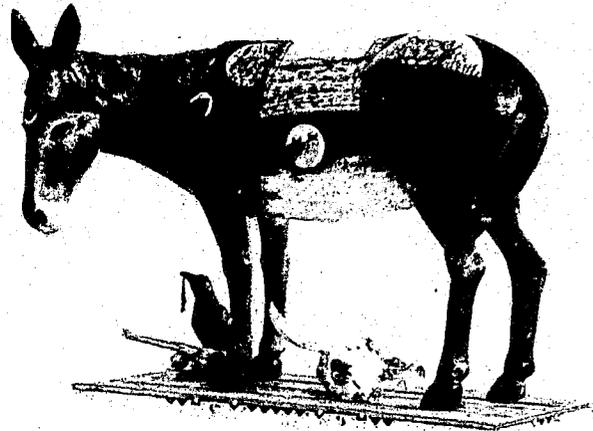
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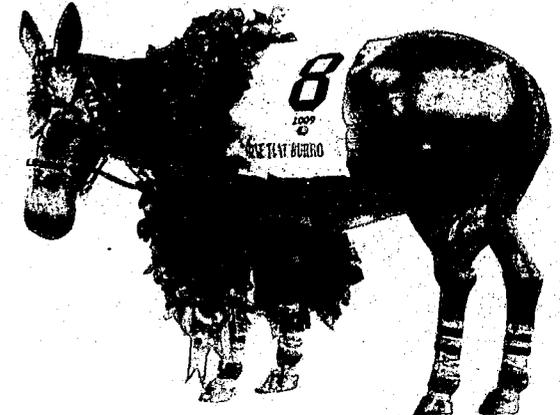
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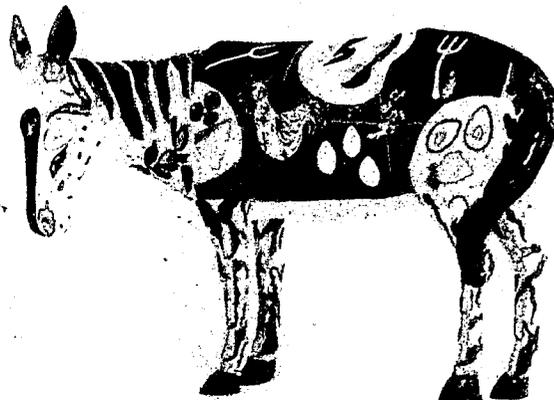
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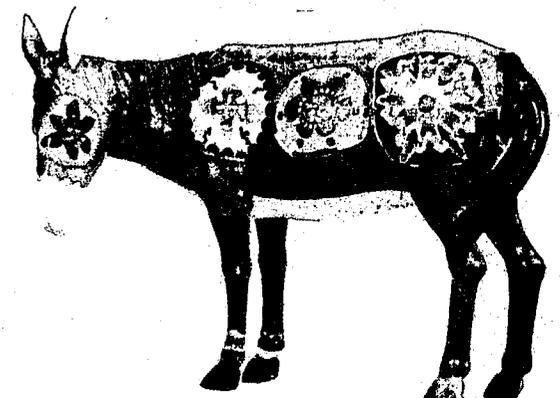
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