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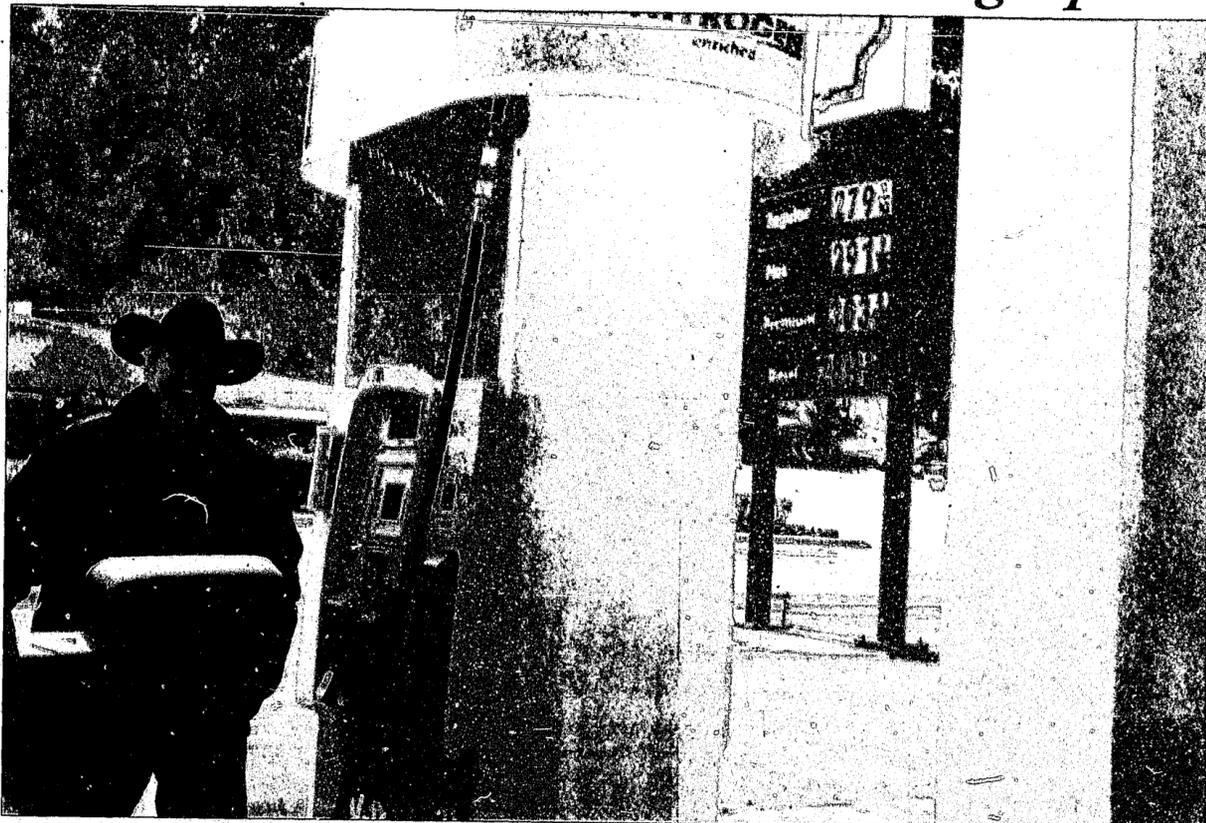
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## Dubious honor: Ruidoso leads state in gas prices



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

**Robert Linder** of Marble Falls, Texas, is smiling but not over Ruidoso gasoline prices. Prices at many Ruidoso stations leaped by 9 cents a gallon Tuesday, helping Ruidoso tie Cloudford for the highest in the state. Prices in Alamogordo, Roswell and Las Cruces are some 20 cents a gallon lower. See Business, page 6A.

## A quiet 2009 for county

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The year 2009 was fairly quiet for Lincoln County government compared to 2008, which saw massive summer flooding along the Rio Ruidoso, Rio Bonito and Rio Hondo.

County crews working with federal disaster officials finished up flood-related repairs about half way through 2009.

Finances turned out to be a major issue for the county beginning with a hit when the state investment pool suffered losses from the collapse of Lehman Brothers in September 2008. Although County Treasurer Beverly Calaway quickly responded, battled for the return of the majority of the county money and was appointed as one of the spokespersons on the issue representing counties statewide, about \$87,000 still was in limbo at the end of the year.

In December, County Manager Tom Stewart, reappointed for his 12th year, was wrestling with trying to save money committed from the state for projects in the county. He expected a few that did not yet have signed contracts to be rescinded, as well as some road repair dollars, as legislators and the governor scrambled to cut expenses trying to offset some of an anticipated \$640-million state budget deficit in 2010.

County gross receipt tax revenue remained stable, but lodgers tax collected from hotels, motels, cabins, lodges, bed and breakfasts and recreational vehicle parks dipped by 16 percent. Stewart also was worried about the more than \$1 million a year the county receives for its budget as a substitute for property taxes not collected on federal land within Lincoln County. He warned county com-

### Finances became a major issue with losses to state investment pool

missioners not to move ahead with commitments to recurring expenses, such as employee raises, until the fate of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program is known.

While village of Ruidoso officials debated how to handle nightly rentals under municipal zoning codes, County Assessor Paul Baca said the law clearly directs the houses or units must be reclassified as nonresidential for property tax purposes. He told commissioners that he sent letter in February asking property managers to help identify the entities.

Nonresidential property is not necessarily commercial, but is taxed at a higher rate than residential, he said.

On the plus side, the R. D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation donated property and building material for an emergency services substation that was built at Hubbard's Copper Ridge subdivision entrance. He has two other high-dollar subdivisions off New Mexico State Highway 48, Copper Canyon and Copper Mountain.

The county also initiated some land transactions. Commissioners purchase a house and property on U.S. 380 for a new senior citizens center to serve Hondo and the valley. They bought property around the county fairgrounds in Capitan to expand use there and to create a new rural health care clinic for the town, then followed up by applying for a \$500,000 grant to build it. They approved the purchase of the Glencoe Rural Events Center by Sherry Barrow Strategies, a business that uses small diameter trees cut in hazardous fuel reduction projects, to produce animal bedding. The business includes a biomass energy model project.



CARROLL

A series of sessions were conducted on a request for road improvements in Deer Park Valley subdivision, an Alto development never completed by the developer. Property owners petitioned for a special assessment district to be created to pay for the work, and by year's end, the resolution required to move the district to its final stages was approved.

After much debate, commissioners approved a mining ordinance in June, in a 3-2 vote. The document was limited in scope in recognition of prevailing state and federal rules and limitations. The call for an ordinance was sparked when an illegal gold mining exploration was discovered in the Lincoln National Forest in the Capitan Mountains.

But citing protection of private property rights, commissioners rejected a wildland fire code ordinance proposed by Commissioner Dave Parks that would have required homeowners to create

defensible space around structures. However in August, they approved an ordinance designed to provide tools, such as issuance of bonds, approval of tax breaks and creation of an economic development council, to support economic development in the county.

Staying focused on developing a more diverse future economy, commissioners also came out in support of proposed wind farms in the northern section of the county, and of associated transmission lines. They ended the year committed to monthly discussions of a "green industry" initiative that included training a workforce to serve such endeavors. In another economic development front, County Planner Curt Temple was named to represent the county on projects with the State Film Office. A study also was authorized with Otero County on home-based jobs.

In December, county residents lost their major government watchdog with the death of Oscura landowner Jerry Carroll, a goat farmer and an outspoken critic of government any time it attempted to over-reach its role in the Republic.

But before he left, Carroll made national news for his stance on the upcoming 2010 National Census, warning that if anyone trespassed on his property and possibly several others in the county, they would be shot. The remarks prompted census officials and the commission to develop a specific protocol for such visits.

### Court frees investment pool funds

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More money from the state investment pool, previously frozen to cover losses suffered with the collapse of Lehman Brothers last

year, will be released under a United States District Court ruling.

Lincoln County officials received notification earlier this month from

See POOL, page 10A

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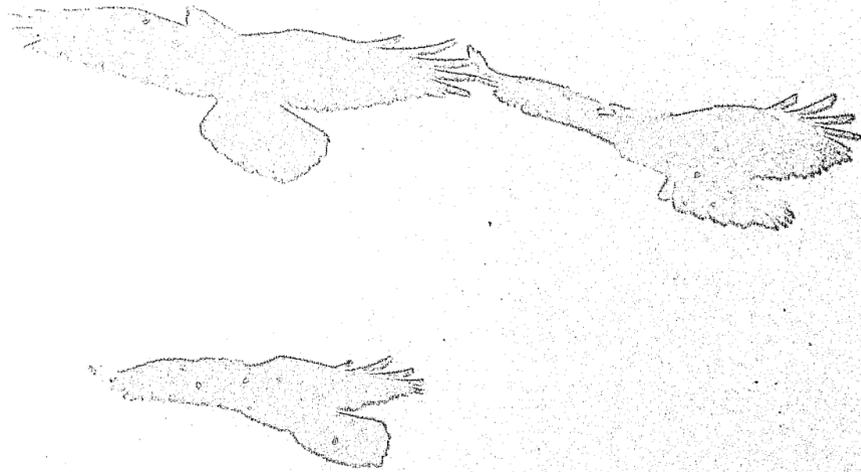
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AERIAL WARFARE



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Two ravens gang up to hassle a red-tailed hawk cruising over the Rancho Ruidoso area in December near the Spencer Theater.

Library in January

Learn to Use Your Techie Gizmos at the Ruidoso Public Library

The Library is celebrating TECH month in January. Patrons with GPS, iPods or MP3 devices will want to come learn about the library's new services and how to use their techno device.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 2 p.m., librarian Jennifer

Stubbs introduces the Library's new eAudiobook service.

Patrons should come into the Library before the program to sign up for an eAudiobook account. Then on the day of the program, you will be ready to learn all about the new service, which allows you to download audiobooks directly from our Web site.

In addition to eAudiobooks, we now have eBooks

available online. Have a look at the collection offered at [www.yousee-more.com/ruidosopl/](http://www.yousee-more.com/ruidosopl/), go to the Free Downloads e-Library tab.

Bring your MP3 device, iPod or laptop to the program to learn how to use the service.

After the demonstration, Stubbs will provide a question-and-answer period to help anyone with using their device.

Then on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 2 p.m., Ruidoso Director of Marketing, Steve Tally introduces the adventure of Geocaching to GPS owners.

Geocaching is a high tech version of the old fashion treasure hunt. Almost 870,000 treasure chests, which are now called caches, are hidden around the world (97 located in Lincoln County, including one hidden special for this

program by a librarian). Caches are located in New Mexico's 34 state parks.

Geocaching provides the opportunity to get outside and enjoy nature, but still satisfy your techno addiction. It makes a great hobby for the entire family to enjoy together.

Go to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) prior to the program to learn more about this fun hobby.

Then come to the pro-

gram on Jan. 13 to learn more about this exciting activity. Remember to bring your GPS, so you can find the cache hidden by one of the librarians.

The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Rd. Library hours are: Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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### AccuWeather 7-day forecast for Ruidoso

| TODAY   | SATURDAY  | SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|---|
| RealFeel 55°<br>Humidity 28%<br>Sunshine and milder<br>Wind: WNW 6-12 mph | RealFeel 51°<br>Humidity 30%<br>Sunny<br>Wind: W 8-16 mph | RealFeel 51°<br>Humidity 39%<br>Mostly sunny<br>Wind: NNE 6-12 mph | RealFeel 42°<br>Humidity 61%<br>Mostly cloudy<br>Wind: E 4-8 mph | RealFeel 44°<br>Humidity 47%<br>Sunshine and patchy clouds<br>Wind: WSW 6-12 mph | RealFeel 56°<br>Humidity 45%<br>Sunshine<br>Wind: WSW 3-6 mph | RealFeel 55°<br>Humidity 47%<br>Mostly sunny<br>Wind: VAR 2-4 mph |

RealFeel Temperature® is AccuWeather's exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine, precipitation and elevation on the human body. Shown are the highs for the day.

### National Forecast for Jan. 1, 2010

Shows are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are for selected cities.

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### Regional Cities

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

### Almanac

**Ruidoso**  
Statistics through Tuesday

Temperature:  
High/low ..... 32°/21°  
Normal high ..... 49°  
Normal low ..... 19°  
Record high ..... 66° (1980)  
Record low ..... -16° (1954)

Precipitation:  
Tuesday ..... 0.03"  
Month to date ..... 0.62"  
Normal month to date ..... 1.58"  
Year to date ..... 16.84"  
Normal year to date ..... 22.61"

Pollen:  
Grass ..... Absent  
Trees ..... Low  
Weeds ..... Absent  
Mold ..... Low  
Predominant ..... Alternaria

**Alamogordo**  
Statistics through Tuesday

Temperature:  
High/low ..... 38°/29°  
Normal high ..... 54°  
Normal low ..... 28°  
Record high ..... 73° (1955)  
Record low ..... 9° (1966)

Precipitation:  
Tuesday ..... 0.12"  
Month to date ..... 1.02"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.93"  
Year to date ..... 11.34"  
Normal year to date ..... 13.14"

Weather Trivia:  
Q: What is diamond dust?

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### Sun and Moon

Friday: Sunrise/Sunset  
7:06 a.m./5:07 p.m.

Friday: Moonrise/Moonset  
7:01 a.m./6:29 p.m.

### Moon Phases

Full Last New First

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### Extremes

Tuesday's National High/Low:  
(For the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 70° in Miami, FL  
Low: -23° in West Yellowstone, MT

Tuesday's World High/Low:  
High: 116° in Cunderdin, Australia  
Low: -56° in Summit Station, Greenland

### National Cities

| City          | Today    | Sat.     |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Ablene        | 55/38/s  | 60/37/s  |
| Anchorage     | 18/7/s   | 16/5/s   |
| Atlanta       | 47/28/s  | 48/28/s  |
| Austin        | 59/32/s  | 60/42/s  |
| Baltimore     | 40/25/c  | 33/19/sn |
| Boston        | 40/30/r  | 33/28/sn |
| Chicago       | 21/10/c  | 19/10/pc |
| Dallas        | 52/36/s  | 58/41/s  |
| Denver        | 50/24/c  | 46/20/pc |
| Des Moines    | 15/1/c   | 9/1/c    |
| Detroit       | 30/16/sf | 24/15/sf |
| El Paso       | 59/33/s  | 61/37/s  |
| Las Vegas     | 61/37/pc | 60/37/pc |
| Los Angeles   | 70/50/pc | 68/50/s  |
| Minneapolis   | 9/-7/c   | 6/-8/pc  |
| New Orleans   | 57/40/s  | 58/40/s  |
| New York City | 40/30/c  | 34/20/c  |
| Philadelphia  | 40/27/c  | 32/21/pc |
| Phoenix       | 69/46/pc | 70/47/s  |
| Reno          | 48/30/c  | 46/25/pc |
| San Francisco | 57/46/r  | 58/45/c  |
| San Diego     | 67/51/pc | 64/49/s  |
| Seattle       | 45/41/r  | 47/37/r  |
| Tucson        | 68/39/s  | 70/40/s  |
| Tulsa, OK     | 43/29/pc | 44/28/pc |
| Wash., DC     | 42/26/c  | 39/21/pc |
| Wichita       | 38/22/pc | 35/21/c  |
| Yuma          | 72/48/pc | 72/50/s  |

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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### Regional Cities

| City        | Today    | Sat.     |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| Albuquerque | 46/26/pc | 48/28/s  |
| Artesia     | 62/32/s  | 68/35/s  |
| Chama       | 40/9/pc  | 41/9/c   |
| Clayton     | 50/28/pc | 49/26/s  |
| Cloudcroft  | 48/23/s  | 50/22/s  |
| Farmington  | 38/19/pc | 41/18/pc |
| Hobbs       | 62/30/s  | 64/30/s  |
| Los Alamos  | 42/19/pc | 44/18/s  |
| Portales    | 58/26/s  | 58/26/s  |
| Raton       | 49/15/pc | 48/16/s  |
| Red River   | 40/6/pc  | 38/6/s   |
| Ruidoso     | 54/35/s  | 54/35/s  |
| Santa Fe    | 43/21/pc | 44/20/s  |
| Silver City | 57/34/s  | 61/32/s  |
| Taos        | 44/17/pc | 45/17/pc |

### Mexican Cities

| City          | Today    | Sat.     |
|---------------|----------|----------|
| Acapulco      | 90/74/pc | 88/74/s  |
| Cancun        | 84/70/sh | 79/62/sh |
| Chihuahua     | 63/32/s  | 68/34/s  |
| Ciudad Juárez | 59/34/s  | 60/34/s  |
| Leon          | 73/45/c  | 72/44/r  |
| México, DF    | 68/45/c  | 71/43/h  |
| Monterrey     | 61/43/pc | 64/48/s  |
| Morelia       | 73/48/c  | 68/48/sh |
| Oaxaca        | 78/48/sh | 81/51/c  |
| Pto. Penasco  | 72/49/s  | 74/46/s  |
| Tijuana       | 70/46/s  | 70/46/s  |

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For library information, call 258-3704 or visit: www.yousemore.com/ruidosopl/ or ruidosopubliclibrary.blogspot.com.

Holloman schedule

Officials with the 49th Fighter Wing announce that no flights are scheduled through Jan. 3, 2010. Schedules can change based on a variety of reasons and scheduled times do not always mean sonic booms will occur.

For additional information, visit the Holloman Web site at www.holloman.af.mil.

Mescalero Ranger

Army 2nd Lt. Jacob W. Glossop of Mescalero has graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., with authorization to wear the distinctive Ranger Tab.

A graduate of the Ranger Course is the epitome of the U.S. infantryman.

During the 61-day course, the Ranger proved that he could successfully accomplish all required tasks during the three phases of training.

The course is designed to assess and develop military skills, physical and mental endurance, stamina, and confidence of the soldier to successfully accomplish small unit combat missions.

The training is tough, rugged, strenuous and realistic, and is conducted in three terrains: wooded, mountainous and jungle-swamp.

The soldier is trained to withstand the stresses of combat and overcome all obstacles to accomplish the mission under any circumstance or situation.

The Ranger is trained to properly sustain himself and his subordinates, and maintain equipment under difficult field conditions during simulated combat operations; develop combat functional skills for planning and conducting ground, airmobile, airborne, and waterborne patrolling and survival operations.

Glossop, an infantry officer, is normally assigned to the 4th Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colo. He has served in the military for three years.

He is the son of Sharlene and John Glossop of Nana court, Mescalero. The lieutenant graduated in 2003 from Mescalero Apache High School, and earned a bachelor's degree in 2008 from New Mexico State University, Las Cruces.

Alto Lakes

The Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission will meet at 9 a.m., Thursday, at the Bonito Fire Department located at the corner of Sun Valley Rd. and Fire Road in Alto.

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

Alpine Village

The Alpine Village Water and Sanitation District Board will conduct a regular monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m., Monday, in the District's building, 112A Alpine Meadows Trail.

The meeting will include regular business for the District, such as paying bills and reporting on the operations of the water system.

The agenda may contain discussion regarding committees to address the Conservation and a Drought Contingency Plan, Capacity Assessment, and revising the Bylaws and Regulations.

All residents of the District are welcome to attend. Agendas are available at least 24 hours prior to meeting time.

Budget Townhall

A New Mexico Budget Townhall is set for 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, to give residents a chance to question their legislators about the state budget and the legislative session that begins Jan. 19.

New Mexico legislative sessions begin the third Tuesday of the first month of each year.

The townhall meeting will be conducted at the Gateway Church of Christ, 2709 Sudderth Dr. in Ruidoso. Sitting on the panel will be elected officials from the counties of

Lincoln, Chaves and Otero.

The purpose of the event is to look at some of the most challenging budget issues to develop creative methods to handle them. Citizens can ask their legislators about their position on reinstating the gross receipts tax on groceries as a means of boosting state revenue.

Business owners, county and municipal officials and employees are encouraged to attend and participate with questions. The forum is non-partisan with the purpose of informing and educating citizens of New Mexico about the budget.

Radio broadcaster "Harvey T." Twite will moderate. Refreshments will be furnished. Seating is available for about 300 people and a large crowd is anticipated.

Organizers of the event said in an effort to create a bi-partisan panel, several Democrats were invited to participate, including State Sen. Timothy Z. Jennings from Roswell, who represents a small portion of Lincoln County; State Sen. John Arthur Smith from Deming; State Rep. Nathan P. Cote from Las Cruces; and State Rep. John A. Heaton from Carlsbad.

However, they responded that they were unable to attend. But organizers invite people from all parties to participate in the discussion.

Legislators who have indicated they will attend the session are State Rep. Zachary J. Cook, a Republican from Ruidoso representing portions of Lincoln and Otero; State Rep. Nora Espinoza a Republican from Roswell representing the counties of Chaves, Lincoln and Otero; State Sen. Rod Adair, a Republican from Roswell, representing the counties of Chaves and Lincoln; and State Rep. Dennis J. Kintigh, a Republican who represents the counties of Chaves, Lincoln and Otero.

'Felez' the black cat finds a warm place for Christmas

When Leo Martinez tried to drive to his home in Ruidoso off Swiss Chalet Hill Christmas Day, his car couldn't make it, because of the deep snow and ice.

The former Lincoln County commissioner and restaurant owner splits his time between Ruidoso and a ranch near Tularosa.

"I walked up to the house and back to the car and when I got in, I looked out the driver's side and saw a black tail sticking out by the tire," he said. "A black cat got into the motor to get warm when I stopped."

Martinez tends to end up with battle scars when he tries to help feral cats and was hesitant about removing the animal from the wheel well, but when he reached down, the meowing feline didn't resist.

"I put him into the snow, opened the car door and he jumped in," Martinez said. "I thought he'll go crazy when I start-

ed the car. I've been clawed by cats who hate being in cars. But he just put his paws on the dashboard and watched as I drove to the restaurant. He was real skinny."

"I saw a black tail sticking out by the tire. A black cat got into the motor to get warm when I stopped."

When Martinez arrived at Chileo's on U.S. 70, he took the cat to the office and fed him.

"Whenever I would walk in, he would rub up against my legs," Martinez said. "He's such a nice cat. He has to belong to someone. We named him Felez for Christmas."

The cat stayed overnight in the office Friday, and Saturday, Martinez' administrative assistant drove the cat, who has white feet and black and white markings, to the animal shelter on Gavilan

Canyon road operated by the Humane Society of Lincoln County. She put him in a box, lightly taping the lid.

"When she went in, she left the window down. When she came back out and picked up the box, there was no cat inside. But there he was, still sitting on the top of the back seat."

"She was amazed. He could have leaped outside and been gone," Martinez said. "They said at the shelter they would wait a few days to see if anyone claims him, then he would be neutered and put up for adoption. But I think someone must be missing him. He has such a great personality and is well behaved."

"He was found on Cornudas Street, off Alto Hill (aka Swiss Chalet Hill). I hope the owner claims him. He shouldn't have been outside in that weather."

The shelter number is 257-9841.

-Dianne Stallings

**It's time again for the W.A.L.K. in the Woods Fitness Challenge, a twelve week contest created not only to motivate Lincoln County and Mescalero residents to get healthy and fit, but to offer them opportunities as well. The contest was created last year by members of The Lincoln County Community Health Council, the New Mexico Department of Health, the Village of Ruidoso Parks and Recreation Department and other area health and fitness entities. Although the contest does not officially begin until January 26, the contest kick off day is January 25th so start making up your teams! Location is still not finalized!!**

**The entry fee for the challenge is \$25 for a team of five (adults, children, or mixed) or \$10 for those that chose to enter as an individual. Points are accumulated daily in several categories including: eating five servings of fruits and vegetables, limiting recreational screen time to two hours or less, participating in one hour of physical activity, zero sugar and minimizing alcohol intake. Two additional contests were added this year and include Tobacco No Mas and the Biggest Pound Shredder. Those interested in joining the Biggest Pound Shredder will need to pay an additional entry fee of \$10, which will go directly to the prize fund. They will also be required to weigh in during the sign-up and subtract pounds shed at the end of the contest. Other opportunities to earn points are by attending workshops. Participants will keep daily track of their progress, reporting to their team captain weekly. The team captain will report tallies to the Department of Health. The winners of the challenge will be announced at the Walk in the Woods Health and Safety Fair at the links walking trail on May 2.**

**Thanks to the generous donations and cooperation by Bone-shakers Cycler, High Mesa Center, Ruidoso Athletic Club, Ruidoso Dance Conservatory, Ruidoso Dance Gallery and other health and fitness entities this contest is able to include discounts, trial passes and free workshops worth over \$300 for each participant. A few of the free workshops include goal setting, quitting tobacco and a weight loss support group.**

**The hopes of the W.A.L.K. in the Woods Fitness Challenge organizers is that it will work as a great pick-me-up as the motivation for New Years resolutions begins to fade. Adding the encouragement of team support and the benefits of the educational workshops and trial passes, this is a great way to introduce healthy living as a lifestyle.**

**W.A.L.K. in the Woods Fitness Challenge organizers would also like to remind the community that our health is everything! So lets organize as a community to "Get together-Get healthy-Get fit! For more information contact Almee Bennett with the Department of Health at 258-3252 ext. 6720 after the New Year.**

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# OPINION

## RUIDOSO NEWS

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### OUR OPINION

## Keep Ruidoso Downs in Ruidoso Downs

Las Cruces skeptical over Hubbard proposal

*Editor's note: The following editorial was published in Tuesday's Las Cruces Sun-News.*

When we first learned that owners of the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino were floating the idea of moving operations to Las Cruces, we were skeptical and couldn't help but think the threatened move was more for leverage than a real business plan.

The more we learn, the more convinced we've become.

Last month, racetrack officials filed an application with the New Mexico Racing Commission to move the 2011 racing schedule to Las Cruces. A number of obstacles stand in the way of such a move, not least of which is a state law requiring that all horse race tracks and casinos be at least 80 miles apart from each other.

Relocating Ruidoso Down to an as-yet-undisclosed location in Las Cruces would violate the 80-mile rule, as Sunland Park's track falls within that radius.

Julian Luna, executive director of the New Mexico Racing Commission, notes that the process to move a track is a lengthy one, requiring, among other things, the input of all Native American tribes in the state. We strongly

suspect that the process will never get far.

Track owners have said all along that their real goal is not to move, but rather to wring tax concessions from the Legislature. In each of the last two years, bills were introduced that would have reduced that track's state tax liability on its first \$10 million of net profits.

But, with the state facing multi-million dollar budget shortfalls, lawmakers were not willing to reduce the state's tax revenue. That argument will be just as hard to make next year, when the Legislature is expected to consider any number of tax increases to help shore up the budget.

Threatening to move the track from its longtime Ruidoso home will likely create a sense of urgency that may have been lacking in past years. But, it will not change the state's financial situation.

Ruidoso Downs and the All-American Futurity it hosts each year have become fixtures for Lincoln County. Now the track, like other horse tracks throughout the county, is facing economic peril. We don't believe those problems can be fixed by moving operations to Las Cruces.

And, we are getting a little weary of being used as a pawn in this political chess match.



### YOUR OPINION

## Police presence hurt Capitan event

To the editor:

THIS LETTER IS to refute the article in the *Ruidoso Free Press* (Dec. 15) regarding ticket allegations on Dec. 5 at the Capitan Senior Center:

The Capitan Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Bazaar was held on Dec. 5, 2009. This event benefits our High School Scholarship program and the Senior Center. It does not benefit the Chamber in any way.

A statement by Harold Macaw of Capitan at the Capitan Village Meeting on Dec. 8 indicated that there were many complaints regarding police presence, and that tickets were being given and the Chamber targeted on that day.

Attendance was down and attributed to what some perceived as a constant police presence in the area throughout that day. This was unnecessary and was seen as an intentional distraction. Many felt intimidated by a police car constantly parked, not just patrolling, so close to the center and the area. Past police presence at this event was very limited, if there was any at all.

Whether or not there were actual tickets written was beside the point. The reality was, that to the average citizen, it would appear that the police were there to enforce the law and give out tickets.

And because of the constant police traffic enforcement in Capitan over the past year, it was a correct and valid assumption by the many who complained that this was indeed a targeted event.

The numerous and many other events in Capitan on that same day were not afforded the same police "presence" as the Senior Center, and so did not have the problem or the complaints that we received. In fact, the traffic factor would have been, and was, much greater and more congested in those other areas.

The original explanation was an officer was at the center due to weather conditions. The roads that morning, around 7 o'clock when we arrived at the center, were completely clear and remained so throughout the day.

The statement that he was

there to "make sure the elderly could get in and out," in and of itself shows his knowledge (or lack thereof) of this Capitan event. It was not an event for the elderly, it was a community event for all ages that was only held at the Senior Center, as it has been for the past several years.

I also wish to express my personal regret to Harold Macaw at the rude response he endured at the meeting after reading his statement on this matter. I feel that the mayor and the trustees of Capitan should not allow such rude behavior against any of their citizens at any meeting for any reason.

Any citizen with questions or comments should be shown respect and not expect to be ridiculed or debased for their opinions or statements on any matter.

So in the end, it was about the tickets, or the perception thereof, whether any were given or not.

Cheryl Barnett  
President  
Capitan Chamber of Commerce

## Camera unclaimed after burro serenade

To the editor:

I WANTED TO DITTO the letter that Warren and Joan Malkerson [of Gallery 408] sent to you concerning the two-page spread on the Carrizozo Artists' Show in ¡Vamonos!

It was excellent and we appreciate everything that you have done for us in the short amount of time ¡Vamonos! editor Jessie

Hanson has been with the paper in Ruidoso.

I also wanted to let you know that we found a camera after the Burro Serenade and haven't had anyone come or call looking for it.

The camera is a very nice one. The images on it are of a group of men playing golf on the Links golf course, along with the Howe family show that we had here at

the Gallery.

Also, there are pix of the Burro Serenade.

If you know of anyone that is missing a nice camera have them call the gallery.

Thanks again Jessie and have a wonderful Christmas Holiday,  
Alisa Kenyon, Manager  
Gallery 408  
Carrizozo

### GUEST COMMENTARY

## In praise of stewardship

VIRGINIA WATSON JONES  
Capitan

In a resplendent Thanksgiving ceremony, Night of the Heroes, CNN's Anderson Cooper opened the program with these words: "Tonight we honor ten men and women who are everyday people from all over the planet, making a difference in some of the least likely places in the world."<sup>1</sup>

Over the last year CNN viewers nominated nine thousand individuals representing thirty countries and selected ten to be CNN Heroes. In a worldwide response 2.5 million people donated \$25,000 to be given to each hero and an additional \$100,000 for one of the honorees.

CNN Hero awards are a stunning revelation that a global audience recognizes those who use their courage, knowledge

and compassion in acts of stewardship for the benefit of our communities and world. Change in making the world wealthier in life often begins with the initiative and creativity of a single individual in a quiet gesture which goes without financial reward or recognition. Frequently a handful of people work towards a common goal which would never be realized without their efforts.

Stewardship or civic engagement is evident in five interdependent core areas which can be nurtured or found in every community: Government, Business, Community Services, Health and Education. Lincoln County government or political leadership is represented by the elected officials — the mayors, council members, and county commissioners. The business world we enjoy comes from men and

women, entrepreneurs, visionaries and philanthropists who make substantive improvements within the community.

Community services are provided by the number of service organizations that exist in Lincoln County. Volunteers serve special needs in the community that cannot be fulfilled by business or government. The fact that numerous civic groups flesh out the real vitality of the community keep our villages healthy and attractive places to live and work. More than 100 healthcare providers live in Lincoln County and complement the services of the county hospital and community clinics. Educational programs begin with day care and progress through graduate degrees at a community university campus.

PRAISE, CONTINUED ON PAGE 5A

## Local gasoline prices shoot to the top

Prices here top statewide average by 18 cents

Congratulations, Ruidoso, you are No. 1 in the state — for gasoline prices, anyway.

Let's see what the result is when we put one and one together:

The weekend saw a big influx of visitors due to the holidays, abundant snowfall and premier conditions at Ski Apache.

• Sometime on Tuesday, the price for a gallon of gas leaped by 9 cents at many area stations.

That doesn't add up to 2; it adds up to \$2.79.

When prices in Roswell and Alamogordo are at least 20 cents cheaper, we must ask ourselves: Is the short-term gain worth the long-term impact on our reputation?

## GUEST COMMENTARIES

## 2009 a year of frustration for Richardson

To fudge a phrase from Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, the year 2009 was nothing if not an *Annus Horribilis* for New Mexico's Bill Richardson.

Last year at this time, with a new Democratic president about to take office, New Mexico political journalists were frantically chronicling a looming change of administrations in this enchanted land.

Then-President-elect Barack Obama had tapped Richardson to be his Commerce Secretary and, pending what was expected to be speedy Senate confirmation of Richardson's nomination, Lt. Gov. Diane Danish was preparing to assume the duties and challenges she would inherit as the state's next governor.

It was a heady time. "Transition mania," this reporter

dubbed it in a column right after Danish announced the creation of a team of advisors to help in preparing for her own administration.

Then, barely days into the New Year of 2009, Richardson announced that he had withdrawn from consideration for a cabinet post in the incoming Obama administration.

The suddenness of his withdrawal was dizzying, but things came into focus when one news report after another intimated that an ongoing federal investigation into alleged wrongdoing in state investment practices was centering more and more on some of the governor's top aides, perhaps even the governor himself.

In time it became clear upon close readings that much of the information about the identity of

the specific Richardson aides who were reportedly in the line of fire was being leaked to news outlets by persons close to the investigation.

It was a drip, drip, drip affair, day after day, week after week, until at last the governor's political critics felt matters sufficiently settled as to permit them a rush to judgments without benefit of indictments or convictions of any Richardson functionaries.

The gossip was rife, speculation rampant.

Hardly a new week arrived without murmurs echoing through the Roundhouse about how this would be the week a grand jury at last hands down indictments against someone or other in the Richardson administration.

Throughout it all, Richardson continued on as governor, even as he feigned scant concern about the threats he knew to be stalking him and his administration.

It was a stiff-upper-lip Richardson, who only days after removing himself from consideration as Commerce Secretary, delivered his 2009 State of the State address inaugurating a 60-day session of the Legislature with a wry comment about his change of plans.

In retrospect, it was one of the most historic sessions in recent years, with lawmakers passing and Richardson signing legislation repealing the death penalty in New Mexico.

Meanwhile, suspense built, fueled as the weeks passed, by lengthy front-page articles in state newspapers, purportedly giving readers an inside view of the alleged shenanigans under investigation.

Would there be indictments? If so, of whom? On what charges? When? It went on like this for almost two-thirds of the year.

But by early September the acting U.S. Attorney for New

Mexico, a Republican holdover from the Bush administration, had to acknowledge that his investigation had come to naught and no charges would be filed against the governor or his aides.

That said, he nonetheless claimed that unspecified pressure from the governor's office had "resulted in the corruption of the (state) procurement process."

So gratuitous was this bit legal posturing that one former U.S. Attorney, a Virginia Republican, blasted it as patently "unprofessional." New Mexico's acting U.S. Attorney was practicing politics, he snapped, not law when making such a remark.

He got it right there, but it did little to make 2009 any less a year of frustrations for Bill Richardson.

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## UPON REFLECTION

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## Let's not waste the opportunity in state budget crisis

STEVE FISCHMANN  
State Senator

The January legislative session is fast approaching and it's time for both the governor and the legislature to step up to the budget crisis. Temporary federal aid, gauze and band aids have gotten us this far, but the first aid kit is now empty. Projected general fund revenues for fiscal 2010 have declined over 25% (from \$6.4 billion to \$4.7 billion) with no sign of significant revenue growth in sight. Little has been done to address the long-term structural problems we face. The tough decision-making still lies ahead.

It's no mystery how we got here: Big increases in state spending, \$700 million in tax cuts since 2002 (largely to the highest income earners), "economic development" perks of dubious public benefit, and questionable deals made in a "pay to play" political culture. All of this was financed by a bubble in natural gas severance tax revenue that is unlikely to return, and financial market shenanigans that fueled a bloated economy.

Tired posturing about indispensable government programs or no new taxes will not solve our problems. A combination of immediate measures and long

term policy shifts can. Successful businesses use tough times to reinvent themselves. That is exactly what New Mexico State government needs to do. It's painful, but it sure beats the alternative. Let's not waste this crisis.

Here are some ideas for moving forward this next legislative session.

## REDUCING GOVERNMENT SPENDING

It's human nature to get sloppy about spending when there's lots of money around. The first step back to financial stability is controlling spending. The Governor has created a citizen panel to review potential tax increases; we should do the same to address potential budget cuts.

There has been much discussion about "across the board" cuts to "share the pain." This will only result in across the board mediocrity. Large bureaucracies tend to create new programs to solve each newly identified problem. Real solutions often lie in better delivery of core services rather than layers of new initiatives. Marginal and underfunded programs should be dropped as we refocus on more effective delivery of basic services.

Our public school classrooms are a perfect microcosm of this phenomenon. Between over-

cooked federal and state testing mandates, documentation-heavy programs to help struggling students, and a bevy of "flavor of the month" programs, it is widely acknowledged that teachers no longer have enough time to actually teach. By streamlining and eliminating mandates while maintaining accountability we can improve instruction and save money at the same time.

Policy adjustments can also significantly reduce spending. It costs upward of \$30,000 annually to house a prisoner in a state corrections institution. Taxpayers are punished as much as criminals every time we send someone to jail. Though we call them corrections institutions, the overwhelming evidence is that prisons are far more adept at teaching criminal behavior than correcting it. Do we really benefit by sending non-violent first time offenders to jail? Alternative forms of punishment not only save money, but promise fewer career criminals in our future.

Now might also be a good time to review the state procurement code. Many complain that it often adds significantly to cost. I don't pretend to know one way or the other, but given the claimed level of waste, review and possible adjustment of the procurement code seems reason-

## RESTRUCTURING TAXES

Legislators face many proposals for tax breaks for narrow interest groups every year. Far too many are approved and never reviewed again. More taxes are exempted in tax credits and deductions than is actually collected in state income and gross receipt taxes each year. The result is a tax system where tax break losers subsidize tax break winners.

We do not need to raise tax rates to increase revenues. We need only eliminate tax breaks that serve no broad public purpose. Is it really appropriate that New Mexico auto sales excise taxes are only about half as much as gross receipt taxes on other products? Other states don't give this tax break. Forty eight states have implemented "consolidated reporting" policies to prevent national corporations from avoiding local state taxes through accounting tricks. New Mexico has not. Correcting just these two inequities would increase revenues an estimated \$60 to \$100 million annually.

Legislation that requires annual review of tax breaks, and that imposes sunset clauses on all narrow tax and economic incentives deserves our support.

## CURTAILING PAY TO PLAY

The impact of pay to play is

much bigger than the criminal violations we regularly see in the news. Technically legal transactions that violate the public trust probably cost us far more than illegal activity.

Giveaway deals by the State Land Office, subsidies that give (not loan) hundreds of thousands of dollars to private speculators for every acre of private lots they create, and film incentives that give a cash rebate of \$.25 for every dollar production companies spend in New Mexico will cost well over \$100 million this year. Total costs are much higher and are impossible to measure.

If we abhor pay to play as much as we let on, we should change the laws that encourage it. Contractors working for the state, and companies seeking publicly funded subsidies or tax breaks should be prohibited from making political contributions. There is no hope of curtailing corruption if we're too faint hearted to make it illegal. Legislation that addresses these "ethics" issues may well save taxpayers more money over the long term than any other change we implement.

STEVE FISCHMANN is State Senator for District 37 and a retired Fortune 500 corporate executive.

## PRAISE, FROM PAGE 4A

Confidence in village, county and state government comes from mayors and a county manager who collaborate and communicate with other elected officials, civic leaders, businesses and volunteer organizations in the process of building a better village and better government.

Community development advocate Terry Woodbury, founder and president of Public Square Communities, suggests that "to bring all sides to the table with the community working together would be a shift in leadership qualities for most government officials."

The mayor is the symbol of village government. It is his good will, grasp of law, fair play and capacity to improve and sustain the community that will characterize his administration. When village leadership is anything less than tolerant, public interest becomes cynical and fearful. Council representation should never be marked by hostility and acrimony towards others in government and within the electorate.

Upon election the mayor assumes responsibility for the management of village affairs and filling the positions of Village Clerk and Chief of Police. Trustees, in their authority, can either approve or vote against his recommendations. The

mayor's only vote is to break a tie. And what of the electorate (ourselves)? Citizens expect elected officials to care deeply about their job and the welfare of their constituents. According to *Newsweek* contributor, Kathleen Deveny, voters value honesty, intelligence and hard work in government leaders.

The decisions of village and county lawmakers have a direct bearing on our quality of life. Dwight D. Eisenhower once stated: "Politics ought to be the part time profession of every citizen who would protect the rights and privileges of free people and who would preserve what is good and fruitful in our national heritage."

Ruin for office. No one will ever deprive us of our rights except when we do not participate in government.

Vote. Look for leaders who possess a vibrant sense of common purpose and express their willingness to prudently resolve community issues. Attend village and county meetings to voice your input.

Ask yourself how you can help achieve community goals. If we practice civic engagement, we will better understand the role of government in moving communities forward.

Jan. 5, 2010 is the last filing day for citizens interested in running for the position of Mayor, Trustees or Councilors and Municipal Judge in the

March 2, 2010 election. If you are not a registered voter, your application must be recorded by Feb. 2 to vote in this election. Obtain a voter registration application from the County Clerk in Carrizozo, Motor Vehicle Department offices and public libraries. Voter registration reflects the state, county and city/village of your primary residence.

Voting and population statistics for the 2006 Municipal Election based on the 2000 U.S. Census for the municipalities of Lincoln County are:

Capitan cast 447 votes (female 236, male 211) from a population of 1,443 citizens. Registered voters numbered 1,039. Approximately one-half of registered voters cast ballots.

Carrizozo cast 345 votes (female 186, male 159) from a population of 1,036 citizens. Registered voters numbered 703. Approximately one-half of registered voters cast ballots.

Corona cast 103 votes (female 55, male 48) from a population of 165 citizens. Registered voters numbered 127. Approximately four-fifths of registered voters cast ballots.

Ruidoso cast 1,633 votes (female 902, male 731) from a population of 7,698 citizens. Registered voters numbered 4,823. Approximately one-third of registered voters cast ballots. Ruidoso Downs cast 255 votes

(female 146, male 109) from a population of 1,824 citizens. Registered voters numbered 1,119. Approximately one-fourth of registered voters cast ballots.

Voters cast 2,783 votes from a population of 12,166 in county municipalities. Registered voters numbered 7811. Approximately one-third of registered voters cast ballots.

Woman voters outnumber their male counterparts primarily because of their concern for family issues: "health care, child care and education."

Why are most Lincoln County citizens (and most Americans) not engaged in the voting process? Demos, a non-partisan public policy research and advocacy organization founded in 2000, shows "Americans have a strong distaste for partisanship and political self interest, and they misunderstand and distrust government institutions."

Leaders and policymakers need an approach that "does not focus solely on policy and partisan wins" but instead "contributes constructively to a new understanding of the purpose and possibilities of government action — an approach that emphasizes problem solving, long term thinking, and a genuine concern for the common good."

Local politics is one of the great narratives of our lives; if people could find the time and

energy through civic spirit and community esteem "to nurture a fascination with government." Through the CivWorld project in the International Program, Demos "hopes to lay the foundations of global civic cooperation and to do so...will need not only civic leaders...but also parents, students and children."

Democratizing globalization in building democratic transnationalism, a world that expresses humanity's common purpose, is "a viable and compelling alternative to passivity and spectatorship." Efrén PeñaFlorida, who was born in the Philippines, found a way out of poverty through learning and education. His pushcart classrooms and after school activities inspire children who crave change in their world to embrace hope and learning. Accepting the tribute of the CNN \$100,000 award, Efrén explained his optimism: "Our planet is filled with heroes, young, old, rich, poor. We are one great tapestry. Each person has a hidden hero within. Search within your hearts. The hero is waiting to be released. You are the change you dream. Collectively we are the change that this world needs. We can change our worlds."

Where will you be on election day, March 2, 2010? Not to vote and fulfill this basic responsibility of active citizenship would be a failure of stewardship.

# BUSINESS

## Ruidoso GRT jumps half percent today

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Starting Jan. 1 the gross receipts tax on merchandise and services purchased in Ruidoso will have increased by one-half of one percent, to 8.3125 percent.

That ties three other New Mexico communities for the second highest gross receipts tax in the state.

The spread between Ruidoso and neighboring Ruidoso Downs, which stood pat at 6.8125 percent, is now 1.5 points.

"I didn't realize it would be that soon," Ruidoso Downs Mayor Tom Armstrong said of Ruidoso's first-of-the-year gross receipts tax hike. Asked if he anticipated increased fortunes for retailers in Ruidoso Downs, and increased gross receipts tax revenues for the city, Armstrong said "It's always a possibility.

"We need more commercial activity. If it happens I think that would be a very good thing."

The mayor said he has not pondered a bump in the Ruidoso Downs sales tax, and added it is unnecessary for the city right now.

Earlier this year the governor signed legislation that allowed Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs to increase their gross receipts taxes by one-quarter or one-half of one percent.

The revenues are limited to paying for solid waste, water, and sewer facilities. Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs are in the midst of paying for a \$36 million regional wastewater treatment plant.

The Ruidoso adjustment

sets the village's sales tax almost three points ahead of the unincorporated parts of Lincoln County.

"I have concerns, but I don't want to harp on what the council decided," said Ruidoso Village Councilor Greg Cory. He and Councilor Michele Rebstock were in the minority on Sept. 8 when the one-half of one percent increase was approved. The two councilors favored a quarter of one percent raise to test the waters.

"This underscores the need for a very strong chamber of commerce and business community," said Cory. "The governing body needs to assure its citizens that the reduction in fees (to pay for the new plant) will offset the increase in the gross receipts tax."

Some retailers in Ruidoso had mixed reactions to the higher sales tax.

"I definitely feel it will hurt, especially with bigger ticket items," said Scott Schrader, a manager Western Auto/Parts Plus. Tires are a part of the business, and Schrader said he sometimes heard about the size of the sales tax in the past.

"I know I'll hear about this one. You kind of get bit in the hiney."

Burt Brunell, owner of Brunell's, felt his clothing store would probably be

impacted minimally.

But he's unimpressed. "I think that whenever you raise a tax it's ridiculous. I'm opposed to any tax increase."

Brunell noted, however, that sales tax rates at some metropolitan areas are the same or higher.

A retailer of appliances in Ruidoso believed the increased gross receipts tax will impact his business.

"It's not going to help," said Marty Martell, the owner of Village Ace Hardware. "It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that out. People do shop around for appliances."

Martell estimated appliances account for about one-quarter of his store's sales.

But Dennis Johnston, the owner of Johnston Jewelers, felt there would be little impact on his business.

"We'll gripe about it, including me, because it's so big. But people will buy what they want to buy," said Johnston. "And we'll ask them where they're from."

Earlier this year Mayor L. Ray Nunley had said the higher gross receipts tax would take some of the burden of paying for a new sewage treatment plant off residents and put some on tourists who are a part of the reason for a larger treatment facility.

Gross receipts tax rates in Lincoln County before and after the start of the new year.

| Jurisdiction        | July-Dec. 2009 | Jan.-June 2010 |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Capitan             | 6.6875%        | 6.6875%        |
| Carrizozo           | 6.8750%        | 6.8750%        |
| Corona              | 6.8125%        | 6.8125%        |
| Ruidoso             | 7.8125%        | 8.3125%        |
| Ruidoso Downs       | 6.8125%        | 6.8125%        |
| Rest of Lincoln Co. | 5.3750%        | 5.3750%        |

## El Capitan needs money to survive

The mineral exploration firm with a gold and silver claim in the Capitan Mountains needs money.

In an annual report filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, El Capitan Precious Metals said unless they develop, or are able to sell, or enter into a joint venture development on one of their properties in the Southwest, they will not have

enough cash to fund operations through the next fiscal year.

According to the report, El Capitan had \$2,348 in cash on hand on Sept. 30.

At the same time \$47,061 was payable to a partner in the venture.

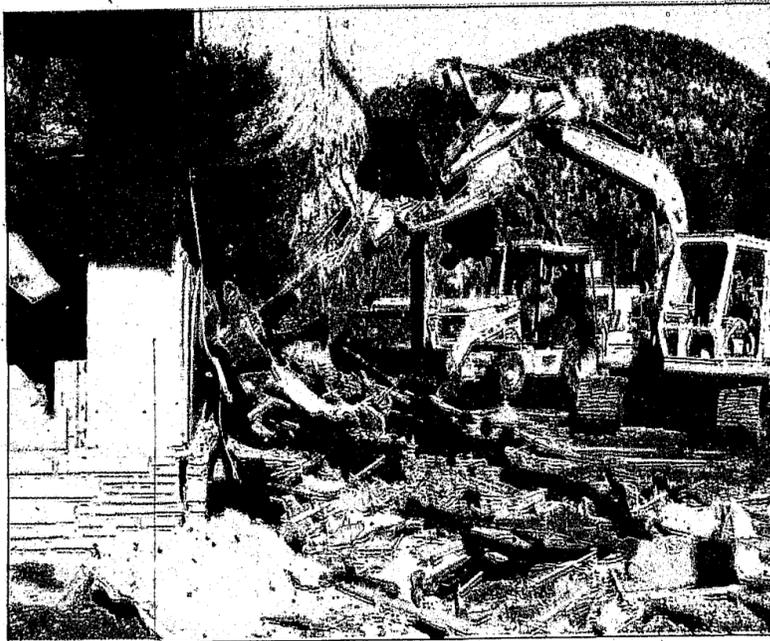
The company's independent auditors reported that conditions exist that raise substantial doubts about El Capitan's ability "to contin-

ue as a going concern."

"Our inability to establish the existence of mineral resources in commercially exploitable quantities on any of our properties may cause our business to fail," the company stated in the report.

The company is seeking state and U.S. Forest Service permits for additional exploration on their claim north of Capitan.

## OUT WITH THE OLD



JIM KALVELAGE/RUIDOSO NEWS

A crew with AC and Company pulled apart the Pine Mountain Realty building at 366 Sudderth Dr. on Wednesday. The Ruidoso real estate office, heavily damaged by a Dec. 4 fire, will rebuild at the same location. Pine Mountain Realty owner Gary Caughron said his plans are expected to go before the Ruidoso Planning and Zoning Commission on Jan. 19. "Once we get their approval we'll get to it," said Caughron.

A log-sided building, that will be turned to face Sudderth Drive, will be proposed. A fire investigation concluded the blaze was electrical in nature, said Fire Chief Tom Gavin. A space heater in a wall was pointed to. While the fire was largely limited to a part of the building, heavy smoke damage occurred, said Gavin. Caughron said insurance on the structure would allow for the reconstruction. An interim office for the company is located at 1601 U.S. 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

## County unemployment up again

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The unemployment rate for Lincoln County moved higher in November, after easing down the month before.

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions put the jobless level at 6.1 percent, from October's 5.8 percent. November 2008 had been 3.5 percent.

The department said 679 of the county's 11,108 person labor force were considered unemployed. In November 640 people were without jobs. A year ago the number of unemployed in the county's labor pool was 386.

But the number of Lincoln County residents actually collecting unemployment insurance benefits in November was 225.

State labor economist with the Department of Workforce Solutions, Mark Boyd, said typically 30 to 40 percent of those unemployed have exhausted

their benefits or previously had not worked to have an employer pay into the system.

New claims in November were up 114 percent in Lincoln County compared to a year earlier. Statewide the number of new claims was up 59 percent.

"The percent of claims is double in Lincoln County," said Boyd. "But it's not catastrophic because the numbers are small."

The construction and retail trade industries have been especially hit over the past year.

The number of unemployment claims in Lincoln County was up 158 percent for the construction sector. Thirty-one claims were filed last month compared with 12 in November 2008.

The retail sector, with 225 claims last month, had a 225 percent jump.

But Lincoln County registered the tenth lowest unemployment rate among New Mexico's 30 counties or metropolitan statistical

areas. "From a year ago your position in the table is about the same," Boyd noted of the county ranking.

In Otero County the November out of work rate was 6.6 percent, a reduction from the previous month's 6.9 percent. But in November 2008 the jobless rate was at 4.4 percent.

Chaves County had a 7.1 percent November unemployment rate, according to the report released on Tuesday. That was unchanged from the month before.

But it was nearly three full points above the November 2008 level of 4.2 percent.

Across New Mexico the jobless rate stood at 7.8 percent, the same as October 2008. That is a 21-year high. A year earlier it had been 4.6 percent. Two years ago it had been at a record low of 3.5 percent.

Nationally the unemployment rate is at 10 percent.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Gas prices up

Filling up around Ruidoso became more expensive on Tuesday. Some gas stations pushed their pump prices up nine cents per gallon.

Regular unleaded went to \$2.799, the highest in New Mexico, according to

the Web site newmexico-gasprices.com.

A number of other stations held their prices in the \$2.709 to \$2.729 range.

The American Automobile Association in New Mexico said Wednesday that the average statewide price for regular gasoline was \$2.608, an increase of

just over one-cent from a week earlier.

In late November the price was \$2.658 per gallon. A year ago it had dropped to \$1.615.

The highest New Mexico average was \$4.078, on July 17, 2008.

- Jim Kalvelage

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POLICE & COURTS

# AG settles securities fraud lawsuit Judge rules LCSWA immune from suit

**ALBUQUERQUE** — Attorney General Gary King announced that Broadcom Corp. has agreed to a \$160.5 million cash settlement of the class action lawsuit arising from Broadcom's alleged stock option backdating practices.

The NM State Investment Council (SIC), represented by the Attorney General's Office, was the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit.

"This cash recovery is the second largest up-front settlement ever from a company accused of stock options backdating and represents a substantial percentage of damages incurred by the Class," says Attorney General King.

"This result is great news for the State of New Mexico and the thousands who were affected."

AG King adds, "We will

continue to aggressively prosecute our claims against Broadcom's independent auditor, Ernst & Young LLP, who we allege were culpable under securities laws.

"These claims are currently on appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit."

Broadcom's historical stock option practices were called into question by securities analysts and others in May 2006.

The state alleged that, between July 21, 2005 and July 13, 2006, Broadcom violated federal securities laws by disseminating a series of materially false and misleading statements relating to Broadcom's stock option practices.

The state was also represented by the law firm of Labaton Sucharow LLP.

—AG news release.

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A wrongful death lawsuit, coming out of an almost three-year-old Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority incident, has been dismissed.

A summary judgment, granted by District Judge Jerry Ritter, stated the authority was immune from such suits because it is a "governmental entity."

Employee Robert Mc-

Carty died after entering the compactor compartment of a solid waste truck and the compactor activated.

The incident happened on Jan. 29, 2007, at the Alto Lakes solid waste convenience station.

The civil lawsuit was filed earlier this year on behalf of McCarthy's wife and son.

The court ruled that the solid waste authority is a "local public body" under

the New Mexico Tort Claims Act. The act provides sovereign immunity to governmental entities, limiting governments from liability for claims as provided in the provisions of the Tort Claims Act.

In addition to wrongful death, the lawsuit also argued negligent infliction of emotional distress, loss of consortium, and damages.

In addition what is now called the Greentree Solid

Waste Authority, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners had been named as defendants and were also granted summary judgment on Dec. 29.

An investigation of the incident by the New Mexico Environment Department's Occupational Health and Safety Bureau had determined there were some safety violations at the time involving the garbage truck and required procedures.

## Ogletree appears in court Monday

An interim U.S. Border Patrol agent, charged with the rape of a Ruidoso woman, made his first court appearance on Monday.

Christopher Ogletree, 23, was arrested on Dec. 14 at the Border Patrol station in Deming.

Magistrate Judge Lorena LaMay was told by Ogletree that he would obtain his own attorney. The Ruidoso based judge had earlier this month issued a warrant for Ogletree's arrest.

According to a Ruidoso police report, a woman told an officer that she had been sexually assaulted on June 27 while highly intoxicated. A search warrant investigation of Ogletree's cellular phone revealed text

messages to a friend where Ogletree allegedly stated he had intercourse with the woman. In a recorded interview between police and Ogletree, he was said to have admitted having oral sex with the woman outside of her home.

A sexual assault examination indicated bruising injuries to the victim's arms, abdomen, inner thighs and legs. She also had abrasions in the vaginal area.

Ogletree is charged with criminal sexual penetration, a second-degree felony.

Ogletree, who resides in Deming, is free on a \$10,000 bond. He was terminated from the U.S. Border Patrol on Dec. 22.

—Jim Kalvelage

### LEGAL BRIEF

#### Check fraud

Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division's Counterfeit Check Data Base has been updated to help consumers recognize fraudulent checks that are currently being circulated in New Mexico.

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Office of New Mexico Attorney General Gary K. King,

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### RUIDOSO POLICE BRIEFS

#### Dec. 14

5:54 a.m. — Police were called to the Sonic Drive-In, 102 Horton Cir., after the employee opening the restaurant found one of the front doors broken and a safe box removed. About \$100 was reported missing. The restaurant will provide a police investigator with a copy of the non-stop surveillance recording at the business.

12:21 p.m. — A man reported to police that he had been burglarized at the Alpine Lodge, 2805 Sudderth Dr. The victim said a bag, containing \$11,544.29 in cash, a wallet, checks and a debit card were taken from a chair in his living room. The theft was believed to have happened on the afternoon of Dec. 12 when the door was open to bring in Christmas gifts.

8:09 p.m. — A Ruidoso man faced a criminal complaint after a woman said a former boyfriend had followed her, in violation of a restraining order. Ibrahim Taskin, 45, was to be summons into court for allegedly violating a protection order.

#### Dec. 16

5:34 p.m. — Police responded to a home in the 100 block of Angeles Drive on a report of a woman being attacked. The victim said she was struck and kicked. An arrest warrant was issued for the man that fled the location. Police

were later tipped to where the man's was, and arrested Marty McFarland, 45, Ruidoso, on a charge of battery against a household member.

#### Dec. 17

12:43 p.m. — A woman notified police that she was being harassed by an ex-boyfriend through text messages and his showing up at her job. The woman was advised to obtain a protection order. She was also referred to the department's victims' advocate.

#### Dec. 18

1:42 p.m. — Police took a report of missing money from Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant, 2408 Sudderth Dr. Police were told an envelope containing what was reported as a little more than \$500 was taken from an office desk. The case is listed as a larceny of more than \$500 but less than \$2,500, which is a fourth degree felony.

#### Dec. 23

1:57 a.m. — Officers were called to the Center Street and Sudderth Drive on a report of a fight in progress. Two men, bleeding from their heads, said they had been jumped and beaten up

as they were returning to their vehicle. Both were treated at the Lincoln County Medical Center. One of the victims, Edwin Bahe, 26, Lukachukai, AZ, was arrested because of an outstanding warrant.

#### Dec. 24

7:10 p.m. — Police responded to a domestic incident in the 500 block of College Drive, involving an El Paso couple. A copy of the police report and the man's blood alcohol concentration report were being sent to his probation officer.

9:13 p.m. — An argumentative but not physical domestic situation resulted in the arrest of a man. Officers were sent to a home in the 100 block of Horton Circle. Thomas Damon, 42, Ruidoso, violated the terms of his probation by having a blood alcohol level of .16, according to a police report.

9:28 p.m. — A report of two women acting suspicious in a back yard of a residence in the 500 block of Sudderth Drive resulted in one arrest. One of the women was accused of concealing her identity by pro-

viding false information. Angela McGee-Gayford, 42, also had two nationwide extradition felony warrants on charges of forgery and possession of prescription drugs.

#### Dec. 27

3:57 a.m. — EMS, police, a criminal investigator, and the victims' advocate were dispatched on a report of a rape. A woman told an officer that she woke up to discover a friend of the family sexually assaulting her. The reported rape followed an earlier trip to a bar and a return home. After the incident the man fell asleep in a recliner but was told to leave by another person in the house.

The woman provided police with the name of the man. Evidence was collected at the scene.

8:44 a.m. — An officer was sent to a home in the 200 block of Hart Avenue on a report of an attempted breaking and entering and criminal damage to property. Window screens have been removed and one window was damaged, possibly from prying. The part-time resident said nothing appeared missing.

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# Ruidoso police purchase heat-detecting spotlights

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When Ruidoso police officers responded to a possible burglary in progress call during the night, in the past they were operating at a disadvantage.

The perpetrators could hide behind trees, in the brush or even inside the house and possibly remain undetected when officers searched.

But today, police have help in the form of a heat-detecting spotlight.

Manufactured by Autoliv, five Nighttime Optical Thermal Imaging Cameras were purchased for \$4,200 each and were installed in patrol cars, replacing the normal spotlights.

Sgt. Wade Proctor explained, "We can pick up heat images up to 300 meters away and distinguish between a real defined image of an animal or human at 100 meters."

Eventually, department



Sgt. Wade Proctor and retiring Ruidoso Police Chief Wolfgang Born inspect the new heat-detecting spotlight known as a Nighttime Optical Thermal Imaging Camera.

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neighborhoods experiencing problems with break-ins and other crimes can be identified, he said.

"The village is divided into district and once a problem is identified, we can concentrate on the district that needs more targeted patrols," Proctor said.

The spotlight also is useful in vehicle pursuits. If a fleeing driver tries to pull into a driveway or parking lot to hide with other cars, the spotlight will detect its signature, the heat emanating from the motor, he said, adding, "It's a great additional tool for our officers."

officials plan to outfit every vehicle with one of the special spotlights, he said. They can be monitored through the computer units in each vehicle or with the

flip of a switch, images can be recorded into the "eye-witness" system.

"We could show someone breaking into a window or kicking in a door,"

Proctor said. "We can sit on a street and monitor a whole neighborhood at night. We can see what's going on, watch them walking outside and they don't

even know what's going on."

During the monthly statistical review meeting with other law enforcement and related agencies,

# 25 county communities classified as at-risk for wildfires

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Twenty-five communities around Lincoln County are included as communities at risk for wildfires.

An annual December report to the governor and

legislature rates the fire dangers in the 2009 New Mexico Communities at Risk assessment plan.

Listed at a high risk are Alto, Angus, Ancho, Arabela, Bonito, Carrizo Canyon, Cedar Creek, Eagle Creek, Gavilan Canyon,

Glencoe, Loma Grande, Lincoln, Nogal, Ranches of Sonterra, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Sierra Vista, Sun Valley, Villa Madona, and White Oaks.

Classified as a medium risk are Corona and the Hondo-Tinnie area. Capi-

tan, Carrizozo, and Fort Stanton are rated with a low wildfire threat.

The locations are included in a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) that attempts to reduce the threat of wildland fires. The three plans

cover regions, from the immediate Ruidoso area, a larger part of Lincoln County, and a section of northern Lincoln County that is in the Claunch-Pinto CWPP.

The plans include strategies to reduce struc-

tural ignitability, identifies areas that need vegetative fuels removed to reduce the risk and severity of wildfires, and evaluates a community's fire-fighting capacity.

The Lincoln County CWPP is countywide, with an emphasis on the protection of communities and other economic and ecological values. The plan, adopted in 2008, noted the wildfire risk to human welfare and economic and ecological value is more serious today than in the past because of the buildup of hazardous fuels, communities, and other infrastructure in proximity to forests and rangelands, and a lack of public appreciation for wildfire.

An executive summary noted human-caused ignitions account for 64 percent of wildfires, and their frequency will likely become more numerous as the county's population grows and outdoor recreation increases.

In assessing each community, the plan lists factors leading to the ratings. Items like heavy vegetation, limited ingress and egress, a lack of defensible space around buildings, terrain, above ground electric utilities, and steep roads lead to the ratings.

Following a number of devastating wildfires in New Mexico earlier this decade, including the March 2002 Kokopelli Fire in the Alto area, the state legislature required identification of Wildland Urban Interface areas most vulnerable to danger from wildfire fires.

The New Mexico Fire Planning Task Force was created in 2003 to assemble the list and to develop standards for building codes and ordinances that would reduce the danger.

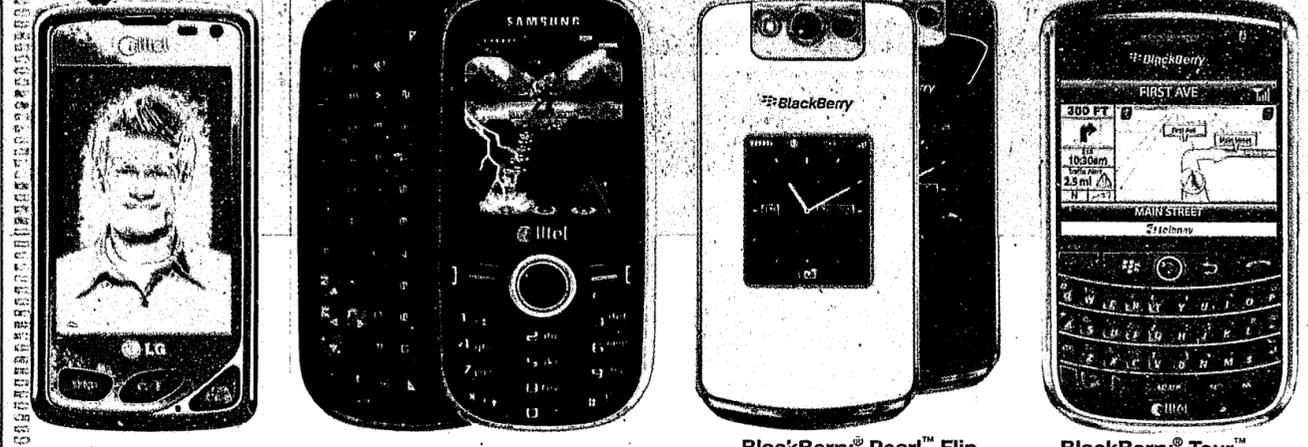
The Ruidoso Area CWPP was adopted in 2004 by the village council and other local governments in the immediate area. It followed a set of village ordinances that required homeowners create defensible space and thin tree overgrown lots. New construction standards were also enacted.

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department's Forestry Division assembled the December 2009 Communities at Risk report.

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# Fort Stanton enjoyed a banner year in 2009

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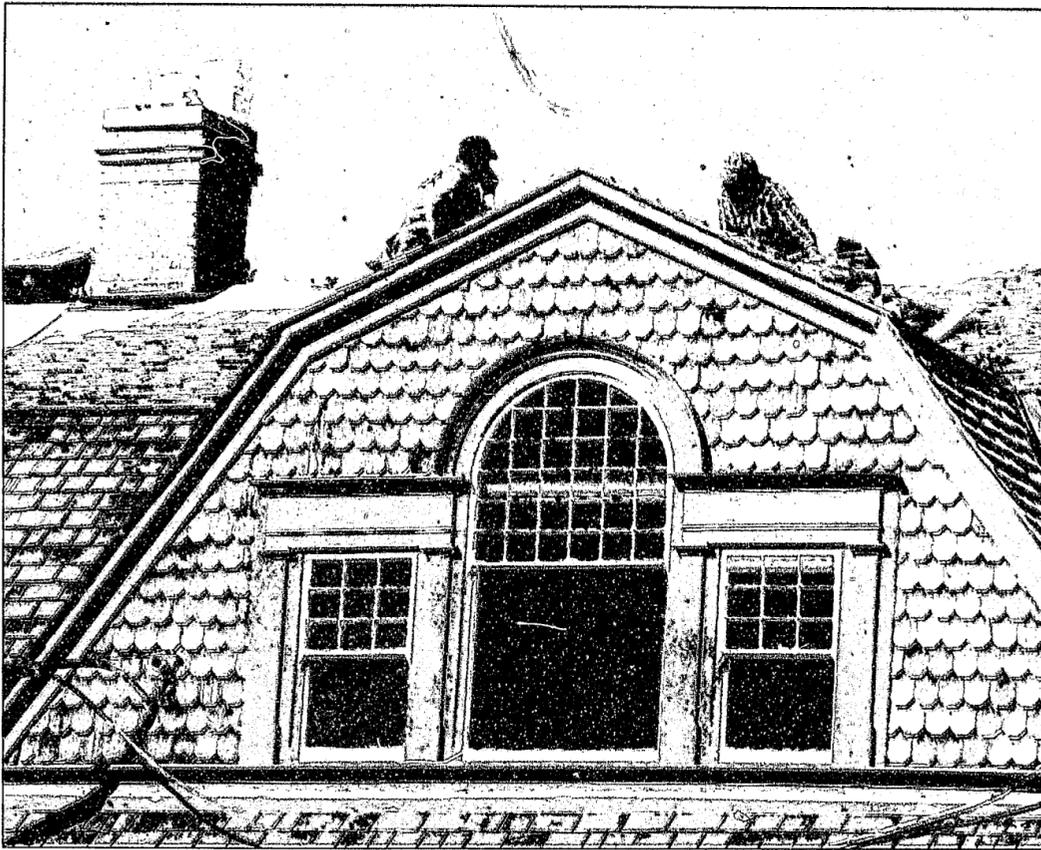
The year turned out to be pretty good for Fort Stanton, New Mexico's newest state monument, says historian Lynda Sanchez.

"Having a book written about you, having a facelift and folks admiring your beauty and appreciating your history - what more could one want?" said the long-time advocate of the 1855 fort and author of "Fort Stanton, Legacy of Honor, Tradition of Healing," created with photographer David Tremblay.

"Despite a bad economy, the Parade Ground and the stables/silos areas at the fort have had a tremendous amount of work now completed," she said. "I hope the trend will continue as we head into the next few years. Capital outlay money and some donations have been fully obligated and spent."

One of the best-preserved forts in the United States consisting of 22 buildings that include the historic core structures and parade grounds, Fort Stanton lies about 15 miles northeast of Ruidoso and was home to several famous characters such as scout Kit Carson, Gen. John J. "Blackjack" Pershing and the Buffalo Soldiers.

The Administration Building, which will house State Monument offices and a museum run by Fort Stanton Inc. and its associated foundation, recently received the final walk-through for a completed



Workers replace historic windows at Fort Stanton.

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*"Having a book written about you, having a facelift and folks admiring your beauty and appreciating your history - what more could one want?"*

restoration project, Sanchez said. The porch of the structure was gutted and rebuilt. The interior upright beams and window facings no longer show termite damage. The flooring is new and the wiring and many other features,

including the roof, have or will be finished soon, she said. "New lime wash paint and green trim have several buildings looking wonderful," she said.

Bureau of Land Management officials hope to move their offices and the

Fort Stanton Cave Research files into the pueblo-style nurses' quarters in the near future, Sanchez said.

"Improvements will be made to the structure as well as new paint and a pleasing public setting will

soon emerge in the lovely walled-in court yard."

The final project for the moment will be repair of the silos roofs.

"The magnificent silos, constructed in the early 1930's, have become a signature look of the Fort as

one drives into the site," the historian said. "They are made of baked ceramic tiles from Kansas."

"The walls are strong," photographer Tremblay said. He enjoys capturing elements of the site, but the silo roofs are just about gone. Everything else looks clean and stabilized at the stables area, except for the silos.

"It is amazing what can be done once the ball gets to rolling," Sanchez said. "Furthermore, with quick thinking and planning, the capital outlay funding was not taken away from the Fort (in the latest budget cutting of the legislature and the governor, because of a massive state budget deficit projected for 2010). It could have been, because the Legislative Finance Committee was looking to slice and dice. But with continued public pressure, the contracts and work orders were completed, before that final order came through to freeze all funds that had not been used by the end date established by the LFC."

As for the future, Sanchez is optimistic the momentum won't bog down.

"The Fort has many dedicated folks who will continue their work as docents, supporters and researchers," she said. "Eventually, the State of New Mexico will be able to hire a full time staff and develop an interpretive plan that will tout the site's unique history in its entirety from the Cavalry era to World War II and all the phases between."

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| Jan 29, 2010           | Fri | 7:30pm | Maud Powell Tribute - Bach/Tchaikovsky  | Western Hills Methodist Church            |
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## Equine disease restricts transportation of horses into New Mexico

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An equine disease that can result in acute illness and sometimes death is restricting the transport of some horses into New Mexico.

The New Mexico Livestock Board has barred the import of horses from Texas counties that have confirmed cases of equine piroplasmiasis. Racehorses will not be allowed to enter New Mexico racetrack until they have a negative equine piroplasmiasis test within six months.

State Veterinarian Dave Fry said the board, in cooperation with the New

Mexico Racing Commission, has taken a proactive stand to protect the state's racing industry, as well as the exhibition and breeding industry from the introduction of the disease.

Equine piroplasmiasis is a blood parasite that causes blood loss, anemia, debilitation, and death in some acute cases. It is primarily transmitted by certain species of ticks.

"Currently the state of Texas is experiencing an outbreak of equine piroplasmiasis," said Fry. "At this time the outbreak is centered in Kleberg County Texas, but exposure and positive horses have been found in fourteen states

and several other counties in Texas. The true extent of the outbreak is unknown at this time."

Recent testing has revealed three equine piroplasmiasis positive horses residing in New Mexico. The horses were destined to race at Sunland Park Racetrack, but have been denied movement. They are under isolated quarantine.

All racing horses are being tested before being allowed at a licenses track facility in the state. Presently all horses entering New Mexico from Texas must present a negative equine piroplasmiasis test.

The Texas outbreak was

initially detected on a ranch in the southern part of the state.

"We are continuing the equine piroplasmiasis disease investigation," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and the head of the Texas Animal Health Commission. "Our epidemiologists are tracing the movement of specific equine animals. Until the epidemiological work and testing of potentially exposed horses is completed, there is no way to predict how many horses may be affected with this tick-borne illness."

During the past two years outbreaks have occurred in Florida, Missouri,

and Kansas. The outbreaks were traced to high-risk horse racing on non-sanctioned race tracks, according to the New Mexico Livestock Board.

### Slow diagnosis

A fact sheet from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said an equine piroplasmiasis infected horse can take seven to 22 days to show signs of the ailment. Mild forms of the disease cause equines to appear weak and show a lack of appetite. More acute cases can occur where the illness is not common and horses have not built up a resistance. Signs of the acute phase include

fever, anemia, jaundiced mucous membranes, a swollen abdomen, and labored breathing. Other signs may be central nervous system disturbances, roughened-hair coats, constipation, colic, and red colored urine. Some infected horses, however, may show few or no symptoms in the acute phase.

Horses that survive the acute phase of infection may continue to carry the parasites for long periods of time. Those equines are potential sources of infection to other horses through tick-borne transmission or mechanical transfer through needles of surgical instruments.

## POOL

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New MexicoGROW, the Local Government

Investment Pool, that on Nov. 25, the U.S District Court for the Southern District of New York issued an order about the distribution of the assets of The Reserve Primary Fund.

Among other things, the court ordered a pro rata distribution of the Fund's remaining assets.

"As you recall, (in a statement posted Sept. 3, 2009, on the pool Web site),

we said that we believe the Reserve Primary Fund (which was invested in Lehman) will ultimately end up distributing between 98.38 percent and 98.77 percent of the balance that the LGIP had in The Reserve Primary Fund as of Sept. 15, 2008," wrote James B. Lewis, New Mexico State Treasurer, and Sheila Duffy, chief investment officer for the pool. "We believe that based on the court's recent action, the distribution is more likely to be at the higher end of the range..."

The distribution is expected by the end of the 2010 fiscal year, but they can't guarantee the pace of liquidation, they wrote.

According to information on The Reserve's Web site dated Dec. 28, fund officials stated the Fund will distribute an additional \$43 million, the fourth distribution to date. That represents about 50 percent of the remaining \$85.5 million in total Fund assets at the close of business Dec. 21, 2009, which includes the Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. securities,

valued at zero.

When that distribution is completed, \$1.09 billion, or 94 percent of assets as of Sept. 15, 2008, will have been returned to investors, they stated.

Under the watchful eye of County Treasurer Beverly Calaway, the county was able to withdraw most of the \$4.5 million invested in the local government state pool after the Lehman collapse occurred Sept. 15, 2008. But about \$150,000 was frozen by state pool officials to cover the county's portion of the potential loss. Since then, another \$60,000 was returned to Lincoln County.

Calaway became deeply involved in monitoring the situation for the New Mexico Association of Counties and has said she is committed to fighting to reclaim every dollar withheld.

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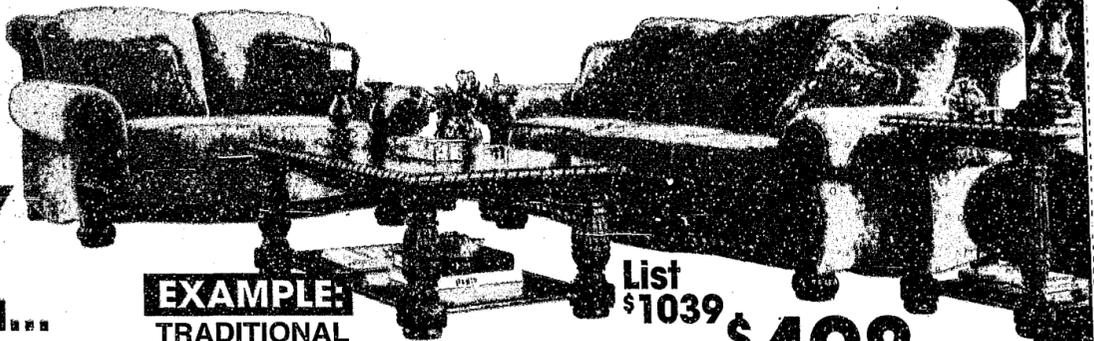


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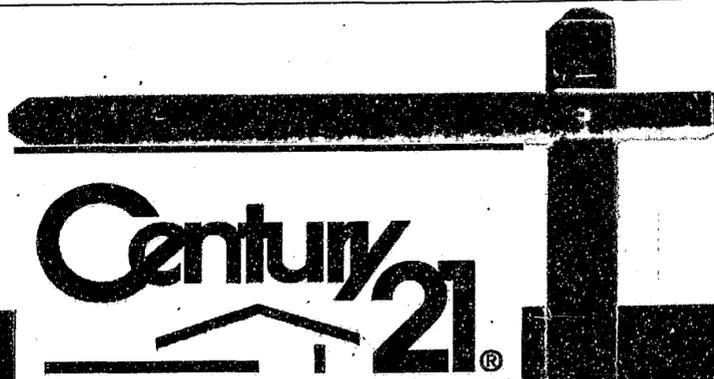


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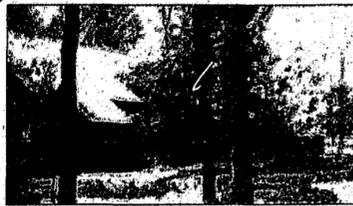


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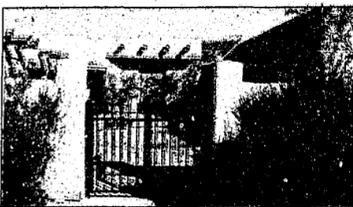
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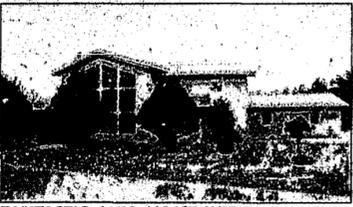
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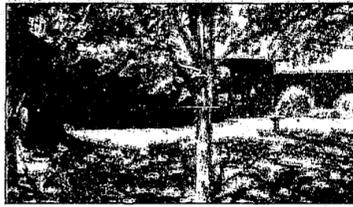
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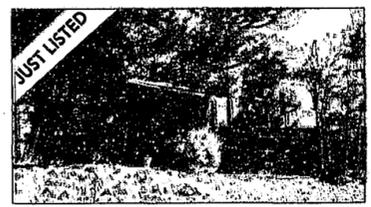


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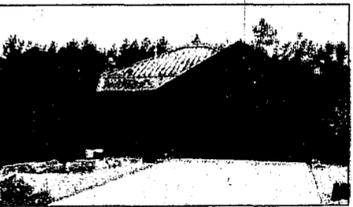
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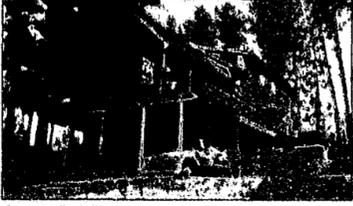
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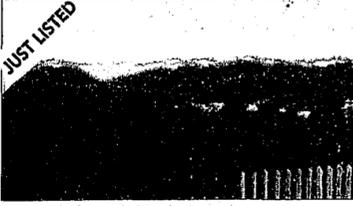
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## Ski Report

### Ski Apache

The snow resort is open daily 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You may call 464-1234 for the latest ski report and information. For the latest snow totals call 257-9001. The ski report is culled from www.ski-apachesnowreport.com

**Tickets:** Season passes are normally available by phone at 464-3600.

**New snow past 48 hrs.:** 1 inch  
**Season total:** 72 inches  
**Weather for Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 48. West wind around 5 mph. Friday evening, partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

**Weather for Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 50. Saturday evening, mostly clear, with a low around 24.

**Current conditions:** Excellent  
**Mid-mountain snow depth:** 36 inches

**Snow surface:** Powder, packed powder, machine groomed.

**Groomed runs:** Bunny, Easy Street, East Easy Street, Moonshine Gulch, Lower Moonshine, Lower Deep Freeze, Ramp, SBT, Capitan Lite, Smokey Bear, Chino, Meadows, East Meadows, Geronimo, Elk Ridge, Bull Run, Apache Bowl, Rover and Lincoln Lift Line.

**Groomers Pick:** Rover  
**Lifts open:** No. 1, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7 and No. 8. Gondola is closed.

**Snowmaking:** No

## Sports On Tap

### Boys Basketball

**Saturday, Jan. 2**  
Ruidoso at Pojoaque, 6 p.m.  
**Monday, Jan. 4**  
Mescalero at Hondo, 6:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 5**  
Socorro at Ruidoso, 7 p.m.  
Capitan at Hondo, 6:30 p.m.

### Girls Basketball

**Monday, Jan. 4**  
Mesilla Valley at RHS, 6:30 p.m.  
Mescalero at Hondo, 5 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Jan. 5**  
Capitan at Hondo, 5 p.m.

## — Roundball Preview —

# Area hoops teams reload and shoot for new year

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The holidays have given all 12 Lincoln County boys and girls basketball teams a chance to rest and think about the upcoming final stretch drive of their seasons.

### Ruidoso Boys

The Ruidoso Warriors played a great game, Friday, Dec. 18, sending the visiting Artesia Bulldogs down to defeat, 69-58.

The game was marked with a good defensive effort by RHS, along with few missed opportunities. The tough Robertson Cardinals dropped by the next evening, and even though confidence was high on the Ruidoso bench, the Cardinals posted a convincing 70-55 win.

Three days later, the Warriors went to West Las Vegas and lost by five. The Christmas/New Years break came at a good time for the hometown boys.

They should be rested up and ready to go. Good thing, because they have to go on the road again and slay some Elks — the D2-3A Pojoaque Elks, that is.

Pojoaque is currently 8-4 overall with a 3-1 home record. Three days later, the 3-5 Socorro Warriors drop by for a 7 p.m. tilt.

### Ruidoso Girls

Head coach Julie Montoya is a believer in playing up against strong teams at away tourna-

ments like the City of Champions Tournament in Albuquerque and the Goddard Tournament.

Maybe that's why the Lady Warriors have knocked off 4A Goddard twice so far, 62-38 and 50-35.

On Dec. 10 they lost to Carlsbad, 54-28, but exacted their revenge against the Lady Cavegirls three days after Christmas (Monday) with a big 45-43 victory at the Goddard tournament.

Wednesday they will have played Los Alamos High School and then they will host Mesilla Valley, Monday at 6:30 p.m. Montoya's squad is young, but as time goes by, they should get better and better.

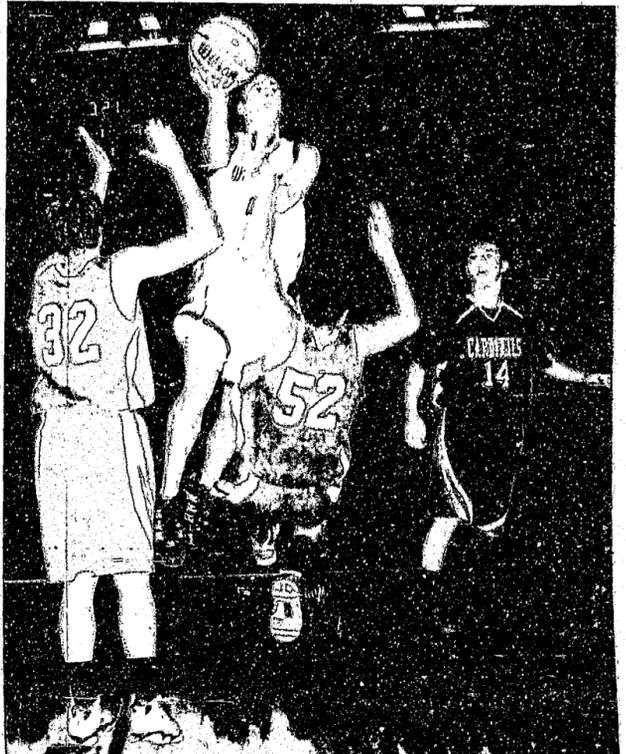
### Capitan Boys

The Tigers started their season on a bright note by taking down the tough, visiting Hondo Eagles, 63-54. And there the celebrations stopped.

They lost the next three games, which included Carrizozo (63-34). But Tuesday might be just what the doctor ordered for the Tigers when they travel to Hondo for a home and home battle with the Eagles.

There's just one thing to be wary of — are head coach Lopez and his boys in revenge mode and laying a trap?

Lopez is normally a quiet guy but you can tell, the wheels are always turning. If the Capitan squad can get by this game they



MIKE CURRAN/RUIDOSO NEWS

Andrew Gilliland goes up for two in the Dec. 19 game against Robertson.

then have their own Smokey Bear Tournament to look forward to next Thursday.

### Capitan Girls

Venerable head coach Marv Sanders has his girls clicking on most cylinders, so far.

They started the season by

beating Hondo, 41-28, and then thumped Carrizozo, 55-5, before losing to Animas, 46-40.

So far, that was just a hiccup, and they then went on to take down Hot Springs and Quemado.

Tuesday, the Lady Tigers jour-

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# Farmington hosts last high school rodeo finals

DARREN VAUGHAN  
The Daily Times

FARMINGTON — The 2009 edition of the National High School Finals Rodeo was a success inside the arenas of McGee Park, but not so much in the San Juan County community.

Despite back-to-back years of action that filled the bleachers night after night, the Tres Rios High School Rodeo Association voted against bidding for the right to host the 2014 NHSFR, citing significant

financial losses and the perceived apathy of the national organization toward the host communities.

"In good conscience, I just don't think I see that benefit versus the loss that we incurred," said Farmington Mayor Bill Standley after the November vote.

"I think they're thumbing their nose at the communities."

According to figures provided by Tres Rios, local communities incurred more than \$186,000 in losses while hosting the 2008

NHSFR, and figures for the 2009 edition could reach \$325,000.

However, the effect of those financial losses wasn't evident during the event itself. Unlike the 2008 rodeo, when riders Corbin Carpenter and Blake Arp each suffered horrific injuries, the 2009 NHSFR finished without a significant incident. In fact, the week began in electric fashion when Carpenter rode into the rough stock arena atop his horse prior to the first performance of the week, eliciting a roar from

the crowd.

As the week went on, the action was fast and furious. Bloomfield's Dylan Henson made it to the short-go in bull riding, ultimately coming up with an 11th-place finish in the national standings, while Fruitland's Talon Henry finished 13th.

Aztec High graduate Sorrel Huntington finished sixth in goat tying and nearly had a shot at the national title in pole bending before her horse knocked down a pole at the conclusion of her second

run, knocking her out of contention.

Several other New Mexicans made their mark as Team New Mexico finished eighth overall in the national standings. Carlsbad's Jessie Kirkes won national All-Around Cowgirl honors and Huntington finished eighth. Kirkes was eighth in goat tying and fifth in pole bending.

Kirkes benefited from the goodwill of the Waybourn family, who provided her a horse after her normal mount was crippled several months before the

NHSFR.

Meanwhile, Belen's Ryan Cook teamed with Cody Jo Mirabal of Grants to win the team roping title over Oklahoma's Jay Pillars and Austin Rogers. Stetson Mackey, an Ignacio, Colo., native competing for New Mexico, finished second in boys cutting.

Wyoming's AJ Fuchs was the All-Around Cowboy, beating 2008 champion Cameron Hopper-Craig of Nevada for the title.

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# Brett Favre beats the odds — so far

On Aug. 18, when 40-year-old Brett Favre decided to come out of a short retirement and join the Minnesota Vikings I thought, "Why do these guys insist on playing when their best years are behind them?"

That's why I admire and respect Rocky Marciano so much.

He quit the ring when he was 49-0 (43 by KO), didn't try for No. 50, and said goodbye to boxing forever. You can argue all you want

about who was the greatest boxer of

them all, Muhammad Ali (56-5), Jack Johnson (73-13, with nine draws and nine no-contests) or Joe Louis (65-3), but Marciano was smart enough to call it a day at the peak of his career, thus protecting his image, reputation and perfect record. He then went on with his life.

Most champions in sports have large egos — that's what it takes to get to the top of the heap. But as they age, sometimes, their wisdom becomes clouded by the dream to relive past glories. Yesterday's dreams sometimes die

hard.

Thus far, Favre has beaten the odds. He has guided his team to a 11-4 record and clinched the NFC North. At the beginning of the season he and the Vikes won six straight games before losing to Pittsburgh, 27-17.

Monday, he and Minnesota lost a tough 36-30 OT game with Chicago. The week before that the Vikings were defeated by the Cardinals, 26-7. This coming Sunday they have a regular season-ending home battle with the New York Giants. If Favre expects to do well in the playoffs he and his mates should go all-out to

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# HOOPS

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ney to Hondo for the second of two regular season scheduled games.

The same warning holds true for girls as was mentioned for the boys. Just because you beat them once, don't get complacent or you might find someone else eating your lunch.

Speaking of food, the Smokey Bear Tournament always has good vittles at their event and that's where the Lady Tigers will be playing, starting Jan. 7.

## Mescalero Boys

The Apache Chiefs are a capable squad with some athletes on their team and they showed that during their White Mountain Tournament recently.

They won their opening contest against the Alamogordo 9th-graders, 55-53, before losing the next day to Valley Christian, 65-43.

In the playoff game for third place they lost a close

one to Alamo Navajo, 49-46, to take a fourth place finish among eight teams. Glenn Yellowcloud, like Rico Lopez of Hondo, is always fun to watch flying through the air, delivering round-ball packages to the hoop.

One or two more players like Yellowcloud could make a big difference.

Speaking of Hondo, that's where head coach Michael Torres and his crew travel to Monday. Hey, Lopez and Yellowcloud on the same court - that could be worth the price of admission.

## Mescalero Girls

This is serious business to the Lady Chiefs head coach Steve Baker. His intensity level is on full tilt boogie from the opening buzzer to the end.

The results speak for themselves. His girls are currently 7-2. Their only regular season scheduled game loss was against Hot Springs at home on Dec. 7 (Pearl Harbor Day). The other loss was a 55-54 squeaker to THajilee on

the second day of the White Mountain Tournament, Dec. 18. The next day saw Baker and crew demolish Alamo Navajo, 53-28, for a third place finish at their own tournament.

On Monday the Lady Chiefs, who haven't yet lost an away game, head for Hondo for a 5 p.m. tip-off.

## Hondo Boys

In their opening game against Mescalero, the Eagles took it on the chin, 59-56. On Dec. 3 they traveled to Lake Arthur and won a tight one, 48-47. Then they lost to Capitan by nine. They lost the first two games at the White Mountain Tournament before beating THajilee, 66-48, for seventh place. This team has some tough athletes on it and some of their opponents are going to pay the price if they take their losing record seriously. Tuesday should tell the tale. The night before the Eagles will have played a physical game against Mescalero and 24 hours later take on Capitan. Both of these games are on

Hondo's home court which should ease the pain ... or the physical stress.

## Hondo Girls

Head coach Brad Holland has his girls cruising along with a 6-4 record. They took first place at the Panther Invitational Tournament, Dec. 10-12 and sixth place at the White Mountain Tournament. And one of their losses at that tournament was a 35-34 heart-breaker to the Alamogordo 9th-graders. Their win there was a 29-24 victory over Carrizozo. Hondo's home game against Mescalero on Monday should be a barnburner. The 6-4 Lady Eagles against the 7-2 Lady Chiefs. Holland against Baker. Whatever the entrance fee is, it has to be a bargain.

## Carrizozo Boys

Head coach Billy Page doesn't back off a tough opponent. He obviously believes, if you play with the best and against the best, you might one day be

the best. Take the Dec. 5 game at the Magdalena Steer

Tournament against the Rio Rancho JV, for instance. Yeah, the Grizzlies lost, but only by two, 68-66. Three days later his crew pummeled Capitan, 63-34. Wednesday he will have played the mighty 9-0 Cliff Cowboys. Is hazardous duty pay in effect here? If the 4-4 (currently) Grizzlies heal up in time they will play in the Smokey Bear Tournament, starting Thursday.

## Carrizozo Girls

The same thing that was said of the boys team could mostly apply to the Lady Grizzlies, also. Page and his 2-5 girls have their work cut out. They have some talented volleyball athletes on the basketball court. But there's a certain acclimation time to be heeded here. Smashing the ball down your opponents throats is slightly different than finessing the ball through an 18-inch diameter rim. The girls will join the fight in Cliff as they

take on the 10-0 Cowgirls. Thursday, they too, will play in more humane surroundings as they participate in the 34th Annual Smokey Bear Tournament in Capitan.

## Corona Boys

The 1-2 Cardinals played a good game on Nov. 21 at the Vaughn Tournament when they pounded Maxwell 67-60 and took a third place. Before that they were beaten by a tough San Jon team and lost to Vaughn, also on Nov. 21, 55-28.

The holidays will give the Cardinals a chance to reload and prepare to entertain House, Jan. 12.

## Corona Girls

The Lady Cardinals are coasting along with a credible 4-2 record after annihilating Vaughn, 53-19, and Jesus Chapel (of El Paso), 40-23, at the Panther Invitational Tournament at Lake Arthur, Dec. 11-12. They get ready to host House on Jan. 12, a team they previously beat on Nov. 20, at House, 48-7.

# RODEO

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Hopper-Craig was trying to become just the second cowboy in NHSFR his

tory to repeat as All-Around Cowboy, but couldn't come up with the score he needed in bareback riding to pull it off.

Meanwhile, Arkansas' Chase Outlaw won the national bull riding title in

spectacular fashion, coming up with a score of 87 points on his final ride of the competition.

Missouri's Jerrell Hewitt captured the tie-down roping crowd, and Oklahoma's Riley Duvall won

his second straight steer wrestling title.

Other champions included Florida's Baily Jobe (barrel racing); Wyoming's JR Vezain (bareback riding); Texas' Brody Beaver (boys cut-

ting) and Kirsten Stubbs (breakaway roping); Utah's Tyesha Oppenheimer (cat tying); Kansas' Angela Bartley (pole bending) and South Dakota's Dawson Jandreau (saddle bronc).

In girls cutting, Idaho's Jamie Lancaster, Nevada's Marisa Julian and Texas' Kyle Lancaster tied for the championship.

Texas broke Utah's stranglehold on the overall team title, with Louisiana, Montana and Oklahoma rounding out the top five. Utah boasted the nation's top boys team, and Texas' girls easily outdistanced Louisiana.

The national committee will select the host for the 2014 and 2015 events in January.

# FAVRE

FROM PAGE 1B

beat the visitors which will give them momentum going into the post-season. That's what the Steelers-of-old would do every time they won the Super Bowl.

Even in the loss to the Bears Monday, Favre passed for 321 yards. He's got good receivers and a normally solid defense. That's a plus.

But they've also got some problems. It's no secret, there's friction between head coach Brad Childress and Favre, stemming from the Dec. 20, 26-7 loss to the Carolina Panthers.

Favre later claimed Childress wanted to take him out of the game at one point, to keep him from taking any more hits from Julius Peppers and the Carolina defensive line.

A heated discussion was acknowledged between the two. There are some other issues, too. Such as who has final say in the plays that are called.

The last two losses have also interrupted Favre's rhythm. That's another reason he and his Vikes need to beat the Giants.

Of Favre's major accomplishments this year were his two victories over his former teammates, the Green Bay Packers, 30-23 and 38-26. That alone must have warmed the cockles of his heart.

If Favre goes on to do well in the playoffs his year could be outstanding. He's already had a very good comeback. Stay tuned.

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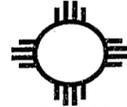
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# RELIGION

## Atonement arguments obscure the truth of faith

**Q.** Are there scriptures in the Torah that support your view that surrogate atonement is incorrect? I thought animal sacrifices were classic examples of surrogate atonement.

Also, when God killed an animal so He could clothe Adam and Eve after their fall in the Garden of Eden, that was an example of innocent blood being shed to cover sin. If you hold to your view, how can any person atone for their sins?  
-A., via email



The God Squad  
MARC GELLMAN

**A.** Thanks for your question, which allows me to answer again and more deeply about the role sacrifice plays in atonement.

In the biblical period, Jews offered animal sacrifices and sacrifices of incense-infused barley cakes that were burned in fire pans holding hot coals. This was done by Jewish priests using rituals that we cannot reconstruct but which are generally described throughout the Torah, particularly in the Books of Leviticus and Numbers.

The sacrifices of the Bible were offered not only to atone for sins but also as free will offerings to celebrate some joyous event,

and as holiday offerings for the three biblical pilgrim festivals of Passover, Shavuot (Pentecost) and Sukkot (Tabernacles).

Each of these three holidays was called, in Hebrew, a hag. The Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca called the Haj takes its name from this word.

Some theologians consider such animal sacrifices spiritually primitive and in general, I, along with every single animal, agree with them.

Although animal sacrifice is arguably the oldest religious ritual on earth, it's based upon a very dubious belief that the death of an animal can correct your own moral failings.

In any event, when the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in the year 70 of the Common Era, all sacrifices in Judaism were ended because there was no place to offer them and most of the priests had been killed. I'm not happy about the carnage, but I am happy with the result. The leaders who took over the care and feeding of Judaism after the Roman conquest were no longer the priests but the rabbis.

The rabbis introduced a daring change in Jewish worship - replacing every sacrifice with a prayer

from a newly created prayer book. The prayer times were the same times as the sacrifice times, but no blood was spilled.

The synagogue replaced the Temple, rabbis replaced the priests, and the teachings in the Talmud supplemented (one could also say replaced) many, though not all, biblical rituals.

This change was made necessary by historical events but had enormous impact on Judaism and the newly emerging religion of Christianity. Surrogate atonement through animal sacrifice was basically abandoned in favor of the direct and ethically superior command of confession and personal apology to anyone you had hurt. Sins were human acts that needed to be fixed by human actions, inspired, of course, by God's commands to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Christianity, at this time, reached back to the powerful images of biblical sacrifice, by teaching, first of all, that not all sin is an act. Original sin is a universal human condition, though it began with an act of disobedience by Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The only act strong enough to erase the taint of original sin was the sacrificial death of Jesus, the incarnate God who died to cleanse the sins of the world.

This bold and inspiring belief didn't connect with most Jews (or Muslims

later on), who didn't believe in the doctrine of original sin or surrogate atonement through blood sacrifices. Christianity immortalized Jesus' sacrifice in the Eucharist, which allowed all believers to participate in this event.

As for Judaism, and later Islam, prayers and personal atonement formed the foundation for post-biblical rabbinic Judaism and Islam until today.

Finally, theological differences about surrogate atonement should not be overdrawn. In my opinion, all religions retain some belief in surrogate atonement. The central issue is whether we can achieve salvation all on our own, and I agree with scripture and tradition that this is not possible for any person of faith.

Without the teachings of the Torah, I could never find my way to a life of spiritual integrity and wholeness, so in some ways, the Torah is my surrogate for salvation. It does for me what I can't do for myself. And, of course, in Christianity, without Jesus and his surrogate atonement through his death and resurrection, every Christian would be lost to sin and despair. In Islam, without the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, Muslims could not find their way to true submission to Allah and a life of peace. Without the Dharma, Buddhists wouldn't know the Eight-fold

Noble Path to Enlightenment. Without the Vedic teachings, Hindus would never be able to achieve moksha (release from the cycle of rebirth). Every great religion gives us surrogate help to teach and inspire us to climb out of our pit of sin, illusion, suffering and despair and come to a bet-

ter life and eternal salvation. The ways we get help vary from faith to faith, but the notion that some religions believe in surrogate atonement and others do not is a distinction that, although partly true, is so overstated that it obscures the central truth of all faith - that we need help to find our way.

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Please visit the online guestbook for Margaret at RememberTheirStory.com

## Don't give up on the new church too quickly

**Q.** We moved to a new town a few months ago, and at first we thought we'd found the right church for us. But the longer we're there, the more we realize that it's an older church and not very welcoming to new people.

We like the pastor very much, but should we go somewhere else?  
-D.N.



is this: Can you grow spiritually in this church? Will you grow closer to Christ, and find out more about His will for your life? Is the Word of God taught clearly and fully? Are prayer

and worship important, as well as service to others?

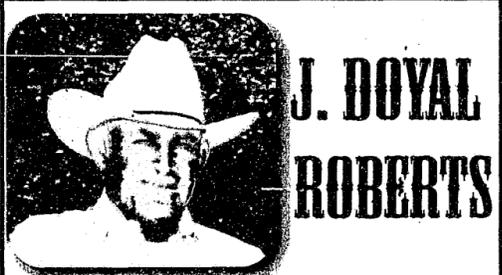
Pray for your pastor, and for this church's leaders.

A church like this will die in a generation or so if it doesn't change - and God may have put you there to help them see this

very thing.

A church is more than a social club; it's a place for God's people to grow closer to Christ - and to each other.

**BILLY GRAHAM, My Answer - Tribune Media Services.**



**J. DOYAL ROBERTS**

Long time horse trainer J. Doyal Roberts passed away Dec. 21, 2009. Doyal was born in Lubbock, Tx April 25, 1937 to WC & Opal Roberts.

Doyal started riding match races at the age of 10 in west Texas & came to Ruidoso as an apprentice jockey in 1953. He was leading apprentice jockey that yr in the state of N.M. receiving an engraved watch at the state fair in Alb.

He was leading trainer many times at Sunland Park, Ruidoso Downs & Albuquerque. In his career he had many good horses.

He was a man who loved horses only after the love he had for his kids, grandkids & great grand kids. His smile & teasing sence of humor will be greatly missed.

Doyal is survived by his wife of 54 yrs. Doris, son Jody (Lori) daughter Pam (Mac) Grandchildren Jay & Kayla Roberts & Ashley Jemmings. Greatgrand daughters, Calla & Ali. He leaves 5 sisters, Patsy, Winnie, Barbara, Judy & Linda. Tiro brothers Chub & Square. Many neices & nephews.

In law of flowers the family suggest any donations go to the Race Track Chaplancy. A memorial sevice will be held January 21st-1pm at Sunland Park Race Track. †

**A.** I'm afraid some churches can be this way - although they shouldn't be (and often they don't even realize they are this way). One reason I wanted to reprint your letter is because I hope it will remind church members to be more welcoming to visitors.

The Bible says, "Remember to welcome strangers, because some who have done this have welcomed angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2, NCV).

The first question you should face is this: What is God's will for you concerning this church?

Don't turn away from it just because you haven't found the people as warm and friendly as you'd hoped.

Perhaps God has put you there because He wants to use you to help them break out of their old ways of doing things.

The second thing you need to consider, however,

**Elizabeth Pollard**  
Hood, died December 12, 2009 after a long and fruitful life. Born in Jacksonville, Florida, on September 26, 1913 to Thomas Pollard and Mabel Vinson Pollard. She was a devoted wife and mother of three.  
Elizabeth attended the Georgia State College for Women - now Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, Georgia. After graduation with a B.S. in Chemistry, she was employed in the War Department, Department of Navy, (pre-Pentagon and the Department of Defense) where she met, was engaged and married Lund F Hood, from Douglas Arizona, and alumni of The Military Academy of the United States (West Point) and the University of Southern California.  
Her travels started when Lt. and Mrs. Hood were assigned to the Civilian Conservation Corps in Fallon, Nevada, to West Point, New York, the Panama Canal Zone, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, NMMI (New Mexico Military Institute), Roswell, New Mexico, Washington, D.C., Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, Tokyo, Japan, Okinawa, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, and finally Bordeaux, and Orleans, France.  
Her interests included sewing, cooking, golf, international travel, crossword puzzles, history and genealogy, and most importantly her family.  
The Hood's have resided in Corpus Christi since 1997 when her beloved husband passed away. She has been a resident of Trinity Towers until December of 2009.  
She is survived by her children: Elizabeth Hood, Edward V. Hood and his wife Cindy. Elizabeth felt great joy and pride in her grandchildren: James Easterling, Lund Easterling, Elizabeth Corey, Patricia Vaccare, William Nemoff, William Hood, Lauren Hood and Wilhelmina Elizabeth Hood.  
Elizabeth P. Hood's ninety six years covered a truly remarkable era in the history of the United States and its military history. Those remaining of this "The Greatest Generation", who share her witness to these times, are few. Our society is diminished by hers and their passing. May we all cherish their memories and their creed of duty, honor, country.  
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## Completion – behind and ahead

We are here again – the dawning of a new year with new numbers, new opportunities.

It is traditionally a time when many re-evaluate their lives, make resolutions and look with great hope to the months ahead.

Experience says we humans don't usually keep those promises that we make to ourselves.

Personally, I've learned to circumvent that disappointment in myself by not making any resolutions that aren't already part of my character.

You know, those things-like breathing, sleeping, eating. I promise to do all those things in 2010.

I will admit to taking a bit of time to think about what I should do for my health, wealth, happiness and the greater good of mankind. It can be an exhausting process due to the length of the mental journey required using limited resources.

Firewood splinters, fireplace ash dust everywhere on everything and a perpetual lingering smell of cedar smoke mark the season.

With cold, snow and gloomy skies dominating the weather surrounding many of us, we handle it by eagerly anticipating the wonders of the spring season that is surely just around the corner.

Across the country, there is much discussion given to the new numbers we will write in every date – 2010.

Biblically, the number 10 means "completion," giving the year a numerical stamp of prophecy. Those things that have begun will be brought to completion.

Looking for God's promise in the coming year gives hope and raises spirits.

Hope renewed – never a shortage of those needing that. I'm at the front of that line.

In our humanness, we have all, at one time or another, wandered in the proverbial wilderness. Perhaps simply deciding on a direction is the completion we can hope for in 2010.

My promise to myself is the same as it was in prior years.

I resolve to be happy, laugh more and try to infect every person I meet with the same. Let that be a warning.

### 2010 – which decade?

The great controversy for this, calendar change is whether 2010 is the end of the first decade or the beginning of the second in this 21st century.

It is the end of a decade, as is the 10th year of the preceding 10 years, and it is the beginning of the decade of the "10s," allowing us to move on from saying "oh-eight" or "oh-nine."

The mathematics for determining if it is end of the first decade or the beginning of the second involve understanding there was no year zero and that the calendar went directly from 1 B.C. to 1 A.D.

Had that happened in today's world, Homeland Security, the INS, IRS, Congress, the Senate and the White House would have been called to emergency sessions with hearings, audits, background checks and high alert warnings.

Based on the premise that we start counting with the number one, then 2010 is the end of the first decade.

Twitter users have sent the argument far and wide and one comment seemed particularly appropriate.

"Decades are largely irrelevant to the calendar: the 60s began in 11/63 and continued until the Beatles broke up."

In any event, what will you start saying in this new year, "Two thousand ten or 'Twenty-ten?"

Julie can be reached for comment at [jcarter@ruidosonews.com](mailto:jcarter@ruidosonews.com).



Cowgirl Sass & Savvy  
BY JULIE CARTER



COURTESY NMSU/JANE MOORMAN

Inductees into the New Mexico 4-H Hall of Fame are, front from left, Suzanne Norton Jones of Lea County; Brenda Montoya of Sandoval County; Vickie Cox of Lea County; Glenda Parrish Anthony of Roosevelt County; Carolyn Franklin of Quay County, representing her late husband Jerry Franklin; and Gigi and Bobby Parker of Quay County, with Frank Hodnett, NMSU Cooperative Extension Service department head of the 4-H Youth Development Program. Back row are Jason Tomko, representing his mother, Jan Tomko of San Juan County; Ervin "Pete" Walls of Quay County; Bobby Cox of Lea County; Larry Hobson of Chaves County; and Joe Armstrong of Dona Ana County. Not pictured is recipient Virginia Barsuaskas of Santa Fe County.

## New inductees named to the New Mexico 4-H Hall of Fame

JANE MOORMAN  
NMSU News Service

Thirteen 4-H leaders and supporters were inducted into the New Mexico 4-H Hall of Fame on Dec. 15 at New Mexico State University.

The induction ceremony included individual recognition for the inductees, an unveiling of new nameplates on the hall of fame plaque and a reception.

The hall of fame, established in 2002, honors 4-H members, volunteer leaders, fair superintendents, advisory board members, 4-

H Foundation trustees, and former faculty with NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service, which administers 4-H statewide.

"These individuals have given cumulatively more than 328 years of service to the New Mexico 4-H Program," said Frank Hodnett, department head of NMSU Cooperative Extension Service's 4-H Youth Development Program.

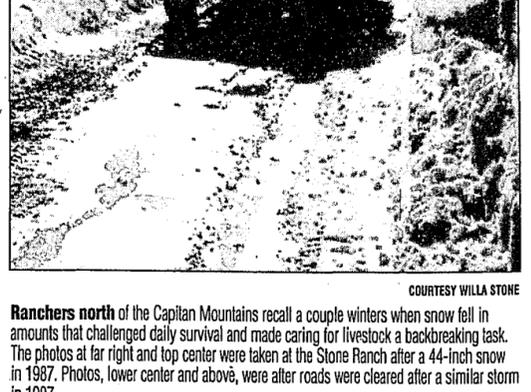
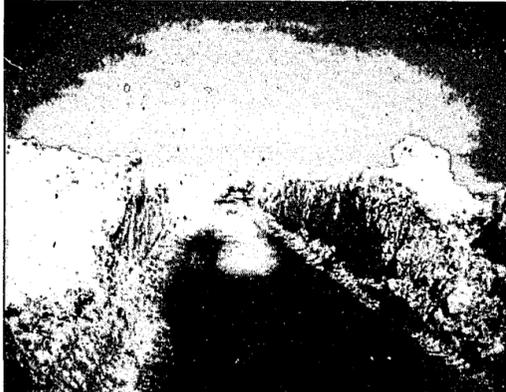
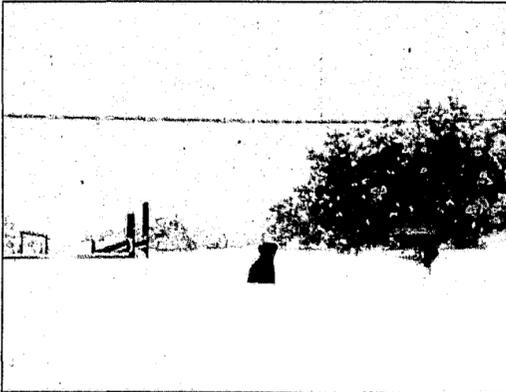
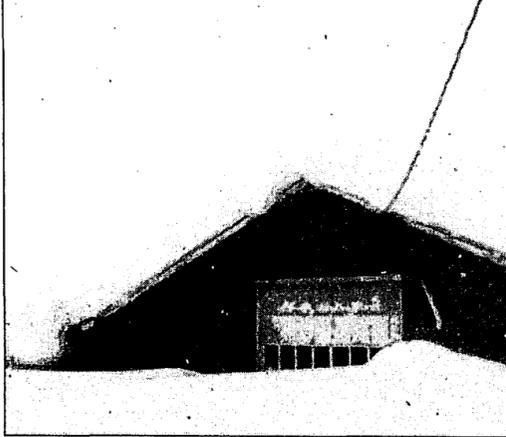
"Including this group, we have inducted 154 individuals and couples into the hall of fame."

This year's inductees are

Larry Hobson of Chaves County; Joe B. Armstrong of Dona Ana County; Bobby and Vickie Cox and Suzanne Norton Jones of Lea County; Raymond and Gigi Parker, Ervin "Pete" Walls, and the late Jerry Franklin, of Quay County; Glenda Parrish Anthony of Roosevelt County; Jan Tomko of San Juan County; Brenda Montoya of Sandoval County; and Virginia Barsuaskas of Santa Fe County.

The 2009 inductees have donated a total of 328 years of service to the New Mexico 4-H program.

## BACK WHEN IT USED TO SNOW



COURTESY WILLA STONE

Ranchers north of the Capitan Mountains recall a couple winters when snow fell in amounts that challenged daily survival and made caring for livestock a backbreaking task. The photos at far right and top center were taken at the Stone Ranch after a 44-inch snow in 1987. Photos, lower center and above, were after roads were cleared after a similar storm in 1997.

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### COUNTY BRIEFS

#### Santa photos

Parents may pick up the photos of their children taken with Santa at the Capitan Public Library.

The library will closed for the New Years Holiday but will open to regular services Jan. 5.

For more information call the library at 354-3035.

#### 'Zozo light winners

Winners of the Carrizo Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest are: 1. Virginia Carbajal, 510 F Ave.; 2. Rose and Steve Wheeler, 108 Lava Loop; 3. Denise Swift, 211 Aspen St.

The best decorated business was Otero County Electric.

#### CPL Book Sale

The Capitan Public Library will host their monthly \$5-a-bag book sale, Saturday, Jan. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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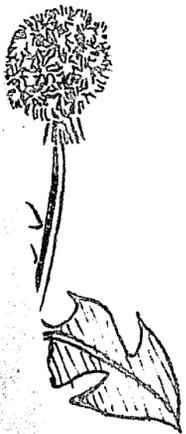
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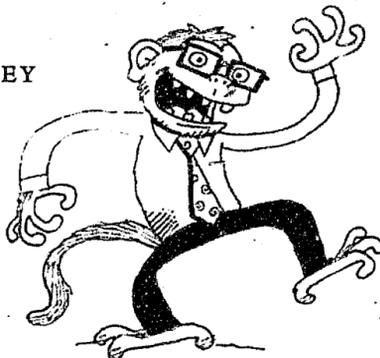
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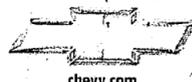
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# A Christmas Memory

In the age of multi-million dollar motion pictures and special effects, Ruidoso theatre-goers are in for a special treat this holiday season. This is the final weekend performances of Truman Capote's 1956 short story *A Christmas Memory* featuring actors Kevin McDonald and Lyn Kidder. The production is directed by ENNMU/Ruidoso theatre instructor Paul Adamian.

Without giving too much away, here is how the play begins —

(Lights come up). A man sits in thought beneath a window, before an open trunk of antique vintage. He's holding a child's sweater and an old hat. Beat. He stands, looking out a window.

Imagine a morning in

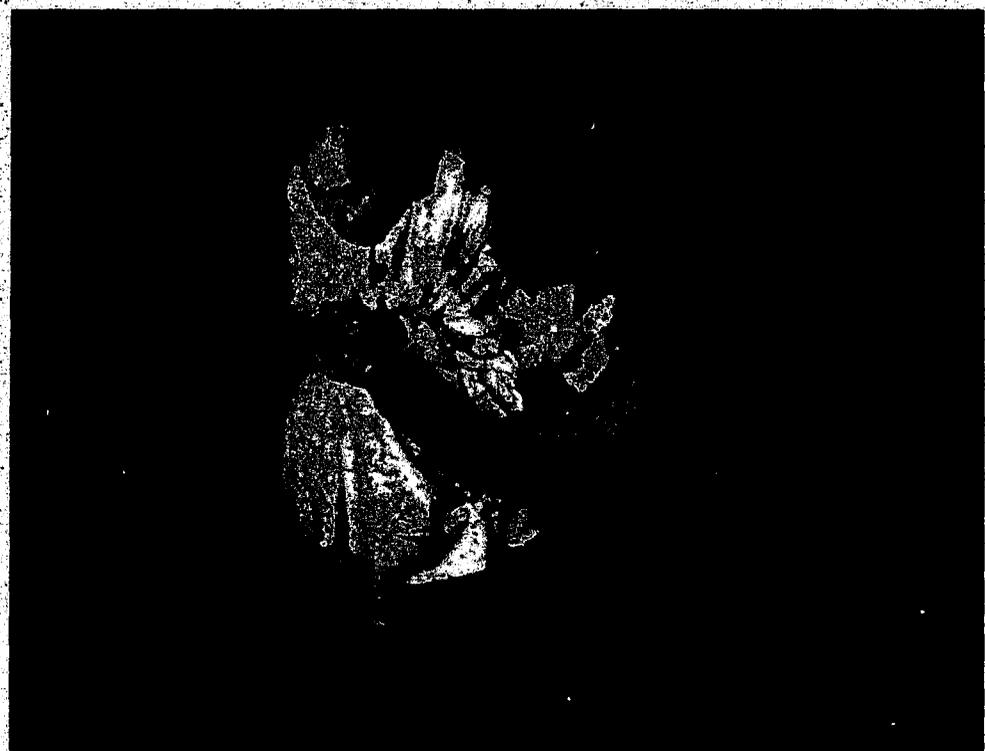
late November. A coming of winter morning, so many years ago. Just today the fireplace commenced its seasonal roar. A woman sits with short white hair wearing tennis shoes and a shapeless sweater over a summery calico dress.

She is small and sprightly, like a bantam hen but, due to a long youthful illness, her shoulders are pitifully hunched. Her face is remarkable — not unlike Lincoln's, craggy like that and tinted by the sun and wind, but it's delicate, too — finely boned and her eyes are sherry-colored and timid.

"Oh my," she exclaims, her breath smoking the window pane, "it's fruitcake weather." The person to whom she is

speaking is myself. I am 7 and she is 60 something. We are cousins — very distant ones — and we have lived together, well, as long as I can remember. Other people inhabit the house — relatives — and though they have power over us, and frequently make us cry, we are not, on the whole, too much aware of them. We are each other's best friend.

And with that, Truman Capote's tale of a middle-aged man's emotional remembrance of his childhood and what is to be his last Christmas with his "best friend," begins to emerge. And just like that, as only Capote can do, he sweeps us away on an emotional, mouth-watering journey of descriptive imagery and heartwarming



Actors Lyn Kidder (left) and Kevin McDonald bring Truman Capote's "A Christmas Story" to life through Jan. 2 at Atticus Books and Teahouse.

adventure as the two cohorts rally their spirits against hard times and find the true meaning of Christmas in one another.

"It's always a matter of the language with Capote," said actors Kevin McDonald and Lyn Kidder. "He cooks with words, you can taste them."

Having produced the one-act adaptation successfully in the late '90s as artistic director of the Territorial Theatre in Capitan, with local actors Louise Cone and John Russell, Adamian says he is once again excited about the Lincoln County theatre audience having another chance to experience Mr. Capote's work brought to life by such talented actors.

"You wait for the right timing, the right chemistry. Kevin and Lyn are not only right for these characters, but as accomplished players who understand the actor's work, they're a director's blessing. All you need then is a venue, and Atticus has a wonderful performance space — a pleasure for players and audiences alike."

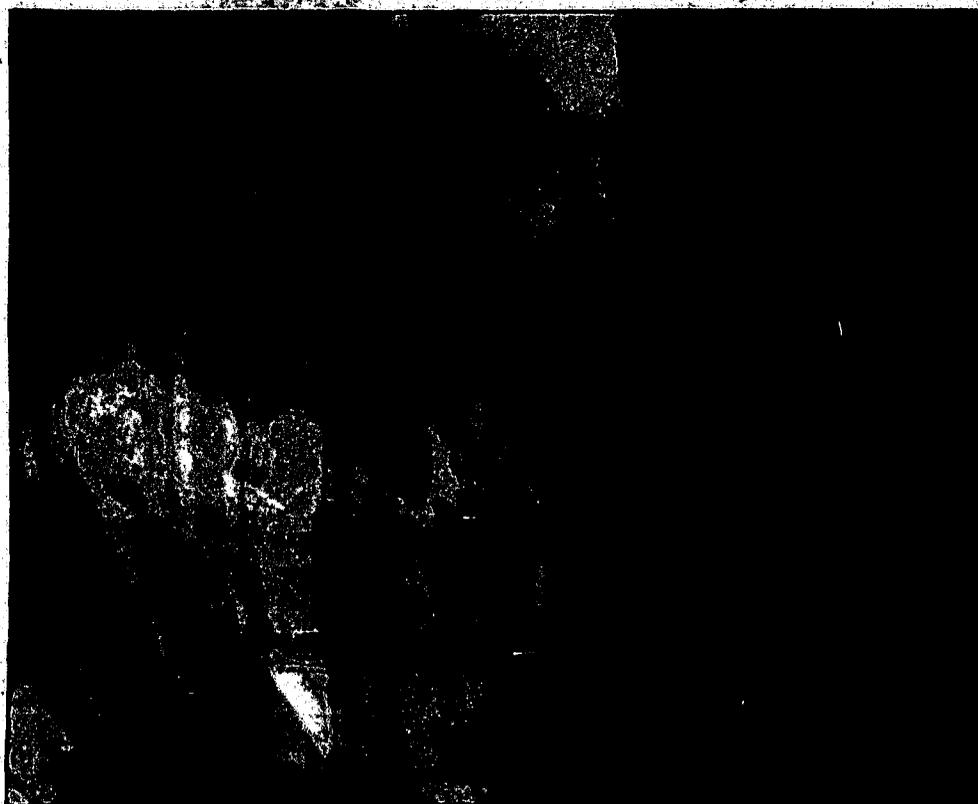
All three members of the production are affiliated with the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts. Lyn has been an active member for many years, while Kevin and Paul though new to the council, are sub-committee members of the board's new Performing Arts Office, currently engaged in nego-

tiating lease agreements to establish a black-box rehearsal space for local performance artists.

Both men are also active in the Ruidoso Regional Film Office, yet another sub-committee of the busy Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts. Adamian's short film script *Cowboys And Indians* is currently in pre-production through this organization.

Tickets for the play are \$15 and are now on sale at Atticus Books and Teahouse, 413 Mechem in Ruidoso, 575-257-2665.

Final performances are Friday, Jan. 1 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 2 at 7:30 p.m.; Seating is limited.



### Cover Story

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Country music performer Blake Shelton appears at *Inn of the Mountain Gods* on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### "A Christmas Memory"

**January 1 and 2:**  
(Ruidoso) Atticus Books and Teahouse. 7:30 p.m. Reservations. \$15. Features Lyn Kidder and Kevin McDonald. Directed by Paul Adamian. Call 575-257-2665.

### "Bright Star"

**January 1 - 7:** (Mesilla) Showtimes evenings 7:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Ticket Prices \$7; \$6 senior & student; \$5 member & child & Wed. For info, 575-524-8287, or [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

### Call for Artists

**January 1 - 30:**  
(Albuquerque) 49th New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair will be held June 25 - 27 at EXPO New Mexico. Fair features over 220 artists. Deadline for submissions is January 30. For information, call 505-884-9043. For entry forms go online to [www.Zapplication.org](http://www.Zapplication.org).

### "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore"

**January 2:** (Mesilla) Cinematinee screening time is 1:30 p.m.; admission \$4, members \$1. For info, call 575-524-8287, or [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

### eAudiobooks workshop

**January 6:** (Ruidoso) Learn how to download audiobooks directly from the Ruidoso Public Library Web site on your MP3, iPod or laptop. Advance registration required. Held at 2 p.m., Ruidoso Public Library, 575-258-3704.

### "A Serious Man"

**January 8 - 14:** (Mesilla) Showtimes evenings 7:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Ticket Prices \$7; \$6 senior & student; \$5 member & child & Wed. For more info, call 575-524-8287, or go online to [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

### "In the Electric Mist"

**January 9:** (Mesilla) Cinematinee screening time is 1:30 p.m.; admission \$4, members \$1. For more info, call 575-524-8287, or go online to [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

### Auditions for musical

**January 12 & 14:**  
(Alamogordo) AMT auditions for spring 2010 musical Smokey Joe's Café. The

Songs Of Leiber and Stoller For information, contact director Randall Cutts, 575-442-8661 or email [thunderb9@yahoo.com](mailto:thunderb9@yahoo.com).

### Geocaching

**January 13:** (Ruidoso) Learn about this new twist on the old-fashion treasure hunt. Bring your GPS to the Ruidoso Public Library at 2 p.m. 575-258-3704.

### Blake Shelton

**January 14:** (Mescalero) Country music artist at IMG, 8 p.m. Tickets from \$25; [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call IMG at 1-888-324-0348.

### "The Boys Are Back"

**January 15:** (Mesilla) Showtimes evenings 7:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Ticket Prices \$7; \$6 senior & student; \$5 member & child & Wed. For info, 575-524-8287, or [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

### Virgil Stephens Drawing Workshop

**January 15 - 17:**  
(Ruidoso) "Painting in Charcoal". 12 students max.; \$375 pp, includes lunch and supplies. Call 575-354-3352.

### Acoustic Eidolon

**January 15:** (Tularosa) Coffee and More presents Acoustic Eidolon in a dinner concert at 6 p.m. Dinner and concert \$25; concert only \$15. Visit [www.acousticeidolon.com](http://www.acousticeidolon.com). For more info and tickets call 575-585-4575.

### "The Burning Plain"

**January 16:** (Mesilla) Cinematinee screening time is 1:30 p.m.; admission \$4, members \$1. For info, call 575-524-8287, or [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

### Steppenwolf

**January 22:** (Mescalero) Canadian hard-rock band of the '60s at IMG; 8 p.m. Tickets from \$25; [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call IMG at 1-888-324-0348.

### "New York I Love You"

**January 22 - 28:**  
(Mesilla) Showtimes evenings 7:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Ticket Prices \$7; \$6 senior & student; \$5 member & child & Wed. For more info, call 575-524-8287, or go online to [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

### "Fools Rush In"

**January 23:** (Mesilla) Cinematinee screening time is 1:30 p.m.; admission \$4, members \$1. For info, call 575-524-8287, or [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

### "Red Cliff"

**January 29 - February 4:** (Mesilla) Showtimes evenings 7:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Ticket Prices \$7; \$6 senior & student; \$5 member & child & Wed. For info, call 575-524-8287, or go online to [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

### Ski Apache Disabled Skiers Program Silent Auction

**January 30:** (Mescalero) IMG; 6 - 9 p.m. Hundreds of items; \$1 admission. Food available. For info or to donate items, call 575-336-4416.

### "Lust in the Dust"

**January 30:** (Mesilla) Cinematinee screening time is 1:30 p.m.; admission \$4, members \$1. For info, call 575-524-8287, or [www.mesillavalleyfilm.org](http://www.mesillavalleyfilm.org).

### The Hubbard Museum

**Open House**  
**January 29:** (Ruidoso Downs) Open house from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. to recognize the official opening of the "Ancient New Mexico" exhibit and "Biennale Grande." For information, call 575-378-4142, or [www.hubbardmuseum.org](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org).

### MardiGras in the Clouds

**February 12 - 14:**  
(Cloudcroft) 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Cajun food, music, dancing. For info, call 866-874-4447, or go online to [www.cloudcroft.net](http://www.cloudcroft.net).

### mARTi Gras

**February 13:** (Ruidoso) Sponsored by RRCA. at Ruidoso Convention Center. 6 - 10 p.m. Adults, \$10; Children under 12, \$5. Gumbo Cook-Off, art auctions, mask competition, artists-in-action and more. For more information, call 575-257-7272, or visit [www.ruidoso.net/martigras](http://www.ruidoso.net/martigras).

## 2010 at the Spencer Theatre for the Performing Arts

### Cinderella

**January 30:** The Moscow Festival Ballet; 8 p.m.; \$59 & \$56.

### Lee Greenwood

**February 13:** Award-winning Country music singer/songwriter; 8 p.m.; \$79 & 76.

### The Valentine Soiree

**February 14:** Gourmet three-course meal and dancing to the Michael Francis Trio; 6:30 p.m.; \$35.

### Camelot

**February 20:** Award-winning musical where honor and chivalry reign; 2 p.m., \$49 & \$46; and 8 p.m., \$59 & \$56.

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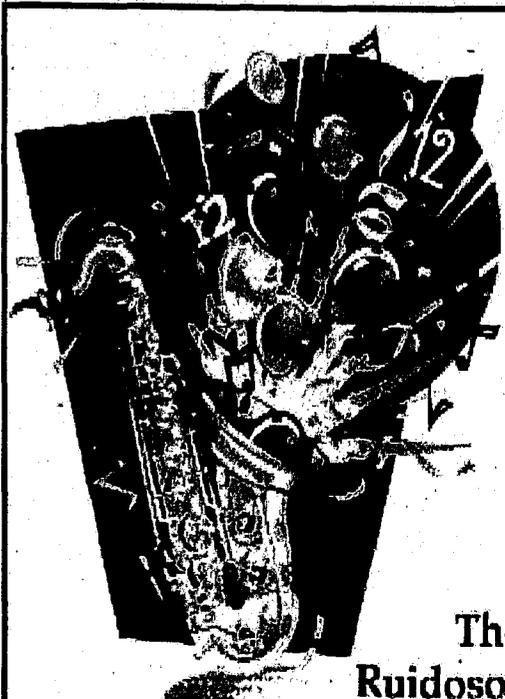
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## ON STAGE

### 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 11 p.m.

**Landlocked Grill** (441 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9559): Blake Martin; 6 p.m.

**Texas Club** (212 Metz Dr., Ruidoso; 258-3325): tba

**Wendell's Lounge** (Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino): Doug Fuqua; 5-11 p.m./**Wendell's Restarant** (IMG) Mike Sunjka; 5-10 p.m.

**Win, Place & Show** (2516 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9982): Fun Brothers/country; 8:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

**Atticus Books and Tea House** (413 Mechem Dr.: 257-2665): tba; 2 - 5 p.m.

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

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

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#### SUNDAY

**The Quarters** (2535 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9535) The Mixx - 2 to 6 pm

**Win Place & Show** (2516 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso; 257-9982): Fun Brothers/country; 7:30 p.m.

Club owners, promoters, musicians: Send live music schedules to [mracine@ruidosonews.com](mailto:mracine@ruidosonews.com). Or call 257-4001 ext. 4107 and ask for Marty.

## Born to be Wild

Mark your calendar for Friday, Jan. 22 when the hard-rock band Steppenwolf steps on stage at the Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Prominent in the late 1960's, the band has sold more than 25 million units worldwide. They have released eight gold albums and 12 hot-100 singles including the three top-10 hits - "Born to Be Wild," "Magic Carpet Ride," and "Rock Me."

John Kay, one of the original founders of the group, reformed Steppenwolf in the 1980s with new members Michael Wilk, Ron Hurst and, most recently, Danny Johnson. Since then, they have released seven albums and have kept up an extensive

international tour schedule. Fans worldwide attend the band's annual weekend long event "Wolf Fest" held in Tennessee.

John Kay and Steppenwolf operate with no major label financing, opting for their own in-house 24-track digital recording studio. Their Web site, [www.steppenwolf.com](http://www.steppenwolf.com), serves as an outlet for the group's music and keeps fans current with their activities.

The music of Steppenwolf spans over four generations of hard-rock lovers, and the group shows no signs of retiring again anytime soon as they continue to generate new music and recordings.

For tickets, go online to [www.innofthemountain-gods.com](http://www.innofthemountain-gods.com), or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).



## ART

# Weasel Productions

## *John Soden and his wife Sue Harkness live with cameras in-hand*

John Soden's early love of photography led him to receiving a degree in broadcasting and photojournalism from Southern Illinois University in 1973. Upon graduation he went to work as a portrait photographer and later, moved into the fashion industry.

As a United States Navy reservist Soden photographed the Tall Ships entering the New York City Harbor during our country's Bicentennial.

Relocating to southern California, Soden continued his work on a freelance basis. His clients included several fashion

magazines, ABC TV and Pat Boone. A stint at Dow Chemical Corporation as a staff photographer rounded out his diverse portfolio.

Soden, and his wife Sue Harkness, moved to Ruidoso over a decade ago. Since then, they have both been involved in the promotion of tourism of

the area through their company, Weasel Productions. In addition to still photography, Weasel Productions also specializes in videography.

"Lincoln County has everything for me — scenery, interesting people and events," John said. "It's very different from growing up in the projects of the Bronx in New York."

Currently, both Soden and Harkness have been kept busy with the project of documenting the rebuilding of the Mexican Canyon Railroad Trestle in Cloudcroft under the auspices of the United States



*John Soden at work documenting the trestle project in Cloudcroft.*



*The Mexican Canyon trestle project in Cloudcroft (above) is one of Soden's most important documentaries.*

Forest Service. You can also find them throughout the year at special events covering Lincoln County. Many of their photographs appear in the local newspapers and for use with the Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Soden offers a few of his fine art photographs at local retailers, including Josie's Framery on Sudderth Dr., along with having his work on exhibit at ENMU-Ruidoso, First Federal Bank and Ruidoso Title Company.

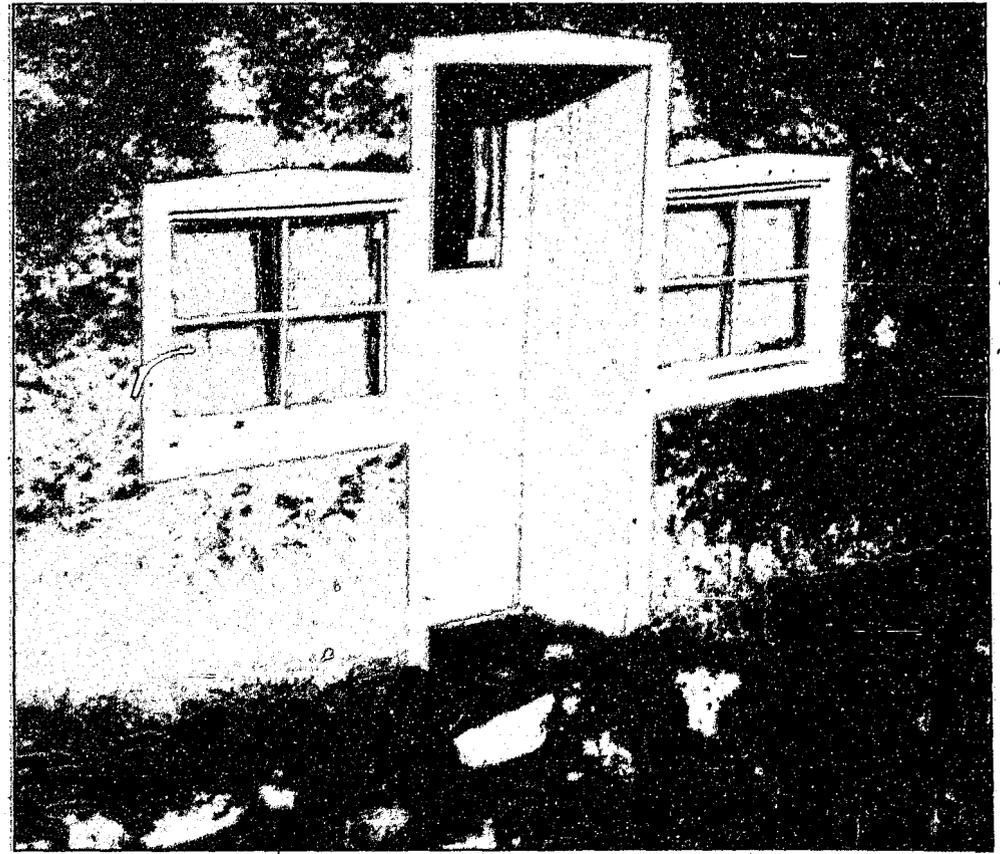
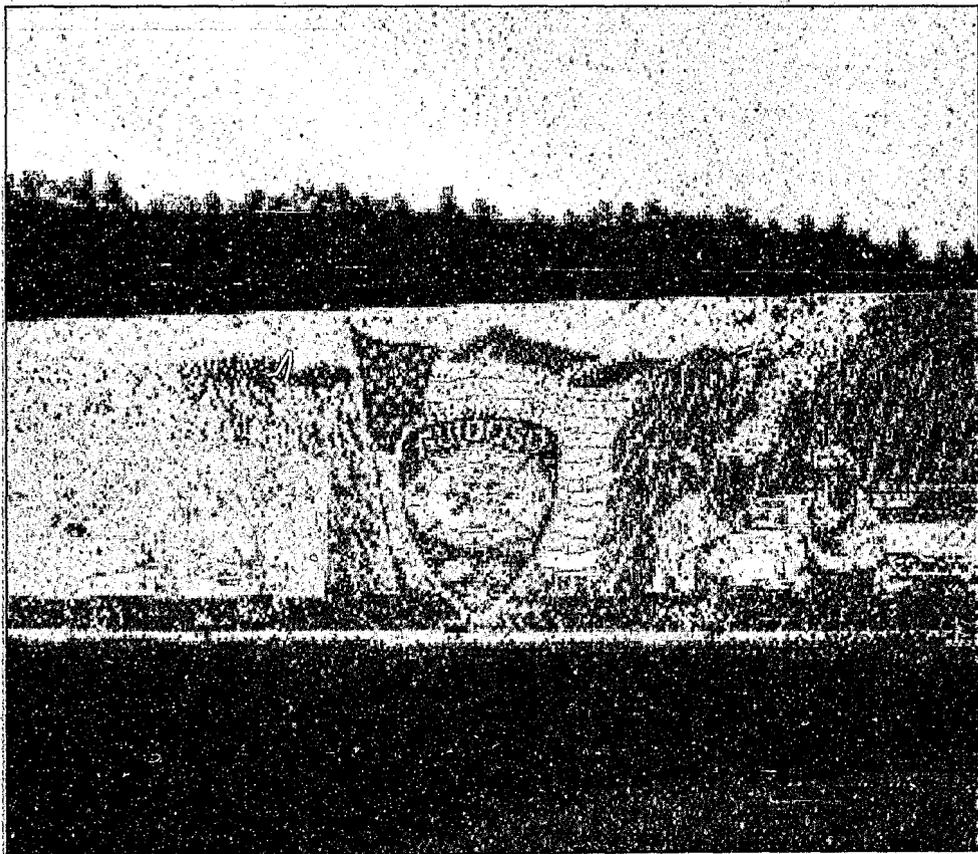
The Soden's have recently purchased a home on Highway 48 in Alto and are in the final stages of opening a photography studio and fine arts gallery there this spring. In addition to documentary work,

they are well-known for photographing weddings, portraits and other events.

Although Soden is typically the one behind the lens, it is Harkness who is responsible for marketing, as well as assisting Soden when a second still camera or video camera operator is needed. At weddings and portrait sittings, it is Harkness who watches the details to assure that everything is just right. On other projects she conducts interviews and helps with continuity details.

To learn more about John Soden and Weasel Productions, go online to [www.weaselvideoproductions.com](http://www.weaselvideoproductions.com); call 575-336-2155 or 575-937-1441; or email them at [weaselprods@yahoo.com](mailto:weaselprods@yahoo.com).

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*The "Wall of Courage" itself appears to be ablaze under the golden light captured by Soden's camera (above). A bull elk meanders through the snow-covered hills of Mescalero (below) unaware of Soden's lens.*

*A cross in a doorway is the image John saw through his camera in this sepia-tone (above). Holiday lights glow down the streets of Ruidoso (below) with the watchful presence of Sierra Blanca in the distance.*



## ART GALLERIES &amp; STUDIOS

**Lincoln County**

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

**Audrey Paton's Antiques & Interiors at Gallery 401** • 401 Twelfth St. • Carrizozo • 648-2762.

**Earthy Greens & Ran La Roca Glass** • Lincoln, NM • Open 10-6 daily • 800-386-7258 • Fine art fused glass "paintings."

**Fruit of the Trees Gallery** • Highway 380 in Lincoln • 575-653-4699.

**Gaer Barlow Gallery** • 560 Highway 48, Capitan • Featuring Cheryl Barlow's impressionistic portraits, many of the Old West • Bronze and clay figurative sculptures • www.GaerBarlowGallery.com.

**Gallery 408** • 408 12th Street • Carrizozo • 575-648-2598 • Fine art; annual Burro Serenade; Backroom Gift Gallery; 2nd Floor Studios; Artist Residency and Classes; visit www.gallery408.com.

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

**Grizzly's Bears** • 2804 Sudderth • 257-3542 • Bears carved from tree trunks by chainsaw and other power tools.

**Hondo Iris Farm and Gallery** • Hwy 70, MM 284 • Tues-Sun, 10-5 • 653-4723.

**Hondo Iris Farm Annex** • Highway 70, MM 286 • Tuesday - Sunday, 8-5. Free Jewelry Factory tours. 653-4062.

**Hurd-La Rinconada Gallery** • Off Hwy. 70 at MM 281 • San Patricio • Five artists spanning three generations. Featuring works by N.C. Wyeth, Andrew Wyeth, Henriette Wyeth Hurd, Peter Hurd and Michael Hurd. • 800-658-6912, or 653-4331.

**James Mack Studio** • 1002 B Ave. • Carrizozo • 648-5203.

**J. Kiker Gallery** • Highway 70 MM 284 in Old Hondo • Featuring John Kiker's oil landscapes of New Mexico, the Hondo Valley and beyond. • Open by appointment only. Phone 653-4510, or contact jkikergallery@yahoo.com.

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

**Oso Art** • 100 Lincoln Ave., Capitan • 354-2327 • Art from more than 100 Lincoln County artists • Eclectic blend of wall art, sculpture, jewelry, wood furniture and more • Tuesday-Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-5.

**Silk 'n Pearls** • 107 W. Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • 575-354-1310

**Studio-O** • 131 Jackalope Rd. in Capitan • Ret and people photography and pysanky • www.studio-o.info.

**Unique Creations** • 354-1041 • Custom furniture, etched and stained glass • By appointment only.

**White Oaks Pottery** • 4 mi. NE of White Oak Township • Ivy Heymann • 648-2985 • Open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Thursday.

**ZW's Gallery** • Highway 37 W, MM 4.7 (the road to Nogal) • 354-4263.

**Ruidoso Area**

**The Adobe** • 2905 Sudderth • 257-5795 • www.theadobe-fineart.com • Fine art, jewelry, decoratives.

**Alice Royer Jewelry Studio** • Highway 37 W (4.75 marker at Loma Grande subdivision • 937-4263 • one-of-a-kind contemporary silver and rare stone jewelry, individually handcrafted

and designed • workshops available • by appointment only.

**Ann Buell's Fine Art** • 2825 Sudderth • 257-9102 • www.annbuellfineart.com • Original fine art paintings and sculpture. Artists include Martha Kellar, Charles-N. Pruitt, Ann Templeton and many more.

**The Art Gallery** • 1712 Sudderth • 257-7272 • Featuring original works by regional independent artists. Home of the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts office.

**Backdoor - the knight-mark collection** • 2808 Sudderth Dr. • Hand-picked furnishings, Italian textiles, artwork and more luxuries for the home • 257-2270

**California Colors Art Gallery** • 201 Country Club Dr. • 257-1964.

**The Camel House** • 1690 Highway 70 East • Ruidoso Downs • 378-7065 • Prints, framing.

**DJ's Jewelry** • 618 Carrizo Canyon • 630-1514 • Hand-crafted silver and semi-precious stones, Southwest style.

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

**Galleria West** • 2538 Sudderth • 257-4560 • Fine art, gifts, artisan jewelry, knives, fetishes.

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

**J. Mauritsen Studio** • 624 Carrizo Canyon Rd. • 257-6348 • Wood carver transforms tree trunks into fine art, furniture.

**Jim's Art 'N Signs** • Hwy 37 W 37 W 4.8 (the road to Nogal) • 354-9153

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

**Kindred Spirit** • 2306 Sudderth • 257-3846.

**Leroy Anderson Studio** • 1125 Highway 37 (downtown Nogal) • 354-4242 • Hand-crafted silver jewelry, beadwork, rattles and copper sculpture.

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

**McGary's Studio / Expressions in Bronze Gallery** • 2002 Sudderth • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon - Sat • 257-1000 • Gallery and finishing studio for world-renowned bronze artist famous for Native-American figures.

**Morning Star Gallery** • 112 Laughing Horse Trail, MM 18 • 937-9331 • Fine finished functional wood art furniture. Wood from local area harvested responsibly. Studio open by appointment. Art hand crafted by Michael.

**Mountain Arts Gallery** • 2530 Sudderth • 257-9748 • Southwest art, prints & originals, pottery, custom framing. Resident artist: Teri Sodd.

**Picture This Gallery** • 2621 Sudderth • 630-0003 • Prints and framing.

**Piñon Pottery** • 3 miles east of Wal-Mart on Highway 70 • Ruidoso Downs • 378-4270 • (800) 378-4275 • Studio and gallery of Vicki Conley, plus work by other locals. Thrown pottery and sculpted ceramic.

**Rainwaters** • 2313 Sudderth • 257-8727 • Gifts, jewelry, candles & collectibles.

**Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts** • Highway 220, 12 miles north of Ruidoso off U.S. 48 • 336-4800 • Dale Chihuly glass art installation • Tours 10 a.m. Tuesday and

Thursday include behind-the-scenes look at theater.

**Square Moon Gallery** • 2825 Sudderth Dr., Ste. E, Boulder Plaza • Beautiful hand-blown and fused art glass, original chalk pastels, and more. • 257-8549.

**Studio-W** • 1311 Mechem • 258-1117 • www.Studio-W.com • 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Wed. - Sat.; 12 - 6 p.m., Sun; Closed Mon. & Tues. • Representing more than 100 artists showing more than 500 pieces.

**Tanner Tradition** • 624 Sudderth Dr. • 257-8675 • Since 1872, the Tanner family has traded in quality Native American art and jewelry • one-of-a-kind pieces, contemporary and vintage.

**White Dove Gallery** • 2825 Sudderth, Ste. A • 257-6609 or 866-257-6609 • Specializing in Native-American jewelry, art, pottery and kachinas. Open daily since 1988.

**White Mountain Pottery** • 2328 Sudderth • 257-3644 • Tableware, lamps & accessories. Representing the works of Tim Wierwille and other local potters.

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

**Alamogordo Area**

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

**Accents in Glass** • 434-4182 • Jo Austin's original art glass designs using fused glass, stained glass, mosaics, 3-D, leaded panels, and jewelry. Jo Austin, proprietor. Web: www.accentsgivinglassbyjo.com.

**Pat Beatty Gallery and Framing** • 908 New York Ave., Alamogordo • 439-0188 •

Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. • Fine art, work by local artists, gifts, hand-painted cards. Pat Beatty, proprietor.

**Copeland's Frame Shop and Gallery, DBA Sketchbook Tours** • 622 9th St. (corner of 9th and Texas Ave.) • 575-551-4632 (shop) • 575-442-9594 (victoria) • 575-430-7921 (Michael) • www.michael-copeland.com • www.sketchbooktours.com.

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

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

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

**W. Kohler Lamp and Shade Company Gallery** • 173 US Hwy 82, Alamogordo • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Saturday • 437-8441 • Distinctive mesquite lamps and copper lamp-shades made on location. Studio tours available.

**Mescalero**

**Jordan T. Gallery** • 464-2338 • Carrizo Canyon Rd. at Mescalero Inn • Featuring Mescalero Apache fine art (paintings, sculpture and crafts) and other work by Mescalero artists.

**N'de Fine Arts Gallery** • U.S. Highway 70 • 464-2114 • Featuring: Apache fine arts including paintings in oil and acrylics.

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

**Cloudcroft**

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

**Cloudcroft Art Society** • Community Center/Library (Red Brick Schoolhouse), corner of Swallow Place and Burro Ave. • 687-3176 • Members' artwork, programs, meetings, workshops.

**Cloudcroft Gallery** • 502A Burro Ave. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • 682-3659 • Original paintings, pottery and glass. Unusual handmade gifts. David and Donna Gordon, proprietors.

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

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

**Off the Beaten Path** • 100 Clorietta Ave. • 682-7284 • Eclectic gifts and original artwork, wacky wire art, jewelry, yard art, artistic lamps, and more. Berle Van Zanat and Donna Rand, proprietors. Open daily.

**Thy, Smiling Dog Art Gallery** • 311 James Canyon Hwy. • 682-2122 • Original oils, prints, jewelry, photography, metalwork and home décor.

**Tularosa**

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

**Coffee & More at Tularosa Dry Goods** • 308 Granada St. • 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thurs.-Sat.; 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday • 585-4575 • Rotating art exhibit.

**Del Sol** • 200 St. Francis Dr. • 585-4581.

**Horse Feathers** • 316 Granada • 585-4407 • Pottery, jewelry, Native American arts & crafts, gifts.

**Studio 54@70** • Art Studio & Gallery • 1201 St. Francis Dr., Tularosa • 575-585-5470 • www.studio54at70.com • Hours: Tu-Th: 10-5; Fri & Sat: 10-7; Sun 10-4; closed Mondays.

**Let Us Know About Your Gallery**

If you are an artist with a home studio and would like to open it to the public, let us know.

Galleries and studios which are not listed in this guide and would like to be, should also send their information.

Submit name of artist, gallery, address, phone number, type of medium, days and hours open to [jhanson@ruidosonews.com](mailto:jhanson@ruidosonews.com) with Art Gallery Listing Request in subject line.

**A change of scene**

The time has come to change out the artwork currently on display at Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway Visitors Center for the Art in Public Places program.

As of the first week in January 2010, participating artists are requested to retrieve their artwork from the visitors center so that new artwork can be placed on exhibit.

If you are an interested artist wishing to display your art and making it available for purchase, call 575-937-0301, or email to [bears101@windstream.net](mailto:bears101@windstream.net). Inquiry no later than Jan. 4, as space for each participating artist will need to be determined.

Art will be displayed for a period of three

months from January through March 2010. If you are not interested in displaying your art at Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway Visitors Center, there are other locations in the Ruidoso area available in conjunction with Art in Public Places.

Artists who participated in the October through December 2009 exhibit included Robert Harrison - Pencil Art; Garrett Trent - Painting; Cheryl Gaer Barlow - Acrylic/Oil Painting; R. Miquitzlie Quinones - Mixed Media; Joyce Negley - Watercolor Painting; Luddy Leong - Photograph/computer enhanced & Painting; Sam Blatchley - Selah Glass sculptures.



*Cheryl Gaer Barlow is one of the artists who participated in the current Art in Public Places exhibit. See more of her work at [www.gaerbarlowgallery.com](http://www.gaerbarlowgallery.com).*

**Ancient New Mexico**

Currently on display at the Hubbard Museum of the American West is the exhibit, "Ancient New Mexico" chronicling the history of the Southwest and focusing largely on what is now known as New Mexico. The display includes artifacts from prehistoric times, such as a Folsom point and mammoth tusk, to the Spanish exploration. Beautiful Mogollon and Anasazi pottery are also displayed. Many of the materials on display are on loan from museums and historic sites

around New Mexico.

"We are very excited about this exhibit," commented Jay Smith, director of the Hubbard Museum. "Our staff spent a year gathering information and materials for the display, and they have done a remarkable job interpreting a complex and fascinating period of our nearby history. In many ways, the exhibit is about human beings interacting with the land, so there are many insights into the development our present day culture to be gleaned from

the experiences and legacy of people living on the same ground we inhabit today. Adding complexity to this period is that there was no written word left behind, so archeologists and historians have been rewriting this story for the past several generations with each new discovery and each new dig. We really do not know everything yet as there are still arguments amongst learned professionals about what we have found. There are still mysteries we are trying to answer

today and that is partly what makes this exhibit so interesting."

The exhibit also explores some of the issues surrounding archeology and contemporary law regarding the collection of materials on public lands.

"Ancient New Mexico" will be on display at the Hubbard Museum through September of 2010 at 841 Hwy. 70 West. Hours are daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is \$6 adults; less for senior citizens and youth. For information, [www.hubbardmuseum.org](http://www.hubbardmuseum.org)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

# Call for entries

## New Mexico Arts & Crafts Fair



### Girls Night Out.

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Featuring exclusively New Mexico artisans and craftspeople, their mission is to promote a premier juried event to present the exceptional talent of New Mexicans.

The Fair encourages and supports youth as well, ensuring future generations will have a venue to display and sell their work directly to the public in a gallery setting.

The New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair ranks among the largest events in the state and is one of the top shows in the nation with prizes totaling over \$4,500 awarded to artists and youth exhibitors.

The event attracts approximately 15,000

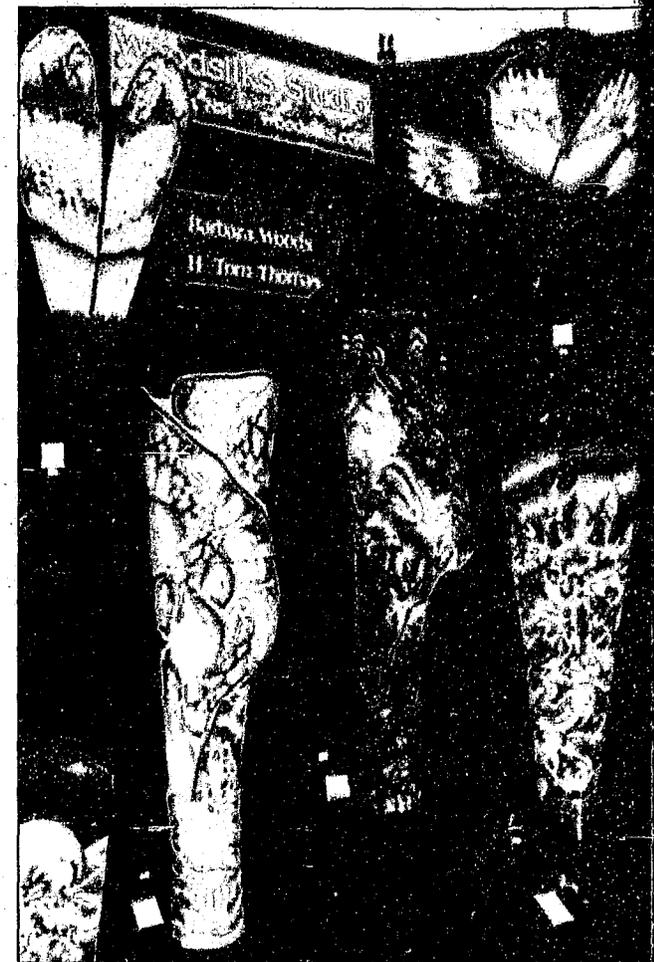
prospective buyers and averages \$700,000 in sales to the artists, making its total impact on the community about \$900,000 per year.

A scheduled preview night allows the opportunity for art patrons to gain early access to the event before gates are open to the public.

The Fair is run by artists and community volunteers and relies on active support from the arts and business community. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the NMACF office.

Entries are open now through January 30 and must be submitted through [Zapplication.org](http://Zapplication.org). Event sponsorships and vendor space available.

For more information, call 505-884-9043, or go online to [info@nmacf-sandcraftsfair.org](mailto:info@nmacf-sandcraftsfair.org).



Entries from a past New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair display the talent of artists from the state.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

# High tech at the library

The Ruidoso Public Library is celebrating TECH month in January. Patrons with a GPS, iPod or MP3 device can come and learn how to use their techno device. They can also learn about the library's new services.

On Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 2 p.m., librarian Jennifer Stubbs introduces the Library's new eAudiobook service. Patrons should come into the Library before the program to sign up for an eAudiobook account. Then, on the day of the program, you will be ready to learn all about the new service, which allows you to download audiobooks directly from our Web site.

In addition to eAudio books, we also now have eBooks available on line. Have a look at the collection offered at <http://www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl/>. Go to the Free Downloads, 1 e-Library tab. After a demonstration, there will be a question and answer period to help anyone learn how to use their device.

Then, on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 2 p.m., Ruidoso Director of Marketing, Steve Tally, introduces the adventure of Geocaching to GPS owners.

Geocaching is a high tech version of the old fashion treasure hunt. Almost 870,000 treasure chests, which are now called caches, are hidden around the world (97 are located in Lincoln County, including one hidden especially for this program by a

librarian). Caches are located in New Mexico's 34 state parks.

Geocaching provides the opportunity to get outside and enjoy nature, but still satisfy your techno addiction. It makes a great hobby for the entire family to enjoy together.

To learn more about this fun hobby, go online to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) prior to the program. Then, come to the Ruidoso Public Library program on the Jan. 13th. Remember to bring your GPS, so you can find the cache hidden by one of the librarians.

The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso.

Library hours are Monday - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Fri., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sat., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For library information, call 575-258-3704 or go online to [www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl/](http://www.youseemore.com/ruidosopl/) or <http://ruidosopubliclibrary.blogspot.com>.

## Geocaching

One of the newest crazes in family and individual fun, geocaching has become a national phenomenon. Events are held world-wide providing the opportunity for travel and to make new acquaintances.

For information, go online to [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).



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# Blake

# Shelton

## *Multi-dimensional country artist plays Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino & Resort, Jan. 14*

**M**ultidimensional country artist, Blake Shelton will share his soaring melodies, passionate and romantic lyrics and songs that celebrate the country life at the Inn of the Mountain Gods Casino & Resort, Thursday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m. Tickets for the concert start at \$25 with discounts available to Apache Spirit Club members.

In 2001, Shelton made his debut with the single "Austin." Released as the lead-off single from his self-titled debut album, "Austin" went on to spend

five weeks at No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot Country Songs charts.

This song was the first single from his gold-certified debut album, which also produced two more Top 20 hits.

Blake cut his teeth on the Oklahoma City club circuit while still in high school. He was part of the entertainment for an event honoring Mae Axton, writer of the Elvis classic "Heartbreak Hotel." Axton saw him perform and told Blake she thought he could get a record deal if he moved to Nashville and that she was willing to help.

That convinced him to move just two weeks after

graduation. He worked with Hoyt Axton, Bobby Braddock and Earl Thomas Conley, among others, en route to his record deal, and the debut single, "Austin," shot him straight to the top of the charts. It also became his first No. 1 video, a group that would ultimately include "Heavy Liftin'," "Goodbye Time," "Home," "Nobody But Me," "Some Beach," "Don't Make Me," "The More I Drink" and the song that still gets as passionate a reaction as any.

Overall, Shelton has placed 16 singles on the country charts, including five No. 1 hits: "Austin" (2001), "The Baby" (2003), "Some Beach" (2004-

2005), "Home" (2008) and "She Wouldn't Be Gone" (2009). Three more of his singles have reached Top Ten: A cover version of Conway Twitty's "Goodbye Time," "Nobody but Me," and "I'll Just Hold On."

Blake's stature as a singer has grown steadily through the years, and his presence everywhere from network television to YouTube has raised his profile even more.

Now, with the release of *Startin' Fires*, Blake steps into the forefront as both one of the country's premier vocalists and one of its true personalities.

For more information on Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort & Casino or

its associated enterprises, visit [www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com](http://www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com) or call 888-262-0478.

Inn of the Mountain Gods is New Mexico's extraordinary Four Diamond, resort casino destination situated high in the picturesque mountains of Mescalero, New Mexico.

The Inn is set in the cool, tall pines just outside of Ruidoso where visitors enjoy clean mountain air, breathtaking scenery, exciting entertainment and the best Las Vegas-style casino action in the Southwest.

From the clean, comforting design of 273 luxury rooms and suites,

numerous dining options, 38,000 square feet of action packed gaming, to a championship golf course named one of the top courses in the country by *Golf Digest* and *Golf Week Magazine* and the country's southernmost ski area, Ski Apache, offering the best warm-weather powder skiing in the world with 55 runs served by 11 lifts and New Mexico's only passenger Gondola, the Inn of the Mountain Gods has it all.

The Inn is one of many economic enterprises of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, which also runs Ski Apache, Mescalero Big Game Hunting and Casino Apache and Travel Center.

COVER STORY ▶ MUSIC



## LITERA &gt; BOOK REVIEW

# Three Cups of Tea

BY JESSIE HANSON  
FOR ¡VÁMONOS!

## Three Cups of Tea

Authors Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

Earlier this year, when I met a friend from Washington State in Santa Fe for a weekend, I didn't have cause to become too terribly excited when she coerced me into a bookstore and insisted that I purchase a signed copy of *Three Cups of Tea* by authors Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

"We just missed meeting Greg," she said regretfully. At that time, I had no knowledge of Greg Mortenson, or why she was so unhappy that we hadn't had the opportunity to have met him. Now, however, after reading *Three Cups of Tea*, I understand why my friend felt as she had and I, too, wish that I had been able to shake the hand of this

incredible individual.

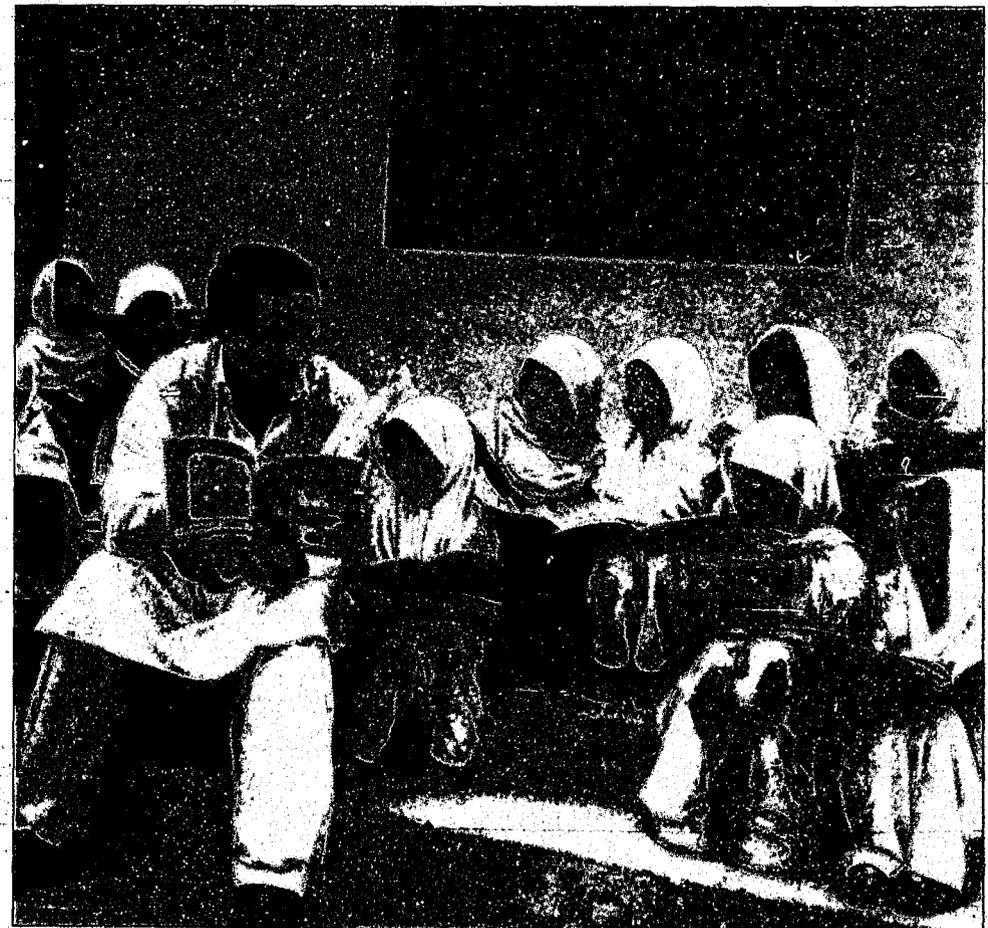
Mortenson's non-fiction, #1 *New York Times* Bestseller, is more than just another tale. It is the true life story of a relatively common man who found himself in a situation that allowed him the opportunity to help others and who, in the process, has become a dynamic persona in a very real effort to promote world peace.

In 1993, Greg Mortenson failed in his attempt to reach the summit of K2, the world's second-highest mountain. It was a failure that gave birth to a promise made by Mortenson to a people he barely had begun to know, in a country halfway around the world, and with no immediate resources available for fulfilling such a promise. The promise was to build a school and it was a promise that he would more than keep – it would

become his life's work.

Mortenson's experiences in keeping his promise, as told by himself and co-author David Oliver Relin, pulls the reader into the day-to-day challenges, setbacks and successes that Mortenson and his supporters faced: attempting to raise funds for construction; learning proper customs and languages of a country quite different from that which he knew; finding himself under the constant scrutiny of wary foreign governments, as well as his own; being kidnapped by the Taliban; and, receiving death threats for his humanitarian work, are some of the considerable encounters Mortenson faced in fulfilling his promise.

*Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time* is the real-life story of a living American hero. Mortenson is one of those rare people who have the right combination of determination, education, passion and character to truly make a tangible, substantial impact on a worldly level. It is his belief that education is the path to



Greg Mortenson reads to a class of girls at the Central Asia Institute's Gultori Refugee Girls' Primary School in Pakistan. Photo courtesy Central Asia Institute.

peace. After reading *Three Cups of Tea*, it is difficult not to agree with him.

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*Time* is available through booksellers and at [www.threecupsoftea.com](http://www.threecupsoftea.com). Published by Viking in hardcover, 2006; by Penguin in paperback, 2007; by Tantor in audio and MP# Digital, 2007; by Wheeler in large print, 2008.

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## Recently Released

*Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan* was recently released on Dec. 1, 2009 and picks up where *Three Cups of Tea* left off in 2003.

For more information, or to order Mortenson's first-person account of his most recent work go online to [www.stonesintoschools.com](http://www.stonesintoschools.com).



SQUARE MOON GALLERY

CUISINE

# Orange Chicken



## Polly's Potpourri

by  
Polly E. Chavez





Everyone that visited the *Book of Eli* movie set in downtown Carrizozo hoped that they could meet Denzel Washington. Let me tell you how it came about that Denzel met me.

I made arrangements with the head chef of Reel Chefs Catering to feature his cooking in my food column in the *Ruidoso News*. I appeared at the movie set and showed security the back of a Reel Chefs business card where the master chef had written, "Polly Chavez will be here after 11:45 a.m. to take pictures."

The chef tells me that if I come again at 1 p.m., I can take photos of the foods in the buffet line inside the former King's Grocery Store whose front was transformed into a Panda Express restaurant. I took photos of the food as actors, movie producers and others passed by. (The extras ate at another location.)

I spotted my grandson, Nathan, who worked and ate with the celebrities dur-

ing the movie production. I began shooting photos of him and those nearby. Suddenly, a tall, dark man taps me on the shoulder and asks, "Ma'am, who do you work for?"

I stuttered, "Huh...I-I-I am Polly Chavez, and I am a food columnist, and I...."

"No one is allowed to take pictures here," the man interrupts me.

I ask him, "What is your name, sir?" He responds, "That is not important," and walks off to eat his food.

Fearing that this man may confiscate my expensive, zoom lens DSL camera I made a fast getaway.

As I headed out the back way, Nathan whispers, "Grandma, that was Denzel Washington who was talking to you."

After researching Panda Express, a restaurant chain that serves Chinese cuisine, I decided to feature their Orange Chicken as my first recipe of this brand new year.

After tweaking it to suit me, I was very pleased with the recipe.

Delicious!

### Orange Chicken



This recipe will serve 2 people. For the sauce mix the following ingredients, bring to a boil, stirring often:

3/4 cup water, 1 tablespoon orange juice, 1/2 cup dark brown sugar, 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar, 4 tablespoons soy sauce, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, one-eighth teaspoon ground ginger, 1/4 teaspoon minced garlic, and 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes.

Pour a mixture of 1 1/2 teaspoons water and 2 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch into the hot and boiling sauce. Boil until all thickens.

Preheat vegetable oil in a wok or skillet. Cut one large chicken breast into bite-size chunks and set aside. Beat together 1/4 cup ice water and 1 egg. Add one-eighth teaspoon baking soda, one-eighth teaspoon salt and 1/2 cup flour.

Dip the pieces of chicken into plain flour and then into the egg batter. Fry several pieces of the chicken in hot oil for 3 - 4 minutes or until golden brown. Turn the chicken over midway through the cooking. Remove the chicken unto paper towels to drain.

When all the chicken pieces are done, place in a serving dish and cover with the thickened soy sauce mixture. Stir gently until all the chicken is coated. Serve Orange Chicken with boiled white rice.

To make the rice boil 1 1/2 cups water and 3/4 teaspoon salt. While water is boiling, slowly add 3/4 cup rice and return to boiling. Reduce heat, simmer, covered for 15 minutes, stirring only once. Turn off heat, let rice stand, covered for 5 minutes. Add 1 tablespoon butter and fluff with a fork.

## CUISINE • DINING GUIDE

## Alamogordo / Otero County

## Bar-B-Que

**Spring Mountain Chuck Wagon BBQ** • 1187 Hwy. 82, High Rolls • Open Fri-Sun; Lunch and dinner • 682-4550

**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. • 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. • 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

**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.

**Jamocho Bean Coffee House Café** • 505 Burro St., Cloudcroft • 682-2332 • 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 Francis St • Tularosa • 585-2003.

**Josey's Sweets** • 603 St. Francis Dr • Tularosa • 585-3120 • Mon-Sat, 12:30-9 p.m.; Sun, 2-8p.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. • 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. • Organic.

**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.

**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. •

**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, cside 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 • 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 daily: 7 a.m.-9 p.m. •

**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 • 437-5552

**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.; dinner 5:30-10 p.m. • 800-395-6343, 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. at IMG 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 • Tues - Sat 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. • 937-1515

## Cafés

**Alto Café** • Hwy. 48 & Gavilan Canyon Rd. • Home-style meals. • Mon - Fri; 7 a.m.-8p.m. • 336-1980

**Atticus Books & Teahouse** • 413 Mechem • Teas, coffees. • Mon - Sat, 10:30 - 6 p.m.; Sun 1 - 5 p.m., closed Tue • 257-2665

**Cafe Rendezvous** • 522 Sudderth Dr • French casual • Mon - Sat, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. • 575-937-9419.

**Cafe Z** • 103 Lincoln, Capitan • Southwestern • Thu - Sat 11a.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 • 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

**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. • 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.

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**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 • Tue-Sat 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sun, 11 a.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, 11 a.m.-11 p.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 IMG • 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 11 a.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

**Lóg 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

**Schlitzsky'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-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 Dolan House** • 826 Calle la Placita, Lincoln • Fri - Tues; 9:30 a.m. - 3:30; Fri. 5 - 8 p.m. • Reservations Required 575-653-4670

**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

**La Fondue** • 2800 Sudderth Dr (below Elena's) • Steak, seafood, fondue, tempura. • Tues - Sun, 4 - 11 p.m.

**Laughing Sheep Farm** • 1 mi west of Lincoln at MM96 • Locally grown produce & meats. • Lunch, Sat & Sun, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Dinner, Sat 5 - 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

**Willmon's Prime Grille** • 2523 Sudderth Dr. • Prime steaks, seafood, wines • Reservations accepted; Mon-Sat, 5:30-9 p.m. • 257-2954

## Mexican

**Casa Blanca** • 501 Mechem • Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-10 p.m. • New Mexican cuisine; lounge. • 257-2495

**Chef Lupe's** • 1101 Sudderth • Mexican, American, seafood, menudo. • Sun-Thu, 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat, 6 a.m.-12 a.m. • 257-4687

**Comal** • 2117 Sudderth • Daily, 11a - 8 p • 258-1397

**Chileo's** • 135 W. Hwy. 70 • Sun-Thu, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri & Sat, 7a.m-9 p.m. • 378-4033

**Disco Taco** • 141 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Mexican food. • Daily, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. 378-4224

**El Camino Nuevo** • 1025 Mechem • 258-4312

**Elena's Place** • 2800 Sudderth Dr. • Tues-Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 5 - 9 p.m., Sun 11a.m. - 2p.m. • 630-8022

**El Paisano** • 442 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan • Tue - Sat, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 354-2206

**El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant** • 721 Mechem • Mon-Sat, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. • 257-0279

**Jorge's Café** • 2064 W. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs • Daily, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. • 378-9804.

**La Sierra** • 100 Lake Shore • Authentic Mexican and seafood specialties • Daily, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 336-4673.

**Lucy's Mexicali Restaurant** • 2408 Sudderth • Mexican & American cuisine • Thurs - Sun.music; Sat. Ladies Nite • Sun-Sat, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 257-8754.

**Peña's Place** • 2963 Sudderth • Thu-Mon, 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sun 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. • 257-4135

**Old Road Restaurant** • 692 Old Road, Mescalero • Tue-Sun, 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 464-4674

**Olé Tacos** • 319 Sudderth • Sun - Th 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m.-1:30 a.m. • 257-5040

## Pizza / Italian

**Café Rio** • 2547 Sudderth Dr. • Mon - Sat, 11:20 a.m. - 7:50 p.m.; Sun 12n - 7:50 p.m. • 257-7746

**Domino's Pizza** • 1717 Sudderth • Sun - Thu 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Fri & Sat 11 - 12 midnight • 257-8888

**Michelenas** • 2703 Sudderth • Tue-Sun 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. • 257-5753

**Pizza Hut** • 725 Sudderth Dr. • 1201 Mechem Dr., Ruidoso • 258-3033

**Santino's Italian Restaurant** • 2823 Sudderth • Lounge 4:30-9 p.m., restaurant 5-9 p.m. • 257-7540.

## Chinese/Asian

**The Great Wall of China** • 2913 Sudderth Dr. • Sushi Bar • Tue-Sun 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 257-2522.

**Yee's** • 633 Sudderth • eat in or take out • Daily, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. • 257-5888

## Dinner Theatre

**Flying J Ranch** • Chuckwagon Supper and Western Show • Hwy 48, Alto • Gates open 5:30 p.m.; dinner 7 p.m. \$24 13+; \$14 ages 4-12, incl. tax & gratuity. 888-458-3595, 575-336-4330

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# The capture of Billy the Kid, part 2

The Lincoln County War had been over, at least officially, for at least two years. Most of its warriors had left the area or simply taken advantage of Governor Lew Wallace's amnesty and sought more peaceful pursuits.

The youth we know today as "Billy the Kid," who was often described as having a "sunny disposition" (and a deadly trigger finger), had not been one of them. Announcing, at war's end, that he intended to "steal myself a living," the Kid had invited anyone interested to accompany him. Most were decidedly not interested, but there were a few.

Tom Folliard, the Kid's loyal toady, had been one to stay with Billy. Charlie Bowdre, another of Billy's fellow "Regulators," had waffled back-and-forth, sometimes accompanying the Kid and other times seeking some way to clear his name. In the end, it would prove to be a fatal case of indecision.

On the night of Dec. 9, 1880, the Kid and his gang had ridden into an ambush set up by Garrett and his posse. Tom Folliard had been riding in the lead and was mistaken for Billy. He paid for this with his life, dying about a half hour after the ambush, cursing Garrett to the last

## Past Tense

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Manuel Brazil, part owner of the Brazil/Wilcox ranch, had been an informer for Garrett, keeping him apprised of the gang's whereabouts. Thanks to Brazil, Garrett was able to ascertain that Billy and his men had head-

ed for the small stone house located at Stinking Springs.

Shortly after dawn, a man matching Garrett's description of the Kid emerged carrying feed for the horses. As instructed, the posse opened fire. But it wasn't the Kid—it was Charlie Bowdre, who apparently had either picked up Billy's hat or was wearing one like it. Whatever the case, Charlie was hit three times, once in the leg and twice in the chest. Staggering toward the posse, he said, "I wish, I wish, I'm dying..." and collapsed. In a few moments he was dead.

In the Garrett/Upson book, the Kid is quoted as telling Charlie to "get some of them before you die." For starters, it would have been almost impossible for the posse to have overheard something from inside the cabin, with the din of the gunfire all around, among other things. But we should try to be a little understanding of Garrett's position. He had a dirty, thankless job

to do and it rankled him that the "bad guy" — the Kid — was infinitely more popular than Sheriff Pat Garrett. Consequently, when he and Upson authored *Authentic Life of Billy the Kid*, Pat saw it as an opportunity to set things "aright" — at least as he saw them.

At any rate, it was that particular anecdote — the one about the Kid instructing Bowdre to "get some of them" — that both East and Polk included in their memoirs. Tellingly, none of the others, which were written earlier, when memory was more fresh, included it.

### Bowdre dies

At any rate, when Bowdre, after his "I wish, I wish" line, collapsed into the arms of the possemen, it is reasonable to assume that he was wishing he hadn't worn that damn hat. According to Polk, Lee Smith "roled (sic) him over to one side and there he froze in a short time and lay there all day."

Now, it was a standoff. Garrett shot one of the horses dead in the doorway and then shot the lead ropes off the others. They trotted away, and with them any hopes that the Kid may have entertained about bolting on his own horse out of the door. He knew that if he attempted to force his mount over the dead animal blocking the doorway, she would shy and probably crush him against the ceiling. As Billy himself later stated, "I

would have got it in the head."

The frigid morning began to blend into an equally frigid afternoon. Garrett sent a couple of his men back to the Brazil/Wilcox place for food. When they returned, the lawmen began cooking over a fire that the outlaws could only imagine inside their frozen stone prison.

When the aroma of the meal began wafting in, it was just too much. Someone waved a dirty white handkerchief out the doorway, and one by one, the outlaws came out and surrendered. After complaining about their situation, the desperadoes sat down and ate with the posse.

### Destinies

All of them, posse and outlaws alike, went on to their respective destinies. Some, like the Kid and Pat Garrett, would die violently. Others, like Jim East, went on to live long, productive lives.

The following year, Billy was awaiting his execution, scheduled for May 13, 1881. On April 28, while Pat was in White Oaks collecting taxes, and possibly lumber for the gallowes, Billy had somehow gotten hold of a pistol. To this day, no one is quite sure how the Kid managed this little trick, but he did, and killed one of Garrett's two deputies, J.W. Bell, with it.

Of the four known victims of the Kid, Bell was the only one about whom

he expressed regret. He said, "it was a case of had to, not want to." The other deputy he killed that day, Bob Olinger, was a different story. Olinger and Billy had a long history together and they hated each other. When Bob heard the gunfire from the courthouse when the Kid shot Bell, he came running.

As he drew underneath a northeast, upstairs window, he heard what must have been a chillingly familiar voice call out, "Hello Bob." When Olinger looked up, he was staring into the twin muzzles of his own shotgun, which promptly went off. "Pecos Bob," as he liked to be called, died instantly, hit by 36 buckshot — about a quarter pound of lead.

Pat Garrett had come back to Lincoln and found his two best men dead and cold. But 78 days later, in response to persistent tips coming from Fort Sumner that the Kid was there, he rode there with two deputies, travelling by night along the Pecos River.

It was at Fort Sumner, on the night of July 14, 1881, that Pat Garrett killed Billy the Kid. Details are sketchy to this day, but the one thing that is certain is that Garrett killed the youthful desperado in the home of Pete Maxwell.

Garrett himself lived until 1908. In February of that year, he was shot in the back of the head as he urinated on the side of a trail in what is now Las Cruces. It was not a fitting death for the famous old

lawman, but that was the way it went in the Wild West.

SOURCES: *A Documentary History of the Lincoln County War* and *The West of Billy the Kid*, both by Frederick Nolan; *The Capture of Billy the Kid*, edited by Jim Earle.

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IN OUR SKIES

# The 2000s: Decade in review

**S**trictly speaking, the 21st Century (and the 2nd Millennium), together with the current decade, began on Jan. 1, 2001. In popular usage, however, decades, centuries, and millennia are usually associated with the "turn of the odometer," thus the major celebrations that took place ten years ago. In that context, then, the first decade of the new Century (and Millennium) is now complete, and it's time to take a look at this author's top ten astronomical and space events of that decade. Drumroll, please –

**10.** The decade's brightest comet was Comet McNaught, which became bright enough to be visible during daytime for a few days in January 2007 and then became a spectacular object as seen from the southern hemisphere. Other bright comets were Ikeya-Zhang which appeared in the spring of 2002 and which was determined to be identical to a comet seen in the year 1661, and Holmes, which underwent an explosive outburst in the fall of 2007.

**9.** As a result of the comprehensive sky surveys that came online during the late 1990s and intensified during this decade, the census of known near-Earth asteroids has increased dramatically.

## In Our Skies

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Among the more important findings were the first known asteroid with an orbit entirely interior to Earth's (in 2003); the recovery (also in 2003) of the long-lost asteroid Hermes that passed close to Earth in 1937; the asteroid Apophis, discovered in 2004, that will pass within the orbital distance of geosynchronous satellites in April 2029; and the tiny asteroid 2008 TC3 that entered Earth's atmosphere one day after discovery, disintegrated over Sudan, and left meteorite fragments that were later recovered.

**8.** Unmanned exploration of the solar system took place on a large scale this decade. Highlights include the end of the Galileo mission to Jupiter; the Cassini mission to Saturn (which included the landing of the European Space Agency's Huygens probe on the surface of the moon Titan in 2005); the MESSENGER mission to Mercury; and several spacecraft encounters of asteroids and comets, including the Stardust mission which returned samples of Comet Wild 2 to Earth in 2006.

**7.** Commercial human spaceflight was big news this decade. Major events include the first "space tourist," Dennis Tito, who

spent a week aboard the International Space Station in 2001 and who has since been followed by several others; and the winning of the Ansari X-Prize in October 2004. Among other companies, the firm Virgin Galactic plans to begin offering paid sub-orbital rides to space from Spaceport America in New Mexico within the next few years.

**6.** Although construction is not entirely complete yet, the International Space Station has been permanently occupied by human crews since November 2000. Other notable spaceflight news of the past decade includes the tragic destruction of the Space Shuttle Columbia during its re-entry in February 2003, and the first manned Chinese spaceflight in October of that year. An ambitious return-to-the-moon program dubbed Constellation was proposed by the former Bush Administration in 2004 but is currently under intense review by the present Obama Administration.

**5.** Many large and interesting objects in the outer solar system were discovered during the decade, including the very distant object Sedna in 2003 and the object Eris (announced in 2005) that is larger than Pluto. These discoveries forced a re-thinking of the definition of "planet" which – to the consternation of some parties – led to Pluto's being "demoted" from "planet" status and inserted (along with Eris and others) into

the newly-created category of "dwarf planets."

**4.** A long-running astronomical mystery – that of the "missing" solar neutrinos, extremely tiny subatomic particles created during the sun's nuclear fusion reactions – that had confounded astronomers for thirty years was finally solved in 2001 when an underground neutrino observatory in Ontario successfully detected three different "flavors" of these neutrinos. These results show that the neutrinos oscillate between these various "flavors" during their flight from the sun to Earth.

**3.** Another long-running mystery, the age of the universe, was finally resolved in early 2003 via results from the Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP) mission. The WMAP results show that the universe is 13.7 billion years old (plus or minus a couple of hundred million years) and further indicate that only about 4% of the material of the universe is the "ordinary" matter that we see; about 23% is the mysterious "dark matter" and the remaining 73% is the even more mysterious "dark energy," the nature of both of which remains the subject of intense investigations.

**2.** Exploration of our neighboring planet Mars was very big during this past decade. The highlight of this effort has undoubtedly been the Spirit and Opportunity rovers that have been roaming the Martian surface ever since

soft-landing there in 2004. These, and numerous other orbiting (and landing) spacecraft have determined, among many other things, that Mars had substantial amounts of surface water in its past, and may still contain liquid water in subsurface aquifers. To top it all off, in August 2003 Mars approached the closest it has come to Earth in over 60,000 years.

**1.** Ten years ago the census of known planets beyond our solar system was about three dozen; today that total is over 400. The many discoveries have included the first detections of a "rocky" planet; a planet containing sig-

nificant amounts of water; planets within their parent stars' "habitable zones;" the first planets for which we've been able to determine the constituents of their atmospheres; and the first planets directly imaged via their reflected starlight. We haven't found an "Earth" yet, but the Kepler mission launched in March 2009 may begin doing just that within the near future.

With all these, it's time to move forward into the new decade, and beyond.

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## COMMUNITY LISTINGS

### Lincoln County

#### 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.

**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.

#### 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 at 1216 Mechem Dr., Unit 5, second floor.

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

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

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

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

#### 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.

#### 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.fbcruidoso.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.

**Kiwans:** 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/man-

agement. 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 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.

### Veterans

**American Legion Jerome D. Klein Post 79:** 11 a.m. every third Saturday, 101 Spring St. at Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs; Info: 257-6757.

**American Legion James A Hipp, Post 57:** First Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. Sr. Citizens Center, Capitan. 575-336-2194

**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.

### Otero County

#### Clubs & Associations

**Alamo Squares:** Square dancing on 2nd and 4th Saturdays. 8 p.m. Info: 437-3043, 434-2618 or 437-5474.

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

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

**Alamogordo Mustang Club:** Meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Vision Ford. Daurian Orchard, 491-7952.

**Barbershop Harmony Society:** The "Sounds of Enchantment" barber-shop chorus meets at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1212 Washington Ave., Alamogordo, every Tue., 7-9 p.m. Gentlemen of all ages welcome. Info: 437-8832.

**Boy Scouts:** Programs open to boys first grade-age 20, girls tenth grade-age 20. Info: Suzy, 437-7640.

**Chaparral Kennel Club:** 6:30 p.m. every first Wednesday at various locations. Promotes purebred dogs and sponsors therapy visits, dog shows, matches and the rescue of purebred dogs. Michele, 434-5220.

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

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

**Desert Basin Toastmasters:** Meets 6-

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7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Alamogordo Physical Therapy Center, 10th and Washington; and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at Comm. Center at Holloman AFB. Guests welcome. Visit [desertbasin.freetoasthost.com](http://desertbasin.freetoasthost.com) or phone 921-4767.

**Desert Castaways Duplicate Bridge Club:** Meets 12:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday & Friday at the Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico. 437-2822.

**Desert Mountain 4-Wheel Drive Club:** Meets third Tue. of each month at Wok Inn. Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7. Info: 491-4257 or 430-3608.

**Enchanted Quilters Guild:** Meets 7-9 p.m. every first and third Thursdays at Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1300 Hawaii Ave. All are welcome. Info: 434-5162 after 4 p.m..

**Experimental Aircraft Association:** Meets at 7 p.m. every second Tuesday in the pilots lounge at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport. Open to all, including non-pilots.

**Girl Scouts:** Open to girls ages 5-17. Nancy, 437-2921.

**Golden Gears Car Club:** Meets at 7 p.m. every first Thursday at the VFW annex building. Cruise-ins are on the last Saturday of each month at Sonic on the north end of town on White Sands Blvd. 434-0200.

**Historic Vehicle Association of Alamogordo:** Anyone with an interest in old cars is welcome to join. John Douglas, 437-5318 or Gale Ortiz, 434-5242.

**The New Horizon Band:** Rehearsals 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Alamogordo Senior Center. 434-4281.

**Noel Southard Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation:** Meets at 7 p.m. first Monday at the Aristocrat Assisted Living Center on Robert Bailey Drive. 434-8356 or 434-1467.

**Otero County Association of Educational Retirees:** Meets 11:30 a.m. every third Tuesday at Margo's Restaurant, Alamogordo. Lincoln and Otero County educational retirees welcome. For info: Barbara, 585-5564 or Dave, 437-6948.

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

**Tularosa Basin Rockhounds:** Meets every second Tuesday at First Christian Church, 2300 23rd St. Field trips every fourth Saturday, annual campouts and picnic. 437-3377.

**White Sands Dart Association:** Double team open tournaments 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Fraternal Order of Eagles Club, 471 24th St. Join to play or learn. Contact Delliah at 442-8750.

### 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.

### 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.

**Celiac Disease/Gluten Intolerance Support Group:** Meets second and fourth Sundays, 2-3:30 p.m., in the conference room of ERA-Simmons Real Estate, 918 10th St., Alamogordo. Info: Kathie at 437-0603, Robin at 442-9419, or email [painted-ladies64@yahoo.com](mailto: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 437-9993.

**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, Alamosora, Tularosa and Mescalero. 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.

### Ongoing Activities

**Bingo:** 7 p.m. Sat., 12:30 and 3 p.m. Sun., 1 and 7 p.m. Mon. at the Eagles Lodge, 471 24th St. Ages 8 and up welcome with adult. \$750 jackpot. 437-1302.

**Bingo:** 7 p.m. Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 2 p.m. Sat at the VFW, 700 U.S. 70 West. Ages 16 and over welcome with an adult. 437-0770.

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

provided. 443-1900.

**Joyful Noyse Recorder Consort:** Every other Sunday at various locations. Seeking soprano, alto, tenor & bass recorder players. 937-2006.

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

**Seniors Ping Pong:** 8 - 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at Alamogordo Senior Center, 2201 Puerto Rico Ave. Monty, 437-1601.

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

### 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](mailto:dotellen@gmail.com).

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

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

### 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. Lynn 585-5516.

**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-eon at 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

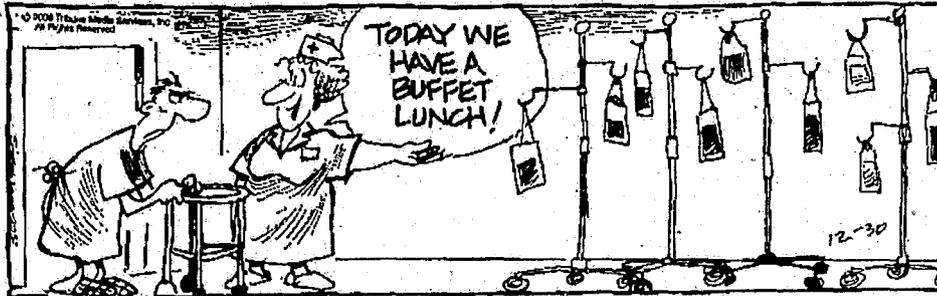
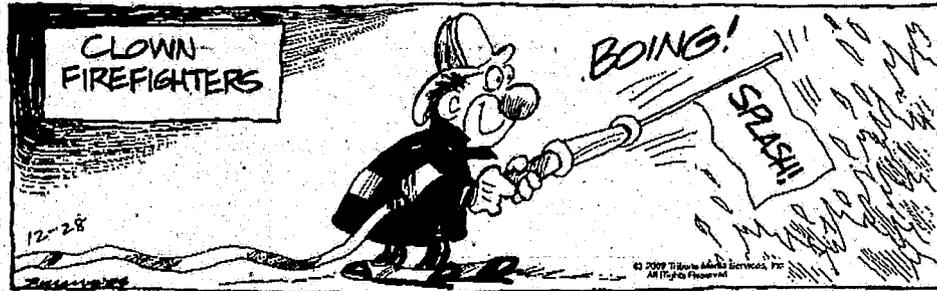
**New Mexico American Legion Riders Association, Chap 8:** Meets second Tuesday at 8 p.m., 23117 U.S. 70E, Tularosa; All eligible veterans, retired and active duty, encouraged to attend. Ed Summerall, 430-4322, or Darrell Winfree, 430-7735.

**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.

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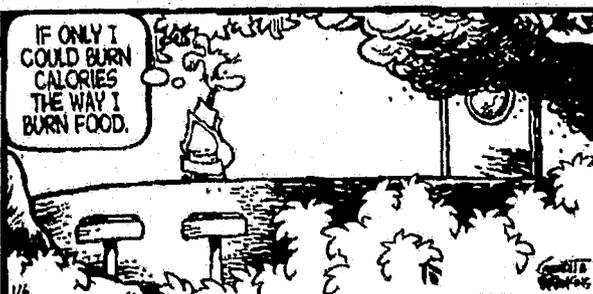
COMICS & PUZZLES



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PAR SCORE 160-170  
BEST SCORE 224

FOUR RACK TOTAL  
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 4th Edition.

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# COMICS & PUZZLES

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## Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

AND ANOTHER THING ...” By BARRY C. SILK & DOUG PETERSON

**ACROSS**

- 1 Escher Museum site, with “The”
- 6 Rolls
- 10 Like Mr. Magoo
- 16 Capital of Slovakia?
- 19 When many return from lunch
- 20 Vision
- 21 Symphony originally dedicated to Napoleon
- 22 Ball support
- 23 Result of a battle of bighorns?
- 26 One of Rose’s 4,256
- 27 Province in northern Finland
- 28 It’s pitched
- 29 Holds on to
- 31 Fishing, maybe
- 32 Negative link
- 34 Apple’s G4, e.g.
- 37 “See ya!”
- 38 Fire alarm during kindergarten?
- 44 Search uncertainly
- 47 Cross shapes
- 48 Talked nonstop
- 49 Martinique, e.g.
- 50 Lever with a blade
- 51 Selling points
- 54 Madagascar tree climber
- 55 Commanded
- 56 Attracting outdoorsy readers, say?
- 60 Elided greeting
- 61 Car wash option
- 62 Roddick of tennis
- 63 “Baseball is 90% mental; the other half is physical” speaker
- 67 Hoarse
- 69 Ballroom that made the Lindy Hop famous
- 71 Brimless caps
- 73 “The Avengers” guy
- 74 Stubborn beast
- 75 Many a joke involves one
- 76 “\_ go there!”
- 77 Crustacean with an electric guitar?
- 83 Budget rival
- 86 Hopper of gossip

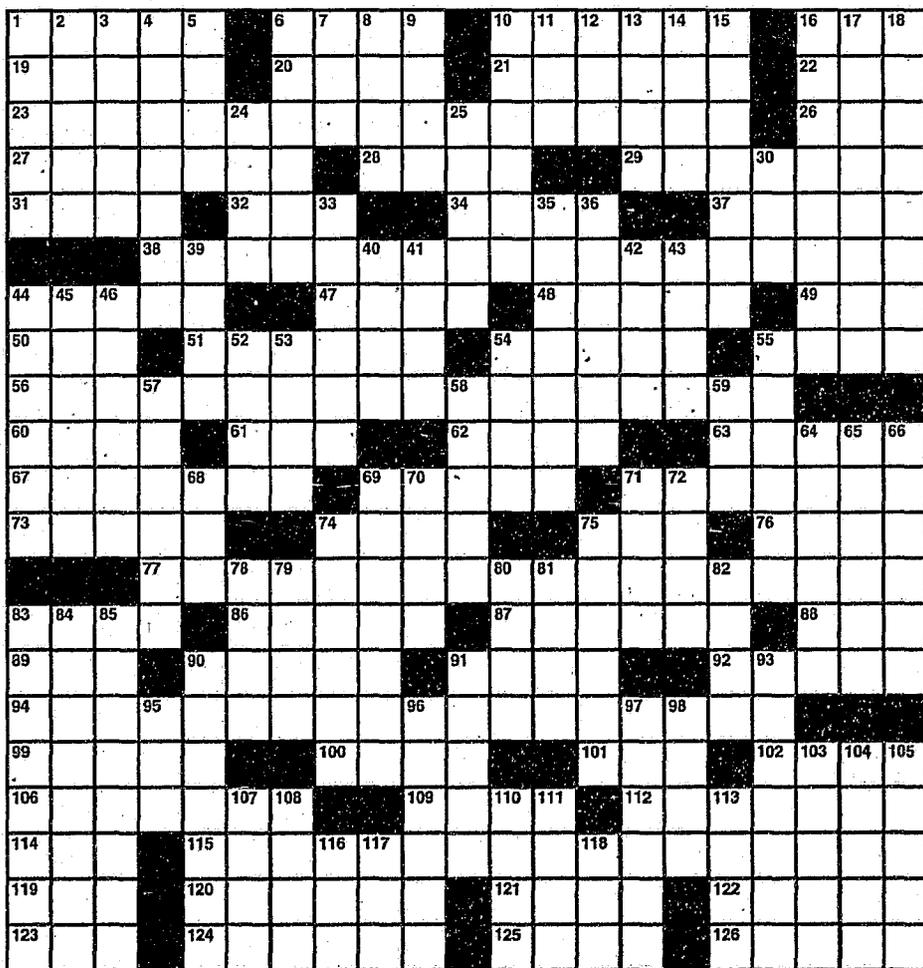
- 87 Colorado county or its seat
- 88 Psyche component
- 89 Top
- 90 Yes or no follower
- 91 Proceed
- 92 Surveyor’s units
- 94 Web site security expert?
- 99 Alleged Soviet spy
- 100 Approved
- 101 Alien’s course: Abbr.
- 102 Lackluster
- 106 Unfinished framework
- 109 Office note
- 112 “The Disrobing of Christ” painter
- 114 Follower’s suffix
- 115 Kids’ puppet show script?
- 119 Rejections
- 120 Gerald Ford, by birth
- 121 Players
- 122 Racing paths
- 123 Places for organ repairs, briefly

- DOWN**
- 1 “Aquí se \_ español”
  - 2 Travel guide
  - 3 Have a cow, so to speak
  - 4 Open, as a large envelope
  - 5 Reggae star
  - 6 Teller’s spot
  - 7 Say
  - 8 Collector’s item?
  - 9 Discount event
  - 10 Tryster’s request
  - 11 Mos. and mos.
  - 12 “I’m impressed!”
  - 13 Disembarking site
  - 14 Slush Puppie maker
  - 15 Something that may help you get the picture?

- 124 Apartment restriction
- 125 “Ta ta!”
- 126 Secure, as a nautical rope

- 16 Kenya neighbor
- 17 Its 5/14/1998 final episode
- 18 Liberates
- 24 Monument word
- 25 Army divisions
- 30 Band piece
- 33 For adults only
- 35 “So soon?”
- 36 Cold and moist
- 39 Spot for a band
- 40 D.C. ball team
- 41 Bookshelf
- 42 Cozy
- 43 Company that acquired Lawn-Boy in 1989
- 44 Errand runners
- 45 Bawl out
- 46 Implicit warning
- 52 Cut
- 53 Glitch
- 54 “Leading With My Chin” author
- 55 Mixes
- 57 Horses running leisurely

- 58 Actress Kim of “24”
- 59 Org. concerned with suits
- 64 Tear gas target
- 65 Weasel out
- 66 Minute Maid Park team
- 68 Part of a mating ritual
- 69 Basking locale
- 70 “What Women Want” actor
- 71 Cluster of cloves
- 72 Organic compound
- 74 Got by
- 75 68-Down, for one
- 78 Pet with green fur?
- 79 “Ol’ Man River” composer
- 80 Gp. that includes Iran and Ecuador
- 81 Muttonhead
- 82 Tusked animal
- 83 “Ocean’s Thirteen” actor
- 84 Lawbreaker, e.g.
- 85 Acknowledgement of a deviation, usually after “but”
- 90 Attach, in a way
- 91 Dilate
- 93 PC component
- 95 Tokyo-based computer giant
- 96 24 Hours of \_ annual auto race
- 97 Comfortable with
- 98 Confederate
- 103 Of the kidneys
- 104 Northeast express train
- 105 Everycow
- 107 Sport for big grapplers
- 108 Piece of cake
- 110 L x XXXIV
- 111 City near Santa Barbara
- 113 Squishy lump
- 116 Argentinian Marxist
- 117 It may be passed or tipped
- 118 TNT alternative



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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

**DILAY**

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**YUNTI**

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**TRAUME**

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**SMIFLY**

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

Ans: A “○○○○” ○○○○○○

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



WHAT THE APPRENTICE FACED WHEN HE BOTCHED THE LIGHTING JOB.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

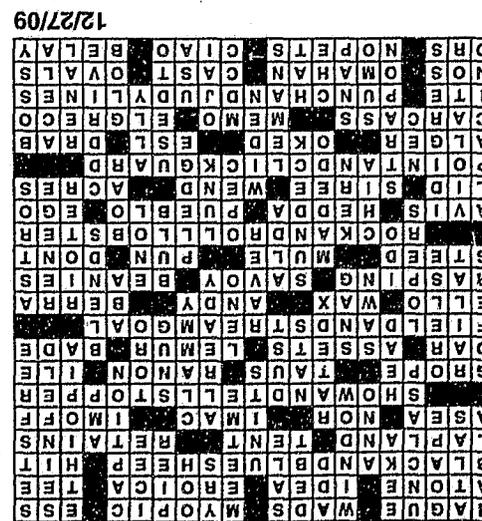
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RACK 1 = D E I N S E I S T  
RACK 2 = A I I R C R E W  
RACK 3 = E X P E N D  
RACK 4 = P S I Y C H E D

TOTAL 224

PAR SCORE 160-170

SCRAMBLED WORD GAME SOLUTION



ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

Jumbles: DAILY UNITY MATURE FLMSY  
Answer: What the apprentice faced when he botched the lighting job — A “DIM” FUTURE

# Whales and hangi

**Y**ou stand on the topmost deck of a boat, scanning the horizon for the telltale spout of a surfacing sperm whale. A wandering albatross glides overhead, its 10-foot wingspan fanning the upturned faces of eager watchers on deck. The Captain lowers a sonar microphone several yards into the water. The mike will echo-locate the whale's sonar – 238 decibels – the loudest sound created by a living creature, as the whale in turn locates prey over a thousand feet down in the cold, clear waters of the bay.

## Follow Me!

by Yvonne Lanelli  
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unseen yummy things. Captain Jamie picks up sonar echoes a half-mile away and turns the boat in that direction. Soon, a telltale spout breaks the surface of the cold sea. Our 60-foot-long boat sidles only thirty feet from a 50-foot long sperm whale. "That's Taiki," says Narana. "He's a 19-year resident of these waters." From the tip of his head to the small triangular dorsal fin at his hips, two-thirds of Taiki's body shows on the surface.

Narana watches for the characteristic "hump" that indicates the whale is ready to deep dive again. "Cameras ready," he orders, and seconds later the giant spine arches. The whale shoots straight down with immense flukes rising out of the water to propel him at 540 mph. Only the whale's "footprint," an oily-looking flat spot, remains on the surface. "Old-time whalers used to say that pattern was caused by whale oil, but we know it's just the area of flat water left by the tail," Narana explains.

As a royal albatross skims his black wings above the gentle waves, Captain Jamie lowers the mike for another whale. Petrels and gulls dip over our decks. "Dolphins,"

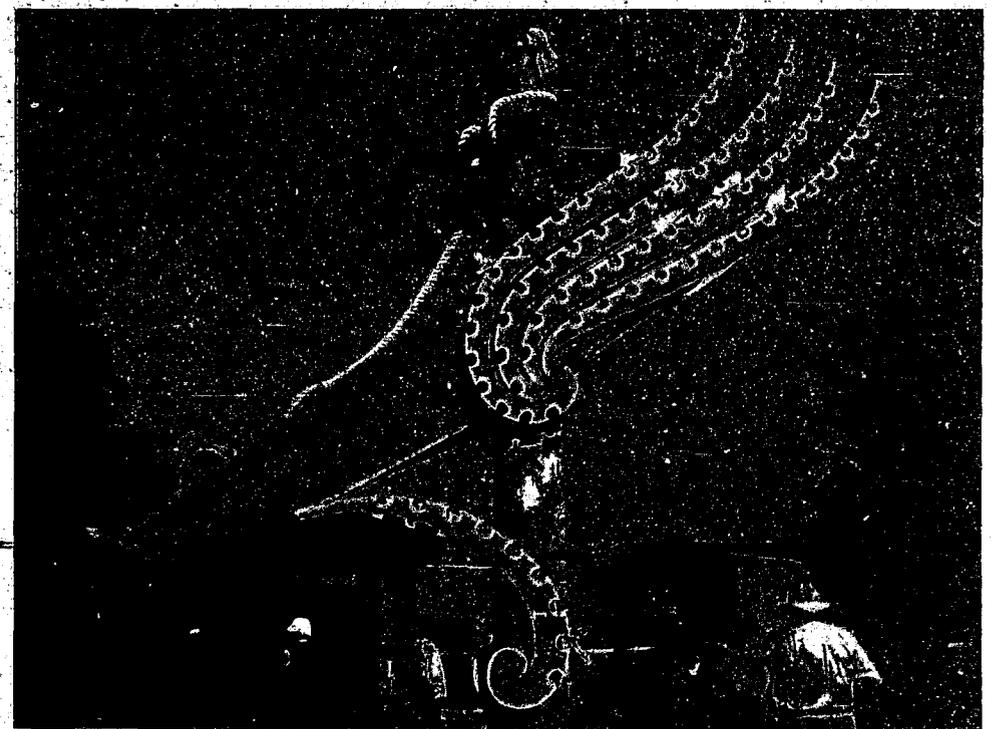
shouts the lookout. Four dusky dolphins, endemic to New Zealand, cavort our way. Leaping out of the water like dripping ballet dancers, these acrobats of the sea arch and splash around the boat. Nice New Year's morning – now for the afternoon.

## Hangi'd in Kaikoura

Maoris arrived in New Zealand 800 years ago. "In terms of human settlement, that makes New Zealand one of the youngest countries in the world, if not the youngest," said Morris, chief of the largest tribe on South Island and owner/manager of Maori Cultural Experience in Kaikoura.

This is no mere tour. "You become Maori for the day." We stand atop a cliff, surrounded by large mounds of earth, now overgrown with clover and barley grass. Morris continues, "My family goes back 23 generations. This was our 'Pa,' a three-sided fortification that overlooked the ocean on the fourth side. High walls forming a maze discouraged enemy attack. Today, we no longer war with our enemies, so this has become a place of peace and reflection. We enter it, but in the Maori way. First, we introduce ourselves." He speaks for at least 45 seconds in Maori, ending in English, "That was hello."

Maoris introduce themselves not only by name, but in this order – mountain, river and canoe of origin, followed by family name and its origin, then



*The Maori god Maui is depicted at the entrance to the Kaikoura Peninsula Walkway, part of the Maori cultural experience. Photo by Yvonne Lanelli.*

given name. "Now you introduce yourselves the same way in English." I say, "I come from Sierra Blanca where the snow melts into the Rio Ruidoso. I came here on the Clipper Odyssey canoe. My family the Johnstones came from Scotland and Ireland and my name is Yvonne." "And your Maori name is Toru," he responded, adding, "you will learn the meaning later." Newly named, we entered the Pa, but in formal procession, women first, led by Morris's sister Karen and his cousin Tanya who sang, "Hare Mai" or Welcome.

## We hangi

When Maori greet one another, they do more than shake hands or embrace. They hangi. To hangi, touch noses gently with

the other person, once if familiar; twice if formal, and say, "Kia Ora" which is the greeting. "Now we sing," Morris passed out song sheets. "Singing is one of the ways Maoris preserved and passed on their culture. You will now sing a Maori song." We stumble through unfamiliar syllables. "No worries, you'll practice again," promises Morris.

These etiquette lessons prepared us for tea at Morris's house. As we file into his back garden, his wife and relatives smile, extend their hands and incline their heads. We do likewise, touch noses twice and say, "Kia ora," "Hare mai," they welcome us. After we introduce ourselves using our Maori names, Morris's wife Heather ("My Maori name is Wifey," she

jokes) serves tiny sandwiches of ham and egg salad, tomato and basil crostini, apricot tartlets and pancakes with raspberry jam and cream. We tease Heather about the "typical" Maori dishes. She responds, "Yes, the crostini are from our Italian cousins!"

We sing our song again, still stumbling, but our hosts smile benevolently. "Now you learn the meaning of your Maori names," announces Morris. To our surprise, our names are really numbers one through 12. "One for each of the 12 principles of Maori culture," explains Morris. My Maori name "Four," signifies Love. A nice way to start the New Year.

Visit Yvonne's Web site at [www.evlanelli.com](http://www.evlanelli.com).

## Follow me to Kaikoura, New Zealand

"The edge of the Continental Shelf is not far from the coast," explains Narana, guide and narrator aboard *Te-Ao-Morana*, our whale-watching boat off Kaikoura, a fishing village on the eastern coast of New Zealand's South Island. "When water from the underwater rift called Kaikoura Canyon hits the shelf, the resulting upwelling brings nutrients and food to the surface, encouraging whales and other sea life to dine here." On cue, three petrels land on the surface of the water and begin pecking for